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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
WATER DIVISION
REGION I
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT MODIFICATION TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF NOTICE: May 6, 2020 – June 4, 2020

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0101621**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-08-20

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

City of Haverhill
Haverhill Water Pollution Abatement Facility
40 South Porter Street
Bradford, MA 01835

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

City of Haverhill
Haverhill Water Pollution Abatement Facility
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Bradford, MA 01835

and 13 Combined Sewer Overflow Outfalls (CSOs)

RECEIVING WATER AND CLASSIFICATION:

Merrimack River (MA84A-04): Class B–Warm Water Fishery, CSO
Merrimack River (MA84A-05): Class SB–Restricted Shellfishing, CSO
Little River (MA84A-090): Class B-Warm Water Fishery

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT MODIFICATION:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a permit modification for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify this draft permit modification pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit modification will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT MODIFICATION:

A fact sheet or a statement of basis (describing a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit modification and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing this draft permit modification) may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Meridith Finegan
U.S. EPA
5 Post Office Square
Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912
Telephone: (617) 918-1533

The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit modification is on file and may be inspected by appointment 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 modification is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available comments and all supporting material for their comments in full by **June 4, 2020** to the EPA contact and address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider this Draft Permit modification. 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 modification 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 AND APPEALS:

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 modification decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final permit modification decision any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing to reconsider or contest the final decision.

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