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December 16, 2015

Ms. Eurika Durr Clerk of the Board U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Environmental Appeals Board 1201 Constitution Avenue, NW U.S. EPA East Building, Room 3334 Washington, DC 20004

RE: City of Nashua Wastewater Treatment Facility
NPDES Permit Appeal No. 15-06; NPDES Permit No. MA0100170

Dear Ms. Durr:

Please find a Joint Status Report in connection with NPDES Appeal No. 15-06.

Sincerely,

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

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| In the Matter of: |) | |
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| City of Nashua |) | |
| Wastewater Treatment Facility |) | NPDES Appeal No. 15-06 |
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| NPDES Permit No. NH0100170 |) | |
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JOINT STATUS REPORT

I. Background

On April 13, 2015, the City of Nashua, New Hampshire filed a Petition for Review ("Petition") with the Environmental Appeals Board ("Board") requesting review of certain conditions of a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit issued by Region 1 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency ("Region") authorizing discharges of wastewater effluent from the City's Wastewater Treatment Facility to the Merrimack River, as well as from nine Combined Sewer Overflows to the Merrimack and Nashua Rivers.

Following settlement discussions, the parties reported that they had negotiated an agreement to resolve the Petition in its entirety, and moved the Board to stay the proceedings to allow the settlement to be implemented via a permit modification. *See Status Report and Fourth Joint Motion to Stay the Proceedings* (October 9, 2015). The Board granted the motion, staying the proceedings until February 16, 2016, and requiring periodic status reports. *Fourth Order Extending Staying of Proceedings* at 2 (October 16, 2015). In the first of those status reports, due November 16, 2015, the Board ordered the

Region to report on the progress of drafting the permit modification documents and

whether the Region expected to complete that task within its projected 60-day timeline.

The parties informed the Board that the Region had commenced drafting the permit

modification materials, which it expected to complete within the expected timeframe.

See Status Report (November 16, 2015).

II. **Status Report**

The Region has finished drafting the permit modification documents and has

transmitted these materials to the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services

("NHDES") for its review. Upon consideration of any comments by NHDES, the Region

will transmit the draft permit modification materials to the City for its review and

concurrence.

Dated: December 16, 2015

Respectfully submitted,

U.S. EPA – Region 1

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