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: April 20, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN18-01

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RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100404

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Quonset Development Corporation

95 Cripe Street North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Quonset Wastewater Treatment Facility 150 Zarbo Ave.

North Kingstown, Rhode Island 02852

RECEIVING WATER:

Narragansett Bay

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION:

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The facility, which is the source of the wastewater discharge, is located at the Quonset Point/ Davisville Industrial Park in North Kingstown and is engaged in the treatment of sanitary and industrial sewage contributed by the Quonset Point industrial park and the Town of North Kingstown. The facility has reapplied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) for reissuance of its permit to discharge from the wastewater treatment plant, which uses the following equipment and processes: coarse screening, grit removal, primary settling, rotating biological contactors, secondary settling, and chlorination. The discharge of treated effluent is made to Narragansett Bay through outfall 001A. The permit includes limits to ensure that the discharge will not cause a water quality violation.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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:

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Samuel Kaplan, P.E.
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
Permits Section
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700 ext. 7046

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 Samuel Kaplan 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 Monday, May 21, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

5PM Thursday, May 24, 2018 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.) 48 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 4PM Friday, May 25, 2018.

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 Friday April 20, 2018 to Friday May 25, 2018. 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

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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.

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Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.

Supervising Sanitary Engineer

Permits Section, Office of Water Resources Department of Environmental Management