



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908-5767

TDD 401-222-4462

April 26, 2004

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Paul Pinault, P.E.
Executive Director
Narragansett Bay Commission
One Service Road
Providence, RI 02905

**RE: Narragansett Bay Commission
Bucklin Point RIPDES Permit No. RI0100072
Fields Point RIPDES Permit No. RI0100315**

Dear Mr. Pinault:

Enclosed are your final Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Permit Modifications issued pursuant to the above-referenced application numbers. State regulations, promulgated under Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, require these permit modifications to become effective on the date specified in the permit.

Also enclosed is information relative to hearing requests and stays of RIPDES Permits.

We appreciate your cooperation throughout the development of these permit modifications. Should you have any questions concerning these permit modifications, feel free to contact Joseph Haberek, P.E. of the State Permits Staff at (401) 222-4700, extension 7715.

Sincerely,

Eric A. Beck, P.E.
Supervising Sanitary Engineer

EAB/JBH:jbh

Enclosure

cc: Laurie Horridge Bissonette, NBC
David Turin, EPA
Annie McFarland, DEM
Lori Lombardi-Burns, DEM (w/o attachment)

Office of Water Resources/Telephone 401.222.4700

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT PERMIT MODIFICATIONS; THEREFORE, NO RESPONSE WAS PREPARED.

HEARING REQUESTS

If you wish to contest any of the provisions of these permit modifications, you may request a formal hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. The request should be submitted to the Administrative Adjudication Division at the following address:

Bonnie Stewart, Clerk
Department of Environmental Management
Office of Administrative Adjudication
235 Promenade Street, 3rd Floor
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Any request for a formal hearing must conform to the requirements of Rule 49 of the State Regulations.

STAYS OF RIPDES PERMITS

Should the Department receive and grant a request for a formal hearing, the contested conditions of the permit will not automatically be stayed. However, the permittee, in accordance with Rule 50, may request a temporary stay for the duration of adjudicatory hearing proceedings. Requests for stays of permit conditions should be submitted to the Office of Water Resources at the following address:

Angelo S. Liberti, P.E.
Chief of Watersheds and Standards
Office of Water Resources
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

All uncontested conditions of the permit will be effective and enforceable in accordance with the provisions of Rule 49.

MODIFICATION

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, RIPDES Permit No. RI0100072 issued to the Narragansett Bay Commission on December 31, 2001, for the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility, shall be modified as follows:

Part I.A.2 of the permit, shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with Part I.A.2 in Attachment A of this Modification.

Part I.C.7.g of the permit shall be deleted in its entirety and replaced with Part I.C.7.g in Attachment B of this Modification.

The remaining effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions in the original permit are unchanged and in effect.

This modification shall become effective on May 1, 2004.

This permit and the authorization to discharge expire at midnight, February 1, 2007.

This change modifies the permit issued on December 31, 2001.

This modification consists of two (2) pages.

Signed this 26th day of April, 2004.



Angelo S. Liberti, P.E., Chief of Surface Water Protection
Office of Water Resources
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
Providence, Rhode Island

ATTACHMENT A

Permit No. RI0100072

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PART I

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

2. During the period beginning on the effective date and lasting through permit expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall serial number(s) 001A (Secondary Treatment Discharge).

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>					<u>Monitoring Requirement</u>	
	Quantity - lbs./day		Concentration - specify units			Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
	<u>Average Monthly</u>	<u>Maximum Daily</u>	<u>Average Monthly</u>	<u>Average Weekly</u>	<u>Maximum Daily</u>		
Fecal Coliform			*(Minimum) <u>200 MPN¹</u> 100 ml	*(Average) <u>400 MPN¹</u> 100 ml	*(Maximum) <u>400 MPN¹</u> 100 ml	2/Day	Grab ²
Total Residual Chlorine (TRC)				13.0 ug/l ³	13.0 ug/l ³	6/Day	Grab
pH			(6.0 SU)		(9.0 SU)	1/Day	Grab

¹The Geometric Mean shall be used to obtain the "maximum daily", "weekly average", and the "monthly average" values.

² Compliance with these limitations shall be determined by taking a minimum of two (2) grab samples per day. These samples shall be separated by a minimum of three (3) hours, unless good cause exists for not having the minimum separation. In the event that the permittee believes that good cause exists, written documentation must be submitted to the DEM demonstrating that good cause existed. This documentation shall be in the form of a cover letter to the permittee's Discharge Monitoring Reports.

³ The use of a continuous TRC recorder after chlorination and prior to dechlorination is required to provide a record that proper disinfection was achieved at all times. Compliance with these limitations shall be determined by taking six (6) grab samples per day with a minimum of three (3) hours between grabs. The maximum daily and average monthly values are to be computed from the averaged grab sample results for each day. The following methods may be used to analyze the grab samples: (1) Low Level Amperometric Titration, Standard Methods (18th Edition) No. 4500-CI E; (2) DPD Spectrophotometric, EPA No. 330.5 or Standard Methods (18th Edition) No. 4500-CI G. The limit at which compliance/noncompliance determinations will be based is the Quantitation Limit which is defined as 50 ug/l for TRC. These values may be reduced by permit modification as more sensitive methods are approved by EPA and the State.

*Values in parentheses () are to be reported as Minimum/Average/Maximum for the reporting period rather than Average Monthly/Average Weekly/Maximum Daily.

Sampling for Fecal Coliform, pH, and Chlorine Residual shall be performed Sunday-Saturday.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location: Outfall 001A.

- a. A listing of Industrial Users which complies with requirements stated in 40 CFR 403.12(i)(1). The list shall identify all Categorical Industrial Users, Significant Industrial Users and any other categories of users established by the permittee;
- b. A summary list of any notifications received by the permittee of any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the POTW by new or existing IUs. If applicable, an evaluation of the quality and quantity of influent introduced into the POTW and any anticipated impact due to the changed discharge on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW shall be included;
- c. A summary of Industrial User Compliance status. The summary shall identify the IUs determined to be in non-compliance, and if applicable, the type of enforcement actions taken and penalty amounts levied.
- d. A list of industries which were determined, in accordance with Part I.C.5.(l) of this permit, to be in significant non-compliance required to be published in a local newspaper and a copy of an affidavit of publication, from the newspaper, averring that the names of these violators has been published;
- e. A summary list of inspection and monitoring activity performed by the permittee, including:
 - significant industrial users inspected by the POTW (include inspection dates for each industrial user);
 - significant industrial users sampled by the POTW (include sampling dates for each industrial user);
- f. A summary list of permit issuance/reissuance activities including the name of the industrial user, expiration date of previous permit and issuance date of new permit;
- g. A summary list for each report/notification type required by 40 CFR 403.12 that was not received as required during the reporting year. All other records of notifications received in accordance with 40 CFR 403.12 shall be maintained in each Industrial User's file.
- h. A summary of public participation efforts including meetings and workshops held with the public and/or industry and notices/newsletters/bulletins published and/or distributed;
- i. A program evaluation in terms of program effectiveness, local limits application and resources which addresses but is not limited to:
 - A description of actions being taken to reduce the incidence of SNC by Industrial Users;
 - effectiveness of enforcement response program;
 - sufficiency of funding and staffing;
 - sufficiency of the SUO, Rules and Regulations, and/or statutory authority;
- j. An evaluation of recent/proposed program modifications, both substantial and non-substantial, in terms of the modification type, implementation and actual/expected effect (note proposed modifications must be submitted under separate cover along with the information required by 40 CFR 403.18);
- k. A detailed description of all interference and pass-through that occurred during the past year and, if applicable;
 - A thorough description of all investigations into interference and pass-through during the past year;

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

FACT SHEET

RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE STATE

RIPDES PERMIT NO. RI0100072

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

The Narragansett Bay Commission
One Service Road
Providence, Rhode Island 02905

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility
102 Campbell Avenue
East Providence, Rhode Island
And
Associated Combined Sewer Overflows

RECEIVING WATER: Seekonk, Moshassuck, and Blackstone Rivers

CLASSIFICATION: SB1{a}, B1{a}, & B{a}

I. Proposed Action, Type of Facility, and Discharge Location

The Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management proposes to issuance a modification to the Narragansett Bay Commission's (NBC's) RIPDES Permit to discharge into the designated receiving waters. The facility is engaged in the treatment of domestic and industrial sewage. The discharge is from the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility's outfall.

II. Limitations and Conditions

The effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and any implementation schedule (if required) may be found in the permit.

III. Permit Basis and Explanation of Effluent Limitation Derivation

The NBC owns and operates the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) located on Campbell Avenue, Providence, Rhode Island and several associated Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs). The discharge from the WWTF to the Seekonk River consists of treated sanitary, commercial, and industrial wastewater. Treatment consists of Screening, Grit Removal, Pre-aeration, Primary Settling, Activated Sludge, Secondary Settling, Chlorination, and Dechlorination.

The requirements set forth in this permit are from the State's Water Quality Regulations and the State's Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES Regulations), both filed pursuant to Chapter 46-12, as amended. DEM's primary authority over the permit comes from EPA's delegation of the program in September 1984 under the Federal Clean Water Act (CWA).

Based on an evaluation of comments that were made by the NBC during an appeal of the final permit for the WWTF, the DEM has determined that it would be appropriate to modify the NBC's permit. The modification concerns changes to the sampling and pretreatment reporting requirements. The changes consist of decreasing the minimum fecal coliform sampling frequency from 3/day to 2/day and clarification of the pretreatment program's reporting requirements.

The effluent monitoring requirements have been specified in accordance with RIPDES regulations as well as 40 CFR 122.41 (j), 122.44 (i), and 122.48 to yield data representative of the discharge.

IV. Comment Period, Hearing Requests, and Procedures for Final Decisions

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by the close of the public comment period, to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02908-5767. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing for a public hearing to consider the draft permit to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty (30) days public notice whenever the Director finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on the draft permit the Director will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at DEM's Providence Office.

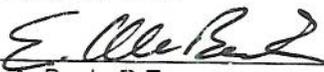
Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within thirty (30) days following the notice of the final permit decision any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing to reconsider or contest the final decision. Requests for formal hearings must satisfy the requirements of Rule 49 of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

V. DEM Contact

Additional information concerning the permit may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays, from:

Joseph B. Haberek, P.E.
RIPDES Program
Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
Telephone: (401) 222-4700, Extension: 7715

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Date


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