



## TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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RE: **MS4 Permit Waiver Request**

Dear Mr. Tedder:

We received EPA's notification that our Town may be subject to the upcoming MS4 permit and would like to request that EPA exercise its authority to grant an MS4 waiver for our Town. The purpose of this letter is to formally request that the Town of Ashburnham be granted a waiver for the requirements to obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for the MS4 that we own and operate in the southern part of Town.

The designated area within the municipality is small and has discharges that do not cause, or have the potential to cause, water quality impairment. The MS4 area is less than 1,000 people. The actual population according to current information is 602 people. The area is not substantially contributing to the pollutant loadings of water bodies in or adjacent to the area.

The reason we are asking for this waiver is that:

- The Town of Ashburnham has 602 people living in the regulated urbanized area.
- Enclosed is a map of the area.

We have spoken with MassDEP about our request and DEP agrees that the contribution of nutrients from our storm water system into the MS4 area is *de minimus*. Please contact my office if you require any further information.

Thank you in advance for your consideration of our request.

Heather M. Budrewicz  
Town Administrator

Enclosure