



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

August 12, 2025

**RE: Proposed Modifications to Quonset Development Corporation Industrial Pretreatment Program**

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 Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations, the Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) 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 Devolvement 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 draft modifications will be out for public notice and comment starting August 12, 2025, and DEM is accepting comments through September 19, 2025. 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 September 18, 2025, at 5:00pm 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 o less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM, Friday, September 12, 2025. Please call Madison heller at (401) 537-4197 prior to the hearing date to see if the hearing will be held. A copy of the draft modifications, outlining the changes made to reach SUO, may be downloaded at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/ripdes/>.**

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the contents of the draft modifications, contact Madison heller at (401) 537-4197 or [Madison.heller@dem.ri.gov](mailto:Madison.heller@dem.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

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