

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 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: Friday, October 2, 2020

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 20-04

DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0001333**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

ExxonMobil Oil Corporation
22777 Springwoods Village Parkway
Room No. E.3.5A.618
Spring, Texas 77389

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

ExxonMobil Oil Corporation-- East Providence Terminal
1001 Wampanoag Trail
East Providence, Rhode Island 02915

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

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

The facility, which is the source of the wastewater discharge, stores refined petroleum products (three (3) grades of gasoline, diesel and ethanol). The refined petroleum products are transported to the facility by marine tankers or barges and off-loaded to storage tanks. Deliveries are then made to the truck rack. The permit authorizes the discharge from seven (7) Outfalls: Outfall 001A (storm water, groundwater infiltration/inflow, hydrostatic test water), Outfall 100A (treated effluent from the PCS groundwater treatment system), Outfall 200A (treated effluent from Tank 52/58 treatment system), Outfall 300A (treated effluent from the Vanity Fair Cliffs Area Recovery treatment system), Outfall 400A (treated effluent from the Main Oil Water Separator), Outfall 500A (treated effluent from the Vanity Cliffs Area Oil Water Separator), and Outfall 600A (treated effluent from the Silver Springs Golf Course – Vanity Fair Area Engineered Natural System (ENS)). 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 of the above discharges listed above will be treated prior to discharging to the Providence River.

The draft permit and/or Fact Sheet have been updated to: reflect improvements to on-site systems (Silver Springs Golf Course ENS; Tank 52/58 Treatment System; and Main Tank Farm Oil/Water Separator), 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). The permit contains limitations and conditions to ensure that it is protective of water quality. The DEM has also determined that the proposed permit complies with the antidegradation provisions of the Rhode Island Water Quality Regulations and that existing uses will be maintained and protected.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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 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, November 2, 2020, a public hearing will be held at the following time:

5:00 PM Thursday, November 5, 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/99138209803?pwd=QjQ5aHM2citVZVZHMjRQc1diZGdHUT09>

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+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

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Find your local number: <https://zoom.us/j/abqcV2KY9G>

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 Friday, November 6, 2020.

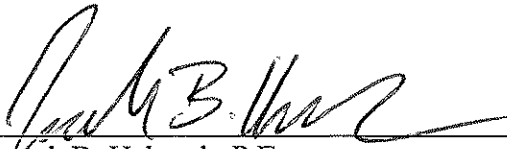
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or fact sheet or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

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, October 2, 2020 to Friday, November 6, 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.

9/29/2020
Date



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