

*Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Division of Wetlands and Waterways*

Southeast Regional Office

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PUBLIC NOTICE

Pursuant to 33 U.S.C. 1341 and M.G.L. c. 21 §§ 26 - 53, notice is given of a 401 Water Quality Certification application for track infrastructure improvements along the Middleborough Secondary, New Bedford Main Line, and Fall River Secondary rail lines as part of the South Coast Rail project. This application has been filed by the Massachusetts Department of Transportation (MassDOT), 10 Park Plaza, Boston, MA 02116 for work along the railroad right-of-way in Lakeville, Taunton, Berkley, Freetown, Fall River and New Bedford, Massachusetts. The proposed activities will include placing fill in regulated wetland resource areas in order to update and reconstruct approximately 40 miles of track to extend commuter rail service to New Bedford and Fall River. Additional information may be obtained from Lars Carlson at Vanasse Hangen Brustlin, 101 Walnut Street, P.O. Box 9151, Watertown, MA 02471, 617-607-6237.

Written comments should be sent to the attention of Christopher Ross at the MassDEP Southeast Regional Office, Division of Wetlands and Waterways, 20 Riverside Drive, Lakeville, MA 02347 within twenty-one days of this notice.

Any group of ten persons, any aggrieved person, or any governmental body or private organization with a mandate to protect the environment who submits written comments may appeal the Department's Certification. Failure to submit written comments before the end of the public comment period may result in the waiver of any right to an adjudicatory hearing.