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

PROJECT NAME : Campus Development Plan for Emmanuel College

PROJECT MUNICIPALITY : Boston

PROJECT WATERSHED : Charles River

EOEA NUMBER : 11881

PROJECT PROPONENT : Emmanuel College

DATE NOTICED IN MONITOR : N/A

Pursuant to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (G. L. c. 30, ss. 61-62H) and Section 11.06 of the MEPA regulations (301 CMR 11.00), I hereby determine that this project change is insignificant and does not require the preparation of an Environmental Impact Report.

The project was the subject of an Environmental Notification Form (ENF) in 1999 and Draft and Final Environmental Impact Reports (EIRs) in 2000 that were found to be adequate in Certificates issued by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs. As originally proposed, the project, in part, entailed the demolition of three existing residence halls (Loreto Hall, St. Joseph, and St. Ann dormitories) totaling approximately 201,000 square feet (sf) and their replacement with five residence halls totaling approximately 228,200 sf. In a Notice of Project Change (NPC) submitted in 2001, the proponent deferred construction of the new residence halls.

In this current NPC, the proponent now proposes to construct a new 77,500 sf seven-story Fenway Residence Hall that will house approximately 211 students. The three residence halls originally proposed for demolition will be retained. In the NPC, the proponent requested that I find this project change insignificant, in accordance with the MEPA regulations at CMR

11.10(6). The currently proposed development program represents a 3.8 percent increase in gross floor area and will generate an additional 13,715 gallons per day of wastewater over that which was proposed in the Final EIR for the campus development plan. The current development program is not expected to generate any additional traffic over that which was previously reviewed as the Fenway Residence Hall is not intended to accommodate an increase in enrollment but rather, to house students who would otherwise be living off-campus. No new off-street parking is proposed in conjunction with the development of the residence hall. The project change does not require any state agency permits nor will it receive any state financial assistance.

Based on the information presented in the NPC, I find that the proposed project change is insignificant, in accordance with the MEPA regulations at 310 CMR 11.10(6). No further MEPA review is required.

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Comments received:

None

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