

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
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: May 25, 2017

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 17-02

DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS:

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0100188**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of Narragansett
Narragansett Town Hall
25 Fifth Avenue
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Scarborough Wastewater Treatment Facility
990 Ocean Road
Narragansett, Rhode Island 02882

RECEIVING WATER: **Rhode Island Sound (Waterbody ID# RI0010042E-02A)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is located in Narragansett and is engaged in the treatment of wastewater from the sanitary sewer system in the town of Narragansett. The facility has reapplied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of an individual RIPDES permit to discharge water from the treatment plant, which includes the use of the following equipment and processes: coarse screening, fine screening, aerated grit removal, grit removal via screw conveyer, extended aeration, secondary settling, chlorination, and dechlorination. The discharge of treated effluent is made to Rhode Island Sound through outfall 001A. The draft permit has been updated to include reporting requirements to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule. This permit includes limits to ensure that the discharge will not cause a water quality violation.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0100374**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Town of South Kingstown
180 High Street
Wakefield, Rhode Island 02879

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

South Kingstown Regional Wastewater Treatment Plant
275 Westmoreland Street
Narragansett, Rhode Island

RECEIVING WATER: **Rhode Island Sound (Waterbody ID# RI0010042E-01A)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is located in South Kingstown and is engaged in the treatment of wastewater from the sanitary sewer system in the town of South Kingstown. The facility has reapplied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of an individual RIPDES permit to discharge water from the treatment plant, which includes the use of the following equipment and processes: coarse screening, comminution, primary settling, fine bubble aeration, secondary settling, chlorination, and dechlorination. The discharge of treated effluent is made to Rhode Island Sound through outfall 001A. The draft permit has been updated to include the addition of monthly average and daily maximum Cyanide limitations and updated reporting requirements to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule. This permit includes limits to ensure that the discharge will not cause a water quality violation.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023736**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Fox Island LLC
50 Park Row West, Suite 113
Providence, RI 02903

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Fox Island
North Kingstown, RI 02852

RECEIVING WATER: **West Passage of Narragansett Bay (Waterbody ID# RI0007027E-03A)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SA**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is an individual residence and catering building located on Fox Island. The applicant has installed a package desalination system at a residential home located on Fox Island with the sole purpose of providing potable water for the main residence and catering building to supplement water from the existing shallow fresh water well. The desalination unit is owned and operated by the applicant, who is also the homeowner, and is located at Fox Island off the coast of North Kingstown, Rhode Island. The discharge to the West Passage of Narragansett Bay consists of brine that has been concentrated by the reverse osmosis

desalination system. The draft permit has been updated to include updated reporting requirements to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule, requirements to maintain a logbook that documents RO system operation and maintenance activities, and a condition the permittee must implement Standard Operating Procedures for the RO system's annual winterization process and other maintenance activities.

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 downloaded at <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/ripdes/> or a hard copy may be obtained at no cost by writing or calling DEM as noted below:

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RIPDES Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
Phone: 401-222-4700, extension 7405
E-mail: aaron.mello@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 COMMENT AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC HEARING:

Pursuant to Chapters 46-12 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws, a public hearing has been tentatively scheduled to consider these draft RIPDES permits, if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Aaron Mello 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, Monday, June 26, 2017, the public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, June 29, 2017 at 5:00 PM
Room 280
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

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

235 Promenade 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.

Interested parties must submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 P.M. June 30, 2017.

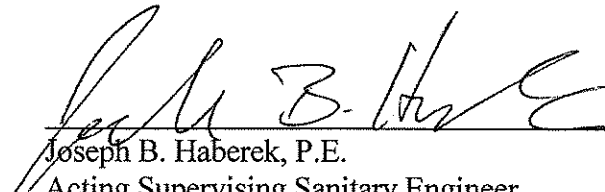
All persons who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period on June 30, 2017. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to Aaron Mello as directed above.

If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or fact sheet 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 a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within 30 days following the notice of the final permit decision, any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing in accordance with the requirements of Rule 49 of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

5/19/17
Date



Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.
Acting Supervising Sanitary Engineer
Office of Water Resources
Department of Environmental Management