



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

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VIA EMAIL

October 31, 2017

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Re: Authorization to discharge under the Remediation General Permit (RGP) – Authorization #MAG910754, for the Pipefitters Local 537 Training Center site located in Dorchester, MA

Dear Mr. Kelly:

Based on the review of a Notice of Intent (NOI) dated September 28, 2017 submitted by McPhail Associates, LLC for the site referenced above, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA) hereby authorizes Pipefitters Local 537 Education Trust, as the named owner, and as a named operator and co-permittee with John Moriarty & Associates, to discharge in accordance with the provisions of the RGP from this site via the City of Boston storm sewer system¹ to Bass River (MA70-02). The authorization number is listed above. The effective date of coverage is the date of this authorization letter.

Enclosed with this RGP authorization to discharge is a summary of the applicable parameters and effluent limitations for your activity category III, contaminated site dewatering discharge. A dilution factor of zero (i.e., 1:1) was used in calculating effluent limits applicable to the proposed discharge from this site. Please note that this summary does not represent the complete requirements of the RGP. Operators must comply with all of the applicable requirements of the RGP, including influent and effluent monitoring, record keeping, and reporting requirements. For the complete general permit, see EPA's RGP website.²

This EPA general permit and authorization to discharge will expire on **April 8, 2022**, or upon Notice of Termination (NOT), whichever occurs first. However, in accordance with Part 5.3 of the general permit, your permit coverage will be administratively continued until issuance of a new RGP. Please note that you must submit a NOT within thirty (30) days of the termination of the discharge. You have reported your discharges are not expected to last twelve (12) months or more. Because your discharges are not expected to last twelve (12) months or more, EPA expects you will not be subject to NetDMR reporting requirements. See Part 4.6 and 5.2 of the RGP, and Appendix IV, Part 3 for more information regarding reporting requirements.

¹ The operator is responsible for obtaining permission to discharge to this system, prior to initiating discharges. EPA's authorization to discharge does not convey any such permission.

² <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/remediation-general-permit-rgp-massachusetts-new-hampshire>.

In accordance with Part 2.2.1 of the RGP and using the calculation methodology included in Appendix V, EPA corrected the calculated water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) applicable to this proposed discharge. The cause of the calculation error was identified as the incorrect entry of the discharge and receiving water flow and influent concentrations for multiple parameters in the fillable electronic format submitted with the NOI and included in Appendix C. These values were corrected to the maximum discharge flow, minimum receiving water flow and maximum influent concentrations reported in the NOI. The reason for this correction is to determine the WQBELs that apply to the proposed discharge. Based on the revised calculations, your authorization to discharge includes additional WQBELs for total recoverable copper of 3.7 µg/L, total recoverable lead of 8.5 µg/L, and total cyanide of 1.0 µg/L.

Please ensure that sufficiently sensitive test methods are used for all sample analyses conducted for this permit. To be considered sufficiently sensitive, test methods must achieve minimum levels for analysis for a given parameter that is no greater than the effluent limitation for that parameter, unless otherwise specified in the RGP for that parameter. Where no effluent limitation applies, EPA has provided the ML required with the enclosed summary. Where a compliance level applies, EPA has specified the compliance level and provided the ML required with the enclosed summary.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation in this matter. Please contact Shauna Little at (617) 918-1989 or little.shauna@epa.gov, if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



Thelma Murphy, Chief
Storm Water and Construction Permits Section

Enclosure

cc: Stan Durlacher, John Moriarty & Associates, via email
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GENERAL PERMIT FOR REMEDIATION ACTIVITY DISCHARGES

Table 1: Authorization Information

Permit Number	MAG910754
Receiving Water	Bass River
Outfall Number	Outfall 001 to City of Boston CSO070
Monitoring Frequency	See Part 4.1.2 of the RGP
Reporting Requirement	See Part 4.6.1 of the RGP; NetDMR not required

Table 2: Chemical-Specific Effluent Limitations and Monitor-Only Requirements¹

Parameter	Effluent Limitation
A. Inorganics	
Ammonia ²	Report mg/L
Chloride ³	Report µg/L
Total Suspended Solids	30 mg/L
Antimony ⁴	206 µg/L
Arsenic ⁴	104 µg/L
Cadmium ⁴	10.2 µg/L
Chromium III ⁴	323 g/L
Chromium VI ⁴	323 µg/L
Copper ⁴	3.7 µg/L
Iron ⁴	5,000 µg/L
Lead ⁴	8.5 µg/L
Mercury ⁴	0.739 µg/L
Nickel ⁴	1,450 µg/L
Selenium ⁴	235.8 µg/L
Silver ⁴	35.1 µg/L
Zinc ⁴	420 µg/L
Cyanide ⁵	1.0 µg/L
D. Non-Halogenated Semi-Volatile Organic Compounds	
Total Group I Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons ⁶	1.0 µg/L
Benzo(a)anthracene ⁶	Report µg/L
Benzo(a)pyrene ⁶	Report µg/L
Benzo(b)fluoranthene ⁶	Report µg/L
Benzo(k)fluoranthene ⁶	Report µg/L
Chrysene ⁶	Report µg/L
Dibenzo(a,h)anthracene ⁶	Report µg/L
Indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene ⁶	Report µg/L
Total Group II Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbons	100 µg/L
Naphthalene	20 µg/L
F. Fuels Parameters	
Total Petroleum Hydrocarbons	5.0 mg/L
Methyl-tert-Butyl Ether	70 µg/L
tert-Butyl Alcohol	120 µg/L
tert-Amyl Methyl Ether	90 µg/L

Table 2 Notes:

¹ The following abbreviations are used in Table 2, above:

^a mg/L = milligrams per liter

^b µg/L = micrograms per liter

² The minimum level (ML) for analysis of ammonia must be less than or equal to 0.1 mg/L.

³ The ML for analysis of chloride must be less than or equal to 230 mg/L.

⁴ The limitation for this parameter is on the basis of total recoverable metal in the water column.

⁵ The compliance level for total cyanide is 5.0 µg/L The ML for analysis of total cyanide must be less than or equal to 5.0 µg/L.

⁶ The ML for analysis of group I polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons must be less than or equal to 0.1 µg/L.

Table 3: Effluent Flow Limitation

Effluent Flow	Effluent Limitation
	0.036 MGD

Table 3 Notes

¹ The following abbreviations are used in Table 3, above:

^a MGD = million gallons per day

Table 4: pH Limitations for Discharges in Massachusetts

Receiving Water Class	Effluent Limitation
Saltwater	6.5 to 8.5 SU

Table 4 Notes

¹ The following abbreviations are used in Table 4, above:

^a SU = standard units