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JOINT **EPA EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD** OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA), AS AMENDED; NHDES PUBLIC NOTICE OF EPA REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER SECTION 401 OF THE ACT; AND NHDES PUBLIC NOTICE OF ISSUANCE OF A STATE SURFACE WATER PERMIT UNDER NH RSA 485-A:13, I(a).

ORIGINAL PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: **April 10, 2024 – May 10, 2024**

PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENDED TO: **June 10, 2024**

PERMIT NUMBER: **NH0100447**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

City of Manchester
300 Winston Street
Manchester, NH 03103

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

City of Manchester
300 Winston Street
Manchester, NH 03103 and 15 combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls

RECEIVING WATERS:

Merrimack River (NHRIV700060803-14-02 and NHIMP700060802-04)
Piscataquog River (NHRIV700060607-22)
Baker Brook (NHRIV700060803-08)
Rays Brook (NHRIV700060802-15)
Unnamed Brook (NHRIV700060803-17)
Merrimack River Watershed - All Class B

PREPRATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

EPA is issuing for public notice and comment the Draft NPDES Permit for the Manchester WWTF, which discharges treated domestic and industrial wastewater. Sludge from this facility is incinerated on site. 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 Env-Wq 1700 et seq. NHDES cooperated with EPA in the development of the Draft NPDES Permit. NHDES plans to adopt EPA's permit under Chapter 485-A of the New Hampshire Statutes (NH RSA 485-A:13, I(a)).

In addition, EPA has requested that NHDES 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 NHDES finds necessary to meet these requirements. In addition, NHDES 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/npdes-permits/new-hampshire-draft-individual-npdes-permits> or by contacting:

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Any electronically available documents that are part of the administrative record can be requested from the EPA contact above.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the Draft Permit is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position by **June 10, 2024**, which is the close of the public comment period. Comments, including those pertaining to EPA's request for CWA § 401 certification and/or NHDES proposed issuance of a State Surface Water Permit, should be submitted to the EPA contact at the address or email address listed above. Upon the close of the public comment period, EPA will make all comments available to NHDES.

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 notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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