

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 TO DISCHARGE INTO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT (CWA), AS AMENDED.

PUBLIC NOTICE PERIOD: March 18, 2026 – April 17, 2026

PUBLIC NOTICE EXTENDED TO: **May 18, 2026**

PERMIT NUMBER: MA0040398

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Massachusetts Water Resources Authority (MWRA)  
Deer Island Treatment Plant  
33 Tafts Avenue  
Boston, MA 02128

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

John J. Carroll Water Treatment Plant  
84 D'Angelo Drive  
Marlborough, MA 01752

RECEIVING WATER AND CLASSIFICATION:

Sudbury Reservoir (Class A)

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

EPA is issuing for public notice and comment the Draft NPDES Permit for the John J Carroll Water Treatment Plant, which discharges dechlorinated drinking water. 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. 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:

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

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of this Draft Permit is inappropriate must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments supporting their position by **May 18, 2026**, 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 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 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, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make the responses available to the public.

#### 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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