STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES
DIVISION OF PARKS AND RECREATION
PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT SECTION

WASTEWATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION,
SAMPLING, TESTING & MAINTENANCE
WALLIS SANDS STATE PARK
RYE, NH

SPECIFICATIONS
PROJECT # PR-2100

September 4, 2020
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SPECIFICATIONS FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT
OPERATION, SAMPLING, TESTING, AND MAINTENANCE
WALLIS SANDS STATE PARK
1050 OCEAN BLVD. RYE, NH 03870

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Project: #PR-2100 WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION, SAMPLING, TESTING & MAINTENANCE AT WALLIS SANDS STATE PARK 1050 OCEAN BLVD RYE, NH 03870

Sealed bid proposals for the above project will be accepted until 2:00 P.M., prevailing time, on Thursday October 15, 2020. Proposals should be mailed to: Attn: Edward Mussey Public Works Project Manager I Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, 172 Pembroke Road, Concord, NH 03301.

Specifications will be available to interested contractors at the Planning and Development Office on September 4, 2020. They may also be viewed at the following locations:

1.) Construction Summary of New Hampshire Inc. 734 Chestnut Street, Manchester, NH 03104 Tel. (603) 827-8856.
2.) Infinite Imaging 933 Islington Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801 Tel. 1-800-581-2712
3.) McGraw-Hill Construction Plan Room 34 Crosby Drive Suite 201 Bedford, MA, 03170 Tel. (781) 430-2006
4.) Signature Press & Blueprinting, 45 Londonderry Turnpike, Hooksett, NH 03106 Tel. (603) 624-4025
5.) Works in Progress, 20 Farrell Street, Suite 103, South Burlington, VT 05403 Tel. 1-800-669-7048

All companies, corporations, and tradenames bidding must be registered and have a certificate of existence from the NH Secretary of State, Corporate Division (telephone 603-271-3246) in order to do business with the State of New Hampshire.

All bidders will be required to attend the pre-bid conference at the Wallis Sands State Park Ocean Blvd. Rye, NH at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday September 29, 2020. Please call Edward Mussey at 603-271-3973 at least 24 hours prior to the bid conference if you will be attending.

Bid Proposals must be made out on the forms provided in the specifications packet and submitted in a sealed envelope marked: Bid Proposal: Wallis Sands Waste Water Treatment Plant Sampling and Testing, Project No. PR-2100.

Edward V Mussey
Public Works Project Manager I
BID PROPOSAL FORM

PROJECT: #PR-2100

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT OPERATION
SAMPLING, TESTING, & MAINTENANCE
WALLIS SANDS STATE PARK
1050 OCEAN BLVD RYE, NH 03870

MANDATORY PRE BID MEETING: September 29, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. at the site.

DATE BID OPENING: October 15, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.

START DATE: May 1, 2021

COMPLETION DATE: No later than October 1, 2024

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DATE: ______________________________

PROPOSAL OF: ______________________________

(Company Name)

GRAND TOTAL / LUMP SUM BASE BID: ______________________________

Bid Proposal Page 1
Proposal of...

(Company name)

(Company address)

To furnish and deliver all materials and services except as noted and to perform all work in accordance with the Contract of the State of New Hampshire, Department of Natural and Cultural Resources for:


Commissioner
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
172 Pembroke Road,
Concord, N.H. 03301

Commissioner:

In accordance with the advertisement of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources inviting proposals for the project herein before named and in conformity with the Plans and Specifications on file in the office of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources, ______________________ (firm name) hereby certifies that ______________________ is/are the only person, or persons, interested in this proposal as principals; that this proposal is made without collusion with any person, firm, or corporation; that an examination has been made of the Plans, of the Standard Specifications, and Special Attentions, Supplemental Specifications, and Special Provisions, all of which are attached hereto, and also of the site of the work; and I, or we, propose to furnish all necessary machinery, equipment, tools, labor, and other means of construction, and to furnish all materials specified in the manner and at the time prescribed; and understand that the quantities of work as shown herein are approximate only and are subject to increase or decrease, and further understand that all quantities of work are to be performed at the quoted prices.

To execute the form of contract and begin work within 15 (fifteen) days after the notice to proceed has been received or otherwise delivered to the contractor and to prosecute said work until its completion.

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It is further proposed:

To guarantee all of the work performed under this contract to be done in accordance with the plans and specifications and contract documents.

The undersigned acknowledges receipt of the following addenda, issued if any, during the bidding time, and states that these have been incorporated in the proposal:

Addendum #1 dated ________________
Addendum #2 dated ________________
Addendum #3 dated ________________

Dated ________________
### SCHEDULE OF VALUES FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SAMPLING, TESTING & MAINTENANCE PROJECT # PR-2100

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**NOTE:** The Schedule of values must be completely filled out in order for bid proposal to be considered responsive.
ALLOWANCE #1: Unanticipated Modification and/or Additions to Contract Items:
Include in the Contract, a stipulated sum/price of $20,000 for use upon the Project Managers instruction. This Allowance will make money available for modifications and/or additions to contract items due to owner-initiated changes, or for unknown, latent or differing existing conditions. Contractor’s costs for products, delivery, installation, labor, insurance, payroll, taxes, equipment rental, overhead and profit will be included in Change Orders authorizing expenditure of funds from this Allowance.

a. Funds will be drawn from an Allowance only by Change Order. Contractor can proceed with Change Order Work against Allowance with direction from the Project Manager. The Contractor shall not proceed with any work that will exceed the amount of Allowance remaining.

b. Credits can only be added to an Allowance by Alteration Order. The Contractor may not use a credit until an Alteration Order is fully executed.

c. Not withstanding the Contractors objection, the Project Manager may at any time reduce the funds remaining in the Allowance by Alteration Order.

d. At Final Payment of the Contract, funds remaining in the Allowance will be credited to the State.
SIGNATURE PAGE

Company Name ________________________________

Address ______________________________________

Phone ________________________________________

Fax __________________________________________

E-mail Address _________________________________

Signature of Authorized Bidder __________________

Print _________________________________________

Title _________________________________________

Address of Bidder ______________________________
   (if different than company)

Names and Addresses of Members of the Firm/Corporation

Name ___________________________ address

Name ___________________________ address

Name ___________________________ address

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Notice: This agreement and all of its attachments shall become public upon submission to Governor and Executive Council for approval. Any information that is private, confidential or proprietary must be clearly identified to the agency and agreed to in writing prior to signing the contract.

AGREEMENT
The State of New Hampshire and the Contractor hereby mutually agree as follows:

GENERAL PROVISIONS

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2. SERVICES TO BE PERFORMED. The State of New Hampshire, acting through the agency identified in block 1.1 ("State"), engages contractor identified in block 1.3 ("Contractor") to perform, and the Contractor shall perform, the work or sale of goods, or both, identified and more particularly described in the attached EXHIBIT B which is incorporated herein by reference ("Services").

3. EFFECTIVE DATE/COMPLETION OF SERVICES.
3.1 Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, and subject to the approval of the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire, if applicable, this Agreement, and all obligations of the parties hereunder, shall become effective on the date the Governor and Executive Council approve this Agreement as indicated in block 1.17, unless no such approval is required, in which case the Agreement shall become effective on the date the Agreement is signed by the State Agency as shown in block 1.13 ("Effective Date").
3.2 If the Contractor commences the Services prior to the Effective Date, all Services performed by the Contractor prior to the Effective Date shall be performed at the sole risk of the Contractor, and in the event that this Agreement does not become effective, the State shall have no liability to the Contractor, including without limitation, any obligation to pay the Contractor for any costs incurred or Services performed.
Contractor must complete all Services by the Completion Date specified in block 1.7.

4. CONDITIONAL NATURE OF AGREEMENT.
Notwithstanding any provision of this Agreement to the contrary, all obligations of the State hereunder, including, without limitation, the continuance of payments hereunder, are contingent upon the availability and continued appropriation of funds affected by any state or federal legislative or executive action that reduces, eliminates or otherwise modifies the appropriation or availability of funding for this Agreement and the Scope for Services provided in EXHIBIT B, in whole or in part. In no event shall the State be liable for any payments hereunder in excess of such available appropriated funds. In the event of a reduction or termination of appropriated funds, the State shall have the right to withhold payment until such funds become available, if ever, and shall have the right to reduce or terminate the Services under this Agreement immediately upon giving the Contractor notice of such reduction or termination. The State shall not be required to transfer funds from any other account or source to the Account identified in block 1.6 in the event funds in that Account are reduced or unavailable.

5. CONTRACT PRICE/PRICE LIMITATION/PAYMENT.
5.1 The contract price, method of payment, and terms of payment are identified and more particularly described in EXHIBIT C which is incorporated herein by reference.
5.2 The payment by the State of the contract price shall be the only and the complete reimbursement to the Contractor for all expenses, of whatever nature incurred by the Contractor in the performance hereof, and shall be the only and the complete compensation to the Contractor for the Services. The State shall have no liability to the Contractor other than the contract price.
5.3 The State reserves the right to offset from any amounts otherwise payable to the Contractor under this Agreement those liquidated amounts required or permitted by N.H. RSA 80:7 through RSA 80:7-c or any other provision of law.
5.4 Notwithstanding any provision in this Agreement to the contrary, and notwithstanding unexpected circumstances, in no event shall the total of all payments authorized, or actually made hereunder, exceed the Price Limitation set forth in block 1.8.

6. COMPLIANCE BY CONTRACTOR WITH LAWS AND REGULATIONS/ EQUAL EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITY.
6.1 In connection with the performance of the Services, the Contractor shall comply with all applicable statutes, laws, regulations, and orders of federal, state, county or municipal authorities which impose any obligation or duty upon the Contractor, including, but not limited to, civil rights and equal employment opportunity laws. In addition, if this Agreement is funded in any part by monies of the United States, the Contractor shall comply with all federal executive orders, rules, regulations and statutes, and with any rules, regulations and guidelines as the State or the United States issue to implement these regulations. The Contractor shall also comply with all applicable intellectual property laws.
6.2 During the term of this Agreement, the Contractor shall not discriminate against employees or applicants for employment because of race, color, religion, creed, age, sex, handicap, sexual orientation, or national origin and will take affirmative action to prevent such discrimination.
6.3. The Contractor agrees to permit the State or United States access to any of the Contractor's books, records and accounts for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with all rules, regulations and orders, and the covenants, terms and conditions of this Agreement.

7. PERSONNEL.
7.1 The Contractor shall at its own expense provide all personnel necessary to perform the Services. The Contractor warrants that all personnel engaged in the Services shall be qualified to perform the Services, and shall be properly licensed and otherwise authorized to do so under all applicable laws.
7.2 Unless otherwise authorized in writing, during the term of this Agreement, and for a period of six (6) months after the Completion Date in block 1.7, the Contractor shall not hire, and shall not permit any subcontractor or other person, firm or corporation with whom it is engaged in a combined effort to perform the Services to hire, any person who is a State employee or official, who is materially involved in the procurement, administration or performance of this Agreement. This provision shall survive termination of this Agreement.
7.3 The Contracting Officer specified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, shall be the State's representative. In the event of any dispute concerning the interpretation of this Agreement, the Contracting Officer's decision shall be final for the State.

Contractor Initials

Date
8. EVENT OF DEFAULT/REMEDIES.
8.1 Any one or more of the following acts or omissions of the Contractor shall constitute an event of default hereunder ("Event of Default"):  
8.1.1 failure to perform the Services satisfactorily or on schedule;  
8.1.2 failure to submit any report required hereunder; and/or  
8.1.3 failure to perform any other covenant, term or condition of this Agreement.  
8.2 Upon the occurrence of any Event of Default, the State may take any one, or more, or all, of the following actions:  
8.2.1 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and requiring it to be remedied within, in the absence of a greater or lesser specification of time, thirty (30) days from the date of the notice; and if the Event of Default is not timely cured, terminate this Agreement, effective two (2) days after giving the Contractor notice of termination;  
8.2.2 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and suspending all payments to be made under this Agreement and ordering that the portion of the contract price which would otherwise accrue to the Contractor during the period from the date of such notice until such time as the State determines that the Contractor has cured the Event of Default shall never be paid to the Contractor;  
8.2.3 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default and set off against any other obligations the State may owe to the Contractor any damages the State suffers by reason of any Event of Default; and/or  
8.2.4 give the Contractor a written notice specifying the Event of Default, treat the Agreement as breached, terminate the Agreement and pursue any of its remedies at law or in equity, or both.  
8.3 No failure by the State to enforce any provisions hereof after any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of its rights with regard to that Event of Default, or any subsequent Event of Default. No express failure to enforce any Event of Default shall be deemed a waiver of the right of the State to enforce each and all of the provisions hereof upon any further or other Event of Default on the part of the Contractor.

9. TERMINATION.
9.1 Notwithstanding paragraph 8, the State may, at its sole discretion, terminate the Agreement for any reason, in whole or in part, by thirty (30) days written notice to the Contractor that the State is exercising its option to terminate the Agreement.  
9.2 In the event of an early termination of this Agreement for any reason other than the completion of the Services, the Contractor shall, at the State's discretion, deliver to the Contracting Officer, not later than fifteen (15) days after the date of termination, a report ("Termination Report") describing in detail all Services performed, and the contract price earned, to and including the date of termination. The form, subject matter, content, and number of copies of the Termination Report shall be identical to those of any Final Report described in the attached EXHIBIT B. In addition, at the State's discretion, the Contractor shall, within 15 days of notice of early termination, develop and submit to the State a Transition Plan for services under the Agreement.

10. DATA/ACCESS/CONFIDENTIALITY/ PRESERVATION.
10.1 As used in this Agreement, the word "data" shall mean all information and things developed or obtained during the performance of, or acquired or developed by reason of, this Agreement, including, but not limited to, all studies, reports, files, formulae, surveys, maps, charts, sound recordings, video recordings, pictorial reproductions, drawings, analyses, graphic representations, computer programs, computer printouts, notes, letters, memoranda, papers, and documents, all whether finished or unfinished.  
10.2 All data and any property which has been received from the State or purchased with funds provided for that purpose under this Agreement, shall be the property of the State, and shall be returned to the State upon demand or upon termination of this Agreement for any reason.  
10.3 Confidentiality of data shall be governed by N.H. RSA chapter 91-A or other existing law. Disclosure of data requires prior written approval of the State.

11. CONTRACTOR'S RELATION TO THE STATE. In the performance of this Agreement, the Contractor is in all respects an independent contractor, and is neither an agent nor an employee of the State. Neither the Contractor nor any of its officers, employees, agents or members shall have authority to bind the State or receive any benefits, workers' compensation or other emoluments provided by the State to its employees.

12. ASSIGNMENT/DELEGATION/SUBCONTRACTS.
12.1 The Contractor shall not assign, or otherwise transfer any interest in this Agreement without the prior written notice, which shall be provided to the State at least fifteen (15) days prior to the assignment, and a written consent of the State. For purposes of this paragraph, a Change of Control shall constitute assignment. "Change of Control" means (a) merger, consolidation, or a transaction or series of related transactions in which a third party, together with its affiliates, becomes the direct or indirect owner of fifty percent (50%) or more of the voting shares or similar equity interests, or combined voting power of the Contractor, or (b) the sale of all or substantially all of the assets of the Contractor.  
12.2 None of the Services shall be subcontracted by the Contractor without prior written notice and consent of the State. The State is entitled to copies of all subcontracts and assignment agreements and shall not be bound by any provisions contained in a subcontract or an assignment agreement to which it is not a party.

13. INDEMNIFICATION. Unless otherwise exempted by law, the Contractor shall indemnify and hold harmless the State, its officers and employees, from and against any and all claims, liabilities and costs for any personal injury or property damages, patent or copyright infringement, or other claims asserted against the State, its officers or employees, which arise out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) the acts or omission of the
Contractor, or subcontractors, including but not limited to the negligence, reckless or intentional conduct. The State shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the Contractor arising under this paragraph 13. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved to the State. This covenant in paragraph 13 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.

14. INSURANCE.
14.1 The Contractor shall, at its sole expense, obtain and continuously maintain in force, and shall require any subcontractor or assignee to obtain and maintain in force, the following insurance:
14.1.1 commercial general liability insurance against all claims of bodily injury, death or property damage, in amounts of not less than $1,000,000 per occurrence and $2,000,000 aggregate or excess; and
14.1.2 special cause of loss coverage form covering all property subject to subparagraph 10.2 herein, in an amount not less than 80% of the whole replacement value of the property.
14.2 The policies described in subparagraph 14.1 herein shall be on policy forms and endorsements approved for use in the State of New Hampshire by the N.H. Department of Insurance, and issued by insurers licensed in the State of New Hampshire.
14.3 The Contractor shall furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9. or his or her successor, a certificate(s) of insurance for all insurance required under this Agreement. Contractor shall also furnish to the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, certificate(s) of insurance for all renewal(s) of insurance required under this Agreement no later than ten (10) days prior to the expiration date of each insurance policy. The certificate(s) of insurance and any renewals thereof shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference.

15. WORKERS’ COMPENSATION.
15.1 By signing this agreement, the Contractor agrees, certifies and warrants that the Contractor is in compliance with or exempt from the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A ("Workers’ Compensation").
15.2 To the extent the Contractor is subject to the requirements of N.H. RSA chapter 281-A, Contractor shall maintain, and require any subcontractor or assignee to secure and maintain, payment of Workers’ Compensation in connection with activities which the person proposes to undertake pursuant to this Agreement. The Contractor shall furnish the Contracting Officer identified in block 1.9, or his or her successor, proof of Workers’ Compensation in the manner described in N.H. RSA chapter 281-A and any applicable renewal(s) thereof, which shall be attached and are incorporated herein by reference. The State shall not be responsible for payment of any Workers’ Compensation premiums or for any other claim or benefit for Contractor, or any subcontractor or employee of Contractor, which might arise under applicable State of New Hampshire Workers’ Compensation laws in connection with the performance of the Services under this Agreement.

16. NOTICE. Any notice by a party hereto to the other party shall be deemed to have been duly delivered or given at the time of mailing by certified mail, postage prepaid, in a United States Post Office addressed to the parties at the addresses given in blocks 1.2 and 1.4, herein.

17. AMENDMENT. This Agreement may be amended, waived or discharged only by an instrument in writing signed by the parties hereto and only after approval of such amendment, waiver or discharge by the Governor and Executive Council of the State of New Hampshire unless such approval is required under the circumstances pursuant to State law, rule or policy.

18. CHOICE OF LAW AND FORUM. This Agreement shall be governed, interpreted and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of New Hampshire, and is binding upon and inures to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors and assigns. The wording used in this Agreement is the wording chosen by the parties to express their mutual intent, and no rule of construction shall be applied against or in favor of any party. Any actions arising out of this Agreement shall be brought and maintained in New Hampshire Superior Court which shall have exclusive jurisdiction thereof.

19. CONFLICTING TERMS. In the event of a conflict between the terms of this P-37 form (as modified in EXHIBIT A) and/or attachments and amendment thereof, the terms of the P-37 (as modified in EXHIBIT A) shall control.

20. THIRD PARTIES. The parties hereto do not intend to benefit any third parties and this Agreement shall not be construed to confer any such benefit.

21. HEADINGS. The headings throughout the Agreement are for reference purposes only, and the words contained therein shall in no way be held to explain, modify, amplify or aid in the interpretation, construction or meaning of the provisions of this Agreement.

22. SPECIAL PROVISIONS. Additional or modifying provisions set forth in the attached EXHIBIT A are incorporated herein by reference.

23. SEVERABILITY. In the event any of the provisions of this Agreement are held by a court of competent jurisdiction to be contrary to any state or federal law, the remaining provisions of this Agreement will remain in full force and effect.

24. ENTIRE AGREEMENT. This Agreement, which may be executed in a number of counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between the parties, and supersedes all prior agreements and understandings with respect to the subject matter hereof.
GENERAL CONDITIONS

GENERAL

This contract is to be governed by all the applicable provisions of these specifications.

This project consists of Assembling winterized equipment, Performing Waste Water Treatment Plant Sampling, Testing, and Maintenance, disassembly and winterization of equipment and Reporting Monthly Data to the USEPA through NetDMR, at the Wallis Sands State Park in Rye, NH as indicated in these specifications.

BIDDING REQUIREMENTS

Bids shall only be accepted on the official Bid Proposal Forms, attached to these specifications. Any bids submitted that are not on the official bid proposal forms will not be accepted.

CONDITIONS AT SITE OR BUILDING

Bidders shall visit the site and be responsible for having ascertained pertinent local conditions such as: location, accessibility, general character of the site or building, the character and extent of existing work within or adjacent to the site, and any other work being performed thereon at the time of the submission of this bid.

RIGHT TO WORK IN N.H.

All bidders must be registered and have a certificate of existence from the Secretary of State, Corporate Division (telephone 603-271-3246) in order to do business with the State of New Hampshire. All Bidders must obtain the certificate of Existence before the bid award is approved.
PROPOSAL SELECTION

In most cases the proposal submitted by the qualified bidder with the lowest base bid price shall be selected. However, the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources reserves the right to reject any or all proposals, or advertise for new proposals as it judges to be in the best interest of the state.

CONTRACTORS QUALIFICATIONS

The successful bidder shall provide evidence upon request that they have been in the Waste Water Sampling and Testing business successfully performing this type, scale, and quality of work for a minimum of five years. A comprehensive list of all projects worked on involving Waste Water Sampling and Testing work in the past two years by the contractor shall be submitted with references.

EXECUTION OF CONTRACT

The Contractor's attention is called to the following:

EXECUTION AND APPROVAL OF CONTRACT. The contract shall be signed by the successful Bidder and returned, together with the contract bond, if applicable, within 15 days after the contract has been mailed or otherwise delivered to the Bidder. No contract shall be considered as in effect until it has been fully executed by all the parties thereto and, when the contract amount is more than $10,000, the award has been concurred in by the Governor and Council.

FAILURE TO EXECUTE CONTRACT. Failure to execute the contract within 15 days after the contract has been mailed or otherwise delivered to the successful Bidder shall be just cause for the cancellation of the award and the forfeiture of the proposal guaranty which shall become the property of the Department, not as a penalty, but in liquidation of damages sustained. Award may then be made to the next lowest Bidder, or the work may be re-advertised as the Commissioner may decide.

STARTING DATE

The Contractor shall start work on May 1, 2021, after the notice to proceed is received. The notice to proceed shall be issued immediately upon contract approval by the Governor and Council.
PROTECTION OF EXISTING PROPERTY

It shall be the responsibility of the contractor to protect existing property from damage. Any damage caused by the contractor in the performance of the work shall be repaired or replaced at his expense to the satisfaction of the Department Project Manager.

CODES

All work performed shall meet the provisions, if applicable, of

WORKMANSHIP

All work shall be performed in a neat workmanlike manner by skilled workmen who have been actively engaged in performing the type of work specified under this contract for the last two years.

CLEAN-UP

All debris from the project shall be cleaned up daily and removed from the site at least on a daily basis.
DEFAULT AND TERMINATION OF CONTRACT

If the Contractor...

(a) Fails to begin the work under the contract within the time specified in the contract, or

(b) Fails to perform the work with sufficient workmen and equipment or with sufficient materials to assure the prompt completion of said work, or

(c) Performs the work unsuitably or neglects or refuses to remove materials or to perform anew such work as may be rejected as unacceptable and unsuitable, or

(d) Discontinues the prosecution of work, or

(e) Fails to resume work which has been discontinued, within reasonable time after notice to do so, or

(f) Becomes insolvent or is declared bankrupt, or commits any act of bankruptcy or insolvency, or

(g) Makes an assignment for the benefit of creditors, or

(h) For any other cause whatsoever, fails to carry on the work in an acceptable manner...

The Commissioner will give notice in writing to the Contractor of such delay, neglect, or default.

If the Contractor or Surety does not proceed in accordance with the Notice, then the Commissioner will, upon written notification from the Project Manager of the fact of such delay, neglect or default, and the Contractor’s failure to comply with such notice, have full power and authority without violating the contract, to take the prosecution of the work out of the hands of the Contractor. The Commissioner may enter into an agreement for the completion of said contract according to the terms and conditions thereof, or use such other methods as in his opinion will be required for the completion of said contract in an acceptable manner.

All extra costs and charges incurred by the Department as a result of such delay, neglect or default, together with the cost of completion of the work under the contract will be deducted from any monies due or which may become due said Contractor. If such expenses exceed the sum which would have been payable under the contract, then the Contractor and the Surety shall be liable and shall pay to the Department, the amount of such excess.
FAILURE TO COMPLETE THE WORK ON TIME

If the Contractor fails to complete all of the work or sections of the Project, within the time specified in the Contract, the sum given in the schedule that follows will be deducted from any money due the Contractor. This deduction will be made, not as a penalty, but as fixed, agreed liquidation damages for inconvenience to the State and for reimbursing the Department the cost of the Administration of the Contract, including engineering and inspection. Should the amount of money otherwise due the Contractor be less than the amount of such liquidated damages, the Contractor and his Surety shall be liable to the State for such deficiency.

Permitting the Contractor to continue and finish the work after the time fixed for its completion, shall in no way obligate the State to waive any of its rights under the Contract.

When the final acceptance has been duly made by the Project Manager, any liquidated damage charges shall end.

The fixed, agreed, liquidated damages shall be assessed in accordance with the following schedule.

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CHANGES IN THE WORK

The Project Manager may at any time, by a written order, and without notice to the Sureties, make changes in the Specifications and completion date of this contract and within the general scope thereof.

In making any change, the additional cost or credit for the change shall be determined as follows:

- The order shall stipulate the mutually agreed upon lump sum price which shall be added to or deducted from the contract price. The contractor shall furnish an itemized breakdown of the prices used in computing the value of any change that might be ordered.

- If the price change is an addition to the contract price and the work is performed by the general contractor and not a subcontractor, it shall include the contractor's indirect costs as follows: Workmen's Compensation and Employee Liability, Unemployment and Social Security Taxes.

- In addition to the above indirect costs, the general contractor shall be allowed a markup not to exceed ten percent (10%). Said ten percent (10%) shall be all inclusive for overhead, supervision, and profit. In addition to this, an allowance shall be made for performance and payment bond additional premium.

- If the price change is an addition to the contract price and involves the work of the general contractor and subcontractor, the general contractor would be allowed ten percent (10%) on that part of the work performed by him and five percent (5%) on that part of the work performed by the subcontractor. The same percentages shall apply to subcontractors.

- On any change which involves a net credit to the Owner, no allowance for overhead and profit shall be figured.
INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

No operations under this contract shall commence unless and until certification of insurance attesting to the below listed requirements have been filed with the Commissioner, approved by the Attorney General, and the Contract approved by the Governor and Council and a Notice to Proceed is issued.

Insurance requirements by paragraphs 1-4 below shall be the responsibility of the Prime Contractor. The Prime Contractor, at his discretion, may make similar requests of any subcontractor.

Following is the summary of minimum insurance requirements:

1. Workmen's Compensation Insurance (In accordance with RSA 281-A.)
   a. Employers' Liability
      1.) $100,000 each accident
      2.) $500,000 Disease-policy limit
      3.) $100,000 Disease-each employee

2. Commercial General Liability Insurance: Occurrence Form Policy: Include full Contractual Liability (see Indemnification Clause 9). Explosion, Collapse, and Underground coverage's:
   a. Limits of Liability:
      1.) $1,000,000 Each Occurrence Bodily injury & Property Damage.
      2.) $2,000,000 General Aggregate-Include per Project Aggregate Endorsement.
      3.) $2,000,000 Products/Completed Operations Aggregate.
      4.) State shall be named as an additional named insured.

3. Commercial Umbrella Liability
   a. Limits of Liability:
      1.) $1,000,000 Each Occurrence
      2.) 1,000,000 Aggregate

4. General Insurance Conditions
   a. Each policy shall contain a clause prohibiting cancellation or modifications of the policy earlier than thirty (30) days or ten (10) in cases of non-payment of premium after written notice thereof has been received by the State.

5. Indemnification:
   a. The Contractor shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the State of New Hampshire, its Agencies, and its agents and employees from and against any and all claims, liabilities, suits or penalties arising out of (or which may be claimed to arise out of) acts of omissions of the Contractor or subcontractors in the performance of work covered by the Contract. This covenant shall survive the termination of the Contract. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing herein contained shall be deemed to constitute a waiver of the sovereign immunity of the State, which immunity is hereby reserved by the State.

NOTE:
References to "the Project Manager" shall be understood to mean the Department Project Manager designated by the Planning and Development office of the New Hampshire Department of Resources and Economic Development.

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Corporate Resolution

I, ______________________, hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of ______________________. I hereby certify the following is a true of a vote taken at a meeting of the Board of Directors/shareholders, duly called and held on ________, 20____, at which a quorum of the directors/shareholders were present and voting.

Voted: That ______________________ (may list more than one person) is duly authorized to enter into contracts or agreements on behalf of ______________________ with the State of New Hampshire and any of its agencies and departments and further is authorized to execute any documents which may in his/her judgement to be desirable or necessary to affect the purpose of this vote.

I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended of repealed and remains in full force and effect as the date of the contract to which this certificate is attached. This authority shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Corporate Resolution. I further certify that it is understood the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence the person(s) listed above currently occupy the positions(s) indicated and that they have full authority to bind the corporation. To the extent that there are limits on the authority of any listed individual to bind the corporation in contracts with the State of New Hampshire, all such limitations are expressly stated herein.

DATED: ______________________  ATTEST: ______________________

(Name & Title)

STATE OF
COUNTY OF

On the ______ day of ______________________, before me ______________________, the undersigned officer personally appeared ______________________, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set me hand and official seal:

________________________________________
Justice of the Peace / Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
Corporate Bylaws

I, ____________________________, hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer of ____________________________. I hereby certify the following is a true copy of the current Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation of Corporation and that the Bylaws or Articles of Incorporation authorize the following officers or positions to bind the Corporation for contractual obligations ____________________________.

(List officer titles or position)

I further certify that the following individuals currently hold the office or positions authorized: ____________________________.

(List individuals holding positions authorized)

I hereby certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and they have full authority to bind the corporation. This authority shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this certificate.

DATED: ________________ ATTEST: ______________________________

(Name & Title)

STATE OF ____________________________
COUNTY OF ____________________________

On the ___ day of __________, before me ________________________ the undersigned officer personally appeared ________________________, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set me hand and official seal:

__________________________________________
Justice of the Peace / Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
Certificate of Authority #3

Limited Partnership or LLC Certification of Authority

I, ______________________, hereby certify that I am a Partner, Member or Manager of ______________________, a limited liability partnership under RSA 304-B, a limited liability professional partnership under RSA 304-D, or a limited liability company under RSA 304-C.

I certify I am authorized to bind the partnership or LLC. I hereby certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and they have full authority to bind the partnership or LLC and that this authorization shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Corporate Resolution.

DATED: ________________  ATTEST: ______________________

(Name & Title)

STATE OF ______________________
COUNTY OF ______________________

On the ___ day of ______, before me ______________________, the undersigned officer personally appeared ______________________, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal:

____________________________________
Justice of the Peace / Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
Partnership Certification of Authority

I, ______________________, hereby certify that I am the General Partner of ______________________, a general partnership under RSA 304-A.

I certify I am authorized to bind the partnership.

I hereby certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and they have full authority to bind the partnership and the authority has not expired or been revoked. This authority shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this Corporate Resolution.

DATED: ___________  ATTEST: ____________________________

(Name & Title)

STATE OF ______________________
COUNTY OF ______________________

On the ___ day of ____________, before me ______________________, the undersigned officer personally appeared ______________________, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for purposes therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set me hand and official seal:

__________________________
Justice of the Peace / Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
Sole Proprietor Certification of Authority

I, ______________________, hereby certify that I am the Sole Proprietor
of ______________________ which is a tradename registered with the Secretary of State
under RSA 349. I certify that I am the sole owner of my business and tradename.

I further certify that it is understood that the State of New Hampshire will rely on this
certificate as evidence the person listed above currently occupies the position indicated and they
have full authority to bind the business. This authority shall remain valid for thirty (30) days
from the date of this Corporate Resolution.

DATED: ____________________  ATTEST: ____________________

(Name & Title)

STATE OF ____________________
COUNTY OF ____________________

On the __ day of __________, before me ______________________, the undersigned officer
personally appeared ______________________, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose
name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for purposes
therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set my hand and official seal:

Justice of the Peace / Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
Certificate of Authority #6

Corporate Resolution

I, ___________________________ hereby certify that I am duly elected Clerk/Secretary/Officer
of ___________________________. I hereby certify the following is a true of a vote taken at a
meeting of the Board of Directors/shareholders duly called and held on ____________20_____,
at which a quorum of the directors/shareholders were present and voting.

Voted: That ___________________________ is duly
authorized to enter into contracts on behalf of ___________________________ a limited
partnership with the ___________________________, State of New Hampshire
and further is authorized to execute any documents which may in his/her judgement to be
desirable or necessary to affect the purpose of this vote.

I hereby certify that said vote has not been amended or repealed and remains in full force
and affect as the ___________________________, 20_____. I further certify that it is understood the State of
New Hampshire will rely on this certificate as evidence the person listed above currently
occupies the position indicated and that they have full authority to bind the corporation and the
corporation as the general partner has full authority to bind the limited partnership to the specific
contract indicated. This authority shall remain valid for thirty (30) days from the date of this
Corporate Resolution.

DATED: ___________________________ ATTEST: ___________________________

(Name & Title) (Name & Title)

STATE OF ___________________________
COUNTY OF ___________________________

On the __________ day of __________, before me _____________________________, the undersigned officer
personally appeared _____________________________, known to me or satisfactorily proven to be the person whose
name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged that he/she executed the same for purposes
therein contained. In witness whereof, I hereunto set me hand and official seal:

_________________________
Justice of the Peace / Notary Public

My Commission Expires:
State of New Hampshire
VENDOR APPLICATION

VENDOR # _________
(Assigned by Purchase & Property)

BUSINESS NAME/ADDRESS LOCATION

Legal Business Name: ____________________________________________

Doing Business As Name: __________________________________________

Payment Address: ________________________________________________

City/Town: ___________ STATE: _____ ZIP: ______

Business Address: ________________________________________________

City/Town: ___________ STATE: _____ ZIP: ______

Telephone #: ______________ Cell Phone #: ______________ FAX #: ______________

Website: __________________________ E-Mail (Main Office): ________________

Electronic Payment Option: Please contact Treasury at treasury@treasury.state.nh.us or visit their website at www.nh.gov/treasury for further information on this option.

TYPE OF BUSINESS
(Note: Registration with the NH Secretary of State MUST be done prior to the awarding of any contracts) www.nh.gov/sos/corporate (603) 271-3244

Registered with NH Secretary of State? __________ State Incorporated In: __________

Service Provider □ Product/Merchandise Provider □ Other Provider □

List the principal type of service, product or other that is provided:

Minority Institutions □ Minority Owned Large Business □ Minority Owned Small Business □

Disabled Veteran Business □ Svs Disabled Veteran Owned □ Veteran Owned Small Business □

Physically Challenged Bus □ SBA Cert Fin Disadvantaged Bus □ SBA Cert II list Underutilized Bus □

Historically Black Colleges □ Women Owned Sm Bus □ Women Owned Large Businesses □

Small Business □ SBA Cert Sm Disadvantaged Bus □

SIGNATURE BLOCK

I certify the above information to be correct and grant authorization to the State of New Hampshire to investigate any and all facts contained therein, including facility visitation.

Name and Title (print or type): __________________________

Signature: __________________________ Date: __________________________

RETURN ADDRESS

DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES
BUREAU OF PURCHASE AND PROPERTY
STATE HOUSE ANNEX, ROOM 102
25 CAPITOL STREET
CONCORD NH 03301-6398

(Phone) 603-271-2201
(Fax) 603-271-2700
http://das.nh.gov/purchasing
STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE
ALTERNATE W-9 FORM

PLEASE USE THIS FORM TO PROVIDE THE REQUESTED INFORMATION

VENDOR #
(Assigned by Purchase & Property)

Pursuant to IRS Regulations, you must furnish your Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN) to the State whether or not you are required to file tax returns. If this number is not provided, you may be subject to a 28% withholding on each payment made to you. To avoid this 28% withholding & to ensure that accurate tax information is reported to the IRS, A RESPONSE IS REQUIRED.

If a service provider is a part of a GROUP PRACTICE, it is the group name & TIN which is required on this Alternate W-9. If the service provider is a SOLE PROPRIETOR, it is the individual name & TIN which is required on this Alternate W-9.

INDIVIDUAL/LEGAL/BUSINESS NAME: ________________________________

Doing Business As Name: _________________________________________

TAX/PAYMENT ADDRESS: _________________________________________

CITY/TOWN: ___________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: ______

BUSINESS ADDRESS: ____________________________________________

CITY/TOWN: ___________________________ STATE: _______ ZIP: ______

TAXPAYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (TIN) as used on IRS tax return

Social Security # (SSN): ________________ Fed ID # (EIN/FIN): __________

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITY

☐ Service Provider ☐ Product/Merchandise Provider ☐ Other Provider

List the principal type of service, product or other that is provided:

☐ Medical/Health Care Services ☐ Legal Services ☐ 1099 Grant Reportable

DESIGNATION (select ONLY THOSE which apply to you/your organization as provided to the IRS)

☐ Individual/Sole-Proprietor ☐ Corporation (S) ☐ Government

☐ Single Member LLC ☐ Corporation (C) ☐ Travel/Intern

☐ LLC (C Corporation) ☐ Partnership ☐ Refund/Reimbursement

☐ LLC (S Corporation) ☐ Estate or Trust ☐ Tax-Exempt

☐ LLC (P Partnership)

EXEMPTIONS: ____________________________________________________

Exemption from FATCA reporting: __________________________________

Under penalty of perjury, I declare that the information provided is true, correct & complete, to the best of my knowledge & belief.

NAME & TITLE (print or type): ________________________________________

TELEPHONE #: ________________ CELL PHONE #: ________________ FAX #: ________________

SIGNATURE: _______________________________________________________

DATE: ________________________________ E-Mail (Main Office): __________________________

Website: _______________________________________________________

PLEASE RETURN WHEN COMPLETED TO: DIVISION OF PROCUREMENT & SUPPORT SERVICES
                     BUREAU OF PURCHASE & PROPERTY
                     STATE HOUSE ANNEX – ROOM 102
                     25 CAPITOL ST
                     CONCORD NH 03301

(Phone) 603-271-2201
(FAX) 603-271-2700
http://das.nh.gov/purchasing
PROPOSAL FOR WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT SAMPLING AND TESTING

The Waste Water Treatment plant service provider shall furnish all tools, equipment, and materials needed to perform the duties at Wallis Sands State Park, Rye NH and shall be responsible for the following:

1. Seasonal Operation of the waste water treatment facility from:
   May 1, 2021 to September 30, 2021
   May 1, 2022 to September 30, 2022
   May 1, 2023 to September 30, 2023
   May 1, 2024 to September 30, 2024

2. Sampling, testing, and reporting of effluent characteristics as required by the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit # NH0020966.


4. Perform USEPA Region 1 Marine Acute Toxicity Test Procedure and Protocol July 2012 (Attachment A)

5. Perform USEPA Region 1 Marine Chronic Toxicity Test Procedure and Protocol November 2013 (Attachment B)

6. Part II NPDES Standard Conditions.

7. Filling out and submitting a standard NPDES monthly discharge monitoring report using NetDMR reporting. The DMR's will be available on the USEPA Website.

8. Monthly DMRs are to be submitted electronically. Submit NetDMR Attachments for any attachment explaining the basis of all Permit violations, including violations of effluent limits, narrative requirements, reporting requirements, compliance schedules, deviations from all required monitoring frequencies, sample types and units of measurement. Also, state the reasons for including any NODI codes and the action taken to resolve any NODI code violation.

9. State Reporting Requirements: Duplicate signed copies of all reports, information, requests or notifications described in the NPDES Permit shall be submitted to the State electronically via e-mail 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, NH 03302-0095
   E-mail: Stephanie.Larson@des.nh.gov
And

Attn: Edward Mussey Project Manager
Department of Natural and Cultural Resources
Division of Parks and Recreation
172 Pemroke Rd.
Concord, NH 03301
E-mail: Edward.Mussey@dnr.nh.gov

10. Assembly of winterized equipment; pumps, ultraviolet lamps, hoses, metering equipment, etc. for use during the operating season. Disassembly and winterization of equipment at the end of the operating season.

11. Inspection and light maintenance of the facility as needed; to include test operation of pumps, alarm system, valves, cleaning and or replacement of ultraviolet lamps, ballasts, and a check of the associated mechanical and electrical equipment. Any deficiencies are to be reported immediately to the Project Manager and the Park Manager for repairs. The service provider shall occasionally advise the Project Manager and Park Manager as to the use of materials, methods, or procedures to ensure the proper operation of the system.

12. Replacement UV Lamps, ballasts, Pumps and other electrical or mechanical parts will be charged against the Allowance of the contract at the Approval of the Project Manager.

13. Representing DNCR as necessary in responding to inquiries, requests for information, or meetings with State, Federal and or local officials.

14. Perform year-end summary and self-assessment reports as needed.

15. Perform EPA Quality Control procedures as needed.

16. This proposal is for seasonal work to be performed from May 1, 2021 thru September 30, 2024.

ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS: Please see attached Permit No. NH0020966 “AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM”.
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 date of 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 16th day of July, 2015

[Signature]

Kenneth Moraff, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Region I
Boston, Massachusetts
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.

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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 though 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 (CNOEC) 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 BOD₃ 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 Publicly 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/npdespermits/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.

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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:

a. Name and address of contractor(s) responsible for sludge preparation, use or disposal
b. 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](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
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
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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:

- 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 chlorine\(^1\) (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

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\(^1\) For this protocol, total residual chlorine is synonymous with total residual oxidants.
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:

(July 2012)
1. Test type 48hr Static, non-renewal
2. Salinity 25ppt ± 10 percent for all dilutions by adding dry ocean salts
3. Temperature (°C) 20°C ± 1°C or 25°C ± 1°C, temperature must not deviate by more than 3°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, <24 hours age range
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 Artemia 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 ≥ 0.5
16. Number of dilutions ³ 5 plus a control. An additional dilution at the permitted effluent concentration (%)
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<td>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.</td>
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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.

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

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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 a 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 ≥ 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.

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*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-CI E  Low Level Amperometric Titration (the preferred 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:
  o Facility name
  o NPDES permit number
  o Outfall number
  o Sample type
  o Sampling method
  o Effluent TRC concentration
  o Dilution water used
  o Receiving water name and sampling location
  o Test type and species
  o Test start date
  o Effluent concentrations tested (%) and permit limit concentration
  o Applicable reference toxicity test date and whether acceptable or not
  o Age, age range and source of test organisms used for testing
  o Results of TAC review for all applicable controls
  o Permit limit and toxicity test results
  o Summary of any test sensitivity and concentration response evaluation that was conducted

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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, 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.

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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.

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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 TEST**

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<td>2. Salinity</td>
<td>30 o/oo ± 2 o/oo by adding dry ocean salts</td>
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<td>3. Temperature</td>
<td>20 ± 1°C temperature must not deviate by more than 3°C during test</td>
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<td>4. Light quality</td>
<td>Ambient laboratory illumination</td>
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<td>5. Light intensity</td>
<td>10-20 uE/m²/s, or 50-100 ft-c (Ambient Laboratory Levels)</td>
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<td>6. Test vessel size</td>
<td>Disposal (glass) liquid scintillation vials (20 ml capacity), presoaked in control water</td>
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<td>5 ml</td>
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<td>8. Number of sea urchins</td>
<td>Pooled sperm from four males and pooled eggs from four females are used per test</td>
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<td>9. Number of egg and sperm cells</td>
<td>About 2000 eggs per chamber and 5,000,000 sperm cells per vial</td>
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<td>10. Number of replicate chambers</td>
<td>4 per treatment</td>
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<td>11. Dilution water</td>
<td>Uncontaminated source of natural seawater or deionized water mixed with artificial sea salts</td>
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<td>12. Dilution factor</td>
<td>Approximately 0.5, must bracket the permitted RWC</td>
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<td>13. Test duration</td>
<td>1 hour and 20 minutes</td>
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<td>14. Effects measured</td>
<td>Fertilization of sea urchin eggs</td>
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<td>15. Number of treatments per test</td>
<td>5 and a control. (receiving water and laboratory water control) An additional dilution at the permitted effluent concentration (% effluent) is required.</td>
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<td>16. Acceptability of test</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>17. Sampling requirements</td>
<td>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.</td>
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<td>18. Sample volume required</td>
<td>Minimum 1 liter</td>
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Footnotes:
Adapted from EPA 821-R-02-014
**EPA NEW ENGLAND RECOMMENDED TEST CONDITIONS FOR THE INLAND SILVERSIDE, MENIDIA BERYLLINA, GROWTH AND SURVIVAL TEST**

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<td>2. Salinity</td>
<td>5 o/oo to 32 o/oo +/- 2 o/oo of the selected salinity by adding artificial sea salts</td>
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<td>3. Temperature</td>
<td>25 ± 1°C, temperature must not deviate by more than 3°C during test</td>
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<td>4. Light quality</td>
<td>Ambient laboratory light</td>
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<td>5. Light intensity</td>
<td>10-20 uE/m²/s, or 50-100 ft-C (Ambient Laboratory Levels)</td>
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<td>6. Photoperiod</td>
<td>16 hr light, 8 hr darkness</td>
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<td>7. Test vessel size</td>
<td>600 - 1000 mL beakers or equivalent: (glass test chambers should be used)</td>
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<td>8. Test solution volume</td>
<td>500-750 mL/replicate loading and DO restrictions must be met)</td>
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<td>9. Renewal of test solutions</td>
<td>Daily using most recently collected sample</td>
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<td>10. Age of test organisms</td>
<td>Seven to eleven days post hatch; 24 hr range in age</td>
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<td>11. Larvae/test chamber</td>
<td>15 (minimum of 10)</td>
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<td>12. Number of replicate chambers</td>
<td>4 per treatment</td>
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<td>13. Source of food</td>
<td>Newly hatched and rinsed <em>Artemia</em> nauplii less than 24 hr old</td>
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<td>14. Feeding regime</td>
<td>Feed once a day 0.10 g wet wt <em>Artemia</em> nauplii per replicate on days 0 – 2 feed 0.15 g wet wt <em>Artemia</em> nauplii per replicate on days 3-6</td>
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<td>15. Cleaning</td>
<td>Siphon daily, immediately before test solution renewal and feeding</td>
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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.

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**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 ≥ 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.

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$^2$ 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);
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_cim.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 (November 2013).
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 regulator 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.c. 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 
v 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 
conduct, 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 reissue 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.
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.


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 (ii) 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 development 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 development 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.

\textit{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.

\textit{NPDES} means “National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System”.

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

\textit{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).

\textit{Permit} means an authorization, license, or equivalent control document issued by EPA or an “approved” State.

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

\textit{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).

\textit{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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*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 I (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 (c) and any treatment works treating domestic sewage, as defined in 40 CFR §122.2,
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 x 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 (c) 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 or 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.
Total hydrocarbons mean 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

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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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DRAFT NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES) 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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Facility Location

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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 (BODs), 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 BODs, 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(c) 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 WWTF (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 132.102(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

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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 132.102 (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(l).

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 that 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(e)(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 *Mysisopsis 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.

1. 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 1 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/sludgedocument.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 104-267), 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:

Mr. Michael Cobb, Environmental Engineer
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Office of Ecosystem Protection
5 Post Office Square
Suite 100, Mail Code: OEP06-1
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912

Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing for a public hearing to consider the draft permit to EPA-Region I and the State Agency. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty days public notice whenever the Regional Administrator finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on the draft permit, the Regional Administrator will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at EPA-Region I’s Boston office.

Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Regional Administrator will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice.
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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5 Post Office Square
Suite 100, Mail Code: OEP06-1
Boston, Massachusetts 02109-3912
Telephone No.: (617) 918-1369
FAX No.: (617) 918-0369

May 2015

Date: Ken Moraff, Director
Office of Ecosystem Protection
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
ATTACHMENT A – Wallis Sands WWTF Outfall and Receiving Water Map

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