

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 13, 2014

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN-14-05

DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023485**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Metals Recycling, LLC.
P.O. Box 19726
Johnston, RI 02919

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Metals Recycling, LLC.
89 Celia Street
Johnston, RI 02919

RECEIVING WATER: **Unnamed Tributary to the Woonasquatucket River**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION:

Metals Recycling, LLC. owns and operates a facility used for the recycling of scrap metal and has applied to the DEM for the issuance of a RIPDES Permit to discharge to the designated receiving water. Operations conducted at the facility include processing, separating, sorting, and stockpiling scrap metal and associated by-products. As part of these operations, automobiles are transported to the facility, any hazardous materials and automotive fluids are removed from the vehicles, the vehicles are shredded, and the shredded materials are sorted prior to being transported off-site for further processing. The proposed permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater and certain non-stormwater discharges. The permit requires Metals Recycling, LLC. to comply with the SWPPP and stormwater collection and treatment system Operations and Maintenance Plan that has been developed for the site. The permit contains limitations and conditions to ensure that the discharge of stormwater is protective of water quality.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0023442**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation

65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation

65 Shun Pike
Johnston, RI 02919

RECEIVING WATER:

Quarry Stream, Cedar Swamp Brook, and Upper Simmons Reservoir

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B

RIRRC owns and operates the State's central facilities for the recycling and disposal of solid waste. These facilities handle approximately 95 percent of the State's municipal solid waste and a significant amount of commercial waste. The applicant's discharge consists of surface storm water runoff that is treated by on-site sedimentation ponds. The phase V stone trench underdrain was rerouted out of pond 2 and into a new treatment system that discharges into Cedar Swamp Brook. The permit requires that any discharges be treated to levels that are consistent with federal effluent limitation guidelines and that they not cause water quality impacts.

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 Camara
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700, extension 7640
joseph.camara@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 Joseph Camara 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, on December 15, 2014, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 4:00 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. Individuals requesting communication assistance (assistive listening devices/readers/interpreters/captions) must notify the D.E.M. at the telephone number listed above or at 831-5508 (T.D.D.) 72 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 on December 19, 2014.

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 November 13, 2014 to December 19, 2014. 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 Rule 49.

Date

Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.
Principal Sanitary Engineer
Office of Water Resources
Department of Environmental Management