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September 3, 2008

David Webster
NPDES Industrial Permits Branch
USEPA – New England
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100
Boston, MA 02114-2023

**Re: Water Quality Certification
Commercial and Large Recreational Vessels NPDES General Permit**

Dear Mr. Webster:

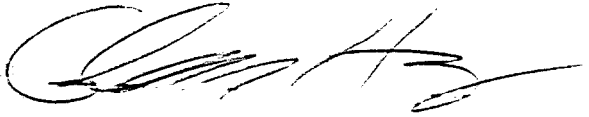
Your office has requested the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection to issue a water quality certification pursuant to Section 401(a) of the Federal Clean Water Act (“the Act”) and 40 CFR 124.53 for the above referenced NPDES general permit. The Department has reviewed the proposed general permit and has determined that the conditions of the general permit will achieve compliance with sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 of the Federal Act, and with the provisions of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, ss. 26-53, and regulations promulgated thereunder. The permit conditions are sufficient to comply with the antidegradation provisions of the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards [314 CMR 4.04] and the policy [October 6, 1993] implementing those provisions.

The Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program submitted comments on the proposed general permit to U. S. Environmental Protection Agency on July 21, 2008 (letter to Docket ID No. EPA-HQ-OW-2008-0055 from Leslie-Ann McGee, Director). The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection requests that the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program’s comments and recommended changes and/or additions cited in the letter be added to the general permit. The elements cited in the letter are necessary to meet the Massachusetts Coastal Zone Management Program’s Consistency Review and are cited by reference as requirements of this 401 Water Quality Certification.

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The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection hereby certifies the referenced general permit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Haas', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Glenn Haas, Director
Division of Watershed Management
Bureau of Resource Protection

cc: Paul Hogan
Todd Callaghan, MACZM
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