

PUBLIC NOTICE

MassDEP is providing the following addendum to the original Public Notice below that was originally published on February 2, 2024. MassDEP is extending the 60-day public notice period for the draft Surface Water Discharge permit for the Fall River Wastewater Treatment Plant by 15 days until April 16, 2024. For questions on the draft state permit, contact Claire Golden, MassDEP Surface Water Discharge Program, at 617-997-8874 or at claire.golden@mass.gov.

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: (1) issue a federal Clean Water Act (CWA) section 401 certification for the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) proposed 2024 Draft NPDES Permit (Federal Permit) (MA Permit No. MA0100382) to Fall River Wastewater Treatment Plant and its 18 Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) Outfalls for its facility's pollutant discharges to Mount Hope Bay (MA61-06) – WWTF and 7 CSOs, Taunton River (MA62-04) – 4 CSOs, and Quequechan River (MA61-05) – 7 CSOs; and (2) issue the 2024 Draft Massachusetts Permit to Discharge Pollutants to Surface Waters (State Permit) for the same discharges pursuant to the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act. The Fall River Wastewater Treatment Plant is located at 1979 Bay Road in Fall River. The proposed section 401 certification, proposed State Permit, and proposed Federal Permit are all available at <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>. Alternatively, a copy of the documents can be obtained by contacting Claire Golden, MassDEP Surface Water Discharge Program, at 617-997-8874 or at claire.golden@mass.gov. Written comments on both the proposed section 401 certification and the proposed State Permit will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. on April 1, 2024. MassDEP strongly encourages written comments to be submitted by email to massdep.publiccommentnpdes@mass.gov; subject line: Fall River WWTF. If not possible, please send by mail to Claire Golden, MassDEP, 150 Presidential Way, Woburn, MA 01801.

Following the close of the comment period, MassDEP will issue a final CWA section 401 certification and final State Permit and forward copies to the applicant and 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

Bonnie Heiple, Commissioner