

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY – REGION 1 (EPA)
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EPA PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT MODIFICATION TO DISCHARGE INTO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA), AS AMENDED.

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: March 21, 2025 – April 21, 2025

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0000787

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Massachusetts Port Authority
Environmental Management Unit
One Harborside Drive, Suite 200S
East Boston, MA 02128-2090

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Massachusetts Port Authority
Logan International Airport
East Boston, MA 02128

RECEIVING WATER AND CLASSIFICATION:

Boston Harbor (Class SB)
Boston Inner Harbor (Class SB-CSO)
Winthrop Bay (Class SB)

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT MODIFICATION:

EPA is issuing for public notice and comment the Draft NPDES Permit Modification for the Massachusetts Port Authority (Massport), which discharges stormwater associated with industrial activity from Logan International Airport. Twenty-one airport tenants, which also discharge stormwater associated with industrial activity, are designated as Co-Permittees on the Permit. The effluent limits and permit conditions have been drafted pursuant to, and assure compliance with, the CWA, including EPA-approved State Surface Water Quality Standards at 314 CMR 4.00. MassDEP cooperated with EPA in the development of the Draft NPDES Permit Modification. MassDEP retains independent authority under State law to publish for public notice their CWA § 401 certification and a separate state Surface Water Discharge Permit for the discharge, not the subject of this notice, under the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, §§ 26-53.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT MODIFICATION:

The Draft Permit Modification and explanatory Statement of Basis may be obtained at no cost at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/massport-logan-international-airport-npdes-permit> 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 HEARINGS:

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of this Draft Permit Modification is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position by **April 21, 2025**, which is the close of the public comment period. Comments should be submitted to the EPA contact at the email listed above. If you prefer to submit comments by mail, please call or email the EPA contact above to make arrangements for that. Upon the close of the public comment period, EPA will make all comments available to MassDEP. All commenters who want MassDEP to consider their comments in the state decision-making processes (*i.e.*, the separate state permit and the CWA § 401 certification) must submit such comments to MassDEP during the state comment period for the state Draft Permit Modification and CWA § 401 certification. For information on submitting such comments to MassDEP, please follow the instructions found in the state public notice at: <https://www.mass.gov/service-details/massdep-public-hearings-comment-opportunities>.

Any person, prior to the close of the EPA public comment period, may submit a request in writing to EPA for a public hearing on the Draft Permit Modification under 40 CFR § 124.10. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held if the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest.

In reaching a final decision on this Draft Permit Modification, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public.

FINAL PERMIT MODIFICATION 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 modification decision and notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.

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