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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 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. This report is also available on MWRA's website at https://www.mwra.com/harbor/enquad/trlist.html.

MWRA is submitting two reports this quarter. The first report summarizes the findings of sea-floor (benthic) monitoring in Massachusetts and Cape Cod Bays for 2025. The second is MWRA's Contingency Plan Report for the third quarter of 2026 Ambient Monitoring.

As has been observed since outfall startup in September 2000, findings in this ambient monitoring report 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 David Wu at David.Wu@mwra.com.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Weidman
Deputy Chief Operating Officer

Enclosures: Two Ambient Monitoring reports. Reports are available online. To request a hard copy, please email David Wu at David.Wu@mwra.com.

Reports:

Rutecki, D, Madray ME. 2026. 2025 Outfall Benthic Monitoring Results. Boston: Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Report 2026-05. 23 p.

MWRA. 2026. Contingency Plan Report, Third Quarter 2026: Ambient Monitoring. 6p.

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