

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
RIPDES PROGRAM
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: December 2, 2016

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN16-06

DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

The Narragansett Bay Commission
One Service Road
Providence, RI 02905

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0100072**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF)
102 Campbell Avenue
East Providence, Rhode Island
and associated Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)

RECEIVING WATER:

**Seekonk River (Water Body ID# RI0007019E-01) (Bucklin Point WWTF),
Moshassuck River (Water Body ID# RI0003008R-01C) (CSO Outfalls), and
Blackstone River (Water body ID# RI0001003R-01B) (CSO Outfalls)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION:

**SB1{a} (Seekonk River);
B{a} (Moshassuck River);
And B1{a} (Blackstone River)**

and

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0100315**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Field's Point WWTF
2 Ernest Street
Providence, RI 02905
and
associated CSOs

RECEIVING WATER:

Providence River, Water Body ID# RI0007020E-01B (Field's Point WWTF)
Seekonk River, Water Body ID# RI0007019E-01 (CSO Outfalls)
Moshassuck River, Water Body ID# RI0003008R-01 (CSO Outfalls)
West River, Water Body ID# RI0003008R-03C (CSO Outfalls); and
Woonasquatucket River, Water Body ID#RI0002007R-10D (CSO Outfalls)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION:

SB1 {a} (Providence and Seekonk Rivers);
B1{a} (Woonasquatucket River);
and B{a} (Moshassuck and West Rivers)

The above-named applicant has applied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) for reissuance of its RIPDES Permits for the Bucklin Point and Fields Point WWTFs. These facilities are engaged in the treatment of domestic and industrial sewage and stormwater that enters the combined sewer system. The discharges are from the Field's Point and Bucklin Point WWTFs and the CSOs associated with the WWTF's collection systems. The Bucklin Point facility services the communities of Central Falls, Cumberland, Pawtucket, and portions of Lincoln, East Providence, and Smithfield and the Field's Point facility services the communities of Johnston, Providence, North Providence, and portions of Lincoln and Cranston. As of March 2016, the date of the facility's most recent annual report, there were thirty-four (34) Significant Industrial Users contributing wastewater to the Bucklin Point WWTF and there were thirty-nine (39) Significant Industrial Users contributing wastewater to the Field's Point WWTF.

The most recent RIPDES permits, authorizing discharges from the above-mentioned facilities, were last issued on December 31, 2001 and expired on February 1, 2007. The Narragansett Bay Commission submitted applications for permit reissuance to the DEM on August 2, 2006 and, on August 7, 2006, the DEM issued application complete letters. In accordance with Rule 13(a) of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the December 31, 2001 RIPDES permits remain in effect since the DEM had determined that timely and complete permit applications were submitted. Once these permits are reissued, they will supersede the December 31, 2001 permits. These permits include limits to ensure that the discharges will not cause water quality violations and ensure compliance with applicable technology-based limits.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

A fact sheet (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:

Mr. Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700, Extension: 7715
joseph.haberek@dem.ri.gov

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 HEARING:

Pursuant to Chapter 42-17.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing has been scheduled to consider these permits. Notice should be taken that a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, January 26, 2017 at 5:00 PM
Room 300
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

In accordance with Rule 43 of the RIPDES Regulations, the following is a summary of the procedures that shall be followed at the Public Hearing:

- a. The Presiding Officer shall have the authority to open and conclude the Hearing and to maintain order; and
- b. Any persons appearing at such a hearing may submit oral or written statements and data concerning the draft permit.

In addition, for the sake of accuracy, it is requested that statements be submitted in writing at the time of the hearing or be mailed to the DEM's Office of Water Resources RIPDES Program, at the above address, before the date of the hearing. Oral testimony will also be heard at the Public Hearing, but will be limited to five (5) minutes in duration.

235 Promenade Street is accessible to the handicapped. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the DEM at 831-5508 (T.D.D.) 72 hours in advance of the hearing date.

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: (DECEMBER 2, 2016 TO JANUARY 31, 2017)

Interested parties may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM on January 31, 2017.

All persons, including the applicant, who believe any condition of the draft permit is 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 on January 31, 2017. Interested parties may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to the DEM's Office of Water Resources, RIPDES Program at the address above.

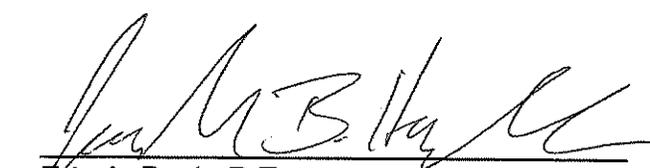
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permits, DEM may require a new draft permit, fact sheet, and/or development document or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:

Following the close of the comment period, and after the public hearing, 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.

11/29/16
Date

for


Eric A. Beck, P.E.

Supervising Sanitary Engineer

Office of Water Resources

Department of Environmental Management