

**STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF COMPLIANCE & INSPECTION**

IN RE: Town of Jamestown

FILE NO.: Dam State I.D. 575

NOTICE OF VIOLATION

A. Introduction

Pursuant to Sections 42-17.1-2(21) and 42-17.6-3 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, (“R.I. Gen. Laws”) you are hereby notified that the Director of the Department of Environmental Management (the “Director” of “DEM”) has reasonable grounds to believe that the above-named party (“Respondent”) has violated certain statutes and/or administrative regulations under DEM’s jurisdiction.

B. Facts

- (1) The subject property is a dam identified as Jamestown Lower Dam, State Identification Number 575, located approximately 1,180 feet south of the intersection of Weeden Lane and North Road, in the town of Jamestown, Rhode Island (“Dam 575”).
- (2) The Respondent owns Dam 575.
- (3) Dam 575 is classified by DEM as Significant Hazard.
- (4) In a certified letter from the DEM to the Respondent dated January 26, 2009, which was delivered on January 30, 2009, the DEM forwarded a registration form for Dam 575 (the “Registration”). The Respondent was required to complete and return the Registration to DEM by February 14, 2009.
- (5) On August 7, 2012, Dam 575 was inspected (the “Inspection”). The Inspection revealed the following conditions:
 - (a) Vegetation and vegetation debris on the upstream embankment, crest and downstream embankment that did not allow a proper inspection to be performed; and
 - (b) No visible low level outlet.
- (6) A plan on file with the DEM for Dam 575 (2 sheets), one of which includes a cross section entitled “Dam of the Jamestown Light & Water Co., Jamestown, RI” shows that Dam 575 had a low level outlet.
- (7) DEM considers Dam 575 unsafe for the following reasons:

- (a) Excessive vegetation and vegetation debris prevents proper inspection; and
 - (b) No low level outlet.
- (8) As of the date of this Notice of Violation (“NOV”), the Respondent has not provided the Registration to DEM.

C. Violation

Based on the foregoing facts, the Director has reasonable grounds to believe that you have violated the following statutes and/or regulations:

- (1) **DEM’s Rules and Regulations for Dam Safety (the “Dam Safety Regulations”), Rule 4A** – requiring the owner of a significant hazard dam to maintain the dam in a safe condition
- (2) **DEM’s Dam Safety Regulations, Rule 8** – requiring the owner of a dam to provide a fully completed registration form to DEM.

D. Order

Based upon the violations alleged above and pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-17.1-2(21), you are hereby ORDERED to:

- (1) **Within fourteen (14) days of receipt of the NOV**, complete and submit to DEM the enclosed registration form.
- (2) **Within ninety (90) days of receipt of the NOV**, remove the vegetation and vegetation debris from the upstream embankment, crest, and downstream embankment of Dam 575.
- (3) **Within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of the NOV**, retain a professional engineer fully registered in the State of Rhode Island, who is experienced with dam inspections, and have the engineer complete a visual inspection of Dam 575 in accordance with the DEM’s Dam Safety Regulations, Rule 11C and submit a report of the inspection findings to DEM. The report must specify the actions (in addition to the actions ordered in the NOV) necessary to return the dam to a safe condition and include a schedule to complete the work. For any proposed repairs to Dam 575, the report must include an application prepared in accordance with the DEM’s Dam Safety Regulations, Rule 10B.
- (4) **Within one hundred eighty (180) days of receipt of this NOV**, retain a professional engineer fully registered in the State of Rhode Island, who is experienced with design, construction and repair, to submit an application to DEM in accordance with the DEM’s Dam Safety Regulations, Rule 10B to install a low level outlet. The application must include a schedule to complete the work.

- (5) The report and applications required in Sections D.2, D.3, and D.4 above shall be subject to DEM's review and approval. Upon review, the DEM shall provide written notification to the Respondent either granting formal approval or stating the deficiencies therein. **Within fourteen (14) days (unless a longer time is specified) of receiving a notification of deficiencies**, the Respondent shall submit to the DEM a modified report, application, and/or schedule or additional information necessary to correct the deficiencies.
- (6) Commence work specified in the schedule approved by the DEM within twenty (20) days of approval (unless otherwise expressly authorized by the DEM in writing to commence work at a later time), and complete such work in accordance with the approved schedule.

E. Right to Administrative Hearing

- (1) Pursuant to R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 42-17.1, 42-17.6, 42-17.7 and 42-35, each named respondent is entitled to request a hearing before the DEM Administrative Adjudication Division regarding the allegations and/or orders set forth in Sections B through D above. All requests for hearing **MUST**:
 - (a) Be in writing. See R.I. Gen. Laws Sections 42-17.1-2(21)(i) and 42-17.6-4(b);
 - (b) Be **RECEIVED** by DEM's Administrative Adjudication Division, at the following address, within twenty (20) days of your receipt of this NOV. See R.I. Gen. Laws Sections 42-17.1-2(21)(i) and 42-17.7-9:

Administrative Clerk
DEM - Administrative Adjudication Division
One Capitol Hill, 2ND Floor
Providence, RI 02903
 - (c) Indicate whether you deny the alleged violations. See R.I. Gen. Laws Section 42-17.6-4(b); **AND**
 - (d) State clearly and concisely the specific issues which are in dispute, the facts in support thereof and the relief sought or involved, if any. See Rule 7.00(b) of the DEM Administrative Rules of Practice and Procedure for the Administrative Adjudication Division of Environmental Matters.

- (2) A copy of each request for hearing must also be forwarded to:

Richard M. Bianculli Jr., Esquire
DEM - Office of Legal Services
235 Promenade Street, 4TH Floor
Providence, RI 02908-5767

- (3) Each named respondent has the right to be represented by legal counsel at all administrative proceedings relating to this matter.
- (4) Each respondent must file a separate and timely request for an administrative hearing before DEM's Administrative Adjudication Division as to each violation alleged in the written NOV. If any respondent fails to request a hearing in the above-described time or manner with regard to any violation set forth herein, then this NOV shall automatically become a Final Compliance Order enforceable in Superior Court as to that respondent and/or violation. See R.I. Gen. Laws Sections 42-17.1-2(21)(i) and (v) and 42-17.6-4(b) and (c).
- (5) This NOV does not preclude the Director from taking any additional enforcement action nor does it preclude any other local, state, or federal governmental entities from initiating enforcement actions based on the acts or omissions described herein.

If you have any legal questions, you may contact (or if you are represented by an attorney, please have your attorney contact) Richard Bianculli at the DEM Office of Legal Services at (401) 222-6607. All other inquiries should be directed to Paul Guglielmino of the DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection at (401) 222-1360 ext. 7122.

Please be advised that any such inquiries do not postpone, eliminate, or otherwise extend the need for a timely submittal of a written request for a hearing, as described in Section E above.

FOR THE DIRECTOR

David E. Chopy, Chief
DEM Office of Compliance and Inspection

Date: _____

CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that on the _____ day of _____
the within Notice of Violation was forwarded to:

Town of Jamestown
c/o Kevin Paicos, Town Administrator
93 Narragansett Avenue
Jamestown, RI 02835-1199

by Certified Mail.
