

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
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: October 26, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 07-04A

DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023795**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Rhode Island Department of Transportation
Two Capitol Hill
Providence, RI 02903

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

I-195 Contract 10

(Route 195 from South Main Street to the Washington Bridge, South Water Street from Wickenden Street to Tockwotten Street, South Main Street from Wickenden Street to Tockwotten Street, Cohan Boulevard from Pike Street to East Street, and Pike Street from South Water Street to South Main Street, Providence, RI) and

I-195 Contract 11

(Route 95 from Eddy Street to Westminster Street, West Franklin Street, East Franklin Street, Clifford Street, Friendship Street, and Pine Street, Providence, RI)

RECEIVING WATER: **Providence River**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1{a}**

As part of the Rhode Island Department of Transportation's relocation of the Interstate 195/95 merge, dewatering may be necessary at multiple locations where subsurface excavation will be completed for the construction of piers, footings, retaining walls, highway underdrains, and drainage structures. The discharge consists of treated groundwater from dewatering associated with construction. The wastewater is to be treated using a treatment system that consists of a 21,000 gallon frac tank, followed by a bag filter, two (2) 3,000-pound granular activated carbon vessels in series, four (4) 2,000-pound granular activated carbon vessels in series, and a 1,000-pound ion exchange column prior to discharge into the Providence River. Identical treatment systems may be used at various dewatering locations at the same time. However, each discharge must comply with all permit limitations. This permit does not authorize the discharge of ion exchange regeneration wastewater and does not authorize the discharge of contaminated groundwater after construction has been completed.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023787**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Heritage Harbor Corporation
222 Richmond Street
Providence, RI 02893

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Heritage Harbor Museum
350 Eddy Street
Providence, RI 02903

RECEIVING WATER: **Providence River**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1{a}**

As part of the redevelopment of the former South Street Station into a museum, dewatering may be necessary during the course of the year in order to lower the groundwater table such that it will not permeate the decking material of the museum space. The discharge consists of treated groundwater from dewatering associated with the museum. The treatment system consists of a 2,100 gallon tank, followed by a bag filter, two (2) 500-pound granular activated carbon vessels in series, and a 75-cubic foot ion exchange resin bed prior to discharge into the Providence River. This permit does not authorize the discharge of ion exchange regeneration wastewater.

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.

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:

Joseph Haberek, P.E.
Principal Sanitary Engineer
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700 ext: 7715

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 Joseph Haberek 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 4:00 PM, Monday, November 26, 2007, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Wednesday, November 28, 2007 at 5:00 PM
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 the handicapped. A stenographic record of the hearing will be made. Individuals requesting interpreter services for the hearing impaired must notify the DEM at 401-222-4462 (TDD) 48 hours in advance of the hearing date.

Interested parties may submit comments on the permit actions and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM Thursday November 29, 2007.

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 Rule 41. The public comment period is from October 26, 2007 to November 29, 2007. 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.

Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to DEM for a public hearing to consider the above permit actions. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Director finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on the permit actions the Director will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at DEM's Providence office.

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 Rule 49.

Date

Eric A. Beck, P.E.
Supervising Sanitary Engineer
Department of Environmental Management