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NPC

Notice of Project Change

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review of a NPC in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act and its implementing regulations (see 301 CMR 11.10(1)).

Project Name: Long Term CSO Control Plan		EOEA #: 12059
Street: Various streets in the City of Lowell		
Municipality: Lowell	Watershed: Merrimack	
Universal Transverse Mercator Coordinates: 19 03 09 912E 47 21 870 N	Latitude: 42° 37' 40.33" N Longitude: 71° 19' 5.53" W	
Status of project construction:	0 %complete	
Proponent: Lowell Regional Wastewater Utility		
Street: First Street Boulevard, Route 110		
Municipality: Lowell	State: MA	Zip Code: 01850
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this NPC May Be Obtained: Isabel Tourkantonis		
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In 25 words or less, what is the project change? The project change involves . . .

Request for a waiver from further MEPA review for sewer separation in the Lincoln Street East and Lincoln Street West drainage areas, which are located within the Warren Street CSO Basin.

Date of ENF filing or publication in the Environmental Monitor:

Was an EIR required? Yes No; if yes,
 was a Draft EIR filed? Yes (Date: 2/27/2002) No
 was a Final EIR filed? Yes (Date:) No
 was a Single EIR filed? Yes (Date:) No

Have other NPCs been filed? Yes (Date(s): 2/15/01, 9/15/03, 6/29/05, 12/15/06) No

If this is a NPC solely for lapse of time (see 301 CMR 11.10(2)) proceed directly to
"ATTACHMENTS & SIGNATURES" on page 4.

PERMITS / FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE / LAND TRANSFER

List or describe all new or modified state permits, financial assistance, or land transfers not previously reviewed:

Are you requesting a finding that this project change is insignificant? (see 301 CMR 11.10(6))
 Yes No; if yes, attach justification.

Separation of these combined sewer system drainage areas represents two components of the overall city-wide CSO control project. The objective of the proposed projects is to reduce untreated CSO discharges from the existing combined sewer system and to reduce and/or eliminate the wet weather impact to the sewer collection system from storm water collected in these local combined sewer drainage areas. The EPA has issued an Administrative Order requiring the city to proceed with its overall CSO control plan and the projects discussed herein are critical components of that plan. Therefore, the purpose of this NPC is to request a waiver from further MEPA review for sewer separation in the Lincoln Street East and Lincoln Street West drainage areas, which are located within the Warren Street CSO Basin.

Are you requesting that a Scope in a previously issued Certificate be rescinded?
 Yes No; if yes, attach the Certificate

Are you requesting a change to a Scope in a previously issued Certificate? Yes No; if yes, attach Certificate and describe the change you are requesting:

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Previously reviewed	Net Change	Currently Proposed
LAND			
Total site acreage	N/A	*	N/A
Acres of land altered	N/A	*	N/A
Acres of impervious area	N/A	0	0
Square feet of bordering vegetated wetlands alteration	N/A	0	0
Square feet of other wetland alteration	0	Approx. 80 linear feet of alteration to Inland Bank & 1,950 square feet of temporary alteration to the Riverfront Area and 700 square feet of Bordering Land Subject to Flooding	Approx. 80 linear feet of alteration to Inland Bank & 1,950 square feet of temporary alteration to the Riverfront Area and 700 square feet of Bordering Land Subject to Flooding
Acres of non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways	0	0	N/A

STRUCTURES			
Gross square footage	0	0	N/A
Number of housing units	0	0	N/A
Maximum height (in feet)	0	0	N/A
TRANSPORTATION			
Vehicle trips per day	0	0	N/A
Parking spaces	0	0	N/A
WATER/WASTEWATER			
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPD water withdrawal	N/A	N/A	N/A
GPD wastewater generation/ treatment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	N/A	7.6 miles	7.6 miles

*The only change to the previous LTCP/EIR is the addition of approximately 40,000 linear feet of new drain and sewer in the Lincoln Street West (245 acres) and Lincoln Street East (180 acres) drainage areas. Approximately 425 acres of combined sewer area will be separated.

Does the project change involve any new or modified:

1. conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97? Yes No

2. release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction? Yes No

3. impacts on Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities? Yes No

4. impact on any structure, site or district listed in the State Register of Historic Place or the inventory of Historic and Archaeological Assets of the Commonwealth?

Yes No; if yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources? Yes No

A supplemental letter describing the proposed project and requesting information on any significant historical or archaeological resources in or near the project areas was sent to the Massachusetts Historical Commission on November 28, 2007 (see Attachment D).

5. impact upon an Area of Critical Environmental Concern? Yes No

If you answered 'Yes' to any of these 5 questions, explain below:

PROJECT CHANGE DESCRIPTION (attach additional pages as necessary). The project change description should include:

(a) a brief description of the project as most recently reviewed

(b) a description of material changes to the project as previously reviewed,

(c) the significance of the proposed changes, with specific reference to the factors listed 301 CMR 11.10(6), and

(d) measures that the project is taking to avoid damage to the environment or to minimize and mitigate unavoidable environmental impacts. If the change will involve modification of any previously issued Section 61 Finding, include a proposed modification of the Section 61 Finding (or it will be required in a Supplemental EIR). Sewer separation (by installing new drains and new sewers) in the Lincoln Street East and Lincoln Street West drainage areas, which are located within the Warren Street CSO Basin. The complete Project Narrative is presented on the following pages.