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01/30/2019	Aboveground Storage Tank (AST) Registration Form	https://dem.ri.gov/media/79736/download
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06/15/1998	Closure in Place Policy	https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur861/files/programs/benviron/waste/pdf/cip.pdf
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04/25/2023	Industrial Pretreatment Program Fact Sheet for Breweries, Wineries & Distilleries	https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur861/files/programs/benviron/water/p/ermits/ripdes/pdfs/brewery-ipp-fs.pdf
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06/01/2016	The State of Rhode Island Manual for Rabies Management and Protocols	https://dem.ri.gov/media/4736/download
01/01/2026	Minimum Standards Checklist for Forest Stewardship Plans	https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur861/files/2025-07/Minimum-FFOS-Plan-Standards.pdf
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10/26/2009	Wastewater Reuse Guidance	https://dem.ri.gov/sites/g/files/xkgbur861/files/programs/benviron/water/p/ermits/wtf/pdfs/reusegyd.pdf
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