



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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November 17, 2006

OFFICE OF THE
REGIONAL ADMINISTRATOR

Eurika Durr, Clerk of the Board,
Environmental Appeals Board (MC 1103B)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Ariel Rios Building
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Washington, DC 20460-0001

Mr. Jeffrey T. Blake, Esq.
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101 Arch Street
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**Re: Notice of Uncontested and Severable Conditions of NPDES Permit No. MA0100722,
Appeal No. NPDES 06-11**

Dear Ms. Durr and Mr. Blake:

On October 16, 2006, the Town of Northbridge ("Permittee") filed a Petition for Review of NPDES Permit MA0100722 ("Permit") with the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(a). The New England Regional Office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("Region") reissued the Permit to the Permittee on September 13, 2006. The Permit superseded the permit issued by the Region on September 30, 1999 ("Prior Permit").

Uncontested and Severable Conditions

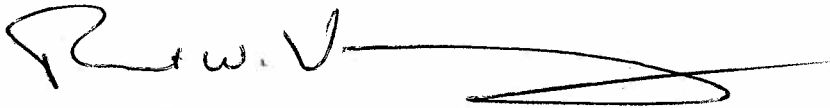
In its Petition, the Permittee contests the following limits and conditions of the Permit: (i) the phosphorus limit of 0.2 mg/l from April 1 – October 31, (ii) the phosphorus limit of 1.0 mg/l from November 1 – March 31, and (iii) the fecal coliform limits from November 1 – March 31. These three limits are collectively referred to herein as the "Contested Limits."

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §§ 124.16(a)(2)(ii) and 124.60(b), this letter notifies you of my determination that the Contested Limits are stayed until final agency action under 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(f). All other limits and conditions of the Permit are uncontested and severable from the Contested Limits. Thus, all of the other limits and conditions are not stayed and will become fully effective enforceable obligations of the Permit thirty days from the date of this notice, as provided by 40 C.F.R. § 124.16(a)(2)(i). With respect to each of the Contested Limits, the corresponding term, if any, in the Prior Permit shall remain in effect.

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If you have any questions regarding this correspondence, please feel free to contact Joshua Caditz, the Region's legal counsel in this matter, at 617-918-1787, by fax at 617-918-0787, or by electronic mail at Caditz.Joshua@epamail.epa.gov, or George Papadopoulos, in the Office of Ecosystem Protection, at 617-918-1579, by fax at 617-918-1505, or by electronic mail at Papadopoulos.George@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. W. Varney', followed by a long, horizontal, looping flourish.

Robert W. Varney
Regional Administrator

cc:

George Papadopoulos, EPA
James E. Madigan, Northbridge Sewer Division