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| Prima            | ry MS4 Prog   | ram Manager Cont  | act Info          | ormatio    | n          |                   |  |         |       |          |
| Name:            | Robert Peirent  | t   |                   | Title:     | City Engi  | neer              |  |         |       |          |
| Street A         | ddress Line 1:  | 63 Canal Street   |                   |            |            |                   |  |         |       |          |
| Street A         | ddress Line 2:  |   |                   |            |            |                   |  |         |       |          |
| City:            | Holyoke   |   |                   |            | State:     | МА                | Zip Code:                              | 01040   |       |          |
| Email:           | peirentr@holy   | oke.org   |                   | Phone N    | Number:    | (413) 322-5605    |  |         |       |          |
| Fax Nur          | mber: (413) 32  | 2-5606  |                   |            |            |                   |  |         |       |          |
| Other            | Information   | ı   |                   |            |            |                   |  |         |       |          |
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|                  | heck the box if   | your municipality or or   | ganizatio         | on was cov | vered und  | er the 2003 MS    | 4 General Perm                         | it      |       |          |
| MS4 I            | nfrastructur  | <b>e</b> (if covered under the 2003   | permit)           |            |            |                   |  |         |       |          |
|                  |   | Outfall Map Complete<br>art B.3.(a.) of 2003 permit                                     |                   | b          |            |                   | ments not met,<br>pletion (MM/DD       |         | 01/01 | 1/13     |
|                  |   | S4 map is published:  | See atta          |            |            |                   |  |         |       |          |
| or paper         | opy of the outfall m  | on the internet an electronic<br>hap must be included with<br>/ for submission options) |                   |            |            |                   |  |         |       |          |
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|                  |   | ection and Elimination<br>art B.3.(b.) of 2003 permi                                    |                   | uthority   | Adopted    | ? Yes             | Effective Date<br>Date of Adopt        |         |       | 04/30/09 |
|                  |   | n and Sediment Contro<br>art B.4.(a.) of 2003 permit,                                   |                   | Authority  | Adopted    | I? <sub>Yes</sub> | Effective Date<br>Date of Adopt        |         |       | 04/30/05 |
|                  |   | tormwater Manageme<br>part B.5.(a.) of 2003 permi                                       |                   | ted?       |            | Yes               | Effective Date<br>Date of Adopt        |         |       | 05/17/10 |

#### Part II: Summary of Receiving Waters

Please list the waterbodies to which your MS4 discharges. For each waterbody, please report the number of outfalls discharging into it and, if applicable, the segment ID and any impairments.

Massachusetts list of impaired waters: Massachusetts 2014 List of Impaired Waters- http://www.mass.gov/eea/docs/dep/water/resources/07v5/14list2.pdf

| Waterbody that receives flow from the MS4 and segment ID if applicable | Number of<br>outfalls into<br>receiving water<br>segment | Chloride | Chlorophyll-a | Dissolved Oxygen/<br>DO Saturation | Nitrogen    | Oil & Grease/ PAH | Phosphorus | Solids/ TSS/<br>Turbidity | E. coli     | Enterococcus | Other pollutant(s) causing impairments |
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| Perennial Stream to Whiting Street Res.                                | 1  |          |               |                                    |             |                   |            |                           |             |              |  |
| Wetlands affiliated with Broad Brook (MA34-18)                         | 2  |          |               |                                    |             |                   |            |                           |             |              |  |
| Day Brook  | 8  |          |               |                                    |             |                   |            |                           |             |              |  |
| Tannery Brook  | 12   |          |               |                                    |             |                   |            |                           |             |              |  |
| Schoolhouse Brook  | 4  |          |               |                                    |             |                   |            |                           |             |              |  |
| Green Brook  | 13   |          |               |                                    |             |                   |            |                           |             |              |  |
| Connecticut River (MA34-05)  | 15   |          |               |                                    | $\boxtimes$ |                   |            |                           | $\boxtimes$ |              | PCBs                                   |
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### Part III: Stormwater Management Program Summary

Identify the Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will be employed to address each of the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs). For municipalities/organizations whose MS4 discharges into a receiving water with an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) and an applicable waste load allocation (WLA), identify any additional BMPs employed to specifically support the achievement of the WLA in the TMDL section at the end of part III.

For each MCM, list each existing or proposed BMP by category and provide a brief description, responsible parties/departments, measurable goals, and the year the BMP will be employed (public education and outreach BMPs also requires a target audience). Use the drop-down menus in each table or enter your own text to override the drop down menu.

#### MCM 1: Public Education and Outreach

| BMP Media/Category<br>(enter your own text to override the<br>drop down menu) | BMP Description   | Targeted Audience            | <b>Responsible Department/Parties</b><br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) | Measurable Goal   | Beginning<br>Year of<br>BMP<br>Imple-<br>mentation |
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| Web Page  | Develop a new web<br>page linked to the<br>Conservation and<br>Sustainability page<br>that focuses on what<br>residents can to to<br>improve stormwater<br>quality with links to<br>sites such as Think<br>Blue | Residents                    | Conservation Director   | Publish the new web<br>page by then end of<br>2019 and track the<br>number of visits    | 2019   |
| Brochures/Pamphlets   | Develop and<br>distribute educational<br>materials targeted to<br>vehicle sales and<br>maintenance facilities<br>and distribute as part<br>of annual licensing<br>process                                       | Businesses, Institutions and | Planning & Economic Development and Licensing Department                                      | Distribute to 100%<br>of license renewals<br>and tabulate<br>annually once<br>developed | 2019   |

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| Meeting                              | Invite developers that<br>have applied for<br>multiple stormwater<br>permits from the City<br>since regulations<br>were developed in<br>2010<br>to a meeting that will<br>focus on permitting<br>and construction<br>phase compliance<br>requirements | Developers (construction)                             | Engineering  | Prepare a list of<br>invitees and<br>compare to<br>attendees at<br>meeting. Target at<br>least 50%<br>attendance.  | 2020         |
| Meeting                              | Meet with the Mayors<br>Industrial<br>Development<br>Advisory Committee<br>to discuss need for<br>ongoing stormwater<br>management system<br>O&M and what can be<br>done to assist with<br>permit compliance  | Industrial Facilities                                 | Office of Planning and Economic Development with support from En | Meet twice over the<br>permit cycle and<br>target 50%<br>attendance of<br>invitees   | 2020         |
| Displays/Posters/Kiosks              | Install Dog Waste<br>Cleanup Display at<br>Community Field Dog<br>Park  | Residents   | DPW Operations   | Install display within<br>2 years and annually<br>track quantity of<br>dog waste bags<br>distributed   | 2020         |
| Individual Letters and Group Meeting | Improve compliance<br>with annual<br>stormwater<br>management system<br>O&M programs<br>through education<br>and enforcement  | Businesses, Institutions and<br>Commercial Facilities | Engineering  | Develop a list of all<br>stormwater permits<br>issued by the City<br>since 2010,<br>correspond with<br>100% of permittees<br>and hold a group<br>meeting with a goal<br>of 50% attendance. | 2019         |

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| Brochures/Pamphlets and Inspection Check | Develop a brochure<br>and checklist that<br>focuses on key<br>construction phase<br>stormwater issues and<br>distribute during<br>stormwater site<br>inspections  | Developers (construction) | Engineering          | Distribute during all<br>initial site<br>inspections                                    | 2019         |
| Meeting                                  | Develop a list of all<br>Significant Industrial<br>Users of the<br>wastewater treatment<br>facility and meet<br>individually onsite to<br>discuss stormwater<br>management issues<br>and best practices | Industrial Facilities     | Suez and Engineering | A minimum of 3 site<br>meetings per year to<br>different SIUs during<br>the permit term | 2020         |
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MCM 2: Public Involvement and Participation

| BMP Categorization   | <b>Brief BMP Description</b><br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) | Responsible Department/Parties<br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) | Additional Description/<br>Measurable Goal   | Beginning<br>Year of<br>BMP<br>Imple-<br>mentation |
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| Public Review        | SWMP Review  | Engineering  | Allow annual review of<br>stormwater management<br>plan and posting of<br>stormwater management<br>plan on website | 2019   |
| Public Participation | Provide contact information for Stormwater Manager on website                        | Engineering  | Allow public to comment<br>on stormwater<br>management plan annually   | 2019   |
| Public Participation | Support Annual Source to Sea Cleanup   | DPW Operations and Suez  | Provide containers for<br>waste collection and pickup<br>waste at end of event                                     | 2018   |
| Public Participation | Hold annual Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) events                                   | DPW Operations and Casella   | Track quantity of waste collected and hold at least annually   | 2018   |
| Public Participation | Participate in CT River Stormwater Committee incl. Public Events                     | Engineering  | Attend 75% of meetings   | 2018   |
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MCM 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

| BMP Categorization<br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) | BMP Description   | <b>Responsible Department/Parties</b><br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) | Measurable Goal<br>(all text can be overwritten)   | Beginning<br>Year of<br>BMP<br>Imple-<br>mentation |
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| SSO inventory  | Review and update SSO<br>inventory in accordance<br>of permit conditions                          | SUEZ  | Complete within 1 year of effective date of permit   | 2019   |
| Storm sewer system map   | Review and update map   | SUEZ  | Update map within 2 years of<br>effective date of permit and<br>complete full system map 10<br>years after effective date of<br>permit | 2020   |
| Written IDDE program   | Review and update<br>written IDDE program   | SUEZ  | Complete within 1 year of<br>the effective date of permit<br>and update as required  | 2019   |
| Implement IDDE program   | Implement updated<br>catchment<br>investigations according<br>to program and permit<br>conditions | SUEZ  | Complete 10 years after<br>effective date of permit  | 2019   |
| Employee training  | Continue to train<br>employees on IDDE<br>implementation  | SUEZ  | Train annually   | 2019   |
| Conduct dry weather screening  | Conduct in accordance<br>with updated outfall<br>screening procedure and<br>permit conditions     | SUEZ  | Complete 3 years after<br>effective date of permit   | 2020   |
| Conduct wet weather screening  | Conduct in accordance<br>with updated outfall<br>screening procedure                              | SUEZ  | Complete 10 years after<br>effective date of permit  | 2020   |
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MCM 4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

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| Site inspection and enforcement of Erosion and Sediment<br>Control (ESC) measures          | Review and update<br>written procedures of<br>site inspections and<br>enforcement procedures   | DPW/ CITY ENGINEER  | Complete within 1 year<br>of the effective date of<br>permit | 2019   |
| Site plan review   | Review and update<br>written procedures of<br>site plan review and<br>begin implementation   | DPW/ CITY ENGINEER  | Complete within 1 year<br>of the effective date of<br>permit | 2010   |
| Erosion and Sediment Control   | Review and update<br>requirements for<br>construction operators to<br>implement a sediment<br>and erosion control<br>program   | DPW / CITY ENGINEER   | Complete within 1 year<br>of the effective date of<br>permit | 2010   |
| Waste Control  | Review and update<br>requirements to control<br>wastes, including but not<br>limited to, discarded<br>building materials,<br>concrete truck wash out,<br>chemicals, litter, and<br>sanitary wastes | DPW/ CITY ENGINEER  | Complete within 1 year<br>of the effective date of<br>permit | 2019   |
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### MCM 5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

| BMP Categorization<br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu or entered text) | BMP Description  | <b>Responsible Department/Parties</b><br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) | Measurable Goal<br>(all text can be overwritten)   | Beginning<br>Year of<br>BMP<br>Imple-<br>mentation |
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| As-built plans for on-site stormwater control  | Review and update<br>procedures to require<br>submission of as-built<br>drawings and ensure<br>long term operation and<br>maintenance will be a<br>part of the SWMP  | CITY ENGINEER   | Require submission of<br>as-built plans for<br>completed projects                                      | 2010   |
| Target properties to reduce impervious areas   | Identify at least 5<br>permittee-owned<br>properties that could be<br>modified or retrofitted<br>with BMPs to reduce<br>impervious areas and<br>update annually  | DPW   | Complete 4 years after<br>effective date of permit<br>and report annually on<br>retrofitted properties | 2022   |
| Allow green infrastructure   | Develop a report<br>assessing existing local<br>regulations to determine<br>the feasibility of making<br>green infrastructure<br>practices allowable when<br>appropriate site<br>conditions exist  | DPW   | Complete 4 years after<br>effective date of permit<br>and implement<br>recommendations of<br>report    | 2022   |
| Street design and parking lot guidelines   | Develop a report<br>assessing requirements<br>that affect the creation<br>of impervious cover. The<br>assessment will help<br>determine if changes to<br>design standards for<br>streets and parking lots<br>can be modified to<br>support low impact<br>design options. | DPW   | Complete 4 years after<br>effective date of permit<br>and implement<br>recommendations of<br>report    | 2022   |

| insure any stormwater controls or management  | Deview and undate  |     |   |         |
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| ractices for new development and redevelopment meet<br>ne retention or treatment requirements of the permit<br>and all applicable requirements of the Massachurotte | Review and update<br>regulatory mechanisms<br>to meet permit<br>requirements | DPW | Complete 2 years after effective date of permit | 2020    |
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MCM 6: Municipal Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention

| BMP Categorization<br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu or entered text)                   | BMP Description  | <b>Responsible Department/Parties</b><br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) | <b>Measurable Goal</b><br>(all text can be overwritten)   | Beginning<br>Year of<br>BMP<br>Imple-<br>mentation |
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| O&M procedures   | Create written O&M<br>procedures including all<br>requirements contained<br>in 2.3.7.a.ii for parks and<br>open spaces, buildings<br>and facilities, and<br>vehicles and equipment | DPW to manage, will involve a number of City Departments                                      | Complete and<br>implement 2 years after<br>effective date of permit   |  |
| Inventory all permittee-owned parks and open spaces,<br>buildings and facilities, and vehicles and equipment | Create inventory   |   | Complete 2 years after<br>effective date of permit<br>and implement<br>annually   | 2020   |
| Infrastructure O&M   | Establish and implement<br>program for repair and<br>rehabilitation of MS4<br>infrastructure   | DPW   | Complete 2 years after<br>effective date of permit  | 2020   |
| Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)   | Create SWPPPs for<br>maintenance garages,<br>transfer stations, and<br>other waste-handling<br>facilities  | DPW to manage, will involve a number of City Departments                                      | Complete and<br>implement 2 years after<br>effective date of permit   |  |
| Catch basin cleaning   | Establish schedule for<br>catch basin cleaning<br>such that each catch<br>basin is no more than<br>50% full and clean catch<br>basins on that schedule                             | SUEZ  | Inventory catch basins<br>depths to established<br>schedule and report<br>number of catch<br>basins cleaned and<br>volume of material<br>moved annually | 2020   |
| Street sweeping program  | Sweep all streets and<br>permitee-owned parking<br>lots in accordance with<br>permit conditions  | SUEZ  | Sweep all streets and<br>permitee-owned<br>parking lots once per<br>year in the spring  | 2020   |
| Road salt use optimization program   | Establish and implement<br>a program to minimize<br>the use of road salt   | DPW   | Implement salt use<br>optimization during<br>deicing season   | 2021   |

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| Inspections and maintenance of stormwater treatment structures | Establish and implement<br>inspection and<br>maintenance procedures<br>and frequencies | DPW  | Inspect and maintain<br>treatment structures at<br>least annually | 2021 |
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#### Actions for Meeting Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Requirements

Use the drop-down menus to select the applicable TMDL, action description to meet the TMDL requirements, and the responsible department/parties. If no options are applicable, or more than one, enter your own text to override drop-down menus.

| Applicable TMDL                   | Action Description                               | Responsible Department/Parties<br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) |
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| Long Island Sound TMDL (Nitrogen) | Adhere to requirements in part B.I of Appendix F | DPW and SUEZ   |
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#### Part III: Stormwater Management Program Summary (continued)

Actions for Meeting Requirements Related to Water Quality Limited Waters

Use the drop-down menus to select the pollutant causing the water quality limitation and enter the waterbody ID(s) experiencing excursions above water quality standards for that pollutant. In addition, if you are subject to additional requirements due to a downstream nutrient impairment (see Part 2.2.2 of the permit) select the pollutant of concern and indicate applicable waterbody IDs or write "all waterbodies" if applicable. Choose the action description from the dropdown menu and indicate the responsible party. If no options are applicable, or more than one, **enter your own text to override drop-down menus.** 

| Pollutant | Waterbody ID(s)              | Action Description                               | Responsible Department/Parties<br>(enter your own text to override the drop down menu) |
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| Nitrogen  | Connecticut River (MA 35-05) | Adhere to requirements in part I of Appendix H   | Department of Public Works   |
| E. Coli   | Connecticut River (MA 35-05) | Adhere to requirements in part III of Appendix H |  |
| TSS       | Connecticut River (MA 35-05) | Adhere to requirements in part V of Appendix H   |  |
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Part IV: Notes and additional information

Use the space below to indicate the part(s) of 2.2.1 and 2.2.2 that you have identified as not applicable to your MS4 because you do not discharge to the impaired water body or a tributary to an impaired water body due to nitrogen or phosphorus. Provide all supporting documentation below or attach additional documents if necessary. Also, provide any additional information about your MS4 program below.

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#### Part V: Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

| Name:     | Alex B Morse | Title: | Mayor    |
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| Signature | allytuorse   |        | 09-27-18 |

[To be signed according to Appendix B, Subparagraph B.11, Standard Conditions]

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September 24, 2018

To whom it may concern:

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) reviewed the stormwater discharge activities associated with the 2016 National Pollutant Discharge and Elimination System (NPDES) Massachusetts (MA) Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) general permit (MA MS4 General Permit) issued by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). We determined those activities may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect, certain species listed under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) of 1973 (87 Stat. 884, as amended; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) when specific conditions are met. When these conditions are met, we do not need to review individual projects. These comments are provided in accordance with section 7 of the ESA and complement existing 2016 MA MS4 General Permit Appendix C Guidance. We understand the applicant is acting as a non-Federal representative of the EPA for the purpose of consultation under section 7. **This letter provides additional guidance for meeting Criterion B and should be submitted as part of your application package to the EPA.** 

If the USFWS Information for Planning and Consultation website (https://ecos.fws.gov/ipac/) indicates your MA MS4 General Permit project action area may contain one or more of the following federally listed endangered species: roseate tern (*Sterna dougallii*), northern red-bellied cooter (*Pseudemys rubriventris*), dwarf wedgemussel (*Alasmidonta heterodon*), rusty patched bumble bee (*Bombus affinis*), northeastern bulrush (*Scirpus ancistrochaetus*), or American chaffseed (*Schwalbea americana*); threatened species: piping plover (*Charadrius melodus*), bog turtle (*Glyptemys muhlenbergii*), Puritan tiger beetle (*Cicindela puritana*), northeastern beach tiger beetle (*Cicindela dorsalis*), or red knot (*Calidris canutus rufa*); or their federally designated critical habitat; and the specific conditions listed below are met, you may submit this letter to complete the **MA MS4 General Permit Appendix C: Step 4** in place of a concurrence letter for informal consultation as documentation of ESA eligibility for **USFWS Criterion B**.

In addition, this letter also satisfies the requirement in the MA MS4 General Permit Appendix C: Step 2 (3) to contact the USFWS and obtain a concurrence letter, if you have not yet done so. If your project action area includes one or more of the above-listed species *and* one or more of the

species listed under **Criterion C**,<sup>1</sup> you may still use this letter to certify under **Criterion B**. All existing guidance regarding requirements for certifying eligibility according to the USFWS Criterion A, B, or C for coverage by the 2016 MS4 Permit (see MA MS4 General Permit Appendix C – Endangered Species Guidance) remains unchanged.

We have determined that proposed stormwater discharge activities covered under the 2016 MS4 Permit *may affect, but are not likely to adversely affect*, the above-listed species and the species' critical habitat when the following are true:

- 1. all stormwater discharges are pre-existing or previously permitted by EPA;
- 2. any planned operations and maintenance work covered by this permit will only affect previously disturbed areas where stormwater controls are already installed. In these situations the chance of encountering any of the subject species is discountable;
- 3. the project implements EPA MS4 Best Management Practices (BMPs) and meets Clean Water Act and Massachusetts Water Quality Standards. Although permitted discharges may reach the environment used by these species, BMPs reduce pollutants to the extent that discharges are not known to have measurable impacts on these species or their habitat;
- 4. no new construction or structural BMPs are proposed under this permit at this time; and
- 5. you agree that if, during the course of the permit term, you plan to install a structural BMP not identified in the Notice of Intent (NOI), you will re-initiate consultation with the USFWS as necessary (see MA MS4 General Permit Appendix C: Step 2 (5)).

If the above criteria are met, further consultation with the USFWS under section 7 of the ESA is not required at this time; however, if the proposed action changes in any way such that it may affect a listed species in a manner not previously analyzed or if new information reveals the presence of additional listed species that may be affected by the project, the applicant or the EPA should contact us immediately and suspend activities that may affect those species until the appropriate level of consultation is completed with our office. Thank you for your cooperation, and please contact David Simmons of this office at (603) 227-6425 if you have questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas R Chapman Supervisor New England Field Office

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Criterion C includes guidance for project action areas that may contain species for which EPA has already made a determination. These species include the northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), sandplain gerardia (*Agalinis acuta*), small whorled pogonia (*Isotria medeoloides*), and/or American burying beetle (*Nicrophorus americanus*) (MA MS4 General Permit Appendix C: Step 3 – Determine if You Can Meet Eligibility USFWS Criterion C).

