



**REGION 1**

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**MEMORANDUM**

**Subject:** Extending the Public Comment Period for EPA-R01-OW-2024-0493

**To:** [EPA-R01-OW-2024-0493](#)

**From:** Damien Houlihan, Water Division

**Through:** Thelma Murphy, Deputy Director, Water Division

This memorandum authorizes the extension of the public comment period for EPA-R01-OW-2024-0493 by an additional 90 days to May 21, 2025.

On November 22, 2024, Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Region 1 provided notice of availability of a Draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for the discharge of stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) that covers "traditional" (i.e., cities and towns) and "non-traditional" (i.e., Federal and state agencies) MS4s in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts ("Draft Permit").

As initially published in the Federal Register, comments on the Draft Permit were to be submitted to the EPA on or before February 20, 2025 (a 90-day public comment period). EPA is extending the public comment period for 90 days. The Draft Permit will be open for public comment from November 22, 2024 to May 21, 2025. If EPA holds a public hearing on the Draft Permit, EPA will provide adequate notice of the hearing on its website, on this docket, and via email to interested parties.

**DATES:** Comments must be received on or before May 21, 2025.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit your comments, identified by Docket ID EPA-R01-OW-2024-0493, by the following method:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal:* <https://www.regulations.gov/docket/EPA-R01-OW-2024-0493>. Follow the online instructions for submitting comments. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from Regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket. Do not submit electronically any information you consider to be Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Multimedia submissions (audio, video, etc.) must be accompanied by a written comment. The written comment is considered the official comment and should include discussion of all points you wish to make. The EPA will generally not consider comments or comment contents located outside of the primary submission (i.e. on the web, cloud, or other file sharing system). For additional submission methods, the full EPA public comment policy, information about CBI or multimedia submissions, and general guidance on making effective comments, please visit: <http://www.epa.gov/dockets/commenting-epa-dockets>.
- *Email:* [gaito.danielle@epa.gov](mailto:gaito.danielle@epa.gov) and include "Comments on the Draft Massachusetts Small MS4 General Permit" in the subject line.
- *Mail:* U.S. EPA Region 1, Water Division, Attn: Danielle Gaito, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Mail Code 06-4, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912. If comments are submitted in hard copy form, please also email a copy to [gaito.danielle@epa.gov](mailto:gaito.danielle@epa.gov).

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