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

## **Request for General Permit Authorization to Discharge** Wastewater Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the General Permit **Potable Water Treatment Facility (PWTF)** NPDES General Permit No. MAG640000 and HG640000

#### A. Facility Information

1.	Indicate applicable General Permit for discharge	MAG640000
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NHG640000
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2.	Facility Data		
	Facility Name Great Pond Water Treatm	nent Plant	
	Street/PO Box 85 Quincy Avenue	City Braintree	
	State MA	Zip Code <u>02184</u>	
	Latitude 42 degrees 12' 6.18"	Longitude -71 degrees 2'	22.65"
	SIC		Code(s)
		Type of Business	
3.	Facility Mailing Address (if different from Le	ocation Address, above)	
	Street/PO Box	City	

 State
 Zip Code

4.	Facility Owner: Legal Name <b>Town of Braintree Public Work</b>	S		
	Email <b>ldutton@braintreema.gov</b>			
	Street/PO Box 300 Kinghill Rd	City Braintree		-
	State MA	Zip Code <u>02184</u>		
	Contact Person Louis R. Dutton	Tel # <b>_781-8423-9205</b>		
	Owner is (check one): FederalState	TribalPrivate	-	
	Other (describe) Municipality			
5.	<i>Facility Operator (if different from above):</i> Legal Name			
	Email			
	Street/PO Box	City		_
	State	Zip Code		
	Contact Person	Tel #		
6.	<i>Currently (Administratively) Covered Under th or no):</i>	e Expired PWTF General Permit	? (Please c	check yes
	Yes No			
a)	Has a prior NPDES permit (either individual or discharge that is listed on the NOI? Yes	r general permit coverage) been gr No If Yes, Permit	anted for Number _	the
b)	Is the discharge a "new discharger" as defined	by 40 CFR Section 122.22?	Yes	<mark>No</mark>
c)	Is the facility covered by an individual NPDES	permit for other discharges?	Yes	<mark>No</mark>
	If yes, Permit Number:			
d)	Is there a pending NPDES application (either in discharge?	ndividual or general permit) on file	e with EPA Yes	A for this <mark>No</mark>
	If yes, date of submittal: and	l Permit Number, if available		
7.	Attach a topographic map indicating the locati	on of the facility and the outfall(s)	to the rec	eiving
	water. Map attached?			
YES				

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

1. Name of receiving water into which discharge will occur: Lower Great Pond

	Check Appropr	iate Box:	<b>Freshw</b>	ater	Marine Water
	State Water Qu	ality Classification	Class A		
	Type of Receive	ing Water Body (e.g., strea	am, river, lake,	reservoir, estuary, etc.)	_
2.	Indicate the free	quency of the discharge:			
Emerge	ncy Only	Infrequent (Once/Twice a	v Year)	Intermittent***	Continuous

Other\*\*\*

\*\*\*If Intermittent (i.e., occurs sometimes but not regularly as in batch discharge), provide # of days per year the discharge occurs \*\*\*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 Great Pond WTP treats surface water from the Great Pond Reservoir System (Upper Pond, Lower Pond, and Richardi Reservoir). The WTP consists of three distinct buildings (a raw water intake structure, a pumping station, and a filter building), covered flocculation basins, covered sedimentation basins, a covered contact basin/clearwell, and three lagoons for residuals handling. Surface water is treated with sodium hydroxide for pH adjustment, polyaluminum chloride for coagulation, chlorine gas for primary and secondary disinfection, and phosphoric acid for corrosion control. Physical treatment processes include rapid mixing, multi-stage flocculation, conventional sedimentation, and filtration using multi-media filters. Residuals handling consists of draining the sedimentation basins by gravity to on-site sludge lagoons. Filter backwash water is also discharged to the lagoons for dewatering. The sludge is settled in the north lower lagoon, south lower lagoon, and upper lagoon. The lagoon supernatant and underdrain collected water is discharged into Great Pond.

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?

5. Identify the source of the water being discharged:

Surface water

Groundwater

Other (describe)

Number of Outfalls  $\underline{3}$  Latitude and Longitude to the nearest second for each Outfall. Attach 6. additional pages if necessary.

Outfall #	Latitude_42° 12' 7.96"	Longitude71° 2' 25.41"
Outfall #	Latitude 42° 12' 6.73"	Longitude71° 2' 25.82"
Outfall #	Latitude_ 42° 12' 6.09"	Longitude71° 2' 25.83"

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 # Samples are collected from the lagoon discharge slide gate on a weekly basis.

Outfall #

Outfall #

## 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.

Sodium Hydroxide (NaOH) Polyaluminum Chloride (PACl), Chlorine gas, phosphoric acid (H3PO4)

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

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

No

Yes

\*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 <i>not</i> covered under the PWTF GP that expired on 10/2/14, additional monitoring data and information is required. <b>Please complete Item</b>	III.C.12
5.	Are iron-containing coagulants used at this facility? Yes_	<mark>No</mark>
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]
7.	Does the facility provide treatment to remove arsenic from the raw water source? Yes	<mark>No</mark>
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	<mark>No</mark>
c.	If answer to 8.b. is Yes, provide name of P-Impaired waterbody:	
<mark>9.</mark> with o	Does the facility remove radium or other radioactive substances from raw water sources to drinking water standards? Yes No	comply
10. 7Q10	Provide the reported or calculated seven day- ten year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving wat cfs	er
***N conta	OTE: For facilities that discharge in New Hampshire, the state permitting authority <b>must</b> be cted at the address listed in Appendix VI of the PWTF GP to determine and/or confirm the	9 7010

\*\* co 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 # \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Design Flow of Facility (in million gallons per day, MGD): 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):* Maximum Daily Flow **725,000** GPD Average Monthly Flow **207,000** GPD

*TSS (mg/l)*: Number of samples: **10**\_\_\_\_\_(Minimum of 10 samples) *c*)

Maximum Daily 58\_\_\_\_\_mg/l Average Monthly 12.6\_\_\_\_\_mg/l

- d) pH(s.u.): Number of samples: <u>Not Tested</u> (Minimum of 10 samples) Maximum\_\_\_\_\_s.u. Minimum\_\_\_\_\_s.u.
- *Total Residual Chlorine (ug/l)*: Number of samples: **10** (Minimum of 10 samples) e) Maximum Daily **0.23** ug/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)

### 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	В	С
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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?** 

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:

<i>Merrimack River</i> (from Essex Dam in Lawrence, Downstream (including Haverhill) to mouth of River)	Yes	No
<i>Connecticut River</i> (from Turner's 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

 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

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?

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No

# 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 6-5-2017
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Printed Name and Title Louis R. Dutton Water Works Superintendent

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."

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.)