STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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November 2, 2010

VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL

Mr. Drew Scott Evonik Cyro, LLC 1796 Maine Street Sanford, ME 04073 drew.scott@evonik.com

RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0022667

Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) Application #W001914-5R-E-R

Final Permit - Evonik Cyro, LLC

Dear Mr. Scott:

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 at phyllis.a.rand@maine.gov.

Sincerely,

Phyllis Arnold Rand

Division of Water Quality Management

Bureau of Land and Water Quality

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Enclosure

cc: Matt Hight, DEP/SMRO David Webster, USEPA Sandy Mojica, USEPA Lori Mitchell, DMU Steve Jocher, Evonik Cyro, LLC



STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 17 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, ME 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

EVONIK CYRO LLC)	MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
SANFORD, YORK COUNTY, MAINE			ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
NON-CONTACT COOLING WATERS)	AND
ME0022667)	WASTE DISCHARGE LISENCE
#W001914-5R-E-R	APPROVAL)	TRANSFER/RENEWAL

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") has considered the application of Evonik Cyro, LLC ("permittee") with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING:

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The permittee has applied for renewal of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0022667/Waste Discharge License #W001914-5R-D-R ("permit"), which was issued to CYRO Industries on November 21, 2005 and is due to expire on November 21, 2010. The permit authorized the discharge of up to a weekly average of 0.300 million gallons per day (MGD) of non-contact cooling waters from an industrial facility that manufactures acrylic sheets, molding and extrusion products. The non-contact cooling waters are discharged to the Mousam River, Class C in Sanford, Maine. On July 16, 2008, the permittee filed notice with the Maine Secretary of State, Bureau of Corporations, Elections and Commissions, of their name change from CYRO Industries to Evonik Cyro, LLC (Charter #20090024FC).

PERMIT SUMMARY

This permitting action is carrying forward all the terms and conditions of the previous permitting action.

CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings in the attached Fact Sheet dated October 29, 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 of 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 above noted application of EVONIK CYRO LLC to discharge up to a weekly average of 0.300 MGD of non-contact cooling waters from an industrial manufacturing facility to the Mousam River, Class C, in Sanford, Maine. SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, and all applicable standards and regulations including:

- 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 years from the date of signature below.

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application June 1, 2010
Date of application acceptance
June 1, 2010

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. During the period beginning the effective date of the permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge non-contact cooling water from **Outfall #001** to the Mousam River. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

Effluent Characteristic Discharge Limitations Monitoring Frequency

	Monthly Average as specified	Weekly Average as specified	Daily Maximum as specified	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow		0.300 MGD		1/Week (1)	Totalizer
[50050]		[03]		[01/07]	[TL]
Temperature [00011]		22°C (72°F)		1/Week ⁽¹⁾	Grab
pH [00400]			6.0-8.5 S.U.	1/Week ⁽¹⁾	Grab

The italicized numeric values in brackets in the table above are not limitations but are code numbers used by Department personnel to code Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs).

Footnotes:

(1) All limitations are in effect on a year-round basis but monitoring and reporting is only required between June 1 and September 30 of each year.

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

Footnotes:

Sampling – 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).

B. NARRATIVE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

- 1. The effluent shall not contain a visible oil sheen, foam or floating solids at any time which 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 permit 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. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

In accordance with Standard Condition D, the permittee shall notify the Department of the following.

- 1. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the wastewater treatment system(s) and or discharged.
- 2. For the purposes of this section, adequate notice shall include information on:
 - (a) the quality and quantity of wastewater introduced to the wastewater treatment system; and
 - (b) any anticipated impact of the change in the quantity or quality of the waste water to be discharged from the treatment system.

D. UNAUTHORZED 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 June 1, 2010; 2) the terms and conditions of this permit; and 3) only from Outfall #001. 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.

E. 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 (13th) day of the month or hand-delivered to a Department Regional Office such that the DMRs are received by the Department on or before the fifteenth (15th) 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 Southern Maine Regional Office Bureau of Land and Water Quality Division of Water Quality Management 312 Canco Road Portland, Maine 04103

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 15th 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 (13th) 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 (15th) 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 15th day of the month following the completed reporting period.

F. REOPENING OF PERMIT FOR MODIFICATIONS

Upon evaluation of test results required by this permit, new site specific information or any other pertinent information gathered during the term of this permit, the Department may, at anytime 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.

G. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision, 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.

MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE

FACT SHEET

October 29, 2010

PERMIT NUMBER: ME0022667

LICENSE NUMBER W001914-5R-E-R

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Evonik Cyro, LLC 1796 Main Street Sanford, Maine 04073

COUNTY: York County

NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Evonik Cyro, LLC 1796 Main Street Sanford, Maine 04073

RECEIVING WATER/CLASSIFICATION: Mousam River/Class C

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1. APPLICATION SUMMARY

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2. PERMIT SUMMARY

- a. <u>Terms and Conditions</u> This permitting action is carrying forward all the terms and conditions of the previous permitting action.
- b. <u>History:</u> The most recent licensing/permitting actions include the following:

January 11, 1978 – The Department issued WDL#1914 that authorized the discharge of non-contact cooling water to the Mousam River. The license limited the discharge to 0.5 MGD at 28°C (82°F). The WDL indicated the non-contact cooling water discharge was approved in an effort to remove the waste stream from the municipal collection and treatment systems.

February 14, 1978 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit #ME0022667. The permit authorized the discharge of up to a daily maximum of 0.5 MGD of non-contact cooling waters with a daily maximum temperature limit of 82°F. Compliance with the permit limits was determined at the outlet from the plant. It is noted, the non-contact cooling waters were, and still are, conveyed to the Mousam River via a buried 1,500 feet long pipe ten inches (10") in diameter.

July 2, 1982 – CYRO Industries submitted an application to the EPA to renew NPDES permit #ME0022667.

January 7, 1983 – The EPA issued a letter to CYRO Industries indicating that the 7/2/82 application to renew the NPDES permit was deemed complete for processing.

February 23, 1983 – The Department renewed the non-contact cooling water WDL for the CYRO Industries facility and carried forward all limitations and monitoring requirements established in the 1/11/78 WDL.

May 10 1988 – The Department renewed the non-contact cooling water WDL for the CYRO Industries facility by issuing Department WDL#W001914-57-A-R. The WDL modified the limitations from the 2/23/83 WDL by establishing the 0.5 MGD as a monthly average limit rather than a daily maximum limit, reduced the daily maximum temperature to 20°C (68°F) and required monitoring the ambient receiving water temperature in July, August, September and October of each year.

April 6, 1993 – CYRO Industries submitted a *License By Rule Notification Form* with the Department to renew #W001914-57-A-R.

May 10, 1993 – The License By Rule was effective for a term of five years, consistent with the term for an individual WDL. The License By Rule was assigned a license number of #W001914-57-B-R.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY

October 1, 1999 – The EPA issued a letter to CYRO Industries informing the company that NPDES #ME0022667 issued on 2/14/78 was being administratively continued since a re-application was filed with the EPA back in 1982.

February 29, 2000 – CYRO Industries filed an application with the Department to renew License By Rule #W001914-57-B-R as an individual license.

June 29, 2000 – The EPA issued a NPDES General Permit (MEG250279) for the non-cooling water discharge from the CYRO Industries facility and formerly retire individual NPDES permit #ME0022667.

October 2, 2000 – The Department issued a renewal of WDL#W001914-57-A-R.

January 12, 2001 – The Department received authorization from EPA to administer the NPDES program in Maine. From that point forward, the program has been referred to as the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit program.

July 18, 2001 – The Department issued combination MEPDES permit #ME0022667/WDL modification W001914-5R-C-M.

November 21, 2005 – The Department issued combination MEPDES permit #ME0022667/WDL #W001914-5R-D-R to Cyro Industries for a five-year term.

July 16, 2008 – CYRO Industries filed a name change notification with the Maine Secretary of State, changing their name from CYRO Industries to Evonik Cyro, LLC (Charter #20090024FC).

June 1, 2010 – The Department received a timely and complete application for renewal of the combination MEPDES permit/WDL for Evonik Cyro, LLC. The WDL was assigned #W001914-5R-E-R.

c. <u>Source Description</u>: The manufacturing process for polymerizing raw materials into an acrylic plastic requires the heating of chemicals until a reaction begins which thereafter generates its own heat. The heat generated is dissipated carefully to create a uniform, high quality solid. Cooling is currently achieved with either electrically operated chillers or fan coolers. "Contact" cooling waters where water comes into contact with the product is discharged to the Sanford Sewer District's waste water treatment facility.

"Non-contact" cooling waters are circulated through a heat exchanger without ever touching the product or any process chemicals. The permittee maintains several distinct non-contact cooling water systems that are identified on the following page.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

SYSTEM	VOLUME (gpm)	DISCHARGE	DESCRIPTION
Plant #1	85	Mousam River	Vessel cooling
Waste Treatment	10	Mousam River	Evaporative recovery
Plant #2 – Air			Recycled monomer
Compressor	100	Sub-Surface (1)	and compressor
			cooling

Footnotes:

- (1) Prior to December 9, 1998, cooling waters from Plant #2 were conveyed to the Sanford Sewer District's wastewater treatment facility. On December 9, 1998, the Department issued a modification of Cyro Industries Site Location of Development Order to permit the disposal of these non-contact cooling waters via a sub-surface infiltration system.
- d. Wastewater Treatment: Non-contact cooling waters discharged to the Mousam River do not receive any formal treatment prior to discharge. However, during the summer months of calendar years 1999 and 2000, Department personnel from the Bureau of Land & Water Quality's Division of Environmental Assessment responsible for water quality studies and assessing the impact of discharges on receiving waters made note of the permittee's discharge during data-gathering events. It was observed that because the noncontact cooling waters are piped underground approximately 1,500 feet before discharging to the Mousam River (see **Attachment A** of this Fact Sheet), the discharge temperature was cooler than the ambient temperature of the river. It was concluded that the heat in the non-contact cooling water discharge from the permittee was being dissipated as it traveled through the outfall pipe, which is located two inches above river water level. As a result, the cooled discharge is benefiting the river during the summer months rather than having a negative impact. See the discussion on temperature below.

3. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS

Conditions of Licenses, 38 M.R.S.A. Section 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., Section 420 and Surface Water Toxics Control Program, 06-096 CMR 530 (effective October 9, 2005), 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 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

Classification of major river basins, 38 M.R.S.A., §467(6)(A)(2) states that Mousam River is classified as a Class C waterway. Standards for classification of fresh surface waters, 38 M.R.S.A., §465(4) describes the classification standards for Class C waters.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

The State of Maine 2008 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, prepared pursuant to Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, lists the main stem of the Mousam River (20.5 miles, Class B and Class C) in Category 4-A: Rivers And Streams With Impaired Use, TMDL Completed, in Category 5B: Rivers and Streams Impaired by Bacteria From Combined Sewer Overflows (TMDL Required) and 4-C: Rivers and Streams with Impairment Not Caused by a Pollutant. This segment of the river is not attaining the standards of its assigned classification for bacteria and aquatic life standards. The causes of the non-attainment include the discharge of treated municipal waste waters, combined sewer overflows (CSOs) and stream flow modification for hydropower generation and urban non-point sources. It is noted the Department submitted a final Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) report to the EPA for review and approval in February of calendar year 2001. The document entitled, Mousam River TMDL, Town of Sanford, Final Report, Feb 2001, was prepared due to the fact that a 3.7 mile segment of the Mousam River from the Route #4 bridge in Sanford to Estes Lake in Sanford was not attaining the standards of its assigned classification for dissolved oxygen and certain toxic substances. It is noted the Sanford Sewerage District's discharge is located approximately 0.8 miles downstream of the Route #4 bridge and 2.9 miles upstream of Estes Lake in Sanford. The TMDL was developed for BOD, phosphorus, ammonia nitrogen, and seven toxic substances and was approved by the EPA on March 8, 2001. Further, all freshwaters formerly listed in Category 5-C are moved to Category 4-A (TMDL Completed) due to EPA approval of a regional mercury TMDL. To meet the more stringent water quality based limits of their MEPDES permit issued on March 28, 2003, the Sanford Sewerage District completed an \$18 million upgrade to their wastewater treatment facility.

The Department does not have information indicating that the non-contact cooling water discharged by Evonik Cyro LLC is causing or contributing to any non-attainment of water quality standards in the Mousam River.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

a. <u>Flow</u> – The previous permitting action established a weekly average flow limitation of 0.300 MGD that is being carried forward in this permitting action. A review of the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) data for period of August 2005 through August 2010 indicates the following:

Flow

Value	Limit (MGD)	Range (MGD)	Average (MGD)	Number of DMRs	Compliance
Weekly Average	0.300	0.105 – 0.231	0.177	17	100%

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

b. Temperature - Regulations Relating To Temperature, 06-096 CMR 582 (effective date November 29, 1973) states that no discharge shall cause the ambient temperature of any freshwater body such as a stream or river, as measured outside a mixing zone, to be raised more than 5°F. The regulation also limits a discharger to an in-stream temperature increase (ΔT) of 0.5° F above the ambient receiving water temperature when the weekly average temperature of the receiving water is greater than or equal to 66° F or when the daily maximum temperature is greater than or equal to 73° F. The temperature thresholds are based on EPA water quality criterion for the protection of brook trout and Atlantic salmon (both species indigenous to the Mousam River). The weekly average temperature of 66° F was derived to ensure normal growth of the brook trout and the daily maximum threshold temperature of 73° F protects for the survival of juveniles and adult Atlantic salmon during the summer months. As a point of clarification, the Department interprets the term "weekly average temperature" to mean a seven (7) day rolling average. To promote consistency, the Department also interprets the ΔT of 0.5° F as a weekly rolling average limit when the receiving water temperature is >66° F and <73° F and a daily limitation when the temperature is >73° F. All calculations are based on 7Q10 low flow conditions in the receiving waters.

To comply with 06-096 CMR 582, the flow and temperature of the discharge must be regulated such that during the summer period June 1 – September 30, it does not change the receiving water temperature by more than $0.5^{\circ}F$ as a weekly rolling average. The mass balance thermal calculations below indicate that if the Mousam River was at 7Q10 low flow conditions (5.0 cfs) and at a critical temperature of $66^{\circ}F$ (19°C) and the plant was operating at a weekly average temperature of $22^{\circ}C$ ($72^{\circ}F$) and a weekly average flow of 0.3 MGD, the ΔT in the receiving water would be approximately $0.5^{\circ}F$:

(Plant flow)(Discharge Temp) + (7Q10 flow)(RW Temp) = (Total flow)(RW Temp)

$$(0.3 \text{ MGD})(72^{\circ}\text{F}) + (3.23 \text{ MGD})(66^{\circ}\text{F}) = (3.53 \text{ MGD})(X^{\circ}\text{F})$$

$$X = 66.51^{\circ}F$$

The previous permitting action established a weekly average temperature limitation of 72°F (22°C) that is being carried forward in this permitting action. A review of the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) data for period of August 2005 through August 2010 indicates the following:

Temperature

Value	Limit (Deg C)	Range (Deg C)	Average (Deg C)	Number of DMRs	Compliance
Weekly					
Average	22	14 - 21	17	19	100%

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

- c. <u>pH</u>: This permitting action is carrying forward the pH daily maximum limitation of 6.0 8.5 standard units (SU) from the previous permitting action as a best practicable treatment (BPT) limitation. A review of the monthly DMR data for the period August 2005 August 2010 (#DMRs = 19) shows the pH of the discharge has ranged from 7.3 8.3 SU.
- d. Monitoring and Reporting: Based on the insignificance of the potential thermal impact on the receiving water during the winter months (October 1 May 31), this permitting action, as with previous permitting actions, is not requiring monitoring and reporting between said months for parameters limited in the permit. Monitoring and reporting are only required in the months of June through September, inclusively. The limitations will remain in effect on a year-round basis and remain enforceable year-round.

7. IMPACT OF THE DISCHARGE ON THE RECEIVING WATER

As permitted, the Department has determined the existing and designated 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 Sanford News* newspaper on or about May 27, 2010. The Department receives public comments on an application until the date a final agency action is taken on that 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 A. Rand Division of Water Quality Management Bureau of Land & Water Quality Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station

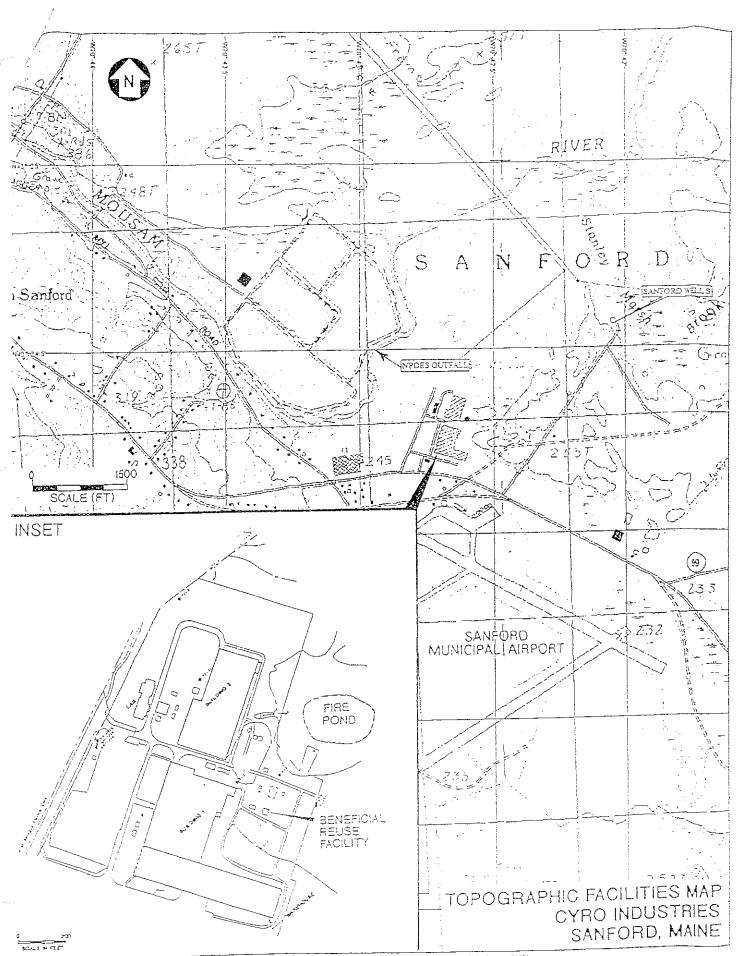
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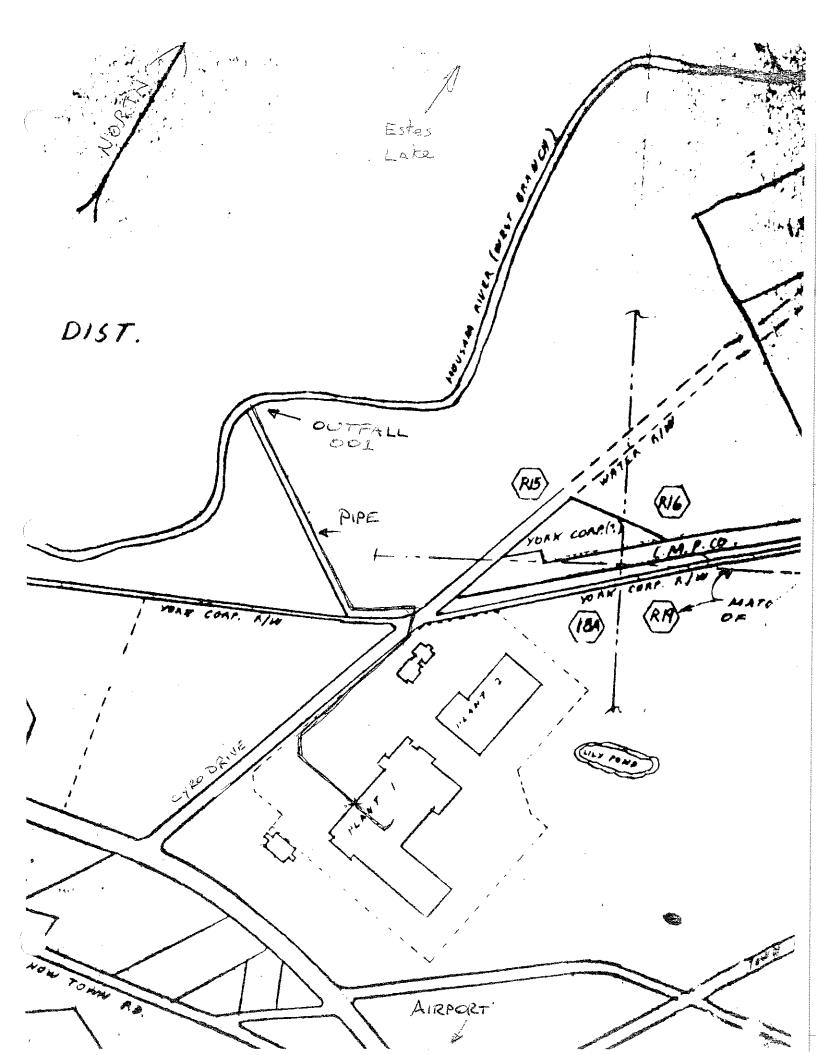
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10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the period of September 27, 2010 through the issuance date of the permit, the Department solicited comments on the proposed draft permit to be issued for the discharge from the permittee. The Department did not receive comments from the permittee, state or federal agencies or interested parties that resulted in any substantive change(s) in the terms and conditions of the permit. Therefore, the Department has not prepared a Response to Comments.







MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS

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STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS

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 if 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 MAINTENACE 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.

when:

- (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
 - (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 contaminates 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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