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JOINT EXTENSION OF PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 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: May 20, 2020 – June 18, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENDED TO: July 20, 2020

PERMIT NUMBER: NH0100790

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: NH-012-20

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**City of Keene
City Hall
580 Main Street
Keene, New Hampshire 03431**

NAMES AND MAILING ADDRESSES OF CO-PERMITTEES

**Town of Marlborough
Board of Selectmen
P.O. Box 487
Marlborough, NH 03455**

**Town of Swanzey
Swanzey Sewer Commission
P.O. Box 10009
Swanzey, NH 03446**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Keene Wastewater Treatment Plant
420 Airport Road
Swanzey, NH 03446**

RECEIVING WATER: Ashuelot 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 Keene, which discharges sanitary and industrial wastewater. The municipalities of Marlborough and Swanzey are co-Permittees for certain parts of the Permit. 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 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 AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

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 **July 20, 2020**, to the EPA contact and address listed above. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to EPA and the State Agency 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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