

May 1, 2002

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Ms. Linda Murphy, Director
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Re: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, Permit Number MA0103284
Part 1.7 Quarterly Ambient Monitoring Report

Dear Mr. Haas and Ms. Murphy:

I am pleased to submit two recently-finalized interpretive synthesis reports providing results from MWRA's baseline Outfall Monitoring Program and permit-required Ambient Monitoring program. Part I.7.c.iv of the permit requires:

"The results of all monitoring required by the ambient monitoring plan or the eutrophication model shall be reported to EPA, MADEP, OMSAP and NMFS, on a quarterly basis."

Due to a miscommunication with the report printers, we have delayed submitting these reports. We have cleared this with Steve Lipman of MA DEP. The first of the enclosed reports contains a technical evaluation of the mussel bioaccumulation Contingency Plan threshold exceedance from summer 2001 monitoring. The second contains results of sediment monitoring in 2000, which includes both baseline and discharge monitoring results.

MWRA will provide raw monitoring data upon request. If you require additional information or need clarification, please contact Michael Mickelson, Program Manager for Outfall Monitoring at (617) 788-4746.

Please let me know if any of MWRA's staff can give you additional assistance regarding this notification.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hornbrook
Chief Operating Officer

Attachments: two Monitoring Reports

Hunt C.D., S. Abramson, L.F. Lefkowitz, J. Neff, G. Durell, K.E. Keay, M.P. Hall. 2002. [Evaluation of 2001 Mussel tissue contaminant threshold exceedance](#). Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2002-05. 48 p.

Kropp, RK. R. Diaz, B. Hecker, D. Dahlen, J.D. Boyle, S.L. Abramson, S. Emsbo-Mattingly. 2001. [2000 Outfall benthic report](#). Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report ENQUAD 2001-11. 148 pp + 6 appendices.

Cc:

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