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The Honorable Ian A. Bowles, Secretary
Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs
100 Cambridge Street, Suite 900
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Re: *Logan Airport 2007 Environmental Data Report (2007 EDR) - EOE #3247*

Dear Secretary Bowles:

On behalf of the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), I am pleased to submit for your review, the *Boston-Logan International Airport 2007 Environmental Data Report (2007 EDR)*.

As described in the *2007 EDR*, air passenger traffic at Logan Airport continued to grow and exceeded the historic peak volume that was reached in 2000. Even though air passenger traffic increased by 1.4 percent in 2007, total aircraft operations at Logan Airport decreased by 1.6 percent, demonstrating that airlines operating at Logan Airport continued to improve their operational efficiency, in part by increasing the average number of air passengers per flight. With airlines today operating much more efficiently and flying more passengers with fewer aircraft, there have been environmental benefits. For example, emissions of volatile organic compounds were 3 percent lower in 2007 than in 2006, largely due to a reduction in emissions from commercial (air carrier) aircraft engines.

Content and Structure

The *2007 EDR* responds fully to the Secretary's Certificate on the *Boston-Logan International Airport 2006 EDR* and reports on the status of airport operations, environmental conditions, and Massport milestones achieved in 2007. The document incorporates comments made on the *2006 EDR* and consists of one volume reporting on the following:

- Highlights for 2007, including an overview of sustainability initiatives at Logan Airport;
- Passenger levels, aircraft operations, and cargo volumes for 2007;
- Planning, design and construction activities at Logan Airport in 2007;
- Regional transportation in 2007;
- Conditions in 2007 for the key environmental indicators (Ground Transportation, Noise Abatement, Air Quality/Emissions Reduction, and Water Quality/Environmental Compliance and Management);
- Mitigation update for Logan Airport projects;
- Secretary's Certificate on the *Boston-Logan International Airport 2006 EDR* and other comment letters received on the *2006 EDR*;
- Individual responses to comments received on the *2006 EDR*;
- Secretary's Certificates on the annual reports issued for reporting years 2004 and 2005;
- Proposed scope for the *2008 EDR*;
- Distribution list; and
- Supporting technical appendices.

Operating

Boston Logan International Airport • Port of Boston general cargo and passenger terminals • Tobin Memorial Bridge • Hanscom Field • Boston Fish Pier • Commonwealth Pier (site of the World Trade Center Boston) • Worcester Regional Airport

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Review Period, Distribution, and Consultation

A 30-day public comment period for the *2007 EDR* will begin on September 24, 2008, the publication date of the next Environmental Monitor, and will end on October 24, 2008. The attached distribution list indicates that all parties on the distribution list will be sent a copy of the *2007 EDR* on CD. A smaller number of reviewers will be sent hard copies of the *2007 EDR*. The full *2007 EDR* will also be available on Massport's website (www.massport.com). A MEPA consultation session on the *2007 EDR* is scheduled for 4:00 to 6:00 PM on October 16, 2008, at the Logan Office Center, One Harborside Drive, East Boston (Logan Airport) in the Human Resources Training Room on the first floor. Additional copies of the *2007 EDR* can be obtained by contacting Laurie Goodrich at (617) 568-3507 during the public comment period.

Future Filings and Timing

Massport is proceeding with the five-year filing cycle for the *EDRs* and *Environmental Status and Planning Reports (ESPRs)*. The following future filings will complete the current five-year filing cycle:

- *2008 EDR* to be filed in 2009; and
- *2009 ESPR* to be filed in 2010.

Massport hopes that you and other reviewers of the *2007 EDR* find the document informative and complete. We look forward to your review of this document and to close consultation with you and other reviewers in the coming weeks. Please feel free to contact Jacki Wilkins at (617) 568-3558 if you have any questions.

Very truly yours,



Stewart Dalzell
Deputy Director, Economic Planning and Development

cc: *2007 EDR* Distribution List (Appendix D in the *2007 EDR*)



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To: Reviewers

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Enclosed is a CD-ROM version of the *Boston-Logan International Airport 2007 Environmental Data Report (2007 EDR)*. The CD-ROM includes the complete *2007 EDR* including the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) Certificate, comment letters, responses to comments, and all technical appendices.

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You must have access to Adobe® Reader®, a free computer software program, in order to read the information on the CD-ROM. If your computer does not have Adobe® Reader® installed already, a free copy of the program can be downloaded from the Adobe website (www.adobe.com).

To request a printed copy (runs approximately three hundred pages), please contact Laurie Goodrich in Massport's Economic Planning and Development Department at (617) 568-3507. Please note that an electronic copy of the document is also available on Massport's website at www.massport.com.

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