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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION AGENCY  
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION  
REGION I  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114

**JOINT SECOND EXTENSION OF A 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, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.**

DATE OF NOTICE: May 16, 2008

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0100501

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-021-08

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Harold G. Newhall  
Executive Director  
South Essex Sewerage District  
50 Fort Avenue  
P.O. Box 989  
Salem, MA 01970

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

South Essex Sewerage District  
50 Fort Avenue  
Salem, MA 01970

RECEIVING WATER: Salem Sound

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: Class SA

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) have cooperated in the development of a 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 this 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.

The draft permit was first released for a thirty day public comment period on March 27, 2008. Pursuant to a request from the permittee, submitted in a letter dated April 10, 2008, EPA and MassDEP extended the comment period to May 16, 2008. Subsequently, due to requests from communities who are co-permittees of the NPDES permit, EPA and MassDEP are extending for a second time the public comment period to **June 6, 2008**.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet (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](http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_ma.html) or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

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1 Congress Street, Suite 1100 (CMP)  
Boston, MA 02114-2023  
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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 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 **June 6, 2008**, to the U.S. EPA, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, 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.

GLENN HAAS, DIRECTOR  
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