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Dear Mr. Mills:

The Technical Services Branch of the Massachusetts Division of Water Pollution Control in fulfillment of its responsibilities under the Federal Clean Waters Act PL92-500 has conducted a series of comprehensive examinations of water quality conditions throughout the Buzzards Bay drainage basin. These surveys are also being incorporated into the EPA's Comprehensive Study of Buzzards Bay.

The next sub-watershed to be examined during the week of October 13 will be in the Acushnet River/New Bedford Harbor area. In addition to the collection of surface water samples, we would also be collecting water samples from the major municipal and industrial discharges as authorized under G.L. c. 21, 5.43 and contained in regulations 314 CMR 3.00 Massachusetts Surface Water Discharge Permit Program and specifically under 314 CMR 3.19:(9). Our plan would entail the installation of a portable sampling unit at the appropriate point in the waste stream discharge(s) for the purpose of collecting either a composite sample or the collection of a single grab sample at that discharge point.

Analysis would be conducted at the Commonwealth's laboratory (Lawrence Experiment Station).

Data collected in this survey will be incorporated into the Division's overall assessment of water quality conditions throughout the bay.

As project coordinator I would appreciate the opportunity to work with you on this matter.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (617) 366-9181, extension 42.

Sincerely,

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