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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.

Two reports were completed this quarter. One report presents a summary of *in situ* chlorophyll fluorescence monitoring on a buoy in Massachusetts Bay through June 2016. The second report is MWRA's Contingency Plan Report for the First quarter of 2017 for 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: Two Ambient Monitoring reports. 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.

Reports:

[MWRA. 2017. Contingency Plan Report, First Quarter 2017: Ambient Monitoring. 2 p.](#)

Roesler, CS. 2016. **[In Situ Chlorophyll Fluorescence Observations on NERACOOS Mooring A01: Revised Data Flagging and Changing Phenology.](#)** Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2016-15. 11 p.

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