

MASSACHUSETTS PERMIT 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,

City of Northampton
Director of Public Works
125 Locust Street
Northampton, MA 01060

is authorized to discharge from the facility located at

Northampton Wastewater Treatment Plant
33 Hockanum Road
Northampton, MA 01060

to receiving water named

Connecticut River (MA34-04)
Connecticut River Watershed
and
Old Mill River to the Connecticut River (MA34-04)
Connecticut River Watershed

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

1. This permit shall become effective on December 1, 2023.
2. This permit shall expire five years after the effective date.
3. This permit supersedes the permit issued on September 30, 2008.
4. This permit incorporates by reference Part IA., Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements, Part IB., Unauthorized Discharges, Part IC., Operation and Maintenance of the Treatment and Control Facilities, Part ID. Alternate Power Source, Part IE. Industrial Users and Pretreatment Program, Part IF. Sludge Conditions, Part IG. Special Conditions, Part IH. Reporting Requirements, and Part II, Standard Conditions, as set forth in the 2023 NPDES Permit No. MA0101818, issued by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1, issued to Permittee on September 28, 2023 (the 2023 NPDES Permit) and attached hereto by reference as Appendix A and available on EPA's website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-final-individual-npdes-permits>; provided, however:
 - a. that the notification required by Part IA.8. shall also be provided to MassDEP;
 - b. that the reporting required by Part IB.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 IH.4. 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 IIE, the definitions in 314 CMR 3.02 and/or 314 CMR 4.00 shall control, as applicable;

- e. that the notification required by 4.a. above shall be provided to massdep.npdes@mass.gov, or as otherwise specified.
5. This permit incorporates by reference the Standard Permit Conditions set forth in 314 CMR 3.19.
 6. The permittee shall commence annual monitoring of all Significant Industrial Users^{1,2} discharging into the POTW using Draft Method 1633 within six (6) months of the effective date.
 7. Notwithstanding any other provision of the 2023 Federal NPDES permit to the contrary, all PFAS monitoring results (influent; effluent; sludge; SIUs; and specific industries as specified in the 2023 Federal NPDES permit) shall be reported to MassDEP via the eDEP portal, or as otherwise specified, within 30 days after testing is complete, in addition to the 2023 Federal NPDES Permit reporting requirements. Information regarding the submittal of data via eDEP may be found at <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/submit-wastewaterresiduals-pfas-data-via-edep>.
 8. On or before January 31, 2024, the permittee shall submit to MassDEP at massdep.npdes@mass.gov a listing of all industrial dischargers with their addresses to be sampled in accordance with both the 2023 Federal NPDES Permit and this permit and shall include:
 - a. All industries included in the categories listed the 2023 NPDES permit, Section IE. Industrial Users and Pretreatment Program, Paragraph 6; and
 - b. All Significant Industrial Users as required by Paragraph 6 of this permit.The listing shall be maintained by the permittee and updated with any changes. Whenever necessary, a copy of the updated listing reflecting changes shall be forwarded to MassDEP at massdep.npdes@mass.gov on or before the next January 31.

The Town of Williamsburg is a co-permittee for Part IB., Unauthorized Discharges; and Part IC., Operation and Maintenance of the Treatment and Control Facilities, as set forth in the 2023 Federal NPDES Permit. In addition, these sections include conditions regarding the operation and maintenance of the collection systems owned and operated by the Town of Williamsburg.

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 IB., Part IC., and Part ID. of the 2023 Federal NPDES Permit. The Permittee and co-permittee are severally liable under Part IB., Part IC., and Part ID. 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 IB., Part IC., and Part ID. 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 IB., Part IC., and Part ID. The responsible Town department is:

**Williamsburg Water and Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 447/141 Main St
Haydenville, MA 01039**

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.

In addition, the permittee and the co-permittee are responsible for all public notifications, public health warnings and all other applicable requirements of 314 CMR 16.00 as they relate to their own collection systems including any approved CSO Notification Plans and/or SSO Notification Plans.

Signed this 1st day of November, 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Lealdon Langley', written in a cursive style.

Lealdon Langley, Director
Division of Watershed Management
Department of Environmental Protection

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**MA Permit No. MA0101818
Northampton Wastewater Treatment Plant
33 Hockanum Road, Northampton, MA 01060**

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP or the “Department”) is issuing a Surface Water Discharge (SWD) Permit for the Northampton Wastewater Treatment Plant. The permit is being issued under 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.

In accordance with the provisions of 314 CMR 2.09, MassDEP is obligated to prepare a response to comments received on the draft SWD Permit No. MA0101818 (the “Draft Permit”). The Response to Comments explains and supports MassDEP’s determinations that form the basis of the final permit (the “Final Permit”). From March 30, 2023, through April 28, 2023, MassDEP solicited public comments on the Draft Permit for the reissuance of a permit to discharge wastewater from Outfall Serial Number 001 to the Connecticut River and Outfall 002 to the Old Mill River and the associated Draft Water Quality Certificate.

During the public comment period for the draft NPDES permit (March 30, 2023, through April 28, 2023), EPA received comments from the following:

1. Town of Northampton, dated April 28, 2023
2. Connecticut Department of Energy and Environmental Protection, Dated April 27, 2023
3. Connecticut River Conservancy, dated April 28, 2023
4. Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, dated April 28, 2023

During the public comment period for the draft SWD Permit, MassDEP received identical comments as those submitted to EPA from:

1. Massachusetts Water Resources Authority, dated April 28, 2023

MassDEP has reviewed EPA’s Response to Comments, issued concurrent with the final NPDES permit on September 28, 2023, and concurs with their responses and the associated adjustments made to the final NPDES permit. MassDEP hereby incorporates by reference EPA’s Response to Comments into this Response.

During the public comment period for the draft SWD Permit, MassDEP received separate comments from:

1. Town of Northampton, dated April 28, 2023

MassDEP’s knowledge of the facility has benefited from the various comments and additional information submitted during the public comment period, but the information and arguments presented did not raise any substantial new questions concerning the Permit that warranted MassDEP

exercising the discretion to reopen the public comment period. MassDEP does, however, make certain clarifications in response to comments. Any improvements and changes are explained in this document and reflected in the Final Permit. Below, MassDEP provides a summary of the changes made in the Final Permit. The analyses underlying these changes are contained in the responses to individual comments that follow.

A copy of the Final Permit and this Response to Comments document will be posted on the MassDEP website: <https://www.mass.gov/orgs/massachusetts-department-of-environmental-protection>.

A copy of the Final Permit may be also obtained by writing or calling Claire Golden, MassDEP, Surface Water Discharge Permitting Program, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801; telephone: 617-997-8874; email: claire.golden@mass.gov. Interested parties are strongly encouraged to email or telephone Claire Golden if they wish to obtain a copy of the Final Permit.

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I. Summary of Changes to the Final Permit and Final Water Quality Certification

1. The name of the applicant/permittee has been changed to Director of Public Works, City of Northampton.

II. Responses to Comments

Comments are reproduced below as received; they have not been edited, corrected or otherwise modified.

A. Comments from Donna LaScaleia, Director, Northampton Department of Public Works, dated April 28, 2023

Comment 1

The City of Northampton (City) has received and reviewed the above referenced draft Massachusetts Permit to Discharge Pollutants to Surface Waters, DEP Fact Sheet Supplement and draft Section 401 Water Quality Certification on March 30, 2023, and we appreciate the opportunity to provide comments within the 30-day public notice period. We offer the following comments and request due consideration for them to be included as revisions to the final permit.

Page	Draft Permit Section	Comment or Request
4	Draft Permit, Name of Applicant	Due to changes in the City Charter enacted in 2012, there is no longer a Board of Public Works. Please Replace Board of Public Works with Director of Public Works
7	Fact Sheet Supplement, Name of Applicant	Due to changes in the City Charter enacted in 2012, there is no longer a Board of Public Works. Please Replace Board of Public Works with Director of Public Works

Response 1

MassDEP has modified the final permit to reflect the Director of Public Works as the name of the applicant. Please note that the MassDEP acknowledges the comment related to the Fact Sheet Supplement and the applicant change is included here for the record. However, given that the Fact Sheet supports the Draft Permit, it has not been modified.



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