

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), under authority granted by the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26 – 53, is proposing to issue a federal Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 certification for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed 2021 Draft NPDES Pesticide General Permit (PGP) (MA Permit No. MAG870000). This permit will provide coverage to any Operator authorized by EPA under the 2021 PGP for the application of pesticides which will result in a discharge to waters of the United States. The proposed section 401 certification is available at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>. Alternatively, a copy of the document can be obtained by contacting Jennifer Wood, MassDEP Surface Water Discharge Program, at 617-654-6536 or jennifer.wood@mass.gov. The draft NPDES permit is available at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/pesticide-permitting-draft-2021-pgp>. Written comments on the section 401 certification will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on May 17, 2021. During the state of emergency, MassDEP strongly encourages written comments to be submitted by email to massdep.npdes@mass.gov; subject line: Certification for Pesticide General Permit. If not possible, please send by mail to Jennifer Wood, MassDEP, 1 Winter Street, Floor 5, Boston, MA 02108.

Following the close of the comment period, MassDEP will issue a final CWA section 401 certification and forward copies to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

For special accommodations, please call the MassDEP Diversity Office at 617-292-5751. TTY# MassRelay Service 1-800-439-2370. This information is available in alternate format upon request.

By Order of the Department

Martin Suuberg, Commissioner