RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

"The Statewide Implementation Analysis for a Beverage Container Redemption, Packaging, and Recycling Plan"

In accordance with the Rhode Island General Laws, § 23-19-19 and Chapter 42-35, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, shall, prior to the final report, hold at least one public hearing (and its public comment period) to solicit input on the draft implementation analysis before its finalization.

- **When is the public comment period?** The public comment period for the Statewide Implementation Analysis (SIA) for a Beverage Container Redemption, Packaging, and Recycling Plan will open on Thursday, October 15, 2026, and remain open through Thursday, November 16, 2026, at 4:00 PM.

- **How can I view the report?** The report may be viewed on Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's website at: https://dem.ri.gov/about-us/featured-initiatives/beverage-container-recycling-redemption-study. A copy of the report is also available for review during business hours (8:30AM - 4:00PM) at the Office of Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908. Please call ahead of time to make an appointment: 401-537-4140.

- **How can I submit comments online?** Members of the public are invited to review the draft plan and submit comments online at https://dem.ri.gov/about-us/featured-initiatives/beverage-container-recycling-redemption-study via the survey link https://forms.cloud.microsoft/g/bipSNjGK3M

- **How can I submit written comments?** Written statements relative to the report can be submitted via mail and postmarked by 4PM on November 16, 2026, to: David McLaughlin, Programming Services Officer – Sustainable Management, Office of Director, Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, RI 02908.

- **What are the details for the public hearing?** In addition to submitting comments online or written comments in the mail, a public hearing will be held in person to solicit input on the draft implementation analysis, at which all people interested will have an opportunity to comment or deliver written comment. The hearing will begin with a brief informational presentation about the report, followed by the opportunity to comment. The hearing will take place on the following date and time:

Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at 1:00 PM
at The Foundry
235 Promenade Street
Conference Room 300
Providence, Rhode Island

- **What if I need reasonable accommodation?** The meeting place is accessible to individuals with disabilities. Any individual requiring reasonable accommodation to participate in this public hearing meeting should contact David McLaughlin at 401-537-4140 as soon as possible prior to the meeting.

- **Can I attend the public hearing online?** Yes, guests are allowed to attend online or via phone but are not allowed to provide comments. If you are online, you can simply access the methods listed above and submit online comments or written comments via the mail.

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