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

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: June 23, 2020 – July 22, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENDED TO: August 6, 2020

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0101303

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: NH-021-20

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Town of Seabrook
c/o William Manzi III, Town Manager
99 Lafayette Road
PO Box 456
Seabrook, New Hampshire 03874**

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

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RECEIVING WATER: Gulf of Maine, (Class B)

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES-WD) have cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the Seabrook Wastewater Treatment Plant, which discharges treated domestic and industrial wastewater. Sludge from this facility is facility is dewatered on site and shipped for composting to various contractors. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the CWA and State water quality standards in Chapter 485-A of the New Hampshire Statutes: Water Pollution and Waste Disposal, and the New

Hampshire Surface Water Quality Regulations, Env-Wq 1700 et seq. In addition, EPA has requested that the State certify the draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA and NHDES has determined that the draft permit, with any additional state conditions included in the state certification, assures compliance with Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 of the CWA and with State water quality requirements.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The draft permit and explanatory fact sheet may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_nh.html or by contacting:

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The administrative record containing all documents relating to this draft permit including all data submitted by the applicant may be inspected at the EPA Boston office by appointment, Monday through Friday, except holidays and during facility closures due to COVID-19. All data submitted by the applicant are available as part of the administrative record.

EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by midnight **August 6, 2020**, to the address or email address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and NHDES for a public hearing to consider this 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 the draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA's Boston office.

FINAL PERMIT DECISION:

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.

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