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ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Carl Dierker, Director
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U.S. EPA, Region 1
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Re: Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant
Permit Number: MA0100722
Appeal Number: NPDES 06-11

Dear Mr. Dierker:

Enclosed is a petition dated October 16, 2006 (received by the Environmental Appeals Board October 16, 2006) filed by Jeffrey T. Blake, Gregg J. Corbo, Attorneys, Kopelman and Paige, P.C. on behalf of the Town of Northbridge and the Northbridge Wastewater Treatment Plant, asking the Environmental Appeals Board to review a permit determination issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 and the Department of Environmental Protection Commonwealth of Massachusetts in this case.

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). Include relevant portions of the administrative record with the response, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record. Please file an original (signed in blue ink) and five copies of these materials no later than December 4, 2006, and send a copy of the response and the certified index to petitioners with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service.¹

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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,



Eurika Durr
Clerk of the Board

Enclosure

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