



PUBLIC NOTICE

**DRAFT Section 401 Water Quality Certification # 2019-404P-001 for the
Bellamy River Artificial Recharge Facility in Dover, NH
is
AVAILABLE for PUBLIC COMMENT**

Dear Interested Party or Stakeholder: In accordance with Section 401 of the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1341) and NH RSA 485-A:12, III, a draft Water Quality Certification (WQC) for the Activity described below is now available for public review and comment on the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) website at;

https://www.des.nh.gov/organization/divisions/water/wmb/section401/coe_ind.htm

The draft certification states that based on the facts, findings and conditions in the certification, NHDES has determined that there is reasonable assurance that the proposed Activity will not violate State surface water quality standards.

Activity Description: The City of Dover (Applicant) is proposing to construct an artificial recharge (AR) facility located in the Pudding Hill Aquifer along the Bellamy River in Dover, New Hampshire. The AR facility will withdraw water from the Bellamy River and discharge it to two infiltration basins (AR basins). Groundwater recharge is needed to increase the sustainable yield of two of the City's water supply production wells (Ireland and DP #1) and to help manage groundwater quality within the Pudding Hill Aquifer.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMITTING COMMENTS: Comments will be accepted until **4 pm on June 15, 2020**. Only written comments will be accepted. Comments may be sent by postal mail, or email (**email is preferred due to COVID-19 restrictions**). Please include the project name/certification number, your name, and organization; mailing address, email address and telephone number with your submittal.

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If you have questions about the draft certification or have difficulties accessing a copy, please contact Gregg Comstock, Supervisor of the NHDES Water Quality Planning Section via email at gregg.comstock@des.nh.gov.