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UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL
PROTECTION AGENCY
OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION
REGION I
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109-3912

JOINT EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE OF A REVISED DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: August 17, 2018 – September 15, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENDED TO: October 15, 2018

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0101613

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: MA-016-18

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Springfield Water and Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 995
Springfield, MA 01101-0995

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Springfield Regional Waste Water Treatment Facility and from 24 Combined Sewer Overflow Outfalls (CSOs)
Route 5 Bondi Island
Agawam, MA 01001

RECEIVING WATER: Connecticut River, Chicopee River and Mill River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: Class B – Warm Water Fishery

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MADEP) have cooperated in the development of a revised draft permit for the above identified facility. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure that State Water Quality Standards and provisions of the Clean Water Act will be met. EPA has formally requested that the State certify this revised draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the revised draft permit will be certified.

Public notice of this revised draft permit was provided in The Republican (Springfield, MA) and sent to the permittee, co-permittees and other interested parties by mail and electronic mail on August 17, 2018.

EPA is extending the public notice period (40 C.F.R. §124.10) at the request of the permittee to allow for additional time to review the revised draft permit.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE REVISED DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet supplement (which includes the basis for the revised draft permit conditions; and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in preparing this revised draft permit) may be obtained at no cost at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massachusetts-draft-individual-npdes-permits> or by writing or calling EPA's contact person named below:

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5 Post Office Square
Suite 100
Boston, MA 02109-3912
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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this revised draft permit is on file and may be inspected at the EPA Boston office mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

EXTENSION OF THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of this revised draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by **October 15, 2018**, to the U.S. EPA, 5 Post Office Square, Suite 100, Boston, Massachusetts 02109-23912. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency for a public hearing to consider this revised draft permit. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days' public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on this revised draft permit the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final permit decision any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing to reconsider or contest the final decision.

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