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ENF Notification Form

The information requested on this form must be completed to begin MEPA Review in accordance with the provisions of the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act, 301 CMR 11.00.

Project Name: <i>Dighton Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan (Town-Wide)</i>		
Street:		
Municipality: <i>Dighton, MA</i>	Watershed: <i>Taunton River</i>	
Universal Tranverse Mercator Coordinates: <i>4631287, 323842</i>	Latitude: <i>(41 48 50)</i> Longitude: <i>(71 07 15)</i>	
Estimated commencement date:	Estimated completion date: <i>2010</i>	
Approximate cost: <i>\$350,000</i>	Status of project design:	<i>25</i> %complete
Proponent: <i>Town of Dighton through the Sewer Commission</i>		
Street: <i>979 Somerset Avenue</i>		
Municipality: <i>Dighton</i>	State: <i>MA</i>	Zip Code: <i>02715</i>
Name of Contact Person From Whom Copies of this ENF May Be Obtained: <i>Edward Howland</i>		
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Does this project meet or exceed a mandatory EIR threshold (see 301 CMR 11.03)?

Yes No

Has this project been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Has any project on this site been filed with MEPA before?

Yes (EOEA No. _____) No

Is this an Expanded ENF (see 301 CMR 11.05(7)) requesting:

a Single EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.06(8)) Yes No

a Special Review Procedure? (see 301 CMR 11.09) Yes No

a Waiver of mandatory EIR? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

a Phase I Waiver? (see 301 CMR 11.11) Yes No

The Town is aware of one potential Phase I Waiver request that may be needed to provide sewer service for a local agricultural school.

Identify any financial assistance or land transfer from an agency of the Commonwealth, including the agency name and the amount of funding or land area (in acres): *\$350,000 in State Revolving Fund (SRF) Loan*

Are you requesting coordinated review with any other federal, state, regional, or local agency?

Yes (Specify: *The project will be concurrently reviewed by the Massachusetts DEP under its Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning Guidelines*) No

List Local or Federal Permits and Approvals: *See page 2A for a list of likely permits from the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Planning Guidelines.*

Which ENF or EIR review threshold(s) does the project meet or exceed (see 301 CMR 11.03):

The EIR review thresholds will be studied in the Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan/Environmental Impact Report (CWMP/EIR) because the final project design has not yet been fully determined.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Rare Species | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wetlands, Waterways, & Tidelands |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wastewater | <input type="checkbox"/> Transportation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Energy | <input type="checkbox"/> Air | <input type="checkbox"/> Solid & Hazardous Waste |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ACEC | <input type="checkbox"/> Regulations | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historical & Archaeological Resources |

Summary of Project Size & Environmental Impacts	Existing	Change	Total	State Permits & Approvals
LAND				<input type="checkbox"/> Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Superseding Order of Conditions <input type="checkbox"/> Chapter 91 License <input type="checkbox"/> 401 Water Quality Certification <input type="checkbox"/> MHD or MDC Access Permit <input type="checkbox"/> Water Management Act Permit <input type="checkbox"/> New Source Approval <input type="checkbox"/> DEP or MWRA Sewer Connection/ Extension Permit <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other Permits (including Legislative Approvals) – Specify: <u>See also Page 2A.</u>
Total site acreage	14,272			
New acres of land altered		Undetermined		
Acres of impervious area	Not Applicable	Undetermined	Undetermined	
Square feet of new bordering vegetated wetlands alteration		Undetermined		
Square feet of new other wetland alteration		Undetermined		
Acres of new non-water dependent use of tidelands or waterways		Undetermined		
STRUCTURES				
Gross square footage	Not Applicable	Undetermined	Undetermined	
Number of housing units	Not Applicable	Undetermined	Undetermined	
Maximum height (in feet)	Not Applicable	Undetermined	Undetermined	
TRANSPORTATION				
Vehicle trips per day	Not Applicable	Undetermined	Undetermined	
Parking spaces	Not Applicable	Undetermined	Undetermined	
WASTEWATER				
Gallons/day (GPD) of water use	440,000 gpd (2001)	Undetermined	Undetermined	
GPD water withdrawal	440,000 gpd (2001)	Undetermined	Undetermined	
GPD wastewater generation/treatment	147,943 gpd (2006)	Undetermined	Undetermined	
Length of water/sewer mains (in miles)	Water – 48 miles Sewer – 9.6 miles	Undetermined	Undetermined	

CONSERVATION LAND: Will the project involve the conversion of public parkland or other Article 97 public natural resources to any purpose not in accordance with Article 97?

Yes (Specify: Unknown at this time) No

Will it involve the release of any conservation restriction, preservation restriction, agricultural preservation restriction, or watershed preservation restriction?

Yes (Specify: Unknown at this time) No

RARE SPECIES: Does the project site include Estimated Habitat of Rare Species, Vernal Pools, Priority Sites of Rare Species, or Exemplary Natural Communities?

Yes (Specify: The correspondence with Natural Heritage is included in Attachment 2.2 and additional information is included in Section 22. of the Project Narrative, Attachment 6) No

HISTORICAL /ARCHAEOLOGICAL RESOURCES: Does the project site include 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 (Specify: The correspondence with the Massachusetts Historical Commission is included in Attachment 5 and additional information is included in Section 2.6 of the Project Narrative, Attachment 6)

No

If yes, does the project involve any demolition or destruction of any listed or inventoried historic or archaeological resources?

Yes (Specify: The final project design is unknown at this time) No

AREAS OF CRITICAL ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERN: Is the project in or adjacent to an Area of Critical Environmental Concern?

Yes (Specify _____) No

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: The project description should include (a) a description of the project site, (b) a description of both on-site and off-site alternatives and the impacts associated with each alternative, and (c) potential on-site and off-site mitigation measures for each alternative (You may attach one additional page, if necessary.)

In 2006, the Town of Dighton through the Dighton Sewer Commission retained Earth Tech, Inc. (Earth Tech) to prepare a town-wide Comprehensive Wastewater Management Plan / Environmental Impact Report (CWMP/EIR). The CWMP/EIR will identify areas within the Town that experience wastewater disposal problems and present a recommended plan to mitigate or eliminate the problems. The Town has provided its own funding for the Phase I work. However, the Town intends to seek funding through the State Revolving Fund for the remaining Phases. If secured, the project number for this work will be CWSRF 2952. The DEP approved scope of work/plan of study is included in Attachment 7.

This document includes the first step in this process: the Environmental Notification form (ENF) and the Needs Analysis. This document and further analysis during the other phases will provide the basis for the design and ultimate construction of the approved plan. This ENF requests a Special Review Procedure for this project according to the Massachusetts Environmental Policy Act (MEPA) regulations (301 CMR 11.00).

Under this Special Review Procedure the proponent is asking that the project be reviewed in phases. The Town has established a four-phased approach for the MEPA review of this major and complicated project. The scope of future phases is based largely on the results of the preceding phase. The process consists of the filing of the following four documents: (1)Phase I – ENF/Needs Analysis; (2)Phase II – Alternatives Evaluation and Site Identification; (3) Phase III – Draft EIR; and (4) Phase IV – Final EIR

Included as Attachment 7 to this ENF is the Phase I – Needs Analysis (Report). The Report is the initial phase of the study, which includes a comprehensive review of the Town's current wastewater disposal practices, discussion of the existing constraints to the current disposal strategy, and identification of specific areas of Town for which alternative wastewater disposal methodologies will be developed to address the wastewater disposal problems identified in subsequent phases of this Study.