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IAN A. BOWLES Secretary

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September 26, 2008

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

Re: Water Quality Certification

NPDES Permit MA0039853

Town of Wayland Wastewater Treatment Plant

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 [October 6, 1993] implementing those provisions.

The Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards (adopted December 29, 2006 and subsequently approved by the Secretary of State and approved by USEPA) have changed the bacteria criteria from fecal coliform to *E. coli* for freshwaters not associated with a bathing area. The Department requests that this permit contain limits for *E. coli*, which will become effective one year from the effective date of the permit as a requirement of state water quality certification.

The Department hereby certifies the referenced permit with the addition noted above.

Sincerely.

Glenn Haas, Director

Division of Watershed Management Bureau of Resource Protection

cc:

Paul Hogan

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