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George E. Price, Jr., Superintendent
United States Department of the Interior
National Park Service
Cape Cod National Seashore
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re: Authorization of Emergency Action - Water Quality Certification
Access for Demolition of 5 Cottages
North Beach, Chatham

Dear Mr. Price:

This letter is in response to your March 5, 2012, request for emergency authorization for your project affecting wetlands and other waters of the Commonwealth. Based on the Department of Environmental Protection's review of the information, photos and work plans submitted with your letter, less than 5000 square feet (s.f.) of land under water as well as isolated vegetated wetlands in an interdunal area, will be temporarily filled by the use of swamp mats in order to access the 5 cottages slated for demolition. In accordance with 314 CMR 9.12, the Department has determined that this authorization of emergency action is appropriate in order to avoid a threat to public safety and the environment. This authorization approves the temporary use of swamp mats in the locations shown on the work plans submitted with your request, in accordance with the following provisions:

1) Any cutting of vegetation shall be avoided if feasible and if not, minimized and strictly limited to impact the least amount of shrub swamp.
2) Salt marsh, submerged aquatic vegetation and isolated vegetated wetlands shall be avoided to the maximum extent feasible. Any impacted areas shall be restored upon completion of work.
3) All debris shall be removed within 30 days of the date of this authorization.
4) Access routes shall be staked to ensure minimization of impacts. Access points shall be as illustrated on the plan entitled WORK PLAN Contract No. P12PC00156 prepared for United States Department of Interior National Park Service, dated February 17, 2012.

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The time limit for the performance of emergency work shall not exceed 30 days unless a written extension is approved by the Department.

This emergency authorization does not relieve you from compliance with other applicable federal, state, and local requirements and approvals.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at (508) 946-2804.

Sincerely,

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Bureau of Resource Protection

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