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PROTECTION AGENCY – REGION 1  
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION  
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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE  
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO WATERS OF THE  
UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AS  
AMENDED, AND SECTIONS 27 AND 43 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATERS  
ACT, AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION  
401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: November 2, 2016 – December 1, 2016

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0100315**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-001-2017

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Adams  
Board of Selectmen  
8 Park Street  
Adams, MA 01220

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Adams Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)  
273 Columbia Street  
Adams, MA 01220

RECEIVING WATER: Hoosic River (Segment MA 11-04)  
(Hudson River Basin – USGS Code #02020003)

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the Adams, MA WWTP, which discharges treated domestic and industrial wastewater. Sludge from this facility is transported to the Upper Blackstone Water Pollution Abatement District in Millbury, MA for incineration. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. sections 1251 et seq., the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53, 314 CMR 3.00, and State Surface Water Quality Standards at 314 CMR 4.00. EPA has 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:

The draft permit and explanatory fact sheet may be obtained at no cost at [http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft\\_permits\\_listing\\_ma.html](http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_ma.html) or by contacting:

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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit including all data submitted by the applicant 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 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 December 1, 2016, to the address or email address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and MassDEP 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:

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.

DAVID FERRIS, DIRECTOR  
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