

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS (POTWs)

NPDES PERMIT NO: PA0020168 A-1

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251 *et seq.* ("the Act") and Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law, as amended, 35 P.S. Section 691.1 *et seq.*,

East Stroudsburg Borough PO Box 303 East Stroudsburg, PA 18301-0303

is authorized to discharge from a facility known as **East Stroudsburg Borough Wastewater Treatment Plant**, located in **East Stroudsburg Borough, Monroe County**, to **Brodhead Creek** in Watershed(s) **01E** in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in Parts A, B and C hereof.

THIS PERMIT SHALL BECOME EFFECTIVE ON <u>September 1, 2012</u>

THIS PERMIT SHALL EXPIRE AT MIDNIGHT ON <u>August 31, 2015</u>

The authority granted by this permit is subject to the following further qualifications:

- 1. If there is a conflict between the application, its supporting documents and/or amendments and the terms and conditions of this permit, the terms and conditions shall apply.
- Failure to comply with the terms, conditions or effluent limitations of this permit is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or for denial of a permit renewal application. <u>40 CFR 122.41(a)</u>
- A complete application for renewal of this permit, or notice of intent to cease discharging by the expiration date, must be submitted to DEP at least 180 days prior to the above expiration date (unless permission has been granted by DEP for submission at a later date), using the appropriate NPDES permit application form. <u>40 CFR</u> <u>122.41(b)</u>, <u>122.21(d)</u>

In the event that a timely and complete application for renewal has been submitted and DEP is unable, through no fault of the permittee, to reissue the permit before the above expiration date, the terms and conditions of this permit, including submission of the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs), will be automatically continued and will remain fully effective and enforceable against the discharger until DEP takes final action on the pending permit application. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.9</u>

4. This NPDES permit does not constitute authorization to construct or make modifications to wastewater treatment facilities necessary to meet the terms and conditions of this permit.

DATE PERMIT ISSUED August 30, 2010

DATE PERMIT AMENDMENT ISSUED August 20, 2012

ISSUED BY /s/

Dino R. Agustini, P.E. Environmental Program Manager

PART A - EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS, MONITORING, RECORDKEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

I. A. For Outfall 001 , Latitude 40° 59' 3.00" , Longitude 75° 10' 48.00" , River Mile Index _____, Stream Code _____

Discharging to Brodhead Creek

which receives wastewater from <u>Sewage Treatment Plant</u>

1. The permittee is authorized to discharge during the period from September 1, 2012 through August 31, 2015.

2. Based on the anticipated wastewater characteristics and flows described in the permit application and its supporting documents and/or amendments, the following effluent limitations and monitoring requirements apply (see also Additional Requirements, Footnotes and Supplemental Information).

	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
Parameter	Mass Units (Ibs/day) ⁽¹⁾		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum ⁽²⁾	Required
	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Minimum	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Instant. Maximum	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report Daily Max	xxx	xxx	XXX	xxx	Continuous	Measured
pH (S.U.)	ххх	XXX	6.0	xxx	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	ххх	XXX	ххх	1.0	XXX	2.3	1/day	Grab
CBOD5	469	751	xxx	25	40	50	2/week	24-Hr Composite
Total Suspended Solids	563	844	XXX	30	45	60	2/week	24-Hr Composite
Fecal Coliform (CFU/100 ml) May 1 - Sep 30	xxx	XXX	xxx	200 Geo Mean	xxx	ххх	2/week	Grab
Fecal Coliform (CFU/100 ml) Oct 1 - Apr 30	xxx	XXX	xxx	2000 Geo Mean	XXX	ХХХ	2/week	Grab
Ammonia-Nitrogen May 1 - Oct 31	178	XXX	xxx	9.5	XXX	XXX	2/week	24-Hr Composite

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s):

at Outfall 001

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Additional Requirements

- The discharger may not discharge floating materials, oil, grease, scum, foam, sheen and substances which produce color, taste, turbidity or settle to form deposits in concentrations or amounts sufficient to be, or creating a danger of being, inimical to the water uses to be protected or to human, animal, plant or aquatic life. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.51(6)</u>
- 2. Except as otherwise specified in this permit, the 30-day average percent removal for carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids shall not be less than 85 percent. <u>25 Pa. Code</u> <u>92.2c(b)(1)</u>
- 3. Effective disinfection to control disease producing organisms from the period of May 1 to September 30 shall be the production of an effluent which will contain a concentration not greater than 200/100 ml of fecal coliform colonies as a geometric mean, nor greater than 1,000/100 ml of these colonies in more than 10 percent of the samples tested. <u>25 Pa Code 92.2c(b)(2)</u>

Footnotes

- (1) When sampling to determine compliance with mass effluent limitations, the discharge flow at the time of sampling must be measured and recorded.
- (2) This is the minimum number of sampling events required. Permittees are encouraged, and it may be advantageous in demonstrating compliance, to perform more than the minimum number of sampling events.

Supplemental Information

If the permit requires reporting of average weekly limitations use the following guideline. If the "maximum average concentration" and the "maximum average mass loading" does not occur within the same week, both the highest weekly average concentration and the highest weekly average mass load should be reported, regardless of whether they both occur during the same calendar week.

II. DEFINITIONS

At Outfall (XXX) means a sampling location in outfall line XXX below the last point at which wastes are added to outfall line (XXX), or where otherwise specified.

Average refers to the use of an arithmetic mean, unless otherwise specified in this permit. <u>40 CFR</u> <u>122.41(I)(4)(iii)</u>

Best Management Practices (BMPs) means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution to surface waters of the Commonwealth. 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. <u>25 Pa.</u> <u>Code 92.1</u>

Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. <u>40 CFR</u> 122.41(m)(1)(i)

Calendar Week is defined as the seven consecutive days from Sunday through Saturday, unless the permittee has been given permission by DEP to provide weekly data as Monday through Friday based on showing excellent performance of the facility and a history of compliance. In cases when the week falls in two separate months, the month with the most days in that week shall be the month for reporting.

Clean Water Act means the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended. (33 U.S.C.A. §§1251 to 1387).

Composite Sample (for all except GC/MS volatile organic analysis) means a combination of individual samples (at least eight for a 24-hour period or four for an 8-hour period) of at least 100 milliliters (mL) each obtained at spaced time intervals during the compositing period. The composite must be flow-proportional; either the volume of each individual sample is proportional to discharge flow rates, or the sampling interval is proportional to the flow rates over the time period used to produce the composite. <u>EPA Form 2C</u>

Composite Sample (for GC/MS volatile organic analysis) consists of at least four aliquots or grab samples collected during the sampling event (not necessarily flow proportioned). The samples must be combined in the laboratory immediately before analysis and then one analysis is performed. <u>EPA Form 2C</u>

Daily Average Temperature means the average of all temperature measurements made, or the mean value plot of the record of a continuous automated temperature recording instrument, either during a calendar day or during the operating day if flows are of a shorter duration.

Daily Discharge means the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.1 and 40 CFR 122.2</u>

Daily Maximum Discharge Limitation means the highest allowable "daily discharge."

Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) means the DEP or EPA supplied form(s) for the reporting of selfmonitoring results by the permittee. <u>40 CFR 122.2</u>

Estimated Flow means any method of liquid volume measurement based on a technical evaluation of the sources contributing to the discharge including, but not limited to, pump capabilities, water meters and batch discharge volumes.

Geometric Mean means the average of a set of n sample results given by the nth root of their product.

Grab Sample means an individual sample of at least 100 mL collected at a randomly selected time over a period not to exceed 15 minutes. EPA Form 2C

Hazardous Substance means any substance designated under 40 CFR Part 116 pursuant to Section 311 of the Clean Water Act. <u>40 CFR 122.2</u>

Immersion Stabilization (i-s) means a calibrated device is immersed in the wastewater until the reading is stabilized.

Indirect Discharger means a non-domestic discharger introducing pollutants to a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). <u>25 Pa. Code 92.1 and 40 CFR 122.2</u>

Industrial User means a non-domestic discharger introducing pollutants to a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). <u>25 Pa. Code 92.1</u>

Instantaneous Maximum means the highest allowable discharge of a concentration of a substance at any one time as measured by a grab sample. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.1</u>

Measured Flow means any method of liquid volume measurement, the accuracy of which has been previously demonstrated in engineering practice, or for which a relationship to absolute volume has been obtained.

Monthly Average 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.

Municipality means a city, town, borough, country, parish, district, association or other public body created by or pursuant to State law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under §1288 of the Clean Water Act. <u>40 CFR 122.2</u>

Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) means a treatment works as defined by §212 of the Clean Water Act, owned by a municipality. The definition includes any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature. It also includes sewers, pipes or other conveyances if they convey wastewater to a POTW providing treatment. <u>25 Pa Code 92.1 and 40 CFR 122.2</u>

Severe Property Damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities that causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources that can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production. <u>40 CFR 122.41(m)(1)(ii)</u>

Stormwater means the runoff from precipitation, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage. <u>25 Pa.</u> Code 92.1

Stormwater Associated With Industrial Activity means the discharge from any conveyance which is used for collecting and conveying stormwater and which is directly related to manufacturing, processing or raw materials storage areas as defined at 40 CFR §122.26(b)(14) and 25 Pa. Code 92.1.

Toxic Pollutant means those pollutants, or combinations of pollutants, including disease-causing agents, which after discharge and upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, either directly from the environment or indirectly by ingestion through food chains may, on the basis of information available to DEP cause death, disease, behavioral abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions, including malfunctions in reproduction, or physical deformations in these organisms or their offspring. <u>25 Pa.</u> <u>Code 92.1</u>

Weekly Average Discharge Limitation means the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all "daily discharges" measured during a calendar week divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that week.

III. SELF-MONITORING, REPORTING AND RECORDKEEPING

- A. Representative Sampling <u>40 CFR 122.4(j)(1)</u>
 - 1. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
 - 2. Records Retention <u>40 CFR 122.41(j)(2)</u>

Except for records of monitoring information required by this permit related to the permittee's sludge use and disposal activities which shall be retained for a period of at least 5 years, all records of monitoring activities and results (including all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation and calibration and maintenance records), copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit shall be retained by the permittee for 3 years from the date of the sample measurement, report or application. The 3-year period shall be extended as requested by DEP or the EPA Regional Administrator.

3. Recording of Results 40 CFR 122.41(j)(3)

For each measurement or sample taken pursuant to the requirements of this permit, the permittee shall record the following information:

- a. The exact place, date and time of sampling or measurements.
- b. The person(s) who performed the sampling or measurements.
- c. The date(s) the analyses were performed.
- d. The person(s) who performed the analyses.
- e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and the associated detection level.
- f. The results of such analyses.
- 4. Test Procedures <u>40 CFR 122.41(j)(4)</u>

Facilities that test or analyze environmental samples used to demonstrate compliance with this permit shall be in compliance with laboratory accreditation requirements of Act 90 of 2002 (27 Pa. C.S. §§4101-4113), relating to environmental laboratory accreditation. Unless otherwise specified in this permit, the test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall be those 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 Subpart J of 25 Pa. Code Chapter 271), or alternate test procedures approved pursuant to those parts, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit.

5. Quality/Assurance/Control

In an effort to assure accurate self-monitoring analyses results:

- a. The permittee, or its designated laboratory, shall participate in the periodic scheduled quality assurance inspections conducted by DEP and EPA. <u>40 CFR 122.41(e), 122.41(i)(3)</u>
- b. The permittee, or its designated laboratory, shall develop and implement a program to assure the quality and accurateness of the analyses performed to satisfy the requirements of this permit, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136. <u>40 CFR 122.41(j)(4)</u>
- B. Reporting of Monitoring Results
 - The permittee shall effectively monitor the operation and efficiency of all wastewater treatment and control facilities, and the quantity and quality of the discharge(s) as specified in this permit. <u>40 CFR</u> <u>122.41(e) and 40 CFR 122.44(i)(1)</u>
 - 2. Unless instructed otherwise in Part C of this permit, properly completed DMR(s) must be received by the agency(ies) below within 28 days after the end of each reporting period. The permittee shall

complete all Supplemental Reporting forms (Supplemental DMRs) provided by DEP in this permit (or an approved equivalent), and submit the signed, completed forms as an attachment to the DMR(s). If the permittee elects to use DEP's electronic DMR (eDMR) system, one electronic submission may be made for DMRs and Supplemental DMRs. If paper forms are used, the completed forms shall be mailed to:

Department of Environmental Protection Water Management Program 2 Public Square Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701-1915

NPDES Enforcement Branch (3WP42) Office of Permits & Enforcement Water Protection Division U.S. EPA - Region III 1650 Arch Street Philadelphia, PA 19103-2029

- 3. The completed DMR Form shall be signed and certified by either of the following applicable persons, as defined in 25 Pa. Code § 92.23:
 - For a corporation by a principal executive officer of at least the level of vice president, or an authorized representative, if the representative is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge described in the NPDES form originates.
 - For a partnership or sole proprietorship by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
 - For a municipality, state, federal or other public agency by a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.

If signed by a person other than the above, written notification of delegation of DMR signatory authority must be submitted to DEP in advance of or along with the relevant DMR form. <u>40 CFR 122.22(b)(3)</u>

- 4. If the permittee monitors any pollutant at monitoring points as designated by this permit, using analytical methods described in Part A III.A.4. herein, more frequently than the permit requires, the results of this monitoring shall be incorporated, as appropriate, into the calculations used to report self-monitoring data on the DMR. <u>40 CFR 122.41(I)(4)(ii)</u>
- C. Reporting Requirements
 - 1. Planned Changes <u>40 CFR 122.41(I)(1)</u> The permittee shall give notice to DEP as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required when:
 - a. 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).
 - b. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are not subject to effluent limitations in this permit.
 - c. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.
 - 2. Anticipated Noncompliance

The permittee shall give advance notice to DEP of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. <u>40 CFR 122.41(I)(2)</u>

- 3. Unanticipated Noncompliance or Potential Pollution Reporting
 - a. Immediate Reporting The permittee shall report incidents causing or threatening pollution in accordance with the requirements of 25 Pa. Code Section 91.33. If, because of an accident, other activity or incident a toxic substance or another substance which would endanger users downstream from the discharge, or would otherwise result in pollution or create a danger of pollution or would damage property, the permittee shall immediately notify DEP by telephone of the location and nature of the danger and if reasonable possible to do so, notify downstream users of the waters of the Commonwealth to which the substance was discharged. Such notice shall include the location and nature of the danger. The permittee shall immediately take or cause to be taken steps necessary to prevent injury to property and downstream users of the waters from pollution or a danger of pollution and, in addition, within 15 days from the incident, shall remove the residual substances contained thereon or therein from the ground and from the affected waters of this Commonwealth to the extent required by applicable law.
 - b. The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 122.41(l)(6). These requirements include the following obligations:
 - (i) 24 Hour Reporting The permittee shall orally report any noncompliance with this permit which may endanger health or the environment within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph:
 - (1) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit;
 - (2) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit; and
 - (3) Violation of the maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed in the permit as being subject to the 24-hour reporting requirement. Note see 40 CFR 122.44(g)
 - (ii) Written Report A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. 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.
 - (iii) Waiver of Written Report DEP may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the associated oral report has been received within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances which may endanger health or the environment. Unless such a waiver is expressly granted by DEP, the permittee shall submit a written report in accordance with this paragraph. <u>40 CFR 122.41(I)(6)(iii)</u>.
- 4. Other Noncompliance

The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraph C.3 of this section or specific requirements of compliance schedules, at the time DMRs are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph C.3.b.(ii) of this section. <u>40 CFR 122.41(I)(7)</u>

PART B

I. MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

- A. Compliance Schedules 25 Pa. Code 92.55 and 40 CFR 122.47(a)
 - 1. The permittee shall achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit within the time frames specified in this permit.
 - The permittee shall submit reports of compliance or noncompliance, or progress reports as applicable, for any interim and final requirements contained in this permit. Such reports shall be submitted no later than 14 days following the applicable schedule date or compliance deadline. <u>40 CFR 122.47(a)(4)</u>
- B. Permit Modification, Termination, or Revocation and Reissuance
 - 1. This permit may be modified, terminated, or revoked and reissued during its term in accordance with Title 25 Pa. Code 92.51(2) and 40 CFR 122.41(f).
 - The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition. <u>40 CFR 122.41(f)</u>
 - In the absence of DEP action to modify or revoke and reissue this permit, the permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants within the time specified in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions. <u>40 CFR 122.41(a)(1)</u>
- C. Duty to Provide Information
 - The permittee shall furnish to DEP, within a reasonable time, any information which DEP may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. <u>40 CFR 122.41(h)</u>
 - 2. The permittee shall furnish to DEP, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit. 25 Pa. Code 92.51(3)(ii) and 40 CFR 122.41(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 DEP, it
 shall promptly submit the correct and complete facts or information. <u>40 CFR 122.41(I)(8)</u>
 - 4. The permittee shall provide the following information in the annual Municipal Wasteload Management Report, required under the provisions of Title 25 Pa. Code Chapter 94 unless a more stringent time period is required by law, regulation or permit condition in which case the more stringent time period will apply.
 - A new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to Sections 301 and 306 of the Clean Water Act if it were directly discharging pollutants. <u>40 CFR</u> <u>122.42(b)(1)</u>
 - A substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the POTW by an indirect discharger introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of this permit. <u>40 CFR 122.42(b)(2)</u>
 - c. Information on the quality and quantity of the effluent introduced into the POTW by an industrial user or an indirect discharger and the anticipated impact of the change in the quality and quantity of effluent to be discharged from the POTW. <u>40 CFR 122.42(b)(3)</u>

- d. The identity of the industrial users served by the POTW which are subject to pretreatment standards adopted under Section 307(b) of the Clean Water Act; the POTW shall also specify the total volume of discharge and estimate concentration of each pollutant discharged into the POTW by the industrial user. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.53(c)</u>
- e. The POTW shall require users of the treatment works subject to pretreatment standards adopted under Section 307(b) of the Clean Water Act to comply with the reporting requirements of Sections 204(b), 307, and 308 of the Clean Water Act and regulations thereunder. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.53(c)</u>
- D. Proper Operation and Maintenance
 - 1. The permittee shall employ operator's certified in compliance with the Water and Wastewater Systems Operators Certification Act (63 P.S. §§1001-1015.1).
 - 2. 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 terms and conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes, but is not limited to, adequate laboratory controls including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision also includes the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by the permittee, only when necessary to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. <u>40 CFR 122.41(e)</u>
- E. Duty to Mitigate

The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge, sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment. 40 CFR 122.41(d)

- F. Bypassing
 - Bypassing Not Exceeding Permit Limitations The permittee may allow a bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions in paragraphs two, three and four of this section. <u>40 CFR 122.41(m)(2)</u>
 - 2. Other Bypassing In all other situations, bypassing is prohibited and DEP may take enforcement action against the permittee for bypass unless:
 - a. A bypass is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury or "severe property damage." <u>40</u> <u>CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i)(A)</u>
 - b. There are 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 backup equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance. <u>40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i)(B)</u>
 - c. The permittee submitted the necessary notice required in F.4.a. and b. below. <u>40 CFR 122.41(m)</u> (4)(i)(C)
 - 3. DEP may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if DEP determines that it will meet the conditions listed in F.2. above. <u>40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(ii)</u>
 - 4. Notice
 - a. Anticipated Bypass If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible, at least 10 days before the bypass. <u>40 CFR 122.41(m)(3)(i)</u>

- b. Unanticipated Bypass
 - (i) The permittee shall submit immediate notice of an unanticipated bypass causing or threatening pollution. The notice shall be in accordance with Part A III.C.3.a.
 - (ii) The permittee shall submit oral notice of any other unanticipated bypass within 24 hours, regardless of whether the bypass may endanger health or the environment or whether the bypass exceeds effluent limitations. The notice shall be in accordance with Part A III.C.3.b.

II. PENALTIES AND LIABILITY

A. Violations of Permit Conditions

Any person violating Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Clean Water Act or any permit condition or limitation implementing such sections in a permit issued under Section 402 of the Act is subject to civil, administrative and/or criminal penalties as set forth in 40 CFR §122.4l(a)(2).

Any person or municipality, who violates any provision of this permit; any rule, regulation or order of DEP; or any condition or limitation of any permit issued pursuant to the Clean Streams Law, is subject to criminal and/or civil penalties as set forth in Sections 602, 603 and 605 of the Clean Streams Law.

B. Falsifying Information

Any person who does any of the following:

- Falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit, or
- 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 and/or imprisonment as set forth in 18 Pa.C.S.A § 4904 and 40 CFR §122.41(j)(5) and (k)(2).

C. Liability

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance pursuant to Section 309 of the Clean Water Act or Sections 602, 603 or 605 of the Clean Streams Law.

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or to relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject to under the Clean Water Act and the Clean Streams Law.

D. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for the 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. $\underline{40}$ CFR 122.41(c)

III. OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Right of Entry

Pursuant to Sections 5(b) and 305 of Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law, and Title 25 Pa. Code Chapter 92 and 40 CFR §122.41(i), the permittee shall allow authorized representatives of DEP and EPA, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law:

- To enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit; <u>25 Pa. Code 92.51(3)(i) and 40 CFR</u> <u>122.41(i)(1)</u>
- 2. To have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit; <u>25 Pa. Code 92.51(3)(ii) and 40 CFR 122.41(i)(2)</u>
- 3. To inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices or operations regulated or required under this permit; and <u>40 CFR 122.41(i)(3)</u>
- To sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act or the Clean Streams Law, any substances or parameters at any location. <u>40 CFR 122.41(i)(4)</u>
- B. Transfer of Permits
 - Transfers by modification. Except as provided in paragraph 2 of this section, a permit may be transferred by the permittee to a new owner or operator only if this permit has been modified or revoked and reissued, or a minor modification made to identify the new permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Clean Water Act. <u>40 CFR 122.61(a)</u>
 - 2. Automatic transfers. As an alternative to transfers under paragraph 1 of this section, any NPDES permit may be automatically transferred to a new permittee if:
 - a. The current permittee notifies DEP at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date in paragraph 2.b. of this section; <u>25 Pa. Code 92.71a(1) and 40 CFR 122.61(b)(1)</u>
 - b. The notice includes the appropriate DEP transfer form signed by the existing and new permittees containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage and liability between them; and <u>25 Pa. Code 92.71a(2) and 40 CFR 122.61(b)(2)</u>
 - c. DEP does not notify the existing permittee and the proposed new permittee of its intent to modify or revoke and reissue this permit, the transfer is effective on the date specified in the agreement mentioned in paragraph 2.b. of this section. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.71a(3) and 40 CFR 122.61(b)(3)</u>
 - d. The new permittee is in compliance with existing DEP issued permits, regulations, orders and schedules of compliance, or that any noncompliance with the existing permits has been resolved by an appropriate compliance action or by the terms and conditions of the permit (including compliance schedules set forth in the permit), consistent with § 92.55 (relating to schedules of compliance) and other appropriate DEP regulations. <u>25 Pa. Code 92.71a(4)</u>
 - 3. In the event DEP does not approve transfer of this permit, the new owner or controller must submit a new permit application.
- C. Property Rights

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege. <u>40</u> <u>CFR 122.41(g)</u>

D. Duty to Reapply

If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for a new permit. <u>40 CFR 122.21(d)</u>

E. Other Laws

The issuance of this permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of state or local law or regulations.

PART C

I. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- A. No storm water from pavements, area ways, roofs, foundation drains or other sources shall be directly admitted to the sanitary sewers associated with the herein approved discharge.
- B. The approval herein given is specifically made contingent upon the permittee acquiring all necessary property rights by easement or otherwise, providing for the satisfactory construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of all sewers or sewerage structures associated with the herein approved discharge in, along, or across private property, with full rights of ingress, egress and regress.
- C. If, in the opinion of the Department, these works are not so operated or if by reason of change in the character of wastes or increased load upon the works, or changed use or condition of the receiving body of water, or otherwise, the said effluent ceases to be satisfactory or the sewerage facilities shall have created public nuisance, then upon notice by the Department, the right herein granted to discharge such effluent shall cease and become null and void unless within the time specified by the Department, the permittee shall adopt such remedial measures as will produce an effluent which, in the opinion of the Department, will be satisfactory for discharge into the said receiving body of water.
- D. Collected screenings, slurries, sludges, and other solids shall be handled and disposed of in compliance with 25 Pa. Code, Chapters 75, and in a manner equivalent to the requirements indicated in Chapters 271, 273, 275, 283, and 285 (related to permits and requirements for landfilling, land application, incineration, and storage of sewage sludge), Federal Regulation 40 CFR 257, Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law, Pennsylvania Solid Waste Management Act of 1980, and the Federal Clean Water Act and its amendments.

The permittee is responsible to obtain or assure that contracted agents have all necessary permits and approvals for the handling, storage, transport, and disposal of solid waste materials generated as a result of wastewater treatment.

E. The effluent limitations for Outfalls 001 were determined using effluent discharge rate of 2.25 MGD.

II. CHRONIC WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) MONITORING

A. General Requirements

The permittee shall conduct chronic whole effluent toxicity (WET) tests in accordance with the appropriate test protocols or guidance described in Section D, Test Conditions and Methods, below. The permittee shall collect discharge samples and perform WET tests to generate chronic survival and reproduction data for the cladoceran, <u>Ceriodaphnia dubia</u> and survival and growth data for the fathead minnow, <u>Pimephales promelas</u>. These results will be reported as No Observed Effect Concentration (NOEC) and a dose-response curve shall be plotted, if possible.

B. <u>Test Frequency</u>

1. Chronic WET testing shall be conducted quarterly starting within three months of the permit's effective date and continue until four tests have been completed. If all four chronic tests demonstrate a NOEC (No Observed Effect Concentration) greater than TIWCc (Target Instream Waste Concentration chronic) of <u>7.8%</u> (The TIWCc is the IWCc / 1), the permittee may request that the Department reevaluate the performance of the facility and the effects of the facility effluent upon the aquatic community and reduce or remove the WETT frequency for the remainder of the permit cycle. If the Department does not respond to the permittee's written request to reduce or eliminate WETT monitoring within <u>45</u> days of receipt by the Department, the permittee may cease WETT monitoring until testing required by 40 CFR 122.21(j)(5) for the subsequent permit application is initiated.

If any of the chronic tests show an NOEC less than the TIWCc of <u>7.8%</u>, the permittee shall, within 45 days of the test completion, submit a report of the chronic test results to the Department and begin a Toxicity Identification Evaluation/Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TIE/TRE). The TIE/TRE evaluates the possible causes of the effluent toxicity; the possible sources of the causative agents; possible control options to reduce or eliminate the effluent toxicity; and implementation of controls.

Within 45 days of submitting the chronic test report, the permittee must submit either a written report on the results of the TIE/TRE or, if the TIE/TRE is not complete, a schedule for completing the TIE/TRE. The schedule must contain specific timeframes for completing major elements of the TIE/TRE. The Department will review the schedule and respond within 60 days. If the Department fails to respond within that time period, the permittee may commence with the study in accordance with the submitted schedule.

The TIE/TRE must be conducted in accordance with EPA's guidance in "Methods for Aquatic Identification Evaluations, Phase I (600/3-88/034, September 1988), Phase II (600/3-88/035, February 1989), and Phase III (600/3-88/036, February 1989) or current approved TIE/TRE protocols.

3. During the period the permittee is conducting the TIE and TRE, WET testing will be conducted semi-annually. This schedule will continue until the toxicants are identified, confirmed and controlled to acceptable levels through establishment of chemical specific limits or institutional methods. At this point, the permittee may submit a request to the Department for modification of the permit condition, documenting the changes instituted to achieve the toxicity reduction. Documentation may include, but is not limited to: the results of TIE/TRE, pretreatment program changes, plant operation and maintenance, design changes, or establishment of and compliance with a chemical limit specific that address the effluent toxicity.

The Department will decide if the toxicity has been properly addressed based upon the permittee's report and completion of four consecutive WET tests with NOECs greater than the TIWCc of <u>7.8%</u> subsequent to institution of the controls specified in the report. If the permittee does not identify the sources of toxicity or adequately control them, a WETT limit, adequate to protect the aquatic community, will be imposed for the next permit cycle.

4. If the permittee believes that WET failure(s) are a result of laboratory error, the permittee shall conduct a re-test within 30 days. If the permittee believes that WET failure(s) are a result of issues other than toxicity, the permittee may submit a detailed justification for the failure within 45 days of completion of the fourth test. The justification must include a schedule for the completion of a study to verify assumptions made by the permittee. The Department will review the justification and schedule and respond within 45 days. If the Department fails to respond within that time period, the permittee may commence the study in accordance with the submitted schedule. The permittee shall continue WET monitoring on a semiannual basis during the study. The permittee may request that WET monitoring be eliminated upon submission of a final report documenting the WET failure study. If the Department does not respond to the permittee's written request to reduce or eliminate WET monitoring within 45 days of receipt by the Department, the permittee may cease WET monitoring until testing required by 40 CFR 122.21(j)(5) for the subsequent permit application is initiated.

C. Sample Collection

For each chronic testing event, three 24-hour flow proportioned, composite samples shall be collected on separate days, with at least one day between each sample during a seven-day test period. The collections for the composite samples shall be on an interval of less than or equal to two hours between each sample, and

shall be flow proportioned. The samples must be collected at the NPDES permit sampling point. The permittee shall collect chemical and physical data on the chronic effluent samples specified in this permit.

D. Test Conditions and Methods

The permittee shall follow DEP's "Biomonitoring WETT Data QA/QC Guidelines for Chronic Toxicity Testing with Amendments, March 20, 1995", attached and included in this permit condition, supplemented by <u>Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters of Freshwater Organisms, EPA-821-R-02-013, U.S. EPA (4th Ed., Oct. 2002) or the most current version. If the Department determines that the proper chronic test acceptability criteria are not met or the proper QA/QC conditions were not followed, the permittee must perform a retest within 30 days.</u>

To properly conduct chronic WET tests the laboratory must prepare a series of effluent dilutions which are specific to your discharge. The permittee must inform the WETT laboratory of the proper dilution series, which is calculated, using a linear regression equation, from and geometric to the Targeted In- stream Waste Concentration (TIWCc) for your discharge. The dilution series must include at least one dilution below the TIWCc. Based upon your calculated TIWC, your specific dilution series is <u>100%</u>, <u>30%</u>, <u>7%</u>, <u>4%</u>, <u>2%</u> and <u>0%</u>.

E. Chemical Analysis

The chemistry tests shall include pH, conductivity, total alkalinity, total hardness, total residual chlorine, total ammonia (unionized ammonia), dissolved oxygen and temperature. Chemical analyses as described in the EPA Methods (above) shall be performed for each sampling event, including each new batch of dilution water and each testing event.

In addition to the chemical analyses required above, those parameters listed in PART A and PART C of the NPDES permit for the outfall(s) tested will be analyzed concurrently with the WET Test by using the method specified in the NPDES permit or, if not specified, by using EPA methods at 40 CFR Part 136; Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association; and approved methods cited in 25 PA Code Chapter 16, Water Quality Toxics Management Strategy, Statement of Policy.

F. Chronic Toxicity Test Report Elements

At a minimum, the following must be reported with each chronic WET test:

- 1. General test description: origin and age of test organisms, dates and results of reference toxicant tests; light and temperature regimes; other information on test conditions.
- 2. Completion of <u>Ceriodaphnia dubia</u> and <u>Pimephales promelas</u> coversheets (Forms 3620-FM-WQ0146 3/95 and 3620-FM-W2 145 3/95).
- 3. Description of sample collection procedures and of the sample location.
- 4. Names of individuals collecting and transporting samples, times and dates of sample collection and analysis, and temperature of sample upon receipt.
- 5. Description, time and date of sample renewals.
- 6. All chemical and physical data including method detection levels and observations made on the species. The chronic WET test hardness shall be reported with each test.
- 7. Copies of raw data sheets and/or bench sheets with data entries and signatures.

- 8. When effluents are dechlorinated, dechlorination procedures must be described and a thiosulfate control used in addition to the normal dilution water control. Appropriate statistical consideration of test results should include comparison of both controls.
- 9. All observations or test conditions affecting the test outcome should be described. Any identified type 1 or type II errors must be explained.
- 10. The reference toxicant shall be identified and be a commonly used toxicant approved by EPA. Reports of reference toxicant tests shall include all information needed for the proper evaluation of the test. This includes the following: water chemistry parameters of controls and test concentrations; chronic endpoint with appropriate statistical analyses; and control charts (for point estimates, cumulative mean ± two standards deviations; for NOEC's central tendency ± one for concentration interval).

G. Submission of test reports

The permittee shall submit copies of all chronic WET test reports to DEP at the address listed below within 45 days of the test completion.

Department of Environmental Protection Water Management Program Northeast Regional Office 2 Public Square Wilkes-Barre, PA 18711-0790

- H. SUMMARY OF EFFLUENT TOXICITY TEST CONDITIONS AND TEST ACCEPTABILITY CRITERIA FOR CHRONIC TOXICITY TESTS
 - 1. General Condition:

Effluent concentrations: - Five concentrations and a control. For chlorinated effluents, an additional control (0% effluent) treated with the same concentration of sodium thiosulfate used to dechlorinate the effluent sample will be run. If the initial sample has no chlorine present, start the additional control with no sodium thiosulfate. The DEP shall assign a serial dilution series geometric to the TIWCc to determine the WET test concentrations.

- 2. Summary of effluent toxicity test conditions and test acceptability criteria for the <u>Ceriodaphnia dubia</u> survival and reproduction test (adapted from EPA/600/4-89/001).
 - a. No. neonates per test chamber: 1
 - b. No. replicate test chambers per concentration: 10
 - c. No. neonates per test concentration: 10
 - d. Test duration: Until 60% of control females have three broods (seven days or less).
 - e. Endpoints: Survival and reproduction.
 - f. Test acceptability criterion: 80% or greater survival and an average of 15 or more young per surviving female in the control solutions. At least 60% of the surviving females in controls <u>must</u> have produced their third brood in seven days or less.
 - g. Age of organism: Less than 30 hrs. and inside an 8 hr. window.
- 3. Summary of effluent toxicity test conditions and test acceptability criteria for the fathead minnow (<u>Pimephales promelas</u>) survival and growth test (adapted from EPA/600/4-89/001).
 - a. No. of larvae per test chamber: 10

- b. No. of replicate test chambers per concentration: 4
- c. No. of larvae per test concentration: 40
- d. Test duration: 7 days
- e. Endpoints: Survival and growth (weight)
- f. Test Acceptability: 80% or greater survival in controls; average dry weight of surviving controls equals or exceeds 0.25 mg.
- g. Age of organism: Less than 30 hours, eggs may need to be shipped.

The hardness of the control water and the 100% effluent water shall be similar before the start of the toxicity test.

I. GENERAL WET MONITORING

The Permittee shall conduct quarterly Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing within the final 18 months of this permit cycle according to Federal Regulation 40 CFR § 122.21(j)(5). The results shall be submitted with the next NPDES Permit application due by no later than <u>March 4, 2015</u>.

III ANNUAL FEE

Permittees shall pay an annual fee in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 92a.62. Annual fee amounts are specified in the following schedule and are due on each anniversary of the effective date of the most recent new or reissued permit. All flows identified in the schedule are annual average design flows. (25 Pa. Code 92a.62)

Small Flow Treatment Facility (SRSTP and SFTF)	\$0
Minor Sewage Facility < 0.05 MGD (million gallons per day)	\$250
Minor Sewage Facility ≥ 0.05 and < 1 MGD	\$500
Minor Sewage Facility with CSO (Combined Sewer Overflow)	\$750
Major Sewage Facility ≥ 1 and < 5 MGD	\$1,250
Major Sewage Facility ≥ 5 MGD	\$2,500
Major Sewage Facility with CSO	\$5,000

As of the effective date of this permit, the facility covered by the permit is classified in the following fee category: Major Sewage Facility \geq 1 and < 5 MGD.

Invoices for annual fees will be mailed to permittees approximately three months prior to the due date. In the event that an invoice is not received, the permittee is nonetheless responsible for payment. Throughout a five year permit term, permittees will pay four annual fees followed by a permit renewal application fee in the last year of permit coverage. Permittees may contact the DEP at 717-787-6744 with questions related to annual fees.

Payment for annual fees shall be remitted to DEP at the address below by the anniversary date. Checks should be made payable to the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

PA Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Point and Non-Point Source Management Re: Chapter 92a Annual Fee P.O. Box 8466 Harrisburg, PA 17105-8466