



Department of Public Infrastructure

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CITY OF NEW BEDFORD
Scott W. Lang, Mayor

**Water
Wastewater
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March 19, 2008

Todd Borci
United States EPA Region 1
One Congress Street
Suite 1100 - CMU
Boston, MA 02114

Re: Elimination of CSO 012

Dear Mr. Borci:

In calendar year 2007, the City of New Bedford applied for and received a \$15,000 grant from the Buzzards Bay National Estuary Project – monies which had to be used to remediate stormwater in order to open or protect shellfish habitat.

As a result, the City utilized these grant monies in combination with the Departments resources in undertaking a sewer separation project to eliminate CSO 012 – located at the bottom of Bellevue St, along East Rodney French Blvd. This effort reduced the City's CSO total to 26, from a total of the 41 identified in the 1990 Facilities Plan.

To summarize this undertaking, 14 new structures were installed and approximately 1,500 feet of new storm drain was placed in the ground. The City estimates the total cost of this separation project to be \$259,563.

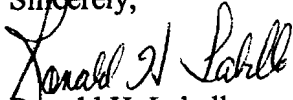
The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries, in cooperation with the City's Shellfish Constable, to date, has collected 2 sets of samples (5 sets of samples, under various conditions, must be compliant prior to any shellfish bed opening). The results analyzed thus far of the samples collected have revealed total compliance. The City is anticipating that this new shellfish habitat (approximating 2+ acres) will be opened sometime in the fall of 2008.

Again, I take this opportunity to demonstrate the City of New Bedford's continuing program to identify and initiate solutions to remediate CSO discharges.

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Should you have any questions or concerns regarding this matter, please contact do not hesitate to contact me at 508-979-1556.

Sincerely,



Ronald H. Labelle
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