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ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Carl Dierker, Regional Counsel
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U.S. EPA, Region 1
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Re: Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District
Permit Number: MA0102369
Appeal Number: NPDES 10-09 thru 10-11

Dear Mr. Dierker:

This is to advise you that the Environmental Appeals Board received on August 6, 2010, two petitions filed by Catherine Preston Connolly, Attorney, Bowditch & Dewey, LLP, on behalf of the Town of Millbury (NPDES 10-09) and Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District (NPDES 10-10), and Michael V. O'Brien, City Manager, on behalf of the City of Worcester (NPDES 10-11), asking the Environmental Appeals Board to review permit determination issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 in this case.

A copy of the petition and exhibits can be found on the Board's website at http://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/EAB_Web_Docket.nsf/f22b4b245fab46c6852570e6004df1bd/54e9ebec77df64088525777c005bccfb!OpenDocument, listing all the documents filed in the case. If you have any difficulty accessing this document, please let me know.

To assist the Environmental Appeals Board in deciding whether the matters raised by petitioners should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses the petitioners' contentions and whether petitioners have satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a) and file such response no later than September 27, 2010. Include relevant portions of the administrative record with the response, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record. Filing may be accomplished electronically pursuant to the Board's Order of January 28, 2010.¹ Alternatively, filing may be accomplished by filing a

¹ The Board has issued an Order authorizing the electronic filing of documents in cases involving permit appeals. See Order Authorizing Electronic Filing in Proceedings Before the Environmental Appeals Board Not Governed by 40 C.F.R. Part 22 (Jan. 28, 2010), available at <http://www.epa.gov/eab> (click "Standing Orders" on sidebar). Instructions on registration and document filing are available by

paper original (signed in blue ink) and two copies of these materials with the Board (at the address shown below) by the date specified above. A copy must be sent to Petitioners, and a certificate of service showing the date and method of service should be included with the filing.

All documents, including the materials due September 27, 2010, must reference the appeal number. **IMPORTANT:** In addition, any envelope or other packaging containing documents sent to the Environmental Appeals Board's mailing address or hand-delivery address, as prescribed below, must bear a complete and accurate return address in the upper left hand corner. The envelope or packaging must also clearly state the case name and appeal number in the lower left hand corner.

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Documents that are sent through the U.S. Postal Service (except by Express Mail) **MUST** be addressed to the Environmental Appeals Board's mailing address which is:

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using the "Electronic Filing" link on the Board's website. Documents containing confidential business information should not be filed electronically as the Board considers business confidentiality claims waived when a document is electronically filed. *Id.* at 5-6. Please note that if a party, or its attorney or other representative, electronically files any document, such as a notice of appeal, brief, or motion, that exceeds fifty (50) pages in length, inclusive of the certificate of service, table of contents, and table of authorities, but exclusive of exhibits or attachments, it must also send one paper copy of that document to the Board by U.S. Mail, hand, courier, or commercial delivery service within one business day of the date of the electronic filing. *See id.* at 4-5. Such paper copy must be accompanied by a signed certification stating that it is identical to the electronically filed document. *Id.* at 5. If the combined page length of all of the exhibits or attachments submitted in support of a brief or motion exceeds fifty (50) pages, the requirement to submit a paper copy, and its timing, applies to the entire set of exhibits or attachments. *Id.* Anyone electronically filing exhibits or attachments in support of a brief, motion, or other document should submit them separately from the associated brief or motion. *Id.* at 3.

² Mail sent to the Environmental Protection Agency via the U.S. Postal Service may be delayed by a random sterilization procedure applied to mail delivered to the federal government. Parties are encouraged to utilize the Board's e-filing system or non-U.S. Postal Service carriers and the Board's hand-delivery address when filing pleadings with the Board. Additional information regarding mail delivery to the Board is available on the Environmental Appeals Board website (www.epa.gov/eab) at the Clerk of the Board or Frequently Asked Questions links.

Documents that are sent to the Environmental Appeals Board's hand-delivery address (below) through the U.S. Postal Service (except by Express Mail) will be returned to the sender and shall not be considered as filed.

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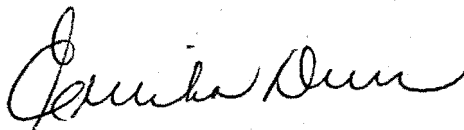
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A copy of this letter is being sent to the petitioners as notification of these filing requirements.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,



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