



# Rhode Island Airport Corporation

**First Quarter 2018**  
**Outfall and In-Stream Sampling**  
**T.F. Green Airport**

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## **Background**

The RIPDES permit identifies a total of 16 perimeter outfalls at PVD. Outfalls 001A, 002A, 003A, 004A and 013A discharge to tributaries of Warwick Pond. Outfalls, 006A, 006B, 006C, 006D, 007A, 007B, 008A and 009A discharge to tributaries of Buckeye Brook downstream of Warwick Pond. Outfalls 010A, 011A, and 012A discharge to Tuscatucket Brook. Major outfalls, 002A, 003A, 008A, and 010A, are those outfalls which receive or may receive drainage from areas where aircraft deicing fluid is applied. Sampling for these major outfalls is defined at Part I.A.1 of the permit. Minor outfalls drain taxiways, runways and other paved services. Outfall 005A was combined with Outfall 006A during construction of Runway 34 Safety Area Improvements. Sampling for these minor outfalls is defined at Part I.A.2. of the permit. Additional sampling requirements are defined at Part I.A.5. and Parts I.C. and I.D. Table 1 lists parameters sampled.

Part I.B.4.h describes water quality monitoring requirements for receiving water bodies. Stream monitoring is to be conducted at four locations: the inlet to Warwick Pond at Lake Shore Drive; the outlet to Warwick Pond at the south end of Lake Shore Drive; Buckeye Brook at West Shore Road; and Old Mill Creek at Tidewater Drive. These sample locations were identified as BB-02, BB-03, BB-04 and BB-07 (respectively) to maintain consistency with previous sampling studies in the Buckeye Brook watershed. Figure 1 identifies outfall and in-stream sampling locations.

Industrial activities at PVD with the potential to impact stormwater quality include the use of glycol-based Aircraft Deicing and Anti-icing Fluids (ADFs/AAFs) and pavement deicers. Only propylene glycol (PG)-based ADFs/AAFs are used at PVD. Pavement deicers used at PVD include solid sodium formate, and liquid potassium acetate. Approximately 2,787 gallons of deicing fluid was applied to aircraft during the event. Approximately 247,000 gallons of fluid were diverted to storage at the Deicing Treatment Facility. No pavement deicers were applied to runways or taxiways during this sampling event.

## **Summary of Storm**

First Quarter (January 1 through March 31) sampling includes the major outfalls (002A, 003A, 008A and 010A) hourly for twelve hours and in-stream sampling locations (BB-02, BB-03, BB-04 and BB-07) every four hours for forty eight hours. The sampling began upon a precipitation event of sufficient magnitude and subsequent to aircraft deicing as specified in the RIPDES permit.

Light rain began falling around 2:00 PM on March 21, 2018. Aircraft deicing commenced at approximately 3:30 PM. Sampling commenced at 5:30 PM subsequent to measurable accumulation. Outfall sampling continued until approximately 4:40 AM on March 22, 2018. In-stream sampling continued until 5:30 PM on March 23, 2018.

A total of 0.12 inches of precipitation (as water equivalent) with 0.9 inches of snow was measured at PVD during this event. Precipitation data is summarized in Table 2.

## **Summary of Flow**

Flow meters are installed at three of the major outfalls: OF-002A, OF-003A, and OF-008A. Continuous flow measurements during the 12 hours of sampling were made using these Isco

2150 area velocity meters programmed to measure level and velocity at 15 minute increments. No flow meters are installed at minor outfalls or at outfall 010A, as it is off airport property.

Maximum daily and average monthly flows for the major outfalls were calculated and are presented in Table 3. Estimated runoff volumes calculated using drainage area and depth of precipitation for all outfalls are presented in Table 7.

### **Sample Collection**

For the First Quarter the major outfalls (002A, 003A, 008A, and 010A) were sampled hourly for twelve hours, beginning at 5:30 PM on March 21, 2018. Flow was not observed at 010A during the sampling event.

Receiving water sampling in Buckeye Brook (BB-02, BB-03, BB-047 and BB-078) commenced concurrent with the outfall sampling. Downstream samples were collected every four hours for 48 hours. During downstream sample collection, No discoloration, foaming, or unusual odors were observed by sampling personnel.

All samples were collected directly into sample bottles. The bottles were then placed in ice in a cooler for transport to the laboratory for analysis. Because of the short sample holding time for Fecal Coliform, all samples collected in the first three hours were transported to the laboratory immediately following the third hour of sampling.

At the major outfalls and in-stream sampling measurements for temperature, pH, dissolved oxygen (DO), and specific conductance were taken and recorded in the field. Dissolved oxygen (DO) percent saturation was also measured at in-stream locations.

### **Sampling Results**

A summary of sampling results for major outfalls are presented in Tables 3 and 4. In-stream sampling results are presented in Tables 5 and 6. Certificates of Analysis are attached to this report.

TABLE 1  
 LABORATORY ANALYTICAL PARAMETERS  
 T.F. GREEN AIRPORT  
 WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
 FIRST QUARTER 2018

Sample Identification	Hours 1-3	Hours 4-12
OF-002A, OF-003A, OF-008A, OF-010A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fecal coliform</li> <li>• BOD, TSS, Surfactants</li> <li>• COD, TOC</li> <li>• Oil &amp; grease -1664</li> <li>• Propylene glycol</li> <li>• Dissolved Potassium and Sodium</li> <li>• Total Metals (aluminum, chromium, copper, iron, lead, and zinc)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOD, surfactants</li> <li>• COD, TOC</li> <li>• Propylene glycol</li> <li>• Dissolved Potassium and Sodium</li> <li>• Total Metals (aluminum, chromium, copper, iron, lead, and zinc)</li> </ul>
<b>Sample Identification</b>	<b>Hours 4, 8, 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36, 40, 44, and 48</b>	
BB-02, BB-03, BB-04, BB-07	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• BOD</li> <li>• COD</li> <li>• Propylene glycol</li> <li>• Specific Conductance</li> </ul>	

Note: Outfall and BB field measurements for pH, Specific Conductance, Temperature, and Dissolved Oxygen. BB includes DO % saturation  
 BOD -biological oxygen demand  
 COD -chemical oxygen demand  
 TOC -total organic carbon  
 TSS -total suspended solids

**TABLE 2**  
**PRECIPITATION AMOUNTS**  
**T.F. GREEN AIRPORT**  
**WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND**  
**FIRST QUARTER 2018**

Date	Total Precipitation (water equivalent, in inches)	Snowfall (inches)
March 18, 2018	0	0
March 19, 2018	0	0
March 20, 2018	0	0
March 21, 2018 <sup>1</sup>	0.03	0.2
March 22, 2018 <sup>2</sup>	0.09	0.7
March 23, 2018 <sup>3</sup>	0	0

<sup>1</sup> Sampling commenced at 17:30 on March 21, 2018

<sup>2</sup> Major outfall sampling ended at 04:40 on March 22, 2018

<sup>3</sup> Buckeye Brook sampling ended at 17:30 on March 23, 2018

TABLE 3  
ANALYTICAL RESULTS  
MAJOR OUTFALLS  
T.F. GREEN AIRPORT  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
FIRST QUARTER 2018

Parameter	Major Outfalls							
	Outfall 002A		Outfall 003A		Outfall 008A		Outfall 010A	
	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily
Flow (gpd) <sup>1,8</sup>	222,972	242,924	342,996	410,130	1,890,003	2,334,834	NO FLOW	
Oil & Grease (mg/l) <sup>5</sup>		1.9		1.9		2.8		
TSS (mg/l) <sup>4,5</sup>	13.7	14	4.8	5.0	5.9	9.0		
Fecal Coliform (MPN/100ml) <sup>7,5</sup>	0.0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0		
BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	18.7	31	21.7	31	123.0	320		
Propylene Glycol (mg/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	0.0	0	0.0	0	41.6	130		
COD (mg/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	24.8	35	27.4	38	203.7	520		
Dissolved Potassium (mg/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	3.69	3.84	11.1	15.4	6.22	7.80		
Dissolved Sodium (mg/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	5.57	7.21	87.45	145	76.78	88.60		
Surfactants (ug/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	0	0	36.3	140	0	0		
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) <sup>2,3</sup>	8.47	9.39	8.56	9.27	8.44	9.15		
TOC (mg/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	8.4	12	8.6	11	57.4	150		
Total Aluminum (ug/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	0.0	0	0	0	0.0	0		
Total Chromium (ug/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0.4	1.4		
Total Copper (ug/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Iron (mg/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	7.3	9.2	2.91	3.34	2.32	3.88		
Total Lead (ug/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Total Zinc (ug/l) <sup>2,6</sup>	0	0	0	0	0	0		

<sup>1</sup> Results reported as average monthly were determined using the arithmetic average of measurement made every 15 minutes during the 12 hours of sampling. Results reported as maximum daily was the maximum flow measurements over the 12 hours of sampling. Both reported values were converted from GPM to GPD reflecting a 24 hour day

<sup>2</sup> Results reported as maximum daily were the maximum of the 12 samples collected during the 12 hours of sampling.

<sup>3</sup> Results reported as average monthly were determined using the arithmetic average of the 12 samples collected during the 12 hours of sampling.

<sup>4</sup> Results reported as average monthly were determined using the arithmetic average of the 3 samples collected (when available) during the first 3 hours of sampling.

<sup>5</sup> Results reported as maximum daily were the maximum of the 3 samples collected (when available) during the first 3 hours of sampling

<sup>6</sup> Results reported as average monthly were determined by using a flow-weighted average of the 12 samples collected during the 12 hours of sampling.

<sup>7</sup> Results reported as average monthly were determined by using a geometric mean of the 3 samples collected (when available) during the 3 hours of sampling

<sup>8</sup> Outfall 010A does not have a flow meter installed. Therefore, flow was calculated arithmetically utilizing the Outfall drainage area, storm intensity, and duration.

BOD<sub>5</sub> Biological oxygen demand 5-day test

COD Chemical oxygen demand

TOC Total organic carbon

TSS Total suspended solids

gpd gallons per day

mg/l milligrams per liter

ug/l micrograms per liter

ND - Non-Detect

TABLE 4  
 FIELD ANALYTICAL RESULTS  
 MAJOR OUTFALLS  
 T.F. GREEN AIRPORT  
 WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
 FIRST QUARTER 2018

Parameter	Major Outfalls									
	Outfall 002A		Outfall 003A		Outfall 008A		Outfall 010A			
	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>
pH	6.7	7.4	6.7	7.1	6.8	7.4	No Flow			
Temperature (°F)		49.3		47.8		48.8				

**Bold** text indicates exceedance of permit standards

Reported values are from laboratory analysis. Field pH measurements were taken but not used for this report

<sup>1</sup> results reported as minimum daily were the minimum of the samples collected during the 12 hours of sampling.

<sup>2</sup> results reported as maximum daily were the maximum of the samples collected during the 12 hours of sampling.

**TABLE 5**  
**ANALYTICAL RESULTS**  
**BUCKEYE BROOK**  
**T.F. GREEN AIRPORT**  
**WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND**  
**FIRST QUARTER 2018**

Parameter	BB-02		BB-03		BB-04		BB-07	
	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily
Conductivity (umhos/cm) <sup>1,2</sup>	732.6	1,836.0	434.4	978.7	446.4	501.8	686	1,992
BOD <sub>5</sub> (mg/l) <sup>1,2</sup>	6.2	17	6.6	18	6.6	18	2.5	7.7
COD (mg/l) <sup>1,2</sup>	10.8	30	14	41	14.2	41	10	17
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/l) <sup>1,2</sup>	8.99	10.79	10.92	12.27	7.80	8.91	9.87	10.99
Dissolved Oxygen Saturation (%) <sup>1,2</sup>	77.3	100.3	83.4	89.8	59.9	67.4	75.2	82.2
Propylene Glycol (mg/l) <sup>1,2</sup>	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND	ND

<sup>1</sup> Results reported as average monthly were determined using the arithmetic average of measurements made every 4 hours during the 48 hours of sampling.

<sup>2</sup> Results reported as maximum daily were the maximum samples collected every 4 hours during the 48 hours of sampling.

BOD<sub>5</sub> Biological oxygen demand 5-day test

COD Chemical oxygen demand

mg/l milligrams per liter

ND - Non-Detect



TABLE 6  
 FIELD ANALYTICAL RESULTS  
 BUCKEYE BROOK  
 T.F. GREEN AIRPORT  
 WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
 FIRST QUARTER 2018

Parameter	BB-02		BB-03		BB-04		BB-07	
	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>	Minimum Daily <sup>1</sup>	Maximum Daily <sup>2</sup>
pH	5.62	6.98	5.85	6.75	5.43	6.53	6.03	6.88
Temperature (°F)		51.5		44.8		46.3		47.4

**Bold** text indicates exceedance of permit standards

<sup>1</sup> Results reported as average monthly were determined using the arithmetic average of measurement made every 4 hours during the 48 hours of sampling. Results reported as maximum daily was the maximum flow measurements over the 12 hours of sampling.

<sup>2</sup> Results reported as maximum daily were the maximum of the 12 samples collected during the 48 hours of sampling.

TABLE 7  
PVD RUNOFF VOLUME CALCULATION  
T.F. GREEN AIRPORT  
WARWICK, RHODE ISLAND  
FIRST QUARTER 2018

3/21/18 -3/22/18 Precip (inches):            0.12

Drainage Basin ID	Outfall	Receiving Water	Drainage Area (ac)	Discharge (gal)
1	Outfall 001A	Warwick Pond	5.9	19,224
2	Outfall 002A	Warwick Pond	93.4	304,324
3	Outfall 003A	Warwick Pond	119.8	390,343
4	Outfall 004A	Warwick Pond	30.1	98,074
6	Outfall 006A	Buckeye Brook	10.7	34,864
6B	Outfall 006B	Buckeye Brook	1.5	4,887
6C	Outfall 006C	Buckeye Brook	0.8	2,607
6D	Outfall 006D	Buckeye Brook	0.7	2,281
7	Outfall 007A	Buckeye Brook	9.6	31,280
7B	Outfall 007B	Buckeye Brook	1.2	3,910
8	Outfall 008A	Buckeye Brook	240.6	783,944
9	Outfall 009A	Buckeye Brook	38.4	125,118
10	Outfall 010A	Tuscatucket Brook	26	84,715
11	Outfall 011A	Tuscatucket Brook	14	45,616
12	Outfall 012A	Tuscatucket Brook	46.4	151,185
13	Outfall 013A	Warwick Pond	28	91,232
				<b>2,173,604</b>