



Meeting Minutes

RI Recycled Metals, Providence

Meeting held March 30, 2023 in Conference Room 300 at the Department of Environmental Management.

Meeting Participants

See attached sign-in sheet.

Note: Jared Sevinor, RIRM, participated by
teleconference

Purpose of the Meeting

The purpose of the meeting was to review compliance issues and permitting issues for the Rhode Island Recycled Metals facility located on Allens Avenue in Providence, Rhode Island based on Rhode Island Recycled Metals proposed 30% design plans.

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- The Rhode Island Recycled Metals (RIRM) Facility is currently under a Court Order to work with DEM to obtain all necessary permits to bring the facility into compliance with all applicable regulations and requirements.

- Based on the issues noted and discussed at the meeting, DEM identified three areas of permitting and compliance that need to be addressed.
 1. The DEM Site Remediation Program will require a new Site Investigation Report (SIR) to determine the levels of contamination in the soils that have occurred as a result of the excavation and disturbance of the previous soil cap. A proposed sampling plan may be submitted for approval prior to initiating the SIR. The two soil piles must be included for testing in the SIR. It was noted that if levels of PCBs are found above 50 PPM, further review by the EPA Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) Program will be required. After completion of the SIR a new plan for a cap of the site will be required. The proposed cap should take into

consideration the future operational activities at the site. A new or revised Environmental Land Use Restriction (ELUR) may also be required.

2. The DEM Office of Water Resources will require submission of an application for a Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Individual Permit. The RIPDES application must include a stormwater management plan that provides controls for all operational areas and activities and meets current water quality treatment requirements. The proposed ramp for the acceptance of derelict vessels must be designed to not be in contact with any coastal sediments or soil. A fluids management plan must be provided for the processing and storage of fluids generated from the vehicle crushing operation. The processing and storage of non-ferrous metals (electrical wire, copper) must be described. It was reported that no dredging will be proposed. A vegetated buffer along Allens Avenue will be proposed. The RIPDES Industrial Permit review timeline is 180 days and will include a Public Notice.
3. The Office of Water Resources will also require submission of a Water Quality Certificate application for all activities that are proposed below the Mean High Water (MHW) line. DEM indicated that this application may be reviewed concurrently with the CRMC Assent Application. A Joint DEM/CRMC Public Notice may be issued for the certification review.

To facilitate review of the permit applications, please include a copy of these notes with your application submittals. This meeting summary does not relieve the property owner from his/her obligation to obtain any local, state, or federal approvals or permits required by ordinance or law.

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