

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: October 11, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN-12-09

**DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT REVOCATION AND REISSUANCE**

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023558

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Sakonnet Point Club, Incorporated  
50 Sakonnet Point Road  
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Sakonnet Point Club, Incorporated  
11 Bluff Head Avenue  
Little Compton, Rhode Island 02837

RECEIVING WATER: Sakonnet Harbor

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SA{b}

This Public Notice serves as official notification that DEM proposes to revoke the existing Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Permit No. RI0023558 and reissue it for a new five year term. The Sakonnet Point Club has applied to the DEM for a modification to its existing RIPDES Permit in order to obtain authorization to redirect its discharge from a Reverse Osmosis (RO) drinking water treatment system to a new outfall structure which is proposed to be installed in and that will discharge to the Sakonnet Harbor. The discharge will be identical to that which was previously approved to discharge into the Sakonnet River which consisted of brackish effluent from the RO system that is used as a public drinking water supply for the Sakonnet Point Club. The draft permit only authorizes the discharge of concentrated groundwater from the RO system and specifically prohibits the discharge of any cleaning or sanitizing chemicals. The draft permit has been developed by the DEM and contains effluent limitations and conditions to ensure that the proposed discharge will not violate water quality standards.

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT STATE WATER QUALITY REGULATIONS**

This also serves as notice that the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Resources, Water Quality Certification Program has under consideration and review an application for a Water  
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Quality Certification to construct the proposed outfall within the Sakonnet Harbor. The project is being reviewed for compliance with the State's Water Quality Regulations (AUTHORITY: in accordance with Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq.; Chapter 42-35 pursuant to Chapters 46-12 and 42-17.1 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended).

Objections to the issuance of a Water Quality Certification for the proposed project must be submitted in writing to the DEM as they relate to impacts to surface water quality from the proposed project activity. It is expected that objectors will review the application and plans thoroughly.

**FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT:**

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:

Brian D. Lafaille, PE  
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management  
Office of Water Resources  
RIPDES Permitting Program  
235 Promenade Street  
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767  
(401) 222-4700, ext. 7731  
brian.lafaille@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 Brian D. Lafaille, PE 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 November 13, 2012, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Tuesday, November 20 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. Individuals requesting communication assistance (assistive listening devices/readers/interpreters/captions) must notify the DEM 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 4:00PM on November 21, 2012.

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 11, 2012 to November 21, 2012. 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.

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Joseph B. Haberek, PE  
Principal Sanitary Engineer  
Permits Section, Office of Water Resources  
Department of Environmental Management