

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (EPA)
REGION 1, OFFICE OF ECOSYSTEM PROTECTION
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02109

PUBLIC NOTICE OF A PUBLIC HEARING ON AN EPA OBJECTION TO THE VERMONT POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (VTPDES) PERMIT MODIFICATION FOR THE WHITE RIVER JUNCTION WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY, LOCATED IN HARTFORD, VERMONT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTION 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT, AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE: January 31, 2011

PERMIT NUMBER: VT0101010

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Richard Menge, Director
Department of Public Works
173 Airport Road
White River Junction, VT 05001

NAME AND ADDRESS OF THE FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

White River Junction Wastewater Treatment Facility
Latham Works Lane
White River Junction, VT

RECEIVING WATER: Connecticut River

PUBLIC HEARING:

The Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation (VTDEC), the Town of Hartford, U.S. Senator Leahy, U.S. Senator Sanders, and U.S. Representative Welch have requested that EPA convene a public hearing, pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §123.44(e), on the matter of EPA's objection to VTDEC's modification of the VTPDES permit for the White River Junction Wastewater Treatment Facility. On October 6, 2009, VTDEC public noticed a draft VTPDES permit modification for the White River Junction Wastewater Treatment Facility and on November 6, 2009, VTDEC issued the final permit modification. In a February 12, 2010 letter to VTDEC, EPA objected to the modified permit pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §123.44(c) due to procedural and substantive flaws, including failure to include provisions, in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.4(d) and §122.44(d), to ensure that the White River Junction Wastewater Treatment Facility does not discharge levels of nitrogen that will contribute to the water quality impairments in Long Island Sound.

Accordingly, a public hearing will be held on the following date and time:

DATE: March 2, 2011

TIME: 3:00 pm

LOCATION: Bugbee Senior Center
262 North Main Street
White River Junction, VT 05001

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. §124.12, the following is a summary of the procedures that shall be followed at the public hearing:

- a. The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to open and conclude the hearing and to maintain order; and
- b. Any person appearing at such a hearing may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the permit objection.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE PERMIT:

Information about the permit, including the administrative record, may be obtained by contacting:

Justin Johnson, Commissioner
Vermont Department of Environmental Conservation
103 South Main Street
Waterbury, VT 05671
Telephone: (802) 241-3822

INFORMATION ABOUT EPA'S OBJECTION TO THE PERMIT:

Information about EPA's objection to the permit, including a copy of the objection letter, may be obtained by contacting:

David Pincumbe
United States Environmental Protection Agency
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OEP06-1)
Boston, MA 02109-3912
Telephone: (617) 918-1695

FINAL DECISIONS:

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. §123.44 (g), following the public hearing, EPA will either reaffirm the original objection, modify the terms of the objection, or withdraw the objection, and will notify the State of this decision. If EPA does not withdraw the objection and the State does not resubmit a permit revised to meet EPA's objection or modified objection within 30 days of the date of EPA's notification of decision, EPA may issue the permit in accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 121, 122, and 124.

STEPHEN PERKINS, DIRECTOR
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