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

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC HEARING 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: June 26, 2008 through August 4, 2008

PERMIT NUMBER: MAS010002

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-024-08

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Honorable Konstantina B. Lukes
City Hall Room 305
455 Main Street
Worcester, MA 01608

LOCATION WHERE DISCHARGES OCCUR:

330 municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) outfalls within Worcester

RECEIVING WATERS:

Beaver Brook, Blackstone River, Broad Meadow Brook, Coal Mine Brook, Coes Pond,
North Curtis Pond, South Curtis Pond, Fitzgerald Brook, Indian Lake, Kendrick Brook, Kettle
Brook, Lake Quinsigamond, Leesville Pond, Middle River, Mill Brook Tributary, Tatnuck Brook,
Patch Reservoir, Poor Farm Brook, Salisbury Pond, Smith Pond, Weasel Brook, and Williams
Millpond

RECEIVING WATERS CLASSIFICATION: Class B

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 municipality. 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.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet (describing the discharges; 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 or by inquiring with the EPA or MassDEP contact person named below:

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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit is on file and may be inspected at the offices of EPA or MassDEP as indicated above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND 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 midnight, August 4, 2008, to the U.S. EPA, 1 Congress Street, Suite 1100, Boston, Massachusetts 02114-2023. Based on the anticipated significance of public interest, EPA has scheduled a public hearing to receive comments on the draft permit as follows:

DATE: July 30, 2008
TIME: 10:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Worcester Public Library
3 Salem Square
Worcester, MA 01608

The following is a summary of procedures that shall be followed at the public hearing:

- a. the Presiding Officer shall have the authority to open and conclude the hearing and to maintain order;
- b. any person appearing at the hearing may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit; and
- c. the Presiding Officer may close the hearing prior to the published closing time if all persons wishing to provide statements or data have previously done so.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION:

Following the close of the comment period, 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. 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.

**GLENN HAAS, DIRECTOR
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**STEPHEN S. PERKINS, DIRECTOR
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