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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: April 19, 2022 - June 17, 2022

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0100668

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**City of Rochester
45 Old Dover Road
Rochester, NH 03867**

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Rochester Wastewater Treatment Facility
175 Pickering Road
Gonic, NH 03839**

RECEIVING WATER: Cocheco 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 Rochester Wastewater Treatment Facility, which discharges treated domestic 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.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The Draft Permit and explanatory Fact Sheet may be obtained at no cost at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/new-hampshire-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.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

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 **June 17, 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.

Due to the COVID-19 National Emergency, if comments are submitted in hard copy form, please also email a copy to the EPA contact above.

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 notice of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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