

Notice of Tentative Decision
Intent to Reissue with Modifications the *General Permit for Discharges of Miscellaneous Sewer Compatible Wastewater from Industrial Users*

TENTATIVE DECISION

The Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Environmental Protection ("DEEP") hereby gives notice that a tentative decision has been reached to reissue with modifications the ***General Permit for Discharges of Miscellaneous Sewer Compatible Wastewater from Industrial Users*** (Miscellaneous General Permit).

COMMISSIONER'S FINDINGS/REGULATORY CONDITIONS

In accordance with applicable federal and state law, the Commissioner has made a tentative decision that reissuance of this general permit with modifications will not cause pollution of the waters of the state. The proposed, modified general permit, if reissued, will not require renewal registration for existing registrants through the DEEP, but might require registration with a local sewer authority.

PROPOSED GENERAL PERMIT

The purpose of the general permit is to provide a legal means of discharging many common industrial and commercial wastewaters (e.g. contact and noncontact cooling water, boiler blowdown, tumbling and cleaning wastewater, water treatment wastewater, etc.) to the sanitary sewer. The proposed, modified general permit establishes the authority for and responsibility of Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) and POTW Authorities to administer the general permit, register dischargers, receive and review discharge monitoring reports, and enforce effluent limits and permit conditions. The Miscellaneous General Permit was first issued in 2001 and revised in 2013 and 2017.

Please refer to the Fact Sheet associated with this notice for more detailed information on the Miscellaneous General Permit.

COMMISSIONER'S AUTHORITY

The Commissioner is authorized to issue this general permit and approve or deny any registration under this general permit pursuant to sections 22a-430 and 22a-430b of the Connecticut General Statutes and the Water Discharge Permit Regulations (section 22a-430-3 and 4 of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies).

INFORMATION REQUESTS/PUBLIC COMMENT

Interested persons may obtain a copy of this public notice, the proposed general permit and the general permit fact sheet on the DEEP website at <http://www.ct.gov/deep/publicnotices>. The proposed general permit is also available for inspection at the DEEP Water Permitting and Enforcement Division (WPED), 2nd floor, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT from 8:30 – 4:30, Monday through Friday. Questions may be directed to James Creighton at 860-424-3681 or james.creighton@ct.gov.

Before making a final decision on this proposed general permit, the Commissioner shall consider written comments from interested persons that are received within 30 days from the publication date of this notice. Written comments should be directed to James Creighton, WPED, DEEP, 79 Elm Street, Hartford, CT 06106-5127 or may be submitted via electronic mail to james.creighton@ct.gov.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The Department will hold a public informational meeting on the proposed Miscellaneous General Permit on:

Wednesday, January 23, 2019
1:30 p.m. until 3:30 p.m.
CT Department of Energy and Environmental Protection
Gina McCarthy Auditorium, 5th Floor
79 Elm Street, Hartford, Connecticut 06106

PETITIONS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The Commissioner may conduct a public hearing if the Commissioner determines that the public interest will be best served thereby, or shall hold a hearing upon receipt of a petition signed by at least twenty-five persons. Petitions should include the name of the general permit noted above and also identify a contact person to receive notifications. Petitions may also identify a person who is authorized to engage in discussions regarding the proposed general permit and, if resolution is reached, withdraw the petition. Original signed petitions may be scanned and sent electronically to deep.adjudications@ct.gov or may be mailed or delivered to: DEEP Office of Adjudications, 79 Elm Street, 3rd floor, Hartford, CT 06106-5127. All petitions must be received within the comment period noted above. If submitted electronically, original signed petitions must also be mailed or delivered to the address above within ten days of electronic submittal. If a hearing is held, timely notice of such hearing will be published in a newspaper of general circulation.

Robert J. Klee
Commissioner

Date signed

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