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Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Water Division of Watershed Management
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Worcester, Massachusetts 01608

Subject: Annual Report on Storm Water Management Goals for 2010

We value your involvement in our Storm Water Management Plan. Our mission is to provide superb healthcare to our veterans while being good stewards of the environment. As such, we feel our efforts in storm water management have helped us to further our mission and enhance our environmental management program.

Goal 1: Public Education and Outreach

- New employee orientation, annual mandatory environmental training (i.e., GEMS) and our Annual Facilities Management Awareness Day incorporate messages to inform employees that dumping to storm drains has the potential to pollute local waters.

Goal 2: Public Participation/Involvement

- The VA West Roxbury campus is a member of the Charles River Watershed Association.

Goal 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

- The storm water map has been reviewed and updated accordingly.
- Outfall locations are routinely inspected.

Goal 4: Construction Site Runoff Control

- Sediment and erosion from construction activities are managed through our storm water management plan and permits when required.
- Routine site inspections help assure compliance and good management practices.
- All construction sites are carefully monitored by project engineers to assure that the contractor meets the requirements of the specifications and does not create any problems off the site.
- Contractors are informed of our storm water management plan and associated requirements for site management.

Goal 5: Post Construction Runoff Control

- The facility conducts Environment of Care Rounds on a weekly basis. This multi-disciplinary group inspects all areas of the hospital including grounds. Our environmental program (GEMS) is included as part of the inspection team and storm water management practices are reviewed.

Goal 6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

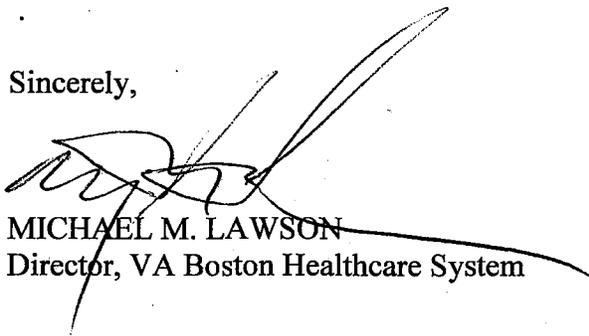
- Annual catch basin cleaning and street sweeping activities occurred during this reporting period.
- Employees and contractors are continually educated about best management practices.

Goal 7: Controlling Pollutants of Concern

- Pollutants of concern have been identified by MA DEP for the Charles River and include: Priority Organics, Metals, Nutrients, Bacterial, Siltation, Organic Enrichment/Low Dissolved Oxygen, (Other Habitat Alterations), Oil & Grease, and Taste, Odor, & Color. The hospital routinely evaluates activities that may contribute to these priority pollutants.
- We are in contact with the City of Boston to assess our regulatory obligations at least 60 days prior to the May 1 annual report submission. At this time, there are no obligations at this time.

If you have any questions, or desire further information, you may contact William Gavazzi, Engineering Manager, West Roxbury facility at 857-203-6694 or Bryan Soltysik, Environmental Manager, at 857-203-6522.

Sincerely,



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- The VA Brockton campus is a member of the Taunton Watershed Alliance.

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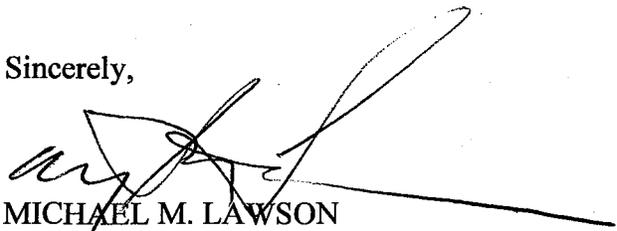
- Grounds cleaning and street sweeping activities occurred during this reporting period.
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- No pollutants of concern have been identified by the MA DEP for the Coweaset Brook.
- We are in contact with the City of Brockton to assess our regulatory obligations. At this time, there are no obligations.

If you have any questions, or desire further information, you may contact Peter Lopes, Engineering Manager, Brockton facility at 774-826-1145 or Bryan Soltysik, Environmental Manager at 857-203-6522.

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- The VA Jamaica Plain campus is a member of the Charles River Watershed Association which covers the Muddy River Watershed.

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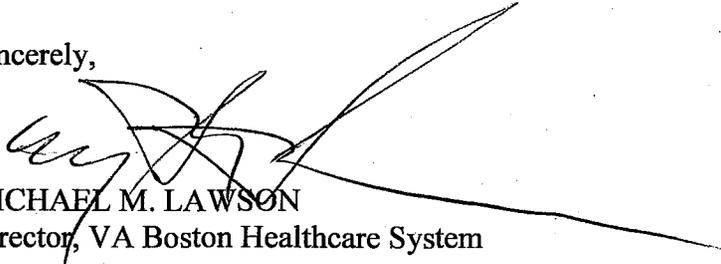
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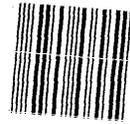
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