

RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

**Bureau of Reclamation
Wastewater Treatment Plant at Grand Coulee Dam
NPDES Permit # WA0024163
June 6, 2014**

On April 30, 2014, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued a public notice for the issuance of the Grand Coulee Dam Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. WA0024163. The Public Comment Period for the permit was from April 30, 2014 to June 2, 2014. This Response to Comments provides a summary of comments and provides corresponding EPA responses. In a letter dated June 2, 2014, one comment was received from the Bureau of Reclamation (Eric Corbin, acting for Kerry McCalman, Power Manager at Grand Coulee Dam).

Comment received:

- 1. Comment (Bureau of Reclamation):** The Bureau requested that the NPDES Permit be revised so that two concentration parameters (Total Residual Chlorine and Ammonia as N) in Table 1 of the permit be expressed in milligrams per liter (mg/l) instead of micrograms per liter ($\mu\text{g/l}$).

Response to comment: As requested, in the final NPDES Permit, EPA revised the expression of the units for Total Residual Chlorine effluent limits to be in mg/l instead of $\mu\text{g/l}$.

In Table 1 of the Final Permit, the effluent limit for the concentration of Total Residual Chlorine is expressed as:

Average Monthly Limit = 0.5 mg/l; and, Average Weekly Limit = 0.75 mg/l.

In Table 1, reporting requirements for Ammonia as N, has also been revised to mg/l instead of $\mu\text{g/l}$.

For consistency, the Minimum Levels in Table 2 for Total Residual Chlorine and for Ammonia have also been revised to the equivalent concentrations in mg/l from $\mu\text{g/l}$.

As a result of this comment, the above editorial changes were made to the Final Permit.