

January 8, 2019

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Office of Water Resources
RIPDES Program
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908

Subject:

4th Quarter 2018 Report in Lieu of Sampling

T.F. Green Airport Permit No. RI0021598

Dear Mr. Mello:

The RIPDES Permit No. RI0021598 ("Permit"), issued to the Rhode Island Airport Corporation (RIAC), requires that samples meeting certain criteria must be collected quarterly. RIAC submits this report in accordance with Part I.(A)(6)(i) of the Permit in lieu of 4th Quarter 2018 sampling as the result of a "lack of a representative storm event during the entire quarterly monitoring period."

RIPDES Permit - Storm Event Criteria for Sampling

In accordance with Part I.(A)(6)(g) of the Permit, samples must be collected from a discharge resulting from a representative storm event. A representative storm event is "precipitation that: "(a) occurs at least seventy-two (72) hours from the previous measurable storm event", and (b), "is greater than or equal to 0.1 inches water equivalent per twenty-four (24) hours in magnitude". In addition, Parts I.A.1.(footnote 6) and I.A.2.(footnote 5) of the Permit require Q4 sampling to be conducted "while aircraft deicing is occurring". Parts I.A.1.(footnote 2) and I.A.2.(footnote 1) further define sampling event precipitation to be: "During snow events, the start of precipitation shall be assumed to occur when the total accumulation of snowfall is 0.5 inches in depth. During other freezing (i.e., sleet, freezing rain) or non-freezing (i.e., rain) precipitation events, the start of precipitation shall be assumed to occur when the total accumulation is 0.1 inches in depth."

Prior to precipitation events where deicer is applied, weather forecasts (National Weather Service, AccuWeather, Weatherunderground, and local media forecasts) and information from T.F. Green Airport Operations are used to assess whether the event will present a potential sampling opportunity. As precipitation begins, weather conditions and forecasts are continually monitored to determine if and when the minimum precipitation requirements for sampling are likely to be met (>0.1" for rain and freezing rain events, >0.5" for snow events). Sampling commences once the minimum depths have been met and deicing activities have occurred. In addition RIAC uses data derived from National Climatic data Center (NCDC) Quality Controlled Local Climatological Data from the weather station at T. F. Green Airport to determine if an event met all qualifying criteria for a sampling event.

4th Quarter 2018 Precipitation and Deicing Events

During the 4th Quarter of 2018, there were only 35 days of measurable precipitation. Of these, 26 events resulted in depths greater than 0.1" (water equivalent). During this Quarter there were eight (8) days that had measurable precipitation on which tenants reported aircraft deicing. Below is a description of why these events did not qualify or were not sampled.

There were no dates in October where aircraft were deiced during active precipitation.

In November there were five (5) days where aircraft were deiced during active precipitation. November 5 was preceded by 1.17" precipitation on November 3. November 9 was preceded by 0.72" precipitation on November 6. November 15 was preceded by 2" precipitation on November 13. November 16 was preceded by 0.74" precipitation (6" as snow) on November 15. November 20 aircraft deicing was complete approximately 6 hours before measurable precipitation.

In December there were three (3) events where aircraft were deiced during active precipitation. On December 16 only two aircraft by were deiced several hours before measurable precipitation. On December 24 the depth of precipitation did not qualify as water equivalent was 0.02" (<0.1") and frozen precipitation was measured as 0.3" (<0.5"). December 31 was preceded by 0.96" precipitation on December 28.

A summary of deicing fluid application and collection, and daily weather summaries for each month of the 4th Quarter of 2018 is attached.

Summary

The weather and deicing conditions between October 1st and December 31st, 2018 did not provide a representative storm event while aircraft deicing occurred. As none of the 4th Quarter deicing events occurred concurrently with a qualifying storm event, RIAC did not collect samples during this period, and submits this report in lieu of monitoring in accordance with Part I.(A)(6)(i) of the Permit.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at (401) 691-2490.

Sincerely,

Jay Brolin

Manager Environmental Program

Attachments:

Daily Deicing Fluid Application and Collection October, November, December 2018

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