

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, 2023

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 23-05

DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT MODIFICATIONS

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0024007

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Material Sand and Stone Corporation
618 Greenville Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

618 Greenville Road
North Smithfield, RI 02896

RECEIVING WATER: Woonasquatucket River and Unnamed Wetland Tributary to the Woonasquatucket River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

The facility which is the source of the wastewater discharge is engaged in construction sand and gravel production and the production of asphalt paving mixtures. The discharges consist of stormwater and stone wash wastewater from outfall 001 to a wetland which ultimately discharge to the Woonasquatucket River, and of stormwater from the material storage and processing area to the Woonasquatucket River from outfall 002. The discharge from outfall 001 is treated using a series of sedimentation basins. The change consists of eliminating perchlorate sampling due to DEM having concluded that there is no basis for continued perchlorate monitoring.

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 statement of basis and permit development document which is available as noted below.

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 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
samuel.kaplan@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 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 Thursday, December 6, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

5:00 PM Tuesday, December 12, 2023
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.

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 4:00 PM Wednesday, December 13.

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. The public comment period is from Friday, November 3, 2023 to Wednesday, December 13, 2023. 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.

27 Oct 2023

Date

Heidi Travers

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