

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, November 15, 2021

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 21-10

DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0021555**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Rhode Island Air National Guard
143rd Airlift Wing
2 Hercules Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02825

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Rhode Island Air National Guard
Quonset State Airport
2 Hercules Drive
North Kingstown, RI 02825

RECEIVING WATER: **Frys Pond (WBID: RI0007027L-06)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: A

The above-named applicant has reapplied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of a RIPDES Permit to continue discharging into Frys Pond. The applicant's discharge consists of storm water runoff associated with industrial activity at the Rhode Island Air National Guard (RIANG)'s base located at Quonset State Airport, which provides support for the 143rd Airlift Wing. The permit authorizes storm water and allowable non-storm water point source discharges as defined in the permit to Frys Pond from RIANG's storm water collection system. Discharges of storm water from the Hercules Drive drainage area and Petroleum-based fuels, oil or lubricants (POL) Facility yard area, tanker truck parking area, and secondary containment areas will be regulated by the conditions in the permit for Outfall 100A/B. The discharges from the POL Facility will be treated by an oil/water separator (OWS)

prior to discharge. All other discharges at the base will be treated by an oil/water separator prior to their ultimate discharge into Frys Pond via Outfall 001A. The permit has been revised to reflect the following: Outfall 100A/B monitoring requirements, revised footnotes defining the Outfall 100A/B monitoring location prior to and post-POL Facility upgrades, a permit condition requiring RIANG to implement BMPs at the vehicle maintenance/refueling facility, a schedule for amending the facility's SWPPP to include a description to the storm water controls at the vehicle maintenance/refueling facility once the controls are installed, consistency with the 2019 RIPDES Multi-Sector General Permit, consistency with the NPDES Sufficiently Sensitive Test Methods and Reporting Rule, and an updated reporting section to reflect the electronic submission of DMRs by RIANG in order to comply with the NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule. This permit modification contains limitations and conditions to ensure that the discharge of storm water 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 writing 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. 2777405
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 Friday, December 17, 2021, a public hearing will be held at the following time:

5:00 PM Wednesday, December 22, 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.

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, December 23, 2021.

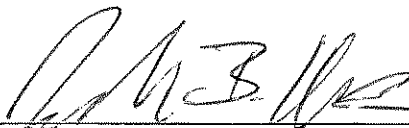
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

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, November 15, 2021 to Thursday, December 23, 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.

11/1/2021
Date



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