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December 6, 2012

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Subject: Request for Waiver for Town of Brentwood 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 Brentwood 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 Brentwood is a small community of 4,486 people in southeastern New Hampshire. It is a rural and slowly developing bedroom community. The town does not have sewers and zoning requires that single-family homes be built on lots of at least 2 acres.

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

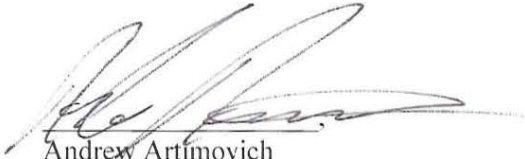
- Our UA, based on the 2010 Census, shows a population of only 252 people.
- The two small isolated UA's total only 0.31 square miles or only 1.8 percent of the town's total area (17 sq. mi.).
- The storm drainage system in the UA is almost totally drainage swales discharging to intermittent streams and the soils in the area allow for significant infiltration. We do not believe that any of the swales are interconnected to a neighboring town's MS4 since the land all slopes toward two unnamed tributaries to the Exeter River or the Exeter River itself.
- Neither of the unnamed tributaries to the Exeter River is on the State's 303(d) list of impaired waters. We believe that the listed impairment for the Exeter River (pH) is due to acid rain and a significant number of wetland tributaries to the river that have naturally occurring low pH.
- Our Circuit Rider Planner, Glenn Greenwood spoke with Jeff Andrews of the NH Department of Environmental Services on December 6, 2012 and he supports this request. Mr. Andrews recently evaluated the potential for activities occurring within our UA to affect surface water quality.

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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 Karen Clement at (603) 642 6400 ext. 10.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andrew Artimovich', is written over a horizontal line.

Andrew Artimovich
Board of Selectmen, Chairman

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