

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS
NPDES Permit No. MA0103101
CHARLEMONT SEWER DISTRICT WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT
CHARLEMONT, MASSACHUSETTS

The United States Environmental Protection Agency [USEPA] and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection [MADEP] issued a joint public notice on September 26, 2003 of a draft NPDES discharge permit for the Town of Charlemont Wastewater Treatment Facility. The public notice appeared in the September 26, 2003 edition of *The Greenfield Recorder*. The public comment period was September 26- October 25, 2003. There were no comments submitted during the public comment period.

The final permit does contain some minor administrative changes to the permit to correct incorrect information in the draft permit. The following changes have been made in the final permit:

1. Page 2, Part I.A.1.: the fecal coliform bacteria units have been changed from “#/100 ml” to “cfu/100 ml” [colony forming units per 100 ml]; the limit applies April 1- October 31 to be consistent with other discharges in the watershed and in keeping with MADEP disinfection policy. It was erroneously listed as year-round in the draft permit.
2. Page 3, Footnote 7: this condition [fecal coliform monitoring of the Deerfield River] has been removed from the final permit. The monitoring was required previously during the “non-disinfection period” [November, January and March] and is not appropriate or necessary for the discharge during periods [November- March] when treatment facilities in the watershed are not required to disinfect.
3. Page 3, Footnote 8 [Footnote 7 in final permit]: the testing period for whole effluent toxicity testing has been changed from the second week of April to the second week of September to be consistent with other discharges in the Deerfield River watershed.
4. Page 9, Part E.1.; the requirement to send monitoring reports to the MADEP Worcester office has been removed. The discharge is in the MADEP Western Regional office area and not the Central Regional office area.