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June 1, 2018

Mr. Harry Takesian
Plant Facilities Manager
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
115 Amesbury Line Drive
Haverhill, MA 01830

**RE: Public Comment Notice for
Notice of Intent for Coverage under a General Groundwater Discharge Permit
For a Publicly Owned Treatment Works,
Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School
MassDEP Transmittal No. X277637
Groundwater Discharge Permit No. 924-1**

Dear Mr. Takesian:

The Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (M.G.L. c.21, s.26-53) was amended by Chapter 246 of the Acts of 1973 to authorize the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") to regulate discharges into all waters of the Commonwealth, including groundwaters. MassDEP regulates discharges through the issuance of discharge permits which impose limitations on the amount of pollutants which may be discharged in effluent, together with monitoring and reporting requirements and other conditions to ensure adequate treatment of all liquid wastes prior to discharge.

MassDEP has reviewed your Notice of Intent (the "NOI") application for coverage under the General Permit for a Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility, submitted on March 14, 2018, on behalf of the Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School, 115 Amesbury Line Drive, Haverhill, MA 01830, to discharge treated sanitary sewage from an existing on-site wastewater treatment facility, to the ground. MassDEP has determined that the NOI is complete and that the proposed facility complies with the requirements for coverage under the General Permit for General Permit for a Small Wastewater Treatment Facilities, BRP WP 81. Please refer to MassDEP's website at:

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/approvals/wastewater-forms.html> for a copy of the applicable General Permit.

A decision regarding this NOI cannot be finalized at this time because of provisions in the Law regulating public notice of the proposed general permit coverage and opportunity for public comments and public hearing. Following receipt of comments on the public notice, and public hearing, if necessary, the NOI will be finalized and MassDEP will issue its final determination to approve or deny the request for coverage.

Enclosed herewith is a copy of the public notice for your NOI. The enclosed public notice should be published to start the thirty (30) day public comment period.

In accordance with 314 CMR 2.06(4) and M.G.L. c.30A, the applicant or permittee, as applicable, shall publish public notice of the permit proceedings in *The Environmental Monitor*, a publication of the Massachusetts Executive Office of Energy and Environmental Affairs. For instructions on filing this notice with MEPA please refer to MEPA's website at <http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/mepa/submitting-notice-to-the-environmental-monitor.html>

The applicant or permittee shall submit to the Department a copy of the public notice as published in the *Environmental Monitor*, within seven days after the date of publication or at such other time as the Department requires. This information should be sent to the attention of Nihar Mohanty at the above letterhead address. The mandatory thirty day public comment period will commence with the date of publication of the public notice.

If you have any questions on any of the information discussed in this letter, please contact me at (978) 694-3236.

Sincerely,



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Section Chief
Wastewater Group
Bureau of Water Resources

Enclosure

cc:

- Haverhill Board of Health
- Martinage Engineering Associates
- Marybeth Chubb, DEP/BWR/Wastewater Management Program/Boston
- Julianne Ture, DEP/BWR/Boston

PUBLIC NOTICE
MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
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BUREAU OF RESOURCE PROTECTION
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Notice is hereby given that the following Notice of Intent for coverage under the General Permit for a Small Wastewater Treatment Facility *That Discharge Treated Effluent to the Ground Water and the Discharge from Said Facilities* has been submitted and that the following actions are being proposed thereon pursuant to Section 43 of Chapter 21 of the General Laws, and 314 CMR 5.00 and 2.06:

APPLICANT: Whittier Regional Vocational Technical High School District

TRANSMITTAL NO.: X277637

PERMIT NO.: 924-1

FACILITY LOCATION: 115 Amesbury Line Drive, Haverhill, MA 01830

TYPE OF DISCHARGE: Groundwater discharge from an on-site wastewater treatment facility

QUANTITY OF DISCHARGE: 22,000 gallons per day

PROPOSED ACTION: Tentative Determination to approve coverage under the General Permit for Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility

A copy of the Notice of Intent may be obtained from the MassDEP's Wastewater Management Program at the above address and telephone number or online at:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/news/comment/>

For a copy of the General Permit and statement of basis or fact sheet go to:

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/approvals/wastewater-forms.html>

Comments on the proposed action or requests for a public hearing thereon pursuant to 314 CMR 2.07 must be filed with MassDEP at the above address within thirty (30) days of this notice and are limited to the applicability of coverage under the specified general permit. For information on the process for formally intervening in adjudicatory proceedings, please refer to 310 CMR 1.00: Adjudicatory Proceedings, Section (7) Intervention and Participation.

<http://www.mass.gov/eea/agencies/massdep/water/regulations/310-cmr-1-00-adjudicatory-proceedings.html>

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