**VIA EMAIL**

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Dear Ms. Govern and Mr. Kilian:

Thank you for the Conservation Law Foundation's (CLF) comments on Notices of Intents (NOIs) submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) Region 1 for coverage under the Massachusetts Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer General Permit (MA Small MS4 General Permit). On January 4, 2019 we received your comments pertaining to the NOIs submitted by the following applicants: United States Coast Guard Base Cape Cod (BCC), MassBay Community College, U.S. Army Soldier Systems Center, University of Massachusetts Boston, University of Massachusetts Medical School, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System Jamaica Plain Campus, Veterans Affairs Boston Healthcare System West Roxbury Campus, Westover Air Reserve Base, Worcester State University, and Veterans Affairs Central Western MA Healthcare System.

CLF's comments are comments on the MA Small MS4 General Permit itself rather than on the NOIs. Because CLF has appealed the permit and is engaged in mediation, it is EPA's view that the mediation is the proper forum for continuing to discuss CLF's concerns regarding the permit.

Please contact me at murphy.thelma@epa.gov or at (617) 918-1615 or Erin Flannery-Keith in the EPA Region 1 Office of Regional Counsel at Flannery-keith.erin@epa.gov or (617) 918-1096 with any questions.

Sincerely,

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cc:     Kate R. Bowers and Sarah Buckley, U.S. Department of Justice, Environment and
        Natural Resources Division
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