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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 the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority ("MWRA") 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 MWRA's quarterly report on ambient monitoring results.

Three reports were completed this quarter. One report presents a summary of marine mammal observations from 2015. The second presents a summary of our flounder monitoring survey for 2015. The final report is the 2015 Outfall Benthic Monitoring report which summarizes the results of sea-floor (benthic) monitoring conducted around the outfall in 2015.

Also, a hard copy of the on-line [Contingency Plan Report, Third Quarter 2016 Ambient Monitoring](#), is attached.

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

Sincerely,

Michael J. Hornbrook  
Chief Operating Officer

**Enclosures:** Three Ambient Monitoring reports. These reports are available online. To request a hard copy, please email [web.enquad@mwra.state.ma.us](mailto:web.enquad@mwra.state.ma.us) or call Betsy Reilley at (617) 788-4940.

**Citations:**

Wang J, Wu D. 2016. [Summary of Marine Mammal Observations during 2015 Surveys.](#) Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2016-10. 14 pp.

Moore MJ, McElroy AE, Geoghegan P, Siskey MR, Pembroke AE. 2016. [Flounder Monitoring Report: 2015 Results.](#) Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2016-05. 40 pp.

Nestler EC, Diaz RJ, Pembroke AE, Keay KE. 2016. [Outfall Benthic Monitoring Report: 2015 Results.](#) Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2016-09. 33 pp. plus Appendices.

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