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Dear Ms. Govern and Mr. Kilian:

Thank you for the Conservation Law Foundation's (CLF) comments on Notices of Intent (NOIs) that Massachusetts municipalities submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 to be covered by Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer General Permit (MA Small MS4 General Permit). To date, we have received your comments pertaining to the NOIs submitted by the towns of Adams, Bedford, Boxford, Chatham, Chelmsford, Easton, Framingham, Leominster, Lexington, Merrimac, Millis, Milton, Pembroke, Randolph, Topsfield, Tyngsborough, Upton, Wellesley, and Westport.

CLF's comments are comments on the MA Small MS4 General Permit itself rather than on the NOIs. Because CLF has appealed the permit and is engaged in mediation, it is EPA's view that the mediation is the proper forum for continuing to discuss CLF's concerns regarding the permit.

Please contact me at murphy.thelma@epa.gov or at (617) 918-1615 or Erin Flannery-Keith in the EPA Region 1 Office of Regional Counsel at Flannery-keith.erin@epa.gov or (617) 918-1096 with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thelma Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Thelma Murphy, Chief
Stormwater and Construction Permits Section
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cc: Kate R. Bowers and Sarah Buckley, U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and
Natural Resources Division
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