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Secretary Ian A. Bowles
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Attn: MEPA Office

RE: Mosquito Control Program: EOEEA #5027, dated January 16, 2009

Dear Secretary Bowles:

The State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board (the Board) hereby respectfully submits the 2nd EIR update for Mosquito Control Program: **EOEEA #5027**, dated January 16, 2009.

Through this submission, the Board is fulfilling its commitment per the Special Review Procedure (SRP) specified in the Secretary's January 16, 2009 certificate. Specifically, this update includes the following:

- 1) Comprehensive document titled *Update to the 1998 Mosquito Control Program Generic Environmental Impact Report (GEIR) EOEEA #5027* that addresses, evaluates, and reviews mosquito control practices including Integrated Pest Management (IPM), reviews current literature, and describes current monitoring programs of mosquito control projects;

- 2) Freshwater Best Management Practices (BMP) document titled *Mechanized Wetland Management Activity Post Monitoring Guidance* for mosquito control activities conducted in freshwater wetlands;
- 3) An Open Marsh Water Management (OMWM) Program report titled: *Open Marsh Water Management in Northeastern Massachusetts from 1998-2008: A Ten Year Review*;
- 4) The Board's "Response to Comments" which addresses comments received on the November 2008 1st EIR update and includes copies of all comment letters cited at the end of the Secretary's January 16th Certificate;
- 5) 2008 Annual Reports of the 9 mosquito control projects; and
- 6) The following additional documents are provided in response to comments and to provide a complete record of significant actions by the Board since 1998.
 - the Cranberry Sampling Study for Anvil 10+10 Southeastern Massachusetts prepared by the Center of Environmental Health MA Department of Public Health;
 - Memorandum of Understanding Between the Division of Fisheries and Wildlife and the Department of Agricultural Resources;
 - State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Mosquito Misting Systems Position Statement;
 - Adult Mosquito Control Pesticide Label Compliance Policy Pertaining to the Protection of Bees by the State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board;
 - Methoprene, A review of the impacts of the insect growth regulator methoprene on non-target aquatic organisms in fish bearing waters (Ver. 2.0) For the Massachusetts Pesticide Board Subcommittee;
 - State Reclamation and Mosquito Control Board Administrative Policies such as the Employee Time Off Policy, Budget Policy, Budget Q & A, Motor Vehicle Accidents, and Commissioner Indemnification;
 - Adult Mosquito Control Intervention Parameters, and Scientific Data to Support Effectiveness of Spraying; and
 - Massachusetts Mosquito Fact Sheet.

The Board has made every effort to ensure that the submission of this 2nd EIR Update will address public concerns about mosquito control raised since 1998.

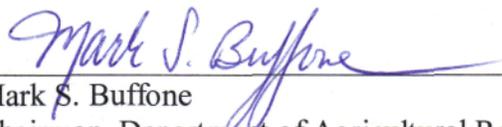
All of the information submitted in the 1st and 2nd EIR updates along with documents posted on the Board's website <http://www.mass.gov/agr/mosquito/> demonstrates that Massachusetts mosquito control programs operate within an Integrated Pest Management (IPM) framework and utilize widely accepted mosquito surveillance and control practices.

The Board intends to broadly circulate the 2nd GEIR update, including but not limited to, all the respondents noted in the January 16th, 2009 certificate, Boards of Health, Conservation Commissions, town officials of mosquito control project member cities and towns, and the main public libraries throughout the state. Additionally, these documents will be available on the Board's website.

To provide further opportunities for public involvement going forward, the Board, in conjunction with the 9 mosquito control projects, is proposing to conduct public meetings for the purpose of inviting public review and comment on mosquito control programs in Massachusetts.

The Board will continue to pursue improvements to current Massachusetts mosquito control programs and sincerely hopes that this 2nd EIR update will adequately fulfill and meet the Secretary's certificate pertaining to the Massachusetts Mosquito Control Program.

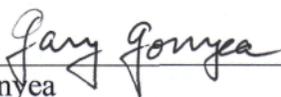
Thank you.



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