

RESPONSE TO PUBLIC COMMENTS FOR DRAFT NPDES PERMIT MA0032689

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On October 31, 2003, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) released for public notice and comment a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for the above draft NPDES permit. The public comment period for this draft permit expired on November 30, 2003.

The following comments were received from the University of Massachusetts :

In the Fact Sheet, under the item entitled “Proposed Effluent Limits : .. Oil and Grease”, the last sentence, which reads “Due to low concentration of oil and grease in the effluent, the monitoring requirements have been reduced from to moved from the permit”.

“In the Fact Sheet, under the item entitled “V. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)”, the second paragraph refers to an Attachment B of the draft permit. Its existence should be verified, or the reference removed.”

Response :

Both are typographical errors. The first one should read “the monitoring requirements have been removed from the permit”. The second one should read “Attachment A of the draft permit”.

EPA has noted your comments. EPA does not change the draft fact sheet after it is on public notice. However, your comments and EPA’s responses will be in the administrative record in the permit file.