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Dear Groundwater Discharge Permittee:

I am writing to inform you of recent developments affecting your Groundwater Discharge Permit renewal timeline.

On March 10, 2020, Governor Baker, declared a state of emergency due to the outbreak of the 2019 novel Coronavirus ("COVID-19"). Following the declaration of the state of emergency, the Governor issued several orders including COVID-19 Order No. 42, "Order Resuming State Permitting Deadlines and Continuing to Extend the Validity of Certain State Permits" issued on July 2, 2020 ("COVID Order No. 42"). The Governor further declared that the state of emergency was terminated effective 12:01 a.m. on June 15, 2021 (see COVID-19 Order No. 69, issued May 28, 2021). This letter provides clarity as to how certain provisions of COVID-19 Order No. 42 apply to the expiration date of your permit.

Section 3 of COVID-19 Order No. 42 tolls certain permits and approvals issued by a state permitting agency. For a permit valid as of March 10, 2020 and expiring **before** June 15, 2021, the number of days from March 10, 2020 to the permit's original expiration date is added to the June 15, 2021 date. For a permit valid as of March 10, 2020 that expires **after** June 15, 2021, 462 days (the length in days of the state of emergency) are added to the original permit expiration date.

The COVID-19 Order No. 42 provisions have extended the term of your Groundwater Discharge Permit, **18-4** issued to **NAGOG TREATMENT FACILITY, LLC**, as it was in effect during the specified time period. This permit will now expire on **1/11/2024**. Your renewal application for this permit will now be due on **7/15/2023**, six months prior to the new expiration date.

If you have already begun preparing your permit renewal application, we suggest you hold on to those materials developed to date in anticipation of your future filing. Until then, your existing permit continues in effect. Please contact Linda Barba at linda.barba@mass.gov or your DEP Regional Office ([MassDEP regional offices by community | Mass.gov](#)) if you have any questions regarding your permit's status or the effect of COVID-19 Order No. 42.

This information is available in alternate format. Contact Michelle Waters-Ekanem, Director of Diversity/Civil Rights at 617-292-5751.

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