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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Drake Bell  
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RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit ME0021181  
Maine Waste Discharge License #W000942-5S-E-R  
Final Permit – **Irving Oil Terminals, Incorporated**

Dear Mr. Bell:

Enclosed please find a copy of your **final** Maine MEPDES Permit/WDL which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Please read the license and its attached conditions carefully. You must follow the conditions in the license to satisfy the requirements of law. Any discharge not receiving adequate treatment is in violation of State Law and is subject to enforcement action.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled “*Appealing a Commissioner’s Licensing Decision.*”

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to contact me at (207) 287-7658 or via email at: [phyllis.a.rand@maine.gov](mailto:phyllis.a.rand@maine.gov).

Sincerely,

Phyllis Arnold Rand  
Division of Water Quality Management  
Bureau of Land and Water Quality

Enclosure

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STATE OF MAINE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
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**DEPARTMENT ORDER**

**IN THE MATTER OF**

IRVING OIL TERMINALS, INC.	)	MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
SEARSPORT, WALDO COUNTY, MAINE	)	ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
BULK FUEL STORAGE FACILITY	)	AND
W000942-5S-E-R	)	WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE
ME0021181	)	<b>RENEWAL</b>
<b>APPROVAL</b>		

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Title 33 USC, Section 1251, et. seq. and Maine Law 38 M.R.S.A., Section 414-A et. seq., and applicable regulations, the Department of Environmental Protection ("Department," hereinafter) has considered the application of IRVING OIL TERMINALS, INCORPORATED ("permittee," hereinafter), with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

**APPLICATION SUMMARY**

The permittee submitted a timely renewal application for Department Waste Discharge License (WDL) # W000942-5S-D-R /Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit # ME0021181 ("permit," hereinafter), which was issued on March 9, 2005 and is due to expire on March 9, 2010. The permit authorized the discharge of treated storm water runoff up to a daily maximum flow rate of 1,019 gallons per minute (gpm) and hydrostatic test water up to a daily maximum flow rate of 2.85 million gallons per day, to Searsport Harbor (Penobscot Bay), Class SB. See **Attachment A** of the Fact Sheet for a site location map.

**PERMIT SUMMARY**

This permitting action is similar to the terms and conditions of the March 9, 2005 permitting action in that it is carrying forward all of the terms and conditions with the following exceptions:

1. Removing hydrostatic test water as a wastewater source for Outfall #001;
2. Establishing a requirement to develop and maintain a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

## CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings in the attached Fact Sheet dated April 6, 2010, and subject to the Conditions listed below, the Department makes the following CONCLUSIONS:

1. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.
2. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification which the Department expects to adopt in accordance with state law.
3. The provisions of the State's antidegradation policy, 38 MRSa Section 464(4)(F), will be met, in that:
  - a. Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect and maintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected;
  - b. Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding national resource, that water quality will be maintained and protected;
  - c. The standards of classification of the receiving water body are met or, where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification;
  - d. Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification, that higher water quality will be maintained and protected; and
  - e. Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing quality of any water body, the Department has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.
4. The discharge will be subject to effluent limitations that require application of best practicable treatment.

**ACTION**

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the application of IRVING OIL TERMINALS, INCORPORATED, to discharge 1,019 GALLONS PER MINUTE of treated storm water and 2.85 MILLION GALLONS PER DAY of hydrostatic test water from a bulk fuel storage and transfer facility to Searsport Harbor (Penobscot Bay), Class SB, subject to the attached conditions and all applicable standards and regulations:

1. "Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable To All Permits," revised July 1, 2002, copy attached.
2. The attached Special Conditions, including any effluent limitations and monitoring requirements.
3. This permit expires five (5) years from the date of signature below.

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application: 12/17/09  
Date of application acceptance: 12/18/09

This Order prepared by PHYLLIS ARNOLD RAND, BUREAU OF LAND & WATER QUALITY

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

1. **Beginning the effective date of this permit**, the permittee is authorized to discharge treated wastewater to Searsport Harbor (Penobscot Bay). Such treated wastewater discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

**OUTFALL #001 - Storm water runoff<sup>(1)</sup>**

Effluent Characteristic	Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements	
	<u>Monthly Average</u> as specified	<u>Daily Maximum</u> as specified	<u>Monthly Average</u> as specified	<u>Daily Maximum</u> As specified	<u>Measurement Frequency</u> as specified	<u>Sample Type</u> as specified
Flow <sup>(2,3)</sup> [50050]	---	---	---	1019 gpm [78]	1/ Quarter [01/90]	Measure [MS]
Total Suspended Solids [00530]	---	---	50 mg/L <sup>(4)</sup> [19]	100 mg/L [19]	1/ Quarter [01/90]	Grab <sup>(5)</sup> [GR]
Oil & Grease [00552]	---	---	---	15 mg/L [19]	1/Quarter [01/90]	Grab <sup>(5)</sup> [GR]
Benzene [34030]	---	---	---	Report mg/L [19]	1/Quarter [01/90]	Grab <sup>(5)</sup> [GR]

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table and in subsequent text are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports.

FOOTNOTES: See pages 6 – 8 of this permit for applicable footnotes.

**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

**A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)**

2. **Beginning the effective date of this permit**, the permittee is authorized to discharge hydrostatic test water to Searsport Harbor (Penobscot Bay). Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

**ADMINISTRATIVE OUTFALL #002 - Hydrostatic test water<sup>(1)</sup>**

Effluent Characteristic	Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements	
	<b>Monthly Average</b> as specified	<b>Daily Maximum</b> as specified	<b>Monthly Average</b> as specified	<b>Daily Maximum</b> As specified	<b>Measurement Frequency</b> As specified	<b>Sample Type</b> as specified
Flow <sup>(3)</sup> [50050]	---	---	---	2.85 MGD [03]	1/Discharge [01/DS]	Measure [MS]
Total Suspended Solids [00530]	---	---	---	50 mg/L [19]	1/Discharge [01/DS]	Grab <sup>(5)</sup> [GR]
Oil & Grease <sup>(6)</sup> [00552]	---	---	---	15 mg/L [19]	1/Discharge [01/DS]	Grab <sup>(5)</sup> [GR]
Total Residual Chlorine <sup>(7)</sup> [50060]	---	---	---	13 ug/L [28]	1/Discharge [01/DS]	Grab <sup>(5)</sup> [GR]

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table and in subsequent text are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports.

FOOTNOTES: See pages 6 – 8 of this permit for applicable footnotes.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)**

#### Footnotes:

**Sampling Locations:** Discharges from Outfall #001 and #002 shall be sampled independently, prior to co-mingling with any other waste stream(s).

Outfall #001 (storm water) samples for all parameters shall be collected after the oil/water separator during the first hour of discharge.

Outfall #002 (hydrostatic test water) samples for all parameters shall be collected from the tank or piping prior to discharge directly to the receiving waters or before being co-mingled with storm water runoff.

Sampling and analysis must be conducted in accordance with; a) methods approved in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136, b) alternative methods approved by the Department in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 136, or c) as otherwise specified by the Department. Samples that are sent out for analysis shall be analyzed by a laboratory certified by the State of Maine's Department of Health and Human Services. Samples that are analyzed in-house or sent to another POTW licensed pursuant to *Waste discharge licenses*, 38 M.R.S.A. § 413 are subject to the provisions and restrictions of *Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Certification Rules*, 10-144 CMR 263 (last amended February 13, 2000).

All analytical test results shall be reported to the Department including results which are detected below the respective reporting limits (RL's) specified by the Department or as specified by other approved test methods. If a non-detect analytical test result is below the respective RL, the concentration result shall be reported as <Y where Y is the detection limit achieved by the laboratory for each respective parameter. Reporting a value of <Y that is greater than an established RL is not acceptable and will be rejected by the Department. For mass, if the analytical result is reported as <Y or if a detectable result is less than a RL, report a <X lbs/day, where X is the parameter specific limitation established in the permit. See **Attachment A** of this permit for a list of the Department's RL's.

#### **Storm Water Runoff (Outfall #001) and Hydrostatic Test Water (Outfall #002)**

- (1) The flow through the oil/water separator shall consist of storm water runoff only except as specified for hydrostatic test water discharged through Outfall #002. The direct or indirect discharge of liquids from petroleum product pipelines, transport tanks, vessels or storage tanks through the oil/water separator is not authorized by this permit except as specified for Outfall #002. No chemical treatment such as dispersants, emulsifiers or surfactants may be added to the oil/water separator or any wastewater discharge stream contributing flow to the oil/water separator.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)**

#### Footnotes:

- (2) **Flow** - At no time shall the flow through the oil/water separator exceed the design flow of the separator (1,019 gpm).
- (3) Flow measurement devices or calculated flow estimates via pump curves or tank volumes or other methods must be approved by the Department. Measurement of flow may be suspended upon approval from the Department in the event the permittee limits flow to the separator by installing a permanent constriction to prevent flows from exceeding the design capacity of the separator. The installation, replacement or modification of any flow measurement or constriction device requires prior approval by the Department. For the purposes of this permitting action, utilizing pump curves and run times for measuring flows for Outfall #001 and utilizing the strapping chart (a chart showing amount of material stored versus depth of material in tank) for Outfall #002 for measuring flow are approved by the Department.
- (4) **Total Suspended Solids (TSS)** – The monthly average concentration limitation of 50 mg/L for TSS is based on an average over the previous twelve-month period. For the purposes of this permitting action, the **twelve-month rolling average** calculation is based on the test results for the most recent twelve-month period. Months when there is no discharge are not to be included in the calculations. See page 6 of the Fact Sheet of this permit for an example calculation.
- (5) One grab sample for TSS, benzene and oil & grease analyses for each sampling event shall be taken during the first hour of discharge.
- (6) Oil and grease monitoring is not required if the discharge of hydrostatic test water is from tanks and pipes that are gas-free as certified by a marine chemist. The test water is not required to be pretreated through the oil/water separator, provided the test water is municipal water or from some other source which does not contain oil and grease.
- (7) **Total residual chlorine (TRC)** - When using chlorinated hydrostatic test water, the total residual chlorine shall be measured and limited as specified in the effluent limitations for hydrostatic test water.

For the purposes of this permit, compliance with the daily maximum limitation in this permit will be based on EPA's current minimum level (ML) of detection of 50 ug/L (0.05 mg/L). The permittee shall utilize approved test methods that are capable of producing analytical results down to or below 50 ug/L. All analytical test results shall be reported to the Department including results which are detected below the ML.



## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)**

Results reported below the RL will be considered to be in compliance with the permit. The Discharge Monitoring Reports will be coded with the RL of 50 ug/L such that detectable results reported below 50 ug/L but greater than the daily maximum water quality based limit established in this permit will not be recorded as violations of the permit.

### **B. NARRATIVE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS**

1. The effluent shall not contain a visible oil sheen, foam or floating solids at any time that would impair the usages designated by the classification of the receiving waters.
2. The effluent shall not contain materials in concentrations or combinations which are hazardous or toxic to aquatic life, or which would impair the usages designated by the classification of the receiving waters.
3. The discharge shall not cause visible discoloration or turbidity in the receiving waters which would impair the usages designated by the classification of the receiving waters.
4. Notwithstanding specific conditions of this license the effluent must not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification, or lower the existing quality of any body of water if the existing quality is higher than the classification.

### **C. OIL/WATER SEPARATOR MAINTENANCE**

The permittee shall maintain an up-to-date Operations and Maintenance Plan for the oil/water separator. The plan shall include, but not be limited to, measures to ensure the separator performs within the designed performance standards of the system, is maintained on a routine basis to maximize the design capacity and efficiency of the system and that adequate staffing and training of personnel is provided to ensure compliance with discharge limitations. The Operations and Maintenance Plan shall remain on site at all times and will be subject to periodic inspection by Department personnel.

For the purposes of minimizing suspended solids in the storm water directed to the separator, the permittee shall implement best management practices (BMP's) for erosion and sedimentation control. See Department publication entitled, Maine Erosion And Sedimentation Control BMP's for guidance. The permittee shall periodically inspect, maintain and repair erosion and sedimentation control structures as necessary.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **D. HYDROSTATIC TEST WATER**

Tanks and pipes being hydrostatically tested must be clean of product and all construction debris, including sandblasting grit, prior to testing and discharge through Outfall #002. The discharge must be dechlorinated if test results indicate that discharged water will violate water quality standards. Hydrostatic test water from tanks and pipes that are gas-free as certified in writing by a marine chemist need not be discharged through the oil/water separator. The written certification shall be kept onsite and available for inspection by DEP and EPA personnel upon request. The permittee shall notify the Department of an intended discharge of hydrostatic test water at least three days, excluding weekends, prior to the discharge.

### **E. STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP)**

The permittee shall develop, implement, maintain and annually update a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for the facility that is consistent with the SWPPP requirements established in Part IV Sections A-O of the Department's *Multi-Sector General Permit Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Stormwater Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity*, dated October 11, 2005. See **Attachment B** of the attached Fact Sheet for a copy of Part IV of the Multi-Sector General Permit. The permittee shall maintain a copy of the SWPPP on-site for Department or USEPA staff inspection. **Within 60 days of any change** in design, construction, operation, maintenance, or any chemical spill at the facility which has or may have a significant effect on the amount of pollutants present in storm water, the permittee shall amend the SWPPP and note all changes.

**At a minimum frequency of once per calendar quarter**, the permittee shall perform and document a visual examination of a storm water discharge in accordance with Department guidance document #DEPLW0768, *Standard Operating Procedure Guidelines for Visual Monitoring of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities*, including *Instructions for Completing the Visual Monitoring Form* and *Visual Monitoring Form* (all included as **Attachment C** of the Fact Sheet of this permit). The permittee shall document observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and other obvious indicators of storm water pollution. The permittee must maintain the visual examination reports on-site with the SWPPP for a minimum of three years from the observation date.

### **F. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES**

The permittee is authorized to discharge only in accordance with: 1) the permittee's General Application for Waste Discharge Permit, accepted for processing on December 18, 2009; 2) the terms and conditions of this permit; and 3) only from Outfalls #001 and #002. Discharges of wastewater from any other point source are not authorized under this permit, and shall be reported in accordance with Standard Condition B(5), *Bypass*, of this permit.

## **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### **G. MONITORING AND REPORTING**

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized for each month and reported on separate Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms provided by the Department and **postmarked on or before the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) day of the month or hand-delivered to a Department Regional Office such that the DMR's are received by the Department on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month** following the completed reporting period.

A signed copy of the DMR and all other reports required herein shall be submitted to the following address:

Department of Environmental Protection  
Eastern Maine Regional Office  
Bureau of Land and Water Quality  
Division of Water Quality Management  
106 Hogan Road  
Bangor, Maine 04401

Alternatively, if you are submitting an electronic DMR (eDMR), the completed eDMR must be electronically submitted to the Department by a facility authorized DMR Signatory **not later than close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month** following the completed reporting period. **Hard Copy documentation** submitted in support of the eDMR must be **postmarked on or before the thirteenth (13<sup>th</sup>) day of the month or hand-delivered to the Department's Regional Office such that it is received by the Department on or before the fifteenth (15<sup>th</sup>) day of the month** following the completed reporting period. **Electronic documentation** in support of the eDMR must be submitted **not later than close of business on the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the month** following the completed reporting period.

### **H. REOPENING OF PERMIT FOR MODIFICATIONS**

Upon evaluation of the test results in the Special Conditions of this permitting action, new site-specific information, or any other pertinent test results or information obtained during the term of this permit, the Department may, at any time and with notice to the permittee, modify this permit to: (1) include effluent limits necessary to control specific pollutants or whole effluent toxicity where there is a reasonable potential that the effluent may cause water quality criteria to be exceeded; (2) require additional monitoring if results on file are inconclusive; or (3) change monitoring requirements or limitations based on new information such as mixing zone information/characteristics.

### **I. SEVERABILITY**

In the event that any provision(s), or part thereof, of this permit is declared to be unlawful by a reviewing court, the remainder of the permit shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be construed and enforced in all aspects as if such unlawful provision, or part thereof, had been omitted, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

# **ATTACHMENT A**

**Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
WET and Chemical Specific Data Report Form**

**This form is for reporting laboratory data and facility information. Official compliance reviews will be done by DEP.**

Facility Name \_\_\_\_\_

MEPDES # \_\_\_\_\_

Facility Representative Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Pipe # \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge this information is true, accurate and complete.

Licensed Flow (MGD) \_\_\_\_\_

Acute dilution factor \_\_\_\_\_

Chronic dilution factor \_\_\_\_\_

Human health dilution factor \_\_\_\_\_

Criteria type: M(arine) or F(resh) \_\_\_\_\_

**M**Flow for Day (MGD)<sup>(1)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_Flow Avg. for Month (MGD)<sup>(2)</sup> \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sample Collected \_\_\_\_\_

Date Sample Analyzed \_\_\_\_\_

Laboratory \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Lab Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Lab ID # \_\_\_\_\_

**ERROR WARNING !** Essential facility  
information is missing. Please check  
required entries in bold above.

**MARINE AND ESTUARY VERSION**

Please see the footnotes on the last page.

Receiving  
Water or  
Ambient**Effluent Concentration**  
(ug/L or as noted)

WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY					Receiving Water or Ambient	Effluent Concentration (ug/L or as noted)	WET Result, % Do not enter % sign	Reporting Limit Check	Possible Exceedence <sup>(7)</sup>			
		Effluent Limits, %		Acute					Chronic	Acute	Chronic	
		Acute	Chronic									
	Mysid Shrimp											
	Sea Urchin											
<b>WET CHEMISTRY</b>												
	pH (S.U.) <sup>(9)</sup>					(8)						
	Total Organic Carbon (mg/L)					NA						
	Total Solids (mg/L)					NA						
	Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)					NA						
	Salinity (ppt.)											
<b>ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY <sup>(3)</sup></b>												
	Also do these tests on the effluent with WET. Testing on the receiving water is optional	Reporting Limit	Effluent Limits, ug/L					Reporting Limit Check	Possible Exceedence <sup>(7)</sup>			
			Acute <sup>(6)</sup>	Chronic <sup>(6)</sup>	Health <sup>(6)</sup>				Acute	Chronic	Health	
	TOTAL RESIDUAL CHLORINE (mg/L) <sup>(9)</sup>	0.05				NA						
	AMMONIA	NA				(8)						
M	ALUMINUM	NA				(8)						
M	ARSENIC	5				(8)						
M	CADMIUM	1				(8)						
M	CHROMIUM	10				(8)						
M	COPPER	3				(8)						
M	CYANIDE	5				(8)						
M	LEAD	3				(8)						
M	NICKEL	5				(8)						
M	SILVER	1				(8)						
M	ZINC	5				(8)						

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PRIORITY POLLUTANTS <sup>(4)</sup>		Effluent Limits				Reporting Limit Check	Possible Exceedence <sup>(7)</sup>		
	Reporting Limit	Acute <sup>(6)</sup>	Chronic <sup>(6)</sup>	Health <sup>(6)</sup>	Acute		Chronic	Health	
M	ANTIMONY	5							
M	BERYLLIUM	2							
M	MERCURY (5)	0.2							
M	SELENIUM	5							
M	THALLIUM	4							
A	2,4,6-TRICHLOROPHENOL	3							
A	2,4-DICHLOROPHENOL	5							
A	2,4-DIMETHYLPHENOL	5							
A	2,4-DINITROPHENOL	45							
A	2-CHLOROPHENOL	5							
A	2-NITROPHENOL	5							
A	4,6 DINITRO-O-CRESOL (2-Methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol)	25							
A	4-NITROPHENOL	20							
A	P-CHLORO-M-CRESOL (3-methyl-4-chlorophenol)+B80	5							
A	PENTACHLOROPHENOL	20							
A	PHENOL	5							
BN	1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE	5							
BN	1,2-(O)DICHLOROBENZENE	5							
BN	1,2-DIPHENYLHYDRAZINE	10							
BN	1,3-(M)DICHLOROBENZENE	5							
BN	1,4-(P)DICHLOROBENZENE	5							
BN	2,4-DINITROTOLUENE	6							
BN	2,6-DINITROTOLUENE	5							
BN	2-CHLORONAPHTHALENE	5							
BN	3,3'-DICHLOROBENZIDINE	16.5							
BN	3,4-BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	5							
BN	4-BROMOPHENYLPHENYL ETHER	2							
BN	4-CHLOROPHENYL PHENYL ETHER	5							
BN	ACENAPHTHENE	5							
BN	ACENAPHTHYLENE	5							
BN	ANTHRACENE	5							
BN	BENZIDINE	45							
BN	BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	8							
BN	BENZO(A)PYRENE	3							
BN	BENZO(G,H,I)PERYLENE	5							
BN	BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	3							
BN	BIS(2-CHLOROETHOXY)METHANE	5							
BN	BIS(2-CHLOROETHYL)ETHER	6							
BN	BIS(2-CHLOROISOPROPYL)ETHER	6							
BN	BIS(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE	3							
BN	BUTYLBENZYL PHTHALATE	5							
BN	CHRYSENE	3							
BN	DI-N-BUTYL PHTHALATE	5							
BN	DI-N-OCTYL PHTHALATE	5							
BN	DIBENZO(A,H)ANTHRACENE	5							
BN	DIETHYL PHTHALATE	5							
BN	DIMETHYL PHTHALATE	5							

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BN	FLUORANTHENE	5									
BN	FLUORENE	5									
BN	HEXACHLOROBENZENE	2									
BN	HEXACHLOROBUTADIENE	1									
BN	HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE	10									
BN	HEXACHLOROETHANE	2									
BN	INDENO(1,2,3-CD)PYRENE	5									
BN	ISOPHORONE	5									
BN	N-NITROSODI-N-PROPYLAMINE	10									
BN	N-NITROSODIMETHYLAMINE	1									
BN	N-NITROSODIPHENYLAMINE	5									
BN	NAPHTHALENE	5									
BN	NITROBENZENE	5									
BN	PHENANTHRENE	5									
BN	PYRENE	5									
P	4,4'-DDD	0.05									
P	4,4'-DDE	0.05									
P	4,4'-DDT	0.05									
P	A-BHC	0.2									
P	A-ENDOSULFAN	0.05									
P	ALDRIN	0.15									
P	B-BHC	0.05									
P	B-ENDOSULFAN	0.05									
P	CHLORDANE	0.1									
P	D-BHC	0.05									
P	DIELDRIN	0.05									
P	ENDOSULFAN SULFATE	0.1									
P	ENDRIN	0.05									
P	ENDRIN ALDEHYDE	0.05									
P	G-BHC	0.15									
P	HEPTACHLOR	0.15									
P	HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE	0.1									
P	PCB-1016	0.3									
P	PCB-1221	0.3									
P	PCB-1232	0.3									
P	PCB-1242	0.3									
P	PCB-1248	0.3									
P	PCB-1254	0.3									
P	PCB-1260	0.2									
P	TOXAPHENE	1									
V	1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE	5									
V	1,1,1,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE	7									
V	1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE	5									
V	1,1-DICHLOROETHANE	5									
V	1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE (1,1-dichloroethene)	3									
V	1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	3									
V	1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE	6									
V	1,2-TRANS-DICHLOROETHYLENE (1,2-trans-dichloroethene)	5									
V	1,3-DICHLOROPROPYLENE (1,3-dichloropropene)	5									
V	2-CHLOROETHYL VINYL ETHER	20									

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WET and Chemical Specific Data Report Form**

**This form is for reporting laboratory data and facility information. Official compliance reviews will be done by DEP.**

V	ACROLEIN	NA									
V	ACRYLONITRILE	NA									
V	BENZENE	5									
V	BROMOFORM	5									
V	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	5									
V	CHLOROBENZENE	6									
V	CHLORODIBROMOMETHANE	3									
V	CHLOROETHANE	5									
V	CHLOROFORM	5									
V	DICHLOROBROMOMETHANE	3									
V	ETHYLBENZENE	10									
V	METHYL BROMIDE (Bromomethane)	5									
V	METHYL CHLORIDE (Chloromethane)	5									
V	METHYLENE CHLORIDE	5									
	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE (Perchloroethylene or Tetrachloroethene)	5									
V	TOLUENE	5									
V	TRICHLOROETHYLENE (Trichloroethene)	3									
V	VINYL CHLORIDE	5									

**Notes:**

- (1) Flow average for day pertains to WET/PP composite sample day.
- (2) Flow average for month is for month in which WET/PP sample was taken.
- (3) Analytical chemistry parameters must be done as part of the WET test chemistry.
- (4) Priority Pollutants should be reported in micrograms per liter (ug/L).
- (5) Mercury is often reported in nanograms per liter (ng/L) by the contract laboratory, so be sure to convert to micrograms per liter on this spreadsheet.
- (6) Effluent Limits are calculated based on dilution factor, background allocation (10%) and water quality reserves (15% - to allow for new or changed discharges or non-point sources).
- (7) Possible Exceedence determinations are done for a single sample only on a mass basis using the actual pounds discharged. This analysis does not consider watershed wide allocations for fresh water discharges.
- (8) These tests are optional for the receiving water. However, where possible samples of the receiving water should be preserved and saved for the duration of the WET test. In the event of questions about the receiving water's possible effect on the WET results, chemistry tests should then be conducted.
- (9) pH and Total Residual Chlorine must be conducted at the time of sample collection. Tests for Total Residual Chlorine need be conducted only when an effluent has been chlorinated or residual chlorine is believed to be present for any other reason.

Comments:



**MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT  
AND  
MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE**

**FACT SHEET**

**April 6, 2010**

PERMIT NUMBER: **ME0021181**  
LICENSE NUMBER: **W000942-5S-E-R**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**IRVING OIL TERMINALS, INCORPORATED  
52 Station Avenue  
Searsport, ME 04974**

COUNTY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS: **Waldo**

NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Mack Point  
Searsport, ME 04974**

RECEIVING WATER AND CLASSIFICATION: **Searsport Harbor (Penobscot Bay),  
Class SB**

COGNIZANT OFFICIAL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: **Mr. Drake Bell  
(207) 548-2541  
Drake.Bell@irvingoil.com**

**1. APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Irving Oil Terminals, Inc., ("permittee," hereinafter) submitted a timely renewal application for Department Waste Discharge License (WDL) # W000942-5S-D-R /Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit # ME0021181 ("permit," hereinafter), which was issued on March 9, 2005 and is due to expire on March 9, 2010. The permit authorized the discharge of treated storm water runoff up to a daily maximum flow rate of 1,019 gallons per minute (gpm) and hydrostatic test water up to a daily maximum flow rate of 2.85 million gallons per day, to Searsport Harbor (Penobscot Bay), Class SB. See **Attachment A** of this Fact Sheet for a site location map.

## 2. PERMIT SUMMARY

- a. This permitting action is similar to the terms and conditions of the March 9, 2005 permitting action in that it is carrying forward all of the terms and conditions with the following exceptions:

1. Removing hydrostatic test water as a wastewater source for Outfall #001;
2. Establishing a requirement to develop and maintain a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.

- b. History: The most current/relevant licensing/permitting actions include:

*April 11, 1979* – The EPA issued NPDES permit #ME0021181 for a five-year term.

*March 3, 2000* – The Department issued WDL#W000942-5S-C-R renewal for a five-year term.

*March 9, 2005* – The Department issued WDL#W000942-5S-D-R renewal for a five-year term.

*December 17, 2009* – The permittee submitted a complete and timely application for renewal of MEPDES Permit/WDL# ME0021181/ W000942-5S-D-R. The application was accepted for processing on December 18, 2009 and was assigned MEPDES/WDL# ME0021181/ W000942-5S-E-R.

- c. Source Description: The permittee is engaged in the transfer (ship to shore), storage and distribution of refined petroleum products such as gasoline and distillate oils. The site has two above-ground storage tanks (Tanks 7 & 8) having a gross capacity of approximately 135,000 barrels (5,670,000 gallons) each and store No. 2 fuel. These tanks are located in Tank Farm #2, which is composed of a clay-lined dike with sufficient capacity to contain the entire contents of either tank in the event of an unplanned discharge. In addition to tankage, there is an extensive above-ground and below-ground network of piping. These tanks and pipelines are completely enclosed and under normal operations, petroleum products do not come into contact with storm water. During normal maintenance, repairs and upgrades of these tanks and pipelines, the potential for miscellaneous drips and spills may occur. Total drainage area of the site contributing to the discharge is entirely from Tank Farm #2 which is approximately 4.4 acres. Tank Farm #2 is associated with a much larger bulk fuel storage and transfer facility (11 storage tanks in two tank farms—Tank Farm #1 and Tank Farm #3) owned and operated by Irving. Tank Farms #1 and #3 are located approximately 0.5 miles to the southeast of Tank Farm #2. Discharges of treated storm water to Long Cove (east side of Mack Point) from Tank Farms #1 and #3 are permitted under a separate MEPDES permit/WDL.

Sanitary wastewater generated by employees is conveyed to an on-site septic system.

## 2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

Outfall #001 is associated with Tanks 7 and 8 at the facility. All final discharge from Outfall #001 is treated by an oil/water separator. There are no overflows, bypasses or emergency discharge locations associated with this outfall.

Hydrostatic test water is used to test structural integrity of the tanks when necessary. Discharges of the test water are from tanks which have been washed and cleaned in preparation for repair and then cleaned before testing. The permittee has indicated that hydrostatic testing of the largest tank would discharge approximately 2.85 million gallons of hydrostatic test water.

Outfall #001 is designated as Administrative Outfall #002 when hydrostatic test water is discharged. As of this permitting cycle, Administrative Outfall #002 is now identified as the only outfall for hydrostatic test water. The discharge locations are shown in **Attachment A** of this Fact Sheet.

- d. Wastewater treatment: The majority of wastewater discharged through Outfall #001 is storm water that is collected in the diked area housing Tanks 7 and 8. All storm water that accumulates in the dike is inspected by facility personnel for evidence of oil prior to being discharged from the dike. If personnel determine that the storm water is contaminated by petroleum, measures are taken to recover the oil prior to being discharged from the dike. The diked area is either manually drained by gravity or pumped out and conveyed to an oil/water separator where it receives best practicable treatment prior to discharge. The drain valves are kept closed for safety and must be opened each time the diked area is drained. The oil/water separator is cleaned annually and any recovered oily waste is disposed offsite via a State of Maine licensed waste handler. The permittee has indicated in the application for permit renewal that the oil/water separator is rated for 1,019 gallons per minute.

This permit does not require further treatment of the hydrostatic test water unless dechlorination is required to protect water quality.

All waste streams described in this section are discharged to Searsport Harbor through one outfall pipe designated as Outfall #001 for storm water discharges or as Administrative Outfall #002 for hydrostatic test water discharges. The outfall pipe is two (2) inches in diameter and is exposed at mean low water.

## 3. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS

*Conditions of licenses*, 38 M.R.S.A. § 414-A, requires that the effluent limitations prescribed for discharges, including, but not limited to, effluent toxicity, require application of best practicable treatment (BPT), be consistent with the U.S. Clean Water Act, and ensure that the receiving waters attain the State water quality standards as described in Maine's Surface Water Classification System. In addition, *Certain deposits and discharges prohibited*, 38 M.R.S.A., § 420 and 06-096 CMR 530 require the regulation of toxic substances not to exceed levels set forth in *Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants*, 06-096 CMR 584 (effective October 9, 2005), and that ensure safe

### **3. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS (cont'd)**

levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected.

### **4. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS**

*Classifications of estuarine and marine waters*, 38 M.R.S.A. §469 classifies Searsport Harbor at the point of discharge as a Class SB waterway. 38 M.R.S.A §465-(B)(2) describes the classification standards for Class SB waters.

### **5. RECEIVING WATER CONDITIONS**

A document entitled, *The State of Maine, Department of Environmental Protection 2008 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report*, published by the Department lists Searsport Harbor as a portion of Waterbody #722-24/Department of Marine Resources Area #33 in a table entitled, *Category 5-B-1: Estuarine and Marine Waters Impaired Only By Bacteria (TMDL Required)*. The Department has not established a schedule for TMDL analysis to address the impairment. It is noted all sanitary wastewater generated by the permittee is conveyed to the Town of Searsport's wastewater treatment facility. As a result, the Department has made the determination that the discharge from the permittee is not causing or contributing to the impairment.

In addition, all estuarine and marine waters are listed in Category 5-D, "Estuarine and Marine Waters Impaired by Legacy Pollutants." The Category 5-D waters partially support fishing ("shellfish consumption") due to elevated levels of PCBs and other persistent, bioaccumulating substances in lobster tomalley.

### **6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

Discharges from activities associated with bulk petroleum stations and terminal operations must satisfy best conventional technology (BCT) and best available technology (BAT) requirements and must comply with more stringent water quality standards if BCT and BAT requirements are not adequate. On September 25, 1992, EPA promulgated through its General Permit for Storm Water Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity, that the minimum BAT/BCT requirement for storm water discharges associated with industrial activity is a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) [57 FR, 44438]. This permitting action is establishing the requirement for the permittee to implement a SWPPP. This permitting action is carrying forward numeric effluent limitations and/or monitoring requirements for petroleum constituents from the previous permitting action to ensure the discharges do not contribute to violations of the State's water quality standards.

This permit authorizes the discharge of treated storm water and hydrostatic test water by applying numeric effluent limitations which are within applicable water quality standards. The effluent parameters for each waste stream are discussed in more detail below. The sections are arranged according to the effluent characteristic(s) being regulated.

## 6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

### a. Storm Water Runoff – Outfall #001

1. Flow - Typically, the treatment technology for storm water runoff employed by bulk storage petroleum terminals is an oil/water [O/W] separator. This device uses gravity to separate the lower-density oils from water, resulting in an oil phase above the oil/water interface and a heavier particulate (sludge) phase on the bottom of the O/W separator. It follows that the sizing of O/W separators is based on the following design parameters: water flow rate, density of oil to be separated, desired percentage removal of oil and the operating temperature range.

The O/W separator daily maximum flow limit of 1,019 gpm is based on the capacity rating information provided by the permittee. The O/W separator daily maximum flow limit and minimum monitoring frequency requirement of once every calendar quarter is being carried forward in this permitting action.

A review of the quarterly discharge flow data as reported on the DMRs submitted to the Department for the period December 2005 – December 2009 indicates the following:

#### **Flow**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Limit (gpm)</b>	<b>Range (gpm)</b>	<b>Average (gpm)</b>	<b>#DMR's</b>
Daily Maximum	1019	50 – 50	50	24

2. Total Suspended Solids (TSS) – Total suspended solids are limited in this permit to minimize the potential carryover of petroleum fractions to the receiving water(s) by adsorption to particulate matter or suspended solids. Both heavy metals and polynuclear aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs) readily adsorb to particulate matter.

This permitting action is carrying forward the daily maximum TSS concentration limit of 100 mg/L based on an EPA Region I BPJ determination that the technology guidelines promulgated at 40 CFR Part 423—*Steam Electric Power Generating Point Source Category*, for point source discharges of low-volume wastewater were appropriate to control the discharge of sediment particles and oils from bulk storage petroleum terminals in the region.

This permitting action is carrying forward the twelve-month rolling averaging period for compliance with the monthly average TSS concentration limit of 50 mg/L based on the Department's BPJ.

As stated in Footnote #4 of Special Condition A, *Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements*, the 12-month rolling averaging period is based on the most recent twelve months with sampling data. Months where no discharge took place are excluded (i.e., do not figure in a zero) in the calculation.

## 6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

### a. Storm Water Runoff – Outfall #001 (cont'd)

An example for calculating the 12-month TSS rolling average is as follows:

#### Calendar year 2009

##### **Quarter #1**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Test Result</u>
Jan	15 mg/L 53 mg/L
Feb	31 mg/L
March	71 mg/L 24 mg/L 37 mg/L

##### **Quarter #2**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Test Result</u>
April	50 mg/L
May	34 mg/L 47 mg/L 39 mg/L
June	No Discharge

##### **Quarter #3**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Test Result</u>
July	25 mg/L 72 mg/L
Aug	No Discharge
Sept	71 mg/L 22 mg/L 26 mg/L

##### **Quarter #4**

<u>Month</u>	<u>Test Result</u>
Oct	50 mg/L
Nov	34 mg/L 47 mg/L 59 mg/L
Dec	89 mg/L

$$\text{12-Month rolling average} = \frac{\sum \text{effluent concentrations}}{n \text{ results}} = \frac{896}{20} = 45 \text{ mg/L}$$

A review of the quarterly TSS data as reported on the DMRs submitted to the Department for the period December 2005 – December 2009 indicates the following:

#### **TSS**

<b>Value</b>	<b>Limit (mg/L)</b>	<b>Range (mg/L)</b>	<b>Average (mg/L)</b>	<b>#DMR's</b>
Daily Maximum	100	< 1 – 29	12	22
12-month Rolling Average	50	5 – 29	15	13

Results reported as “less than” were considered to be present at the minimum detection limit for calculation purposes.

3. Oil and Grease (O&G) – This permitting action is carrying forward the daily maximum oil and grease concentration limit of 15 mg/L based on Department BPJ as facilities equipped with properly designed, operated and maintained oil/water separator systems are capable of reducing oil content to 15 mg/L or less.

## 6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

### a. Storm Water Runoff – Outfall #001 (cont'd)

A review of the quarterly O&G data as reported on the DMRs submitted to the Department for the period December 2005 – December 2009 indicate the following:

#### Oil and Grease

Value	Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	#DMR's
Daily Maximum	15	< 1 – 6	2	24

Results reported as “less than” were considered to be present at the minimum detection limit for calculation purposes.

4. Benzene – Three gasoline compounds with the highest solubilities are: naphthalene, propylene, and benzene. Propylene and naphthalene, however, are minor constituents of gasoline. In the past, benzene has been selected as the main pollutant of concern in light distillates such as gasoline since it existed in light distillates at significant concentrations.

A traditional approach to limiting effluents contaminated with gasoline or other light distillates has been to limit the aggregate parameter of: benzene, ethylbenzene, toluene, and total xylenes (BETX). This approach stems from the petroleum industry's practice of determining the quality of fuels by measuring BETX, which can be highly variable among gasoline products. Of the four aromatics, benzene is by far the most soluble in water. Because of its relatively high solubility in water, benzene can be considered the "limiting pollutant parameter." Therefore, a “report only” monitoring requirement of the daily maximum concentration of benzene is being carried forward in this permitting action as a screening parameter for BETX compounds.

A review of the quarterly benzene data as reported on the DMRs submitted to the Department for the period December 2005 – December 2009 indicate the following:

#### Benzene

Value	Limit (mg/L)	Range (mg/L)	Average (mg/L)	#DMR's
Daily Maximum	Report	< 1.0 – < 5.0	< 5.0	24

Results reported as “less than” were considered to be present at the minimum detection limit for calculation purposes.

### b. Hydrostatic Test Water (Administrative Outfall #002)

This permitting action is carrying forward the hydrostatic test water monitoring requirements from the previous permitting action. The permittee did not discharge hydrostatic test water during the previous permitting cycle.

## 7. DISCHARGE IMPACT ON RECEIVING WATER QUALITY

As permitted, the Department has determined the existing water uses will be maintained and protected and the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the waterbody to meet standards for Class SB classification.

## 8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public notice of this application was made in the *Bangor Daily News* on or about December 15, 2009. The Department receives public comments on an application until the date a final agency action is taken on the application. Those persons receiving copies of draft permits shall have at least 30 days in which to submit comments on the draft or to request a public hearing, pursuant to *Application Processing Procedures for Waste Discharge Licenses*, 06-096 CMR 522 (effective January 12, 2001).

## 9. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Additional information concerning this permitting action may be obtained from and written comments should be sent to:

Phyllis Rand  
Division of Water Quality Management  
Bureau of Land and Water Quality  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection  
17 State House Station  
Augusta, Maine 04333-0017 email: [phyllis.a.rand@maine.gov](mailto:phyllis.a.rand@maine.gov) Tel: (207) 287-7658

## 10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the period of March 1, 2010, through the issuance date of the permit/license, the Department solicited comments on the proposed draft Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to be issued to Irving Oil Terminals, Incorporated, for the proposed. The Department received significant comments on the draft permit from Irving Oil Terminals, Incorporated (Irving), and the National Marine Fisheries Services (NMFS) in correspondence to the Department received March 2, 2010 and March 31, 2010, respectively. The Department also received several comments internally during the comment period. The significant comments and Department responses are as follow:

1. **Irving:** The permits reference that “Sanitary wastewater generated by employees is conveyed to the Town of Searsport’s wastewater treatment facility which is also regulated by the Department via a separate MEPDES permit/WDL.” This is incorrect as sanitary wastewater is conveyed to an on-site septic system.

*Department response: This information will be corrected in the permit.*



## 10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (cont'd)

2. **Irving:** As we discussed on the phone this morning, Irving Oil is not required to conduct WET testing and the form in Attachment A of both permits is there for reference to Reporting Limits (RLs) only.

*Department response: This is correct, Attachment A is in reference to Reporting Limits only.*

3. **NMFS:** In summary, the information available to NMFS indicates that the issuance of the revised MEPDES permit and WDL is not likely to have more than a minor detrimental effect on federally listed species [Atlantic salmon and shortnose sturgeon] under our jurisdiction. NMFS, USFWS [US Fish and Wildlife Services], and EPA are currently engaged in Section 7 consultations on EPA's water quality standards and aquatic life criteria. Those consultations may reveal effects of EPA and Maine's program that NMFS did not consider in this evaluation or they may change national water quality criteria and standards in ways that affect the water quality program for the State of Maine. Either outcome might require NMFS to reconsider the conclusions reached in this letter.

*Department response: Any new information that affects permit limitations will be addressed by Special Condition H, "Reopening of Permit for Modifications." As requested, a copy of the final permit issued to Irving Oil Terminals, Incorporated, will be sent to NMFS.*

4. **Department comment:** Page 5 of 10-Special Condition A-3-Outfall 003-has a TRC limit of 13ug/l and the minimum detection limit is 50 ug/l. As pointed out in the footnote, the facility will only be held to compliance with the minimum detection limit; however, if 13 ug/l is coded on the DMR and the facility is putting in a number higher, then it is automatically triggered as an exceedence. Perhaps a better, more user friendly way to deal with this would be to have the 13 ug/l as a report only and then have the footnote to explain what's going on. With this, there would be no automatic trigger showing an exceedence. We know how hard it can be to "erase" an exceedence once it has been triggered.

*Department response: The Department must issue permits that meet water quality standards, which is why the 13 ug/L, which is a water quality standard, cannot be removed and replaced with "report only." On page 8 of 10 of the Proposed Permit, first paragraph, it states, in part, the following: "The Discharge Monitoring Reports will be coded with the RL of 50 ug/L such that detectable results reported below 50 ug/L but greater than the daily maximum water quality based limits established in this permit will not be recorded as violations of the permit."*

5. **Department comment:** In the current permit there is a footnote that describes the grab sampling as: "Storm water runoff from one significant storm event per calendar quarter shall be sampled for TSS, oil & grease and benzene. Significant storm event is defined as any event that is greater than 0.1 inches in magnitude and that occurs at least 72 hours

from the previously measureable storm event. Suitable size and type of samples shall be collected in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136. Grab samples will be collected within the

**10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (cont'd)**

first hour (first flush) after the diked area(s) drainage area and/or pump out has started. Separate aliquot samples shall be taken for the analysis for each parameter.”  
Should this info still be included in this permit?

***Department response:** In the “Footnotes” section of Page 6 of 10 in the Proposed Permit, under, “Sampling Locations,” it states, “Outfall #001 (storm water) samples for all parameters shall be collected after the oil/water separator during the first hour of discharge.”*

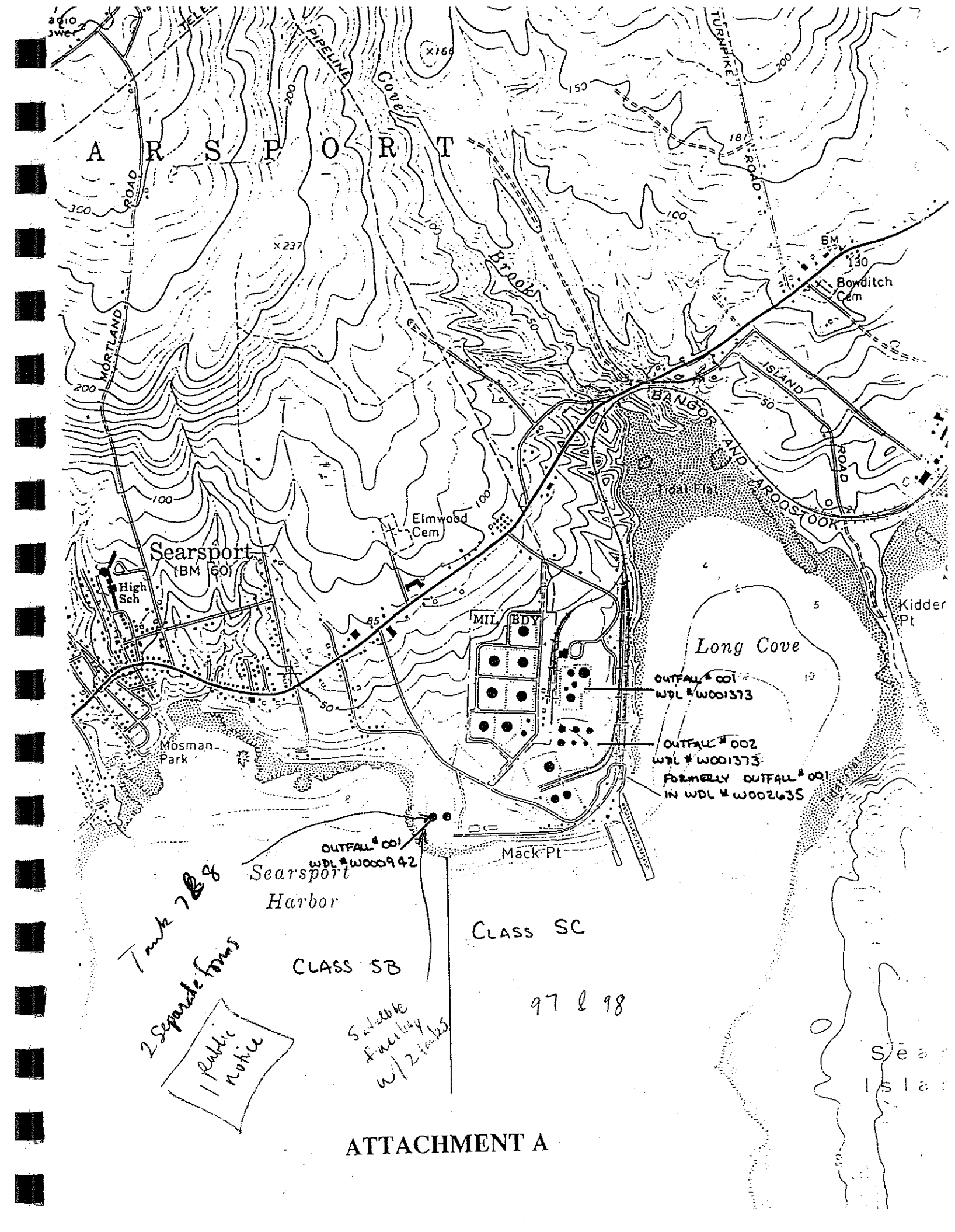
- 6. Department comment:** Attachment A in the permit (before the fact sheet) can be removed as it is for WET testing and that does not apply to these facilities.

***Department response:** The attachment is included in the permit because it lists the Reporting Limits for Total Residual Chlorine and for Benzene, both of which Irving is required to test for.*

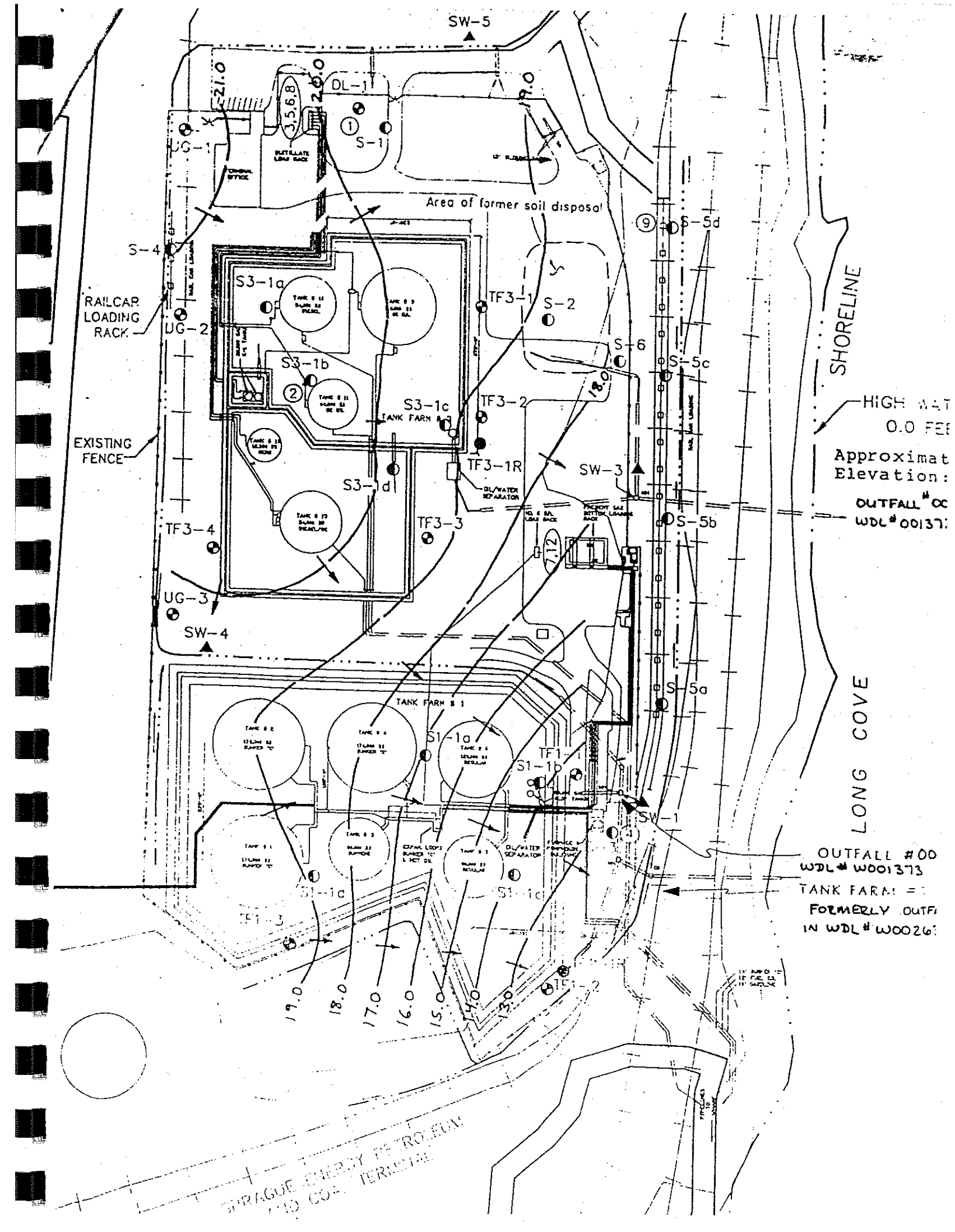
- 7. Department comment:** Page 7 of 10-Footer 6 [of the permit]discusses that O&G monitoring for hydrostatic test water isn’t required from tanks and pipes that are gas-free as certified by a marine chemist. Is this a document that the facility provides to the Department? How does this work?

***Department response:** The Department will add wording to Special Condition D of the permit (“Hydrostatic Test Water”) requiring written certification to be kept onsite and available for inspection by DEP and EPA personnel upon request.*

# **ATTACHMENT A**



ATTACHMENT A



SW-5

DL-1

S-1

Area of former soil disposal

S-4

RAILCAR  
LOADING  
RACK

UG-2

S3-1a

TANK # 11  
17,000 BBL  
REGULUM

TANK # 12  
17,000 BBL  
REGULUM

S3-1b

TANK # 11  
17,000 BBL  
REGULUM

S3-1c

TANK FARM # 3

S3-d

TANK # 13  
17,000 BBL  
REGULUM

TF3-4

UG-3

SW-4

TF3-1

S-2

TF3-2

TF3-1R

SW-3

DL/WATER  
SEPARATOR

TF3-3

DL/WATER  
SEPARATOR

S-5d

S-6

S-5c

S-5b

S-5a

SHORELINE

HIGH WATER  
0.0 FEET

Approximate  
Elevation:

OUTFALL # 00  
WDL # 001373

LONG COVE

OUTFALL # 00  
WDL # W001373

TANK FARM # 1  
FORMERLY OUTFALL  
IN WDL # W0026

BRIDGE ENERGY PETROLEUM  
MID COAST TERMINAL

## **ATTACHMENT B**

Part IV. **STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS**

- A. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. A SWPPP must be developed for each facility covered by this permit. The SWPPP must be prepared in accordance with good engineering practices and identify potential sources of pollutants, which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity from the facility. In addition, the Plan must describe and ensure the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) as identified in this Part, which are to be used to reduce or eliminate the pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity at the facility and to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
- B. SWPPP signature. The SWPPP shall be signed in accordance with Part VII(E) of this permit and retained on-site for a period of at least three (3) years from the date that the facility's coverage under this permit expires or is terminated. Owners or operators of a facility with stormwater discharges covered by this permit shall make plans available upon request to the Department or in the case of a stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity, which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with a MEPDES stormwater permit, to the wastewater authority having jurisdiction for the sewerage system.
- C. Department review. Department staff may notify the permittee at any time that a SWPPP is determined not to meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this Part. After such notification from the Department, the permittee shall make changes to the Plan and shall submit to the Department a written certification that the requested changes have been made. Unless otherwise provided by the Department, the permittee shall have sixty (60) days after such notification to make the necessary changes.
- D. Amending the SWPPP. The permittee shall amend the SWPPP within sixty (60) days whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance at the facility, which has a significant effect on the potential for the discharge of pollutants to the waters of the State; a release of reportable quantities of hazardous substances and oil (see 38 M.R.S.A. § 543, 550 and 1318-B); or if the SWPPP proves to be ineffective in achieving the general objectives of controlling pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity. Changes must be noted and incorporated into the SWPPP.
- E. SWPPP preparation. Each facility seeking coverage under this permit must prepare a SWPPP as described in Part IV(F) prior to submitting Notice of Intent for permit coverage. The SWPPP must:
  - 1. Identify potential sources of pollution which may reasonably be

expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges from the facility;

2. Describe and ensure implementation of practices which the permittee will use to reduce the pollutants in stormwater discharges from the facility; and
3. Assure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.

F. Contents of the SWPPP.

1. Pollution Prevention Team. The SWPPP must identify the staff individual(s) (by name or title) that comprise the facility's stormwater Pollution Prevention Team. The Pollution Prevention Team is responsible for assisting the facility/plant manager in developing, implementing, maintaining and revising the facility's SWPPP. Responsibilities of each staff individual on the team must be listed.
2. Site Description. The SWPPP must include the following:
  - a. *Activities at Facility.* Description of the nature of the industrial activity(ies) at the facility;
  - b. *A site map identifying the following:*
    - i. Directions of stormwater flow (e.g., use arrows to show which ways stormwater will flow);
    - ii. Delineation of impervious surfaces;
    - iii. Locations of all existing structural BMPs to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff;
    - iv. Locations of all surface water bodies;
    - v. Locations of all separate storm sewers;
    - vi. Locations of potential pollutant sources identified under Part IV(F)(4) and where significant materials are exposed to precipitation;
    - vii. Locations where major spills or leaks identified under Part IV(F)(5) have occurred within the past three years;
    - viii. Locations of the following activities where such activities are exposed to precipitation: fueling stations, vehicle and equipment maintenance and



cleaning areas, loading/unloading areas, locations used for the treatment, storage or disposal of wastes, and liquid storage tanks;

- ix. Locations of stormwater conveyance systems/outfalls including boat ramps and an approximate outline of the area draining to each outfall;
- x. Location and description of non-stormwater discharges;
- xi. Locations of the following activities where such activities are exposed to precipitation: processing and storage areas; access roads, rail cars and tracks; the location of transfer of substance in bulk; and machinery; and
- xii. Location and source of runoff from adjacent property containing significant quantities of pollutants of concern to the facility (an evaluation of how the quality of the stormwater running onto the facility impacts the stormwater discharges may be included).

3. Receiving Waters and Wetlands.

The name of the nearest receiving water(s), including intermittent streams and wetland(s) that may receive discharges from the facility. An unnamed stream or wetland must be designated as such.

4. Summary of Potential Pollutant Sources.

The permittee shall identify each separate area at the facility where industrial materials or activities are exposed to stormwater. Industrial materials or activities include, but are not limited to, material handling equipment or activities; industrial machinery; storage, cleaning, fueling and maintenance of vehicles and equipment storage; and raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, final products, or waste products. Material handling activities include the storage, loading and unloading, transportation, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, final product or waste product. For each, separate area identified, the description must include:

- a. *Activities in Area.* A list of the activities (e.g., material storage, loading, access areas, equipment fueling and

cleaning, cutting steel beams);

- b. *Pollutants.* A list of the associated pollutant(s) or pollutant parameter(s) (e.g., crankcase oil, iron, biochemical oxygen demand, pH, etc.) for each activity. The pollutant list must include all significant materials that have been handled, treated, stored or disposed in a manner to allow exposure to stormwater between the time of three (3) years before being covered under this permit and the present;
- c. *Method of on-site storage or disposal.* A list of raw materials, intermediate materials, final products and waste materials and products.
- d. *Direction of flow.* For each area of the facility that generates stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity with a reasonable potential for containing significant amounts of pollutants, a prediction of the direction of flow and an estimate of the types of pollutants, which are likely to be present in the stormwater discharge.

5. Spills and Leaks.

The permittee shall clearly identify areas where potential spills and leaks, which can contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges, can occur, and their accompanying drainage points. For areas that are exposed to precipitation or that otherwise drain to a stormwater conveyance at the facility to be covered under this permit, the permittee must provide a list of spills and leaks of toxic or hazardous pollutants that occurred during the three (3) year period prior to the date of the submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI). The list must be updated if spills or leaks occur in exposed areas of the facility during the time the permittee is covered by this permit.

Spills and leaks include, but are not limited to releases of oil or hazardous substances in excess of quantities that are reportable under CWA §311 (see 40 CFR 110.10 and 40 CFR 117.21), section 102 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) or 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 543, 550 and 1318-B. Spills may also include releases of oil or hazardous substances that are not in excess of reporting requirements.

6. Sampling Data.

The permittee shall provide a summary of existing stormwater discharge sampling data taken at the facility. All stormwater sampling data associated with effluent guidelines collected during

the term of this permit must also be annually summarized and included in this part of the SWPPP as an update.

7. Stormwater Controls.

- a. *Description of Existing and Planned BMPs.* Describe the type and location of existing non-structural and structural best management practices (BMPs) selected for each of the areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to stormwater. All the areas identified in Part IV(F)(4) must have a BMP(s) identified for the area's discharges. For areas where BMPs are not currently in place, describe appropriate BMPs that the permittee will use to control pollutants in stormwater discharges. The SWPPP must include a schedule for the implementation of all proposed BMPs. Selection of BMPs must take into consideration:
  - i. The quantity and nature of the pollutants, and their potential to impact the water quality of receiving waters;
  - ii. Opportunities to combine the dual purposes of water quality protection and local flood control benefits (including physical impacts of high flows on streams - e.g., bank erosion, impairment of aquatic habitat, etc.); and
  - iii. Opportunities to offset the impact of impervious areas of the facility on dry weather flows and low flows in local streams.
- b. *BMP Types to be Considered.* The following types of structural, non-structural and other BMPs must be considered for implementation at the facility. Describe how each is, or will be, implemented. This requirement may have been fulfilled with the area-specific BMPs identified under Part IV(F)(7)(a), in which case the previous description is sufficient. However, many of the following BMPs may be more generalized or non site-specific and therefore not previously considered. If the permittee determines that any of these BMPs are not appropriate for the facility, an explanation of why they are not appropriate must be included. The BMP examples listed below are not intended to be an exclusive list of BMPs that the permittee may use. The permittee is encouraged to keep abreast of new BMPs or new applications of existing BMPs to find the most cost

effective means of permit compliance for the facility. If BMPs are being used or planned at the facility which are not listed here (e.g., replacing a chemical with a less toxic alternative, adopting a new or innovative BMP, etc.), include descriptions of them in this section of the SWPPP.

i. Non-Structural BMPs.

*Good Housekeeping:* The permittee must keep all exposed areas of the facility in a clean, orderly manner where such exposed areas could contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges. Common problem areas include: around trash containers, storage areas and loading docks. Measures must also include: a schedule for regular pickup and disposal of garbage and waste materials; routine inspections for leaks and conditions of drums, tanks and containers as well as regular sweeping of impervious areas.

*Minimizing Exposure:* Where practicable, industrial materials and activities should be protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt, or runoff. NOTE: Eliminating exposure at **all** industrial areas may make the facility eligible for the “No Exposure” exclusion from needing to have a permit.

*Preventive Maintenance:* The permittee must have a preventive maintenance program which includes timely inspection and maintenance of stormwater management devices, (e.g., cleaning oil/water separators, catch basins) as well as inspecting, testing, maintaining and repairing facility equipment and systems to avoid breakdowns or failures that may result in discharges of pollutants to surface waters.

*Spill Prevention and Response Procedures:* The permittee must describe the procedures that will be followed for cleaning up spills or leaks. Those procedures, and necessary spill response equipment, must be made available to those employees that may cause or detect a spill or leak. Where appropriate, the permittee must explain existing or planned material handling procedures, storage requirements, secondary containment, and

equipment (e.g., diversion valves), which are intended to minimize spills or leaks at the facility. Measures for cleaning up hazardous material spills or leaks must be consistent with applicable RCRA regulations at 40 CFR Part 264 and 40 CFR Part 265.

*Employee Training:* The permittee shall describe the stormwater employee training program for the facility. The description must include the topics to be covered, such as spill response, good housekeeping and material management practices, and must identify periodic dates (e.g., every 6 months during the months of July and January) for such training. The permittee shall provide employee training for all employees that work in areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to stormwater, and for employees that are responsible for implementing activities identified in the SWPPP (e.g., inspectors, maintenance people). The employee training must inform them of the components and goals of the SWPPP.

ii. Structural BMPs.

*Sediment and Erosion Control:* The permittee shall identify the areas at the facility which, due to topography, land disturbance (e.g., construction), or other factors, have a potential for significant soil erosion. The permittee must describe the structural, vegetative, and/or stabilization BMPs that the permittee will be implementing to limit erosion.

NOTE: The Department has guidance materials available including Best Management Practice Manuals that may aid a person in completing these requirements.

*Management of Runoff:* The permittee shall describe the stormwater management practices (permanent structural BMPs other than those which control the generation or source(s) of pollutants) that currently exist or that are planned for the facility. These types of BMPs typically are used to divert, filter, reuse, or otherwise reduce pollutants in stormwater discharges from the site. All BMPs that the permittee determines are reasonable and appropriate, or are required by a State or local

authority; or are necessary to maintain eligibility for the permit (see Part I(B)(3) - Limitations on Coverage) must be implemented and maintained. Factors to consider when the permittee is selecting appropriate BMPs should include: 1) the industrial materials and activities that are exposed to stormwater, and the associated pollutant potential of those materials and activities; and 2) the beneficial and potential detrimental effects on surface water quality, ground water quality, receiving water base flow (dry weather stream flow), and physical integrity of receiving waters. Structural measures should be placed on upland soils, avoiding wetlands and floodplains, if possible. Structural BMPs may require a separate permit pursuant to the Natural Resources Protection Act ("NRPA") before installation begins.

*Example BMPs:* BMPs the permittee may use include but are not limited to: stormwater detention structures (including wet ponds); stormwater retention structures, including bio-retention areas; flow attenuation by use of open vegetated swales and natural depressions; infiltration of runoff onsite; and sequential systems (which combine several practices).

If the standards in Chapter 500, Appendix D or other General Permit are not met, a waste discharge permit is required for discharges to groundwater.

iii. Other Controls.

No solid materials, including floatable debris, may be discharged to waters of the State, except as authorized by a permit issued under section 404 of the CWA. Off-site vehicle tracking of raw, final, or waste materials or sediments, and the generation of dust must be minimized. Tracking or blowing of raw, final, or waste materials from areas of no exposure to exposed areas must be minimized. Velocity dissipation devices must be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall channel if they are necessary to provide a non-erosive flow velocity from the structure to a water course.

G. Maintenance.

All BMPs the permittee identifies in the SWPPP must be maintained in effective operating condition. If site inspections required by Part IV(K) identify BMPs that are not operating effectively, maintenance must be performed before the next anticipated storm event, or as necessary to maintain the continued effectiveness of stormwater controls. If maintenance prior to the next anticipated storm event is impracticable, maintenance must be scheduled and accomplished as soon as practicable. The Department will take into account the size and cost of the project, the need to obtain supplies, construction timeframes, weather, the amount of pollution discharged and the condition of receiving waters. In the case of non-structural BMPs, the effectiveness of the BMP must be maintained by appropriate means (e.g., spill response supplies available and personnel trained, etc.).

H. Non-Stormwater Discharges.

1. Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges.

- a. Certain sources of non-stormwater are allowable under this permit (see Part I(B)(2) - Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges). In order for these discharges to be allowed, the SWPPP must include:
  - i. Identification of each allowable non-stormwater source;
  - ii. The location where it is likely to be discharged; and
  - iii. Descriptions of appropriate BMPs for each source.
- b. Except for flows from fire fighting activities, the permittee must identify in the SWPPP all sources of allowable non-stormwater that are discharged under the authority of this permit.
- c. If the permittee includes mist blown from cooling towers amongst the allowable non-stormwater discharges, the permittee must specifically evaluate the potential for the discharges to be contaminated by chemicals used in the cooling tower and determine that the levels of such chemicals in the discharges would not cause or contribute to a violation of an applicable water quality standard after implementation of the BMPs the permittee has selected to control such discharges.

J. Applicable State or local Plans.

The SWPPP must be consistent (and updated as necessary to remain consistent) with applicable State and/or local stormwater, waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations to the extent these apply to the facility and are more stringent than the requirements of this permit.

K. Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation.

1. Frequency of Inspections

The permittee must conduct facility inspections at least four (4) times a year. These inspections must be evenly spaced with a minimum of sixty (60) days between facility inspections. The inspections must be done by qualified personnel provided by the permittee. The qualified personnel the permittee uses may be either the facility's employees or outside consultants that the permittee has hired, provided they are knowledgeable and possess the skills to assess conditions at the facility that could impact stormwater quality and assess the effectiveness of the BMPs the permittee has chosen to use to control the quality of the stormwater discharges. These inspections may be conducted in conjunction with Part (V)(A)(1), Quarterly Visual Monitoring, or conducted separately. If the permittee decides to conduct more frequent inspections, the SWPPP must specify the frequency of inspections.

2. Scope of the Compliance Evaluation.

The inspections must include all areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to stormwater, as identified in Part IV(F)(4), and areas where spills and leaks have occurred within the past 3 years. Inspectors must look for: a) industrial materials, residue or trash on the ground that could contaminate or be washed away in stormwater; b) leaks or spills from industrial equipment, drums, barrels, tanks or similar containers; c) offsite tracking of industrial materials or sediment where vehicles enter or exit the site; d) tracking or blowing of raw, final, or waste materials from areas of no exposure to exposed areas; and e) for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system. Results of both visual and any analytical monitoring done during the year must be taken into consideration during the evaluation. Stormwater BMPs identified in the SWPPP must be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they must be inspected to see whether BMPs are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving waters. Where discharge locations are inaccessible, nearby downstream locations must be inspected if possible.



3. Follow-up Actions.

Based on the results of the inspection, the permittee must modify the SWPPP as necessary (e.g., to show additional controls on map required by Part IV(F)(2)(b); revise description of controls required by Part IV(F)(7) to include additional or modified BMPs to correct problems identified). The permittee must complete revisions to the SWPPP and implement non-structural BMPs within 60 calendar days following the inspection. If existing structural BMPs need to be modified or if additional structural BMPs are necessary, implementation must be completed before the next anticipated storm event, if practicable, but not more than twelve (12) weeks after completion of the comprehensive site evaluation. Notwithstanding the timeframes described above, the Department reserves the right to take appropriate enforcement actions for unpermitted discharges and non-compliance with the requirements of this permit.

4. Compliance Evaluation Report.

The permittee must ensure a report summarizing the scope of the inspection, name(s) or positions of personnel making the inspection, the date(s) of the inspection, and major observations relating to the implementation of the SWPPP is completed and retained as part of the SWPPP for at least three (3) years from the date permit coverage expires or is terminated. Major observations must include, but are not limited to: the location(s) of discharges of pollutants from the site; location(s) of BMPs that need to be maintained; location(s) of BMPs that failed to operate as designed or proved inadequate for a particular location; and location(s) where additional BMPs are needed that did not exist at the time of inspection. The permittee must retain a record of actions taken in accordance with Part IV(L) of this permit as part of the SWPPP for at least three (3) years from the date that permit coverage expires or is terminated. The inspection reports must identify any incidents of non-compliance. Where an inspection report does not identify any incidents of non-compliance, the report must contain a certification that the facility is in compliance with the SWPPP and this permit. Both the inspection report and any reports of follow-up actions must be signed in accordance with Part VII(E) (reporting) of this permit.

L. Maintaining Updated SWPPP.

The permittee must amend the SWPPP whenever:

1. There is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance at

the facility that has a significant effect on the discharge, or potential for discharge, of pollutants from the facility;

2. During inspections, monitoring, or investigations by the permittee or by local, State, or Federal officials it is determined the SWPPP is ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants from sources identified under Part IV(F)(4), or is otherwise not achieving the general objectives of controlling pollutants in discharges from the facility; and
3. A discharge authorized under this permit that is later determined to cause or have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to the violation of an applicable water quality standard, after notification by the Department. The SWPPP must document actions necessary to ensure future discharges do not cause or contribute to the violation of a water quality standard.

M. Signature, Plan Review and Making Plans Available.

1. The SWPPP must be signed in accordance with Part VII(E), and retained on-site at the facility covered by this permit (see Part II(D) for records retention requirements).
2. The permittee shall keep a copy of the SWPPP on-site or locally available to the Department for review at the time of an on-site inspection. The permittee shall make the SWPPP available upon request to the Department, a Federal, State, or local agency approving stormwater management plans, or the owner(s) or operator(s) of a municipal separate storm sewer receiving discharge from the site. Also, in the interest of the public's right to know, the permittee shall provide a copy of the SWPPP to the public if requested in writing to do so.
3. The Department may notify the permittee during or after site inspections that the SWPPP does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this permit. The notification will identify provisions of this permit which are not being met, as well as the required modifications. Within sixty (60) calendar days of receipt of such notification, the permittee must make the required changes to the SWPPP and notify the Department when these changes have been made.

N. Additional Requirements for SARA Title III Facilities.

Potential pollutant sources for which the permittee has reporting requirements under EPCRA 313 must be identified in the summary of potential pollutant sources as per Part IV(F)(4). Note this additional requirement only applies to the permittee if the permittee is subject to

reporting requirements under EPCRA 313.

- O. Additional Requirements for Salt Storage Piles. If storage piles of salt used for deicing or other commercial or industrial purposes are located at the facility, they must be enclosed or covered to prevent exposure to precipitation (except for exposure resulting from adding or removing materials from the pile).

NOTE: For additional requirements for road salt and sand and salt storage see 06-096 CMR 574, and 38 M.R.S.A. §413(2-D).

## **ATTACHMENT C**



Standard Operating Procedure  
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**Bureau of Land and Water Quality  
Division of Watershed Management  
Industrial Stormwater Program**

Standard Operating Procedure  
Guidelines For Visual Monitoring of Stormwater Discharges Associated With Industrial Activities.

- 1. APPLICABILITY.** This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) applies to all industrial facilities covered under the Maine Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity regardless of the facility's industrial sector code. All permitted facilities are required to perform quarterly visual monitoring of their stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity as part of their Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) in order to achieve compliance with the Multi-Sector General Permit.
- 2. PURPOSE.** To provide guidelines for standardized methods for sample collection and visual examination of industrial stormwater discharges for indicators of stormwater pollution as defined in Part V of the Maine MSGP. To provide guidelines describing standardized methods of data recording and record keeping of all quarterly visual stormwater discharge monitoring data. These guidelines are described in Part 5 of the MSGP.
- 3. DEFINITIONS.**
  - 3.1. **Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP)** A general permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities. Authorizes the direct discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activity to waters of the State other than groundwater, provided the discharge meets the requirements stated in this permit. This permit is effective October 11, 2005 and expires October 11, 2010. It replaces EPA's MSGP for Industrial Activities issued October 30, 2000.
  - 3.2. **SWPPP.** Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. A plan developed and implemented by each industrial facility. It outlines sources of potential stormwater pollutants and the methods by which these pollutants will be reduced or prevented from entering waters of the State. The Plan identifies in writing a SWPPP team of facility personnel as well as a SWPPP team leader who is ultimately responsible for SWPPP implementation.
  - 3.3. **GRAB SAMPLE.** Sample of stormwater discharge taken as a single uninterrupted event (i.e., grabbed at one time) from a single stormwater outfall from the industrial facility. The sample may be collected manually or with an automatic sampler.
  - 3.4. **OUTFALL.** Any location such as a ditch, rill, pipe, storm drain, boat ramp, or detention pond exit where shallow concentrated flow of stormwater leaves an industrial facility.
  - 3.5. **MEASURABLE STORM EVENT.** Any storm event that yields at least 0.1 inch of precipitation.

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#### 4. RESPONSIBILITIES.

- 4.1. **MONITORING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION.** The schedule for performing visual examinations should be clearly documented in the facility's SWPPP. The permittee must perform and document a quarterly visual examination of industrial stormwater discharges from each outfall which discharges stormwater associated with industrial activity from the facility.
- 4.2. **OUTFALL IDENTIFICATION.** The permittee must identify each industrial stormwater outfall at the facility. All outfalls shall be clearly identified on the facility site map which is part of the facility's SWPPP and also listed in the written text of the SWPPP.
- 4.3. **EMPLOYEE TRAINING.** The permittee is responsible for ensuring that all facility personnel involved in stormwater sampling are properly trained to do so. Staff involved in sampling should:
  - a. Be familiar with the site map and outfall locations
  - b. Walk the site to physically identify each sampling location
  - c. Become familiar with local rainfall and drainage patterns
  - d. Learn proper procedures for measuring rainfall
  - e. Become competent with proper sample collection procedures

Personnel involved in sampling should also be trained in all facility safety procedures as they apply to stormwater sampling. Where practicable the same individual should carry out the collection and examination of discharges for the entire permit term. Written documentation signed by the SWPPP team leader certifying that all personnel involved in sampling have been properly trained should be maintained onsite with the SWPPP.

- 4.4. **SAMPLE COLLECTION FREQUENCY.** Visual examinations of industrial stormwater discharges must be performed once per monitoring quarter. If no measurable storm event resulted in discharge from the facility during a monitoring quarter, the permittee is excused from visual monitoring for that quarter provided the permittee documents in the monitoring records that no runoff occurred. Schedule of monitoring quarters is listed below.
  - First: October 1 to December 31
  - Second: January 1 to March 31
  - Third: April 1 to June 30
  - July 1 to September 30

All other time specific sampling requirements are to be performed in accordance with the parameters outlined in the procedures section of this document.



- 4.5. **RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING.** The permittee must maintain reports of all visual examinations conducted onsite with the SWPPP. The permittee is not required to submit visual examination results to DEP unless specifically asked to do so. Requirements for recording visual examination data are outlined in the procedures section of this document.

## 5. PROCEDURES

- 5.1. **MEASURING RAINFALL.** All facilities required to perform visual monitoring of industrial stormwater discharges should have a rain gauge on site for measuring rainfall. The rain gauge may be a standard rain gauge, tipping bucket gauge, weighing type gauge, float recording gauge, or any other National Weather Service approved device for measuring rainfall to the nearest 0.1 inch. To minimize measurement errors, the gauge should be placed on a level surface that is not windswept and is away from trees or buildings that might interfere with the path of rainfall. The gauge should be regularly inspected by sampling personnel to ensure that it is in good working order and capable of accurately measuring rainfall to the nearest 0.1 inch.
- 5.2. **SAMPLE COLLECTION TIMING.** A grab sample must be collected from each facility outfall once per monitoring quarter during a measurable storm event that occurs at least 72 hours from the previously measurable storm event. The 72 hour interval is waived when the preceding measurable storm did not yield a measurable discharge. During a measurable storm event, a grab sample for visual examination should be collected during the first 60 minutes or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not to exceed 2.25 hours of when runoff begins discharging from areas of exposed industrial activity. During monitoring quarters when snowmelt represents the only stormwater discharge, a grab sample must also be collected during periods of significant snowmelt within the first 60 minutes or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not to exceed 2.25 hours) of when snowmelt begins discharging from areas of exposed industrial activity. Stormwater runoff from employee parking lots, administration buildings, and landscaped areas that is not mixed with stormwater associated with industrial activity, or stormwater discharges to municipal sanitary sewers does not need to be sampled.
- 5.3. **SAMPLE CONTAINER CLEANING AND PREPARATION.** The facility should have an adequate supply of containers prepared for collection of industrial stormwater samples from each outfall prior to collecting samples for visual examination. All sample containers used for sampling for visual examination should be certified as clean and free of residue by the container manufacturer, or cleaned according to the following procedure.
- 5.3.1. Wash containers in a non-phosphate detergent and tap water wash.
- 5.3.2. Thoroughly fill and rinse containers with tap water at least three (3) times.
- 5.3.3. Store containers closed, and in an area free of dust and other potential sample contaminants.



- 5.3.4. If additional containers are needed to collect samples from less accessible outfalls (i.e. buckets which are attached to poles for reaching outfalls), these containers should also be cleaned and prepared as indicated above.
- 5.4. **SAMPLE COLLECTION.** Samples should be examined in clear glass or clear plastic container prepared and cleaned as indicated above, so that all visual monitoring criteria can be observed.
- 5.4.1. **MANUAL GRAB SAMPLE COLLECTION.** Manual grab samples should be collected by inserting a container under or downstream of a discharge with the container opening facing upstream, and with the opening of the container completely immersed under water, whenever possible. Small containers (ideally 250 ml to 750 ml or approximately 8 to 24 ounces in size) are recommended in order to be able to submerge the container opening under water while still collecting an adequate sample size to make a correct visual inspection. In most cases the sample container can be held in hand while the sample is collected. Less accessible outfalls may require the use of poles and buckets to collect grab samples. Take the grab from the horizontal and vertical center of the outfall. If sampling in a channel, (i.e., ditch, trench, rill) avoid stirring up bottom sediments. Avoid touching the inside of the container to prevent contamination. Transfer sample to a clear glass or plastic container if using another container such as a bucket to collect a sample from a less accessible location. If taking samples from multiple outfalls, label containers with outfall identification prior to taking samples. Make sure samples are securely capped until examination.
- 5.4.2. **COLLECTION OF GRAB SAMPLES BY AUTOMATIC SAMPLER.** Facilities which use automatic samplers for stormwater sampling may collect grab samples for visual examination by this method. Programming for collecting grab samples is specific to the type of automatic sampler. All facility personnel who collect stormwater samples using automatic samplers should be properly trained in operation of the sampler before doing so. Several different types of automatic samplers are available for stormwater sampling. However, the following guidelines should be followed when sampling regardless of the type of sampler used. All equipment must be properly cleaned, particularly the tubing and sample containers. Deionized water should be drawn through the sampler to remove any residuals prior to taking samples. Tubing should also be periodically replaced to avoid algae or bacterial growth. Additionally, a distilled/deionized water blank sample should be taken at each outfall sampled to determine if contamination of stormwater samples by the sampling equipment has occurred. Samplers should be used in exact accordance with the manufacturers' instructions. All sampler calibration and maintenance data should be kept on site with the SWPPP.





- 5.5. **SAMPLE EXAMINATION.** Visual examination of all grab samples collected must be performed within the first sixty (60) minutes (or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not to exceed 2.25 hours) of when the runoff or snowmelt begins discharging from the facility. Collect the samples and bring them to a well lit indoor area. Pour each sample into a separate 1 L polycarbonate plastic graduated Imhoff cone. The cone should have graduations that allow volume measurement to the nearest milliliter. Record the total sample volume to the nearest milliliter on the visual monitoring form. Examine the samples for the following criteria according to the instructions provided with the visual monitoring form: Foam, odor, clarity, floating solids, suspended solids, color, oil sheen, settled solids, and any other obvious indicators of stormwater pollution. Read the settled solids 1 hour after pouring the sample into the cone, this assures all solids are settled out of the water. Settled solids in the bottom of the cone should be measured to the nearest milliliter. It is also recommended that a sample of tap water be collected in the same type of container used to collect the samples and used as a comparison to aid in evaluating the samples for the criteria stated above.

\*Note: Clear polycarbonate plastic Imhoff cones are available from several scientific supply companies. See section 6 for a list of suppliers.

- 5.6. **SAMPLE DATA RECORDING.** Record all sample data on the visual monitoring form (Attachment B) after examining the sample for all of the criteria listed in the instructions (Attachment A). The form should include the examination date and time, examination personnel, the nature of the discharge (i.e., rain or snowmelt), identification of outfall sampled, quality of the stormwater discharge (including observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and any other obvious indicators of stormwater pollution), and probable sources of any observed contamination. The permittee must sign and certify the documentation in accordance with Part VII (E) of the Maine MSGP. All visual examination reports must be maintained on site with the SWPPP.
- 5.7. **RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOLVING SAMPLE LOCATION PROBLEMS.** Consult guidelines listed below when it is necessary to sample an outfall located at a less than ideal location for sampling.
- **PROBLEM:** Sampling where stormwater comingles with process or non process water.  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Attempt to sample the stormwater discharge before it mixes with the non-stormwater discharge. If this is impossible, sample the discharge both during dry and wet weather and maintain a record of the visual examination data observed under both conditions on site with the SWPPP. This will provide an indication of the contribution of any observable contamination from each source.
  - **PROBLEM:** Numerous small point channels make up an outfall from which it is difficult to collect a sample.



- RECOMMENDATION: Impound channels or join their flow together by building a weir or digging a ditch to collect discharge at a low point for sampling. This artificial collection point should be lined with plastic to prevent infiltration and/or high levels of sediment.
- **PROBLEM:** Inaccessible discharge point (examples include underwater discharges or unreachable discharges (e.g., out of a cliff).  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Go up the pipe to sample (i.e., to the nearest manhole or inspection point). If these are not available, tap into the pipe, or sample at several locations upstream of the pipe if the pipe is the only outfall for the facility.
  - **PROBLEM:** Managing multiple sampling sites to collect grab samples during the first 60 minutes of a measurable storm event.  
**RECEMMONDATION:** Have a sampling crew ready for mobilization when forecasts indicate a measurable storm event is likely to occur. If this is not possible, sample missed outfall locations during other measurable storm events.
  - **PROBLEM:** Commingling of parking lot runoff with discharge associated with industrial activity.  
**RECOMMENDATION:** The combined runoff must be sampled at the discharge point as near as possible to the industrial activity or at the parking lot drain inlet if there is one.
  - **PROBLEM:** Sampling in manholes  
**RECOMMENDATION:** Sample with a collection device on the end of a pole to reach stormwater. Personnel sampling in manholes should have confined space safety training if manhole has to be entered.
  - **PROBLEM:** Run-on from other property.  
**RECOMMENDATION:** If possible, collect and examine a sample of the stormwater at the border of the property where the run-on occurs. Then, collect and examine a sample of the stormwater at a facility outfall downstream of the run-on point. Note any observable differences between the samples and maintain the documentation with the SWPPP.
  - When confronted with other difficult sampling scenarios not addressed above, the permittee should consult DEP for guidance on how to best address the situation.



## 6. REFERENCES

- 6.1. GUIDANCE MANUAL FOR THE MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE NPDES MULTI-SECTOR STORM WATER GENERAL PERMIT  
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water (EN-336), EPA 833-B-99-001(January, 1999)
- 6.2. NPDES STORM WATER SAMPLING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT  
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- 6.3. STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MULTI-SECTOR GENERAL PERMIT MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM STORMWATER DISCHARGE ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY  
Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, Waste Discharge License # W-008227-5Y-A-N (October 11, 2005)

### **\*Notes: List of Vendors that Supply One Liter (1L) Clear Polycarbonate Imhoff Cones**

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(800) 752-8460  
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Lab Safety Supply Inc.  
PO Box 1368  
Janesville, WI 53547-1368  
(800) 356-0783  
[www.labsafety.com](http://www.labsafety.com)

Nalge Nunc International  
International Dept.  
75 Panorama Creek Dr.  
Rochester, NY 14625  
(800) 625-4327  
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Pollard Water  
200 Atlantic Ave.  
Hyde Park, NY 11040  
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General Comments

In the comments section, enter physical description of floating, settled, and suspended solids for each outfall sampled. Enter general comments on the condition and appearance of each outfall in the comments section also as indicated in the instructions.	
Outfall 1	<u>Comments:</u> _____ _____ _____ _____ _____
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### Instructions for Completing the Visual Monitoring Form

1. Completely fill out all required information on the top of the visual monitoring form.
2. Pour the sample into a 1 L clear polycarbonate Imhoff cone. Record the total sample volume measured in the cone to the nearest milliliter. Evaluate the sample for the following parameters according to the following instructions.
  - **Foam:** This must be done first. Examine the sample for foam immediately after pouring it into the cone. Record foam results on the visual monitoring form as they most closely match one of the descriptions listed below.
    - i. **None**-Most bubbles break down within ten (10) seconds of pouring; only a few large bubbles persist longer than ten (10) seconds.
    - ii. **Moderate**-Many small bubbles are present but these bubbles persist for less than two (minutes) after pouring.
    - iii. **High**-Many small bubbles are present and they persist longer than two (2) minutes after pouring.
3. Examine the sample for the following criteria after it has settled for ten (10) minutes. Record the results on the visual monitoring form as they most closely match the descriptions listed below.
  - **Color:** Record the best description of the sample color in the appropriate space on the visual monitoring form.
  - **Odor:** If sample has no odor other than natural rainwater or snowmelt write "normal" on the visual monitoring form. Note the presence of any of the following odors if detected: Gasoline, diesel, oil, solvents (WD-40, other petroleum products, etc.), landfill, fishy, glycol, any other unusual odors not normally present in clean runoff from the area sampled.
  - **Clarity:** Record sample clarity results as they most closely match one of the descriptions listed below.
    - i. **Clear**-Sample doesn't filter out any light, can be seen through regardless of color.
    - ii. **Cloudy**-Sample filters out some light; not clear but objects can still be identified when looking through the cone.
    - iii. **Very Cloudy**-Sample filters out most light; objects are indiscernible when looking through the cone.
    - iv. **Opaque**-Sample doesn't allow any light to pass through; objects cannot be seen when looking through the cone.



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- **Floating Solids:** Give a general description of the type of floating solids present (wood chips, leaf debris, algae, etc) in the general comments section for each sample. Record results for amount floating solids present as they most closely match the descriptions listed below. Record amount data in the appropriate box on page 1 of the visual monitoring form.
    - i. **None-** No floating solids present on the surface of the sample.
    - ii. **Slight-** Only a few floating particles observed on the surface of the sample.
    - iii. **Moderate-** Less than 20% of the surface of the sample is covered with floating solids.
    - iv. **High-** More than 20% of the surface of the sample is covered with floating solids.
  - **Settled Solids:** Give a general description of the type of settled solids present (sand, decayed plant matter, rust particles etc) in the general comments section for each sample. Allow settle for one hour. Measure the settled solids in the bottom of the cone to the nearest milliliter and record the results in the appropriate box on page 1 of the visual monitoring form.
  - **Suspended solids:** In the general comments section for each sample, give a general description of the type of solids present if any are observed suspended below the sample surface. Record whether or not settled solids were present in the appropriate box on page 1 of the visual monitoring form.
  - **Oil Sheen:** Record whether or not an oil sheen is present in the sample.
  - **General Comments Section on Page 2:** Make sure you have described the type of floating, settled and suspended solids observed in the samples in the general comments section provided for each outfall sample. Also note the following conditions at each outfall during the time sampled: General volume of water and flow, algae (if any is present), odor, color, and any other unusual characteristics noticed at the sampling location. Record the number of days since the last known measurable storm or runoff event.
4. Ensure that all visual monitoring forms are filed on site with the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) each time visual monitoring is done.



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### A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

**1. General compliance.** All discharges shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit; any changes in production capacity or process modifications which result in changes in the quantity or the characteristics of the discharge must be authorized by an additional license or by modifications of this permit; it shall be a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit to discharge any pollutant not identified and authorized herein or to discharge in excess of the rates or quantities authorized herein or to violate any other conditions of this permit.

**2. Other materials.** Other materials ordinarily produced or used in the operation of this facility, which have been specifically identified in the application, may be discharged at the maximum frequency and maximum level identified in the application, provided:

- (a) They are not
  - (i) Designated as toxic or hazardous under the provisions of Sections 307 and 311, respectively, of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Title 38, Section 420, Maine Revised Statutes; or other applicable State Law; or
  - (ii) Known to be hazardous or toxic by the licensee.
- (b) The discharge of such materials will not violate applicable water quality standards.

**3. Duty to comply.** The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of State law and the Clean Water Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.

- (a) The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act, and 38 MRSA, §420 or Chapter 530.5 for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
- (b) Any person who violates any provision of the laws administered by the Department, including without limitation, a violation of the terms of any order, rule license, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

**4. Duty to provide information.** The permittee shall furnish to the Department, within a reasonable time, any information which the Department may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Department upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

**5. Permit actions.** This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

**6. Reopener clause.** The Department reserves the right to make appropriate revisions to this permit in order to establish any appropriate effluent limitations, schedule of compliance or other provisions which may be authorized under 38 MRSA, §414-A(5).

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**7. Oil and hazardous substances.** Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under section 311 of the Federal Clean Water Act; section 106 of the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980; or 38 MRSA §§ 1301, et. seq.

**8. Property rights.** This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

**9. Confidentiality of records.** 38 MRSA §414(6) reads as follows. "Any records, reports or information obtained under this subchapter is available to the public, except that upon a showing satisfactory to the department by any person that any records, reports or information, or particular part or any record, report or information, other than the names and addresses of applicants, license applications, licenses, and effluent data, to which the department has access under this subchapter would, if made public, divulge methods or processes that are entitled to protection as trade secrets, these records, reports or information must be confidential and not available for public inspection or examination. Any records, reports or information may be disclosed to employees or authorized representatives of the State or the United States concerned with carrying out this subchapter or any applicable federal law, and to any party to a hearing held under this section on terms the commissioner may prescribe in order to protect these confidential records, reports and information, as long as this disclosure is material and relevant to any issue under consideration by the department."

**10. Duty to reapply.** If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit.

**11. Other laws.** The issuance of this permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other property rights, nor does it relieve the permittee of its obligation to comply with other applicable Federal, State or local laws and regulations.

**12. Inspection and entry.** The permittee shall allow the Department, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the EPA Administrator), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- (a) Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (b) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (c) Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- (d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

## **B. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF FACILITIES**

### **1. General facility requirements.**

- (a) The permittee shall collect all waste flows designated by the Department as requiring treatment and discharge them into an approved waste treatment facility in such a manner as to

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maximize removal of pollutants unless authorization to the contrary is obtained from the Department.

- (b) The permittee shall at all times maintain in good working order and operate at maximum efficiency all waste water collection, treatment and/or control facilities.
- (c) All necessary waste treatment facilities will be installed and operational prior to the discharge of any wastewaters.
- (d) Final plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for review prior to the construction or modification of any treatment facilities.
- (e) The permittee shall install flow measuring facilities of a design approved by the Department.
- (f) The permittee must provide an outfall of a design approved by the Department which is placed in the receiving waters in such a manner that the maximum mixing and dispersion of the wastewaters will be achieved as rapidly as possible.

**2. Proper operation and maintenance.** The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

**3. Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense.** It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

**4. Duty to mitigate.** The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

### **5. Bypasses.**

(a) Definitions.

- (i) Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
- (ii) Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.

(b) Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.

(c) Notice.

- (i) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.

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- (ii) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in paragraph D(1)(f), below. (24-hour notice).
- (d) Prohibition of bypass.
  - (i) Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
    - (A) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
    - (B) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
    - (C) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph (c) of this section.
  - (ii) The Department may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Department determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph (d)(i) of this section.

**6. Upsets.**

- (a) Definition. Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.
- (b) Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- (c) Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
  - (i) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
  - (ii) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; and
  - (iii) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph D(1)(f), below. (24 hour notice).
  - (iv) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under paragraph B(4).
- (d) Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

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### C. MONITORING AND RECORDS

**1. General Requirements.** This permit shall be subject to such monitoring requirements as may be reasonably required by the Department including the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment or methods (including, where appropriate, biological monitoring methods). The permittee shall provide the Department with periodic reports on the proper Department reporting form of monitoring results obtained pursuant to the monitoring requirements contained herein.

**2. Representative sampling.** Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge. If effluent limitations are based wholly or partially on quantities of a product processed, the permittee shall ensure samples are representative of times when production is taking place. Where discharge monitoring is required when production is less than 50%, the resulting data shall be reported as a daily measurement but not included in computation of averages, unless specifically authorized by the Department.

### **3. Monitoring and records.**

- (a) Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
- (b) Except for records of monitoring information required by this permit related to the permittee's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years, the permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Department at any time.
- (c) Records of monitoring information shall include:
  - (i) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - (ii) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
  - (iii) The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - (iv) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - (v) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
  - (vi) The results of such analyses.
- (d) Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.
- (e) State law provides that any person who tampers with or renders inaccurate any monitoring devices or method required by any provision of law, or any order, rule license, permit approval or decision is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

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**D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

**1. Reporting requirements.**

- (a) Planned changes. The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:
  - (i) The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
  - (ii) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under Section D(4).
  - (iii) The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan;
- (b) Anticipated noncompliance. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Department of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
- (c) Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except upon application to and approval of the Department pursuant to 38 MRSA, § 344 and Chapters 2 and 522.
- (d) Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.
  - (i) Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or forms provided or specified by the Department for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices.
  - (ii) If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136 or as specified in the permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Department.
  - (iii) Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the Department in the permit.
- (e) Compliance schedules. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.
- (f) Twenty-four hour reporting.
  - (i) The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance

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has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

- (ii) The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.

- (A) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
- (B) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
- (C) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit to be reported within 24 hours.

- (iii) The Department may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

- (g) Other noncompliance. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph (f) of this section.
- (h) Other information. Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Department, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

**2. Signatory requirement.** All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Department shall be signed and certified as required by Chapter 521, Section 5 of the Department's rules. State law provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation or certification in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained by any order, rule, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

**3. Availability of reports.** Except for data determined to be confidential under A(9), above, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Department. As required by State law, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal sanctions as provided by law.

**4. Existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers.** In addition to the reporting requirements under this Section, all existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Department as soon as they know or have reason to believe:

- (a) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
- (i) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 ug/l);
  - (ii) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 ug/l) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
  - (iii) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or
  - (iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).



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- (b) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
  - (i) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l);
  - (ii) One milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
  - (iii) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or
  - (iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).

#### **5. Publicly owned treatment works.**

- (a) All POTWs must provide adequate notice to the Department of the following:
  - (i) Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA or Chapter 528 if it were directly discharging those pollutants.
  - (ii) Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
  - (iii) For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on (A) the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and (B) any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.
- (b) When the effluent discharged by a POTW for a period of three consecutive months exceeds 80 percent of the permitted flow, the permittee shall submit to the Department a projection of loadings up to the time when the design capacity of the treatment facility will be reached, and a program for maintaining satisfactory treatment levels consistent with approved water quality management plans.

#### **E. OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

**1. Emergency action - power failure.** Within thirty days after the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall notify the Department of facilities and plans to be used in the event the primary source of power to its wastewater pumping and treatment facilities fails as follows.

- (a) For municipal sources. During power failure, all wastewaters which are normally treated shall receive a minimum of primary treatment and disinfection. Unless otherwise approved, alternate power supplies shall be provided for pumping stations and treatment facilities. Alternate power supplies shall be on-site generating units or an outside power source which is separate and independent from sources used for normal operation of the wastewater facilities.
- (b) For industrial and commercial sources. The permittee shall either maintain an alternative power source sufficient to operate the wastewater pumping and treatment facilities or halt, reduce or otherwise control production and or all discharges upon reduction or loss of power to the wastewater pumping or treatment facilities.

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**2. Spill prevention.** (applicable only to industrial sources) Within six months of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall submit to the Department for review and approval, with or without conditions, a spill prevention plan. The plan shall delineate methods and measures to be taken to prevent and or contain any spills of pulp, chemicals, oils or other contaminants and shall specify means of disposal and or treatment to be used.

**3. Removed substances.** Solids, sludges trash rack cleanings, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed from or resulting from the treatment or control of waste waters shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Department.

**4. Connection to municipal sewer.** (applicable only to industrial and commercial sources) All wastewaters designated by the Department as treatable in a municipal treatment system will be cosigned to that system when it is available. This permit will expire 90 days after the municipal treatment facility becomes available, unless this time is extended by the Department in writing.

**F. DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this permit, the following definitions shall apply. Other definitions applicable to this permit may be found in Chapters 520 through 529 of the Department's rules

**Average** means the arithmetic mean of values taken at the frequency required for each parameter over the specified period. For bacteria, the average shall be the geometric mean.

**Average monthly discharge limitation** means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month. Except, however, bacteriological tests may be calculated as a geometric mean.

**Average weekly discharge limitation** means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.

**Best management practices ("BMPs")** means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the State. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

**Composite sample** means a sample consisting of a minimum of eight grab samples collected at equal intervals during a 24 hour period (or a lesser period as specified in the section on monitoring and reporting) and combined proportional to the flow over that same time period.

**Continuous discharge** means a discharge which occurs without interruption throughout the operating hours of the facility, except for infrequent shutdowns for maintenance, process changes, or other similar activities.

**Daily discharge** means the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the daily discharge is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.

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**Discharge Monitoring Report ("DMR")** means the EPA uniform national form, including any subsequent additions, revisions, or modifications for the reporting of self-monitoring results by permittees. DMRs must be used by approved States as well as by EPA. EPA will supply DMRs to any approved State upon request. The EPA national forms may be modified to substitute the State Agency name, address, logo, and other similar information, as appropriate, in place of EPA's.

**Flow weighted composite sample** means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of aliquots collected at a constant time interval, where the volume of each aliquot is proportional to the flow rate of the discharge.

**Grab sample** means an individual sample collected in a period of less than 15 minutes.

**Interference** means a Discharge which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, both:

- (1) Inhibits or disrupts the POTW, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; and
- (2) Therefore is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation) or of the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in compliance with the following statutory provisions and regulations or permits issued thereunder (or more stringent State or local regulations): Section 405 of the Clean Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to subtitle D of the SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

**Maximum daily discharge limitation** means the highest allowable daily discharge.

**New source** means any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced:

- (a) After promulgation of standards of performance under section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, or
- (b) After proposal of standards of performance in accordance with section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, but only if the standards are promulgated in accordance with section 306 within 120 days of their proposal.

**Pass through** means a discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the State in quantities or concentrations which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation).

**Permit** means an authorization, license, or equivalent control document issued by EPA or an approved State to implement the requirements of 40 CFR parts 122, 123 and 124. Permit includes an NPDES general permit (Chapter 529). Permit does not include any permit which has not yet been the subject of final agency action, such as a draft permit or a proposed permit.

**Person** means an individual, firm, corporation, municipality, quasi-municipal corporation, state agency, federal agency or other legal entity.

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**Point source** means any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

**Pollutant** means dredged spoil, solid waste, junk, incinerator residue, sewage, refuse, effluent, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemicals, biological or radiological materials, oil, petroleum products or byproducts, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, dirt and industrial, municipal, domestic, commercial or agricultural wastes of any kind.

**Process wastewater** means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

**Publicly owned treatment works ("POTW")** means any facility for the treatment of pollutants owned by the State or any political subdivision thereof, any municipality, district, quasi-municipal corporation or other public entity.

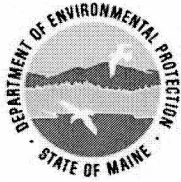
**Septage** means, for the purposes of this permit, any waste, refuse, effluent sludge or other material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, vault privy or similar source which concentrates wastes or to which chemicals have been added. Septage does not include wastes from a holding tank.

**Time weighted composite** means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of equal volume aliquots collected over a constant time interval.

**Toxic pollutant** includes any pollutant listed as toxic under section 307(a)(1) or, in the case of sludge use or disposal practices, any pollutant identified in regulations implementing section 405(d) of the CWA. Toxic pollutant also includes those substances or combination of substances, including disease causing agents, which after discharge or upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, including humans either directly through the environment or indirectly through ingestion through food chains, will, on the basis of information available to the board either alone or in combination with other substances already in the receiving waters or the discharge, cause death, disease, abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions, including malfunctions in reproduction, or physical deformations in such organism or their offspring.

**Wetlands** means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

**Whole effluent toxicity** means the aggregate toxic effect of an effluent measured directly by a toxicity test.



# DEP INFORMATION SHEET

## Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision

Dated: May 2004

Contact: (207) 287-2811

### SUMMARY

There are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner: (1) in an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) in a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. This INFORMATION SHEET, in conjunction with consulting statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, can help aggrieved persons with understanding their rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal.

### I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO THE BOARD

#### **LEGAL REFERENCES**

DEP's *General Laws*, 38 M.R.S.A. § 341-D(4), and its *Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters* (Chapter 2), 06-096 CMR 2.24 (April 1, 2003).

#### **HOW LONG YOU HAVE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD**

The Board must receive a written notice of appeal within 30 calendar days of the date on which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board. Appeals filed after 30 calendar days will be rejected.

#### **HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD**

Signed original appeal documents must be sent to: Chair, Board of Environmental Protection, c/o Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017; faxes are acceptable for purposes of meeting the deadline when followed by receipt of mailed original documents within five (5) working days. Receipt on a particular day must be by 5:00 PM at DEP's offices in Augusta; materials received after 5:00 PM are not considered received until the following day. The person appealing a licensing decision must also send the DEP's Commissioner and the applicant a copy of the documents. All the information listed in the next section must be submitted at the time the appeal is filed. Only the extraordinary circumstances described at the end of that section will justify evidence not in the DEP's record at the time of decision being added to the record for consideration by the Board as part of an appeal.

#### **WHAT YOUR APPEAL PAPERWORK MUST CONTAIN**

The materials constituting an appeal must contain the following information at the time submitted:

1. *Aggrieved Status.* Standing to maintain an appeal requires the appellant to show they are particularly injured by the Commissioner's decision.
2. *The findings, conclusions or conditions objected to or believed to be in error.* Specific references and facts regarding the appellant's issues with the decision must be provided in the notice of appeal.
3. *The basis of the objections or challenge.* If possible, specific regulations, statutes or other facts should be referenced. This may include citing omissions of relevant requirements, and errors believed to have been made in interpretations, conclusions, and relevant requirements.
4. *The remedy sought.* This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license or permit to changes in specific permit conditions.

5. *All the matters to be contested.* The Board will limit its consideration to those arguments specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
6. *Request for hearing.* The Board will hear presentations on appeals at its regularly scheduled meetings, unless a public hearing is requested and granted. A request for public hearing on an appeal must be filed as part of the notice of appeal.
7. *New or additional evidence to be offered.* The Board may allow new or additional evidence as part of an appeal only when the person seeking to add information to the record can show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process or show that the evidence itself is newly discovered and could not have been presented earlier in the process. Specific requirements for additional evidence are found in Chapter 2, Section 24(B)(5).

#### **OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD**

1. *Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record.* A license file is public information made easily accessible by DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make the material available during normal working hours, provide space to review the file, and provide opportunity for photocopying materials. There is a charge for copies or copying services.
2. *Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing your appeal.* DEP staff will provide this information on request and answer questions regarding applicable requirements.
3. *The filing of an appeal does not operate as a stay to any decision.* An applicant proceeding with a project pending the outcome of an appeal runs the risk of the decision being reversed or modified as a result of the appeal.

#### **WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD**

The Board will formally acknowledge initiation of the appeals procedure, including the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal, within 15 days of receiving a timely filing. The notice of appeal, all materials accepted by the Board Chair as additional evidence, and any materials submitted in response to the appeal will be sent to Board members along with a briefing and recommendation from DEP staff. Parties filing appeals and interested persons are notified in advance of the final date set for Board consideration of an appeal or request for public hearing. With or without holding a public hearing, the Board may affirm, amend, or reverse a Commissioner decision. The Board will notify parties to an appeal and interested persons of its decision.

## **II. APPEALS TO MAINE SUPERIOR COURT**

Maine law allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court, see 38 M.R.S.A. § 346(1); 06-096 CMR 2.26; 5 M.R.S.A. § 11001; & MRCivP 80C. Parties to the licensing decision must file a petition for review within 30 days after receipt of notice of the Commissioner's written decision. A petition for review by any other person aggrieved must be filed within 40-days from the date the written decision is rendered. The laws cited in this paragraph and other legal procedures govern the contents and processing of a Superior Court appeal.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, contact the DEP's Director of Procedures and Enforcement at (207) 287-2811.

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**Note: The DEP provides this INFORMATION SHEET for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.**

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