

RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

December 3, 2018

RE: Draft Multi-Sector General Permit Public Notice

Dear Interested Party,

The Office of Water Resources, Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Program's files indicate that you are interested in receiving information regarding the RIPDES Industrial Stormwater Program.

As a delegated State by EPA, RIDEM last issued a statewide Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) on August 15, 2013 ("2013 MSGP"), to cover all storm water discharges associated with industrial activity, excluding discharges from construction sites. This General Permit expired August 14, 2018.

At this time, the Department is proposing to reissue the Draft MSGP, which will replace the 2013 MSGP. Copies of the Public Notice, Factsheet, and Draft MSGP may be obtained from:

http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/ripdes/

In addition, the DEM has scheduled two (2) informational workshops to discuss the draft MSGP for Wednesday, December 12, 2018 at 5:00 PM and Tuesday, December 18, 2018 at 10:00 AM in Room 300 at the DEM's Providence Offices, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island. If you intend to attend one of the informational workshops, please notify Margarita Chatterton via e-mail at: margarita.chatterton@dem.ri.gov.

If you have any questions regarding the MSGP please do not hesitate to contact Margarita Chatterton of the RIPDES staff at (401) 222-4700 extension 7605.