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JOINT 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, AND ISSUANCE OF A STATE SURFACE WATER PERMIT UNDER NH RSA
485-A:13, I(a).

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: March 31, 2022 - May 16, 2022

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0109000*

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**City of Portsmouth
680 Peaverly Hill Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Pease Wastewater Treatment Facility
135 Corporate Drive
Portsmouth, NH 03801**

RECEIVING WATER: Piscataqua River - 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 City of Portsmouth, which discharges sanitary and industrial wastewater. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. sections 1251 *et seq.*, 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.* EPA has formally requested that the State certify the draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

* This public notice extension corrects a typographical error in the original public notice and draft permit documents in which the NPDES Permit Number was incorrectly identified as NH0090000. The correct NPDES Permit Number is NH0109000.

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 mentioned above between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

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 **May 16, 2022**, 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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