

**RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 PROMENADE STREET
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767**

PUBLIC NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF MODIFICATIONS TO THE INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND PRETREATMENT REGULATIONS WHICH REGULATES DISCHARGES OF INDUSTRIAL WASTES INTRODUCED INTO MUNICIPAL SEWAGE TREATMENT PLANTS.

DATE OF NOTICE: October 14, 2025

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN 25-05

RIPDES PERMITS

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NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Town Bristol
Bristol Town Hall
10 Court Street
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Bristol Wastewater Treatment Facility
Plant Avenue
Bristol, Rhode Island 02809**

RECEIVING WATER: **Bristol Harbor (RI0007026E-01D)**

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: **SB1**

The Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations (250-RICR-150-10-2) adopt and incorporate the General Pretreatment Regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 403 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 28, 1981. These Regulations, mandated by the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., govern the control of industrial waste introduced into municipal sewage treatment plants.

Pursuant to the Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations, the applicant has submitted a request for an approval of a modification to its Industrial Pretreatment Program. The proposed modification consists of a revision to the Town of Bristol's Sewer Use Ordinance (Chapter 22 of the Town's Ordinances) for the Bristol Wastewater Treatment Facility. The proposed modifications include changes to the existing local limits and other minor changes to the Sewer Use Ordinance. The modifications include changes to Section 22-235 to fix a typographical error, 22-236 to update the local limits, and 22-316 to clarify which businesses are subject to each permit fee. The request for

approval consists of minutes from Bristol Town Council Meetings on July 23, 2025 and August 20, 2025, an advertisement in the local newspaper on September 4, 2025, and a solicitation for public comment posted on the Town's Website from August 4, 2025 to August 20, 2025. This public notice serves as DEM's requirement to issue a public notice soliciting public comment in accordance with 250-RICR-150-10-2 and 40 CFR 403.11(b).

Please note that if no comments to this notice are received, the proposed modification will be approved without changes and without further public notice. In such event, this public notice shall constitute the "notice of approval or disapproval" required by 403.11(e).

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0100064

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**Town of Westerly
45 Broad Street
Westerly, Rhode Island 02891**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility
87 Margin Street
Westerly, Rhode Island 02891**

RECEIVING WATER: Pawcatuck River (Waterbody ID: RI0008038E-01A)

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: SB1

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Pursuant to the Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations, the applicant has submitted a request for an approval of a modification to its Industrial Pretreatment Program. The proposed modification consists of a revision to the Town of Westerly's Sewer Use Ordinance (Chapter 206 Westerly's Ordinance) for the Westerly Wastewater Treatment Facility. The proposed modifications to the Sewer Use Ordinance include changes to the existing local limits and other minor changes. The modifications include changes Section 206-55.A.(1) to fix a typographical error related to a general prohibition and Section 206-58 to update the local limits. The request for approval consists of an endorsement statement from the Westerly Town Council, including a public notice that the Town of Westerly conducted from July 14, 2025, to July 21, 2025. This public notice serves as DEM's requirement to issue a public notice soliciting public comment in accordance with 250-RICR-150-10-2 and 40 CFR 403.11(b).

Please note that if no comments to this notice are received, the proposed modification will be approved without changes and without further public notice. In such event, this public notice shall constitute the “notice of approval or disapproval” required by 403.11(e).

FURTHER INFORMATION ABOUT THE PROPOSED MODIFICATION:

Further explanation of the modification can be found by examining the documents entitled: “Bristol SUO-Clean” and “Chapter 206 Westerly 2025 May 14 Final”.

The document may be obtained at no cost by emailing or calling DEM as noted below:

Madison Heller, Environmental Scientist I
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908 5767
(401) 537-4197
Email: Madison.heller@dem.ri.gov

The information is also available at the following website during the public comment period:

<https://dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/ripdes/>

The administrative record containing all documents relating to these actions is on file and may be inspected, by appointment, at the DEM’s Providence office mentioned above between 8:30 AM and 4:00 PM, 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 this modification if requested. Requests for a Public Hearing must be submitted to the attention of Madison Heller at the address indicated above. Notice should be taken that if the 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 Friday, November 14, 2025, the public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

Thursday, November 20, 2025, at 4:00 PM
Room 280
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Interested persons should contact DEM in advance to confirm if a hearing will be held at the time and location above.

If communication assistance (readers/interpreters/captioners) is needed, or any other accommodation to ensure equal participation, please call DEM at the number listed above or RI Relay 711 at least (3) business days prior to the hearing so arrangements can be made to provide such assistance at no cost to the person requesting.

Interested parties must submit comments on the proposed modification and the administrative record to the address above no later than 4:00 PM Friday, November 21, 2025.

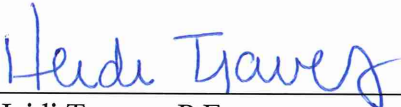
All written comments will be considered in the decision on whether or not to approve the proposed modification. All persons who believe any condition of the proposed modification is inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period. Commenters may request a longer comment period if necessary to provide a reasonable opportunity to comply with these requirements. Comments should be directed to Madison Heller as indicated above.

FINAL DECISION AND APPEALS:

Please note that if no comments to this notice are received, the proposed modification will be approved without changes and without further public notice. In such event, this public notice shall constitute the "notice of approval or disapproval" required by 403.11(e) and no additional notice shall be provided. If, during the public comment period, significant new questions are raised concerning the proposed modification, DEM may require a revised modification or may reopen the public comment period. A public notice will be issued for any of these actions.

Further information may also be obtained by contacting Madison Heller at 401-537-4197 or by email at madison.heller@dem.ri.gov.

06 Oct 2025
Date


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