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IAN A. BOWLES Secretary

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September 30, 2009

Brian Pitt
NPDES Municipal Permits Branch
USEPA – New England
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

Re: Water Quality Certification

NPDES Permit MA0101974

City of Cambridge Department of Public Works: 12 Combined Sewer Overflows

Dear Mr. Pitt:

Your office has requested the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to 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. The Department 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 [December 29, 2006] implementing those provisions.

The Department hereby certifies the referenced permit.

Sincerely.

Glenn Haas, Director

Division of Watershed Management

Bureau of Resource Protection

cc:

Paul Hogan

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