

**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**

In re:)	
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TOWN OF CONCORD, DEPARTMENT)	
OF PUBLIC WORKS)	NPDES APPEAL NO. 13-08
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NPDES Permit No. MA0100668)	
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FOURTH JOINT STATUS REPORT

Region 1 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“Region”) and the Town of Concord, Massachusetts (“Town”) hereby submit this fourth status report to inform the Environmental Appeals Board (“Board”) of the current status of settlement negotiations.

Background

On September 9, 2013, the Town filed a petition for review with the Board challenging a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (“NPDES”) permit the Region issued to the Town. On October 31, 2013, the Region filed its Response to Petition for Review and a Certified Index to the Administrative Record. On November 15, 2013, the Town submitted its Reply to the Region’s Response to Petition for Review. On November 21, 2013, the Region filed a Notice of Uncontested and Severable Conditions in connection with NPDES Appeal No. 13-08. By Order dated January 6, 2014, the Board scheduled oral argument for March 26, 2014.

At the joint request of the parties to postpone oral argument to allow the parties to continue settlement negotiations with the intent of resolving the case without further litigation, the Board rescheduled oral argument from March 26, 2014 to May 22, 2014. The Board directed the parties to file reports every two weeks, beginning Friday, March 21, 2014, informing the

Board of the status of settlement negotiations. The parties' submitted status reports on March 21, April 4 and April 18, 2014.

Status Report

As set forth in the parties' status reports, the Town, the Region, and MassDEP met on January 29, 2014 and March 4, 2014 at the Region's office to discuss potential settlement scenarios, and the Region subsequently provided the Town with a draft letter outlining a settlement scenario. The Town provided a formal response to the Region's draft letter on March 28, 2014. The Region and the Town reported in their Third Status Report on April 18, 2014, that they do not expect to reach agreement on settlement terms at this time, and anticipate moving forward with oral argument before the Board on May 22, 2014. There has been no change of status, and no further communications between the parties with respect to settlement. In accordance with the Board's March 11, 2014 Order, the parties will provide the Board with information on further settlement discussions, if any, in the next report due on May 16, 2014.

Respectfully submitted,

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