

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
RIPDES PROGRAM  
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: February 13, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 19-04

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023931**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport**  
1176 Howell Street  
Code 1023 B-679/2  
Newport, Rhode Island 02841

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Naval Undersea Warfare Center Division Newport**  
1176 Howell Street  
Newport, Rhode Island 02841

RECEIVING WATER:

**Coddington Cove (WBID RI0007030E-01A)**  
**Narragansett Bay – East Passage (WBID RI0007029E-01E)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION:

**SB (Coddington Cove and Narragansett Bay – East Passage)**

The above-named applicant has applied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) for issuance of a RIPDES Permit to discharge into the above listed and designated receiving waters. The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is engaged in research, development, testing and evaluation, engineering and fleet support for submarines, autonomous underwater systems, and offensive and defensive weapons systems associated with undersea warfare, homeland security, and national defense. The discharge consists of seawater that is circulated through seawater reduction batters by a passive “bubble pump”. The discharge is to the East Passage of Narragansett Bay via Gould Island North Pier and to Coddington Cove via the Stillwater Basin Breakwall, Stillwater Basin Pier, and Navy Pier 171. The facility is currently permitted to discharge under RIPDES Permit Authorization No. RI0023931. The

facility is seeking to reapply for coverage under this same permit number.

**FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMITS:**

A statement of basis (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:

Travis Babikoff  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
RIPDES Program  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767  
(401) 222-4700, extension 7274  
[travis.babikoff@dem.ri.gov](mailto:travis.babikoff@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 Chapter 42-12 and 42-35 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing has been scheduled to consider this draft RIPDES permit, if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Travis Babikoff 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 on Wednesday, March 20, 2019, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Monday, March 25, 2019 at 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 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 may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM on Tuesday, March 26, 2019.

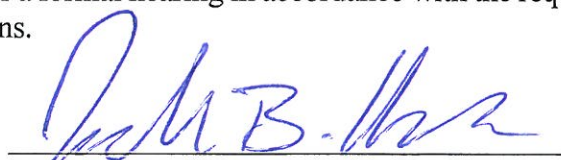
All persons who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate, must raise all reasonable ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period on March 26, 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 Travis Babikoff 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 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 250-RICR-150-10-1.50 of the RIPDES Regulations.

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Date

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