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RE: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority
Permit Number MA 0103284
Quarterly Ambient Monitoring Results and Contingency Plan Reporting

Dear Ms. Studlien and Mr. Ferris:

In fulfillment of Part I.7.c.iv of MWRA's permit, "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," I am pleased to submit the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's ("MWRA's") quarterly report on ambient monitoring results.

Three reports were completed this quarter. One presents the results of winter flounder monitoring in 2013. The second summarizes observations of marine mammals on monitoring cruises in 2012. The last is a report on water column monitoring results in Massachusetts Bay in 2012.

In addition, a hard copy of the on-line Contingency Plan Report, Fourth Quarter 2013 Ambient Monitoring, is attached.

MWRA will provide raw monitoring data upon request. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call Betsy Reilley at 617-788-4940.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hornbrook
Chief Operating Officer

Enclosures: Three ambient monitoring reports and one ambient monitoring contingency plan results report. These reports are available online. To request a hard copy, please email web.enquad@mwra.state.ma.us or call Betsy Reilley at (617) 788-4940.

Citation:

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