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ENVIRONMENTAL APPEALS BOARD

Re: Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District
Permit Number: MA0102369
Appeal Number: NPDES 09-06

Dear Mr. Dierker:

This is to advise you that the Environmental Appeals Board received on May 20, 2009, a petition filed by Nathan A. Stokes, Attorney, Barnes & Thornburg LLP, asking the Environmental Appeals Board to review a revised permit determination issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 in this case.

A copy of the petition and exhibits can be found on the Board's website at (http://yosemite.epa.gov/oa/EAB_Web_Docket.nsf/f22b4b245fab46c6852570e6004df1bd/429535f4c5230d1a852575c30059e21e!OpenDocument) listing all the documents filed in the case. If you have any difficulty accessing this document, please let me know.

To assist the Environmental Appeals Board in deciding whether the matters raised by petitioner should be reviewed, please have your staff prepare a response that addresses the petitioner's contentions and whether petitioner has satisfied the requirements for obtaining review under 40 C.F.R. §124.19(a). Include relevant portions of the administrative record with the response, together with a certified index of the entire administrative record. Please file an original (signed in blue ink) and five copies of these materials no later than July 14, 2009, and send a copy of the response and the certified index to petitioner with a certificate of service showing the date and method of service.¹

¹The Environmental Appeals Board has an innovative system that allows parties to submit copies of documents, including exhibits, electronically in PDF. Instructions on registration and document submission, are available by using the "Electronic Submission" link on the Board's website. Please note that, at the present time, electronic submissions will not be considered a substitute for filing an original document with the Clerk of the Board. The Clerk of the Board still must actually receive the original document by the document's due date in order for it to be timely filed. However, Agency offices and private parties that use this system for submitting electronic copies will be excused from the requirement to submit multiple paper

All documents, including the materials due July 14, 2009, must reference the appeal number. **IMPORTANT:** In addition, any envelope or other packaging containing documents sent to the Environmental Appeals Board's mailing address or hand-delivery address, as prescribed below, must bear a complete and accurate return address in the upper left hand corner. The envelope or packaging must also clearly state the case name and appeal number in the lower left hand corner.

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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
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Environmental Appeals Board 1103B
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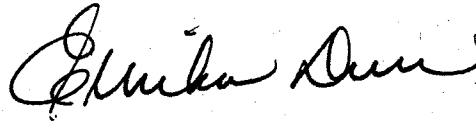
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A copy of this letter is being sent to the petitioner as notification of these filing requirements.

copies with their original filing.

Thank you for your attention to these matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Eurika Durr".

Eurika Durr
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