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JOINT REOPENING OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PUBLIC MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AS AMENDED, AND UNDER SECTIONS 27 AND 43 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATERS ACT, AS AMENDED.

DATE OF PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: March 14, 2018 – April 27, 2018

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0101613

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-011-2018

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 995
Springfield, MA 01101-0995

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Springfield Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility and from 24 Combined Sewer Overflow Outfalls (CSOs)
Route 5 Bondi Island
Agawam, MA 01001

RECEIVING WATER: Connecticut River, Chicopee River and Mill River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: Class B

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) have cooperated in the development of a permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify this draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet or a statement of basis (describing the type of facility; type and quantities of wastes; a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions; and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing this draft permit) may be obtained at no cost at

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-draft-individual-npdes-permits>

or by contacting:

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5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OEP06-1)
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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit is on file and may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC MEETING:

The Regional Administrator has determined, pursuant to 40 CFR §124.12, that a significant degree of public interest exists in this proposed permit and that a public meeting should be held in Springfield, Massachusetts to consider this permit. Accordingly, a public meeting will be held on the following date and time:

DATE: Tuesday, April 24, 2018
TIME: 5:00 pm – 6:00pm
LOCATION: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Second Floor Large Conference Room
60 Congress Street
Springfield, MA 01104

The following is a summary of the procedures that will be followed at the public meeting:

- The Presiding Chairperson will have the authority to open and conclude the meeting and to maintain order.
- EPA will make a short presentation describing the NPDES permit process and the draft permit conditions, and then accept questions from the audience.
- Formal oral comments concerning the draft permit will not be accepted at the public meeting. Formal oral comments will be accepted at the subsequent public hearing.

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Regional Administrator has determined, pursuant to 40 CFR §124.12, that a significant degree of public interest exists in this proposed permit and that a public hearing should be held in Springfield, Massachusetts to consider this permit. Accordingly, a public hearing will be held on

the same date and following the close of the public meeting:

DATE: Tuesday, April 24, 2018

TIME: 6:15 pm

LOCATION: Pioneer Valley Planning Commission
Second Floor Large Conference Room
60 Congress Street
Springfield, MA 01104

The following is a summary of the procedures that will be followed at the public hearing:

- The Presiding Chairperson will have the authority to open and conclude the hearing and to maintain order.
- Any person appearing at such a hearing may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of this draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by April 27, 2018, to the U.S. EPA, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109. In reaching a final decision on this draft permit the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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