

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION
REGION I
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

JOINT EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE 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 (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: **June 7, 2019 – July 8, 2019**

PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENDED TO: **July 23, 2019**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0100633**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: **MA-015-19**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility
451 1st Street Boulevard (Route 110)
Lowell, MA 01850

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility
451 1st Street Boulevard (Route 110)
Lowell, MA 01850

and 9 Combined Sewer Overflows Outfalls (CSOs)

RECEIVING WATER AND CLASSIFICATION:

Merrimack River (MA84A-01, 02 and 03): Class B-Treated Water Supply, Warm Water Fishery, CSO

Beaver Brook (MA84A-11): Class B-Cold Water Fishery

Concord River (MA82A-09): Class B-Warm Water Fishery, CSO

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a permit for the above Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility, which discharges treated domestic and industrial wastewater. Sludge from this facility is thickened and trucked offsite for composting and landfill disposal. 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 by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Meridith Finegan
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5 Post Office Square
Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912
Telephone: (617) 918-1533

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.

EXTENSION OF 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 comments and all supporting material for their comments in full by **July 23, 2019**, to the EPA contact and address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider this draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. 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 AND APPEALS:

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. Within 30 days following the notice of the final permit decision any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing to reconsider or contest the final decision.

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