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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF AN EXTENSION TO THE COMMENT PERIOD PERTAINING TO 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).

PUBLIC NOTICE DATE: September 12, 2013

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0100170

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: NH-007-13

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

City of Nashua
Sawmill Road
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Nashua Wastewater Treatment Facility
Sawmill Road
Nashua, New Hampshire 03060

RECEIVING WATER(S): Merrimack River and Nashua River

RECEIVING WATER(S) CLASSIFICATION(S): Class B

REASON FOR EXTENDING THE PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD:

The original public comment period for this draft permit was from July 23, 2013 to September 20, 2013. Please note that any comments submitted during the initial public comment period of July 23, 2013 – September 20, 2013 are considered to be valid and part of the official record. There is no need to resubmit comments during the extended comment period. This Public Notice is hereby extended (40 CFR §124.13) in response to a request submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by the City of Nashua, New Hampshire for additional time to review the draft permit and submit comments. The Public Notice is hereby extended as per §124.13 to November 18, 2013.

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by November 18, 2013, 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 the 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 the draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

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 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_nh.html or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

Meridith Timony
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency – Region 1
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OEP06-1)
Boston, MA 02109-3912
Telephone: (617) 918-1533

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.

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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