

State of Rhode Island  
Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Air Resources

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

Pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 23-23 of the Rhode Island General Laws and Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 29, notice is hereby given that the Office of Air Resources offers an opportunity for public comment regarding its proposal to renew the Operating Permits for the following stationary sources:

Rhode Island Hospital, 593 Eddy Street, Providence, RI 02903

University of Rhode Island, 523 Plains Road, Kingston, RI 02881

The draft operating permits are being offered for public comment in accordance with Air Pollution Control Regulation No. 29 - "Operating Permits". An Operating Permit consolidates all applicable air pollution control requirements for the stationary source into a single federally enforceable document. An Operating Permit clarifies all applicable requirements; including emission limitations, operating, monitoring, testing, recordkeeping and reporting requirements. The State of Rhode Island's Operating Permit Program has been approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

The public comment period will begin today and continue until 17 February 2017. A public hearing for interested persons to appear and submit written or oral comments on the draft operating permit will be held if requested by 10 or more persons, or by a governmental subdivision or agency or by an association having not less than 10 members. Any interested person may request that a public hearing be held.

Written comments, to be considered part of the record must be submitted during the public comment period. Written comments or requests for a hearing may be sent to the Office of Air Resources at the address below until 4:00 PM, 17 February 2017, at which time the public comment period will close.

The draft operating permits and supporting documentation are available for inspection at the Office of Air Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence RI from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Supporting documentation includes the operating permit renewal application, initial permit application, a discussion of the streamlining of certain applicable requirements, a discussion of the federally enforceability of applicable requirements, a summary of changes which were made to the original permit and a document concerning public participation in the operating permit program. For more information, contact Douglas McVay or Ruth Gold at 401-222-2808 (toll free 1-800-752-8088, TTY 711).

Signed this 11<sup>th</sup> day of January 2017

  
Douglas L. McVay, Chief