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**EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD** PERTAINING TO THE ISSUANCE 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.

DATE OF ORIGINAL PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: **October 26, 2020 – November 24, 2020**

PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENDED TO: **December 28, 2020**

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0004782**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: **MA-003-21**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

CITGO Petroleum Corporation  
P.O. Box 655  
Pennsauken, NJ 08110

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

CITGO Braintree Terminal  
385 Quincy Avenue  
East Braintree, MA 02184

RECEIVING WATER: Weymouth Fore River (Class SB)

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT AND EPA REQUEST FOR CWA § 401 CERTIFICATION:

EPA is issuing for public notice and comment the Draft NPDES Permit for the CITGO Braintree Terminal, which discharges treated stormwater, hydrostatic test water, and groundwater. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted pursuant to, and assure compliance with, the CWA, including EPA approved State Surface Water Quality Standards at 314 CMR 4.00. MassDEP cooperated with EPA in the development of the Draft NPDES Permit. MassDEP retains independent authority under State law to issue a separate Surface Water Discharge Permit for the discharge, not the subject of this notice, under the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53.

In addition, EPA has requested that MassDEP grant or deny certification of this Draft Permit pursuant to Section 401 of the CWA and implementing regulations. Under federal regulations governing the NPDES program at 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) § 124.53(e), state certification shall contain conditions that are necessary to assure compliance with the applicable provisions of CWA sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 and with appropriate requirements of State law, including any conditions more stringent than those in the Draft Permit that MassDEP finds necessary to meet these requirements. In addition,

MassDEP may provide a statement of the extent to which each condition of the Draft Permit can be made less stringent without violating the requirements of State law.

#### INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The Draft Permit and explanatory Fact Sheet may be obtained at no cost at <https://www.epa.gov/npdespermits/massachusetts-draft-individual-npdes-permits> or by contacting:

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Following U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM) guidance and specific state guidelines impacting our regional offices, EPA's workforce has been directed to telework to help prevent transmission of the coronavirus. While in this workforce telework status, there are practical limitations on the ability of Agency personnel to allow the public to review the administrative record in person at the EPA Boston office. However, any electronically available documents that are part of the administrative record can be requested from the EPA contact above.

#### EXTENSION OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of this Draft Permit is inappropriate, must raise all issues and submit all available comments and all supporting material for their comments in full by December 28, 2020, to the EPA contact and address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA 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 this 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:

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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