



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

In re South Essex Sewerage District
NPDES Permit No. MA0100501
NPDES Appeal No. 26-03

SECOND ORDER EXTENDING STAY OF PROCEEDINGS
AND DIRECTING STATUS REPORT

Issued May 5, 2026

Order of the Board by Judge Roseman-Orr:

Before the Environmental Appeals Board is a joint motion from EPA Region 1 and South Essex Sewerage District to extend the stay of proceedings in the above-captioned matter. This matter was previously stayed to allow time for the parties to "complete their respective settlement agreement approval processes." Order Extending Stay of Proceedings and Directing Status Report, at 1-2 (Mar. 23, 2026). In this second motion for extension of the stay, the parties represent that they have "completed their settlement agreement approval processes," but assert that additional time is required to "assemble the draft permit modification," prepare the draft permit for public notice, and "coordinate with the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection." Second Joint Status Report and Motion to Extend Stay of Appeal, at 1 (May 4, 2026). The parties request the Board to extend the stay to June 29, 2026. Id.

Based on the representations in the motion, the Board **GRANTS** the requested extension of the stay. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 124.19(n). Accordingly, this case is stayed until **Monday, June 29, 2026**. The Board directs the parties to submit a status report on or before **Monday, June 22, 2026**. In that report, the parties must set forth their view on further proceedings, including whether the parties anticipate being able to continue progress towards resolution of this matter and the basis for any further stay if one is requested. The Board will issue a further order based on the parties' status report.

So ordered.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that copies of the foregoing *Second Order Extending Stay of Proceedings and Directing Status Report* in the matter of South Essex Sewerage District, NPDES Appeal No. 26-03, were sent to the following persons on May 5, 2026, in the manner indicated:

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