

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: November 3, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 21-09

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023442

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation**  
65 Shun Pike  
Johnston, RI 02919

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation**  
65 Shun Pike  
Johnston, RI 02919

RECEIVING WATER:

Cedar Swamp Brook and Tributaries [ RI0006018R-01]  
Simmons Reservoir [RI0006018L-03]

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

RIRRC owns and operates the State's central facilities for the recycling and disposal of solid waste. These facilities handle approximately 95 percent of the State's municipal solid waste and a significant amount of commercial waste. The applicant's discharge consists of surface stormwater runoff that is treated by on-site sedimentation ponds and groundwater that is treated by an underdrain treatment system. Limits have been assigned to be protective of water quality and to ensure compliance with Federal Effluent Limitation Guidelines.

**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

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DEM as noted below:

Travis Babikoff, 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. 2777274  
travis.babikoff@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 Travis Babikoff 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 December 8, 2021, a public hearing will be held at the following time:

Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 5:00 PM  
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 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 Travis Babikoff as 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 on Wednesday, December 15, 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.

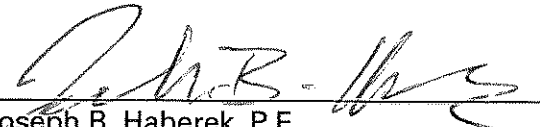
Any person, including the permittee/applicant, who believes these permit actions are inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public 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 Wednesday, November 3, 2021 to Wednesday, December 15, 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.

10/25/2021  
Date

  
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Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.  
Acting Administrator of Surface Water Protection  
Office of Water Resources  
Department of Environmental Management