

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, October 1, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN21-06

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RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0024007

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Material Sand and Stone Corporation
618 Greenville Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Material Sand and Stone Corporation
618 Greenville Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896

RECEIVING WATER: Woonasquatucket River and Unnamed Wetland Tributary to the Woonasquatucket River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

The facility which is the source of the effluent discharge is engaged in construction sand and gravel production and the production of asphalt paving mixtures. The effluent discharges are composed of stone wash process water and stormwater. The process water and commingled stormwater is to be treated via a series of settling ponds. Effluent limitations have been written into the permit that are protective of water quality.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023965

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Hopkins Hill Sand and Stone, LLC
190 New London Turnpike
West Greenwich, RI 02817

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Hopkins Hill Sand and Stone, LLC
400 Lincoln Ave.
Warwick, RI 02888

RECEIVING WATER: Carr River via Unnamed Wetland Tributary

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: A

The facility which is the source of the effluent discharge is engaged in the mining and production of construction sand and gravel and in the mining and crushing of limestone and granite. The effluent discharges are composed of settling basin pump down water, stone wash process water, and stormwater. The process water and commingled stormwater is to be treated via a series of settling ponds. Effluent limitations have been written into the permit that are protective of water quality.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023604

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Strawberry Field Estates, Inc.
445 Warwick Industrial Drive
Warwick, RI 02886

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Strawberry Field Estates, Inc.
333 Strawberry Field Road
Warwick, RI 02886

RECEIVING WATER: Tuscatucket Brook

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: A

The facility, which is the source of the effluent discharge, is engaged in the treatment of contaminated groundwater from the site in Warwick, Rhode Island. The contaminated groundwater is treated via a groundwater extraction and treatment system, which consists of an air stripper and a series of vessels containing granular activated carbon. The draft permit authorizes a higher "maximum daily" discharge flow rate than that of the current effective permit. Effluent limitations have been established in the draft permit to ensure that water quality standards are not violated as a result of the discharge.

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

Samuel Kaplan, P.E.
Environmental Engineer II
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
Permits Section
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700 ext. 2777046

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 these permits if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted in writing to the attention of Samuel Kaplan 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 Thursday, November 4, 2021, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

5:00 PM Tuesday, November 9, 2021
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 individuals who are handicapped. If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call Samuel Kaplan 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 on Wednesday November 10, 2021.

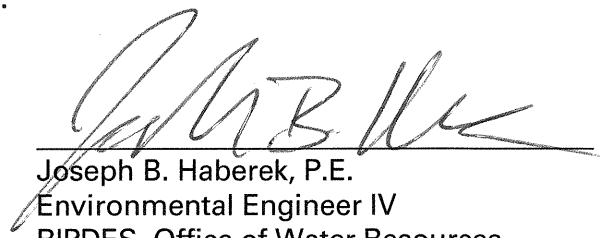
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Any person, including the permittee/applicant, who believes 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 1, 2021 to Wednesday, November 10, 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.

9/22/2021
Date



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