NOTICE OF INTENT

Request for General Permit Authorization to Discharge Wastewater

Potable Water Treatment Facility (PWTF) NPDES
General Permit No. MAG640000 and NHG640000

SUBMITTED TO

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NEW ENGLAND - REGION I
5 POST OFFICE SQUARE, SUITE 100
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109-3912

A. Facility Information

1. Indicate applicable General Permit for discharge
   ☑ MAG640000
   ☐ NHG640000

2. Facility Data
   Facility Name: H.E. Willis WTP
   Street/PO Box: 9 Leonard Road
   City: Walpole
   State: MA
   Zip Code: 02081
   Latitude: 42.158669 (42°9'31"
   Longitude: -71.261004 (71°15'39"
   SIC Code(s):
   Type of Business: Water Treatment Plant membrane backwash and cleaning residuals

3. Facility Mailing Address (if different from Location Address, above)
   Facility Name: SAME
   Street/PO Box: ____________________________
   City: ____________________________
   State: ____________________________
   Zip Code: ____________________________

4. Facility Owner:
   Legal Name: Town of Walpole
   Email: james.johnson@walpole-ma.gov
   Street/PO Box: 135 School Street
   City: Walpole
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State  MA  Zip Code  02081
Contact Person  James Johnson  Tel #  (508) 660-7289
Owner is (check one):  □ Federal  □ State  □ Tribal  □ Private
Other (describe)
   Town - Municipality

5. Facility Operator (if different from above):
   Legal Name  SAME
   Email
   Street/PO Box  ____________  City  ____________
   State  ____________  Zip Code  ____________
   Contact Person  Scott Gustafson  Tel #  (508) 660-7308

6. Currently (Administratively) Covered Under the Expired PWTF General Permit? (Please check yes or no):
   ☑ Yes  ☐ No

   a) Has a prior NPDES permit (either individual or general permit coverage) been granted for the discharge
      that is listed on the NOI?  ☑ Yes  ☐ No  If Yes, Permit Number  MAG 40019

   b) Is the discharge a “new discharger” as defined by 40 CFR Section 122.22?  ☒ Yes  ☐ No

   c) Is the facility covered by an individual NPDES permit for other discharges?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
      If yes, Permit Number:  ____________

   d) Is there a pending NPDES application (either individual or general permit) on file with EPA for this
      discharge?  ☐ Yes  ☑ No
      If yes, date of submittal:  ____________ and Permit Number, if available  ____________

7. Attach a topographic map indicating the location of the facility and the outfall(s) to the receiving water.
   Map attached?  ☑

B. Discharge Information (Attach additional sheets as needed):

1. Name of receiving water into which discharge will occur:  Mine Brook/Neponset River Watershed
   Check Appropriate Box:  ☑ Freshwater  ☐ Marine Water
   State Water Quality Classification  Class  B
   Type of Receiving Water Body (e.g., stream, river, lake, reservoir, estuary, etc.)  Stream/Wetland
2. **Indicate the frequency of the discharge:**

- [ ] Emergency Only
- [ ] Infrequent (Once/Twice a Year)
- [x] Intermittent***
- [ ] Continuous
- [ ] Other***

*** If Intermittent (i.e., occurs sometimes but not regularly as in batch discharge), provide # of days per year the discharge occurs: **64 days in 2016**

*** If Other, explain: ____________________________________________

3. Describe the discharge activities for which the owner/applicant is seeking coverage, including process discharges not specifically authorized in the PWTF GP which need to be authorized for discharge (and which attain the effluent limits and other conditions of the general permit.)

(This description should include all treatment methods used on the wastewater prior to discharge including lagoons, baffles, filter presses, etc. If lagoons are used at the facility, please include the number and size of lagoons; the size and elevation of the entry pipe; the time of travel from the entry point of the discharge into the lagoon to the entry point to the receiving waters; and the length of backwash cycle for any combination of filters.)

The discharge from this facility consists primarily of filter backwash (membrane reject) and is infrequent, and at most times, non-existent. The vast majority, if not all of the discharge, is retained in each of the two onsite lagoons, which are periodically cleaned by a licensed hauler under a contract that is regularly put out to bid.

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*See Attachment B for additional information.

4. Attach a line drawing or flow schematic showing water flow through the facility including sources of intake water, operations contributing to flow, treatment units, outfalls, and receiving water(s).

**Line drawing or flow diagram attached?** [x]

5. Identify the source of the water being discharged:

- [ ] Surface water
- [x] Groundwater
- [ ] Other (describe) _______________

6. **Number of Outfalls** __2__

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7. For each outfall, indicate the proposed sampling location(s) for both effluent and ambient water (when applicable) and proposed consistent times of the month for collecting samples:

Outfall # 1

Samples are collected from the weir of the active lagoon when discharges occur.

Outfall # 2

Same as above.

C. Effluent Characteristics

1. List here and attach additional information (on separate sheet) on any water additives used at the facility. This includes chemicals (including aluminum, iron, or phosphorus-containing chemicals) for pH adjustment, dechlorination, control of biological growth, and control of corrosion and scale in water pipes.

See Attachment C.

2. Report any known remediation activities or water quality issues in the vicinity of the discharge.

Not applicable.

3. Are aluminum compounds or polymers used as coagulants at this facility?*

☒ Yes ☐ No

*If answer is “Yes” and the facility was not covered under the PWTF GP that expired on 10/2/14, additional monitoring data and information is required. Please complete Item III.C.12.

4. Does the facility use any alum-based products for algae control?*

☐ Yes ☒ No

*If answer is “Yes” and the facility was not covered under the PWTF GP that expired on 10/2/14, additional monitoring data and information is required. Please complete Item III.C.12.

5. Are iron-containing coagulants used at this facility?    ☐ Yes ☒ No
6. Does the facility’s discharge contain residual chlorine? □ Yes □ No
   [If Yes, EPA will calculate a Total Residual Chlorine effluent limit for your facility]

7. Does the facility provide treatment to remove arsenic from the raw water source? □ Yes □ No

8. a. Are phosphorus-containing chemicals added to the treated water at this facility? □ Yes □ No
   b. If answer to 8.a. is Yes, does the facility discharge to Phosphorus-Impaired waters? □ Yes □ No
   c. If answer to 8.b. is Yes, provide name of P-Impaired waterbody: ______________________________

9. Does the facility remove radium or other radioactive substances from raw water sources to comply with drinking water standards? □ Yes □ No

10. Provide the reported or calculated seven-day ten-year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving water 7Q10: __________ N/A cfs
    ***NOTE: For facilities that discharge in New Hampshire, the state permitting authority must be contacted at the address listed in Appendix VI of the PWTF GP to determine and/or confirm the 7Q10 and/or dilution factor. For facilities that discharge in Massachusetts, it is highly recommended to contact the relevant state authority (MassDEP) to determine and/or confirm the 7Q10 and/or dilution factor.***
    Attach any calculation sheets used to support the stream flow and dilution factors. See Appendix VII for equations and additional information.

11. For each outfall, provide the following discharge information:
   Outfall # 1 (or 2 – only one in operation at a time)
   a) Design Flow of Facility (in million gallons per day, MGD): ___3.0___
      This value will determine the facility’s daily maximum flow limit, up to a maximum of 1.0 MGD.
   b) Discharge Flow (in gallons per day, GPD): [discharged to lagoons in 2016]
      Maximum Daily Flow ___111,980___ GPD  Average Monthly Flow ___39,040___ GPD
   c) TSS (mg/l): Number of samples: 12 ________ (Minimum of 10 samples)
      Maximum Daily ___61___mg/l  Average Monthly ___34___mg/l
   d) pH (s.u.): Number of samples: 12 ________ (Minimum of 10 samples)
      Minimum ___7.87___ s.u.  Maximum ___8.15___ s.u.
e) **Total Residual Chlorine (µg/l):** Number of samples: 10 (Minimum of 10 samples)

Maximum Daily 80 µg/l

*NOTE: TRC is only required for discharges which have been previously chlorinated or contain residual chlorine*

12. The following section must be completed for any facility that answered “Yes” to Question III.C.3 or III.C.4 (e.g. adds an aluminum-containing chemical to the water being treated and/or discharged) **AND** was not covered under the previous PWTF GP (which expired on 10/2/14).

a) Collect, analyze and submit **12 effluent samples and 10 ambient surface water samples** from a location upstream of and not affected by the discharge. For facilities in New Hampshire and Massachusetts, each sample should be analyzed for total recoverable Al in micrograms per liter.

All laboratory results shall be submitted on a separate sheet.

a. The samples shall be composite samples consisting of four grab samples taken at approximately equal intervals on a flow weighted basis during the time at which the discharge is entering the receiving water after the start of the backwash cycle.

b. For each sampling event, the effluent and surface water samples shall be collected on the same day and during a representative discharge event. The samples shall be no more frequent than weekly and, if time allows in completing the NOI, at monthly intervals and at different flow conditions. If taking the ambient water quality sample from lakes/reservoirs, the 10 samples should be composited vertically.

c. Discharge flow at the time of effluent sampling should be recorded. Flow conditions at the time of ambient water sampling should be recorded (or estimated from nearest gaging station).

d. Do not include dilution when recording the results.

e. See Section 2.1.2.3 and Footnote 12 of Section 2.1.1 for MA facilities (or Section 3.1.2.3 and Footnote 10 of 3.1.1 for NH facilities) for key information on minimum level for analysis and sufficiently sensitive test procedures.

f. Sampling data that was collected within one year of the effective date of this general permit **AND** that adheres to all of the requirements above may be submitted in lieu of new samples. This must be denoted with the submitted data.

b) Provide a description of control measures, chemical substitutions, waste handling methods, and operational changes evaluated and/or used by the facility to minimize the discharge of aluminum to surface waters. (Include additional sheet(s), if necessary)
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D. Endangered Species Act Eligibility Information

Using the instructions in Appendix III of the PWTF GP, which of the following criteria apply to your facility?

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Criteria: □ A  □ B  □ C

1. If you selected USFWS criteria B, has consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service been completed?
   □ Yes  □ No

2. If consultation with US Fish & Wildlife Service was completed, was a written concurrence finding that the discharge is “not likely to adversely affect” listed species or critical habitat received?
   □ Yes  □ No

3. Attach documentation of ESA eligibility for USFWS as required at Part 1.4 and Appendix III of the General Permit. Documentation attached? □ Yes □

4. For facilities seeking coverage under the Potable Water Treatment Facility General Permit for the first time, respond to the following questions to assist in ESA eligibility for NMFS:
   a) Indicate if the facility discharges into any of the stretches of the following rivers which can support or provide habitat to either Shortnose or Atlantic Sturgeon:

   *Merrimack River* (from Essex Dam in Lawrence, Downstream (including Haverhill) to mouth of River) □ Yes  □ No
   *Connecticut River* (from Turners Falls, downstream through Holyoke (including Holyoke Dam region) □ Yes  □ No
   *Taunton River* □ Yes  □ No
   *Piscataqua River (in NH)* □ Yes  □ No

   b) Has the facility had any previous formal or informal consultation with NMFS?
      □ Yes  □ No

   If yes, attach the results of the consultation(s). Documentation attached? □

E. National Historic Properties Act Eligibility

1. Are any historic properties listed or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places located on the facility site or in proximity to the discharge? □ Yes  □ No
2. Have any State or Tribal Historic Preservation Officers been consulted in this determination?
   ☐ Yes  ☒ No

   If yes, attach the results of the consultation(s).  Documentation attached? ________

3. Which of the three National Historic Preservation Act scenarios listed in Appendix II, Section III have you met?
   ☒ 1  ☐ 2  ☐ 3

F. Supplemental Information

Please provide any supplemental information, including antidegradation review information applicable to new or increased discharges. Attach any analytical data used to support the application. Attach any certification(s) required by the General Permit.

G. Signature Requirements

The NOI must be signed by the operator in accordance with the signatory requirements of 40 CFR § 122.22 (see below) including the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that (1) the discharge for which I am seeking coverage under the general permit consists solely of a surface water discharge from a potable water treatment facility; (2) any chemicals used to treat the discharge have been identified in this NOI; and (3) where applicable, the facility has complied with the requirements of this permit specific to the Endangered Species Act and National Historic Preservation Act.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature ____________________________ Date 5/31/17

Printed Name and Title: James Johnson, Town Administrator

Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

1. For a corporation, by a responsible corporate party;
2. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively, or,
3. For a municipality, State, Federal or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

Note: Permits No. MAG640000 and NHG640000 may be found at http://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/pwtfgp.html
H. “Opt-Out Request” from NetDMR Requirement

1. Check the box if you are applying for an “opt-out request.”

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2. Provide a detailed explanation of the technical or administrative factors that support your request to “opt-out” from the requirement to submit DMRs and reports electronically. (Add additional lines, if necessary.)

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ATTACHMENT B

PROCESS DESCRIPTION
ATTACHMENT B

FACILITY INFORMATION
Harold E. Willis Water Treatment Plant
Leonard Road
Walpole, MA 02081
Telephone: (508) 660-7345 Contact: R.E. Mattson, Jr., Superintendent

Facility Owner:
Town of Walpole
135 School Street
Walpole, MA 02081
Telephone: (508) 660-7289 Contact: James Johnson, Town Administrator

Facility Operator:
Town of Walpole Sewer and Water Department Primary: Scott Gustafson
135 School Street
Walpole, MA 02081
Telephone (508) 660-7308

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MEMBRANE CLEANING PROCESS

Citric Acid Re-dissolve iron and manganese particulate (pH adjusted prior to discharge with KOH)

Sodium Bisulfite Neutralize Cl₂ after Cl₂ cleaning of membranes
ATTACHMENT B (CONTINUED)

H.E. Willis WTP
Discharge to Lagoons
Process Description

Raw water from the eight Mine Brook Wells enters the water treatment plant and receives a dosage of 45% Potassium Hydroxide to raise the pH, as an aid to oxidation of iron and manganese. The water is aerated to oxidize iron and drive off volatiles, raising the pH at this point is approximately 7.8 units. The water enters the rapid mix tank, where Potassium Permanganate is added to oxidize the manganese, as well as Polyaluminum Chloride for enhanced coagulation. There is no further chemical addition at this point that impacts the discharge to the lagoons.

From the rapid mix tank the water goes through flocculation tanks and then the three membrane tanks, where filtration occurs. Five percent of the water entering the membrane tanks is rejected to a residual holding tank. The detention time of the residuals tanks allows solids to settle out for removal as the water travels across the tanks to the recycle tank. The solids that accumulate in this tank are pumped out through a metered 4" discharge line to the lagoons; this pumping stage is operator initiated.

Every 24 hours of operation, each membrane tank undergoes a tank de-concentration. The membrane tank is emptied to the lagoon through a 12" discharge pipe, the volume of each de-concentration being 11,000 gallons and measured by tank level. There are no other discharges to the lagoons.

Each of the discharge pipes at the lagoon entrance is pointed at a jersey barrier for baffling. The two lagoons are roughly 45' square and 6' deep, for a volume of approximately 45,000 gallons each. The volume of the lagoons is such that the water rarely overflows the weir that leads to a 12" discharge pipe; this pipe is the discharge outlet point for each lagoon.
**Chemicals Added**

- KMnO₄: Potassium Permanganate
- KOH: Potassium Hydroxide
- PACL: Polyaluminum Chloride
- NaOCl: Sodium Hypochlorite
- FLUORIDE: Hydrofluoric Acid
- NaHSO₃: Sodium Bisulfite
- Citric: Citric Acid

**PROCESS FLOW SCHEMATIC**

**H.E. WILLIS WTP**

WALPOLE, MASSACHUSETTS

**PROJ NO:** 13735A  **DATE:** MAY 2017  **FIGURE:** B-2
ATTACHMENT C

DISCHARGE WATER QUALITY
### ATTACHMENT C

Willis WTP, Walpole, MA  
Weir Discharge Water Quality  
Onsite Analyses

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ATTACHMENT D

ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT

ELIGIBILITY DOCUMENTATION
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ENDANGERED SPECIES ACT ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) Information, Planning, and Conservation (IPaC) online system was used to develop a preliminary determination of federally listed species or designated critical habitats within the area of the existing discharge.

Attached is the documentation from the USFWS IPaC system indicating that the Northern long-eared Bat may occur within the project area. Based on this documentation, we contacted the New England Ecological Services Field Office for informal consultation.

Because there are no proposed construction activities, and no tree cutting that could be potential habitat for the bat, there will be no anticipated negative effect on the Northern long-eared Bat from this project.
In Reply Refer To: May 22, 2017
Consultation Code: 05E1NE00-2017-SL1-1605
Event Code: 05E1NE00-2017-E-03238
Project Name: Willis Water Treatment Plant, Walpole, MA

Subject: List of threatened and endangered species that may occur in your proposed project location, and/or may be affected by your proposed project

To Whom It May Concern:

The enclosed species list identifies threatened, endangered, proposed and candidate species, as well as proposed and final designated critical habitat, that may occur within the boundary of your proposed project and/or may be affected by your proposed project. The species list fulfills the requirements of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) under section 7(c) of the Endangered Species Act (Act) of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 et seq.).

New information based on updated surveys, changes in the abundance and distribution of species, changed habitat conditions, or other factors could change this list. Please feel free to contact us if you need more current information or assistance regarding the potential impacts to federally proposed, listed, and candidate species and federally designated and proposed critical habitat. Please note that under 50 CFR 402.12(e) of the regulations implementing section 7 of the Act, the accuracy of this species list should be verified after 90 days. This verification can be completed formally or informally as desired. The Service recommends that verification be completed by visiting the ECOS-IPaC website at regular intervals during project planning and implementation for updates to species lists and information. An updated list may be requested through the ECOS-IPaC system by completing the same process used to receive the enclosed list.

The purpose of the Act is to provide a means whereby threatened and endangered species and the ecosystems upon which they depend may be conserved. Under sections 7(a)(1) and 7(a)(2) of the Act and its implementing regulations (50 CFR 402 et seq.), Federal agencies are required to utilize their authorities to carry out programs for the conservation of threatened and endangered species and to determine whether projects may affect threatened and endangered species and/or designated critical habitat.

A Biological Assessment is required for construction projects (or other undertakings having similar physical impacts) that are major Federal actions significantly affecting the quality of the
human environment as defined in the National Environmental Policy Act (42 U.S.C. 4332(2)(c)). For projects other than major construction activities, the Service suggests that a biological evaluation similar to a Biological Assessment be prepared to determine whether the project may affect listed or proposed species and/or designated or proposed critical habitat. Recommended contents of a Biological Assessment are described at 50 CFR 402.12.

If a Federal agency determines, based on the Biological Assessment or biological evaluation, that listed species and/or designated critical habitat may be affected by the proposed project, the agency is required to consult with the Service pursuant to 50 CFR 402. In addition, the Service recommends that candidate species, proposed species and proposed critical habitat be addressed within the consultation. More information on the regulations and procedures for section 7 consultation, including the role of permit or license applicants, can be found in the "Endangered Species Consultation Handbook" at:

http://www.fws.gov/endangered/esa-library/pdf/TOC-GLOS.PDF

Please be aware that bald and golden eagles are protected under the Bald and Golden Eagle Protection Act (16 U.S.C. 668 et seq.), and projects affecting these species may require development of an eagle conservation plan (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/eagle_guidance.html). Additionally, wind energy projects should follow the wind energy guidelines (http://www.fws.gov/windenergy/) for minimizing impacts to migratory birds and bats.

Guidance for minimizing impacts to migratory birds for projects including communications towers (e.g., cellular, digital television, radio, and emergency broadcast) can be found at: http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/towers.htm; http://www.towerkill.com; and http://www.fws.gov/migratorybirds/CurrentBirdIssues/Hazards/towers/comtow.html.

We appreciate your concern for threatened and endangered species. The Service encourages Federal agencies to include conservation of threatened and endangered species into their project planning to further the purposes of the Act. Please include the Consultation Tracking Number in the header of this letter with any request for consultation or correspondence about your project that you submit to our office.

Attachment(s):

- Official Species List
Official Species List

This list is provided pursuant to Section 7 of the Endangered Species Act, and fulfills the requirement for Federal agencies to "request of the Secretary of the Interior information whether any species which is listed or proposed to be listed may be present in the area of a proposed action".

This species list is provided by:

New England Ecological Services Field Office
70 Commercial Street, Suite 300
Concord, NH 03301-5094
(603) 223-2541
Project Summary

Consultation Code: 05E1NE00-2017-SLI-1605

Event Code: 05E1NE00-2017-E-03238

Project Name: Willis Water Treatment Plant, Walpole, MA

Project Type: WATER SUPPLY / DELIVERY

Project Description: No construction activities. This is for the NPDES General Permit.

Project Location:
   Approximate location of the project can be viewed in Google Maps:
   https://www.google.com/maps/place/42.15896772131136N71.26047574375798W

   Counties: Norfolk, MA

Endangered Species Act Species

There is a total of 1 threatened, endangered, or candidate species on your species list. Species on this list should be considered in an effects analysis for your project and could include species that exist in another geographic area. For example, certain fish may appear on the species list because a project could affect downstream species. See the "Critical habitats" section below for those critical habitats that lie wholly or partially within your project area. Please contact the designated FWS office if you have questions.
**Mammals**

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No critical habitat has been designated for this species.
Species profile: [https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045](https://ecos.fws.gov/ecp/species/9045)

**Critical habitats**

There are no critical habitats within your project area.