

**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: August 12, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 25-03

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100404

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Quonset Development Corporation (QDC)
95 Cripe Street
North Kingstown, RI 02852**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Quonset Development Corporation (QDC)
150 Zarbo Avenue
North Kingstown, RI 02852**

RECEIVING WATER: West Passage (Waterbody ID: RI0007027E-03C)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SB1

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 Rhode Island 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 Quonset Business Park Devolvment Regulation 880-RICR-00-00-4, which acts as the Sewer Use Ordinance for the QDC wastewater treatment facility. The amendments to 880-RICR-00-00-4.16 are intended to standardize terminology and to clarify who must apply for wastewater permits and the process by which permits are reviewed and approved. The amendments include clarifications to the definitions of industrial user and significant non-compliance. Additionally, language has been added to assert certain authorities that are provided by 250-RICR-150-10-2 and 40 CFR 403. The request for approval consists of an endorsement statement from the QDC Board of Directors, including a public notice that QDC conducted from April 23, 2025, to May 23, 2025. This public notice serves as DEM's requirement to issue a public notice soliciting public comment in accordance with 250-RICR-150-10-2 and 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: “Quonset Development Corporation Proposed Ordinance”.

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

Madison Heller, Environmental Scientist I
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908 5767
(401) 537-4197
Email: Madison.heller@dem.ri.gov

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

<https://dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/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.

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 Madison Heller 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, September 12, 2025, the public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, September 18, 2025, 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 Thursday, September 19, 2025.

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 Madison Heller 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 Madison Heller at 401-537-4197 or by email at madison.heller@dem.ri.gov.

31 July 2025

Date

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