CONCISE EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

In accordance with the Administrative Procedures Act, Section § 42-35-2.6 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, following is a concise explanatory statement:

AGENCY: Department of Environmental Management

DIVISION: Office of Compliance & Inspection

RULE IDENTIFIER: 250-RICR-130-10-1

RULE TITLE: Rules and Regulations for Dam Operation Permits

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of rule is to implement a new law that was passed in July 2022, Chapter 46-19.1.

ANY FINDING REQUIRED BY LAW AS A PREREQUISITE TO THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE RULE: *(if any) None*

TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS: Verbal comments were received from 7 people at the public hearing and 4 of those commenters submitted written comments. DEM also received written comments from 1 person who did not attend the public hearing.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: Several minor changes were made to the rules to clarify the wording.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

NO, this regulation DOES NOT IMPACT small business (this completes your Regulatory Flexibility Analysis as required by RIGL § 42-35.1-4).