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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. Coniaris:

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 MWRA's quarterly report on ambient monitoring results. These reports are also available on MWRA's website at <https://www.mwra.com/harbor/html/bhrecov.htm>.

Two reports were completed this quarter. The first report summarizes the findings of seafloor (benthic) monitoring in Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays for 2021. The second report is MWRA's Contingency Plan Report for the first quarter of 2023 for Ambient Monitoring.

As has been observed since outfall startup 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.com or email Betsy Reilley at betsy.reilley@mwra.com.

Reports:

Nestler EC, Madray ME. 2023. [2021 Outfall Benthic Monitoring Results](#). Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2022-12. 27 p.

MWRA. 2023 [Contingency Plan Report, First Quarter 2023: Ambient Monitoring](#). 2p.

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