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July 18, 2014

David Webster, Water Permit Branch Chief USEPA – New England 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OEP06-1) Boston, MA 02109-3912

Re: Water Quality Certification NPDES Permit MA00102598 Charles River Water Pollution Control District

Dear Mr. Webster:

Your office has requested that Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") issue a water quality certification pursuant to Section 401(a) of the Federal Clean Water Act (the "Act") and 40 CFR 124.53 for the above referenced NPDES permit.

MassDEP has reviewed the proposed permit and has determined that the conditions of the permit will achieve compliance with sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Act, and with the provisions of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, ss. 26-53, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The permit conditions are sufficient to comply with the antidegradation provisions of the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards [314 CMR 4.04] and the policy [October 21, 2009] implementing those provisions.

MassDEP hereby certifies the referenced permit.

Sincerely,

David Ferris, Director Massachusetts Wastewater Management Program Bureau of Resource Protection

cc: Betsy Davis, US EPA (via e-mail) Claire Golden, MassDEP (via e-mail)

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