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 the Director**

RULE IDENTIFIER: **250-RICR-240-20-6**

RULE TITLE: **Rules and Regulations for the Prohibited Release of Balloons**

REASON FOR RULEMAKING: The purpose of the rule is to implement a new law for Rhode Island General Laws Chapter 23-19.18, that was enacted by the General Assembly in 2021, and it requires the Department of Environmental Management to promulgate regulations to implement the provisions of that chapter.

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

TESTIMONY, COMMENTS AND OBJECTIONS: The Department received one comment during the public notice period of August 9, 2023, through September 8, 2023.

CHANGE TO TEXT OF THE RULE: Newly promulgated regulation.

REGULATORY ANALYSIS:

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) impact on individuals and small business. No alternative approach, duplication, or overlap was identified based upon available information.

DATE THE FINAL RULE WAS SIGNED BY THE AGENCY HEAD: