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Ross B. Dindio
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State Transportation Building
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Re: Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's Completeness Determination of Central Artery/Tunnel Project Operating Certification Under 310 CMR 7.38

Dear Mr. Dindio:

On June 5, 2006, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) received a request from the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority (MTA) for review and acceptance of the Central Artery/Tunnel Project Operating Certification (Certification) pursuant to 310 CMR 7.38. MTA's request included copies of a technical support document (TSD) entitled, "Central Artery (I-93)/Tunnel (I-90) Project, Operating Certification of the Project Ventilation System" dated June 2, 2006. On July 5, 2006 MassDEP issued an incompleteness determination letter setting an August 4, 2006 deadline for Certification re-submittal. However, following the I-90 Connector Tunnel ceiling collapse, MassDEP issued another letter to MTA allowing additional time to address ventilation impacts from this event. MTA resubmitted the Certification to MassDEP on August 25, 2006. This letter serves as notification of MassDEP's decision finding MTA's request to be administratively complete pursuant to 310 CMR 7.38(5).

In accordance with 310 CMR 7.38(5), once MassDEP determines that the Certification is administratively complete, MassDEP shall notify the project proponent and provide notice and public hearing. MassDEP will review and consider public comments received and will issue a final letter accepting or rejecting the Certification. MassDEP may impose such conditions on any acceptance of the Certification issued pursuant to 310 CMR 7.38(5) as it deems necessary to meet the criteria of 310 CMR 7.38(2)(a) through (c) and the Preconstruction Certification of the Central Artery/Third Harbor Tunnel Project issued on July 8, 1991 and as amended on September 1, 2000, May 23, 2002, and January 26, 2005.

This information is available in alternate format. Call Donald M. Gomes, ADA Coordinator at 617-556-1057. TDD Service - 1-800-298-2207.

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MassDEP anticipates giving notice and holding the public hearing in November 2006. You will receive a copy of the hearing notice by mail as soon as it is available. Should you have any questions, please contact Jerome Grafe at 617-292-5708.

Sincerely,

SIGNATURE ON ORIGINAL

Arleen O'Donnell
Acting Commissioner

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