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RE: In re Town of Fairhaven
NPDES Permit No. MA0100765; NPDES Appeal No. 17-08

Dear Ms. Durr:

Please find the attached Third Joint Status Report and accompanying Certificate of Service in connection with NPDES Appeal No. 17-08.

Thank you for your assistance with this matter.

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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Town of Fairhaven)	NPDES Appeal No. 17-08
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NPDES Permit No. MA0100765)	
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THIRD JOINT STATUS REPORT

I. Background

On September 27, 2017, Region 1 of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (“Region”) issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. MA0100765 (“NPDES Permit”) to the Town of Fairhaven, Massachusetts (“Fairhaven”), authorizing discharges of wastewater effluent from the Town’s Wastewater Pollution Control Facility to the Acushnet River. Fairhaven filed a Petition for Review with the Environmental Appeals Board (“EAB” or “Board”) requesting review of certain conditions of the NPDES Permit. The Board has granted the parties’ joint motions, first to stay the case to allow the parties to pursue settlement discussions, *see* Order Granting Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings (Nov. 13, 2017), and then to continue the stay to provide more time for those discussions, *see* Order Granting Second Joint Motion for Stay of Proceedings (Jan. 9, 2018). The Board’s January 9, 2018, Order also requires the parties to file this third joint status report by February 8, 2018.

II. Status Report and Motion to Extend the Stay

The parties have continued to make progress on a potential settlement. Since the Board's January 9, 2018, Order, Fairhaven has been preparing written materials to provide information requested by the Region regarding the terms of a draft Administrative Order on Consent and an appropriate schedule of steps for coming into compliance with certain conditions of the permit. The Town represents that it will provide these materials to the Region in advance of a meeting that the parties and representatives of the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") have scheduled for February 12, 2018. In such event, the parties and MassDEP will discuss the Town's submission and the terms of the draft Administrative Order at the meeting.

Dated: February 8, 2018

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing Third Joint Status Report in connection with *In re Town of Fairhaven*, NPDES Appeal No. 17-08, was sent to the following persons in the manner indicated:

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