

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: Monday, November 7, 2022

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN-22-03

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100005

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Town Bristol**  
Bristol Town Hall  
10 Court Street  
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Bristol Wastewater Treatment Facility**  
Plant Avenue  
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809

RECEIVING WATER: Bristol Harbor

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SB1

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is located in Bristol and is engaged in the treatment of wastewater from the sanitary sewer system in the town of Bristol. On March 15, 2021, the facility reapplied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of an individual RIPDES permit to discharge water from the treatment plant, which includes the use of the following equipment and processes: aerated grit chamber, fine screening, primary settling, rotating biological contactors, secondary settling, chlorination, and dechlorination. The discharge of treated effluent is made to Bristol Harbor through outfall 001A. This permit includes limits to ensure that the discharge will not cause a water quality violation.

The draft permit contains new requirements for monitoring perfluorinated compounds, for the submittal of a resiliency plan, and for inspection of the facility's outfall.

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 fact sheet which is available as noted below.

**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 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 4:00PM on Friday, December 9, 2022, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

5:00 PM Wednesday, December 14, 2022  
Room 200C1  
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 4:00PM on Thursday, December 15, 2022.

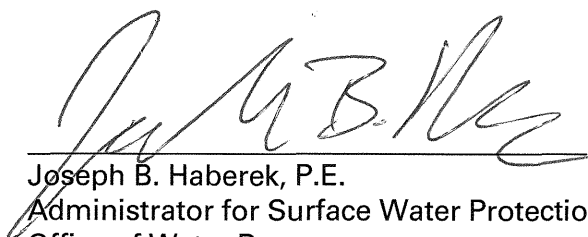
If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the permit, DEM may require a new draft permit or statement of basis or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

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 for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System. The public comment period is from Monday, November 7, 2022 to Thursday, December 15, 2022. 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 for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

11/2/2022  
Date

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