APPENDIX D

NORTH READING GROUNDWATER PERMIT 931-0

NORTH READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS NORTH READING MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY CONTRACT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE SERVICES REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

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June 6, 2018

Mr. Michael Gilleberto, Town Administrator Town of North Reading, 235 North Street, North Reading, MA 01864

RE: Determination of Coverage Under General Groundwater Discharge Permit North Reading High School/Middle School, 191 Park Street, North Reading, MA MassDEP Transmittal No. X277822 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. 931-1

Dear Mr. Gilleberto:

The Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (M.G.L. c.21, s.26-53) was amended by Chapter 246 of the Acts of 1973 to authorize the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") to regulate discharges into all waters of the Commonwealth, including groundwaters. MassDEP regulates discharges through the issuance of discharge permits which impose limitations on the amount of pollutants which may be discharged, together with monitoring and reporting requirements and other conditions to ensure adequate treatment of all liquid wastes prior to discharge.

In response to your Notice of Intent (the "NOI") application submitted on March 9, 2018 for coverage under the General Permit for a Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility to discharge treated sanitary wastewater from the North Reading High School/Middle School onsite wastewater treatment facility, located at 191 Park Street, North Reading, MA, to the ground, MassDEP hereby issues this approval letter. The public notice appeared in the Environmental Monitor on April 25, 2018.

The facility has been assigned permit number 931-1 and is approved under its hydrogeologic evaluation approval to treat and discharge a maximum of 17,500 gallons per day of sanitary sewage. The wastewater treatment plant consists of a primary settling tank, flow equalization, aerobic stage treatment, anoxic stage treatment, membrane filtration, Ultra Violet Disinfection and a dosing tank which conveys treated effluent to the soil absorption system. The approved monitoring well plan includes 4 monitoring wells installed on the site: Upgradient well MW-1R; and, downgradient wells MW-4, MW-5 and MW-6 as shown on the approved monitoring well plan Figure 3: Boring and Test Pit Location Plan prepared by HML Associates dated November 30, 2012.

No comments objecting to coverage of this facility under General Permit for a Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility were received by the Wastewater Management Program during the public comment period. Therefore, in accordance with 314 CMR 2.08 and 314 CMR 5.13, your request for coverage under this general permit becomes effective upon the date of this letter. Parties aggrieved by your eligibility of coverage under this permit are hereby advised of their right to request an Adjudicatory Hearing under the provision of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws and 310 CMR 1.00, Rules for the Conduct of Adjudicatory Proceedings. Unless the person requesting the adjudicatory hearing requests and is granted a stay of the terms and conditions of the general permit coverage, the general permit coverage shall remain fully effective.

Coverage under the terms and conditions of the General Permit for a Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. North Reading High School/Middle School ("permittee") shall continue to be covered under this general permit until the earlier of:
 - a) Reissuance of the general permit at which time the permittee shall comply with the conditions of the new permit to maintain your authorization to discharge;
 - b) Permittee's submittal of a written request to terminate the general permit coverage to the Department, and the Department's approval of the request;
 - c) The Department's issuance of an individual permit or an alternative general permit for the permittee's discharge; or
 - d) A formal permit decision by the Department not to reissue the general permit, at which time the permittee shall seek coverage under an alternative general permit or apply for an individual permit.
- 2. The referenced facility has been rated by this office (in accordance with 257 CMR 2.00) and it has been determined that the proposed wastewater treatment plant is a Grade 4 facility. Therefore, please be advised that as a Grade 4 facility, it is required that the person in responsible charge (Chief Operator) possess a valid Grade 4 Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment Operator's License. A backup operator must also be provided who shall possess at least a valid Grade 3 license.

3. If the proposed treatment process is unable to meet the requirements set forth in the Groundwater Discharge Permit for this facility and/or the conditions contained in this approval letter, the treatment process is to be modified, supplemented or replaced, so as to ensure compliance with the permit limitations. Any modification, supplementation or replacement shall require MassDEP approval prior to construction.

If you have any questions on any of the information discussed in this letter, please contact Lisa Dallaire at (978) 694-3238.

Sincerely,

Kevin Brander, P.E.

Section Chief

Wastewater Management Section

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cc: North Reading Board of Health

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March 14, 2013

Mr. Greg Balukonis, Town Administrator 235 North Street North Reading, MA 01864

RE: Determination of Coverage Under a General Groundwater Discharge Permit North Reading High School 191 Park Street, North Reading, MA MassDEP Transmittal No. X253180 Groundwater Discharge Permit No. 931-0

Dear Mr. Balukonis:

The Massachusetts Clean Waters Act (M.G.L. c.21, s.26-53) was amended by Chapter 246 of the Acts of 1973 to authorize the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection ("MassDEP") to regulate discharges into all waters of the Commonwealth, including groundwaters. MassDEP regulates discharges through the issuance of discharge permits which impose limitations on the amount of pollutants which may be discharged in effluent, together with monitoring and reporting requirements and other conditions to ensure adequate treatment of all liquid wastes prior to discharge.

In response to your Notice of Intent (the "NOI") application for coverage under the General Permit for a Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility, submitted on December 20, 2012, on behalf of the Town of North Reading in regard to North Reading High School ("No. Reading HS"), located at 191 Park Street, North Reading, Massachusetts to discharge treated sanitary wastewater from a proposed on-site wastewater treatment facility to the ground, MassaDEP hereby issues this approval letter. The public notice appeared in the Environmental Monitor on January 23, 2013, in the North Reading Transcript on January 24, 2013, in the and in the Central Register on January 30, 2013.

The facility has been assigned permit number 931-0 and is approved under its hydrogeologic evaluation approval to treat and discharge a maximum of 17,500 gallons per day of sanitary sewage.

According to the *Proposed Wastewater Treatment Facility Engineer's Report (MEA, October 2012)*, the proposal is to construct a new Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) wastewater treatment plant to treat the discharge. The design for the treatment works includes:

- (2) 9,000 gallon concrete trash tanks;
- (1) 19,000 gallon flow equalization tank and assembly;
- (1) 2mm automated mechanical bar screen assembly;
- (1) 5,000 gallon pre anoxic reactor (pre denitrification);
- (1) 4,400 gallon aerobic reactor (BOD removal and nitrification);
- (1) 2,500 gallon tertiary anoxic reactor (post denitrification);
- (1) ultra filtration membrane skid assembly with (3) membrane modules;
- (2) ultraviolet (UV) disinfection units;
- (1) final dosing tank (for leach field)
- · Chemical feed assemblies as required

There are a total of three (3) monitoring wells proposed to monitor groundwater impacts: upgradient well MW-1R, and 3 downgradient wells MW-4, MW-5, and MW-6. The locations of these monitoring wells are shown on Figure 3, which is entitled *Boring and Test Pit Location Plan* and has a revision date of November 30, 2012 of the revised Hydrogeologic Report prepared by HML Associates.

No comments objecting to coverage of this facility under the General Permit for a Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility were received by the Wastewater Management Program during the public comment period. Therefore, in accordance with 314 CMR 2.08 and 314 CMR 5.13, your request for coverage under this general permit becomes effective upon the date of this letter. Parties aggrieved by your eligibility of coverage under this permit are hereby advised of their right to request an Adjudicatory Hearing under the provision of Chapter 30A of the Massachusetts General Laws and 314 CMR 1.00, Rules for the Conduct of Adjudicatory Proceedings. Unless the person requesting the adjudicatory hearing requests and is granted a stay of the terms and conditions of the general permit coverage, the general permit coverage shall remain fully effective.

Coverage under the terms and conditions of the General Permit for a Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facility, a copy of which is attached for your records, is hereby approved subject to the following conditions:

- 1. Coverage under this general permit expires on September 14, 2018. You must reapply for coverage in accordance with the requirements of 314 CMR 5.00.
- 2. An inspection and a clear water test must be performed prior to the proposed treatment works being put on-line. MassDEP must witness the clear water test. As such, please notify MassDEP at least twenty-one (21) days prior to the proposed date of such a test. You may also wish to have the North Reading Health Department present. If so, it is your responsibility to notify them.

- 3. At least ninety (90) days prior to the clear water test, the following documents must be submitted to MassDEP for its written review and approval(s):
 - (a) An operation and maintenance manual, prepared in accordance with 310 CMR 12.04(1): Both a hard copy and an electronic copy of the manual, including all third party documentation, shall be submitted to MassDEP. A spare parts inventory shall be included in the operation and maintenance manual.
 - (b) If the operation and maintenance of the facility is contracted to a private concern, the permittee shall submit a copy of the contract, consistent with what is required by the approved Operation & Maintenance manual and signed only by the contractor. Along with the contract, a staffing plan and detailed listing of all contract operation obligations of the proposed contractor at other facilities shall also be submitted.
 - (c) A copy of the plans and specifications for the wastewater treatment plant shall be submitted for review and approval by MassDEP. The plans and specifications must be stamped and signed by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer.
- 4. Operation and maintenance for the proposed facility must be in accordance with 314 CMR 12.00: "Operation and Maintenance and Pretreatment Standards for Wastewater Treatment Works and Indirect Discharges" and 257 CMR 2.00: "Rules and Regulations for Certification of Operators of Wastewater Treatment Facilities".
- 5. The referenced facility has been rated by this office (in accordance with 257 CMR 2.00) and it has been determined that the proposed wastewater treatment plant is a Grade 4 facility. Therefore, please be advised that as a Grade 4 facility, it is required that the person in responsible charge (Chief Operator) possess a valid Grade 4 Massachusetts Wastewater Treatment Operator's License. A backup operator must also be provided who shall possess at least a valid Grade 3 license.
- 6. Within sixty (60) days of the effective date of the permit, the services of a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer shall be retained under contract for the length of the permit. The engineer shall provide oversight and evaluation of the treatment system including the SAS.
- 7. If the proposed treatment process is unable to meet the requirements set forth in the Groundwater Discharge Permit for this facility and/or the conditions contained in this approval letter, the treatment process is to be modified, supplemented or replaced, so as to ensure compliance with the permit limitations. Any modification, supplementation or replacement shall require MassDEP approval <u>prior</u> to construction.

If you have any questions on this approval, or the General Groundwater Discharge Permit, please contact Kevin Brander at (978) 694-3236.

Sincerely

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Acting Regional Director

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Cc: Martin Fair, North Reading Board of Health

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GENERAL PERMIT

For Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facilities That Discharge Treated Effluent to the Ground Water and the Discharge from Said Facilities

Date of Issuance: 9/14/2009

Date of Expiration: 9/14/2014

AUTHORITY FOR ISSUANCE

Pursuant to authority granted by Chapter 21, Sections 26-53 of the Massachusetts General Laws, as amended, and 314 CMR 5.00, the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (the Department or MassDEP) hereby issues this General Permit to regulate certain small publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities ("POTWs") that are designed to provide and do provide secondary treatment to less than 50,000 gallons of sewage per day and the discharge of effluent to the ground water from those facilities (the "General Permit"). A person granted coverage under the General Permit is a permittee authorized to construct, operate and maintain the covered wastewater treatment facilities and to discharge effluent from said facilities only in accordance with all the terms and conditions of the General Permit. A violation of the terms and conditions set forth herein is a violation of the General Permit, 314 CMR 5.00, and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, M.G.L. c. 21, sec. 26-53. MassDEP has also prepared a Fact Sheet for the General Permit. This Fact Sheet is incorporated and made part of the General Permit. The Fact Sheet outlines the factual and legal basis for the General Permit, identifies the facilities that are eligible for coverage under the General Permit and the process for requesting coverage under the General Permit.

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Glenn Haas, Acting Assistant Commissioner

I. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Effluent Limits

(1) The permittee is authorized to discharge into the ground from the wastewater treatment facilities for which this permit is issued a treated effluent whose characteristics within one month of start-up and continuing thereafter shall not exceed the following values:

| Effluent Characteristics | Discharge Limitations |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD5) | 30 mg/l |
| (5 Day at 20°C) | |
| Total Suspended Solids (TSS) | 30 mg/l |
| Nitrate Nitrogen | 10 mg/l |
| Total Nitrogen (NO2 + NO3 + TKN) | 10 mg/l |
| Oil & Grease | 15 mg/l |

- (2) Except as otherwise provided herein, the pH of the effluent shall not be less than 6.5 nor greater than 8.5 at any time. If under natural conditions, the pH of the receiving ground water is less than 6.5 or greater than 8.5, the pH of the effluent shall not vary from the naturally occurring pH by more than 0.2 units.
- (3) The discharge of the effluent shall not interfere with the use of the ground water as an actual or potential source of potable water and the use of surface waters for their existing and designated uses. The discharge of effluent shall not cause or contribute to a violation of the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards, 314 CMR 4.00.
- (4) The monthly average concentration of BOD5 and TSS in the discharge shall not exceed 15 percent of the monthly average concentrations of BOD5 and TSS in the influent into the permittee's wastewater treatment facility.
- (5) The average daily flow shall not exceed the average daily flow specified in the Notice of Intent requesting coverage under the General Permit. When the average daily flow exceeds 80 percent of the flow specified in the Notice of Intent, the permittee shall submit a report to the Department describing what steps the permittee will take in

order to keep its average daily flow at or below the flow specified in the Notice of Intent

- f t (6) If the effluent goes to an open sand bed prior to discharge to the ground water
 - (a) The effluent shall be disinfected to meet an effluent limitation of no more than 200 fecal coliform organisms per 100 ml; and
 - (b) If chlorine is used for disinfection, the chlorine residual in the effluent shall not exceed 1.0 mg/l.

For purposes of this requirement, an open sand bed is a disposal system where effluent is spread onto the surface of the disposal area having a sand media so that the effluent may percolate through the sand media and then through the soil and the unsaturated zone before entering the ground water.

B. Monitoring and Reporting

The permittee shall monitor and record the quality of the influent to the wastewater treatment facility and the quality and quantity of the effluent from the wastewater treatment facility prior to discharge to the disposal area according to the following schedule and other provisions:

(1) INFLUENT TO THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILTY:

| Parameter | Minimum Frequency of Analysis | Sample Type |
|------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
| BOD5 | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| TSS | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Total Solids | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Ammonia Nitrogen | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |

(2) EFFLUENT FROM THE WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY:

| | Minimum Frequency | |
|-----------|-------------------|-------------|
| Parameter | of Analysis | Sample Type |

| Flow | Daily | Reading-report Max-Min- |
|------------------------------|-----------|-------------------------|
| рН | Daily | Grab |
| BOD5 | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| TSS | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| TS | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Nitrate Nitrogen | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Total Nitrogen (NO2+NO3+TKN) | Monthly | 24 Hr. Composite |
| Oil & Grease | Monthly | Grab |
| Surfactants | Monthly | Grab |
| Total Phosphorus | Quarterly | Grab |
| Orthophosphate | Quarterly | Grab |
| Volatile Organic | Annually | Grab US EPA |
| Method 624 | | |
| Compounds | | |

- (3) If the wastewater is discharged to an open sand bed prior to discharge to the ground water, the permittee shall perform additional monitoring as follows:
 - (a) The permittee shall take a monthly grab sample of the effluent to monitor the effectiveness of the disinfection and measure the number of colonies of fecal coliform per ml in the effluent and record the results;
 - (b) If chlorine is used for disinfection, the permittee shall also take a daily grab sample of the effluent to monitor the chlorine residual in the effluent and record the results of this monitoring; and
 - (c) If UV is used for disinfection, the permittee shall monitor the UV intensity daily and record the results of this monitoring.

For purpose of this requirement, an open sand bed is a disposal system where effluent is spread onto the surface of the disposal area having a sand media so that the effluent may percolate through the sand media and then through the soil and unsaturated zone prior to entering the ground water.

(4) Prior to submission of a Notice of Intent requesting coverage under the General Permit, the permittee obtained

approval from the Department for a Hydrogeological Report. In accordance with 314 CMR 5.09, this Hydrogeological Report included a detailed monitoring plan (the "Monitoring Plan"). At least 90 days prior to the start-up of the wastewater treatment facility, the permittee shall install monitoring wells in accordance with the Monitoring Plan as approved by the Department.

The permittee shall monitor, record, and report the quality of water in the monitoring wells installed in accordance with the approved Monitoring Plan as approved by the Department according to the following schedule and other provisions:

Parameter

Frequency of Analysis

| рН | Monthly |
|----------------------------------|-----------|
| Static Water Level* | Monthly |
| Specific Conductance | Monthly |
| Nitrate Nitrogen | Quarterly |
| Surfactants | Quarterly |
| Total Nitrogen (NO2 + NO3 + TKN) | Quarterly |
| Total Phosphorus | Quarterly |
| Orthophosphate | Quarterly |
| Volatile Organic Compounds | Annually |
| (US EPA Method #624) | ~ |

- * Static Water Level shall be expressed as an elevation and shall be referenced to the surveyed datum established for the site. It shall be calculated by subtracting the depth to the water table from the surveyed elevation of the top of the monitoring well's PVC well casing/riser.
- (6) Any grab sample or composite sample required to be taken less frequently than daily shall be taken during the period of Monday through Friday inclusive. All composite samples shall be taken over the operating day.
- (7) The Department may require the permittee to replace damaged monitoring wells, to install additional monitoring wells, to monitor for additional parameters or to perform more frequent monitoring if it determines that such requirements are necessary to protect the public health, safety, welfare, or the environment

- (8) The permittee shall submit all monitoring reports within thirty (30) days of the last day of the reporting month. Reports shall be on an acceptable form, properly filed and signed and shall be sent to the Regional Office that issues permits for discharges located within the municipality where the permittee's discharge occurs and to the Program Director, Wastewater Management Program, Department of Environmental Protection, One Winter Street/5th Floor, Boston, MA 02108.
- (9) Submission of monitoring reports in electronic format is available through eDEP and serves as data submission to both the Regional and Boston offices. To register for electronic submission go to:

http://www.mass.gov/dep/service/compliance/edeponlf.htm

C. Supplemental Conditions

- (1) The permittee shall notify the Department at least thirty (30) days in advance of a proposed transfer of ownership of the facility for which this permit is written. Said notification shall include a written agreement between the existing and proposed new permittee containing a proposed date for the transfer of the permit and the proposed new permittee's assumption of responsibility for compliance with all the terms and conditions of the permit. The transfer shall be subject to the automatic transfer provisions of 314 CMR 5.12(5). Pursuant to 314 CMR 5.12(5), the transfer shall take effect on the proposed transfer date unless the Department notifies the permittee before that proposed transfer date that it intends to modify or revoke and reissue the permit or that it needs additional information.
- (2) An operation and maintenance plan and staffing plan (the "Operations and Maintenance Plan") for the wastewater treatment facility, including without limitation the sewer system, pump stations, and disposal fields, shall be submitted to the Department for its review and approval at least ninety (90) days prior to the operation of the treatment works or forty-five (45) days before the permit takes effect, whichever last occurs.
- (3) If the facility is constructed after coverage under the General Permit is granted, an Engineering Report and asbuilt plans for the wastewater treatment facility shall be submitted to the Department at least ninety (90) days prior to the operation of the facility. These submissions shall

be prepared in accordance with the Department's Guidelines by a Massachusetts Registered Professional Engineer with a concentration in civil, sanitary, or environmental engineering and accompanied by a certification from the Engineer that the wastewater treatment facility has been constructed in accordance with the as-built plans and Engineering Report and that the wastewater treatment facility if operated and maintained in accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Plan, the General Permit, 314 CMR 5.00, and 314 CMR 12.00, shall be able to meet all the terms and conditions of this General Permit including without limitation the effluent limits set forth herein.

- (4) If the facility is constructed after coverage is granted under the General Permit, the permittee shall not operate the facility, unless and until the Department has inspected the facility and authorized operation of the facility in writing.
- (5) A revised Operations and Maintenance Plan shall be submitted to the Department whenever there are significant modifications to the wastewater treatment facility the standard operating procedures for the facility, or the staff of the facility.
- (6) The permittee shall operate and maintain the wastewater treatment facility in accordance with the Operations and Maintenance Plan approved by the Department.
- (7) At least ninety (90) days before entering into a contract with an independent contractor (the contract operator) for the operation and maintenance of the treatment works, the permittee shall submit a draft unsigned copy of the contract to the Department for its review and approval in accordance with 314 CMR 12.04(3) and 314 CMR 5.10(8)(j)(5). The contract shall provide that the contract operator shall operate and maintain the facility in accordance with the approved Operation and Maintenance Plan, 314 CMR 20.00, 314 CMR 12.00, and 257 CMR 2.00. The permittee shall not execute the contract and authorize the contract operator to operate the facility unless and until the Department has approved the contract in writing.
- (8) All tests or analytical procedures to determine compliance with permit standards and requirements shall be done using tests and methods found in the most recent

version of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.

- (9) The permittee shall notify the Department, in writing, within thirty (30) days of any the following events:
 - (a) The date the wastewater treatment facility starts operation;
 - (b) Any interruption of the operation of the wastewater treatment facility other than routine maintenance; and
- $\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{(c)}}}$ Final shutdown of the wastewater treatment facility.
 - (10) The permittee shall contract to have any and all solids and sludges generated by the wastewater treatment facility for which this permit is issued removed off site by a properly licensed waste hauler for disposal at an EPA/MassDEP approved facility. The name and license number of the hauler along with the schedule for the removal shall be reported by the permittee in writing to the Department at least thirty (30) days prior to the start-up of the wastewater treatment facility for new facilities and at least thirty (30) days prior to the start of any new contract for the removal of solids and sludges for existing facilities.
 - (11) The permittee shall not allow industrial users to discharge wastewater other than sewage to the facility.
 - (12) The General Permit is in effect for a period of five years from the date of issuance.
- (13) The permittee shall file a Notice of Intent requesting continued coverage under the General Permit or shall file an application for an individual permit, at least one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of the General Permit, regardless of when coverage was granted.

The General Permit Conditions set forth in 314 CMR 5.16 are hereby incorporated and made part of the General Permit



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NOTIFICATION OF PERMIT EXTENSION FOR BRP GENERAL PERMITS

In August 2010 Governor Patrick signed Chapter 240 of the Acts of 2010 into law. Section 173 of this Act is known as the Permit Extension Act ("PEA" or "the Act"). In August 2012, Governor Patrick signed Chapter 238 of the Acts of 2012, which included two sections amending the PEA. As amended, the Act automatically extends (with limited exceptions), for four years beyond its otherwise applicable expiration date, any permit or approval for the use or development of property that was "in effect or existence" during the qualifying period beginning on August 15, 2008 and extending through August 15, 2012.

The Permit Extension Act's provisions have extended the term of the Groundwater Discharge Permit Program's General Permits for Car Washes, Small Privately Owned Treatment Facilities and Small Publicly Owned Wastewater Treatment Facilities as each was in effect during the specified time period. These permits will now expire on September 14, 2018.

Persons wishing to continue coverage must either file a Notice of Intent application (<u>BRPWP80</u> or <u>BRPWP81</u>), requesting coverage under the General Permit OR file an application for an Individual Permit (<u>BRPWP79</u> or <u>BRPWP85</u>) by March 18, 2018, six months prior to the new expiration date.

David Ferris, Program Director
Wastewater Management Program