

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Division of Environmental Permits**

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August 28, 2026

ONONDAGA COUNTY
1100 CIVIC CTR
421 MONTGOMERY ST
SYRACUSE, NY 13202

Re: DEC ID # 7-3115-00113/00001
METROPOLITAN SYRACUSE WWTP

Dear Applicant :

Please be advised that your application for a DEC permit(s) is complete and a technical review has commenced. Notice and the opportunity for public comment is required for this application. Enclosed is a Notice of Complete Application for your project. Please have the Notice published in the newspaper identified below once during the week of 8/31/2026 on any day Monday through Friday.

The official newspaper of the Town (City) of SYRACUSE.
Contact the Town (City) Clerk's office to confirm the official newspaper.

On the Notice of Complete Application, that information presented between the horizontal lines, on the enclosed page(s) should be published. Do not print this letter or the information contained below the second horizontal line. Please request the newspaper publisher to provide you with a Proof of Publication for the Notice. Upon receipt of the Proof of Publication promptly forward it to this office. You must provide the Proof of Publication before a final decision can be rendered on your application. You are responsible for paying the cost of publishing the Notice in the newspaper.

Notification of this complete application is also being provided by this Department in the NYSDEC Environmental Notice Bulletin.

This notification does not signify approval of your application for permit. Additional information may be requested from you at a future date, if deemed necessary to reach a decision on your application. Your project is classified major under the Uniform Procedures Act. Accordingly, a decision is due within 90 days of the date of this notice unless a public hearing is held, which may extend this time frame. If a public hearing is necessary, you will be notified.

If you have any questions please contact me at the above address or phone number above.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "T. P. Choe", written over a horizontal line.

TRENDON P CHOE
Division of Environmental Permits

**New York State Department of Environmental Conservation
Notice of Complete Application**

Date: 08/28/2026

Applicant: ONONDAGA COUNTY
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421 MONTGOMERY ST
SYRACUSE, NY 13202

Facility: METROPOLITAN SYRACUSE WWTP
650 HIAWATHA BLVD W
Syracuse, NY 13204

Application ID: 7-3115-00113/00001

Permits(s) Applied for: 1 - Article 17 Titles 7 & 8 Municipal SPDES - Surface Discharge

Project is located: in SYRACUSE in ONONDAGA COUNTY

Project Description:

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) has prepared a draft permit and has made a tentative determination, subject to public comment or other information, to approve a renewal and modification to the Metropolitan Syracuse Wastewater Treatment Plant Municipal State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) Surface Discharge permit No. NY0027081. This facility is a publicly owned treatment works that receives flow from domestic and industrial users, with effluent consisting of sanitary and process wastewater. The facility is permitted to discharge 84.2 million gallons per day primarily through Outfall 001 to Onondaga Lake, a class C water.

The permittee-initiated modification includes the relocation Outfalls 020 and 021, as well as their associated trunk sewers. In addition to renewing the permit, a full technical review has been completed, and a new five-year term is proposed.

The following changes to the permit are proposed: the addition of new CSO Outfall 023 to replace two existing CSO Outfalls, reduction of the total mercury daily maximum and 12-month rolling average limits, addition of nitrite and a total dissolved solids (TDS) limits with associated schedule of compliance items, WET testing changes including an increase in sampling, decrease in chronic limit, and addition of acute action levels, added action levels for Perfluorooctanoic Acid (PFOA) and Perfluorooctanesulfonic Acid (PFOS), a new TDS Minimization Plan requirement, and the addition of new Outfall AG2 for calculation of final discharge compliance with limits for pollutants including ammonia, nitrite, TDS, and copper. Notable changes to the combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfalls include addition of reporting for CSO outfalls to the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs), removal of the Harbor Brook Floatables Control Facility #1 and Outfall 067 Newell Street Vortex Regulator as each has been decommissioned, and updates to total residual chlorine and fecal coliform limit types.

The draft permit also contains requirements for the submission of an updated wet weather operating plan (WWOP), post -construction compliance monitoring plan and monitoring reports, addition of signs or waiver submission for currently unmarked CSO outfalls, and requirements for annual emergency response plan and cybersecurity controls certification. A full list of permit changes can be found in the Summary of Permit

Changes section of the draft Factsheet.

The draft SPDES permit with fact sheet are available online at <https://dec.ny.gov/fs/projects/draftpermits>. The draft permit files are contained within regional folders and named by the SPDES number contained in this notice. Electronic copies of the application materials are available at <https://onondaga.gov/wep/public-review-documents/>.

Requests for a public comment hearing must be sent in writing to the DEC contact person below by the comment deadline. DEC assess such requests pursuant to 6 NYCRR 621.8.

Availability of Application Documents:

Filed application documents, and Department draft permits where applicable, are available for inspection during normal business hours at the address of the contact person. To ensure timely service at the time of inspection, it is recommended that an appointment be made with the contact person.

State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR) Determination

Project is an Unlisted Action and will not have a significant impact on the environment. A Negative Declaration is on file. A coordinated review was not performed.

SEQR Lead Agency None Designated

State Historic Preservation Act (SHPA) Determination

Cultural resource lists and maps have been checked. The proposed activity is not in an area of identified archaeological sensitivity and no known registered, eligible or inventoried archaeological sites or historic structures were identified or documented for the project location. No further review in accordance with SHPA is required.

DEC Commissioner Policy 29, Environmental Justice and Permitting (CP-29)

The proposed action is subject to CP-29.

Availability For Public Comment

Comments on this project must be submitted in writing to the Contact Person no later than 10/02/2026 or 30 days after the publication date of this notice, whichever is later.

Contact Person

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