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**Re: City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works (NPDES Permit MA0101974)
Notice of Withdrawal**

Dear Ms. Durr:

Enclosed please find a Notice of Withdrawal of NPDES Permit MA0101974.

If you should have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at 617-918
1095.

Sincerely,

Samir Bukhari
Attorney Advisor
Office of Regional Counsel
US EPA-Region 1

Enclosures

cc:

Stephen D. Anderson, Esq. (City of Cambridge)
David C. Stroff, Esq. (The East Arlington Good Neighbor Committee)
John F. Maher, Esq. (The Town of Arlington)
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Lisa Peterson
Commissioner, Department of Public Works
City of Cambridge
147 Hampshire Street
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02139

**Re: City of Cambridge, Department of Public Works (NPDES Permit MA0101974)
NPDES Appeal Nos. 06-01, 06-02 and 06-03
Notice of Withdrawal**

Dear Ms. Durr and Ms. Peterson:

On September 27, 2005, the New England Regional Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("Region") reissued permit MA0101974 ("Permit") to the City of Cambridge ("Cambridge"), which authorized discharge from eleven Combined Sewer Overflows to the Alewife Brook and Charles River in Massachusetts. Upon becoming effective, the Permit would have superseded the existing permit issued on March 26, 1993 to Cambridge by the Region ("Prior Permit").

The Town of Arlington, the East Arlington Good Neighbor Committee and Roger Frymire each timely filed petitions for review of the Permit ("Petitions") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a) with the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board").

Withdrawal of Permit

In order to address the issues raised in the Petitions, the Region hereby withdraws the Permit in its entirety pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(d) and will prepare a new draft permit in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 124.6. The draft permit will proceed through the same process of public comment and opportunity for a public hearing as would apply to any other permit subject to

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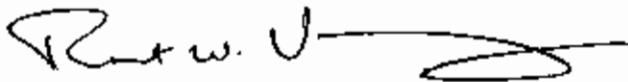
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40 C.F.R. Part 124. Until the new final permit is issued and effective, the Prior Permit shall remain in effect.

If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact Samir Bukhari, the Region's legal counsel in this matter, at 617-918-1095, or George Papadopoulos, in our Office of Ecosystem Protection, at 617-918-1579.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert W. Varney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Robert W. Varney
Regional Administrator

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