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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908



October 10, 2023

RE: East Providence Industrial Pretreatment Program Modifications

To Whom it may Concern:

The Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations (250-RICR-150-10-2) adopt and incorporate the General Pretreatment Regulations at 40 CFR Part 403 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 28, 1981. These regulations govern the control of industrial waste introduced into municipal sewage treatment plants.

Pursuant to the General Pretreatment Regulations, East Providence Water Pollution Control Facility (WPCF) has submitted a request for approval of modifications to their individual Industrial Pretreatment Program (IPP). East Providence's proposed modification consist of revisions to their Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) which includes modifications to incorporate change resulting from the June 2021 Local Limits Derivation Report and typographical changes/edits for clarity and consistency with EPA's 2005 Streamlining Regulations.

The draft modifications will be out for public notice and comment starting October 10, 2023, and DEM is accepting comments through November 17, 2023. Once the public comment period closes, DEM intends to review and respond to all comments as expeditiously as possible.

A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for Thursday, November 16, 2023, at 5:00 PM at the DEM's Providence Headquarters and will only be held if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a government agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM, Friday November 10, 2023. Please call me at (401) 222-4700 ext. 2777613 prior to the hearing date to see if the hearing will be held. A copy of the draft modifications, outlining the changes made to each SUO, may be downloaded at:

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

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the contents of the draft modifications, do not hesitate to contact me at (401) 222-4700, ext. 2777613 or heidi.travers@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Heidi Travers".

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