



The State of New Hampshire
Department of Environmental Services

Robert R. Scott, Commissioner



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Lynn Jennings, Chief
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Subject: Small Wastewater Treatment Facility General Permit
Certification of NPDES Permit No. NHG580000

Dear Ms. Jennings:

By letter dated April 8, 2021, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requested state certification, in accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act, of the draft Small Wastewater Treatment Facility General Permit (WWTF GP).

EPA gave public notice of the availability of the draft permit, including the fact sheet, on April 8, 2021. The public notice provided a public comment period until May 25, 2021, and stated that the draft permit and fact sheet could be obtained at the EPA New England website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/region-1-draft-small-wastewater-treatment-facilities-general-permit>.

After review of the draft permit, state certification is hereby granted pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act with the condition that EPA complete a reasonable potential analysis and develop permit limits for each New Hampshire facility that is eligible for coverage under the WWTF GP, regardless of dilution factor.

The draft permit, with the condition noted, will ensure that the requirements in Title L RSA 485-A and New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules Env-Wq 1700 (Surface Water Quality Standards) are met. Per EPA's April 8, 2021 correspondence, EPA has given NHDES only 60 days to certify this permit. As such, NHDES is required to provide this certification without the opportunity to view the responses to public comments or final permit. Therefore, this certification is for the above-referenced draft permit provided during the public comment period only. This certification does not pertain to any modified draft or final permit that may be created later or to any modifications to the draft permit created in response to public comments or otherwise, including, but not limited to, any modifications to the draft permit limits or monitoring requirements.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rene Pelletier". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Rene" being more prominent than the last name "Pelletier".

Rene Pelletier, P.G., Assistant Director
Water Division

cc: Ellen Weitzler, EPA-Region 1
Tracy Wood, P.E., Administrator, NHDES WD-WWEB
Ted Diers, Administrator, NHDES WD-WMB