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August 30, 2023

RE: Authorization to Discharge Pollutants to Surface Waters under the Massachusetts Small Wastewater Treatment Facilities General Permit Modification

To Whom It May Concern:

In compliance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, as amended (M.G.L. Chap. 21, §§ 26 - 53) and the implementing regulations at 314 CMR 3.00 and 4.00, as a facility authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1, under the 2023 NPDES Small Wastewater Discharge Facilities (SWWTF) General Permit (GP) Modification No. MAG580000, and having applied for a Notice of Intent for coverage under the accompanying 2023 Massachusetts Small Wastewater Treatment Facilities (MA SWWTF) Surface Water Discharge (SWD) General Permit (GP) Modification, your facility is hereby authorized to discharge under the MA SWWTF SWD GP Modification. Your facility's authorization number is the same as the EPA NPDES Permit Number and the authorization effective date is September 1, 2023.

If you currently discharge under an individual jointly issued NPDES permit or an individual Massachusetts SWD Permit, authorization to discharge under your individual permit terminates on August 31, 2023. Operators must comply with all applicable requirements of the MA SWWTF SWD GP Modification as specified. A copy of the MA SWWTF SWD GP Modification is attached for your reference and is also available on MassDEP's website at [https://www.mass.gov/doc/final-wastewater-treatment-facilities-wwtf-general-permit-mag580000/download?\\_ga=2.6485425.2077356752.1643203899-2033403578.1643203899](https://www.mass.gov/doc/final-wastewater-treatment-facilities-wwtf-general-permit-mag580000/download?_ga=2.6485425.2077356752.1643203899-2033403578.1643203899).

Attachment A of this Authorization clearly defines the latest date by which PFAS testing must take place in accordance with the terms and conditions of the MA SWWTF GP Modification to ensure clarity relative to the effective dates of the MA SWWTF GP Modification and this resulting authorization. The schedule to commence testing is dependent upon location of the discharge relative to public drinking water intakes.

Please contact Claire Golden, MassDEP Permit Writer, at 617-997-8874 or at [claire.golden@mass.gov](mailto:claire.golden@mass.gov) if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lealdon Langley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Lealdon Langley, Director  
Division of Watershed Management  
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ecc: Michele Duspiva, EPA Region 1

## ATTACHMENT A

### **Background**

Paragraph 5.a. of the 2023 MA SWWTF SWD GP Modification requires that permittees authorized for coverage under the 2023 MA SWD SWWTF GP Modification conduct monitoring of the influent, effluent and sludge beginning six (6) months after the permittee has been notified by EPA of a multi-lab validated method for wastewater, or two (2) years after the effective date of the 2023 NPDES SWWTF GP Modification, whichever is earlier. The 2023 MA SWWTF SWD GP Modification further requires that if EPA's multi-lab validated method is not available by twenty (20) months after the effective date of the 2023 NPDES SWWTF GP Modification, the permittee covered under the 2023 MA SWWTF GP Modification shall contact MassDEP ([massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)) for guidance on an appropriate analytical method.

Paragraph 5.a. further requires that permittees located upstream of the drinking water intake of one or more communities shall commence this monitoring beginning 180 days after the effective date of the 2023 NPDES SWWTF GP Modification and shall contact MassDEP ([massdep.npdes@mass.gov](mailto:massdep.npdes@mass.gov)) 90 days prior to starting monitoring for guidance on the appropriate analytical method.

### **Schedule**

PFAS testing by each permittee shall commence, at the latest, in the third quarter of the year indicated in the table below, unless otherwise indicated. The table also indicates the latest quarter to contact MassDEP regarding the appropriate analytical method to utilize for the PFAS analyses.

Permit No.	Facility Name	Latest Year to Commence PFAS Monitoring	Latest Quarter to Contact MassDEP RE: Analytical Method
MAG580018	Barre WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580032	Battle Road Farm	2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022
MAG580003	Charlemont Sewer District WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580039	Charlton WWTP	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580033	Cohasset WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580006	Douglas WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580021	Erving POTW 3	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580013	Hadley Indian Hill WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580016	Hardwick Gilbertville WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580017	Hardwick Wheelwright WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580015	Hatfield WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580035	Hopedale WWTP	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580024	Huntington	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580027	Leicester Water Supply	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580043	Manchester-by-the-Sea WWTF	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580040	MCI – Bridgewater WWTF	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580009	MCI – Concord WWTF	2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580036	MCI – Norfolk-Walpole WWTF	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580030	Merrimac WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023

<b>Permit No. (cont'd)</b>	<b>Facility Name (cont'd)</b>	<b>Latest Year to Commence PFAS Monitoring (cont'd)</b>	<b>Latest Quarter to Contact MassDEP RE: Analytical Method (cont'd)</b>
MAG580010	Middlesex School	2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022
MAG580019	Monroe WWTF	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580037	North Brookfield WWTP	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580012	Northfield Mt Hermon School	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580014	Northfield WWTF	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580041	Oak Point Retirement Community	1 <sup>st</sup> quarter 2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580001	Old Deerfield WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580026	Oxford - Rochdale	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580022	Renaissance Manor	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580044	Rockport WWTP	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580020	Royalston WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580023	Russell WWTF	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580002	Shelburne Falls WWTF	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580031	Shorecliff Maintenance Trust	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580004	South Deerfield WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580029	Stockbridge WWTP	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580005	Sunderland WWTF	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580038	Templeton WWTP	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580007	USCG Boston Light	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580034	Upton WWTP	2025	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2025
MAG580011	Wayland WWMDC	2022	2 <sup>nd</sup> quarter 2022
MAG580028	West Stockbridge	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580025	Woronoco Village	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023
MAG580008	Wrentham Development Center	2024	3 <sup>rd</sup> quarter 2023