

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY-REGION 1 (EPA)  
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EPA PUBLIC NOTICE OF A NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) NEW SOURCE DETERMINATION UNDER SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA), AS AMENDED.

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: January 16, 2026 – February 17, 2026

PERMIT NUMBER: **MA0006022**

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NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Rand-Whitney Container, LLC  
1 Rand-Whitney Way  
Worcester, MA 01607

NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Rand-Whitney Container, LLC  
160 Shrewsbury Street  
Boylston, MA 01505

RECEIVING WATER:

Sewall Brook (MA51-44)  
Blackstone River Watershed

EPA is issuing for public notice this new source determination for the Rand-Whitney Container, LLC (Rand-Whitney) facility, a packaging manufacturer constructed in 2023, which has applied to begin discharges of process wastewater to Sewall Brook. Operation of the proposed facility would result in a point source discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States (U.S.). Such discharges are prohibited by Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 U.S.C. §§ 1311, *et seq.*, unless authorized by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1 (EPA) in accordance with Sections 306 and 402 of the CWA.

The proposed scale and nature of the activity meets the applicability requirements of the Effluent Limitations Guidelines (ELGs) for Pulp, Paper, and Paperboard facilities at 40 CFR § 430.105 and the New Source Performance Standards at 40 CFR § 430.105, which were promulgated on July 1, 1997. As such, EPA has determined that the proposed Rand-Whitney facility meets the criteria for a “New Source” at 40 CFR § 122.2 and § 122.29. In accordance with Section 511(c)(1) of the CWA, EPA’s proposed issuance of an NPDES permit for a new source is subject to review under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), 33 U.S.C. §§ 4321, *et seq.* See also 40 CFR §§ 122.29(c) and 6.101(a).

Public notice of this NPDES new source determination for Rand-Whitney is made pursuant to the special provisions for NPDES applications for new sources at 40 CFR § 122.21(l)(3) and § 124.10(a)(1)(iv). As a new source, the applicant must comply with the environmental review requirements at 40 CFR Part 6, Subparts A through C.

Information about the new source determination, including copies of the NPDES permit application, may be obtained at no cost by contacting:

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All persons, including applicants, who believe that the new source determination for Rand-Whitney is inappropriate may challenge the Regional Administrator's initial new source determination by requesting review by EPA's Environmental Appeals Board of the determination under 40 CFR § 124.19 by February 17, 2026, which is the close of the public notice period. Requests for review should be submitted to the Environmental Appeals Board consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR § 124.19(i), and served upon interested parties, including EPA, consistent with the requirements of § 124.19(i)(3).

If all interested parties agree, the Environmental Appeals Board may defer review of the new source determination until after a final permit decision is made and then consolidate review of the determination with any review of the permit decision.

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