

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION  
REGION I  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114

PUBLIC MEETING, PUBLIC HEARING, AND PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE: August 24, 2007

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0040266

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-045-07

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Mr. Robert Bryngelson  
Northeast Gateway Energy Bridge, LLC  
1330 Lake Robbins Drive, Suite 270  
The Woodlands, TX 77380

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Massachusetts Bay, Federal Waters

RECEIVING WATER: Massachusetts Bay

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) has developed a permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that the provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The draft permit is in regards the discharge of non-contact cooling water, seawater, hotelling and sanitary wastewater from the Northeast Gateway deepwater liquefied natural gas port.

A fact sheet or a statement of basis (describing the type of facility; type and quantities of wastes; a brief summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions; and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing this draft permit) and the draft permit may be obtained at no cost at [http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft\\_permits\\_listing\\_ma.html](http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_ma.html) or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Ellen Weitzler  
US EPA  
1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CIP)  
Boston, MA 02114-2023  
Telephone: (617) 918-1582

The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit is on file and 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 MEETING:

The Regional Administrator has determined, pursuant to 40 CFR §124.12, that a significant degree of public interest exists in these proposed permits and that a public meeting should be held in Beverly, Massachusetts to consider this permit. Accordingly, a public meeting will be held on the following date and time:

DATE: Monday, September 24, 2007

TIME: 6:30 – 7:00 pm

LOCATION: Beverly Public Library  
32 Essex Street  
Beverly, MA 01915

The following is a summary of the procedures that will be followed at the public meeting:

- a. The Presiding Chairperson will have the authority to open and conclude the meeting and to maintain order.
- b. EPA will make short presentations describing the NPDES permit process and the draft permit conditions, and then accept questions from the audience.
- c. Formal oral comments concerning the draft permit will not be accepted at the public meeting. Formal oral comments will be accepted at the subsequent public hearing.

#### PUBLIC HEARING:

The Regional Administrator has determined, pursuant to 40 CFR §124.12, that a significant degree of public interest exists in these proposed permits and that a public hearing should be held in Beverly, Massachusetts to consider this permit. Accordingly, a public hearing will be held on the same date and following the close of the public meeting:

DATE: Monday, September 24, 2007

TIME: 7:00– 8:00 pm

LOCATION: Beverly Public Library  
32 Essex Street  
Beverly, MA 01915

The following is a summary of the procedures that will be followed at the public hearing:

- d. The Presiding Chairperson will have the authority to open and conclude the hearing and to maintain order.
- e. Any person appearing at such a hearing may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

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 **Tuesday, September 25, 2007**, to the U.S. EPA, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. 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 the public hearing, 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.

Stephen S. Perkins, Director  
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