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Ms. Judith F. Judson, Commissioner
Department of Energy Resources
Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Dear Commissioner Judson,

It was a pleasure meeting you the other day at the Haverhill Public Library. We enjoyed the benefit of good weather for December, and the dialogue was very helpful. It was especially good to see the outreach effort by the Commonwealth. Thank you.

Our particular interest was in better understanding any environmental issues faced by cities and towns. Our firm was founded nearly 40 years ago on the basis of improving the environment, and that effort continues.

Not long ago we came across work regarding the *Clean Water Act*; and a graduate paper at Worcester Polytechnic Institute. The professors were helping guide a report on the impact of the MS4 regulations, and examining the costs to three small towns in Southern Massachusetts.

Clean water has been especially important here in the Boston area; but the effort to keep it clean into the future will require both time and intelligence. The substance of the report is worthy of your time since it will impact all our cities and towns.

We would consider it an honor and privilege to work in any way to help cities and towns address MS4. We have it upon belief that modest steps now can put the Commonwealth in a much better position in years to come.

Thank you.

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*Compliance Cost Analysis of the 2014 Mass MS4 Permit. 12/18/14. Eric Correia, Michael Giroux, Cameron Peterson
C: Hon. Rachel C. Madden, Undersecretary EOAF