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## VIA FACSIMILE AND FIRST CLASS MAIL

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Appeals Board (MC1103B) Attn: Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board Ariel Rios Building 1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW Washington, DC 20460-0001

Re: Status Report and Sixth Motion to Extend Stay of the Proceedings City of Brockton, Brockton Advanced Water Reclamation Facility NPDES Appeal No. 05-04 NPDES Permit No. MA0101010

Dear Ms. Durr:

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Enclosed is an original and five (5) copies of a Status Report and Sixth Motion to Extend Stay of the Proceedings in connection with NPDES Appeal No. 05-04.

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:

Timothy A. Watts Douglas H. Watts George Olson

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## BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCYUG 14 PM 1: 34 WASHINGTON, D.C.

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In the Matter of:

Brockton Advanced Water Reclamation Facility, City of Brockton, Massachusetts NPDES Appeal No. 05-04 NPDES Permit No. MA0101010

## STATUS REPORT AND SIXTH MOTION TO EXTEND STAY OF THE PROCEEDINGS

The New England Region of the Environmental Protection Agency ("Region") respectfully submits to the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") this Status Report and Sixth Motion to Extend Stay of the Proceedings in the above-referenced appeal. Timothy Watts and Douglas Watts ("Petitioners") assent to this status report and stay motion.

As described in the Region's Status Report and Fifth Motion to Extend Stay of the Proceedings (April 6, 2006), the Region, the City of Brockton and Petitioners successfully concluded settlement discussions to resolve the pending permit appeal. The terms of the settlement will be reflected in a consent decree to resolve a separate enforcement proceeding against Brockton. Petitioners and the Region have agreed to jointly file a motion to dismiss the permit appeal immediately upon entry of the consent decree. The permit appeal proceedings have been stayed until August 18, 2006 to allow time for entry of the consent decree. <u>See</u> Order Granting Fifth Motion for Stay of Proceedings (April 10, 2006).

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Over the past several months, significant progress has been made toward entry of the consent decree, although the process has not yet concluded. On August 2, 2006, the consent decree was lodged in federal court for public notice and comment. After reviewing comments, the United States will advise the court by motion whether it supports entry of the consent decree. The court will then enter judgment. Counsel involved in the enforcement proceedings expect that the consent decree will be entered within the next ninety days, by which time the current stay of proceedings will have expired.

The Region, therefore, respectfully requests the Board to stay the proceedings for an additional ninety days in order to allow sufficient time for the consent decree process to conclude. In the event the appeal has not already been dismissed by the end of the ninety day period, the Region will provide a status report and request a further limited stay. Respectfully submitted,

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, New England Region

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Dated: August 11, 2006

### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Status Report and Sixth Motion to Extend Stay of the Proceedings in the matter of Brockton Advanced Water Reclamation Facility, NPDES Appeal No. 05-04, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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