



**RHODE ISLAND  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT**

**OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES**

235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

October 17, 2025

**CERTIFIED MAIL**

Steven Contente, Town Administrator  
Town of Bristol  
10 Court St,  
Bristol, RI 02809

**RE: Distribution of Class A Biosolids – Bristol, RI Compost  
Modified Order of Approval No. 1315**

Dear Mr. Contente:

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (“RIDEM”) received, on September 18, 2025, the Town of Bristol’s (“Town’s”) letter of intent to continue distributing Class A biosolids generated at the Bristol Composting Facility in Rhode Island. Enclosed is a copy of the Modified Order of Approval No. 1315 (the “Approval”). Please note the conditions in the Approval including quarterly testing for per- and perfluoroalkyl substances (“PFAS”) consistent with RIGL 46-12-42.

**The first round of PFAS sampling must be completed during the October 2025 to December 2025 calendar quarter. The results of the testing must be submitted to DEM by the last day of each calendar quarter (i.e., by March 31<sup>st</sup>, July 31<sup>st</sup>, September 30<sup>th</sup>, and December 31<sup>st</sup> for the corresponding calendar quarter).**

Failure to operate as indicated in the Application or failure to comply with the requirements of this Approval or the Sludge Regulations may result in the revocation or suspension of this Approval as well as any registration issued by the Division of Agriculture.

Please note that this Approval does not waive your obligation to obtain necessary approvals from other agencies or offices. Should you have any questions, contact Jack Segal at (401) 537-4168 or by email at [jack.segal@dem.ri.gov](mailto:jack.segal@dem.ri.gov).

Sincerely,

Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.  
Administrator for Surface Water Protection

JBH/jb

Enclosure: Modified Order of Approval No. 1315

cc: Jose DaSilva, Superintendent  
Olivia Massotti, DEM

Jack Segal, OWR

STATE OF RHODE ISLAND  
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In the Matter of the Application )  
of the Town of Bristol )  
for Approval of a System or Means )  
to Prevent Pollution )

No. 1315

MODIFIED ORDER OF APPROVAL

In the above entitled matter, wherein the Town of Bristol located in the County of Bristol, in the State of Rhode Island (the "Applicant") filed with the Department of Environmental Management (DEM) on the 12th day of December 1997 an Application for Order of Approval and plans marked "Bristol Compost Facility Operating Plan" revised September, 1998, plans marked "Operations and Maintenance Manual for the Sludge Composting Facility" dated February, 1993 and plans marked "Secondary Treatment Plant Operation and Maintenance Manual" dated March 1990, all prepared by Beta Engineering, Inc., and on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025 filed additional information on PFAS monitoring requirements, all describing a system or means to prevent pollution (the "proposed system") as described in Chapter 46-12 of the General Laws of 1956, as amended, which proposed system the Applicant desires to adopt in order to treat, transport and dispose of sewage sludge and distribute Class A Biosolids generated by the Town of Bristol Compost Facility located in Bristol, Rhode Island.

Upon consideration thereof, the DEM approves said proposed system with the following conditions:

1. The Applicant shall submit to DEM's Office of Water Resources, Wastewater Operations and Maintenance Program, by the last day of each calendar quarter, analytical results for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid (PFOS), perfluorohexane sulfonic acid (PFHxS), perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), and perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA) obtained from a minimum of one (1) representative sample of its biosolids taken during the quarter.
2. The Bristol Compost Facility shall maintain compliance with all regulatory requirements and standards of the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for sewage sludge.
3. Registration with the DEM's Division of Agriculture must be maintained for the distribution of Bristol Compost Class A Biosolids as a soil amendment.

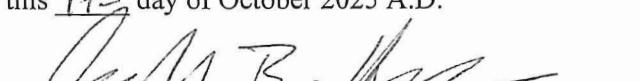
The Applicant shall comply with all existing Federal and State laws and regulations concerning sewage sludge treatment, transportation, utilization, distribution and disposal practices and with the Clean Water Act (CWA) Section 405(d) technical standards.

If any applicable management practice or numerical limitation for pollutants in sewage sludge more stringent than existing Federal and State regulations is promulgated under Section 405 (d) of the CWA, this Order of Approval shall be modified or revoked and reissued to conform to the promulgated regulations.

The Applicant shall comply with the limitations no later than the compliance date specified in the applicable regulations as required by Section 405(d) of the CWA.

This Order shall be subject to modification or revocation in accordance with the law. Entered as the Order of the DEM this 17<sup>th</sup> day of October 2025 A.D.

For the Director:



Joseph B. Haberek, P.E., Administrator for Surface Water Protection

Office of Water Resources

Department of Environmental Management