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U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
AGENCY  
REGION 1  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114-2023

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE  
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF  
THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT  
(THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER  
SECTION 401 OF THE ACT, AND ISSUANCE OF A STATE SURFACE WATER PERMIT  
UNDER NH RSA 485-A:13, I(a).

DATE OF NOTICE: October 25, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: NH-001-08

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0100871

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Exeter  
Exeter Wastewater Treatment Plant  
10 Front Street  
Exeter, New Hampshire 03833-2792

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Town of Exeter  
Exeter Wastewater Treatment Plant  
10 Newfields Road  
Exeter, New Hampshire 03833

RECEIVING WATER: Squamscott River (Hydrologic Unit Code: 01060003)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

The facility which is the source of the wastewater discharge is the Exeter Wastewater Treatment Plant. The plant collects and treats domestic and commercial wastewater. Biological treatment of wastewater is provided by three aerated lagoons. The effluent is chlorinated and dechlorinated prior to discharge through Outfall Serial Number 001 to the Squamscott River. The facility has a design flow of 3.0 mgd.

The proposed permit contains wastewater discharge limitations consistent with the State's Surface Water Quality Regulations, appropriate conditions as adopted from the existing permit, and other Act regulations. The proposed permit also contains sludge conditions consistent with

Section 405 of the Act. In addition, the proposed permit contains other effluent limitations and conditions necessary to ensure that the discharge receives adequate treatment and that the State's Class B water-quality standards are maintained in the Squamscott River. Specific effluent limitations in the proposed permit are for Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Total Suspended Solids, pH, Total Residual Chlorine, Fecal Coliform, Enterococci Bacteria, Ammonia Nitrogen as Nitrogen, and Whole Effluent Toxicity.

The permit will expire five years from the effective date of its issuance.

#### PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division have cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify the draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified. However, sludge conditions in the draft permit are not subject to State certification requirements.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet (describing the type of facility; type and quantity of wastewater; a summary of the basis for the draft permit conditions, and factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing the draft permit) may be obtained at no cost at <http://www.epa.gov/region 1/npdes/draft permits listing nh.html> or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Dan Arsenault  
US EPA  
1 Congress Street – Suite 1100  
Boston, MA 02114-2023  
Telephone: (617) 918-1562

The administrative record containing all documents relating to the 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 COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

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 11/23/07, to the U.S. EPA, Office of Ecosystem Protection (Mail Code CMP), One Congress Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider this draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A

public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. 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 a public hearing, if such hearing is held, 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.

**HARRY T. STEWART, P.E., DIRECTOR  
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