

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: November 5, 2015

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: PN15-06

DRAFT RIPDES PERMITS

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0021741

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Pawtucket Power Associates
181 Concord Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

and

Pure Energy Operating Services, LLC.
4488 Onondaga Boulevard
Syracuse, NY 13219

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Pawtucket Power Associates, LP
181 Concord Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

RECEIVING WATER: Moshassuck River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B{a}

The above named applicant has applied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of a RIPDES permit to discharge into the Moshassuck River. Pawtucket Power Associates, L.P. is a combined cycle electric power generating facility in Pawtucket, Rhode Island consisting of a dual-fuel gas turbine generator, a heat recovery steam generator and a steam turbine generator plus various steam plant and auxiliary equipment. The primary fuel is natural gas utilized to power the gas turbine generator with fuel oil as the back-up fuel and as the fuel for a diesel starter engine and an emergency diesel fire pump. The facility generates electric power for sale into the ISO New England wholesale electric markets. The discharge consists of stormwater only. The proposed permit includes limits to ensure that the discharge will not cause a water quality violation.

RIPDES PERMIT NUMBER: RI0023604

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Strawberry Field Estates, Inc.
445 Warwick Industrial Drive
Warwick, RI 02886

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Strawberry Field Estates, Inc.
333 Strawberry Field Road
Warwick, RI

RECEIVING WATER: Tuscatucket Brook

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: A

The above named applicant has reapplied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of a RIPDES Permit to continue discharging into Tuscatucket Brook. The applicant's discharge consists of treated effluent from a groundwater extraction and treatment system. The discharge is to an existing catch basin located on Strawberry Field Road, which discharges to Tuscatucket Brook. A treatment system modification was approved by the Office of Waste Management to reduce the system size to (3) 1,000 pound activated carbon vessels capable of treating 10 gallons per minute. The permit contains limitations and conditions to ensure that the discharge is protective of water quality.

FURTHER INFORMATION:

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:

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

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 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, December 7, 2015, a public hearing will be held at the following time and place:

December 10, 2015 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 December 11, 2015.


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 November 5, 2015 to December 11, 2015. 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.

11/2/2015
Date


Eric A. Beck, PE
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Permits Section, Office of Water Resources
Department of Environmental Management