

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: Monday, May 24, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 21-04

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023990**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**The Narragansett Bay Commission**  
1 Service Road  
Providence, RI 02905  
&  
**CBNA Barletta Phase IIIA CSO JV**  
40 Shawmut Road, Suite 200  
Canton, MA 02021

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Phase III CSO Program - Pawtucket Tunnel Construction Dewatering Site**  
804 School Street  
Pawtucket, Rhode Island 02860

RECEIVING WATER: **Seekonk River (WBID: RI0007019E-01)**

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

The above-named applicants have applied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) for issuance of a RIPDES Permit to discharge into the above-listed designated receiving water. The discharge consists of treated construction dewatering wastewater that is generated during construction of the Pawtucket Tunnel and associated tunnel shafts located at 804 School Street, Pawtucket, RI. The treated construction-phase dewatering effluent will be discharged to the Seekonk River from Outfall 001 through one of two submerged multiport diffusers. The dewatering treatment system consists of a flow equalization basin, two (2) parallel settling basins with a polymer injection system, three (3) parallel 4-pod

54-inch diameter sand filters, two (2) parallel 8-inch 12-bag filter units, and a totalizing flow meter. The daily maximum flow rate for the groundwater treatment system is 2,400 gallons per minute (gpm). The DEM has determined that this permit is consistent with the state's antibacksliding and antidegradation requirements and that it contains limitations and conditions to ensure that the discharge of treated construction dewatering wastewater is protective of water quality.

**FURTHER INFORMATION:**

A statement of basis (describing the type of facility and significant factual, legal and policy questions considered in this permit action) 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. 77405  
e-mail: aaron.mello@dem.ri.gov

The administrative record containing all documents relating to this permit action 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, June 28, 2021, a public hearing will be held at the following time:

5:00 PM Wednesday, June 30, 2021

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://us02web.zoom.us/j/82297121032>

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- +1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)
- +1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

Meeting ID: 822 9712 1032

Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82297121032>

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 action and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM Thursday, July 1, 2021.

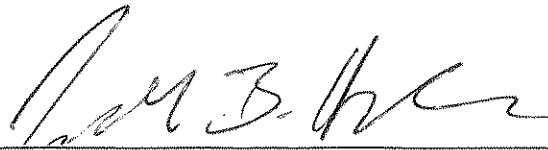
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Any person, including the permittee/applicant, who believes this permit action is 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 Monday, May 24, 2021 to Thursday, July 1, 2021. 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.

5/17/2021  
Date

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