

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: Wednesday July 29, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 20-02

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0000442**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Inland Fuel Terminals, Inc.**  
154 Admiral Street  
Bridgeport, CT 06601

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Inland Fuel Terminals, Inc.**  
25 State Avenue  
Tiverton, RI 02878

RECEIVING WATER: **Mount Hope Bay (WBID: RI0007032E-01D)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is engaged in the activities of being a petroleum bulk station and terminal (SIC Code 5171), which are establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of crude petroleum and petroleum products from bulk liquid storage facilities. There are nine (9) refined petroleum product aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) at the site used to store #2 fuel oil, diesel, kerosene, and methanol. Outfall 001A discharges storm water from the loading rack area and paved site entrance and parking area north of the tank farm. Outfall 002A discharges storm water and groundwater from the tank farm and additive tank containment area south of the truck loading rack area. Other non-storm water discharges for both outfalls include tank and pipe hydrostatic test water. Tank bottom draw-off water (water that separates from the product during storage and settles to the bottom of the tanks) is prohibited from being discharged through both outfalls. All storm water, groundwater, and hydrostatic test water is treated by an oil/water separator prior to discharge to the Mount Hope Bay.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023809**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**New England Petroleum Terminal, LLC**  
2000 Chapel View Blvd, Suite 380  
Cranston, RI 02920

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**New England Petroleum Terminal, LLC – Southern Terminal**  
130 Terminal Road  
Providence, RI 02905

RECEIVING WATER: **Providence River (WBID: RI0007020E-01B)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1{a}**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is engaged in the activities of being a petroleum bulk station and terminal (SIC Code 5171), which are establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of crude petroleum and petroleum products from bulk liquid storage facilities. The New England Petroleum Terminal, LLC Southern Terminal stores, handles, and distributes biodiesel, ultra-low sulfur diesel, and No. 2 fuel oil products to wholesale customers. The discharge from Outfall 001A is composed of storm water from the terminal yard area, the truck loading rack area, and the secondary containment areas. Other non-storm water discharges include tank and pipe hydrostatic test water. Tank bottom draw-off water (water that separates from the product during storage and settles to the bottom of the tanks) is prohibited from being discharged. All storm water and hydrostatic test water will be treated by an oil/water separator prior to discharging to the City of Providence storm water drainage system on Terminal Road that ultimately discharges to the Providence River.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023817**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**New England Petroleum Terminal, LLC**  
2000 Chapel View Blvd, Suite 380  
Cranston, RI 02920

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**New England Petroleum Terminal, LLC – Northern Terminal**  
35 Terminal Road  
Providence, RI 02905

RECEIVING WATER: **Providence River (WBID: RI0007020E-01B)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1{a}**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is engaged in the activities of being a petroleum bulk station and terminal (SIC Code 5171), which are establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of crude petroleum and petroleum products from bulk liquid storage facilities. The New England Petroleum Terminal, LLC Northern Terminal stores, handles, and distributes biodiesel and liquid asphalt products to wholesale customers. The discharge from Outfall 001A is composed of storm water from the secondary containment area. Other non-storm water discharges include tank and pipe hydrostatic test water. Tank bottom draw-off water (water that separates from the product during storage and settles to the bottom of the tanks) is prohibited from being discharged. All storm water and hydrostatic test water will be treated by an oil/water separator prior to discharging to the City of Providence storm water drainage system on Terminal Road that ultimately discharges to the Providence River.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023418**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Petroleum Heat and Power Company, Inc.**  
2187 Atlantic Street  
Stamford, CT 06902

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Petroleum Heat and Power Company, Inc.**  
2579 South County Trail  
East Greenwich, RI 02818

RECEIVING WATER: **Frenchtown Brook (WBID # RI0007028R-01)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **A**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is engaged in the activities of being a retail fuel oil dealer (SIC Code 5983), which are establishments primarily engaged in the retail sale of fuel oil. The Petroleum Heat and Power Company, Inc. facility located at 2579 South County Trail in East Greenwich, RI stores, handles, and distributes No. 2 fuel (home heating) oil to wholesale customers. The discharge from Outfall 001A is composed of storm water from the terminal site, the parking lot area and the secondary containment area surrounding the storage tank, hydrostatic test water, and any allowable non-storm water discharges. Tank bottom draw-off water (water that separates from the product during storage and settles to the bottom of the tanks) is prohibited from being discharged. All storm water and hydrostatic test water will be treated by an oil/water separator prior to discharging to the South County Trail storm water drainage system that ultimately discharges to the Frenchtown Brook.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0001384**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Sprague Resources GP LLC**  
185 International Drive  
Portsmouth, NH 03801

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Sprague Operating Resources LLC – Providence Terminal**  
144 Allens Avenue  
Providence, RI 02903

RECEIVING WATER: **Providence River (WBID#: RI0007020E-01B)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1{a}**

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is engaged in the activities of being a petroleum bulk station and terminal (SIC Code 5171), which are establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of crude petroleum and petroleum products from bulk liquid storage facilities. The discharge from Outfall 003A is composed of storm water from the terminal yard area and from the truck loading rack area. Other non-storm water discharges include tank and pipe hydrostatic test water. Tank bottom draw-off water (water that separates from the product during storage and settles to the bottom of the tanks) is prohibited from being discharged through Outfall 003A. The facility has improved its BMPs to include catch basin filters, a paved berm on Allens Avenue, modifications to catch basins, improved sampling techniques, etc. All storm water and hydrostatic test water is treated by an oil/water separator prior to discharge through Outfall 003A into the Providence River.

All of the above permits contain limitations and conditions to ensure that the discharge of storm water is protective of water quality. The draft permits and/or Statements of Basis have been updated to comply with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule and the NPDES Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods and Reporting Rule and to be consistent with the DEM's 2019 Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP).

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

A statement of basis (describing the type of facility and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in these permit actions) may be obtained at no cost by emailing or calling DEM as noted below:

Aaron Mello  
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. 7406  
e-mail: aaron.mello@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 Aaron Mello 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, August 31, 2020, a public hearing will be held at the following time:

5:00 PM Wednesday, September 2, 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, September 3, 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 Wednesday, July 29, 2020 to Thursday, September 3, 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.

July 22, 2020  
Date

*Joseph B. Haberek*  
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