RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
PERMITS SECTION
235 PROMENADE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT ACTIONS UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PROGRAM WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES INTO THE WATERS OF THE STATE UNDER CHAPTER 46-12 OF THE RHODE ISLAND GENERAL LAWS OF 1956, AS AMENDED.

DATE OF NOTICE: September 10, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN15-05

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023957

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Brown University
164 Angell Street, Box 1914
Providence, RI 02912

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Brown University – School of Engineering Buildings
182 Hope Street
Providence, RI 02912

RECEIVING WATER: Providence River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SB1{a}

The above named applicant has applied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) for issuance of a RIPDES individual permit to discharge into the designated receiving water. The permit authorizes Brown University to treat and discharge contaminated groundwater from the construction dewatering activities and, at a later date, the foundation drainage system for the School of Engineering addition located at 182 Hope Street in Providence, Rhode Island to the stormwater drainage system on Brook Street in Providence. This public drainage piping connects to other lines that ultimately discharge stormwater into the Providence River. The permit includes limits to ensure that the discharge receives appropriate treatment and will not cause a water quality violation.

The DEM has determined that the proposed activities comply with the Policy on the Implementation of the Antidegradation Provisions of the Rhode Island Water Quality Regulations and that existing uses will be maintained and protected. A detailed evaluation of the water quality impact from the proposed activities and any important benefits demonstrations, if required, may be found in the statement of basis which is available as noted below.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0021555

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Rhode Island Air National Guard
143rd Airlift Wing
2 Hercules Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02825

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Rhode Island Air National Guard
Quonset State Airport
2 Hercules Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02825

RECEIVING WATER: Frys Pond

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: A

The above named applicant has reapplied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of a RIPDES Permit to continue discharging into Frys Pond. The applicant's discharge consists of storm water runoff associated with industrial activity at the Rhode Island Air National Guard (RIANG)'s base located at Quonset State Airport, which provides support for the 143rd Airlift Wing. The permit authorizes storm water and allowable non-storm water point source discharges as defined in the permit to Frys Pond from RIANG's storm water collection system. All discharges will be treated by an oil/water separator prior to discharge into Frys Pond via Outfall 001A. The permit has been revised to reflect a newly constructed C-130 deicing pad and glycol collection system and requires RIANG to submit a scope of work and proposed schedule to install a representative sampling location downstream from its vehicle fueling/maintenance and jet fuel storage area within 30 days of the effective date of the permit. An amended SWPPP must be submitted to the DEM within one year following the DEM improved date to install the above mentioned representative sampling location. The permit contains limitations and conditions to ensure that the discharge of storm water is protective of water quality.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

A statement of basis (describing the type of facility and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in these permit actions) may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling DEM as noted below:

Brian Lafaille, P.E.
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
RIPDES Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700, extension 7731

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these permit actions is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the DEM's Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays.

**PUBLIC COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:**

Pursuant to Chapter 42-17.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing has been scheduled to consider these permits if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Brian Lafaille, PE Senior Sanitary Engineer at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a governmental agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM, October 13, 2015, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

October 20, 2015 at 5:00 PM
Room 280
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Interested persons should contact DEM to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location noted above.

235 Promenade Street is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting communication assistance (assistive listening devices/readers/interpreters/captions) must notify the D.E.M. at the telephone number listed above or at 831-5508 (T.D.D.) 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Interested parties may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM on October 21, 2015.

If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Any person, including the permittee/applicant, who believes these permit actions are inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period under Rule 41. The public comment period is from September 10, 2015 to October 21, 2015. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to DEM as noted above.

**FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:**

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the permittee and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final decision, any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing in accordance with the requirements of Rule 49.

9-9-15
Date

Eric A. Beck, P.E.
Supervising Sanitary Engineer
Permits Section, Office of Water Resources
Department of Environmental Management