

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: Friday May 29, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 20-1A

DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023639

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Greenwich Mills, LLC
P.O. Box 1954
East Greenwich, RI 02818

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

42 Ladd Street
Warwick, RI 02818

RECEIVING WATER: Greenwich Cove (**WBID**: RI0007025E-05A)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SB1

The facility which is the source of the wastewater discharge is engaged in treatment of contaminated groundwater. The discharge is composed of effluent from an elevator shaft sump. The wastewater is being treated with a bag filter and granular activated carbon to ensure that effluent meets water quality standards.

The DEM has determined that the proposed activities 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

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questions considered in these permit actions) may be obtained at no cost by emailing or calling DEM as noted below:

Samuel Kaplan, P.E.
Environmental Engineer II
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700 ext. 7046
e-mail: samuel.kaplan@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 42-17.4 of the Rhode Island General Laws a public hearing has been scheduled to consider this permit if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted to the attention of Samuel Kaplan as 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 Monday, June 29, 2020, a public hearing will be held at the following time:

5:00 PM Wednesday, July 1, 2020

In accordance with Executive Order 20-25 the public hearing will be held virtually. The virtual public hearing, if held, may be accessed by members of the public using the following link:

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/93839295865>

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Interested persons should contact DEM to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time noted above.

If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call DEM at the number listed above or RI Relay 711 at least three (3) business days prior to the meeting so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Interested parties may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM Thursday, July 2, 2020.

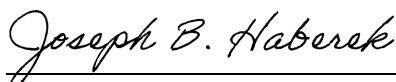
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

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 250-RICR-150-10-1.42 of the Regulations of the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The public comment period is from Friday, May 29, 2020 to Thursday, July 2, 2020. 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 250-RICR-150-10-1.50 of the Regulations of the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

May 20, 2020
Date



Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.
Environmental Engineer IV
RIPDES, Office of Water Resources
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