



RHODE ISLAND
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02908

October 13, 2021

CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Stephen D'Agostino, Director of Public Works
The City of Woonsocket
169 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

**RE: Permittee: City of Woonsocket Water Treatment Plant, 1500 Manville Rd.
Termination of RIPDES Permit No. RI0001627**

Dear Mr. D'Agostino:

In accordance with the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Regulations promulgated under Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) hereby acknowledges termination of the above-referenced RIPDES Permit.

The permit, which was issued on December 14, 2017 pertained to filter backwash discharges to the Blackstone River.

Email correspondence dated September 29, 2021 from the City to DEM indicated that the discharges have been eliminated as of September 29, 2021. In accordance with the requirements of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, as of October 1, 2021, the above-referenced RIPDES Permit was no longer required for your facility and as of October 1, 2021 the terms and conditions contained therein were no longer in force.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Samuel Kaplan at (401) 222-4700, extension 2777046 or samuel.kaplan@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,

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

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TERMINATION

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,

The City of Woonsocket
169 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

is no longer authorized to discharge from a facility located at

Woonsocket Water Treatment Plant
1500 Manville Road
Woonsocket, RI 02895

to receiving waters named

Blackstone River

All effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions in the original permit are no longer in effect.

This termination shall become effective as of October 1, 2021.

This terminates the permit issued on December 14, 2017.

This termination consists of 1 page.

Signed this 13th day of October, 2021.



Joseph B. Haberek, P.E., Acting Administrator for Surface Water Protection
Office of Water Resources
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

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STATEMENT OF BASIS

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

RIPDES PERMIT NO. RI0001627

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF PERMITTEE:

The City of Woonsocket
169 Main Street
Woonsocket, RI 02895

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Woonsocket Water Treatment Plant
1500 Manville Road
Woonsocket, RI 02895

RECEIVING WATER: Blackstone River

RECEIVING WATER CLASSIFICATION: B1

TYPE OF FACILITY:

The facility, which has been the source of a wastewater discharge, was reissued a permit to discharge on December 14, 2017 and the permit is due to expire on January 1, 2023. This facility was engaged in the production of potable water for domestic and industrial uses. The permit pertains to filter backwash discharges for each of three filtration units. The discharge points consisting of three outfalls are no longer active as of September 29, 2021.

BASIS FOR DEM'S TENTATIVE DECISION TO TERMINATE:

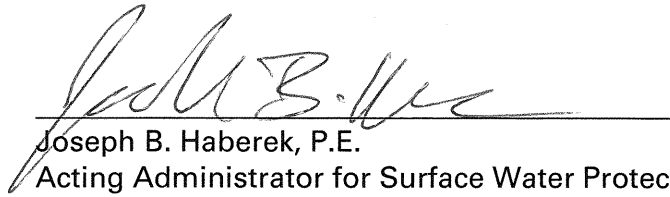
The facility is no longer discharging because the facility is no longer producing potable water for the City of Woonsocket and the facility is no longer needed as a water treatment plant by the City. A September 29, 2021 email from a representative of the City confirmed that all discharges from the facility to the receiving water have ceased. The facility was required to cease discharging by October 1, 2021 in accordance with the schedule requirements of Consent Agreement RIA-382. The City has confirmed that the City's new water treatment plant, which does not require an individual RIPDES permit, is fully operational.

DEM CONTACT:

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

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10/13/2021
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