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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES
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CERTIFIED MAIL

November 12, 2025

Mr. Jonathan Gerhard, Town Engineer
Town of Narragansett
25 Fifth Avenue
Narragansett, RI 02882

RE: Narragansett Facilities Plan Update Approval and Finding of No Significant Impact
(DEM File #25-A) Narragansett, Rhode Island

Dear Mr. Gerhard:

This letter concerns the Town of Narragansett's request for approval from the Department of Environmental Management Office of Water Resources (OWR) for the Narragansett Wastewater Facility Plan Update (FPU), prepared by Wright-Pierce, dated September 2025, along with the related environmental review findings.

The FPU addresses proposed projects involving the design and construction of upgrades to the Scarborough Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF). It also evaluates sewer expansion needs for future residential and commercial development, projected design flows, flood resiliency measures, and other related improvements. These projects aim to reduce negative water-quality impacts on surface and groundwater, including, but not limited to, Rhode Island Sound.

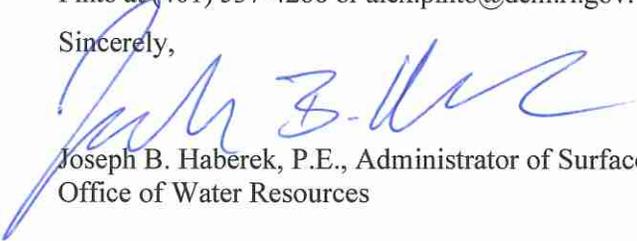
Based on our review, OWR hereby approves the document as the Facilities Plan for the Town of Narragansett.

The FPU sufficiently addresses the statutory intent of the environmental review requirements of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, commonly known as the Clean Water Act, and DEM is issuing a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) for the proposed projects identified in the FPU. Please note that unless reaffirmed, this environmental review approval expires five (5) years from the date of issuance.

This approval maintains eligibility for construction assistance programs managed by OWR that include funds allocated to the state under the Clean Water Act.

A copy of the approved FPU will be forwarded to the Town. If you have any questions, please contact Alex Pinto at (401) 537-4266 or alex.pinto@dem.ri.gov.

Sincerely,


Joseph B. Haberek, P.E., Administrator of Surface Water Protection
Office of Water Resources

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Enclosure: Finding of No Significant Impact

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Wright-Pierce – Ryan Bodnaruk, Andrew Smith, Abigail Byrne
DEM - Jenny Paquet, Heidi Travers, Matt Puglia



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Office of Water Resources



FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Office of Water Resources (OWR) has reviewed the "Narragansett Wastewater Facilities Plan Update" (FPU), prepared by Wright-Pierce, dated May 2025, and revised on July 2025 and August 2025, with a final revision on September 2025, for the Town of Narragansett, in conjunction with a request for approval of the FPU and the water pollution abatement project(s) proposed therein, and

Pursuant to the requirements and authority set forth in Chapter 46-12.2 of the General Laws of Rhode Island, 1956, as amended, and the "Rules and Regulations for the State Revolving Fund (SRF) Program", OWR has determined that the projects identified in the FPU will not cause significant detrimental effects, the quality of the environment will be improved by the proposed projects, and an Environmental Impact Statement will not be required. The environmental information provided has met the statutory intent of the Federal Clean Water Act environmental review requirements.

OWR is hereby issuing a formal FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT for the above FPU, and the project(s) identified therein.

The approval of the projects identified below and contained in the study area of this FPU is recommended for immediate implementation and will not foreclose alternatives to the Town of Narragansett in other areas.

The proposed projects involve the design and construction of upgrades to the Scarborough Wastewater Treatment Facility that serves the Town of Narragansett.

Project Name: Narragansett Wastewater Facility Plan Update

Project Location: Narragansett, RI

Project Description: Upgrades to the Scarborough Wastewater Treatment Facility to accommodate residential and commercial development in Town, sewer expansion needs to replace onsite wastewater treatment systems, and the wastewater needs for the fishing industry in the Port of Galilee.

Anticipated Environmental Impacts:

Long Term: No detrimental impacts; beneficial impacts include improved treatment leading to capacity expansion and resiliency.

Short Term: Construction-related impacts only.

Required Mitigation Measures:

Sedimentation and erosion control during construction; any other measures required by federal or state permitting and/or approval authorities.

Joseph B. Haberek, P.E., Administrator of Surface Water Protection
Office of Water Resources, DEM

DATE: 4/12/2025