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October 29, 2012

Thelma Murphy, Chief
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U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
5 Post Office Square – Suite 100 (OEP06-1)
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Subject: Request for Waiver for Town of Epping from
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permitting Requirements

Dear Ms. Murphy:

The purpose of this letter is to formally request that the Town of Epping be granted a waiver pursuant to 40CFR122.32(d) from the requirement to obtain coverage under an NPDES permit for the MS4 that we own and operate in the small urbanized area (UA) in town.

The Town of Epping is a small community of 6,411 people in southeastern New Hampshire. It is a rural and slowly developing bedroom community.

We believe that this request is appropriate for the following reasons:

- Our UA, based on the 2010 Census, shows a population of only 601 people.
- The two small isolated UA's total only 0.61 square miles or only 2.3 percent of the town's total area (26.2 sq. mi.)
- The storm drainage system in the UA is almost totally drainage swales discharging to unnamed intermittent streams and the soils in the area allow for significant infiltration. None of the swales are interconnected to a neighboring town's MS4 since the land all slopes toward the portion of the Lamprey River that is in Epping.
- None of the unnamed intermittent streams are on the State's 303(d) list of impaired waters. We believe that the listed impairments for the Lamprey River (pH and aluminum) are due to acid rain.
- We met with Jeff Andrews of the NH Department of Environmental Services on September 26, 2012 and he supports this request. Mr. Andrews recently evaluated the potential for activities occurring within our UA to affect surface water quality.

A prompt reply to this letter is requested since we do not wish to expend resources unnecessarily on the Notice of Intent if the permit requirement can be waived.

If you have any questions relative to this request please call me at (603) 679-5441.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Karen Falcone", is written over a horizontal line.

Karen Falcone
Chairman, Board of Selectmen

cc: Jeffrey G. Andrews, P.E., NHDES