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## CERTIFICATE OF THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS ON THE NOTICE OF PROJECT CHANGE

PROJECT NAME : Phase 2 Sewer Extension Project/Wastewater  
Management Plan  
PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Provincetown  
PROJECT WATERSHED : Cape Cod  
EOEA NUMBER : 10908  
PROJECT PROPONENT : Town of Provincetown  
DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : December 23, 2006

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.10 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I have reviewed the Notice of Project Change (NPC) submitted on this project and determine that it **does not require** further MEPA review.

The project originally consisted of the preparation of a Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan, which provided an analysis of the alternatives for wastewater management, the alternative plans and their environmental impacts, and the recommended plan. The plan involved sewerage the downtown area, constructing an advanced wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) at the old burn dump, and discharging the treated effluent to discharge beds located along the Route 6 corridor. The WWTF was constructed to treat 500,000 gallons per day (gpd) of wastewater. However, the collection system and the effluent discharge system were sized to accommodate 750,000 gpd. On March 16, 2001, the Secretary determined that the Final Environmental Impact Report (FEIR) was adequate.

This NPC was submitted for MEPA review on December 8, 2006. The proponent is seeking to extend the existing Provincetown sewer collection system to include the former Provincetown Department of Public Works (DPW) Garage site and the Shank Painter Basin areas. The DPW site has been identified as an affordable housing site by the Town. Many of the properties in the proposed Shank Painter Basin area currently do not comply with the Title 5 septic system requirements or will have difficulty complying with Title 5 in the future. The project includes the installation of two below-grade submersible pump stations and one below-

grade lift station in previously developed areas and approximately 22,000 feet of force main and gravity-fed sewer piping within existing paved roadways or along the shoulder of roadways.

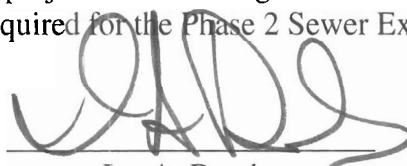
The proponent estimates that the project will generate approximately 75,000 gpd of wastewater. According to the proponent, the WWTF's actual capacity has recently been demonstrated to be 575,000 gpd.

The proponent will need to obtain a Sewer System Extension Permit (BRP WP 14) from the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP). On December 5, 2006, the proponent received an Order of Conditions from the Provincetown Conservation Commission (PCC) for impacts to wetland resource area buffer zones. The project may need to comply with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for stormwater discharges from a construction site. The proponent is requesting financial assistance for the project via MassDEP's State Revolving Fund (SRF).

To avoid any direct impacts to the cemetery or mapped Estimated and Priority Habitat located between Court and Winthrop Streets, the proponent proposes to install one short section of piping via directional drilling. The Natural Heritage and Endangered Species Program (NHESP) indicated to the PCC that the project as proposed will not result in short- or long-term adverse effects on the habitat of state-listed wildlife species. On November 9, 2006, the Massachusetts Historical Commission (MHC) stated that the project is unlikely to affect significant historic or archaeological resources. However, the proponent should continue to coordinate the directional drilling portion of the project with MHC by providing the information requested in its comment letter of January 4, 2007. The Cape Cod Commission (CCC) indicated that this Phase 2 sewer collection system expansion as proposed is consistent with its March 29, 2001 Development of Regional Impact (DRI) decision.

Based on a review of the information provided by the proponent, a review of the comment letters, and after consultation with the state agencies, MassDEP has sufficient permitting authority to condition this project so that no significant environmental impacts would occur. No further MEPA review is required for the Phase 2 Sewer Extension Project.

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Comments received:

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