

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: July 30, 2019

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 19-07

DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0022942**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Stanley Black & Decker
1000 Stanley Drive
New Britain, CT 06053

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Stanley Black & Decker
One Briggs Drive
East Greenwich, RI 02818

RECEIVING WATER:

Unnamed Tributaries of Fry Brook (Waterbody ID RI0007028R-02)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION:

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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 discharge is from a groundwater pump and treat remediation system that was installed to remediate groundwater that was contaminated by various chlorinated volatile organic compounds (VOCs). The groundwater treatment system consists of an equalization tank that includes aeration, three (3) microstraining filters in parallel, followed by two (2) twenty-five (25) foot high, packed air stripping towers in series. The treatment system discharge is distributed among three (3) outfalls. Outfalls 001A, 002A, and 003A discharge to South Stream, Fry Pond, and North Stream respectively. The total design flow rate for the groundwater treatment system is 350 gallons per minute (gpm). The facility is currently permitted to discharge under RIPDES Permit Authorization No. RI0022942. The facility is seeking to reapply for

coverage under this same permit number. The DEM has determined that this permit is consistent with the state's antibacksliding and antidegradation requirements.

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:

Abdulrahman Ragab
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RIPDES Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700, extension 7201
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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 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 on Tuesday, September 3, 2019, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, September 5, 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 Friday, September 6, 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 September 6, 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 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.

7/22/19
Date



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

