

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
RIPDES PROGRAM
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: Friday, August 17, 2012

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN12-08

DRAFT RIPDES PERMIT

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **RI0001384**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Sprague Operating Resources LLC
144 Allens Avenue
Providence, RI 02903

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Sprague Operating Resources LLC – Providence Terminal
144 Allens Avenue
Providence, RI 02903

RECEIVING WATER: **Providence River**

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

The facility, which is the source of the discharge, is engaged in the activities of being a petroleum bulk station and terminal (SIC Code 5171), which are establishments primarily engaged in the wholesale distribution of crude petroleum and petroleum products from bulk liquid storage facilities. The discharge from Outfall 003A is composed of storm water from the terminal yard area and from the truck loading rack area. Other non-storm water discharges include tank and pipe hydrostatic test water. Tank bottom draw-off water (water that separates from the product during storage and settles to the bottom of the tanks) is prohibited from being discharged through Outfall 003A. Since the last issuance in 2004 the facility has improved its BMPs to include catch basin filters, a paved berm on Allens Avenue, modifications to catch basins, improved sampling techniques, etc. All storm water and hydrostatic test water is treated by an oil/water separator prior to discharge through Outfall 003A into the Providence River. The permit contains limitations and conditions to ensure that the discharge of storm water is protective of water quality.

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMITS:

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:

Aaron Mello
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Office of Water Resources
Permits Section
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908-5767
(401) 222-4700, extension 7405

The administrative record containing all documents relating to this permit action 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 Aaron Mello 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, September 18, 2012, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Tuesday, September 25, 2012 at 5:00 p.m.
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 September 26, 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 this permit action is 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 August 17, 2012 to September 26, 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.

Date

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