

State of Rhode Island
Department of Administration
Office of Management and Budget

Fiscal Note for Proposed Administrative Rules (R.I.G.L. § 22-12-1.1)

Name of Administrative Rule: Quonset Business Park Development Package, 880-RICR-00-00-4

FISCAL IMPACT					
State Revenues		State Expenditures		City/Town Expenditures	
FY 2025	\$0	FY 2025	\$0	FY 2025	\$0
FY 2026	\$0	FY 2026	\$0	FY 2026	\$0
FY 2027	\$0	FY 2027	\$0	FY 2027	\$0

Summary of Policy Change:

The Quonset Development Corporation (QDC) owns and operates the wastewater treatment system at the Quonset Business Park in accordance with 40 CFR 403, “General Pretreatment Regulations for Existing and New Sources of Pollution.” The Quonset Business Park Development Package, 880-RICR-00-00-4, acts as the required Sewer Use Ordinance (SUO) for the Quonset Business Park wastewater treatment facility (QBP WWTF). In 2023, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) issued a Letter of Inspection Findings to QDC with multiple comments requesting updates to the SUO to comply with 40 CFR 403. The proposed amendments to 880-RICR-00-00 are in response to RIDEM’s comments.

The proposed amendments clarify the definition of an “industrial user” under the SUO, and adds the definition of Significant Non-compliance as required by RIDEM. All other revisions affect Section 4.16, “Sewer Treatment System User Regulations.”

The proposed amendments are intended to standardize terminology and to clarify who must apply for wastewater permits and the process by which permits are reviewed and approved. RIDEM also requested that QDC add language to assert certain authorities that are provided by 40 CFR 403.

Summary of State Fiscal Impact:

QDC operates the QBP WWTF utilizing its own revenues, derived from fees paid by users of the system. Therefore, there will be no fiscal impact to the State of Rhode Island.

City or Town Impact:

The Town of North Kingstown sewer system connects to and North Kingstown’s effluent is treated by the QBP WWTF. However, as the proposed amendments relate only to the permitting process that will be required of end users, there will be no impact to the Town’s expenditures. No other municipality connects to the QBP WWTF.