



RHODE ISLAND

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

October 14, 2025

RE: Proposed Modifications to Bristol and Westerly's Industrial Pretreatment Program

To Whom it May Concern:

The Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations (250-RICR-150-10-2) adopt and incorporate the General Pretreatment Regulations at 40 CFR Part 403 promulgated by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on January 28, 1981. These regulations govern the control of industrial waste introduced into municipal sewage treatment plants.

Town of Bristol:

Pursuant to the Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations, the Town of Bristol 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 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.

Town of Westerly:

Pursuant to the Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations, the Town of Westerly 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 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 draft modifications will be out for public notice and comment starting October 14, 2025, and DEM is accepting comments through November 21, 2025. Once the public comment period closes, DEM intends to review and respond to all comments as expeditiously as possible.

A public hearing has been tentatively scheduled for November 20, 2025, at 4:00 PM at the DEM's Providence Headquarters and will only be held if DEM receives a request from twenty-five (25) people, a government agency or subdivision, or an association having no less than twenty-five (25) members on or before 4:00 PM, Friday, November 14, 2025. Please call Madison Heller at (401) 537-4197 prior to the hearing date to see if the hearing will be held. A copy of the draft modifications, outlining the changes made to reach SUO, may be downloaded at: <http://www.dem.ri.gov/programs/water/permits/ripdes/>.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss the contents of the draft modifications, contact Madison heller at (401) 537-4197 or Madison.heller@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,



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