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## Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification For the Proposed 2023 Modified Federal NPDES Permit For the Webster Wastewater Treatment Facility MA Permit No. MA0100439

The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP), having reviewed the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – Region 1's draft 2023 Modified Federal NPDES permit (MA Permit No. MA0100439) for the Webster Wastewater Treatment Facility issued January 19, 2023, and considered the public comments received on MassDEP's proposed Modified Clean Water Section 401 Certification for the draft 2023 Modified Federal NPDES Permit for the Webster Wastewater Treatment Facility, and in consideration of the relevant water quality considerations, hereby certifies that the proposed 2023 Modified Federal NPDES permit for the Webster Wastewater Treatment Facility, assures compliance with the applicable provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 and with appropriate requirements of State law, including, without limitation, the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53 and the Massachusetts Water Quality Standards published at 314 CMR 4.00.

If any condition in the draft 2023 Modified Federal NPDES permit for the Webster Wastewater Treatment Facility is changed during EPA's review in any manner inconsistent with this certification, the Department reserves the right to modify this certification in consideration of the relevant water quality considerations. In addition, the Department reserves the right to modify this certification if there is a change in Massachusetts law or regulation upon which this certification is based, or if a court of competent jurisdiction or MassDEP Office of Appeals and Dispute Resolution stays, vacates or remands this certification, as provided by 40 C.F.R. § 124.55.

Signed this 20<sup>th</sup> day of March 2023

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