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OFFICE OF THE
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Dear Mr. Fosburgh:

Thank you for your May 28, 2008 letter inviting us to work with your office to informally explore how our agencies can best work together on the SuAsCo (Sudbury, Assabet and Concord Rivers) in particular, and, more generally, on New England's Wild and Scenic Rivers. You reference Clean Water Act Section 303(d) impaired waters listing, total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits as issues for discussion.

As you may know, we continue to work closely with our counterparts at the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) on all of these issues. We will certainly scrutinize the 2008 303(d) list to assure that the listing is comprehensive and that it includes those segments that are impaired for nutrients and as well as for other pollutants. Certainly, the SuAsCo basin waters, whether or not proposed for listing, will be part of that review.

Both we and the MassDEP are keenly aware of the inventory of TMDL needs and understand the complexities of accomplishing nutrient based TMDLs. The TMDL completed and approved for the Assabet River is but one example of just how complex these are. Both agencies continue to cooperate on TMDL schedules and priorities. We will make sure that the MassDEP is aware of your interest in these matters.

You also know that we issue NPDES permits with stringent nutrient controls specific to the circumstances of the discharge being permitted. Our permits will continue to assure that appropriate controls are placed on discharges where nutrients are an issue.

Thank you for your interest in these very complex issues.

Sincerely,

Robert W. Varney
Regional Administrator