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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AS AMENDED, and SECTIONS 27 and 43 OF the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, as amended, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: October 18, 2017 – November 16, 2017

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0090433**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-003-2107

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Sector Commander

U.S. Coast Guard

427 Commercial Street

Boston, MA 02109

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Light Station Boston

U.S. Coast Guard

Little Brewster Island

Hull, MA 02045

RECEIVING WATER: Massachusetts Bay (Boston Harbor, MA70)

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 USGC Light Station Boston, which is a secondary wastewater treatment plant engaged in the collection and treatment of domestic wastewater. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. sections 1251 et seq., the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53, 314 CMR 3.00, and State Surface Water Quality Standards at 314 CMR 4.00. EPA has 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 including all data submitted by the applicant 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 arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **November 16, 2017**, to the address or email address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and MassDEP 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:

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.

LYNNE HAMJIAN, ACTING DIRECTOR LEALDON LANGLEY, DIRECTOR

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