

Response to Comment - MA0090671

From June 26, 2001 to July 27, 2001, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) solicited Public Comments on a draft NPDES permit, developed pursuant to an application from the United States Coast Guard Integrated Support System, Boston, MA, for issuance of a permit to discharge. The following response to comment describes the changes and briefly describes and responds to the comment on the draft permit. A copy of the final permit may be obtained by writing or calling Betsy Davis, United States Environmental Protection Agency, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CMA), Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023; Telephone (617) 918-1576.

Comment #1: The Division of Marine Fisheries (the Division) has reviewed the draft NPDES Permit, (MA0090671) that allows the United States Coast Guard to discharge runoff from a permanent underdrain system, boiler blowdown, boiler condensate, and stormwater runoff through Outfall 002 from the USCG Integrated Support Center into the receiving waters of Boston Harbor. The Division finds that the control measures and monitoring requirements stipulated in the draft permit are adequate for the protection of fishery resources. The Division reserves the right to amend this finding should discharge conditions other than those stipulated in the draft permit take place, and the Division requests timely notification should this occur. If changes are made to the reviewed draft permit please send a copy of the final permit to Dr. Jack Schwartz, Division of Marine Fisheries, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01930. If there are no changes the Division presumes the reviewed draft permit will become the final and effective permit after the comment period expires.

Response: Additional language was added to Footnote 3, on page 3 of the final permit. Footnote 3 now states that the monitoring samples shall be collected at the outfall, and where the permittee should take the samples in the event of adverse weather conditions. All monitoring requirements in the final permit are the same as in the draft permit.