

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT  
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES  
235 PROMENADE STREET  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND PRETREATMENT REGULATIONS WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES INTRODUCED INTO MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS.

DATE OF NOTICE: October 10, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 23-4

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100048

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**East Providence Water Pollution Control Facility**  
1 Crest Ave  
Riverside, RI 02915

RECEIVING WATER:

**Providence River**  
**Waterbody ID #: RI0007020E-01B**

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

The Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations (250-RICR-150-10-2) adopt and incorporate the General Pretreatment Regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 403 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 28, 1981. These Regulations, mandated by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., govern the control of industrial waste introduced into municipal sewage treatment plants.

Pursuant to the General Pretreatment Regulations, the applicant has submitted a request for an approval of a modification to its Industrial Pretreatment Program. The proposed modification consists of a revision to East Providence's Sewer Use Ordinance (Chapter 17 of the City's Ordinances). All users of East Providence's sewer system are subject to this ordinance. The proposed modifications include changes to the existing local limits and typographical changes/edits for clarity and consistency with EPA's 2005 Streamlining Regulations. The request for approval consists of an endorsement statement from the Town of East Providence, including a public notice that the City Conducted from 4/15/23 to 5/15/23 and a description of the modification. This public notice serves as DEM's requirement to issue a public notice soliciting public comment in accordance with 40 CFR 403.11(b).

Please note that if no comments to this notice are received, the proposed modification will be approved without changes and without further public notice. In such event, this public notice shall constitute the "notice of approval or disapproval" required by 403.11(e).

## **FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION:**

Further explanation of the modification can be found by examining the document entitled: “East Providence IPP Public Notice”.

The document may be obtained at no cost by emailing or calling DEM as noted below:

Heidi Travers, PE, Environmental Engineer IV  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767  
(401) 222-4700 ext. 2777613  
Email: [heidi.travers@dem.ri.gov](mailto:heidi.travers@dem.ri.gov)

The information is also available at the following website during the public comment period:

<https://dem.ri.gov/environmental-protection-bureau/water-resources/permitting/ripdes>

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these 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.

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## **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 modification if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted to the attention of Heidi Travers at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if the 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 P.M. Friday, November 10, 2023, the public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 5:00 PM  
Room 280  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Interested persons should contact DEM in advance to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location 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 (3) business days prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Interested parties must submit comments on the proposed modification and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM Friday, November 17, 2023.

All written comments will be considered in the decision on whether or not to approve the proposed modification. All persons who believe any condition of the proposed modification 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. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to Heidi Travers as indicated above.

**FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:**

Please note that if no comments to this notice are received, the proposed modification will be approved without changes and without further public notice. In such event, this public notice shall constitute the “notice of approval or disapproval” required by 403.11(e) and no additional notice shall be provided. If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the proposed modification, DEM may require a revised modification or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Further information may also be obtained by contacting Heidi Travers at DEM at (401) 222-4700 ext. 2777613 or by email at [heidi.travers@dem.ri.gov](mailto:heidi.travers@dem.ri.gov).

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10/2/2023

  
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Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.

Administrator of Surface Water Protection  
Office of Water Resources  
Department of Environmental Management