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

Dear Mr. Borci and Ms. Vakalopoulos:

In fulfillment of Part I.7.c.iv of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority's ("MWRA") Deer Island Wastewater Treatment Plant 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. The first report presents a summary of morphology and histopathology results for the 2019 flounder survey in Boston Harbor, Massachusetts Bay, and Cape Cod Bay. The second is MWRA's Contingency Plan Report for the second quarter of 2020 for Ambient Monitoring.

As has been observed since outfall start-up in September 2000, findings in these reports continue to indicate that the Deer Island Treatment Plant 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 email Betsy Reilley at betsy.reilley@mwra.com.

Sincerely,

Carolyn M. 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 email Betsy Reilley at betsy.reilley@mwra.com.

Reports:

Moore MJ, Nestler EC, Rutecki DA. 2019. [2019 Flounder monitoring results](#). Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2019-10. 21 p.

MWRA. [2020 Contingency Plan Report, Second Quarter 2020: Ambient Monitoring](#). 5 p.

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