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Town of Wellfleet Selectboard
Attn: Richard Waldo, Town Administrator
300 Main Street
Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667

RE: WELFLEET - WW
Large Systems and Cesspools
Maurice's Campground
80 Route 6
310 CMR 15.000 Title 5

Dear Mr. Mr. Waldo,

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection's (MassDEP or the Department) understands that the Town of Wellfleet is intending to purchase Maurice's Campground located at 80 Route 6, Wellfleet, Massachusetts 02667. As you know, Maurice's Campground is not in compliance with the current wastewater regulations.

According to 310 CMR 15.000, cesspools serving a facility with a design flow of 10,000 gallons per day (gpd) or greater (Large System) fail to protect public health, safety, welfare and the environment. Any Large System with cesspools should have been upgraded upon the order of the Department or the local approving authority by April 5, 2005 and therefore the systems at this location are not in compliance with the regulations. Depending on the circumstance, and in cases such as this, the Department can require a higher level of environmental protection such as a wastewater treatment facility.

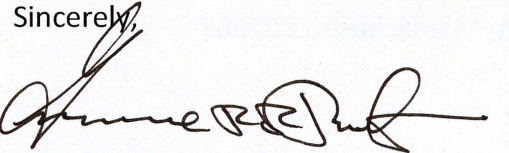
The Town of Wellfleet's Targeted Watershed Management Plan (TWMP) is currently under review by MassDEP. Wellfleet's Draft TWMP currently does not include proposed plans for Maurice's Campground; however, through discussions with the Town, MassDEP understands the goal is to upgrade the existing facility serving the campground into a wastewater treatment facility that will make affordable housing available. MassDEP commends this initiative as it will address existing nitrogen reduction needs and provide workforce housing. MassDEP recommends that this plan be incorporated into the current timeline within the TWMP towards the Total Maximum Dailey Load (TMDL) compliance as nitrogen reduction analysis is required on a sub-watershed level and offset calculations should to be conducted. Additionally, from a

feasibility and funding perspective, the project needs to be included to map out realistic expectations of the hydrogeological analysis, permitting and construction for the site. A

MassDEP understands that it will take time to get this property into compliance with 310 CMR 15.00 and is willing to enter into an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with the Town of Wellfleet when and if the Town becomes the property owner. The ACO would be similar to other ACOs MassDEP has issued to other entities that need to upgrade their large systems.

As you know, the ACO is an enforceable agreement to compel compliance with the wastewater regulations.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact me at me at 508 946-2799 or gerard.martin@mass.gov.

Sincerely,


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Bureau of Water Resources

cc: Wellfleet Board of Health
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