

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 PROMENADE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED PERMIT ACTION 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 19, 2018

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 18-08

DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT:

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100013

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

The City of Cranston, Rhode Island

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Cranston Water Control Facility
140 Pettaconsett Avenue
Cranston, Rhode Island

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100234

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

The City of Warwick, Rhode Island

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Warwick Wastewater Treatment Facility
125 Arthur W. Devine Blvd
Warwick, Rhode Island

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100153

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

The Town of West Warwick, Rhode Island

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

West Warwick Wastewater Treatment Facility
1 Pontiac Avenue

West Warwick, Rhode Island

RECEIVING WATER: **Pawtuxet River Main Stem**
Water Body ID #: RI0006017R-03

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **B1**

The facilities named above, which are the source of the wastewater discharges, provide advanced treatment of domestic and industrial wastewater contributed by the municipalities of West Warwick, Scituate, West Greenwich, Coventry, Warwick, Johnston, and Cranston. This notice is for the proposed reissuance of discharge permits for these facilities. All three permits include new limits for Aluminum and Selenium (for Cranston) and Chloroform (for Warwick). These facilities will need Consent Agreements to establish enforceable compliance schedules for these new limits.

The DEM has determined that the draft permits comply with 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 fact sheets and development documents that are available as noted below.

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:

Abdulrahman Ragab
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
RIPDES Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
Phone: 401-222-4700, extension 7201
E-mail: Abed.Ragab@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 this draft RIPDES permit, if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Abdulrahman Ragab 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, January 28, 2019, the public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, January 31, 2019 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. February 1, 2019.


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 February 1, 2019. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to Abdulrahman Ragab 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 statement of basis 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.

12/10/18
Date



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