



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Region 1

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August 19, 2015

Stuart Beckley, Town Manager
Town of Ware
126 Main Street
Ware, MA 01082

Re: USEPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) – Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Request for Waiver from Permit Coverage

Dear Mr. Beckley:

This letter is in response to your letter from August 23, 2013 requesting a waiver from the requirements of the small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit requirements. Based on the information presented in your request, EPA has determined that your small MS4 is located in a jurisdiction with a population under 1,000 within the urbanized area as defined by the 2010 Census and satisfies the criteria identified at 40 CFR §123.35(d)(1). Therefore, the town of Ware is hereby granted a waiver from the Massachusetts Stormwater MS4 permit requirements and at this time will not be required to obtain permit coverage for stormwater discharges from their small MS4. However, please be aware that this waiver does not constitute an outright exemption from the Stormwater Program. The town should periodically review the information presented in your request and notify EPA if the conditions for the waiver have changed. Similarly, EPA will periodically review the information used in the waiver determination and evaluate if conditions have changed. In addition, EPA will review any waiver when a petitioner provides evidence that the information required for granting the waiver has substantially changed. Based on such reviews, EPA may require the town of Ware to seek permit coverage in the future.

If you have any questions concerning the Stormwater Program and its requirements please contact Newton Tedder at 617-918-1038 or tedder.newton@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Ken Moraff", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

Ken Moraff, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection

cc: Frederick Civian, MassDEP Bureau of Resource Protection - via e-mail
Thomas J. Martens, P.E., Director of Public Works, Town of Ware