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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 Ms. King:

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 MWRA's water quality monitoring in 2015. The second presents a summary of our tissue chemistry monitoring in flounder and lobster, and the mussel bioaccumulation study, all of which occurred in 2015. The third report is MWRA's Contingency Plan Report for the Fourth Quarter of 2016 Ambient Monitoring.

As has been consistently observed since outfall start-up in September 2001, findings in these reports continue to indicate that MWRA's outfall discharge is not adversely impacting the environment.

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,

Carolyn Fiore,  
Deputy 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.

**Reports:**

Libby PS, Borkman DG, Geyer WR, Turner JT, Costa AS, Taylor DI, Codiga D. 2016. [2015 Water column monitoring results](#). Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2016-12. 45 p.

MWRA. 2017. [Contingency Plan Report, Fourth Quarter 2016: Ambient Monitoring](#). 11 p.

Nestler EC, Pembroke AE, Lao Y. 2016. [2015 Fish and Shellfish Tissue Chemistry Report](#). Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2016-13. 44 p. plus Appendices.

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