

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: Thursday, October 25, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN-18-06

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0021601**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Providence Water**  
125 Dupont Drive  
Providence, RI 02907

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**P.J. Holton Water Treatment Plant**  
61 North Road, Route 116  
Scituate, RI 02831

RECEIVING WATER: unnamed tributary to the Pawtuxet River – North Branch

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

The facility which is the source of the wastewater discharge is engaged in the production of potable water. 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. The discharge is composed of treated filter backwash, treated sedimentation basin cleaning discharges, and treated water quality analyzer flows. The wastewater is treated using a settling lagoon system and is discharged to an unnamed tributary which discharges into the Pawtuxet River – North Branch through one of two outfalls 001B or 002A. The draft permit contains discharge limits that are protective of water quality.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0021601**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**The City of Pawtucket, Pawtucket Water Supply Board**  
85 Branch Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Pawtucket Water Treatment Plant**  
87 Branch Street  
Pawtucket, RI 02860

RECEIVING WATER: Blackstone River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B1

The facility which is the source of the wastewater discharge is engaged in the production of potable water. 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. The discharge to the Blackstone River is composed of treated filter backwash via outfall 002B, and may include emergency overflows of potable water via outfall 003A. The wastewater from the filter backwash process is treated using a settling lagoon system. The draft permit contains discharge limits that are protective of water quality.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0001619**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**The Town of Jamestown**  
93 Narragansett Avenue  
Jamestown, RI 02835

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Jamestown Water Treatment Plant**  
North Road  
Jamestown, RI 02835

RECEIVING WATER: Unnamed Tributary to West Passage

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SA

The facility which is the source of the wastewater discharge is engaged in the production of potable water. 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. The discharge is composed of treated ultrafiltration filter backwash and solids drying underdrain effluent. The discharge is made to an unnamed tributary to the West

Passage via outfall 002A. The wastewater from the filter backwash process is treated using sedimentation tanks. The draft permit contains discharge limits that are protective of water quality.

The DEM has determined that the proposed activities for these three above three facilities 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.

**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:

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 x7046

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, P.E. 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, November 26, 2018, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, November 29, 2018 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.) 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 4:00 PM on Friday, November 30, 2018.

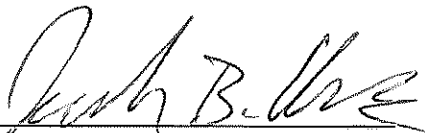
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

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 Thursday, October 25, 2018 to Friday, November 30, 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 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.

10/18/18  
Date

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