

**AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act, as amended, (33 U.S.C. §1251 et seq.; the "CWA"),

The New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development

is authorized to discharge from the Wastewater Treatment Plant located at

**Wallis Sands State Park
Rye, New Hampshire 03870**

to receiving waters named

Atlantic Ocean

in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein including, but not limited to, conditions requiring the proper operation and maintenance of the Wallis Sands State Park Wastewater Treatment Facility collection system.

This permit will become effective on the first day of the calendar month immediately following sixty days after signature.*

This permit and the authorization to discharge expire at midnight five years from the last day of the month preceding the effective date.

This permit supersedes the permit issued on October 30, 2007.

This permit consists of **Part I** (13 pages including effluent limitations and monitoring requirements); **Attachment A** (USEPA Region 1 Marine Acute Toxicity Test Procedure and Protocol, July 2012, 10 pages); **Attachment B** (USEPA Region 1 Marine Chronic Toxicity Test Procedure and Protocol, November 2013, 12 pages); and **Part II** (25 pages including NPDES Part II Standard Conditions).

Signed this day of

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Office of Ecosystem Protection
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Region I
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* Pursuant to 40 CFR 124.15(b)(3), if no comments requesting a change to the draft permit are received, the permit will become effective upon the date of signature.

PART I**A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

1. During the period beginning on the effective date and lasting through expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge treated domestic wastewater from outfall serial number 001 to the Atlantic Ocean between May 1st and October 31st of each year. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee, as specified below. Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified below shall be taken at a location that provides a representative analysis of the discharge.

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>			<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	Monthly	Average Weekly	Maximum Daily	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Effluent Flow; mgd	0.01 ¹		---	ContinuousRecorder ¹	
Effluent Flow; mgd	Report		Report	ContinuousRecorder ¹	
BOD ₅ ; mg/l (lb/day)	30 (2.5)	45 (3.8)	50 (4.2)	2/Month ²	Grab
TSS; mg/l (lb/day)	30 (2.5)	45 (3.8)	50 (4.2)	2/Month ²	Grab
pH Range ³ ; Standard Units	6.5 to 8.0 (See I.G.4., State Permit Conditions)			3/Week	Grab
Fecal Coliform ⁴ ; Colonies/100 ml	14 ⁵	---	Report ⁶	5/Week	Grab
Enterococci Bacteria ^{4,7} ; Colonies/100 ml	35	---	104	1/Day	Grab
Whole Effluent Toxicity ⁸					
^{9,11} , Percent LC50	---	---	Report	Once during permit cycle ⁸	Grab
^{10,11} , Percent C-NOEC	---	---	Report	Once during permit cycle ⁸	Grab

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FOOTNOTES

1. The effluent flow shall be continuously measured and recorded using a flow meter and totalizer.

The seasonal average, monthly average, and the maximum daily flows shall be reported. The limit of 0.01 mgd is a seasonal average, which shall be reported in November of each year. The value will be calculated as the arithmetic mean of the monthly average flows from May 1st through October 31st of that year.

2. The influent shall be sampled twice per month using a grab sample.
3. State certification requirement
4. Fecal coliform samples shall be collected concurrently with the enterococci bacteria samples. Sampling only required on days when discharge occurs.
5. Compliance with the “average monthly” limit for Fecal Coliform shall be determined by calculating the geometric mean. Not more than 10 percent of the collected samples shall exceed a Most Probable Number (MPN) of 43 per 100 milliliters for a 5-tube decimal dilution test. Fecal Coliform shall be tested using an approved method as specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 136, List of Approved Biological Methods for Wastewater and Sewage Sludge. All Fecal Coliform data collected must be submitted with the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports.
6. The permittee is required to report two (2) statistics each month. One is the maximum daily Fecal Coliform value expressed in terms of “Colonies per 100 ml”, and the other is the “percentage” of collected samples that exceeds a MPN of 43 per 100 milliliters for the 5-tube decimal dilution test. The latter statistic will be used to judge compliance with that part of the limit that reads “Not more than 10 percent of the collected samples shall exceed a MPN of 43 per 100 milliliters for a 5-tube decimal dilution test” referenced in footnote (5) immediately above.
7. The average monthly value for Enterococci shall be determined by calculating the geometric mean. Enterococci shall be tested using an approved method as specified in 40 C.F.R. Part 136, List of Approved Biological Methods for Wastewater and Sewage Sludge.
8. The permittee shall conduct 48-hour static acute (LC50) toxicity tests and chronic (C-NOEC) toxicity tests on effluent samples following the July 2012 USEPA Region 1 Marine Acute Toxicity Test Procedure and Protocol (**Attachment A**) and November 2013 USEPA Region 1 Marine Chronic Toxicity Test Procedure and Protocol (**Attachment B**), respectively. The two species for these tests shall be the *Menidia beryllina* and *Mysidopsis bahia*. These toxicity test samples shall be collected and tests completed once during the 3rd quarter (July-Sept.) of the 4th year of the permit cycle.

Toxicity test results shall be postmarked by the 15th day of the month following the end of the quarter sampled (i.e., October 15th).

9. LC50 (lethal concentration 50 percent) is the concentration of wastewater causing mortality to 50 % of the test organisms. Therefore, a 100 % result means that a sample of 100 % effluent (no dilution) causes no greater than a 50 % mortality rate in that effluent sample.
10. C-NOEC (Chronic-No Observed Effect Concentration) is defined as the highest concentration of toxicant or effluent to which organisms are exposed in a life-cycle or partial life-cycle test which causes no adverse effect on growth, survival, or reproduction at a specific time of observation as determined from hypotheses testing where the test results (growth, survival, and/or reproduction) exhibit a linear dose-response relationship. However, where the test results do not exhibit a linear dose-response relationship, report the lowest concentration where there is no observable effect.
11. For the whole effluent toxicity tests, the permittee shall report on the appropriate discharge monitoring report (DMR) the concentrations of the hardness, ammonia nitrogen as nitrogen, total recoverable cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc found in the 100 percent effluent samples. All these aforementioned chemical parameters shall be determined to at least the minimum quantification level shown in **Attachment A** and **Attachment B**. Also, the permittee should note that all chemical parameter results must still be reported in the appropriate toxicity report.

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (continued)

2. The discharge shall not cause a violation of the water quality standards of the receiving water.
3. The discharge shall be adequately treated to ensure that the surface water remains free from pollutants in concentrations or combinations that settle to form harmful deposits, float as foam, debris, scum or other visible pollutants. It shall be adequately treated to ensure that the surface waters remain free from pollutants which produce odor, color, taste or turbidity in the receiving waters which is not naturally occurring and would render it unsuitable for its designated uses.
4. The permittee's treatment facility shall maintain a minimum monthly average of 85 percent removal of both BOD₅ and TSS. The percent removal shall be calculated using the average monthly influent and effluent concentrations.
5. When the effluent discharged for a period of 3 consecutive months exceeds 80 percent of the 0.01 mgd design flow (0.008 mgd), the permittee shall submit to the permitting authorities 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. Before the design flow will be reached, or whenever treatment necessary to achieve permit limits cannot be assured, the permittee may be required to submit plans for facility improvements.

6. Any introduction of pollutants into the treatment works from either a non-domestic source (user) or a primary industrial category (See 40 CFR Part 122, Appendix A as amended) is prohibited. The term (user) is defined in 40 CFR Section 403.3.
7. All Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) must provide adequate notice to both EPA-Region 1 and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES-WD) of the following:
 - a. 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.
 - b. For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on:
 - (1) the quantity and quality of effluent introduced into the facility; and
 - (2) any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the facility.
8. The permittee shall not discharge into the receiving water any pollutant or combination of pollutants in toxic amounts.

B. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

This permit authorizes discharges only from the outfall(s) listed in Part I.A.1, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit. Discharges of wastewater from any other point sources, including sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), are not authorized by this permit and shall be reported to EPA and NHDES in accordance with Part II, Section D.1.e of the General Requirements of this permit (twenty four hour reporting).

C. ALTERNATE POWER SOURCE

In order to maintain compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, the permittee shall provide an alternate power source with which to sufficiently operate the wastewater facility, as defined at 40 C.F.R. § 122.2, which references the definition at 40 C.F.R. § 403.3(q). Wastewater facility is defined by RSA 485A:2.XIX as the structures, equipment, and processes required to collect, convey, and treat domestic and industrial wastes, and dispose of the effluent and sludge.

D. SLUDGE CONDITIONS

1. The permittee shall comply with all existing federal and state laws and regulations that apply to sewage sludge use and disposal practices, including EPA regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 503, which prescribe “Standards for the Use or Disposal of Sewage Sludge” pursuant to Section 405(d) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1345(d).
2. If both state and federal requirements apply to the permittee’s sludge use and/or disposal practices, the permittee shall comply with the more stringent of the applicable requirements.
3. The requirements and technical standards of 40 CFR Part 503 apply to the following sludge use or disposal practices.
 - a. Land application - the use of sewage sludge to condition or fertilize the soil
 - b. Surface disposal - the placement of sewage sludge in a sludge only landfill
 - c. Sewage sludge incineration in a sludge only incinerator
4. The requirements of 40 CFR Part 503 do not apply to facilities which dispose of sludge in a municipal solid waste landfill. 40 CFR § 503.4. These requirements also do not apply to facilities which do not use or dispose of sewage sludge during the life of the permit but rather treat the sludge (e.g., lagoons, reed beds), or are otherwise excluded under 40 CFR § 503.6.
5. The 40 CFR. Part 503 requirements including the following elements:
 - General requirements
 - Pollutant limitations
 - Operational Standards (pathogen reduction requirements and vector attraction reduction requirements)
 - Management practices
 - Record keeping
 - Monitoring
 - Reporting

Which of the 40 C.F.R. Part 503 requirements apply to the permittee will depend upon the use or disposal practice followed and upon the quality of material produced by a facility. The EPA Region 1 Guidance document, “EPA Region 1 - NPDES Permit Sludge Compliance Guidance” (November 4, 1999), may be used by the permittee to assist it in determining the applicable requirements.¹

¹ This guidance document is available upon request from EPA Region 1 and may also be found at: <http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/permits/generic/sludgeguidance.pdf>

6. The sludge shall be monitored for pollutant concentrations (all Part 503 methods) and pathogen reduction and vector attraction reduction (land application and surface disposal) at the following frequency. This frequency is based upon the volume of sewage sludge generated at the facility in dry metric tons per year.

less than 290	1/ year
290 to less than 1,500	1 /quarter
1,500 to less than 15,000	6 /year
15,000 +	1 /month

Sampling of the sewage sludge shall use the procedures detailed in 40 CFR 503.8.

7. Under 40 CFR § 503.9(r), the permittee is a “person who prepares sewage sludge” because it “is ... the person who generates sewage sludge during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works ...” If the permittee contracts with *another* “person who prepares sewage sludge” under 40 CFR § 503.9(r) – i.e., with “a person who derives a material from sewage sludge” – for use or disposal of the sludge, then compliance with Part 503 requirements is the responsibility of the contractor engaged for that purpose. If the permittee does not engage a “person who prepares sewage sludge,” as defined in 40 CFR § 503.9(r), for use or disposal, then the permittee remains responsible to ensure that the applicable requirements in Part 503 are met. 40 CFR § 503.7. If the ultimate use or disposal method is land application, the permittee is responsible for providing the person receiving the sludge with notice and necessary information to comply with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 503 Subpart B.
8. The permittee shall submit an annual report containing the information specified in the 40 CFR Part 503 requirements (§ 503.18 (land application), § 503.28 (surface disposal), or § 503.48 (incineration)) by **February 19** (*see also* “EPA Region 1 - NPDES Permit Sludge Compliance Guidance”). Reports shall be submitted to the address contained in the reporting section of the permit. If the permittee engages a contractor or contractors for sludge preparation and ultimate use or disposal, the annual report need contain only the following information:
- Name and address of contractor(s) responsible for sludge preparation, use or disposal
 - Quantity of sludge (in dry metric tons) from the POTW that is transferred to the sludge contractor(s), and the method(s) by which the contractor will prepare and use or dispose of the sewage sludge
9. Compliance with the requirements of this permit or 40 CFR Part 503 shall not eliminate or modify the need to comply with applicable requirements under RSA 485-A and Env-Wq 800, New Hampshire Sludge Management Rules.

E. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

pH Limit Adjustment

The permittee may submit a written request to the EPA-Region 1 requesting a change in the permitted pH limit range to be not less restrictive than 6.0 to 9.0 Standard Units found in the applicable National Effluent Limitation Guideline (Secondary Treatment Regulations in 40 CFR Part 133) for this facility. The permittee's written request must include the State's approval letter containing an original signature (no copies). The State's letter shall state that the permittee has demonstrated to the State's satisfaction that as long as discharges to the receiving water from a specific outfall are within a specific numeric pH range the naturally occurring receiving water pH will be unaltered. That letter must specify for each outfall the associated numeric pH limit range. Until written notice is received by certified mail from the EPA-Region 1 indicating the pH limit range has been changed, the permittee is required to meet the permitted pH limit range in the respective permit.

F. MONITORING AND REPORTING

The monitoring program in the permit specifies sampling and analysis, which will provide continuous information on compliance and the reliability and effectiveness of the installed pollution abatement equipment. The approved analytical procedures found in 40 CFR Part 136 are required unless other procedures are explicitly required in the permit. The Permittee is obligated to monitor and report sampling results to EPA and the NHDES within the time specified within the permit.

Unless otherwise specified in this permit, the permittee shall submit reports, requests, and information and provide notices in the manner described in this section.

1. Submittal of DMRs and the Use of NetDMR

Beginning the effective date of the permit the permittee must submit its monthly monitoring data in Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) to EPA and NHDES no later than the 15th day of the month following the completed reporting period. **For a period of six months from the effective date of the permit**, the permittee may submit its monthly monitoring data in DMRs to EPA and NHDES either in hard copy form, or in DMRs electronically submitted using NetDMR. NetDMR is a web-based tool that allows permittees to electronically submit DMRs and other required reports via a secure internet connection. NetDMR is accessed from: <http://www.epa.gov/netdmr>. **Beginning no later than six months after the effective date of the permit**, the permittee shall begin reporting monthly monitoring data using NetDMR, unless, in accordance with Part I.F.6, the facility is able to demonstrate a reasonable basis, such as technical or administrative infeasibility, that precludes the use of NetDMR for submitting DMRs. The permittee must continue to use the NetDMR after the permittee begins to do so. When a permittee begins submitting reports using NetDMR, hard copies to EPA and NHDES will no longer

be required.

2. Submittal of Reports as NetDMR Attachments

After the permittee begins submitting DMR reports to EPA and NHDES electronically using NetDMR, the permittee shall electronically submit all reports to EPA and NHDES as NetDMR attachments rather than as hard copies, unless otherwise specified in this permit. This includes the NHDES Monthly Operating Reports (MORs). (See Part I.F.5. for more information on State reporting.) Because the due dates for reports described in this permit may not coincide with the due date for submitting DMRs (which is no later than the 15th day of the month), a report submitted electronically as a NetDMR attachment shall be considered timely if it is electronically submitted to EPA using NetDMR with the next DMR due following the particular report due date specified in this permit.

3. Submittal of Requests and Reports to EPA/OEP

The following requests, reports, and information described in this permit shall be submitted to the EPA/OEP NPDES Applications Coordinator in the EPA Office Ecosystem Protection (OEP).

- A. Transfer of permit notice
- B. Request for changes in sampling location
- C. Request for reduction in testing frequency

These reports, information, and requests shall be submitted to EPA/OEP electronically at R1NPDES.Notices.OEP@epa.gov or by hard copy mail to the following address:

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Ecosystem Protection
EPA/OEP NPDES Applications Coordinator
5 Post Office Square - Suite 100 (OEP06-03)
Boston, MA 02109-3912**

4. Submittal of Reports in Hard Copy Form

The following notifications and reports shall be submitted as hard copy with a cover letter describing the submission. These reports shall be signed and dated originals submitted to EPA.

- A. Written notifications required under Part II
- B. Notice of unauthorized discharges, including Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) reporting
- C. Reports and DMRs submitted prior to the use of NetDMR
- D. Sludge monitoring reports

This information shall be submitted to EPA/OES at the following address:

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Environmental Stewardship (OES)
Water Technical Unit
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OES4-SMR)
Boston, MA 02109-3912**

All sludge monitoring reports required herein shall be submitted only to:

**U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
Biosolids Center
Water Enforcement Branch
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, Kansas 66219**

5. State Reporting

Unless otherwise specified in this permit, duplicate signed copies of all reports, information, requests or notifications described in this permit, including the reports, information, requests or notifications described in Parts I.F.3 and I.F.4 also shall be submitted to the State electronically via email to the permittee's assigned NPDES inspector at NHDES-WD or in hard copy to the following address:

**New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services
Water Division
Wastewater Engineering Bureau
P.O. Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095**

6. Submittal of NetDMR Opt-Out Requests

NetDMR opt-out requests must be submitted in writing to EPA for written approval at least sixty (60) days prior to the date a facility would be required under this permit to begin using NetDMR. This demonstration shall be valid for twelve (12) months from the date of EPA approval and shall thereupon expire. At such time, DMRs and reports shall be submitted electronically to EPA unless the permittee submits a renewed opt-out request and such request be approved by EPA. All opt-out requests should be sent to the following addresses:

**Attn: NetDMR Coordinator
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Water Technical Unit
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100 (OES04-4)
Boston, MA 02109-3912**

And

Attn: Compliance Supervisor
New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)
Water Division
Wastewater Engineering Bureau
P.O. Box 95
Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

7. Verbal Reports and Verbal Notifications

Any verbal reports or verbal notifications, if required in Parts I and/or II of this permit, shall be made to both EPA and to NHDES. This includes verbal reports and notifications which require reporting within 24 hours. (As examples, see Part II.B.4.c. (2), Part II.B.5.c. (3), and Part II.D.1.e.) Verbal reports and verbal notifications shall be made to EPA's Office of Environmental Stewardship at:

617-918-1510

Verbal reports and verbal notifications shall be made to the permittee's assigned NPDES inspector at NHDES –WD.

G. STATE PERMIT CONDITIONS

1. The permittee shall not at any time, either alone or in conjunction with any person or persons, cause directly or indirectly the discharge of waste into the said receiving water unless it has been treated in such a manner as will not lower the legislated water quality classification or interfere with the uses assigned to said water by the New Hampshire Legislature (RSA 485-A:12).
2. This NPDES discharge permit is issued by EPA under federal and state law. Upon final issuance by EPA, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services-Water Division (NHDES-WD) may adopt this permit, including all terms and conditions, as a state permit pursuant to RSA 485-A:13.
3. EPA shall have the right to enforce the terms and conditions of this permit pursuant to federal law and NHDES-WD shall have the right to enforce the permit pursuant to state law, if the permit is adopted. Any modification, suspension, or revocation of this permit shall be effective only with respect to the agency taking such action, and shall not affect the validity or status of the permit as issued by the other agency.
4. The pH range of 6.5 to 8.0 Standard Units (S.U.) must be achieved in the final effluent unless the permittee can demonstrate to NHDES-WD: (1) that the range should be widened due to naturally occurring conditions in the receiving water or (2) that the naturally occurring receiving water pH is not significantly altered by the permittee's discharge. The scope of any demonstration project must receive prior approval from NHDES-WD. In no case, shall the above procedure result in pH limits outside the range

of 6.0 – 9.0 S.U., which is the federal effluent limitation guideline regulation for pH for secondary treatment and is found in 40 CFR 133.102(c).

5. Pursuant to New Hampshire Code of Administrative Rules, Env-Wq 703.07(a):

Any person proposing to construct or modify any of the following shall submit an application for a sewer connection permit to the department:

- (1) Any extension of a collector or interceptor, whether public or private, regardless of flow;
- (2) Any wastewater connection or other discharge in excess of 5,000 gpd;
- (3) Any wastewater connection or other discharge to a WWTP operating in excess of 80 percent design flow capacity or design loading capacity based on actual average flow for 3 consecutive months;
- (4) Any industrial wastewater connection or change in existing discharge of industrial wastewater, regardless of quality or quantity; and
- (5) Any sewage pumping station greater than 50 gpm or serving more than one building or that requires a manhole at the connection.

6. The POTW shall immediately notify the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Watershed Management Bureau, Shellfish Section of possible high bacteria/virus loading events from the facility or its sewage collection infrastructure. Such events include:

- a. Any lapse or interruption of normal operation of the POTW disinfection system, or other event that results in discharge of sewage from the POTW or sewer infrastructure (pump stations, sewer lines, manholes, etc.) that has not undergone full disinfection as specified in the NPDES permit.
- b. Average Daily flows in excess of the POTW's average daily design flow of 10,000 gallons per day.
- c. Daily post-disinfection effluent sample result of either 43 fecal coliform/100ml or greater. Notification shall also be made for instances where NPDES-required bacteria sampling is not completed, or where the results of such sampling are invalid.
- d. Notification shall be made using the program's 24-hour pager. Upon initial notification of a possible high bacteria/virus loading event, Shellfish Program staff will determine the most suitable interval for continued notification and updates on an event-by-event basis.

7. For each new or increased discharge of industrial waste to the POTW, the permittee shall submit, in accordance with Env-Ws 305.10(b) an “Industrial Wastewater Discharge Request.”
8. In addition to submitting DMRs, monitoring results shall also be summarized for each calendar month and reported on separate Monthly Operations Report Form(s) (MORs) postmarked or submitted electronically using NetDMR no later than the 15th day of the month following the completed reporting period. Signed and dated MORs, which are not submitted electronically using NetDMR shall be submitted to:

New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES)

Water Division

Wastewater Engineering Bureau

29 Hazen Drive, P.O. Box 95

Concord, New Hampshire 03302-0095

ATTACHMENT A

**MARINE ACUTE
TOXICITY TEST PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL**

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The permittee shall conduct acceptable acute toxicity tests in accordance with the appropriate test protocols described below:

- **2007.0 - Mysid Shrimp (Americamysis bahia) definitive 48 hour test.**
- **2006.0 - Inland Silverside (Menidia beryllina) definitive 48 hour test.**

Acute toxicity data shall be reported as outlined in Section VIII.

II. METHODS

The permittee shall use the most recent 40 CFR Part 136 methods. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Test Methods and guidance may be found at:

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/methods/cwa/wet/index.cfm#methods>

The permittee shall also meet the sampling, analysis and reporting requirements included in this protocol. This protocol defines more specific requirements while still being consistent with the Part 136 methods. If, due to modifications of Part 136, there are conflicting requirements between the Part 136 method and this protocol, the permittee shall comply with the requirements of the Part 136 method.

III. SAMPLE COLLECTION

A discharge and receiving water sample shall be collected. The receiving water control sample must be collected immediately upstream of the permitted discharge's zone of influence. The acceptable holding times until initial use of a sample are 24 and 36 hours for on-site and off-site testing, respectively. A written waiver is required from the regulating authority for any holding time extension. Sampling guidance dictates that, where appropriate, aliquots for the analysis required in this protocol shall be split from the samples, containerized and immediately preserved, or analyzed as per 40 CFR Part 136. EPA approved test methods require that samples collected for metals analyses be preserved immediately after collection. Testing for the presence of total residual chlorine¹ (TRC) must be analyzed immediately or as soon as possible, for all effluent samples, prior to WET testing. TRC analysis may be performed on-site or by the toxicity testing laboratory and the samples must be dechlorinated, as necessary, using sodium thiosulfate

¹ For this protocol, total residual chlorine is synonymous with total residual oxidants.
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prior to sample use for toxicity testing. If performed on site the results should be included on the chain of custody (COC) presented to WET laboratory.

Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater describes dechlorination of samples (APHA, 1992). Dechlorination can be achieved using a ratio of 6.7 mg/L anhydrous sodium thiosulfate to reduce 1 mg/L chlorine. If dechlorination is necessary, a thiosulfate control consisting of the maximum concentration of thiosulfate used to dechlorinate the sample in the toxicity test control water must also be run in the WET test.

All samples submitted for chemical and physical analyses will be analyzed according to Section VI of this protocol. Grab samples must be used for pH, temperature, and total residual chlorine (as per 40 CFR Part 122.21).

All samples held for use beyond the day of sampling shall be refrigerated and maintained at a temperature range of 0-6° C.

IV. DILUTION WATER

Samples of receiving water must be collected from a reasonably accessible location in the receiving water body immediately upstream of the permitted discharge's zone of influence. Avoid collection near areas of obvious road or agricultural runoff, storm sewers or other point source discharges and areas where stagnant conditions exist. EPA strongly urges that screening for toxicity be performed prior to the set up of a full, definitive toxicity test any time there is a question about the test dilution water's ability to achieve test acceptability criteria (TAC) as indicated in Section V of this protocol. The test dilution water control response will be used in the statistical analysis of the toxicity test data. All other control(s) required to be run in the test will be reported as specified in the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Instructions, Attachment F, page 2, Test Results & Permit Limits.

The test dilution water must be used to determine whether the test met the applicable TAC. When receiving water is used for test dilution, an additional control made up of standard laboratory water (0% effluent) is required. This control will be used to verify the health of the test organisms and evaluate to what extent, if any, the receiving water itself is responsible for any toxic response observed.

If dechlorination of a sample by the toxicity testing laboratory is necessary a "sodium thiosulfate" control, representing the concentration of sodium thiosulfate used to adequately dechlorinate the sample prior to toxicity testing, must be included in the test.

If the use of alternate dilution water (ADW) is authorized, in addition to the ADW test control, the testing laboratory must, for the purpose of monitoring the receiving water, also run a receiving water control.

If the receiving water is found to be, or suspected to be toxic or unreliable, ADW of known quality with hardness similar to that of the receiving water may be substituted. Substitution is

species specific meaning that the decision to use ADW is made for each species and is based on the toxic response of that particular species. Substitution to an ADW is authorized in two cases. The first case is when repeating a test due to toxicity in the site dilution water requires an **immediate decision** for ADW use by the permittee and toxicity testing laboratory. The second is when two of the most recent documented incidents of unacceptable site dilution water toxicity require ADW use in future WET testing.

For the second case, written notification from the permittee requesting ADW use **and** written authorization from the permit issuing agency(s) is required **prior to** switching to a long-term use of ADW for the duration of the permit.

Written requests for use of ADW must be mailed with supporting documentation to the following addresses:

Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection (CAA)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
Five Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code OEP06-5
Boston, MA 02109-3912

and

Manager
Water Technical Unit (SEW)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Five Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code OES04-4
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Note: USEPA Region 1 retains the right to modify any part of the alternate dilution water policy stated in this protocol at any time. Any changes to this policy will be documented in the annual DMR posting.

See the most current annual DMR instructions which can be found on the EPA Region 1 website at <http://www.epa.gov/region1/enforcementandassistance/dmr.html> for further important details on alternate dilution water substitution requests.

V. TEST CONDITIONS AND TEST ACCEPTABILITY CRITERIA

EPA Region 1 requires tests be performed using four replicates of each control and effluent concentration because the non-parametric statistical tests cannot be used with data from fewer replicates. The following tables summarize the accepted Americamysis and Menidia toxicity test conditions and test acceptability criteria:

EPA NEW ENGLAND EFFLUENT TOXICITY TEST CONDITIONS FOR THE MYSID, AMERICAMYSIS BAHIA 48 HOUR TEST¹

1. Test type	48hr Static, non-renewal
2. Salinity	25ppt \pm 10 percent for all dilutions by adding dry ocean salts
3. Temperature ($^{\circ}$ C)	20 $^{\circ}$ C \pm 1 $^{\circ}$ C or 25 $^{\circ}$ C \pm 1 $^{\circ}$ C, temperature must not deviate by more than 3 $^{\circ}$ C during test
4. Light quality	Ambient laboratory illumination
5. Photoperiod	16 hour light, 8 hour dark
6. Test chamber size	250 ml (minimum)
7. Test solution volume	200 ml/replicate (minimum)
8. Age of test organisms	1-5 days, <u>\leq 24 hours age range</u>
9. No. Mysids per test chamber	10
10. No. of replicate test chambers per treatment	4
11. Total no. Mysids per test concentration	40
12. Feeding regime	Light feeding using concentrated <u>Artemia</u> naupli while holding prior to initiating the test
13. Aeration ²	None
14. Dilution water	5-30 ppt, +/- 10%; Natural seawater, or deionized water mixed with artificial sea salts
15. Dilution factor	\geq 0.5
16. Number of dilutions ³	5 plus a control. An additional dilution at the permitted effluent concentration (%)

effluent) is required if it is not included in the dilution series.

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| 17. Effect measured | Mortality - no movement of body appendages on gentle prodding |
| 18. Test acceptability | 90% or greater survival of test organisms in control solution |
| 19. Sampling requirements | For on-site tests, samples are used within 24 hours of the time that they are removed from the sampling device. For off-site tests, samples must be first used within 36 hours of collection. |
| 20. Sample volume required | Minimum 1 liter for effluents and 2 liters for receiving waters |
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Footnotes:

- ¹ Adapted from EPA 821-R-02-012.
- ² If dissolved oxygen falls below 4.0 mg/L, aerate at rate of less than 100 bubbles/min. Routine D.O. checks are recommended.
- ³ When receiving water is used for dilution, an additional control made up of standard laboratory dilution water (0% effluent) is required.

EPA NEW ENGLAND TOXICITY TEST CONDITIONS FOR THE INLAND SILVERSIDE, MENIDIA BERYLLINA 48 HOUR TEST¹

1. Test Type	48 hr Static, non-renewal
2. Salinity	25 ppt \pm 10 % by adding dry ocean salts
3. Temperature	20°C \pm 1°C or 25°C \pm 1°C, temperature must not deviate by more than 3°C during test
4. Light Quality	Ambient laboratory illumination
5. Photoperiod	16 hr light, 8 hr dark
6. Size of test vessel	250 mL (minimum)
7. Volume of test solution	200 mL/replicate (minimum)
8. Age of fish	9-14 days; 24 hr age range
9. No. fish per chamber	10 (not to exceed loading limits)
10. No. of replicate test vessels per treatment	4
11. Total no. organisms per concentration	40
12. Feeding regime	Light feeding using concentrated <u>Artemia</u> nauplii while holding prior to initiating the test
13. Aeration ²	None
14. Dilution water	5-32 ppt, +/- 10% ; Natural seawater, or deionized water mixed with artificial sea salts.
15. Dilution factor	\geq 0.5
16. Number of dilutions ³	5 plus a control. An additional dilution at the permitted concentration (% effluent) is required if it is not included in the dilution series.
17. Effect measured	Mortality-no movement on gentle prodding.

18. Test acceptability	90% or greater survival of test organisms in control solution.
19. Sampling requirements	For on-site tests, samples must be used within 24 hours of the time they are removed from the sampling device. Off-site test samples must be used within 36 hours of collection.
20. Sample volume required	Minimum 1 liter for effluents and 2 liters for receiving waters.

Footnotes:

- ¹ Adapted from EPA 821-R-02-012.
- ² If dissolved oxygen falls below 4.0 mg/L, aerate at rate of less than 100 bubbles/min. Routine D.O. checks recommended.
- ³ When receiving water is used for dilution, an additional control made up of standard laboratory dilution water (0% effluent) is required.

V.1. Test Acceptability Criteria

If a test does not meet TAC the test must be repeated with fresh samples within 30 days of the initial test completion date.

V.2. Use of Reference Toxicity Testing

Reference toxicity test results and applicable control charts must be included in the toxicity testing report.

In general, if reference toxicity test results fall outside the control limits established by the laboratory for a specific test endpoint, a reason or reasons for this excursion must be evaluated, correction made and reference toxicity tests rerun as necessary as prescribed below.

If a test endpoint value exceeds the control limits at a frequency of more than one out of twenty then causes for the reference toxicity test failure must be examined and if problems are identified corrective action taken. The reference toxicity test must be repeated during the same month in which the exceedance occurred.

If two consecutive reference toxicity tests fall outside control limits, the possible cause(s) for the exceedance must be examined, corrective actions taken and a repeat of the reference toxicity test must take place immediately. Actions taken to resolve the problem must be reported.

V.2.a. Use of Concurrent Reference Toxicity Testing

In the case where concurrent reference toxicity testing is required due to a low frequency of testing with a particular method, if the reference toxicity test results fall slightly outside of laboratory established control limits, but the primary test met the TAC, the results of the primary test will be considered acceptable. However, if the results of the concurrent test fall well outside the established **upper** control limits i.e. ≥ 3 standard deviations for IC25s and LC50 values and \geq two concentration intervals for NOECs or NOAECs, and even though the primary test meets TAC, the primary test will be considered unacceptable and must be repeated.

VI. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

At the beginning of the static acute test, pH, salinity, and temperature must be measured at the beginning and end of each 24 hour period in each dilution and in the controls. The following chemical analyses shall be performed for each sampling event.

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Effluent</u>	<u>Diluent</u>	<u>Minimum Level for effluent^{*1} (mg/L)</u>
pH	x	x	---
Salinity	x	x	ppt(o/oo)
Total Residual Chlorine ^{*2}	x	x	0.02
Total Solids and Suspended Solids	x	x	---
Ammonia	x	x	0.1
Total Organic Carbon	x	x	0.5
<u>Total Metals</u>			
Cd	x	x	0.0005
Pb	x	x	0.0005
Cu	x	x	0.003
Zn	x	x	0.005
Ni	x	x	0.005

Superscript:

*1 These are the minimum levels for effluent (fresh water) samples. Tests on diluents (marine waters) shall be conducted using the Part 136 methods that yield the lowest MLs.

*2 Either of the following methods from the 18th Edition of the APHA Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater must be used for these analyses:

- Method 4500-Cl E Low Level Amperometric Titration (the preferred method);
- Method 4500-CL G DPD Photometric Method.

VII. TOXICITY TEST DATA ANALYSIS

LC50 Median Lethal Concentration

An estimate of the concentration of effluent or toxicant that is lethal to 50% of the test organisms during the time prescribed by the test method.

Methods of Estimation:

- Probit Method
- Spearman-Karber
- Trimmed Spearman-Karber
- Graphical

See flow chart in Figure 6 on page 73 of EPA 821-R-02-012 for appropriate method to use on a given data set.

No Observed Acute Effect Level (NOAEL)

See flow chart in Figure 13 on page 87 of EPA 821-R-02-012.

VIII. TOXICITY TEST REPORTING

A report of results must include the following:

- Toxicity Test summary sheet(s) (Attachment F to the DMR Instructions) which includes:
 - Facility name
 - NPDES permit number
 - Outfall number
 - Sample type
 - Sampling method
 - Effluent TRC concentration
 - Dilution water used
 - Receiving water name and sampling location
 - Test type and species
 - Test start date
 - Effluent concentrations tested (%) and permit limit concentration
 - Applicable reference toxicity test date and whether acceptable or not
 - Age, age range and source of test organisms used for testing
 - Results of TAC review for all applicable controls
 - Permit limit and toxicity test results
 - Summary of any test sensitivity and concentration response evaluation that was conducted

Please note: The NPDES Permit Program Instructions for the Discharge Monitoring Report Forms (DMRs) are available on EPA's website at

<http://www.epa.gov/NE/enforcementandassistance/dmr.html>

In addition to the summary sheets the report must include:

- A brief description of sample collection procedures;
- Chain of custody documentation including names of individuals collecting samples, times and dates of sample collection, sample locations, requested analysis and lab receipt with time and date received, lab receipt personnel and condition of samples upon receipt at the lab(s);
- Reference toxicity test control charts;
- All sample chemical/physical data generated, including minimum levels (MLs) and analytical methods used;
- All toxicity test raw data including daily ambient test conditions, toxicity test chemistry, sample dechlorination details as necessary, bench sheets and statistical analysis;
- A discussion of any deviations from test conditions; and
- Any further discussion of reported test results, statistical analysis and concentration-response relationship and test sensitivity review per species per endpoint.

ATTACHMENT B

**MARINE CHRONIC
TOXICITY TEST PROCEDURE AND PROTOCOL**

I. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The permittee shall be responsible for the conduct of acceptable silverside chronic and sea urchin chronic toxicity tests in accordance with the appropriate test protocols described below:

- Inland Silverside (Menidia beryllina) Larval Growth and Survival Test
- Sea Urchin (Arbacia punctulata) 1 Hour Fertilization Test

Chronic toxicity data shall be reported as outlined in Section VIII.

II. METHODS

The permittee shall use 40 CFR Part 136 methods. Methods and guidance may be found at:

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/swguidance/methods/wet/index.cfm#methods>

The permittee shall also meet the sampling, analysis and reporting requirements included in this protocol. Where there are conflicting requirements between the Part 136 method and this protocol, the permittee shall comply with the requirements of the Part 136 method.

III. SAMPLE COLLECTION AND USE

A total of three fresh samples of effluent and receiving water are required for initiation and subsequent renewals of a marine, chronic, toxicity test. The receiving water control sample must be collected immediately upstream of the permitted discharge's zone of influence. Fresh samples are recommended for use on test days 1, 3, and 5. However, provided a total of three samples are used for testing over the test period, an alternate sampling schedule is acceptable. The acceptable holding times until initial use of a fresh sample are 24 and 36 hours for on-site and off-site testing, respectively. A written waiver is required from the regulating authority for any hold time extension. All fresh test samples collected may be used for 24, 48 and 72 hour renewals after initial use. All samples held for use beyond the day of sampling shall be refrigerated and maintained at a temperature range of 0-6° C.

If any of the renewal samples are of sufficient potency to cause lethality to 50 percent or more of the test organisms in any of the test treatments for either species or, if the test fails to meet its permit limits, then chemical analysis for total metals (originally required for the initial sample only in Section VI) will be required on the renewal sample(s) as well.

Sampling guidance dictates that, where appropriate, aliquots for the analysis required in this protocol shall be split from the samples, containerized and immediately preserved, or analyzed as per 40 CFR Part 136. EPA approved test methods require that samples collected for metals analyses be preserved immediately after collection. Testing for the presence of total residual chlorine (TRC) must be analyzed immediately or as soon as possible, for all effluent samples, prior to WET testing. For TRC analysis performed on site the results must be included on the chain of custody (COC) presented to WET laboratory. For the purpose of sample preparation, i.e. eliminating chlorine prior to toxicity testing, if called for by the permit, TRC analysis may also be performed by the toxicity testing laboratory and the samples must be dechlorinated, as necessary, using sodium thiosulfate prior to sample use for toxicity testing. According to Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater describes dechlorination of samples (APHA, 1992) dechlorination can be achieved using a ratio of 6.7 mg/L anhydrous sodium thiosulfate to reduce 1 mg/L chlorine.

If dechlorination of a sample by the toxicity testing laboratory is necessary a “sodium thiosulfate” control, representing the concentration of sodium thiosulfate used to adequately dechlorinate the sample prior to toxicity testing, must be included in the test.

All samples submitted for chemical and physical analyses will be analyzed according to Section VI of this protocol. Grab samples must be used for pH, temperature, and total residual oxidants (as per 40 CFR Part 122.21).

IV. DILUTION WATER

Samples of receiving water must be collected from a location in the receiving water body immediately upstream of the permitted discharge’s zone of influence at a reasonably accessible location. Avoid collection near areas of obvious road or agricultural runoff, storm sewers or other point source discharges and areas where stagnant conditions exist. EPA strongly urges that screening for toxicity be performed prior to the set up of a full, definitive toxicity test any time there is a question about the test dilution water's ability to achieve test acceptability criteria (TAC) as indicated in Section V of this protocol. The test dilution water control response will be used in the statistical analysis of the toxicity test data. All other control(s) required to be run in the test will be reported as specified in the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Instructions, Attachment F, page 2, Test Results & Permit Limits.

The test dilution water must be used to determine whether the test met the applicable test acceptability criteria (TAC). When receiving water is used for test dilution, an additional control made up of standard laboratory water (0% effluent) is required. This control will be used to verify the health of the test organisms and evaluate to what extent, if any, the receiving water itself is responsible for any toxic response observed.

If the receiving water diluent is found to be, or suspected to be toxic or unreliable, an alternatedilution water (ADW) of known quality with hardness similar to that of the receiving water may be substituted. Substitution is species specific meaning that the decision to use ADW is made for each species and is based on the toxic response of that particular species.

Substitution to an ADW is authorized in two cases. The first is the case where repeating a test due to toxicity in the site dilution water requires an immediate decision for ADW use be made by the permittee and toxicity testing laboratory. The second is in the case where two of the most recent documented incidents of unacceptable site dilution water toxicity requires ADW use in future WET testing. For the second case, written notification from the permittee requesting ADW use and written authorization from the permit issuing agency(s) is required **prior to** switching to a long-term use of ADW for the duration of the permit.

Written requests for use of ADW must be mailed with supporting documentation to the following addresses:

Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1
Five Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code OEP06-5
Boston, MA 02109-3912

and

Manager
Water Technical Unit (SEW)
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Five Post Office Square, Suite 100
Mail Code OES04-4
Boston, MA 02109-3912

Note: USEPA Region 1 retains the right to modify any part of the alternate dilution water policy stated in this protocol at any time. Any changes to this policy will be documented in the annual DMR posting.

See the most current annual DMR instructions, which can be found on the EPA Region 1 website at <http://www.epa.gov/region1/enforcementandassistance/dmr.html> for further important details on alternate dilution water substitution requests.

If the use of an alternate dilution water (ADW) is authorized, in addition to the ADW test control, the testing laboratory must, for the purpose of monitoring the receiving water, also run a receiving water control.

V. TEST CONDITIONS AND TEST ACCEPTABILITY CRITERIA

EPA New England requires that if a reference toxicant test was being performed concurrently with an effluent or receiving water test and fails, both tests must be repeated.

The following tables summarize the accepted Menidia and Arbacia toxicity test conditions and

test acceptability criteria:

EPA NEW ENGLAND RECOMMENDED TEST CONDITIONS FOR THE SEA URCHIN, ARBACIA PUNCTULATA, FERTILIZATION TEST¹

1. Test type	Static, non-renewal
2. Salinity	30 o/oo \pm 2 o/oo by adding dry ocean salts
3. Temperature	20 \pm 1°C temperature must not deviate by more than 3°C during test
4. Light quality	Ambient laboratory illumination
5. Light intensity	10-20 uE/m ² /s, or 50-100 ft-c (Ambient Laboratory Levels)
6. Test vessel size	Disposal (glass) liquid scintillation vials (20 ml capacity), presoaked in control water
7. Test solution volume	5 ml
8. Number of sea urchins	Pooled sperm from four males and pooled eggs from four females are used per test
9. Number of egg and sperm cells	About 2000 eggs per chamber and 5,000,000 sperm cells per vial
10. Number of replicate chambers	4 per treatment
11. Dilution water	Uncontaminated source of natural seawater or deionized water mixed with artificial sea salts
12. Dilution factor	Approximately 0.5, must bracket the permitted RWC
13. Test duration	1 hour and 20 minutes
14. Effects measured	Fertilization of sea urchin eggs
15. Number of treatments per test ²	5 and a control. (receiving water and laboratory water control) An additional dilution at the permitted effluent concentration (% effluent) is required.

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| 16. Acceptability of test | 70% - 90% egg fertilization in all controls. Minimum of 70% fertilization in dilution water control. Effluent concentrations exhibiting greater than 70% fertilization, flagged as statistically significantly different from the controls, will not be considered statistically different from the controls for NOEC reporting. |
| 17. Sampling requirements | For on-site tests, samples are to be used within 24 hours of the time that they are removed from the sampling device. For off-site tests, samples must be first used within 36 hours of collection. |
| 18. Sample volume required | Minimum 1 liter |
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Footnotes:

¹ Adapted from EPA 821-R-02-014

EPA NEW ENGLAND RECOMMENDED TEST CONDITIONS FOR THE INLAND SILVERSIDE, MENIDIA BERYLLINA, GROWTH AND SURVIVAL TEST¹

1. Test type	Static, renewal
2. Salinity	5 o/oo to 32 o/oo +/- 2 o/oo of the selected salinity by adding artificial sea salts
3. Temperature	25 ± 1°C, temperature must not deviate by more than 3°C during test
4. Light quality	Ambient laboratory light
5. Light intensity	10-20 uE/m ² /s, or 50-100 ft-C (Ambient Laboratory Levels)
6. Photoperiod	16 hr light, 8 hr darkness
7. Test vessel size	600 - 1000 mL beakers or equivalent (glass test chambers should be used)
8. Test solution volume	500-750 mL/replicate loading and DO restrictions must be met)
9. Renewal of test solutions	Daily using most recently collected sample
10. Age of test organisms	Seven to eleven days post hatch; 24 hr range in age
11. Larvae/test chamber	15 (minimum of 10)
12. Number of replicate chambers	4 per treatment
13. Source of food	Newly hatched and rinsed <u>Artemia</u> nauplii less than 24 hr old
14. Feeding regime	Feed once a day 0.10 g wet wt <u>Artemia</u> nauplii per replicate on days 0 – 2 feed 0.15 g wet wt <u>Artemia</u> nauplii per replicate on days 3-6
15. Cleaning	Siphon daily, immediately before test solution renewal and feeding
16. Aeration ²	None
17. Dilution water	Uncontaminated source of natural seawater; or deionized water mixed with artificial sea salts

18. Effluent concentrations	5 and a control (receiving water and laboratory water control) An additional dilution at the permitted effluent concentration (% effluent) is required
19. Dilution factor	≥ 0.5, must bracket the permitted RWC
20. Test duration	7 days
21. Effects measured	Survival and growth (weight)
22. Acceptability of test	The average survival of dilution water control larvae is a minimum of 80%, and the average dry wt of unpreserved control larvae is a minimum of 0.5 mg, or the average dry wt of preserved control larvae is a minimum of 0.43 mg if preserved not more than 7 days in 4% formalin or 70% ethanol
23. Sampling requirements	For on-site tests, samples are collected daily and used within 24 hours of the time they are removed from the sampling device. For off-site tests, samples must be first used within 36 hours of collection.
24. Sample Volume Required	Minimum of 6 liters/day.

Footnotes:

¹ Adapted from EPA 821-R-02-014

² If dissolved oxygen (D.O.) falls below 4.0 mg/L, aerate all chambers at a rate of less than 100 bubbles/min. Routine D.O. checks are recommended.

V.1. Test Acceptability Criteria

If a test does not meet TAC the test must be repeated with fresh samples within 30 days of the initial test completion date.

V.2. Use of Reference Toxicity Testing

Reference toxicity test results and applicable control charts must be included in the toxicity testing report.

In general, if reference toxicity test results fall outside the control limits established by the laboratory for a specific test endpoint, a reason or reasons for this excursion must be evaluated, correction made and reference toxicity tests rerun as necessary as prescribed below.

If a test endpoint value exceeds the control limits at a frequency of more than one out of twenty then causes for the reference toxicity test failure must be examined and if problems are identified corrective action taken. The reference toxicity test must be repeated during the same month in which the exceedance occurred.

If two consecutive reference toxicity tests fall outside control limits, the possible cause(s) for the exceedance must be examined, corrective actions taken and a repeat of the reference toxicity test must take place immediately. Actions taken to resolve the problem must be reported.

V.2.a. Use of Concurrent Reference Toxicity Testing

In the case where concurrent reference toxicity testing is required due to a low frequency of testing with a particular method, if the reference toxicity test results fall slightly outside of laboratory established control limits, but the primary test met the TAC, the results of the primary test will be considered acceptable. However, if the results of the concurrent test fall well outside the established upper control limits i.e. ≥ 3 standard deviations for IC25s values and \geq two concentration intervals for NOECs, and even though the primary test meets TAC, the primary test will be considered unacceptable and must be repeated.

VI. CHEMICAL ANALYSIS

The toxicity test requires measurement of pH, salinity, and temperature at the beginning and end of each 24 hour period in each dilution and controls for both daily test renewal and waste. The following chemical analyses shall be performed for each initial sample as well as any renewal samples, if necessary pursuant to the requirement of Part III above.

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Effluent</u>	<u>Diluent</u>	<u>Minimum Level for effluent^{*1} (mg/L)</u>
pH	x	x	---
Salinity	x	x	ppt(o/oo)
Total Residual Chlorine ^{*2}	x	x	0.02
Total Solids and Suspended Solids	x	x	---
Ammonia	x	x	0.1
Total Organic Carbon	x	x	0.5
<u>Total Metals</u>			
Cd	x	x	0.0005
Pb	x	x	0.0005
Cu	x	x	0.003
Zn	x	x	0.005
Ni	x	x	0.005

Superscript:

^{*1} These are the minimum levels for effluent (fresh water) samples. Tests on diluents (marine waters) shall be conducted using the Part 136 methods that yield the lowest MLs.

^{*2} Either of the following methods from the 18th Edition of the APHA Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater must be used for these analyses:

- Method 4500-Cl E Low Level Amperometric Titration (the preferred method);
- Method 4500-CL G DPD Photometric Method.

VII. TOXICITY TEST DATA ANALYSIS AND REVIEW

A. Test Review

1. Concentration / Response Relationship

A concentration/response relationship evaluation is required for test endpoint determinations from both Hypothesis Testing and Point Estimate techniques. The test report is to include documentation of this evaluation in support of the endpoint values reported.

The dose-response review must be performed as required in Section 10.2.6 of EPA-821-R-02-014. Guidance for this review can be found at http://water.epa.gov/scitech/methods/cwa/wet/upload/2007_07_10_methods_wet_disk1_ctm.pdf.

In most cases, the review will result in one of the following three conclusions: (1) Results are reliable and reportable; (2) Results are anomalous and require explanation; or (3) Results are inconclusive and a retest with fresh samples is required.

2. Test Variability (Test Sensitivity)

This review step is separate from the determination of whether a test meets or does not meet TAC. Within test variability is to be examined for the purpose of evaluating test sensitivity. This evaluation is to be performed for the sub-lethal hypothesis testing endpoint growth for *Menidia beryllina* as required by the permit. The test report is to include documentation of this evaluation to support that the endpoint values reported resulted from a toxicity test of adequate sensitivity. This evaluation must be performed as required in Section 10.2.8 of EPA-821-R-02-014.

To determine the adequacy of test sensitivity, USEPA requires the calculation of test percent minimum significant difference (PMSD) values. In cases where NOEC determinations are made based on a non-parametric technique, calculation of a test PMSD value, for the sole purpose of assessing test sensitivity, shall be calculated using a comparable parametric statistical analysis technique. The calculated test PMSD is then compared to the upper and lower PMSD bounds shown for marine tests in Section 10.2.8.3, p. 54, Table 6 of EPA-821-R-02-014. The comparison will yield one of the following determinations.

- The test PMSD exceeds the PMSD upper bound test variability criterion in Table 6, the test results are considered highly variable and the test may not be sensitive enough to determine the presence of toxicity at the permit limit concentration (PLC). If the test results indicate that the discharge is not toxic at the PLC, then the test is considered insufficiently sensitive and must be repeated within 30 days of the initial test completion using fresh samples. If the test results indicate that the discharge is toxic at the PLC, the test is considered acceptable and does not have to be repeated.
- The test PMSD falls below the PMSD lower bound test variability criterion in Table 6, the test is determined to be very sensitive. In order to determine which treatment(s) are statistically significant and which are not, for the purpose of reporting a NOEC, the relative percent difference (RPD) between the control and each treatment must be calculated and compared to the lower PMSD boundary. See *Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications Under the NPDES Program*, EPA 833-R-00-003, June 2002, Section 6.4.2. The document can be located under Guidance Documents

at the following website location

<http://water.epa.gov/scitech/methods/cwa/wet/index.cfm#guidance>. If the RPD for a treatment falls below the PMSD lower bound, the difference is considered statistically insignificant. If the RPD for a treatment is greater than the PMSD lower bound, then the treatment is considered statistically significant.

- The test PMSD falls within the PMSD upper and lower bounds in Table 6, the sub-lethal test endpoint values shall be reported as is.

B. Statistical Analysis

1. General - Recommended Statistical Analysis Method

Refer to general data analysis flowchart, EPA 821-R-02-014, page 45

For discussion on Hypothesis Testing, refer to EPA 821-R-02-014, Section 9.6

For discussion on Point Estimation Techniques, refer to EPA 821-R-02-014, Section 9.7

2. *Menidia beryllina*

Refer to survival hypothesis testing analysis flowchart, EPA 821-R-02-014, page 181

Refer to survival point estimate techniques flowchart, EPA 821-R-02-013, page 182

Refer to growth data statistical analysis flowchart, EPA 821-R-02-014, page 193

3. *Arbacia punctulata*

Refer to fertilization data testing flowchart, EPA 821-R-02-014, page 312

VIII. TOXICITY TEST REPORTING

A report of results must include the following:

- Toxicity Test summary sheet(s) (Attachment F to the DMR Instructions) which includes:
 - Facility name
 - NPDES permit number
 - Outfall number
 - Sample type
 - Sampling method
 - Effluent TRC concentration
 - Dilution water used
 - Receiving water name and sampling location
 - Test type and species
 - Test start date
 - Effluent concentrations tested (%) and permit limit concentration
 - Applicable reference toxicity test date and whether acceptable or not
 - Age, age range and source of test organisms used for testing
 - Results of TAC review for all applicable controls
 - Test sensitivity evaluation results (test PMSD for growth)
 - Permit limit and toxicity test results
 - Summary of test sensitivity and concentration response evaluation

Please note: The NPDES Permit Program Instructions for the Discharge Monitoring Report Forms (DMRs) are available on EPA's website at

<http://www.epa.gov/NE/enforcementandassistance/dmr.html>

In addition to the summary sheets the report must include:

- A brief description of sample collection procedures;
- Chain of custody documentation including names of individuals collecting samples, times and dates of sample collection, sample locations, requested analysis and lab receipt with time and date received, lab receipt personnel and condition of samples upon receipt at the lab(s);
- Reference toxicity test control charts;
- All sample chemical/physical data generated, including minimum limits (MLs) and analytical methods used;
- All toxicity test raw data including daily ambient test conditions, toxicity test chemistry, sample dechlorination details as necessary, bench sheets and statistical analysis;
- A discussion of any deviations from test conditions; and
- Any further discussion of reported test results, statistical analysis and concentration-response relationship and test sensitivity review.

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PART II. A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Duty to Comply

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

- a. The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the sludge use or disposal established under Section 405(d) of the CWA 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 requirements.
- b. The CWA provides that any person who violates Section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under Section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under Section 402 (a)(3) or 402 (b)(8) of the CWA is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each violation. Any person who negligently violates such requirements is subject to a fine of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$25,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 1 year, or both. Any person who knowingly violates such requirements is subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both.
- c. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Administrator for violating Section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under Section 402 of the CWA. Administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$25,000. Penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$125,000.

Note: See 40 CFR §122.41(a)(2) for complete “Duty to Comply” regulations.

2. 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 notifications of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

3. Duty to Provide Information

The permittee shall furnish to the Regional Administrator, within a reasonable time, any information which the Regional Administrator 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 Regional Administrator, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

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4. Reopener Clause

The Regional Administrator reserves the right to make appropriate revisions to this permit in order to establish any appropriate effluent limitations, schedules of compliance, or other provisions which may be authorized under the CWA in order to bring all discharges into compliance with the CWA.

For any permit issued to a treatment works treating domestic sewage (including “sludge-only facilities”), the Regional Administrator or Director shall include a reopener clause to incorporate any applicable standard for sewage sludge use or disposal promulgated under Section 405 (d) of the CWA. The Regional Administrator or Director may promptly modify or revoke and reissue any permit containing the reopener clause required by this paragraph if the standard for sewage sludge use or disposal is more stringent than any requirements for sludge use or disposal in the permit, or contains a pollutant or practice not limited in the permit.

Federal regulations pertaining to permit modification, revocation and reissuance, and termination are found at 40 CFR §122.62, 122.63, 122.64, and 124.5.

5. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under Section 311 of the CWA, or Section 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA).

6. Property Rights

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, nor any exclusive privileges.

7. Confidentiality of Information

- a. In accordance with 40 CFR Part 2, any information submitted to EPA pursuant to these regulations may be claimed as confidential by the submitter. Any such claim must be asserted at the time of submission in the manner prescribed on the application form or instructions or, in the case of other submissions, by stamping the words “confidential business information” on each page containing such information. If no claim is made at the time of submission, EPA may make the information available to the public without further notice. If a claim is asserted, the information will be treated in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 2 (Public Information).
- b. Claims of confidentiality for the following information will be denied:
 - (1) The name and address of any permit applicant or permittee;
 - (2) Permit applications, permits, and effluent data as defined in 40 CFR §2.302(a)(2).
- c. Information required by NPDES application forms provided by the Regional Administrator under 40 CFR §122.21 may not be claimed confidential. This includes information submitted on the forms themselves and any attachments used to supply information required by the forms.

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8. Duty to Reapply

If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after its expiration date, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit. The permittee shall submit a new application at least 180 days before the expiration date of the existing permit, unless permission for a later date has been granted by the Regional Administrator. (The Regional Administrator shall not grant permission for applications to be submitted later than the expiration date of the existing permit.)

9. State Authorities

Nothing in Part 122, 123, or 124 precludes more stringent State regulation of any activity covered by these regulations, whether or not under an approved State program.

10. Other Laws

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

PART II. B. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF POLLUTION CONTROLS

1. 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 and with the requirements of storm water pollution prevention plans. 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 only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

2. Need to Halt or Reduce 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.

3. 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.

4. Bypass

a. Definitions

- (1) *Bypass* means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.

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- (2) *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 be reasonably 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 provision of Paragraphs B.4.c. and 4.d. of this section.

c. Notice

- (1) 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.
- (2) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in paragraph D.1.e. of this part (Twenty-four hour reporting).

d. Prohibition of bypass

Bypass is prohibited, and the Regional Administrator may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:

- (1) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
- (2) 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 preventative maintenance; and
- (3) i) The permittee submitted notices as required under Paragraph 4.c. of this section.
ii) The Regional Administrator may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Regional Administrator determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph 4.d. of this section.

5. Upset

- a. Definition. *Upset* means an exceptional incident in which there is an 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 B.5.c. of this section are met. No determination made during

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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:
 - (1) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - (2) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
 - (3) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraphs D.1.a. and 1.e. (Twenty-four hour notice); and
 - (4) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under B.3. above.
- d. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

PART II. C. MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. Monitoring and Records

- a. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
- b. Except for records for 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 (or longer as required by 40 CFR Part 503), 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 except for the information concerning storm water discharges which must be retained for a total of 6 years. This retention period may be extended by request of the Regional Administrator at any time.
- c. Records of monitoring information shall include:
 - (1) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - (2) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - (3) The date(s) analyses were performed;
 - (4) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
 - (5) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - (6) The results of such analyses.
- d. Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or, in the case of sludge use or disposal, approved under 40 CFR Part 136 unless otherwise specified in 40 CFR Part 503, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.
- e. The CWA provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by

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imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both.

2. Inspection and Entry

The permittee shall allow the Regional Administrator or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the 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 CWA, any substances or parameters at any location.

PART II. D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Reporting Requirements

- a. **Planned Changes.** The permittee shall give notice to the Regional Administrator as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is only required when:
 - (1) 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
 - (2) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantities of the pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to the effluent limitations in the permit, nor to the notification requirements at 40 CFR§122.42(a)(1).
 - (3) 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 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 Regional Administrator 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 after notice to the Regional Administrator. The Regional Administrator may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the permittee and

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incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the CWA. (See 40 CFR Part 122.61; in some cases, modification or revocation and reissuance is mandatory.)

- d. Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.
- (1) Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or forms provided or specified by the Director for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices.
 - (2) If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or, in the case of sludge use or disposal, approved under 40 CFR Part 136 unless otherwise specified in 40 CFR Part 503, or as specified in the permit, the results of the monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Director.
 - (3) Calculations for all limitations which require averaging or measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the Director in the permit.
- e. Twenty-four hour reporting.
- (1) 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 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.
 - (2) 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. (See 40 CFR §122.41(g).)
 - (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 Regional Administrator in the permit to be reported within 24 hours. (See 40 CFR §122.44(g).)
 - (3) The Regional Administrator may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under Paragraph D.1.e. if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

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- f. Compliance Schedules. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, 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.
 - g. Other noncompliance. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Paragraphs D.1.d., D.1.e., and D.1.f. of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Paragraph D.1.e. 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 Regional Administrator, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.
2. Signatory Requirement
- a. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Regional Administrator shall be signed and certified. (See 40 CFR §122.22)
 - b. The CWA provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years per violation, or by both.
3. Availability of Reports.

Except for data determined to be confidential under Paragraph A.8. above, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the State water pollution control agency and the Regional Administrator. As required by the CWA, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statements on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal penalties as provided for in Section 309 of the CWA.

PART II. E. DEFINITIONS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1. Definitions for Individual NPDES Permits including Storm Water Requirements

Administrator means the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency, or an authorized representative.

Applicable standards and limitations means all, State, interstate, and Federal standards and limitations to which a “discharge”, a “sewage sludge use or disposal practice”, or a related activity is subject to, including “effluent limitations”, water quality standards, standards of performance, toxic effluent standards or prohibitions, “best management practices”, pretreatment standards, and “standards for sewage sludge use and disposal” under Sections 301, 302, 303, 304, 306, 307, 308, 403, and 405 of the CWA.

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Application means the EPA standard national forms for applying for a permit, including any additions, revisions, or modifications to the forms; or forms approved by EPA for use in “approved States”, including any approved modifications or revisions.

Average means the arithmetic mean of values taken at the frequency required for each parameter over the specified period. For total and/or fecal coliforms and Escherichia coli, 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.

Average weekly discharge limitation means the highest allowable average of “daily discharges” measured during the calendar week divided by the number of “daily discharges” measured during the 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 United States.” 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.

Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) means a case-by-case determination of Best Practicable Treatment (BPT), Best Available Treatment (BAT), or other appropriate technology-based standard based on an evaluation of the available technology to achieve a particular pollutant reduction and other factors set forth in 40 CFR §125.3 (d).

Coal Pile Runoff means the rainfall runoff from or through any coal storage pile.

Composite Sample means a sample consisting of a minimum of eight grab samples of equal volume collected at equal intervals during a 24-hour period (or lesser period as specified in the section on Monitoring and Reporting) and combined proportional to flow, or a sample consisting of the same number of grab samples, or greater, collected proportionally to flow over that same time period.

Construction Activities - The following definitions apply to construction activities:

- (a) Commencement of Construction is the initial disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, or excavating activities or other construction activities.
- (b) Dedicated portable asphalt plant is a portable asphalt plant located on or contiguous to a construction site and that provides asphalt only to the construction site that the plant is located on or adjacent to. The term dedicated portable asphalt plant does not include facilities that are subject to the asphalt emulsion effluent limitation guideline at 40 CFR Part 443.
- (c) Dedicated portable concrete plant is a portable concrete plant located on or contiguous to a construction site and that provides concrete only to the construction site that the plant is located on or adjacent to.

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- (d) Final Stabilization means that all soil disturbing activities at the site have been complete, and that a uniform perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70% of the cover for unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures has been established or equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of riprap, gabions, or geotextiles) have been employed.
- (e) Runoff coefficient means the fraction of total rainfall that will appear at the conveyance as runoff.

Contiguous zone means the entire zone established by the United States under Article 24 of the Convention on the Territorial Sea and the Contiguous Zone.

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 similar activities.

CWA means the Clean Water Act (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972) Pub. L. 92-500, as amended by Pub. L. 95-217, Pub. L. 95-576, Pub. L. 96-483, and Pub. L. 97-117; 33 USC §§1251 et seq.

Daily Discharge means the discharge of a pollutant measured during the calendar day or any other 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 measurements, the “daily discharge” is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.

Director normally means the person authorized to sign NPDES permits by EPA or the State or an authorized representative. Conversely, it also could mean the Regional Administrator or the State Director as the context requires.

Discharge Monitoring Report Form (DMR) means the EPA standard 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.

Discharge of a pollutant means:

- (a) Any addition of any “pollutant” or combination of pollutants to “waters of the United States” from any “point source”, or
- (b) Any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to the waters of the “contiguous zone” or the ocean from any point source other than a vessel or other floating craft which is being used as a means of transportation (See “Point Source” definition).

This definition includes additions of pollutants into waters of the United States from: surface runoff which is collected or channeled by man; discharges through pipes, sewers, or other conveyances owned by a State, municipality, or other person which do not lead

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to a treatment works; and discharges through pipes, sewers, or other conveyances leading into privately owned treatment works.

This term does not include an addition of pollutants by any “indirect discharger.”

Effluent limitation means any restriction imposed by the Regional Administrator on quantities, discharge rates, and concentrations of “pollutants” which are “discharged” from “point sources” into “waters of the United States”, the waters of the “contiguous zone”, or the ocean.

Effluent limitation guidelines means a regulation published by the Administrator under Section 304(b) of CWA to adopt or revise “effluent limitations”.

EPA means the United States “Environmental Protection Agency”.

Flow-weighted composite sample means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of aliquots where the volume of each aliquot is proportional to the flow rate of the discharge.

Grab Sample – An individual sample collected in a period of less than 15 minutes.

Hazardous Substance means any substance designated under 40 CFR Part 116 pursuant to Section 311 of the CWA.

Indirect Discharger means a non-domestic discharger introducing pollutants to a publicly owned treatment works.

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

- (a) Inhibits or disrupts the POTW, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; and
- (b) 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 (CWA), the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including Title II, more commonly referred to as the Resources Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to Subtitle D of the SDWA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection Research and Sanctuaries Act.

Landfill means an area of land or an excavation in which wastes are placed for permanent disposal, and which is not a land application unit, surface impoundment, injection well, or waste pile.

Land application unit means an area where wastes are applied onto or incorporated into the soil surface (excluding manure spreading operations) for treatment or disposal.

Large and Medium municipal separate storm sewer system means all municipal separate storm sewers that are either: (i) located in an incorporated place (city) with a population of 100,000 or more as determined by the latest Decennial Census by the Bureau of Census (these cities are listed in Appendices F and 40 CFR Part 122); or (ii) located in the counties with unincorporated urbanized

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populations of 100,000 or more, except municipal separate storm sewers that are located in the incorporated places, townships, or towns within such counties (these counties are listed in Appendices H and I of 40 CFR 122); or (iii) owned or operated by a municipality other than those described in Paragraph (i) or (ii) and that are designated by the Regional Administrator as part of the large or medium municipal separate storm sewer system.

Maximum daily discharge limitation means the highest allowable “daily discharge” concentration that occurs only during a normal day (24-hour duration).

Maximum daily discharge limitation (as defined for the Steam Electric Power Plants only) when applied to Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) or Total Residual Oxidant (TRO) is defined as “maximum concentration” or “Instantaneous Maximum Concentration” during the two hours of a chlorination cycle (or fraction thereof) prescribed in the Steam Electric Guidelines, 40 CFR Part 423. These three synonymous terms all mean “a value that shall not be exceeded” during the two-hour chlorination cycle. This interpretation differs from the specified NPDES Permit requirement, 40 CFR § 122.2, where the two terms of “Maximum Daily Discharge” and “Average Daily Discharge” concentrations are specifically limited to the daily (24-hour duration) values.

Municipality means a city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body created by or under State law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribe organization, or a designated and approved management agency under Section 208 of the CWA.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under Sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of the CWA. The term includes an “approved program”.

New Discharger means any building, structure, facility, or installation:

- (a) From which there is or may be a “discharge of pollutants”;
- (b) That did not commence the “discharge of pollutants” at a particular “site” prior to August 13, 1979;
- (c) Which is not a “new source”; and
- (d) Which has never received a finally effective NPDES permit for discharges at that “site”.

This definition includes an “indirect discharger” which commences discharging into “waters of the United States” after August 13, 1979. It also includes any existing mobile point source (other than an offshore or coastal oil and gas exploratory drilling rig or a coastal oil and gas exploratory drilling rig or a coastal oil and gas developmental drilling rig) such as a seafood processing rig, seafood processing vessel, or aggregate plant, that begins discharging at a “site” for which it does not have a permit; and any offshore rig or coastal mobile oil and gas exploratory drilling rig or coastal mobile oil and gas developmental drilling rig that commences the discharge of pollutants after August 13, 1979, at a “site” under EPA’s permitting jurisdiction for which it is not covered by an individual or general permit and which is located in an area determined by the Regional Administrator in the issuance of a final permit to be in an area of biological concern. In determining whether an area is an area of biological concern, the Regional Administrator shall consider the factors specified in 40 CFR §§125.122 (a) (1) through (10).

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An offshore or coastal mobile exploratory drilling rig or coastal mobile developmental drilling rig will be considered a “new discharger” only for the duration of its discharge in an area of biological concern.

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.

NPDES means “National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System”.

Owner or operator means the owner or operator of any “facility or activity” subject to regulation under the NPDES programs.

Pass through means a Discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the United States 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.

Person means an individual, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, State or Federal agency, or an agent or employee thereof.

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, landfill leachate collection system, vessel, or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural storm water runoff (see 40 CFR §122.2).

Pollutant means dredged spoil, solid waste, incinerator residue, filter backwash, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemical wastes, biological materials, radioactive materials (except those regulated under the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended (42 U.S.C. §§2011 et seq.)), heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt and industrial, municipal, and agricultural waste discharged into water. It does not mean:

- (a) Sewage from vessels; or
- (b) Water, gas, or other material which is injected into a well to facilitate production of oil or gas, or water derived in association with oil and gas production and disposed of in a well, if the well is used either to facilitate production or for disposal purposes is approved by the authority of the State in which the well is located, and if the State determines that the injection or disposal will not result in the degradation of ground or surface water resources.

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Primary industry category means any industry category listed in the NRDC settlement agreement (Natural Resources Defense Council et al. v. Train, 8 E.R.C. 2120 (D.D.C. 1976), modified 12 E.R.C. 1833 (D. D.C. 1979)); also listed in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 122.

Privately owned treatment works means any device or system which is (a) used to treat wastes from any facility whose operation is not the operator of the treatment works or (b) not a "POTW".

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 or system used in the treatment (including recycling and reclamation) of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature which is owned by a "State" or "municipality".

This definition includes sewers, pipes, or other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a POTW providing treatment.

Regional Administrator means the Regional Administrator, EPA, Region I, Boston, Massachusetts.

Secondary Industry Category means any industry which is not a "primary industry category".

Section 313 water priority chemical means a chemical or chemical category which:

- (1) is listed at 40 CFR §372.65 pursuant to Section 313 of the Emergency Planning and Community Right-To-Know Act (EPCRA) (also known as Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986);
- (2) is present at or above threshold levels at a facility subject to EPCRA Section 313 reporting requirements; and
- (3) satisfies at least one of the following criteria:
 - (i) are listed in Appendix D of 40 CFR Part 122 on either Table II (organic priority pollutants), Table III (certain metals, cyanides, and phenols), or Table V (certain toxic pollutants and hazardous substances);
 - (ii) are listed as a hazardous substance pursuant to Section 311(b)(2)(A) of the CWA at 40 CFR §116.4; or
 - (iii) are pollutants for which EPA has published acute or chronic water quality criteria.

Septage means the liquid and solid material pumped from a septic tank, cesspool, or similar domestic sewage treatment system, or a holding tank when the system is cleaned or maintained.

Sewage Sludge means any solid, semisolid, or liquid residue removed during the treatment of municipal wastewater or domestic sewage. Sewage sludge includes, but is not limited to, solids removed during primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment, scum, septage, portable toilet pumpings, Type III Marine Sanitation Device pumpings (33 CFR Part 159), and sewage sludge products. Sewage sludge does not include grit or screenings, or ash generated during the incineration of sewage sludge.

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Sewage sludge use or disposal practice means the collection, storage, treatment, transportation, processing, monitoring, use, or disposal of sewage sludge.

Significant materials includes, but is not limited to: raw materials, fuels, materials such as solvents, detergents, and plastic pellets, raw materials used in food processing or production, hazardous substance designated under section 101(14) of CERCLA, any chemical the facility is required to report pursuant to EPCRA Section 313, fertilizers, pesticides, and waste products such as ashes, slag, and sludge that have the potential to be released with storm water discharges.

Significant spills includes, but is not limited to, releases of oil or hazardous substances in excess of reportable quantities under Section 311 of the CWA (see 40 CFR §110.10 and §117.21) or Section 102 of CERCLA (see 40 CFR § 302.4).

Sludge-only facility means any “treatment works treating domestic sewage” whose methods of sewage sludge use or disposal are subject to regulations promulgated pursuant to Section 405(d) of the CWA, and is required to obtain a permit under 40 CFR §122.1(b)(3).

State means any of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, Guam, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands.

Storm Water means storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.

Storm water discharge associated with industrial activity means the discharge from any conveyance which is used for collecting and conveying storm water and which is directly related to manufacturing, processing, or raw materials storage areas at an industrial plant. (See 40 CFR §122.26 (b)(14) for specifics of this definition.

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

Toxic pollutants means 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.

Treatment works treating domestic sewage means a POTW or any other sewage sludge or wastewater treatment devices or systems, regardless of ownership (including federal facilities), used in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage, including land dedicated for the disposal of sewage sludge. This definition does not include septic tanks or similar devices.

For purposes of this definition, “domestic sewage” includes waste and wastewater from humans or household operations that are discharged to or otherwise enter a treatment works. In States where there is no approved State sludge management program under Section 405(f) of the CWA, the Regional Administrator may designate any person subject to the standards for sewage sludge use and disposal in 40 CFR Part 503 as a “treatment works treating domestic sewage”, where he or she finds that there is a potential for adverse effects on public health and the environment from poor sludge quality or poor sludge handling, use or disposal practices, or where he or she finds that such designation is necessary to ensure that such person is in compliance with 40 CFR Part 503.

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Waste Pile means any non-containerized accumulation of solid, non-flowing waste that is used for treatment or storage.

Waters of the United States means:

- (a) All waters which are currently used, were used in the past, or may be susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, including all waters which are subject to the ebb and flow of tide;
- (b) All interstate waters, including interstate “wetlands”;
- (c) All other waters such as intrastate lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, “wetlands”, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, or natural ponds the use, degradation, or destruction of which would affect or could affect interstate or foreign commerce including any such waters:
 - (1) Which are or could be used by interstate or foreign travelers for recreational or other purpose;
 - (2) From which fish or shellfish are or could be taken and sold in interstate or foreign commerce; or
 - (3) Which are used or could be used for industrial purposes by industries in interstate commerce;
- (d) All impoundments of waters otherwise defined as waters of the United States under this definition;
- (e) Tributaries of waters identified in Paragraphs (a) through (d) of this definition;
- (f) The territorial sea; and
- (g) “Wetlands” adjacent to waters (other than waters that are themselves wetlands) identified in Paragraphs (a) through (f) of this definition.

Waste treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the CWA (other than cooling ponds as defined in 40 CFR §423.11(m) which also meet the criteria of this definition) are not waters of the United States.

Wetlands means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration 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 (WET) means the aggregate toxic effect of an effluent measured directly by a toxicity test. (See Abbreviations Section, following, for additional information.)

2. Definitions for NPDES Permit Sludge Use and Disposal Requirements.

Active sewage sludge unit is a sewage sludge unit that has not closed.

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Aerobic Digestion is the biochemical decomposition of organic matter in sewage sludge into carbon dioxide and water by microorganisms in the presence of air.

Agricultural Land is land on which a food crop, a feed crop, or a fiber crop is grown. This includes range land and land used as pasture.

Agronomic rate is the whole sludge application rate (dry weight basis) designed:

- (1) To provide the amount of nitrogen needed by the food crop, feed crop, fiber crop, cover crop, or vegetation grown on the land; and
- (2) To minimize the amount of nitrogen in the sewage sludge that passes below the root zone of the crop or vegetation grown on the land to the ground water.

Air pollution control device is one or more processes used to treat the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack.

Anaerobic digestion is the biochemical decomposition of organic matter in sewage sludge into methane gas and carbon dioxide by microorganisms in the absence of air.

Annual pollutant loading rate is the maximum amount of a pollutant that can be applied to a unit area of land during a 365 day period.

Annual whole sludge application rate is the maximum amount of sewage sludge (dry weight basis) that can be applied to a unit area of land during a 365 day period.

Apply sewage sludge or sewage sludge applied to the land means land application of sewage sludge.

Aquifer is a geologic formation, group of geologic formations, or a portion of a geologic formation capable of yielding ground water to wells or springs.

Auxiliary fuel is fuel used to augment the fuel value of sewage sludge. This includes, but is not limited to, natural gas, fuel oil, coal, gas generated during anaerobic digestion of sewage sludge, and municipal solid waste (not to exceed 30 percent of the dry weight of the sewage sludge and auxiliary fuel together). Hazardous wastes are not auxiliary fuel.

Base flood is a flood that has a one percent chance of occurring in any given year (i.e. a flood with a magnitude equaled once in 100 years).

Bulk sewage sludge is sewage sludge that is not sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land.

Contaminate an aquifer means to introduce a substance that causes the maximum contaminant level for nitrate in 40 CFR §141.11 to be exceeded in ground water or that causes the existing concentration of nitrate in the ground water to increase when the existing concentration of nitrate in the ground water exceeds the maximum contaminant level for nitrate in 40 CFR §141.11.

Class I sludge management facility is any publicly owned treatment works (POTW), as defined in 40 CFR §501.2, required to have an approved pretreatment program under 40 CFR §403.8 (a) (including any POTW located in a state that has elected to assume local program responsibilities pursuant to 40 CFR §403.10 (e) and any treatment works treating domestic sewage, as defined in 40 CFR § 122.2,

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classified as a Class I sludge management facility by the EPA Regional Administrator, or, in the case of approved state programs, the Regional Administrator in conjunction with the State Director, because of the potential for sewage sludge use or disposal practice to affect public health and the environment adversely.

Control efficiency is the mass of a pollutant in the sewage sludge fed to an incinerator minus the mass of that pollutant in the exit gas from the incinerator stack divided by the mass of the pollutant in the sewage sludge fed to the incinerator.

Cover is soil or other material used to cover sewage sludge placed on an active sewage sludge unit.

Cover crop is a small grain crop, such as oats, wheat, or barley, not grown for harvest.

Cumulative pollutant loading rate is the maximum amount of inorganic pollutant that can be applied to an area of land.

Density of microorganisms is the number of microorganisms per unit mass of total solids (dry weight) in the sewage sludge.

Dispersion factor is the ratio of the increase in the ground level ambient air concentration for a pollutant at or beyond the property line of the site where the sewage sludge incinerator is located to the mass emission rate for the pollutant from the incinerator stack.

Displacement is the relative movement of any two sides of a fault measured in any direction.

Domestic septage is either liquid or solid material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, portable toilet, Type III marine sanitation device, or similar treatment works that receives only domestic sewage. Domestic septage does not include liquid or solid material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, or similar treatment works that receives either commercial wastewater or industrial wastewater and does not include grease removed from a grease trap at a restaurant.

Domestic sewage is waste and wastewater from humans or household operations that is discharged to or otherwise enters a treatment works.

Dry weight basis means calculated on the basis of having been dried at 105 degrees Celsius (°C) until reaching a constant mass (i.e. essentially 100 percent solids content).

Fault is a fracture or zone of fractures in any materials along which strata on one side are displaced with respect to the strata on the other side.

Feed crops are crops produced primarily for consumption by animals.

Fiber crops are crops such as flax and cotton.

Final cover is the last layer of soil or other material placed on a sewage sludge unit at closure.

Fluidized bed incinerator is an enclosed device in which organic matter and inorganic matter in sewage sludge are combusted in a bed of particles suspended in the combustion chamber gas.

Food crops are crops consumed by humans. These include, but are not limited to, fruits, vegetables, and tobacco.

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Forest is a tract of land thick with trees and underbrush.

Ground water is water below the land surface in the saturated zone.

Holocene time is the most recent epoch of the Quaternary period, extending from the end of the Pleistocene epoch to the present.

Hourly average is the arithmetic mean of all the measurements taken during an hour. At least two measurements must be taken during the hour.

Incineration is the combustion of organic matter and inorganic matter in sewage sludge by high temperatures in an enclosed device.

Industrial wastewater is wastewater generated in a commercial or industrial process.

Land application is the spraying or spreading of sewage sludge onto the land surface; the injection of sewage sludge below the land surface; or the incorporation of sewage sludge into the soil so that the sewage sludge can either condition the soil or fertilize crops or vegetation grown in the soil.

Land with a high potential for public exposure is land that the public uses frequently. This includes, but is not limited to, a public contact site and reclamation site located in a populated area (e.g., a construction site located in a city).

Land with low potential for public exposure is land that the public uses infrequently. This includes, but is not limited to, agricultural land, forest and a reclamation site located in an unpopulated area (e.g., a strip mine located in a rural area).

Leachate collection system is a system or device installed immediately above a liner that is designed, constructed, maintained, and operated to collect and remove leachate from a sewage sludge unit.

Liner is soil or synthetic material that has a hydraulic conductivity of 1×10^{-7} centimeters per second or less.

Lower explosive limit for methane gas is the lowest percentage of methane gas in air, by volume, that propagates a flame at 25 degrees Celsius and atmospheric pressure.

Monthly average (Incineration) is the arithmetic mean of the hourly averages for the hours a sewage sludge incinerator operates during the month.

Monthly average (Land Application) is the arithmetic mean of all measurements taken during the month.

Municipality means a city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body (including an intermunicipal agency of two or more of the foregoing entities) created by or under State law; an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization having jurisdiction over sewage sludge management; or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA, as amended. The definition includes a special district created under state law, such as a water district, sewer district, sanitary district, utility district, drainage district, or similar entity, or an integrated waste management facility as defined in section 201 (e) of the CWA, as amended, that has as one of its principal responsibilities the treatment, transport, use or disposal of sewage sludge.

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Other container is either an open or closed receptacle. This includes, but is not limited to, a bucket, a box, a carton, and a vehicle or trailer with a load capacity of one metric ton or less.

Pasture is land on which animals feed directly on feed crops such as legumes, grasses, grain stubble, or stover.

Pathogenic organisms are disease-causing organisms. These include, but are not limited to, certain bacteria, protozoa, viruses, and viable helminth ova.

Permitting authority is either EPA or a State with an EPA-approved sludge management program.

Person is an individual, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, State or Federal Agency, or an agent or employee thereof.

Person who prepares sewage sludge is either the person who generates sewage sludge during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works or the person who derives a material from sewage sludge.

pH means the logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration; a measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a liquid or solid material.

Place sewage sludge or sewage sludge placed means disposal of sewage sludge on a surface disposal site.

Pollutant (as defined in sludge disposal requirements) is an organic substance, an inorganic substance, a combination of organic and inorganic substances, or pathogenic organism that, after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation, or assimilation into an organism either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through the food chain, could on the basis on information available to the Administrator of EPA, cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions (including malfunction in reproduction) or physical deformations in either organisms or offspring of the organisms.

Pollutant limit (for sludge disposal requirements) is a numerical value that describes the amount of a pollutant allowed per unit amount of sewage sludge (e.g., milligrams per kilogram of total solids); the amount of pollutant that can be applied to a unit of land (e.g., kilograms per hectare); or the volume of the material that can be applied to the land (e.g., gallons per acre).

Public contact site is a land with a high potential for contact by the public. This includes, but is not limited to, public parks, ball fields, cemeteries, plant nurseries, turf farms, and golf courses.

Qualified ground water scientist is an individual with a baccalaureate or post-graduate degree in the natural sciences or engineering who has sufficient training and experience in ground water hydrology and related fields, as may be demonstrated by State registration, professional certification, or completion of accredited university programs, to make sound professional judgments regarding ground water monitoring, pollutant fate and transport, and corrective action.

Range land is open land with indigenous vegetation.

Reclamation site is drastically disturbed land that is reclaimed using sewage sludge. This includes, but is not limited to, strip mines and construction sites.

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Risk specific concentration is the allowable increase in the average daily ground level ambient air concentration for a pollutant from the incineration of sewage sludge at or beyond the property line of a site where the sewage sludge incinerator is located.

Runoff is rainwater, leachate, or other liquid that drains overland on any part of a land surface and runs off the land surface.

Seismic impact zone is an area that has 10 percent or greater probability that the horizontal ground level acceleration to the rock in the area exceeds 0.10 gravity once in 250 years.

Sewage sludge is a solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Sewage sludge includes, but is not limited to: domestic septage; scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes; and a material derived from sewage sludge. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or grit and screening generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in treatment works.

Sewage sludge feed rate is either the average daily amount of sewage sludge fired in all sewage sludge incinerators within the property line of the site where the sewage sludge incinerators are located for the number of days in a 365 day period that each sewage sludge incinerator operates, or the average daily design capacity for all sewage sludge incinerators within the property line of the site where the sewage sludge incinerators are located.

Sewage sludge incinerator is an enclosed device in which only sewage sludge and auxiliary fuel are fired.

Sewage sludge unit is land on which only sewage sludge is placed for final disposal. This does not include land on which sewage sludge is either stored or treated. Land does not include waters of the United States, as defined in 40 CFR §122.2.

Sewage sludge unit boundary is the outermost perimeter of an active sewage sludge unit.

Specific oxygen uptake rate (SOUR) is the mass of oxygen consumed per unit time per unit mass of total solids (dry weight basis) in sewage sludge.

Stack height is the difference between the elevation of the top of a sewage sludge incinerator stack and the elevation of the ground at the base of the stack when the difference is equal to or less than 65 meters. When the difference is greater than 65 meters, stack height is the creditable stack height determined in accordance with 40 CFR §51.100 (ii).

State is one of the United States of America, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, Guam, American Samoa, the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and an Indian tribe eligible for treatment as a State pursuant to regulations promulgated under the authority of section 518(e) of the CWA.

Store or storage of sewage sludge is the placement of sewage sludge on land on which the sewage sludge remains for two years or less. This does not include the placement of sewage sludge on land for treatment.

Surface disposal site is an area of land that contains one or more active sewage sludge units.

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Total hydrocarbons means the organic compounds in the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack measured using a flame ionization detection instrument referenced to propane.

Total solids are the materials in sewage sludge that remain as residue when the sewage sludge is dried at 103 to 105 degrees Celsius.

Treat or treatment of sewage sludge is the preparation of sewage sludge for final use or disposal. This includes, but is not limited to, thickening, stabilization, and dewatering of sewage sludge. This does not include storage of sewage sludge.

Treatment works is either a federally owned, publicly owned, or privately owned device or system used to treat (including recycle and reclaim) either domestic sewage or a combination of domestic sewage and industrial waste of a liquid nature.

Unstable area is land subject to natural or human-induced forces that may damage the structural components of an active sewage sludge unit. This includes, but is not limited to, land on which the soils are subject to mass movement.

Unstabilized solids are organic materials in sewage sludge that have not been treated in either an aerobic or anaerobic treatment process.

Vector attraction is the characteristic of sewage sludge that attracts rodents, flies, mosquitoes, or other organisms capable of transporting infectious agents.

Volatile solids is the amount of the total solids in sewage sludge lost when the sewage sludge is combusted at 550 degrees Celsius in the presence of excess air.

Wet electrostatic precipitator is an air pollution control device that uses both electrical forces and water to remove pollutants in the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack.

Wet scrubber is an air pollution control device that uses water to remove pollutants in the exit gas from a sewage sludge incinerator stack.

3. Commonly Used Abbreviations

BOD	Five-day biochemical oxygen demand unless otherwise specified
CBOD	Carbonaceous BOD
CFS	Cubic feet per second
COD	Chemical oxygen demand
Chlorine	
Cl ₂	Total residual chlorine
TRC	Total residual chlorine which is a combination of free available chlorine (FAC, see below) and combined chlorine (chloramines, etc.)

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TRO	Total residual chlorine in marine waters where halogen compounds are present
FAC	Free available chlorine (aqueous molecular chlorine, hypochlorous acid, and hypochlorite ion)
Coliform	
Coliform, Fecal	Total fecal coliform bacteria
Coliform, Total	Total coliform bacteria
Cont. (Continuous)	Continuous recording of the parameter being monitored, i.e. flow, temperature, pH, etc.
Cu. M/day or M ³ /day	Cubic meters per day
DO	Dissolved oxygen
kg/day	Kilograms per day
lbs/day	Pounds per day
mg/l	Milligram(s) per liter
ml/l	Milliliters per liter
MGD	Million gallons per day
Nitrogen	
Total N	Total nitrogen
NH ₃ -N	Ammonia nitrogen as nitrogen
NO ₃ -N	Nitrate as nitrogen
NO ₂ -N	Nitrite as nitrogen
NO ₃ -NO ₂	Combined nitrate and nitrite nitrogen as nitrogen
TKN	Total Kjeldahl nitrogen as nitrogen
Oil & Grease	Freon extractable material
PCB	Polychlorinated biphenyl
pH	A measure of the hydrogen ion concentration. A measure of the acidity or alkalinity of a liquid or material
Surfactant	Surface-active agent

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Temp. °C	Temperature in degrees Centigrade
Temp. °F	Temperature in degrees Fahrenheit
TOC	Total organic carbon
Total P	Total phosphorus
TSS or NFR	Total suspended solids or total nonfilterable residue
Turb. or Turbidity	Turbidity measured by the Nephelometric Method (NTU)
ug/l	Microgram(s) per liter
WET	“Whole effluent toxicity” is the total effect of an effluent measured directly with a toxicity test.
C-NOEC	“Chronic (Long-term Exposure Test) – No Observed Effect Concentration”. The highest tested concentration of an effluent or a toxicant at which no adverse effects are observed on the aquatic test organisms at a specified time of observation.
A-NOEC	“Acute (Short-term Exposure Test) – No Observed Effect Concentration” (see C-NOEC definition).
LC ₅₀	LC ₅₀ is the concentration of a sample that causes mortality of 50% of the test population at a specific time of observation. The LC ₅₀ = 100% is defined as a sample of undiluted effluent.
ZID	Zone of Initial Dilution means the region of initial mixing surrounding or adjacent to the end of the outfall pipe or diffuser ports.

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PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

NPDES PERMIT NO.: NH0020966

PUBLIC NOTICE START/FINISH DATE: May 13th – June 11, 2015

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NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Facility Location

Wallis Sands State Park Wastewater Treatment Facility
Ocean Boulevard (Route 1A)
Rye, New Hampshire 03870

Mailing Address

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c/o NH Division of Parks & Recreation – Seacoast Region
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RECEIVING WATER: Atlantic Ocean (Hydrologic Basin Code: 01060003)

CLASSIFICATION: B

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I. Proposed Action, Type of Facility, and Discharge Location.

The above named applicant has applied to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for reissuance of its NPDES permit to discharge treated effluent from Outfall 001 into the Atlantic Ocean. The facility collects and treats domestic (sanitary) wastewater from public restrooms at Wallis Sands State Park (the Park) and discharges that treated effluent into the Atlantic Ocean. Influent wastewater flows into two septic tanks in series (11,523 gallon tank draining to a 6,035 gallon tank), and effluent from the tanks drains into a small pumping station, which doses an under-drained sand filter system. Effluent from the sand filter is collected and stored in a tank under an ultraviolet treatment system shed, from which it is pumped, approximately twice per week into the UV disinfection system at a rate of approximately 25 gallons per minute. Disinfected effluent from the UV treatment system discharges into a catch basin where it commingles with storm water from the surrounding area. Effluent monitoring occurs prior to this commingling. The commingled flow discharges from an outfall pipe beneath a jetty on the northern side of Wallis Sand Beach. This discharge occurs only when the Park is open to the public, from late May through late September or early October, depending on the weather.

The current permit is based on a treatment facility design flow of 10,000 gallons per day (gpd), which is equal to 0.010 million gallons per day (mgd). This design flow has been carried forward in the draft permit.

The previous permit was issued on October 30, 2007, and expired on October 30, 2012. Since the applicant filed a complete application for permit reissuance within the time period prescribed in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 122.6, the existing permit (“2007 permit”) was administratively extended and will be in effect until the new permit becomes effective.

The current permit authorizes discharge from Outfall 001 (Treatment Plant) from May 1st through October 31st each year. That discharge period will be continued in the draft permit. The locations of the treatment facility, Outfall 001, and the receiving water are shown in Attachment A.

II. Description of Discharge.

A quantitative description of significant effluent parameters based on Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) is shown in Attachment B. The data are from May 2010 through October 2014.

III. Limitations and Conditions.

Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements are found in PART I of the draft NPDES permit. The draft permit contains limitations for effluent flow, five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), total suspended solids (TSS), pH, fecal coliform, and enterococci bacteria.

IV. Permit Basis and Explanation of Effluent Limitation Derivation.

A. General Regulatory Background

Congress enacted the Clean Water Act (CWA) “to restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation’s waters.” CWA § 101(a). To achieve this objective, the CWA makes it unlawful for any person to discharge any pollutant into waters of the United

States from any point source, except as authorized by specified permitting sections of the CWA, one of which is Section 402. See CWA §§ 301(a) and 402(a). Section 402 establishes one of the CWA's principal permitting programs, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Under this section of the CWA, EPA may "issue a permit for the discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants" in accordance with certain conditions. See CWA § 402(a). NPDES permits generally contain discharge limitations and establish related monitoring and reporting requirements. See CWA § 402(a)(1)-(2).

Section 301 of the CWA provides for two types of effluent limitations to be included in NPDES permits: "technology-based" limitations and "water quality-based" limitations. See CWA §§ 301, 303, 304(b); 40 C.F.R. Parts 122, 125, 131. Technology-based limitations, generally developed on an industry-by-industry basis, reflect a specified level of pollutant reducing technology available and economically achievable for the type of facility being permitted. See CWA § 301(b). As a class, POTWs must meet performance based requirements dependent on available wastewater treatment technology. CWA § 301(b)(1)(B). The performance level for POTWs is referred to as "secondary treatment". Secondary treatment is comprised of technology-based requirements expressed in terms of BOD₅, TSS, and pH. 40 C.F.R. Part 133.

Water quality-based effluent limits are designed to ensure that state water quality standards are met regardless of the decision made with respect to technology and economics in establishing technology-based limitations. In particular, Section 301(b)(1)(C) requires achievement of, "any more stringent limitation, including those necessary to meet water quality standards...established pursuant to any State law or regulation..." See 40 C.F.R. §§ 122.4(d), 122.44(d)(1) (providing that a permit must contain effluent limits as necessary to protect State water quality standards, "including State narrative criteria for water quality")(emphasis added) and 122.45(d)(5) (providing in part that a permit incorporate any more stringent limits required by Section 301(b)(1)(C) of the CWA).

The CWA requires that States develop water quality standards for all water bodies within the State. CWA § 303. These standards have three parts: (1) one or more "designated uses" for each water body or water body segment in the state; (2) water quality "criteria" consisting of numerical concentration levels and/or narrative statements specifying the amounts of various pollutants that may be present in each water body without impairing the designated uses of that water body; and (3) an antidegradation provision, focused on protecting high quality waters and protecting and maintaining water quality necessary to protect existing uses. CWA § 303(c)(2)(a); 40 C.F.R. § 131.12. The limits and conditions of the permit reflect the goal of the CWA and EPA to achieve and then to maintain water quality standards.

The applicable New Hampshire water quality standards can be found in Surface Water Quality Regulations, Chapter Env-Wq 1700 et seq. See generally, Title 50, Water Management and Protection, Chapter 485A, Water Pollution and Waste Disposal Section 485-A. Hereinafter, New Hampshire's Surface Water Quality Regulations are referred to as the NH standards.

Receiving water requirements are established according to numerical and narrative standards adopted under state law for each stream classification. When using chemical-specific numeric criteria from a State's water quality standards to develop permit limits, both the acute and chronic aquatic life criteria are used and expressed in terms of maximum allowable in-stream pollutant concentrations. Acute aquatic life criteria are generally implemented through maximum daily limits and chronic aquatic life criteria are generally implemented through

average monthly limits. When a State has not established a numeric water quality criterion for a specific pollutant that is present in the effluent in a concentration that causes or has a reasonable potential to cause a violation of narrative water quality standards, the permitting authority must establish effluent limits in one of three ways: based on a “calculated numeric criterion for the pollutant which the permitting authority demonstrates will attain and maintain applicable narrative water quality criteria and fully protect the designated use”; on a “case-by-case basis” using CWA § 304(a) recommended water quality criteria, supplemented as necessary by other relevant information; or in certain circumstances, based on an “indicator parameter”. 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(d)(1)(vi)(A-C).

All statutory deadlines for meeting various treatment technology-based effluent limitations established pursuant to the CWA have expired. When technology-based effluent limits are included in a permit, compliance with those limitations is from the date the issued permit becomes effective. See 40 C.F.R. § 125.3(a)(1). Compliance schedules and deadlines not in accordance with the statutory provisions of the CWA cannot be authorized by an NPDES permit. The regulations governing EPA’s NPDES permit program are generally found in 40 C.F.R. Parts 122, 124, and 136.

B. Introduction

The permit must limit any pollutant or pollutant parameter (conventional, non-conventional, toxic, and whole effluent toxicity) that is or may be discharged at a level that causes or has “reasonable potential” to cause or contribute to an excursion above any water quality standard, including narrative water quality criteria. See 40 C.F.R. 122.44(d)(1). An excursion occurs if the projected or actual in-stream concentration exceeds the applicable criterion.

1. Reasonable Potential

In determining reasonable potential, EPA considers: (1) existing controls on point and non-point sources of pollution; (2) pollutant concentration and variability in the effluent and receiving water as determined from permit applications, monthly discharge monitoring reports, and State and Federal water quality reports; (3) sensitivity of the species to toxicity testing; (4) statistical approach outlined in *Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Controls*, March 1991, EPA/505/2-90-001 in Section 3; and where appropriate, (5) dilution of the effluent in the receiving water. In accordance with New Hampshire Standards (RSA 485-A:8VI, Env-Wq 1705.02), available dilution for tidal waters shall be equivalent to the conditions that result in a dilution that is exceeded 99% of the time. Furthermore, 10 percent of the receiving water’s assimilative capacity is held in reserve for future needs in accordance with New Hampshire’s Surface Water Quality Regulations Env-Wq 1705.01.

2. Anti-backsliding

Section 402(o) of the CWA generally provides that the effluent limitations of a renewed, reissued, or modified permit must be at least as stringent as the comparable effluent limitations in the previous permit. Unless certain limited exceptions are met, “backsliding” from effluent limitations contained in previously issued permits is prohibited. EPA has also promulgated anti-backsliding regulations which are found at 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(l). Unless applicable anti-backsliding requirements are met, the limits and conditions in the reissued permit must be at least as stringent as those in the previous permit.

3. State Certification

Section 401(a)(1) of the CWA requires all NPDES permit applicants to obtain a certification from the appropriate state agency stating that the permit will comply with all applicable federal effluent limitations and state water quality standards. See CWA § 401(a)(1). The regulatory provisions pertaining to state certification provide that EPA may not issue a permit until a certification is granted or waived by the state in which the discharge originates. 40 C.F.R. § 124.53(a). The regulations further provide that, “when certification is required...no final permit shall be issued...unless the final permit incorporated the requirements specified in the certification under § 124.53(e).” 40 C.F.R. § 124.55(a)(2). Section 124.53(e) in turn provides that the State certification shall include “any conditions more stringent than those in the draft permit which the State finds necessary” to assure compliance with, among other things, State water quality standards, see 40 C.F.R. 124.53(e)(2), and shall also include “[a] statement of the extent to which each condition of the draft permit can be made less stringent without violating the requirements of State law, including water quality standards,” see 40 C.F.R. 124.53(e)(3).

However, when EPA reasonably believes that a State water quality standard requires a more stringent permit limitation than that reflected in a state certification, it has an independent duty under CWA §301(b)(1)(C) to include more stringent permit limitations. See 40 C.F.R. §§ 122.44(d)(1) and (5). It should be noted that under CWA § 401, EPA’s duty to defer to considerations of State law is intended to prevent EPA from relaxing any requirements, limitations, or conditions imposed by State law. Therefore, “[a] State may not condition or deny a certification on the grounds that State law allows a less stringent permit condition.” 40 C.F.R. § 124.55(c). In such an instance, the regulations provide that, “The Regional Administrator shall disregard any such certification conditions or denials as waivers of certification.” Id. EPA regulations pertaining to permit limits based upon water quality standards and state requirements are contained in 40 C.F.R. § 122.4(d) and 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(d).

4. Receiving Water Description

The Wallis Sands State Park WWTF discharges into the Atlantic Ocean. If any impaired water quality conditions persist in the Atlantic Ocean they would result in a listing in the State of New Hampshire’s 2010 *Final List of Threatened or Impaired Waters That Require a TMDL*, also referred to as the 303(d) list. The 2010 303(d) list shows segment *Atlantic Ocean – Wallis Sands WWTP* (NHOCN000000000-02-15) as impaired for Fish (due to Mercury and PCBs) and Shellfishing (due to Dioxin, Mercury and PCBs). Additionally, segment *Atlantic Ocean – Wallis Sands State Park Beach* (NHOCN000000000-02-16) is listed with the same impairments.

C. Effluent Flow

Sewage treatment plant discharge is encompassed within the definition of “pollutant” and is subject to regulation under the CWA. The CWA defines “pollutant” to mean, *inter alia*, “municipal . . . waste” and “sewage...discharged into water.” 33 U.S.C. § 1362(6).

EPA may use design flow of effluent both to determine the necessity for effluent limitations in the permit that comply with the Act, and to calculate the limits themselves. EPA practice is to use design flow as a reasonable and important worst-case condition in EPA’s reasonable potential and water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBEL) calculations to ensure

compliance with water quality standards under Section 301(b)(1)(C). Should the effluent discharge flow exceed the flow assumed in these calculations, the instream dilution would decrease and the calculated effluent limits may not be protective of WQS. Further, pollutants that do not have the reasonable potential to exceed WQS at the lower discharge flow may have reasonable potential at a higher flow due to the decreased dilution. In order to ensure that the assumptions underlying the Region's reasonable potential analyses and derivation of permit effluent limitations remain sound for the duration of the permit, the Region may ensure its "worst-case" effluent wastewater flow assumption through imposition of permit conditions for effluent flow. Thus, the effluent flow limit is a component of WQBELs because the WQBELs are premised on a maximum level of flow. In addition, the flow limit is necessary to ensure that other pollutants remain at levels that do not have a reasonable potential to exceed WQS.

Using a facility's design flow in the derivation of pollutant effluent limitations, including conditions to limit wastewater effluent flow, is consistent with, and anticipated by NPDES permit regulations. Regarding the calculation of effluent limitations for POTWs, 40 C.F.R. § 122.45(b)(1) provides, "permit effluent limitations...shall be calculated based on design flow." POTW permit applications are required to include the design flow of the treatment facility. *Id.* § 122.21(j)(1)(vi).

Similarly, EPA's reasonable potential regulations require EPA to consider "where appropriate, the dilution of the effluent in the receiving water," 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(d)(1)(ii), which is a function of *both* the wastewater effluent flow and receiving water flow. EPA guidance directs that this "reasonable potential" analysis be based on "worst-case" conditions. EPA accordingly is authorized to carry out its reasonable potential calculations by presuming that a plant is operating at its design flow when assessing reasonable potential.

The limitation on sewage effluent flow is within EPA's authority to condition a permit in order to carry out the objectives of the Act. *See* CWA §§ Sections 402(a)(2) and 301(b)(1)(C); 40 C.F.R. §§ 122.4(a) and (d); 122.43 and 122.44(d). A condition on the discharge designed to protect EPA's WQBEL and reasonable potential calculations is encompassed by the references to "condition" and "limitations" in 402 and 301 and implementing regulations, as they are designed to assure compliance with applicable water quality regulations, including antidegradation. Regulating the quantity of pollutants in the discharge through a restriction on the quantity of wastewater effluent is consistent with the overall structure and purposes of the CWA.

In addition, as provided in Part II.B.1 of this permit and 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(e), the permittee is required to properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control. Operating the facilities wastewater treatment systems as designed includes operating within the facility's design effluent flow. Thus, the permit's effluent flow limitation is necessary to ensure proper facility operation, which in turn is a requirement applicable to all NPDES permits. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 122.41.

The Wallis Sands State Park WWTF has a design flow of 0.01 mgd. This flow has been included as a monthly average limit in the draft permit. During the review period, the average monthly discharge from the treatment facility is approximately 0.0019 mgd (see Attachment B). If the effluent flow rate exceeds 80 percent of the 0.01 mgd design flow (0.008 mgd) for a period of three (3) consecutive months then the permittee must notify EPA and the NHDES-WD and implement a program to maintain satisfactory treatment levels.

D. Conventional Pollutants

1. BOD₅ and TSS

The average monthly and average weekly concentration-based limits of 30 mg/l and 45 mg/l, respectively, for both five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) and total suspended solids (TSS) are based on requirements under Section 301(b)(1)(B) of the CWA as defined in the Secondary Treatment Standards in 40 CFR Section 133.102(a) and (b).

The mass limitations for BOD₅ and TSS are based on the POTW's design flow of 0.01 mgd.

Equation used to calculate maximum allowable loads for BOD₅ and TSS:

$$L = C \times Q_d \times 8.345$$

Where:

- L = Maximum allowable load, in lbs/day
- C = Maximum allowable effluent concentration, in mg/l.
- Q_d = Treatment plant's design flow (0.01 mgd)
- 8.345 = Conversion Factor

Applicable Concentration Limits for BOD ₅ and TSS			
Parameter	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum
BOD ₅	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	50 mg/l
TSS	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	50 mg/l

Average Monthly BOD₅ Mass Limit: 30 mg/l x 0.01 mgd x 8.345 = **2.5 lb/d**

Average Weekly BOD₅ Mass Limit: 45 mg/l x 0.01 mgd x 8.345 = **3.8 lb/d**

Maximum Daily BOD₅ Mass Limit: 50 mg/l x 0.01 mgd x 8.345 = **4.2 lb/d**

Average Monthly TSS Mass Limit: 30 mg/l x 0.01 mgd x 8.345 = **2.5 lb/d**

Average Weekly TSS Mass Limit: 45 mg/l x 0.01 mgd x 8.345 = **3.8 lb/d**

Maximum Daily TSS Mass Limit: 50 mg/l x 0.01 mgd x 8.345 = **4.2 lb/d**

All the concentration and mass-based effluent limits for BOD₅ and TSS in the draft permit are the same as the 2007 permit and, therefore, are consistent with antibacksliding requirements found in 40 CFR §122.44(1). The permittee has been able to achieve consistent compliance with those limits (see Attachment B).

Percent removal limits of 85% for BOD₅ and of TSS, required under 40 CFR Section 133.102 (a) (3) and (b)(3), respectively, are the same as the limits in the 2007 permit and in accordance with the antibacksliding requirements found in 40 CFR Section 122.44(1).

The monitoring frequency for BOD₅ and TSS in the draft permit is twice per month.

2. pH

The limit for pH is based upon State Certification Requirements and RSA 485-A:8, which states that “The pH range for said (Class B) waters shall be 6.5 to 8.0 except when due to natural causes.”

The draft permit includes a provision allowing a relaxation of the pH limits if the permittee performs an in-stream dilution study that demonstrates that the in-stream standards for pH would be protected. If the State approves results from a pH demonstration study, this permit's pH limit range may be relaxed. The notification of the relaxation must be made by certified letter to the permittee from EPA-Region 1. The pH limit range cannot be less restrictive than 6.0 - 9.0 S.U., the limitations included in the applicable National Effluent Limitation Guideline (Secondary Treatment Regulations in 40 CFR Part 133) for the facility.

3. Fecal Coliform

Effluent limitations for fecal coliform in the draft permit are the same as those in the current permit. New Hampshire State statute N.H. RSA 485-A:8,V. specifies that the bacteria standard shall be “...as recommended under the National Shellfish Program Manual of Operation, United States Department of Food and Drug Administration.” This standard applies to facilities which discharge into tidal waters used for growing or taking of shellfish for human consumption, and therefore applies to the Park. The recommended criteria for fecal coliform bacteria is 14 colonies per 100 milliliters and includes a condition that “...not more than 10 percent of the collected samples to exceed a Most Probable Number (MPN) of 43 per 100 milliliters for a 5-tube decimal dilution test.”

The 2007 permit requires compliance monitoring frequency for fecal coliform of five times per week. This frequency is being carried forward in the draft permit.

The draft permit also contains a state permit condition to notify the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Watershed Management Bureau, Shellfish Section whenever there is an upset or bypass of the disinfection system.

4. Enterococci Bacteria

Effluent limitations for Enterococci bacteria in the draft permit are the same as those in the current permit. New Hampshire's State statutes (N.H. RSA 485-A:8,V.) require Enterococci bacteria limits for discharges to “tidal waters utilized for swimming purposes.” Accordingly, the draft permit includes average monthly (35 colonies/100 ml) and maximum daily (104 colonies/100 ml) limits for Enterococci bacteria to protect bathers/swimmers using the Park's bathing beach, which is in close proximity to this discharge.

The original basis for the pH, Fecal Coliform and Enterococci bacteria limits is found in N.H. RSA 485-A:8. Historically, the NHDES-WD has required pH and all bacterial limits to be satisfied at end-of-pipe with no allowance for dilution. Therefore, all these limitations are also based on State Certification Requirements for POTWs under section 401(d) of the CWA, 40 CFR §§ 124.53 and 124.55.

E. Non-Conventional and Toxic Pollutants

Based upon the permit application, there is not expected to be any non-conventional or toxic pollutants in this discharge. Note that the Park's WWTF has used ultraviolet light for disinfection for the last several years. Hence, the WWTF does not utilize chlorine and a residual chlorine limit is not necessary.

7Q10 Flow and Available Dilution

When the permit was last reissued, the predicted available dilution (also referred to as dilution factor) within the receiving water was set at the default value of one (i.e., no dilution). The outfall is located about 315 feet out from the shoreline and is normally submerged under 4 to 6 feet of water. However, during some low tides, the discharge is exposed and does not immediately mix with the receiving water. Given that the discharge is exposed during some low tides, the facility is given a dilution factor of one (1). When a facility is assigned a dilution factor of one, it must meet all applicable water quality standards at the end of discharge pipe before mixing with the receiving water.

F. Whole Effluent Toxicity

EPA's **Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control, EPA/505/2-90-001, March 1991**, recommends using an "integrated strategy" containing both pollutant (chemical) specific approaches and whole effluent (biological) toxicity approaches to control toxic pollutants in effluent discharges from entering the nation's waterways. These approaches are designed to protect aquatic life and human health. Pollutant-specific approaches such as those in the Gold Book and State regulations address individual chemicals, whereas, whole effluent toxicity (WET) approaches evaluate interactions between pollutants, thus rendering an "overall" or "aggregate" toxicity assessment of the effluent. Furthermore, WET measures the "additivity" and/or "antagonistic" effects of individual chemical pollutants which pollutant specific approaches do not, thus the need for both approaches. In addition, the presence of an unknown toxic pollutant can be discovered and addressed through this process.

New Hampshire law states that, "all surface waters shall be free from toxic substances or chemical constituents in concentrations or combination that injure or are inimical to plants, animals, humans, or aquatic life;...." (N.H. RSA 485-A:8, VI and the N.H. Code of Administrative Rules, PART Env-Wq 1730.21(a)(1)). The federal NPDES regulations at 40 CFR §122.44(d)(1)(v) require whole effluent toxicity limits in a permit when a discharge has a "reasonable potential" to cause or contribute to an excursion above the State's narrative criterion for toxicity. Furthermore, results of these toxicity tests will demonstrate compliance of the POTW's discharge with the "no toxic provision of the NH Standards."

Prior to issuing the February 12, 1996 permit, EPA required the permittee to perform a whole effluent toxicity test to determine whether the discharge has the reasonable potential for the discharge to violate the "no toxics" provision in the State's water quality regulations. In a letter dated February 6, 1995, and pursuant to Section 308 of the CWA, EPA Region 1 required the Park to conduct a chronic (modified acute) toxicity test using the saltwater indicator species Inland Silverside (*Menidia beryllina*). Results of that test were provided to EPA Region 1 in a report titled "Toxicological Evaluation of a Treated Effluent - Biomonitoring Support for an NPDES Permit: July 1995, Wallis Sands State Beach, Rye, New Hampshire". The results were

LC50 >78 % for the modified acute test, and were C-NOEC = 78 % for the both survival and reproduction portions of the chronic test. Since the 78 % effluent concentration used in the test was a salinity adjusted nominal 100 % effluent concentration (i.e. the 100 percent sample was diluted to a 78 % effluent concentration with salt water to provide sufficient salinity for the survival of the marine test organisms) the results indicate that the Park's discharge exhibited neither acute nor chronic toxicity to Inland Silverside during the seven-day exposure period. Therefore, EPA Region 1 concluded that there was no "reasonable potential" for the State's narrative toxicity criterion to be violated in the current permit.

That conclusion was further supported by the fact that the facility has a seasonal and non-continuous discharge of low volume, highly treated sanitary waste, that the discharge is disinfected with ultraviolet light, not chlorine, so the discharge does not contain any residual toxic material, and unlike most POTWs, this treatment system does not receive any industrial wastes. Therefore, given all the facts present above, EPA Region 1 and the NHDES-WD concluded that there was no need for additional toxicity monitoring or limits in the current permit.

In this permit reissuance, nothing has changed relative to the treatment plant or the quantity or quality of the wastewater being treated to alter the original conclusion that this discharge does not have the reasonable potential to violate the State's narrative toxicity criterion. However, EPA notes that the WET test used in this analysis is approximately 20 years old and future permitting decisions would require more recent WET data. Given that the discharge has no dilution under some low tides (as discussed above), the draft permit requires one-time acute (LC50) and chronic (C-NOEC) WET tests to be conducted in the 4th year of the permit cycle to ensure that the discharge does not contain toxic pollutants in toxic amounts. As indicated in the draft permit, these tests shall be conducted during the 3rd calendar quarter (July-September), using both the *Menidia beryllina* and *Mysidopsis bahia* species, with results submitted by October 15th of that year. Results from these toxicity tests may be used to re-open and modify this permit or reevaluate the toxic impact of this discharge in the next permit reissuance.

G. Industrial Users

The facility does not accept industrial discharges and does not anticipate any future scenarios under which it would accept such discharges. The current permit included a condition preventing this wastewater treatment facility from accepting discharges from any industrial source. This condition has been retained in the draft permit. Should this facility request that this condition be modified, it would require a reevaluation of the need for water quality-based limits on toxics, including whole effluent toxicity.

H. Operation and Maintenance

Regulations regarding proper operation and maintenance are found at 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(e). These regulations require, "that the permittee shall at all times 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 the permit." The treatment plant and the collection system are included in the definition "facilities and systems of treatment and control" and are therefore subject to proper operation and maintenance requirements.

Similarly, a permittee has a "duty to mitigate" pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(d), which requires

the permittee to “take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of the permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.”

General requirements for proper operation and maintenance and mitigation have been included in Part II of the permit. Specific permit conditions have also been included in Part I.B. and I.C. of the draft permit. These requirements include reporting of unauthorized discharges including SSOs and maintaining alternate power where necessary.

I. Sludge

Section 405(d) of the CWA requires that EPA develop technical standards regulating the use and disposal of sewage sludge. These regulations were signed on November 25, 1992, published in the Federal Register on February 19, 1993, and became effective on March 22, 1993. Domestic sludge, which is land applied, disposed of in a surface disposal unit or fired in a sewage sludge incinerator, is subject to Part 503 technical standards. Part 503 regulations have a self implementing provision, however, in that the CWA requires implementation through permits. Domestic sludge, which is disposed of in a municipal solid waste landfill, is in compliance with Part 503 regulations, provided that the sludge meets the quality criteria of the landfill and the landfill meets the requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 258.

The Wallis Sands State Park WWTF generates approximately 4 dry metric tons of sewage sludge per year, which is shipped to the South Berwick Sewer District for treatment or blending.

The draft permit has been conditioned to ensure that sewage sludge use and disposal practices meet the CWA Section 405(d) Technical Standards. In addition, EPA-Region 1 has prepared a 72-page document entitled “EPA Region I NPDES Permit Sludge Compliance Guidance” for use by the permittee in determining their appropriate sludge conditions for their chosen method of sewage sludge use or disposal practices. This guidance document is available upon request from EPA Region 1 and may be found at:

<http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/permits/generic/sludgeguidance.pdf>. The permittee is required to submit an annual report to EPA and NHDES, by February 19th each year, containing the information specified in the Sludge Compliance Guidance document for their chosen method of sewage sludge use or disposal practices.

J. Essential Fish Habitat and Endangered Species

1. Essential Fish Habitat

The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, as amended by the Sustainable Fisheries Act of 1996 (Public Law 104267), established a new requirement to describe and identify (designate) “essential fish habitat” (EFH) in each federal fishery management plan. Only species managed under a federal fishery management plan are covered. Fishery Management Councils determine which area will be designated as EFH. The Councils have prepared written descriptions and maps of EFH, and include them in fishery management plans or their amendments. EFH designations for New England were approved by the Secretary of Commerce on March 3, 1999.

The 1996 Sustainable Fisheries Act broadly defined EFH as “waters and substrate necessary to

fish for spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity.” Waters include aquatic areas and their associated physical, chemical, and biological properties. Substrate includes sediment, hard bottom, and structures underlying the waters. Necessary means the habitat required to support a sustainable fishery and the managed species’ contribution to a healthy ecosystem. Spawning, breeding, feeding, or growth to maturity covers all habitat types utilized by a species throughout its life cycle. Adversely affect means any impact which reduces the quality and/or quantity of EFH. Adverse impacts may include direct (i.e. contamination, physical disruption), indirect (i.e. loss of prey), site specific or habitat wide impacts including individual, cumulative, or synergistic consequences of actions.

According to the Guide to Essential Fish Habitat Designations in the Northeastern United States; Volume I: Maine and New Hampshire, March 1999, the Atlantic Ocean in the vicinity of the Wallis Sands State Park WWTF discharge has been designated as EFH for the species listed in Attachment C.

EPA has concluded that the limits and conditions contained in this draft permit minimize adverse effects to EFH for the following reasons:

- This permit action does not constitute a new source of pollutants. It is the reissuance of an existing NPDES permit;
- The permit prohibits the discharge to cause a violation of state water quality standards;
- The permit prohibits the discharge of any pollutant or combination of pollutants in toxic amounts;
- The facility has a seasonal and non-continuous discharge of low volume, highly treated sanitary wastewater;
- The facility withdraws no water from the Atlantic Ocean, so there is no potential for mortality to EFH species life stages from impingement or entrainment;
- The discharge is disinfected with ultraviolet light, not chlorine, so the discharge does not contain any residual toxic material;
- This treatment system does not receive any industrial wastes.

EPA believes that the conditions and limitations contained within the draft permit adequately protect all aquatic life, including the species with designated EFH in the receiving water, and that further mitigation is not warranted. Should adverse impacts to EFH be detected as a result of this permit action, or if new information is received that changes the basis for EPA’s conclusions, NMFS will be contacted and an EFH consultation will be reinitiated.

As the federal agency charged with authorizing the discharge from this facility, in addition to this fact sheet and associated draft permit, EPA will send a notification letter to NMFS Habitat Division under separate cover.

2. Endangered Species

Section 7(a) of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA) grants authority to and imposes requirements upon Federal agencies regarding endangered or threatened species of fish, wildlife, or plants (“listed species”) and habitat of such species that has been designated as critical (a “critical habitat”). The ESA requires every Federal agency, in consultation with and with the assistance of the Secretary of Interior, to insure that any action it authorizes, funds, or

carries out, in the United States or upon the high seas, is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of any listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) administers Section 7 consultations for freshwater species. The National Marine Fisheries Service (NOAA Fisheries) administers Section 7 consultations for marine species and anadromous fish.

Action Area of Proposed Regulated Discharge

As detailed previously in this fact sheet (Section I), the highly treated and disinfected effluent from the wastewater treatment system discharges into a catch basin where it is diluted with non-industrial storm water from the surrounding state park. The commingled flow discharges from an outfall pipe beneath a jetty on the northern side of Wallis Sand Beach. The outfall is located about 315 feet out from the shoreline and is normally submerged under 4 to 6 feet of water during most tidal cycles. The end of the discharge pipe is only exposed during some low tidal cycles. This discharge has an intermittent flow (approximately twice per week) and occurs only when the Park is open to the public, from late May through late September or early October, depending on the weather.

The treatment facility maximum design flow is 10,000 gallons per day (gpd), which is equal to 0.010 million gallons per day (mgd). This flow has been included as a seasonal average limit in the draft permit. During the review period, the average monthly discharge from the treatment facility was approximately 1,900 gpd (0.0019 mgd; see Attachment B).

Based on the location and permitted flow of this single outfall, EPA has determined that the action area is a highly localized, near-shore area in the vicinity of the state park shoreline. Tidal influences result in rapid dilution of this intermittent discharge.

Protected Species Review

As the federal agency responsible for authorizing the discharge from this facility, EPA has reviewed available information and determined that a number of federally listed species inhabit (seasonally) waters in the broad general area of the relevant discharge. Further analysis was done with regard to the presence or absence of these protected species in the action area. Coastal areas of Massachusetts and New Hampshire provide habitat for a number of federally protected marine species, including: mammals (whales: North Atlantic Right, Humpback, Fin, Sei, Sperm, Blue – all endangered); reptiles (sea turtles: Kemp's Ridley, Leatherback, Green – all endangered; Northwest Atlantic Ocean Distinct Population Segment of Loggerhead – threatened). However, EPA does not consider the immediate near-shore area in the vicinity of the facility discharge to be suitable habitat for these marine species. Based on the normal distribution of these species, it is unlikely that any of the coastal ESA listed species identified above would be expected to be present in the action area of the treatment plant's discharge.

Two additional federally listed species, the shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*) and the Atlantic sturgeon (*Acipenser oxyrinchus*) are more closely associated with immediate coastal habitat. Atlantic sturgeon in particular, have been documented in the Merrimack River, approximately 2.5 miles north of the discharge. However, in this case as well, the intermittent, highly localized and minimal flow from the facility results in a small action area that Atlantic sturgeon are not expected to encounter. Taking into account the normal distribution of the sturgeon species, it is unlikely that they would be present in the action area of the treatment

plant's discharge.

Based on this evaluation and the expected distribution of all protected species known to occur in marine waters off the coast of New Hampshire, EPA has determined that no protected species are likely to encounter the action area and that the project will have no effect on the species. Therefore, consultation under Section 7 of the ESA is not required. If new information becomes available that changes the basis for this conclusion, EPA will notify NMFS Protected Resources Division.

V. Antidegradation

This draft permit is being reissued with limitations that are at least as stringent as those in the 2007 permit and there is no change in the outfall location. Since the State of New Hampshire has indicated that there will be no lowering of water quality and no loss of existing uses, no additional antidegradation review is needed.

VI. Monitoring and Reporting

The effluent monitoring requirements have been established to yield data representative of the discharge under authority of Section 308 (a) of the CWA in accordance with 40 CFR §§122.41 (j), 122.44 (l), and 122.48.

The draft permit requires that the permittee submit all monitoring data and other reports required by the permit to EPA using NetDMR. NetDMR is a national web-based tool for regulated CWA permittees to submit DMRs electronically via a secure internet application to U.S. EPA through the Environmental Information Exchange Network. NetDMR allows participants to discontinue mailing in hard copy forms under 40 CFR § 122.41 and § 403.12. NetDMR is accessed from the following url: <http://www.epa.gov/netdmr>. Further information about NetDMR, including contacts for EPA Region 1, is provided on this website.

The draft permit requires the permittee to report monitoring results obtained during each calendar month using NetDMR, no later than the 15th day of the month following the completed reporting period. All reports required under the permit shall be submitted to EPA as an electronic attachment to the DMR.

VIII. State Certification Requirements

EPA may not issue a permit unless the State Water Pollution Control Agency with jurisdiction over the receiving water(s) either certifies that the effluent limitations and/or conditions contained in the permit are stringent enough to assure and, among other things, that the discharge will not cause the receiving water to violate NH standards or waives its right to certify as set forth in 40 C.F.R. §124.53.

Upon public noticing of the draft permit, EPA is formally requesting that the State's certifying authority make a written determination concerning certification. The State will be deemed to have waived its right to certify unless certification is received within 60 days of receipt of this request.

The NHDES-WD, Wastewater Engineering Bureau is the certifying authority. EPA has discussed this draft permit with the staff of the Wastewater Engineering Bureau and expects that the draft

permit will be certified. Regulations governing state certification are set forth in 40 C.F.R. §§ 124.53 and 124.55.

The State's certification should include the specific conditions necessary to assure compliance with applicable provisions of the CWA, Sections 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306, and 307 and with the appropriate requirements of State law. In addition, the State should provide a statement of the extent to which each condition of the draft permit can be made less stringent without violating the requirements of State law. Since the State's certification is provided prior to permit issuance, any failure by the State to provide this statement waives the State's right to certify or object to any less stringent condition. These less stringent conditions may be established by EPA during the permit issuance process based on information received following the public notice of the draft permit. If the State believes that any conditions more stringent than those contained in the draft permit are necessary to meet the requirements of either the CWA or State law, the State should include such conditions and, in each case, cite the CWA or State law reference upon which that condition is based. Failure to provide such a citation waives the right to certify as to that condition.

Reviews and appeals of limitations and conditions attributable to State Certification shall be made through the applicable procedures of the State and may not be made through the applicable procedures set forth in 40 C.F.R. Part 124.

IX. Comment Period, Hearing Requests, and Procedures for Final Decisions

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by the close of the public comment period to:

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Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

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X. EPA – Region 1 Contact

Additional information concerning the draft permit may be obtained between the hours of 9:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. (8:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. for the state), Monday through Friday, excluding holidays from:

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May 2015

Date:

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ATTACHMENT A – Wallis Sands WWTF Outfall and Receiving Water Map



Aerial Photo taken from Google Maps (March 23, 2015) www.google.com/maps

ATTACHMENT B – DMR SUMMARY

Monitoring Period End Date	NODI	BOD5	BOD5	BOD5	BOD5	BOD5	BOD5	BOD5
		2.5 lb/d	30 mg/L	3.8 lb/d	45 mg/L	4.2 lb/d	50 mg/L	85 %
		MO AVG	MO AVG	WKLY AVG	WKLY AVG	DAILY MX	DAILY MX	MO AV MN
05/31/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2010	C							
05/31/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2011	C							
05/31/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2012		0.06	0.	0.03	10.	0.03	10.	97.7
09/30/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2012	C							
05/31/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2013	C							
05/31/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2014	C							
Maximum		0.06	0.	0.03	10.	0.03	10.	100.
Minimum		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	97.7
Average		0.002	0.	0.001	0.4	0.001	0.4	99.9

Monitoring Period End Date	NODI	TSS	TSS	TSS	TSS	TSS	TSS	TSS
		2.5 lb/d	30 mg/L	3.8 lb/d	45 mg/L	4.2 lb/d	50 mg/L	85 %
		MO AVG	MO AVG	WKLY AVG	WKLY AVG	DAILY MX	DAILY MX	MO AV MN
05/31/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2010		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2010	C							
05/31/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2011		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2011	C							
05/31/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2012		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2012	C							
05/31/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
06/30/2013		0.033	0.	0.07	6.	0.07	6.	96.
07/31/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2013		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2013	C							
05/31/2014		0.04	7.	0.09	13.	0.09	13.	82.2
06/30/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
07/31/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
08/31/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
09/30/2014		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	100.
10/31/2014	C							
Maximum		0.04	7.	0.09	13.	0.09	13.	100.
Minimum		0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	0.	82.2
Average		0.003	0.28	0.006	0.76	0.006	0.76	99.1

Monitoring Period End Date	NODI	Fecal Coliform			Enterococci		Flow		pH	
		14 #/100mL	43 MPN/ 100mL	<10%	35 #/100mL	104 #/100mL	MGD	MGD	6.5 SU	8 SU
		MO GEOMN	DAILY MX	MO AVG	MO GEOMN	DAILY MX	MO AVG	DAILY MX	MINIM UM	MAXIM UM
05/31/2010		2.	2.	0.	7.2	7.2	0.002	0.002	7.34	7.34
06/30/2010		2.	2.	0.	1.	2.	0.0014	0.0016	7.1	7.32
07/31/2010		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0019	0.0024	6.54	7.87
08/31/2010		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0018	0.003	6.7	7.41
09/30/2010		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0021	0.0023	7.28	7.35
10/31/2010	C									
05/31/2011		2.	2.	0.	5.2	18.5	0.0026	0.0027	6.94	7.03
06/30/2011		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.002	0.0026	6.5	7.39
07/31/2011		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.002	0.0023	6.62	7.17
08/31/2011		2.	2.	0.	1.	2.	0.002	0.0026	6.7	6.99
09/30/2011		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0021	0.0021	6.9	6.92
10/31/2011	C									
05/31/2012		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0017	0.002	7.21	7.49
06/30/2012		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0022	0.0026	6.69	7.49
07/31/2012		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.002	0.0025	6.56	7.34
08/31/2012		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0018	0.0022	6.67	7.61
09/30/2012		2.9	4.	0.	1.	1.	0.0013	0.0013	6.75	7.04
10/31/2012	C									
05/31/2013		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.001	0.0013	7.12	7.45
06/30/2013		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0021	0.0033	6.88	7.24
07/31/2013		2.	2.	2.	1.	1.	0.0024	0.0026	6.69	7.96
08/31/2013		2.	2.	0.	1.	1.	0.0022	0.0025	6.71	7.13
09/30/2013		2.	2.	2.	1.	1.	0.0021	0.0023	6.76	6.88
10/31/2013	C									
05/31/2014		1.	1.	0.	3.3	11.8	0.0013	0.0018	7.47	7.69
06/30/2014		1.	1.	0.	1.	1.	0.0015	0.0017	7.05	7.91
07/31/2014		1.	1.	0.	1.	1.	0.0023	0.0025	6.64	7.7
08/31/2014		1.	3.1	0.	1.	1.	0.0024	0.0026	6.61	7.19
09/30/2014		1.	1.	0.	1.	1.	0.0018	0.0019	6.82	6.83
10/31/2014	C									
Maximum		2.9	4.	2.	7.2	18.5	0.0026	0.0033	7.47	7.96
Minimum		1.	1.	0.	1.	1.	0.001	0.0013	6.5	6.83
Average		1.84	1.96	0.16	1.508	2.46	0.0019	0.0023	6.85	7.35

ATTACHMENT C – EFH DESIGNATIONS

Species	Eggs	Larvae	Juveniles	Adults	Spawning Adults
Atlantic salmon (<i>Salmo salar</i>)			F,M		
Atlantic cod (<i>Gadus morhua</i>)	S	S			
haddock (<i>Meanogrammus aeglefinus</i>)	S	S			
pollack (<i>Pollachius virens</i>)	S	S	S		
red hake (<i>Urophycis chuss</i>)			S	S	
white hake (<i>Urophycis tenuis</i>)	S		S	S	
redfish (<i>Sebastes fasciatus</i>)	n/a				
winter flounder (<i>Pleuronectes americanus</i>)	M,S	M,S	M,S	M,S	M,S
yellowtail flounder (<i>Pleuronectes ferruginea</i>)	S	S			
windowpane flounder (<i>Scophthalmus aquosus</i>)	S	S	S	S	S
Atlantic halibut (<i>Hippoglossus hippoglossus</i>)	S	S	S	S	S
Atlantic sea scallop (<i>Placopecten magellanicus</i>)			S	S	
Atlantic sea herring (<i>Clupea harengus</i>)		M,S	M,S		
bluefish (<i>Pomatomus saltatrix</i>)			M,S	M,S	
long finned squid (<i>Loligo pealei</i>)	n/a	n/a			
short finned squid (<i>Illex illecebrosus</i>)	n/a	n/a			
Atlantic mackerel (<i>Scomber scombrus</i>)	M,S	M,S	S		
surf clam (<i>Spisula solidissima</i>)	n/a	n/a			
ocean quahog (<i>Artica islandica</i>)	n/a	n/a			
spiny dogfish (<i>Squalus acanthias</i>)	n/a	n/a			

S = The EFH designation for this species includes the seawater salinity zone of this bay (salinity > or = 25.0 ‰).

M = The EFH designation for this species includes the mixing water/brackish salinity zone of this bay (0.5 ‰ < salinity < 25.0 ‰).

F = The EFH designation for this species includes the tidal freshwater salinity zone of this bay or estuary (0.0 ‰ < or = salinity < or = 0.5 ‰)

n/a = The species does not have this lifestage in its life history or has not EFH designated for this lifestage.

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JOINT PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO THE WATERS OF
THE UNITED STATES UNDER SECTIONS 301 AND 402 OF THE CLEAN WATER ACT
(THE "ACT"), AS AMENDED, AND REQUEST FOR STATE CERTIFICATION UNDER
SECTION 401 OF THE ACT, AND ISSUANCE OF A STATE SURFACE WATER PERMIT
UNDER NH RSA 485-A:13, I(a).

DATE OF NOTICE: May 13, 2015

PERMIT NUMBER: **NH0020966**

PUBLIC NOTICE NUMBER: **NH-05-15**

NAME AND MAILING ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

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Public Works Project Manager
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NAME AND LOCATION OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Wallis Sands State Park Wastewater Treatment Facility
Ocean Boulevard (Route 1A)
Rye, New Hampshire 03870

RECEIVING WATER: Atlantic Ocean, Class B

PREPARATION OF THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services, Water Division (NHDES-WD) have cooperated in the development of a draft permit for the Wallis Sands State Park WWTP, which discharges treated domestic wastewater. Sludge from this facility is shipped to the South Berwick Sewer District for treatment or blending. The effluent limits and permit conditions imposed have been drafted to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. sections 1251 et seq., Chapter 485-A of the New Hampshire Statutes: Water Pollution and Waste Disposal, and the New Hampshire Surface Water Quality Regulations, Env-Wq 1700 et seq. EPA has formally requested that the

State certify the draft permit pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and expects that the draft permit will be certified.

INFORMATION ABOUT THE DRAFT PERMIT:

The draft permit and explanatory fact sheet may be obtained at no cost at http://www.epa.gov/region1/npdes/draft_permits_listing_nh.html or by contacting:

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