

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
NEW ENGLAND - REGION I
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Request for General Permit Authorization to Discharge Wastewater
(Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the General Permit)

NHG-360025

Hydroelectric Generating Facilities (HYDROGP)
NPDES General Permits No. MAG360000 and NHG360000

A. Facility Information

1. Indicate applicable General Permit for discharge:
MAG360000 _____
NHG360000 X

2. Facility Name, Location, and Data:
Name Lower Valley Hydroelectric Project
Street/PO Box 130 Sullivan Street City Claremont
State New Hampshire Zip Code 03743
Latitude 43° 22' 24.34" N Longitude 72° 21' 48.14" W
Type of Business Hydroelectric power generation
SIC Code(s) 4911

3. Facility Mailing Address (if different from Location Address):
Name Lower Valley Hydroelectric Project
Street/PO Box One Tech Drive Suite 220 City Andover
State Massachusetts Zip Code 01810

4. Facility Owner:
Name Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc. e-mail (optional) _____
Street/PO Box One Tech Drive Suite 220 City Andover
State Massachusetts Zip Code 01810
Contact Person Adam Sotirakopoulos Telephone Number 508-681-1900
Owner is (check one): 1. Federal _____ 2. State _____ 3. Tribal _____ 4. Private X
Other (Describe) _____

5. Facility Operator (if different from above):
Legal Name _____ e-mail (optional) _____
Street/PO Box _____ City _____
State _____ Zip Code _____
Contact Person _____ Telephone Number _____

6. Current permit status (please check Yes or No):
 - a. Has a prior NPDES permit (individual or general permit coverage) been granted for the discharge that is listed on the NOI? Yes _____ No X If Yes, Permit Number: _____
 - b. Is the facility covered by an individual NPDES permit? Yes _____ No X
If Yes, Permit Number _____
 - c. Is there a pending NPDES application on file with EPA for this discharge? Yes _____ No X If Yes, date of submittal: _____ and permit number if available: _____

7. Attach a topographic map indicating the location of the facility and the outfall(s) to the receiving water. Map attached? Yes

8. Provide the number of turbines and the combined turbine discharge (installed capacity) at maximum and minimum output, in cubic feet per second (cfs). Number of turbines 2 Combined turbine discharge (installed capacity): maximum output, cfs 390 and minimum output, cfs 156

9. Is the hydroelectric generating facility operated as a pump storage project?

B. Discharge Information (attach additional sheets as needed).

1. Name of receiving water into which discharge will occur: Sugar River
Freshwater: X Marine Water: _____

2. Attach a line drawing or flow schematic showing water flow through the facility including sources of intake water, operations contributing flow, treatment units, outfalls, and receiving waters(s). Line drawing or flow schematic attached? Yes

3. List each outfall under the following categories and number sequentially: equipment-related cooling water; equipment and floor drain water; maintenance-related water; facility maintenance-related water during flood/high water events, and equipment-related backwash strainer water (see Parts I.A.1, 2, 3, and 4; or Parts I.B.1, 2, 3, and 4). Attach additional sheets to identify outfalls as needed.

Equipment-related cooling water

Equipment and floor drain water

Maintenance-related water

Facility maintenance-related water during flood/high water events

Equipment-related backwash strainer water

4. List each outfall discharging any combination of the following to identify the combined discharges: equipment-related cooling water, equipment and floor drain water, maintenance-related water, equipment-related backwash strainer water, and facility maintenance-related water during flood/high water events (see Parts I.A.5 and B.5) and continue the sequential numbering. Attach additional sheets to identify outfalls as needed.

5. Provide for each outfall the following:

- a. Latitude and longitude to the nearest second (see EPA's siting tool at: http://www.epa.gov/tri/report/siting_tool/) and the name(s) of the receiving water(s) into which the discharge will occur.
- b. The operations contributing flow and the treatment received by the discharge. Indicate the average flow from each operation.
- c. Indicate if the discharge can be sampled at least once per year or can be sampled using the representative outfall sampling provisions (see Parts I.A.6 or B.6 and III.E).
- d. Note if the outfall discharges intermittently or seasonally.

C. Chemical Additives

Are any non-toxic neutralization chemicals used in the discharge(s)? Yes No If so, include the chemical name and manufacturer; maximum and average daily quantity used on a monthly basis as well as the maximum and average daily expected concentrations (mg/l) in the discharge, and the vendor's reported aquatic toxicity (NOAEL and/or LC₅₀ in percent for typically acceptable aquatic organism).

D. Endangered Species Act Eligibility Information

A facility, with a previous ESA Section 7 consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), seeking coverage under the Massachusetts general permit and discharging to the Connecticut River or Merrimack River should provide one of the following, if available.

1. A formal certification indicating consultation with the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) resulted in either a no jeopardy opinion or a written concurrence on a finding that the discharges are not likely to adversely affect the shortnose sturgeon or critical habitat. Information should also be provided indicating the hydroelectric facility's previous ESA Section 7 consultation with NMFS covered the discharges to be authorized under this general permit and demonstrating no significant changes in the discharges have occurred since the previous consultation.
2. Another operator's certificate of the ESA eligibility for those discharges to be authorized under this general permit.

E. Supplemental Information

Please provide any supplemental information, including antidegradation review information applicable to new or increased discharges. Attach any certification(s) required by the general permit.

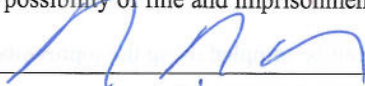
F. Signature Requirements

The Notice of Intent must be signed by the operator in accordance with the signatory requirements of 40 CFR Section 122.22 (see below) including the following certification:

I certify under penalty of law that no chemical additives are used in the discharges to be authorized under this general permit except for those used for pH adjustment and (2) this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted.

Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, I certify that the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I certify that I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Signature



Date 7/18/2012

Printed Name and Title

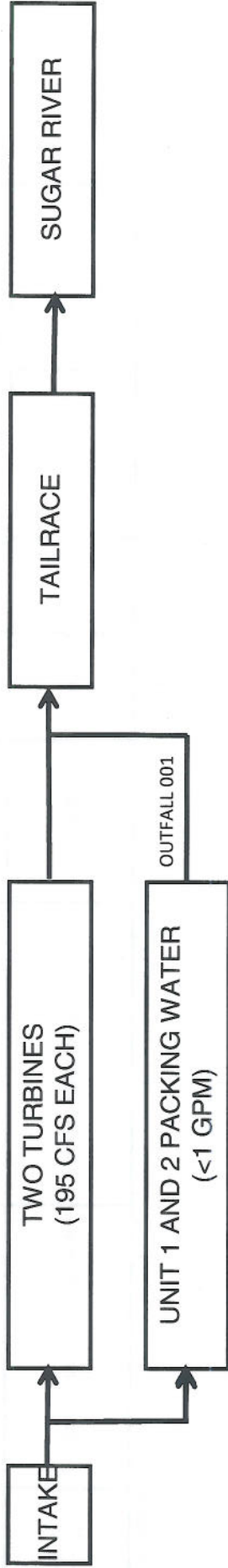
Stephen D. Puce, Vice President

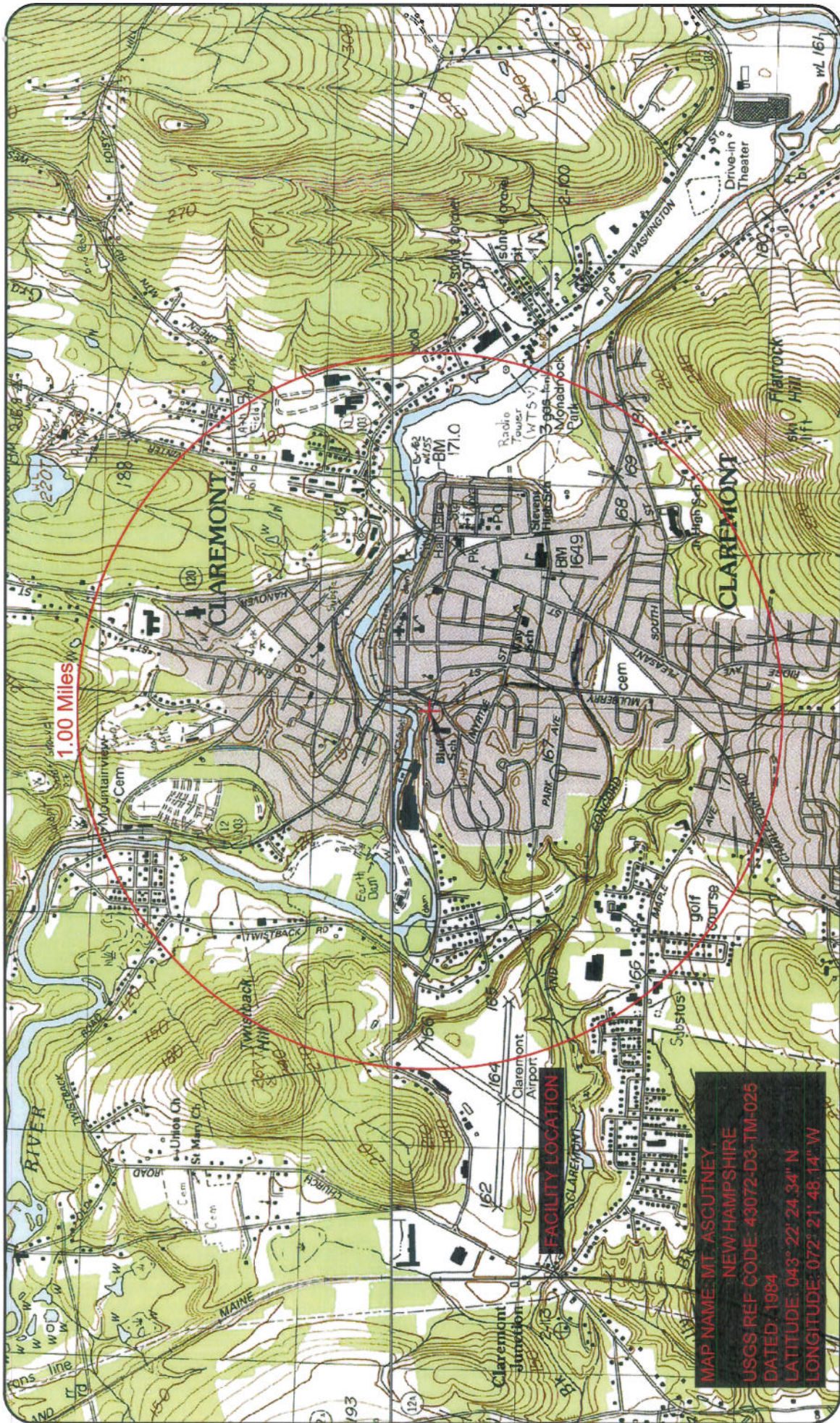
Federal regulations require this application to be signed as follows:

1. For a corporation, by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president;
2. For partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively, or,
3. For a municipality, State, Federal or other public facility, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

Lower Valley Hydroelectric Project
Claremont, NH

Notice of Intent Attachment 1





FACILITY LOCATION

MAP NAME: MT. ASCUTNEY,
NEW HAMPSHIRE
USGS REF CODE: 43072-D3-TM-025
DATED: 1984
LATITUDE: 043° 22' 24.34" N
LONGITUDE: 072° 21' 48.14" W

PROJECT TITLE: NPDES Permitting	CLIENT: Lower Valley Hydroelectric Project Sweetwater Hydroelectric, Inc.	JOB NO: 08-034.013	SHEET: Figure 1
	JOB LOCATION: 130 Sullivan Street Claremont, NH 03743	SCALE: 1" = 2083'-0"	NORTH ⬆
DRAWING TITLE: Site Location Map		REV: A	
		DRW: CPC	SIZE: A
		CHK: CAW	
		ENG:	
		DATE: 04-30-12	



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