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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
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 REGION I
 BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02114

JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMITS TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AS MODIFIED BY SECTION 301(h) OF THE ACT, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF NOTICE: August 28, 2008

NPDES PERMIT NUMBERS			
ME0101966	ME0102016	ME0100200	ME0102148
NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:			
Town of Searsport Wastewater Treatment PO Box 499 Searsport, Maine 04974	Town of Lubec Publicly Owned Treatment Works 40 School Street Lubec, Maine 04652	City of Eastport 78 high Street Eastport, Maine 04631	City of Eastport 78 high Street Eastport, Maine 04631
NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:			
Town of Searsport Wastewater Treatment Facility Trundy Road-Mack Point, Searsport, Maine 04974	Town of Lubec Wastewater Treatment Facility Pleasant Street Lubec, Maine 04652	City of Eastport Publicly Owned Treatment Works 78 high Street Eastport, Maine 04631	City of Eastport Quoddy Village Wastewater Treatment Facility Vanasse Road Eastport, Maine 04631
RECEIVING WATERS:			
Tidal Waters of Penobscot Bay	Passamaquoddy Bay (Lubec Narrows)	Passamaquoddy Bay	Passamaquoddy Bay (Western Passage)

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMITS:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) have cooperated in the development of permits and tentative Section 301(h) waivers for the identified facilities. 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 these draft permits pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permits will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMITS:

Fact sheets (describing the type of facility; type and quantities of wastes; a brief summary of the basis for the draft permits conditions; and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing each draft permit) and the draft permits may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_me.html or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

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The administrative records containing all documents relating to these draft permits are 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 these draft permits is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **September 26, 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 these draft permits. 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(s) 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 applicants and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

DAVID P. LITTELL, COMMISSIONER
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