

MODIFICATION**MASSACHUSETTS GENERAL PERMIT AUTHORIZING WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES (WWTFs) 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 2022 NPDES General Permit No. MAG590000, the Wastewater Treatment Facility General Permit, 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. This permit shall become effective on November 1, 2022.
2. This permit shall expire five years after the effective date.
3. This permit incorporates by reference Part I Applicability and Coverage of the WWTF GP, Part IIA Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements, Part IIB Other Requirements, Part IIC Unauthorized Discharges, Part IID Notification Requirements, Part IIE Additional Requirements for Facilities Discharging to Marine Waters, Part III Additional Limitations, Conditions, and Requirements, Part IIIA Operation and Maintenance of the Sewer System, Part IIIB Alternate Power Source, Part IIIC Industrial Users, Part IIID Industrial Pretreatment Programs, Part IIIE Sludge Conditions, Part IIIF Schedules of Compliance, Part IIIG Additional Requirements for Facilities Discharging to Long Island Sound Watershed, the Blackstone River Watershed, the Taunton River Watershed, as well as the Plymouth WWTP and Fairhaven WPCF, Part IIIH Submittal of Facility-Specific Information, Part IV Obtaining Authorization to Discharge, Part V Monitoring, Record-Keeping and Reporting Requirements, Part VII Administrative Requirements, and Part VIII Standard Conditions, as set forth in the 2022 NPDES General Permit No. MAG590000, issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1, issued September 29, 2022 (the 2022 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 IIB.7. shall also be provided to MassDEP;
 - b. that the reporting required by Part IIC.1. shall be in accordance with 314 CMR 3.19(20)(e) (24 hour reporting);
 - c. that a copy of the requests, reports, and information required by Part V.5. to be submitted to EPA shall also be submitted to MassDEP electronically to massdep.npdes@mass.gov;
 - d. 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 IVC., the definitions in 314 CMR 3.02 and/or 314 CMR 4.00 shall control, as applicable;
 - e. that the notification required by 3.a. above shall be provided as follows:

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4. This permit incorporates by reference the Standard Permit Conditions set forth in 314 CMR 3.19.
5. The permittee shall commence annual monitoring of all Significant Industrial Users^{1,2} discharging into the POTW consistent with the 2022 Federal NPDES General Permit. Monitoring shall be in accordance with the table below. Notwithstanding any other provision of the 2022 Federal NPDES General Permit to the contrary, monitoring results shall be reported to MassDEP electronically at massdep.npdes@mass.gov, or as otherwise specified, within 30 days after they are received.

Parameter	Units	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS)	ng/L	Annual	24-hour Composite
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA)	ng/L	Annual	24-hour Composite
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA)	ng/L	Annual	24-hour Composite
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS)	ng/L	Annual	24-hour Composite
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA)	ng/L	Annual	24-hour Composite
Perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA)	ng/L	Annual	24-hour Composite

6. 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 2022 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>. All permittees granted coverage under this General Permit will be notified by MassDEP and listed on MassDEP's website. For each permittee granted coverage by MassDEP, this General Permit incorporates by reference any limitations, conditions, and requirements contained within the individual Permit Authorization issued by EPA to that permittee.

If the permittee is one of the following facilities, then the co-permittee(s) noted below, with their respective mailing addresses, is/are co-permittee(s) for Part IIC., Unauthorized Discharges, and Part IIIA Operation and Maintenance of the Sewer System, as set forth in the 2022 Federal NPDES Permit unless otherwise noted below:

¹ Significant Industrial User (SIU) is defined at 40 CFR part 403: All industrial users subject to Categorical Pretreatment Standards under 40 CFR 403.6 and 40 CFR chapter I, subpart N; **and** any other industrial user that: discharges an average of 25,000 GPD or more of process wastewater to the POTW, contributes a process wastestream that makes up 5% or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW, or designated as such by the POTW on the basis that the industrial users has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW's operation or for violating any Pretreatment Standards or requirement.

² This requirement applies to all Significant Industrial Users and not just those within the sectors identified by EPA in the NPDES permit.

Permittee	Co-Permittee(s)
Easthampton Wastewater Treatment Facility	Town of Southamptn Select Board 210 College Highway, Suite 7 Southampton, MA 01073
Gardner Wastewater Treatment Facility	Town of Ashburnham Water and Sewer, Dept of Public Works 17 Central St / Rte 101 Ashburnham, MA 01430
Hull Water Pollution Control Facility	Town of Hingham Sewer Commission 25 Bare Cove Park Drive Hingham, MA 02043
Marshfield Wastewater Treatment Facility	Town of Duxbury Water and Sewer Department 878 Tremont Street Duxbury, MA 02332
MFN Regional Water Pollution Control Facility	Town of Foxborough Water and Sewer Department 70 Elm Street Foxborough, MA 02035 Town of Mansfield Department of Public Works 6 Park Row, 2 nd Floor Mansfield, MA 02048 Town of Norton Water and Sewer Commission 70 East Main St Norton, MA 02766
MWRA Clinton Wastewater Treatment Plant	Town of Clinton Department of Public Works 242 Church Street Clinton, MA 01510 Lancaster Sewer District Commission PO Box 773 South Lancaster MA 01561
Pepperell Wastewater Treatment Plant	Groton Sewer Commission Town Hall 173 Main Street Groton, MA 01450
South Hadley Wastewater Treatment Plant	Town of Granby Granby Highway Department 250 State Street Granby, MA 01033

These sections include conditions regarding the operation and maintenance of the collection systems owned and operated by the municipality or district.

Operation and maintenance of the sewer system shall be in compliance with the General Requirements of Part II and the terms and conditions of Part IIC., Part IIIA, and Part V. of the 2022 Federal NPDES permit. The Permittees and co-permittees are severally liable under Part IIC., Part IIIA, and Part V for their own activities and required reporting with respect to the portions of the collection system that they own or operate. They are not liable for violations of Part IIC., Part IIIA, and Part V. committed by others relative to the portions of the collection system owned and operated by others. Nor are they responsible for any reporting that is required of other Permittees under Part IIC., Part IIIA, and Part V.

Signed this 28th day of February 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lealdon Langley". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent initial "L".

Lealdon Langley, Director
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