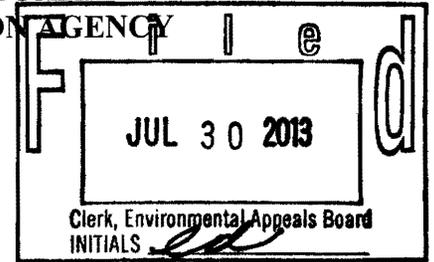


**BEFORE THE ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD
UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C.**



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In re:)
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Town of Uxbridge)
Wastewater Treatment Facility)
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Permit No. MA0102440)
_____)

NPDES Appeal No. 13-06

ORDER STAYING PROCEEDINGS

By Joint Motion filed with the Board on July 29, 2013, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (“Region”) and the Town of Uxbridge Sewer Commission (“Uxbridge”), the parties in the above-captioned matter, request a stay of the proceedings until October 31, 2013, “to allow the parties to undertake settlement negotiations.” Joint Motion to Stay the Proceedings (July 29, 2013) (“Motion”) at 1. According to the Motion, “[t]he parties believe that a negotiated resolution of some or all of the issues raised in the Petition is possible and have agreed to enter into settlement discussions including the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protections which co-issued the NPDES Permit.” *Id.* at 2.

Upon consideration, the Motion is granted. Proceedings in this matter are hereby stayed until October 31, 2013. Absent resolution of the issues raised in the petition, the Region’s response to the petition, along with a certified index to the administrative record, must now be filed with the Board no later than November 27, 2013. The Region and Uxbridge shall file two

joint status reports describing the status of settlement negotiations no later than September 20, 2013, and October 18, 2013.¹

So ordered.

Dated: July 30, 2013

ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

By: 

Randolph L. Hill
Environmental Appeals Judge

¹ The Clerk of the Board sent a letter on July 29, 2013 to all parties informing them of the opportunity to participate in the Board's voluntary ADR Program, and asking the parties to express interest by August 12, 2013. Because the parties already intend to enter into settlement discussions on their own, the Board assumes that use of the ADR program is unnecessary, and thus does not expect a response to the July 29th letter.

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that copies of the foregoing Order Staying Proceedings in the matter of *Town of Uxbridge Wastewater Treatment Facility*, NPDES Appeal No. 13-06, were sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

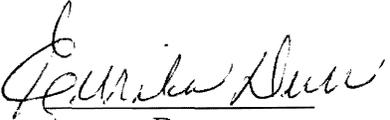
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Dated: *July 30, 2013*


Annette Duncan
Secretary