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**Town of Salisbury, Massachusetts
WSE Project No. 2110582**

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**RE: *Town of Salisbury, Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment Plant
Administrative Order Docket No. 11-012
January 2015 Quarterly Progress and Work Projection Report***

Messrs. Harding & Brander:

In accordance with Section III.4 of the Administrative Order referenced above (the AO), this report summarizes actions directed at achieving compliance with the AO undertaken by the Town of Salisbury (the Town) during the quarter ending January 31, 2015. In addition, the report summarizes the status of deliverables required by the AO, and expected activities during the next quarter.

Activities during the Reporting Period

The primary activity to take place during the reporting period was the initiation of a review of the draft NPDES permit, officially noticed on January 14, 2015.

The Town remains in contact with EPA with regard to the scope of work (SOW) developed to determine the available dilution in the tidal creek that the plant currently discharges into and what treatment plant modifications would be required to operate in a tidal discharge mode. The SOW was submitted to EPA and DEP on July 31, 2014 and is currently under review for approval or comment. The development of the SOW included a schedule for the tidal discharge study, although this schedule will require modification once EPA issues comments and/or approval.

Status of AO Deliverables

See above item for details.

Activities During the Next Reporting Period

It had been expected that a letter from EPA and DEP will be drafted with comments and/or approval for initiating the tidal discharge study. Upon issuance of these comments, it had been expected that a meeting would be held to discuss the SOW and work towards a final product and associated schedule that is amenable to all parties. The issuance of the draft permit has changed these expectations.

The Town has been in contact with EPA since issuance of the draft permit and intends to submit comments relative to the permit conditions. Initial discussions with EPA indicate a meeting between the Town and its representatives, EPA permit writers, and EPA enforcement staff would be beneficial to establish a mutually beneficial approach and plan to address the issues outlined in the AO.

We trust that this report meets your needs. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

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