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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION
REGION I
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

JOINT REOPENING 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, AS AMENDED, AND UNDER SECTIONS 27 AND 43 OF THE MASSACHUSETTS CLEAN WATERS ACT, AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT.

DATE OF NOTICE: September 27, 2012

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0040304**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-031-2012

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

University of Massachusetts, Boston
100 Morrissey Boulevard
Boston, MA 02125

RECEIVING WATER: Dorchester Bay

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: Class SB

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 draft permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. sections 1251 et seq., the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53, 314 CMR 3.00 and State Surface Water Quality Standards at 314 CMR 4.00. 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.

REASON FOR REOPENING THE PUBLIC NOTICE:

This Public Notice is hereby reopened (40 C.F.R. §124.10) in response to requests submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) for additional time to review the draft permit and submit comments. Please note that any comments submitted during the initial public notice period August 22, 2012 thru September 20, 2012 are considered to be valid and part of the official record. There is no need to resubmit any comments submitted during the initial public notice period.

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 or by writing or calling EPA's 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 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 **October 26, 2012**, to the U.S. EPA, 5 Post Office Square, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912. 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.

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MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF
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**STEPHEN S. PERKINS, DIRECTOR
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