

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: February 26, 2008

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0040258

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-011-08

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Mr. Juan M. Restrepo
Neptune Deepwater Port
One Liberty Square, 10th Floor
Boston, MA 02109

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 hydrostatic test water and intake of cooling water from the Neptune 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 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: March 27, 2008
TIME: 6:00 – 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: March 27, 2008
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 **March 28, 2008**, 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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