



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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March 16, 2022

Mr. Nathan Poore
Town Manager
271 Falmouth Road
Falmouth, Maine 04021
e-mail: npoore@falmouthme.org

**RE: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit #MER041000
Revised Proposed Draft - MER041023**

Dear Mr. Poore:

Enclosed is a **revised proposed draft** Department Order granting coverage for the Town of Falmouth under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021. The Department proposes to issue this Department Order as a final document after opportunity for your review and comment. By transmittal of this letter, you are provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed draft document. If it contains errors or does not accurately reflect present or proposed conditions, please respond to this Department so that changes can be considered.

Beginning today, Wednesday, March 16, 2022, the Department is making the draft Department Order available for a 30-day public comment period. All comments on the proposed draft Department Order must be received in the Department of Environmental Protection office on or before the close of business on **Monday, April 18, 2022**. Failure to submit comments in a timely fashion will result in the final permit document being issued as drafted.

Comments in writing should be submitted to my attention at the following address:

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Bureau of Water Quality
Division of Water Quality Management
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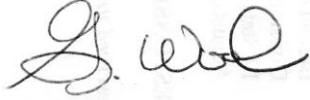
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If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "G. Wood". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "G." and the last name "Wood" clearly distinguishable.

Gregg Wood
Division of Water Quality Management
Bureau of Water Quality

Enc.

cc: Alison Moody, DEP/SMRO
Damien Houlihan, USEPA
Newton Tedder, USEPA

Lori Mitchell, DEP/CMRO
Nathan Chien, USEPA

Holliday Keen, DEP/CMRO
Richard Carvalho, USEPA



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17 STATE HOUSE STATION
AUGUSTA, ME 04333

**DEPARTMENT ORDER
IN THE MATTER OF**

TOWN OF FALMOUTH)	MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM
FALMOUTH, CUMBERLAND COUNTY, MAINE)	SEWER SYSTEM
MER041023)	MER041000
)	GENERAL PERMIT COVERAGE
March 16, 2022 Revised Proposed Draft APPROVAL)	RENEWAL

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department/DEP) has considered the Notice of Intent submitted by the TOWN OF FALMOUTH (Town/permittee), with supportive data, agency review comments and other related materials on file for coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS.

The permittee submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) with an initial Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to the Department on March 26, 2021 that were made available for a 30-day public comment period on the Department's website at <https://www.maine.gov/dep/comment/comment.html?id=4463193>. No public comments were received on the NOI or the initial SWMP. The Department has reviewed the initial SWMP document and made the determination that the document is consistent with and fully articulates what is required to meet the MS4 GP standard. Pursuant to Part IV(B) of MS4 GP issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, the permittee must update the initial SWMP within 60 days of the effective date of this DEP permittee specific order or within 60 days of the final resolution to an appeal of this DEP permittee specific order. The final plan must be submitted to the Department and will be posted on the Department's website.

The permittee must fully implement all actions, schedules and milestones established in the March 26, 2021 initial SWMP and any revisions to the initial SWMP reflected in the final plan.

The permittee has agreed to comply with all terms and conditions of the MS4 General Permit, #MER041000, dated October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021. Operated in accordance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, the discharges identified by the permittee will not have a significant adverse effect on water quality or cause or contribute to the violation of the water quality standards of the receiving water.

THEREFORE, the Department GRANTS the TOWN OF FALMOUTH, coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, subject to the terms and conditions therein.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: _____
Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

The Notice of Intent was received by the Department on _____ March 26, 2021 _____.

The Notice of Intent was accepted by the Department on _____ April 2, 2021 _____.

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection: _____

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY