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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 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: October 11, 2019

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0100145**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-001-20

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Rockport
Department of Public Works
34 Broadway
Rockport, MA 01966-1537

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Rockport Wastewater Treatment Plant
Pleasant Street
Rockport, MA 01966

RECEIVING WATER AND CLASSIFICATION:

Sandy Bay (MA93-57): Classification SB

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the Rockport Wastewater Treatment Plant, which discharges treated domestic wastewater. Sludge from this facility is transported to the Agresource, Inc., in Massachusetts for composting. 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 pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The draft permit and explanatory fact sheet may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_ma.html or by contacting:

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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit is on file and may be inspected 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 is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available comments and all supporting material for their comments in full by November 11, 2019, 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. 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 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 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 decision any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing to reconsider or contest the final decision.

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