

**RHODE ISLAND GOVERNMENT REGISTER
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED RULEMAKING**

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

Title of Rule: Rules and Regulations for RI Clean Vessel Act Pumpout Grant Program (250-RICR-150-20-7)

Rule Identifier: 250-RICR-150-20-7

Rulemaking Action: Direct Final Amendment

Important Dates:

Date of Public Notice: April 6, 2022

End of Public Comment: May 6, 2022

Rulemaking Authority:

R.I. Gen. Laws Chapters 20-1

42-17.1

R.I. Gen. Laws § 46-12

R.I. Gen. Laws § 42-35

Summary of Rulemaking Action:

These regulations are intended to:

1. Assure the protection of public health, safety, and welfare as well as improve water quality and the fish and wildlife of the state; and,
2. Establish a means by which the Department of Environmental Management may administer to qualified marina owner/operators partial funding in the form of grants for the purpose of the construction, renovation, operation, and maintenance of marine pumpout and dump stations designed to service Type III marine sanitation devices installed on recreational vessels.

The Agency does not expect this filing to be controversial and therefore, a public hearing will not be held.

Additional Information and Public Comments:

If no formal objection is received on or before May 6, 2022, the Department of Environmental Management will file the Amendment and the Final Rule will take effect on this date.

Objections should be addressed to:

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Regulatory Analysis Summary and Supporting Documentation:

In the development of the proposed amendment consideration was given to: (1) alternative approaches; (2) overlap or duplication with other statutory and regulatory provisions; and (3) significant economic impact on small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

For full regulatory analysis or supporting documentation contact the agency staffperson listed above.