

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY Region 1

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EXPEDITED SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT Office of Regional Hearing Clerk Issued under Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2)(A) and 40 C.F.R. § 22.13(b).

Docket Number: CWA-01-2011-0090

The Town of Sturbridge, Massachusetts ("Respondent") is a "municipality" and a "person" discharging "pollutants" from "point sources" to "navigable waters," as those terms are defined in Section 502 of the Cloan Water Act ("Act"), 33 U.S.C. § 1362. Respondent is an owner and operator of a regulated small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") as defined at 40 C.F.R. §§ 122.26(b)(16) and 122.32(a), which is covered by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") General Pormit for Storm Water Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Sewer Systems ("Permit") issued under Section 402 of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1342, dated May 1, 2003, and continued in effect pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.6.

EPA finds, and Respondent admits, that pursuant to Part II, F.I. of the Permit, Respondent was required to submit an Annual Report on May 1, 2011 and Respondent failed to submit this Annual Report in violation of the Permit. Respondent also failed to file two other annual reports on its MS4 program, due May 1, 2009 and May 1, 2010, in a timely manner. By violating the terms and conditions of the Permit issued pursuant to Section 402 of the Act, Respondent has violated Section 301(a) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311(a).

The parties enter into this Expedited Settlement Agreement ("Agreement") in order to settle the civil violation alleged above for a ponalty of \$1,000.

Respondent agrees that, within 10 days of the final date of this Agreement, Respondent shall submit a check, with case name and docket number noted, for the amount specified above, payable to the "Treasurer, United States of America," via certified mail, to: U.S. EPA, Fines and Penalties, In the Matter of the Town of Sturbridge, Massachusetts, Docket No. CWA-01-2011-0090, Cincinnati Finance Center, P.O. Box 979077, St. Louis, MO 63197-9000.

Respondent consents to the assessment of this penalty, and waives the right to: (1) contest the findings of violation specified in this Agreement; (2) a hearing pursuant to Section 309(g)(2) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(2); and (3) appeal pursuant to Section 309(g)(8), 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(8).

Additionally, Respondent certifics, subject to civil and criminal penalties for making a false statement to the United States Government, that all required Annual Reports have been submitted to EPA, or will be submitted to EPA within 10 days of the final date of this Agreement (or an alternative time frame agreed to by EPA in writing).

This Agreement settles EPA's civil penalty claims against Respondent for the violation(s) specified above. EPA does not waive its rights to take enforcement action against Respondent for any other past, present, or future violation of the Act or of any other federal statute or regulation. EPA does not waive its right to issue a compliance order for any uncorrected violation(s).

If Respondent does not sign and return this Agreement within 21 days of the date of receipt of this Letter, the proposed Expedited Settlement is withdrawn without prejudice to LPA's ability to file any other enforcement action for the violations identified herein.

This Agreement is binding on the parties signing below and final 30 days from the date it is signed by the Regional Judicial Officer unless a petition to set aside the Order is filed by a commenter pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(C) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(C), and 40 C.F.R. Part 22, following public noticing of this settlement.

APPROVED BY THE TOWN OF STURBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS:

Name(print): States 4

Title(print):

Signature:

APPROVED BY EPA:

Joanna Jerison, Legal Enforcement Manager

Office of Environmental Stewardship

More than 40 days have elapsed since the issuance of public notice pursuant to Section 309(g)(4)(A) of the Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1319(g)(4)(A), and EPA has received no comments concerning this

IT IS SO ORDERED:

Date: 170. 29, 8011

Acting Regional Judicial Officer

