MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZING NON-CONTACT COOLING WATER FACILITIES TO DISCHARGE POLLUTANTS TO SURFACE WATERS

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, any facility authorized by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1, under the 2024 Final NPDES General Permit No. MAG250000, the Non-contact Cooling Water General Permit (NCCW GP), is authorized to discharge from the facility as located at the location listed in and the receiving water identified in its Permit Authorization from EPA.

in accordance with the following effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and additional conditions:

- 1. The issuance date of this permit is the date it is signed by the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP).
- 2. This permit shall become effective on April 26, 2024.
- 3. This permit shall expire on March 31, 2029.
- 4. This permit incorporates by reference Part 1 Eligibility and Coverage under NCCW GP, Part 2 Permit Requirements for Facilities in Massachusetts, Part 4 Requirements for the Design and Operation of Cooling Water Intake Structures, Part 5 Application and Notice of Intent, Part 6 Monitoring and Reporting Requirements, Part 7 Administrative Requirements, and Attachment A Standard Permit Conditions and Definitions, as set forth in the 2024 Final NPDES General Permit No. MAG250000, issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1, issued April 18, 2024 (the 2024 Final NPDES General Permit) and attached hereto by reference as Appendix A and available on EPA's website at https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-npdes-permits#fgp; provided, however:
 - a. that the notification required by Part 2.2.11 shall also be provided to MassDEP at <u>massdep.npdes@mass.gov</u>;
 - b. that the reporting required by Part 6.1.3 shall be in accordance with 314 CMR 3.19(20)(e) (24 hour reporting);
 - c. that, if there is a conflict between the definitions in 314 CMR 3.02 and/or 314 CMR 4.00 and the definitions in Part VII Standard Conditions, the definitions in 314 CMR 3.02 and/or 314 CMR 4.00 shall control, as applicable;
- 5. This permit incorporates by reference the Standard Permit Conditions set forth in 314 CMR 3.19.
- 6. This permit includes the following additional conditions:
 - a. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11(2)(a), and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation to protect Outstanding Resource Waters under 314 CMR 4.04(3), applicants seeking coverage under the 2024 NCCW GP to discharge to Outstanding Resource Waters as identified in 314 CMR 4.06 shall submit to MassDEP for review a copy of the EPA NOI. Pursuant to 314 CMR 4.04(5), MassDEP may request additional information for the purpose of conducting an antidegradation review. For purposes of this review, the permittee shall submit these documents to MassDEP at the same time they are submitted to EPA. Instructions on how to submit the EPA NOI to MassDEP can be found here: <u>https://www.mass.gov/how-to/wm-15npdes-general-permit-notice-of-intent.</u> The applicant shall not begin discharging to an Outstanding Resource Water until MassDEP has issued an antidegradation determination and authorization and EPA has issued an authorization under the NCCW GP.

 All facilities seeking coverage under this General Permit must submit to MassDEP a copy of their Notice of Intent (NOI) submitted to EPA for coverage under the 2024 Federal NPDES General Permit, which shall serve as the NOI for coverage under this General Permit. Instructions for submittal will be provided here: https://www.mass.gov/how-to/wm-15-npdes-general-permit-notice-of-intent.

Issued this 26th day of April, 2024

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