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## Department of Environmental Protection

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February 29, 2016

Fred Knight, Chair Wayland Wastewater Management District Commission 66 River Road Wayland, Massachusetts 01778

Re: Sewer Allocation

Dear Mr. Knight:

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) has received your letter transmitted by email attachment on January 26, 2016, where the Wayland Wastewater Management District Commission (WWMDC) requests that MassDEP confirm that it has no objection to reallocation of 820 gallons per day of wastewater design flow to the sewer system. The WWMDC is seeking to repurpose unused sewer allocations from a residence which is no longer connected to the sewer, and from the Wayland Commons project.

MassDEP has discussed WWMDC sewer capacity issues on many occasions, and further, has taken action to address MassDEP concerns through issuing a sewer connection permit for the Wayland Town Center Project, and more recently through entering into an Administrative Consent Order (ACO) with the WWMDC and the Town of Wayland on January 15, 2013. The ACO includes specific actions which WWMDC and the Town will need to undertake if and when the flows to the WWMDC wastewater treatment facility exceed 80 percent of the NPDES permitted flow limit. As such, MassDEP has no intention at this time of issuing any sewer connection permits or formally approving any sewer allocations. Rather, WWMDC is at liberty to issue sewer connection permits or manage allocations, subject to compliance with MassDEP

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regulations, the ACO, and the terms and conditions of the current NPDES and Groundwater Discharge Permit. Accordingly, WWMDC may move forward with the reallocation of the 820 gallons per day of sewer flows at your discretion.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Kevin Brander of my staff at (978) 694-3236.

Sincerely,

Regional Director

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Cc: Nan Balmer, Wayland Town Administrator Mark Lanza, Wayland Town Counsel

Julia Junghanns, Wayland Board of Health