

Application Type New  
 Facility Type Non-Municipal  
 Major / Minor Minor

**NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET  
INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE**

Application No. PA0032964  
 APS ID 254  
 Authorization ID 1542878

**Applicant and Facility Information**

Applicant Name	<u>PA DCNR State Parks Bureau</u>	Facility Name	<u>Cowans Gap State Park</u>
Applicant Address	<u>6235 Aughwick Road</u> <u>Fort Loudon, PA 17224-9603</u>	Facility Address	<u>6235 Aughwick Road</u> <u>Fort Loudon, PA 17224-9603</u>
Applicant Contact	<u>Christopher Trusch</u>	Facility Contact	<u>Jeffrey Johns</u>
Applicant Phone	<u>(814) 934-5044</u>	Facility Phone	<u>(717) 485-3948</u>
Client ID	<u>64584</u>	Site ID	<u>452860</u>
Ch 94 Load Status	<u>Not Overloaded</u>	Municipality	<u></u>
Connection Status	<u>No Limitations</u>	County	<u>Fulton</u>
Date Application Received	<u>September 19, 2025</u>	EPA Waived?	<u>Yes</u>
Date Application Accepted	<u>October 21, 2025</u>	If No, Reason	<u></u>
Purpose of Application	<u>NPDES permit renewal.</u>		

**Summary of Review**

The Cowans Gap State Park's WWTP is located in Todd Township, Fulton County. The WWTP is owned and operated by the Pennsylvania Department of Conservation & Natural Resources (PA DCNR) – State Parks Bureau. The park re-opened in 2003.

The WWTP has a design capacity of 0.09 MGD but is permitted for 0.03 MGD to prevent anti-degradation of the stream, and discharges to the South Branch of Little Aughwick Creek (HQ-CWF). The discharge to a HQ stream is justified, since the outfall pre-dates the HQ classification of the stream.

PA DCNR – State Parks Bureau has applied to the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) for reissuance of its NPDES permit. The permit was last reissued on May 22, 2020, and became effective on June 1, 2020.

The permit expired on May 31, 2025. Although, the facility did not submit the renewal permit No. PA0032964 application until 9/19/2025 thus the fee for new permit is applicable, however the 2.4 Fee Exempt Indicator shows the DCNR is among the listed agencies that are eligible for a fee waiver.

The original WQM Part II permit in 1996 can't be located in the system. The WQM No. 2925201 A-1 amendment application was submitted on 10/20/2025 and issued in 12/18/2025, which proposed maintenance modification of the existing Cowans Gap State Park WWTP with the following attributes to remain unchanged: annual average flow and hydraulic design capacity flow is 0.03 MGD.

Sludge use and disposal description and location(s): N/A because sludge hauling is by facility's contractor.

Changes from the previous permit: The E. Coli monitoring and report requirements will be added to the proposed permit.

Based on the review outline in this fact sheet, it is recommended that the permit be drafted and published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin for public comments for 30 days.

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
X		<i>Hilaryle</i> Hilary H. Le / Environmental Engineering Specialist	December 31, 2025
X		<i>Daniel W. Martin</i> Daniel W. Martin, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	February 13, 2026

Discharge, Receiving Waters and Water Supply Information			
Outfall No.	001	Design Flow (MGD)	0.03
Latitude	40° 0' 16.51"	Longitude	-77° 55' 27.41"
Quad Name	Burnt Cabins	Quad Code	
Wastewater Description: Sewage Effluent			
Receiving Waters	South Branch Little Aughwick Creek (HQ-CWF)	Stream Code	13182
NHD Com ID	66214047	RMI	8.33 miles
Drainage Area	5.4 mi. <sup>2</sup>	Yield (cfs/mi <sup>2</sup> )	See comments below
Q <sub>7-10</sub> Flow (cfs)	See comments below	Q <sub>7-10</sub> Basis	USGS StreamStats Gage Station (01613500)
Elevation (ft)		Slope (ft/ft)	
Watershed No.	12-C	Chapter 93 Class.	HQ-CWF
Existing Use		Existing Use Qualifier	
Exceptions to Use		Exceptions to Criteria	
Assessment Status	Attaining Use(s)		
Cause(s) of Impairment			
Source(s) of Impairment			
TMDL Status	Name		
Nearest Downstream Public Water Supply Intake	Newport Borough Authority, Juniata River		
PWS Waters	Juniata River	Flow at Intake (cfs)	
PWS RMI	72.93 miles	Distance from Outfall (mi)	Approximate 54 miles

Changes Since Last Permit Issuance:

**Drainage Area**

The discharge is to South Branch Little Aughwick Creek at RMI 8.33 miles. A drainage area upstream of the discharge is estimated to be 5.4 mi.<sup>2</sup>, according to USGS PA StreamStats available at <https://streamstats.usgs.gov/ss/>.

**Streamflow**

Streamflow will be correlated with past streamflow records taken from the nearby USGS gage station on Licking Creek (01613500). This gage station was chosen in the previous protection report because Licking Creek originates in the same foothills as the S. Branch Aughwick Creek. The Q<sub>7-10</sub> here is 6.03 cfs and the drainage area is 159 mi.<sup>2</sup> which results in a Q<sub>7-10</sub> low flow yield of 0.04 cfs/mi.<sup>2</sup>. This information is used to obtain a chronic or 30-day (Q<sub>30-10</sub>), and an acute or 1-day (Q<sub>1-10</sub>) exposure stream flow for the discharge point as follows (Guidance No. 391-2000-023):

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Low Flow Yield} &= Q_{7-10\text{gage}} / \text{Drainage Area}_{\text{gage}} = 6.03 \text{ cfs} / 159 \text{ mi.}^2 = 0.04 \text{ cfs/mi.}^2 \\ Q_{7-10\text{discharge}} &= 0.015 \text{ cfs/mi.}^2 * \text{Drainage Area}_{\text{discharge}} = 0.04 \text{ cfs/mi.}^2 * 5.4 \text{ mi.}^2 = 0.22 \text{ cfs} \\ Q_{30-10} &= 1.36 * Q_{7-10\text{discharge}} = 1.36 * 0.22 \text{ cfs} = 0.3 \text{ cfs} \\ Q_{1-10} &= 0.64 * Q_{7-10\text{discharge}} = 0.64 * 0.22 \text{ cfs} = 0.14 \text{ cfs} \end{aligned}$$

**Public Water Supply**

The nearest downstream public water supply intake is an experimental system for Newport Borough on the Juniata River. An emergency permit was granted to Newport Borough Authority to use the water in the distribution system in December of 2000. It is highly probable that this system will become a permanent surface water source. Because of the distance, effluent limits and dilution, the discharge is not expected to significantly impact the water supply.

Treatment Facility Summary				
<b>Treatment Facility Name:</b> Cowans Gap State Park				
<b>WQM Permit No.</b>		<b>Issuance Date</b>		
2925201 A-1		12/18/2025		
<b>Waste Type</b>		<b>Degree of Treatment</b>	<b>Process Type</b>	<b>Disinfection</b>
Sewage		Secondary	Extended Aeration	Hypochlorite
<b>Hydraulic Capacity (MGD)</b>		<b>Organic Capacity (lbs/day)</b>	<b>Load Status</b>	<b>Biosolids Treatment</b>
0.03			Not Overloaded	Anaerobic Digestion
				<b>Biosolids Use/Disposal</b>
				Other WWTP

Changes Since Last Permit Issuance:

Other Comments:

The WWTP train is as follows:

Comminutor (1) ⇒ Aeration Tanks (2) ⇒ Clarifiers (2) ⇒ Polishing Ponds (2) ⇒ Chlorine Contact Tank (1) ⇒ Discharge (Outfall 001)

Chlorination is used for disinfection.

Compliance History	
<b>Summary of DMRs:</b>	DMRs reported last 12 months are summarized in the next page.
<b>Summary of Inspections:</b>	8/20/2025: Mr. Clark, DEP WQS, conducted compliance evaluation inspection. The effluent at Outfall 001 appeared clear. Field test results were within the permit limits. There were no violations noted during the inspection. Recommendations were 1. Repair the aeration blower as soon as possible. 2. Use the newest version of the daily effluent supplemental form.  7/30/2024: Mr. Clark, DEP WQS, conducted compliance evaluation inspection. Field test results were within the permit limits. Recommendation was repairing the holes in lagoon liners if they will not be replaced within the next year.
<b>Other Comments:</b>	There are no open violations associated with this facility or permittee.

Other Comments:

Compliance History

DMR Data for Outfall 001 (from November 1, 2024 to October 31, 2025)

Parameter	OCT-25	SEP-25	AUG-25	JUL-25	JUN-25	MAY-25	APR-25	MAR-25	FEB-25	JAN-25	DEC-24	NOV-24
Flow (MGD) Average Monthly	0.0047	0.0035	0.0038	0.0098	0.0194	0.0291	0.0068	0.0125	0.0281	0.0171	0.0188	0.0062
Flow (MGD) Daily Maximum	0.0289	0.0205	0.0113	0.0637	0.0674	0.1534	0.0305	0.0534	0.1117	0.0627	0.0687	0.0423
pH (S.U.) Instantaneous Minimum	7.2	6.97	7.04	6.78	6.82	7.11	7.26	7.46	6.89	6.9	7.26	7.3
pH (S.U.) Instantaneous Maximum	7.94	7.6	7.54	7.48	8.1	7.81	8.01	9.46	8.22	8.0	8.06	7.82
DO (mg/L) Instantaneous Minimum	4.25	3.44	5.31	4.46	4.78	3.25	5.10	8.49	5.91	5.93	5.92	5.9
TRC (mg/L) Average Monthly	0.06	0.06	0.07	0.07	0.1	0.1	0.19	0.1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1
TRC (mg/L) Instantaneous Maximum	0.21	0.18	0.2	0.23	1.28	0.28	0.66	0.5	0.28	1.74	0.14	0.43
CBOD5 (mg/L) Average Monthly	5.65	3.49	4.4	4.15	5.3	9.8	10.52	8	8	6	3	< 8
TSS (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 8	< 8	< 15	< 9	< 8	< 8	< 8	20	16	9	< 8	< 8
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) Geometric Mean	< 2	23	< 5	< 3	< 2	7	< 2.23	< 5	146	78	< 5	< 2
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) IMAX	< 5	60	6	9	5	9	< 5	25	164	384	21	4
Nitrate-Nitrite (mg/L) Semi-Annual Average					0.19						3.03	
Total Nitrogen (mg/L) Semi-Annual Average					2.56						7.25	
Ammonia (mg/L) Average Monthly	2.72	1.97	1.65	2.19	1.29	1.19	0.74	1.0	5.8	5.7	2.8	1.9
TKN (mg/L) Semi-Annual Average					2.37						4.22	
Total Phosphorus (mg/L) Semi-Annual Average					3.358						5.8	

Existing Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

Outfall 001,

Parameter	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Units (lbs/day) <sup>(1)</sup>		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum <sup>(2)</sup> Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Minimum	Average Monthly	Maximum	Instant. Maximum		
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report Daily Max	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Continuous	Measured
pH (S.U.) Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	6.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	9.0	3/week	Grab
pH (S.U.) May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	6.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
D.O. Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	5.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	XXX	3/week	Grab
D.O. May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	5.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
TRC Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.5	XXX	1.6	3/week	Grab
TRC May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.5	XXX	1.6	1/day	Grab
CBOD <sub>5</sub> Nov 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	25	XXX	50	2/month	8-Hr Composite
CBOD <sub>5</sub> May 1 - Oct 31	XXX	XXX	XXX	20	XXX	40	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TSS	XXX	XXX	XXX	30	XXX	60	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	2,000 Geo Mean	XXX	10,000	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	200 Geo Mean	XXX	1,000	2/month	Grab
Ammonia Nov 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	7.5	XXX	15	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Ammonia May 1 - Oct 31	XXX	XXX	XXX	2.5	XXX	5	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TKN	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	8-Hr Composite
Nitrate-Nitrite	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	8-Hr Composite
Total Nitrogen	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	Calculation
Total Phosphorus	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	8-Hr Composite

**Proposed Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements**

The limitations and monitoring requirements specified below are proposed for the draft permit, and reflect the most stringent limitations amongst technology, water quality and BPJ. Instantaneous Maximum (IMAX) limits are determined using multipliers of 2 (conventional pollutants) or 2.5 (toxic pollutants). Sample frequencies and types are derived from the "NPDES Permit Writer's Manual" (386-0400-001), SOPs and/or BPJ.

**Outfall 001, Effective Period: Permit Effective Date through Permit Expiration Date.**

Parameter	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Units (lbs/day) <sup>(1)</sup>		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum <sup>(2)</sup> Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Minimum	Average Monthly	Maximum	Instant. Maximum		
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report Daily Max	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Continuous	Measured
pH (S.U.) Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	6.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	9.0	3/week	Grab
pH (S.U.) May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	6.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
DO Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	5.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	XXX	3/week	Grab
DO May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	5.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
TRC Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.5	XXX	1.6	3/week	Grab
TRC May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.5	XXX	1.6	1/day	Grab
CBOD <sub>5</sub> Nov 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	25	XXX	50	2/month	8-Hr Composite
CBOD <sub>5</sub> May 1 - Oct 31	XXX	XXX	XXX	20	XXX	40	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TSS	XXX	XXX	XXX	30	XXX	60	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	2,000 Geo Mean	XXX	10,000	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	200 Geo Mean	XXX	1,000	2/month	Grab
E. Coli (No./100 ml)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	1/year	Grab
Ammonia Nov 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	7.5	XXX	15	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Ammonia May 1 - Oct 31	XXX	XXX	XXX	2.5	XXX	5	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TKN	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	8-Hr Composite

Parameter	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Units (lbs/day) <sup>(1)</sup>		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum <sup>(2)</sup> Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Minimum	Average Monthly	Maximum	Instant. Maximum		
Nitrate-Nitrite	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	8-Hr Composite
Total Nitrogen	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	Calculation
Total Phosphorus	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report SEMI AVG	XXX	XXX	1/6 months	8-Hr Composite

Compliance Sampling Location:

Other Comments:

**Development of Effluent Limitations**

<b>Outfall No.</b> 001	<b>Design Flow (MGD)</b> 0.03
<b>Latitude</b> 40° 0' 16.51"	<b>Longitude</b> -77° 55' 27.41"
<b>Wastewater Description:</b> Sewage Effluent	

**Technology-Based Limitations**

The following technology-based limitations apply, subject to water quality analysis and BPJ where applicable:

Pollutant	Limit (mg/l)	SBC	Federal Regulation	State Regulation
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	25	Average Monthly	133.102(a)(4)(i)	92a.47(a)(1)
	40	Average Weekly	133.102(a)(4)(ii)	92a.47(a)(2)
Total Suspended Solids	30	Average Monthly	133.102(b)(1)	92a.47(a)(1)
	45	Average Weekly	133.102(b)(2)	92a.47(a)(2)
pH	6.0 – 9.0 S.U.	Min – Max	133.102(c)	95.2(1)
Fecal Coliform (5/1 – 9/30)	200 / 100 ml	Geo Mean	-	92a.47(a)(4)
Fecal Coliform (5/1 – 9/30)	1,000 / 100 ml	IMAX	-	92a.47(a)(4)
Fecal Coliform (10/1 – 4/30)	2,000 / 100 ml	Geo Mean	-	92a.47(a)(5)
Fecal Coliform (10/1 – 4/30)	10,000 / 100 ml	IMAX	-	92a.47(a)(5)
Total Residual Chlorine	0.5	Average Monthly	-	92a.48(b)(2)

Comments:

**Water Quality-Based Limitations**

***Ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>-N)***

NH<sub>3</sub>-N calculations were first based on the Department's Implementation Guidance of Section 93.7 Ammonia Criteria, dated 11/4/97 (ID No. 391-2000-013). The following data is necessary to determine the in-stream NH<sub>3</sub>-N criteria used in the attached computer model of the stream:

Discharge pH	=	7.0	(Default)
Discharge Temperature	=	20°C	(Default)
Stream pH	=	7.0	(Default)
Stream Temperature	=	20°C	(Default)
Background NH <sub>3</sub> -N	=	0	(Default)

The screenshot shows the 'Effluent Limitations' tab in the 'Analysis Results WQM 7.0' software. It displays a table with the following data:

Parameter	Effluent Limit 30 Day Average (mg/L)	Effluent Limit Maximum (mg/L)	Effluent Limit Minimum (mg/L)
CBOD5	25		
NH3-N	13.83	27.66	
Dissolved Oxygen			5

Additional interface elements include: RMI: 8.33, Discharge Name: Cowans Gap Park, Permit Number: PA0032964, Disc Flow: 0.0300. Navigation buttons at the bottom include Print, Back, Next, Archive, and Cancel.

The printout of the WQM 7.0 output indicates that at a discharge of 0.03 MGD, limits (rounded according to the NPDES Technical Guidance 362-0400-001) of 13.83 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N as average monthly (AML) and 27.66 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N instantaneous maximum (IMAX) are necessary to protect the aquatic life from toxicity effects. However, the agreement between DEP and DCNR requires that NH<sub>3</sub>-N be sampled 2/month (May - Oct) of 2.5 mg/L AML & 5.0 mg/L IMAX and 2/month (Nov – Apr) of 7.5 mg/L AML & 15.0 mg/L IMAX. These monitoring requirements will remain in the proposed permit.

***Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>)***

Only the minimum treatment requirements of secondary treatment will be necessary to protect water quality. The existing limits (Nov – Apr) of 25.0 mg/L average monthly & 50.0 mg/L instantaneous maximum and (May – Oct) 20.0 mg/L average monthly & 40.0 mg/L IMAX will remain in the proposed permit. The facility has consistently achieved CBOD<sub>5</sub> levels well below these limits.

***Dissolved Oxygen (D.O.)***

A minimum D.O. of 5.0 mg/L is required per 25 Pa. Code § 93.7. The agreement between DEP and DCNR requires that D.O. be sampled 1/day (May - Sep) and 3/week (Oct – Apr). These monitoring requirements will remain in the proposed permit.

***Fecal Coliform***

The recent coliform guidance in 25 Pa Code § 92a.47.(a)(4) requires a summer technology limit of 200/100 ml as a geometric mean and an instantaneous maximum not greater than 1,000/100 ml and 25 Pa Code § 92a.47.(a)(5) requires a winter limit of 2,000/100 ml as a geometric mean and an instantaneous maximum not greater than 10,000/100 ml.

***E. Coli***

As recommended by DEP's SOP No. BCW-PMT-033, version 2.0 revised February 5, 2024, a routine monitoring for E. Coli will be included in the proposed permit under 25 Pa. Code § 92a.61. This requirement applies to all sewage dischargers greater than 0.002 MGD in their new and reissued permits. A monitoring frequency of 1/year will be included in the permit to be consistent with the recommendation from this SOP.

***pH***

The effluent discharge pH should remain above 6 and below 9 standard units according to 25 Pa Code § 95.2(2). Additionally, the DEP has an agreement with DCNR that necessitates seasonal monitoring requirements for certain parameters, including pH. For Cowans Gap State Park, pH must be sampled 1/day (May - Sep) and 3/week (Oct – Apr). These monitoring requirements will remain in the proposed permit.

***Total Suspended Solids (TSS)***

The existing limits of 30.0 mg/L average monthly, and 60.0 mg/L instantaneous maximum will remain in the proposed permit based on the minimum level of effluent quality attainable by secondary treatment based on 25 Pa. Code § 92a.47. Past DMRs and inspection reports show that the facility has been consistently achieving these limits.

***Toxics***

No toxic parameters of concern are associated with this discharge.

***Biosolids Management***

Sludge is periodically dredged from the lagoon and the polishing pond, and then disposed of by a certified hauler.

***Stormwater***

There is no known stormwater outfall associated with this facility.

***Total Residual Chlorine***

The attached computer printout (Page # 8) utilizes the equations and calculations as presented in the Department's 2003 Implementation Guidance for Residual Chlorine (TRC) (ID # 391-2000-015) for developing chlorine limitations. The attached printout indicates that an average monthly water quality limit of 0.5 mg/L and 1.6 mg/L max daily would be needed to prevent toxicity concerns. This is consistent with the existing permit. The treatment facility is meeting this limit. The agreement between DEP and DCNR requires that TRC be sampled 1/day (May - Sep) and 3/week (Oct – Apr). These monitoring requirements will remain in the proposed permit.

<b>TRC EVALUATION</b>					
Input appropriate values in A3:A9 and D3:D9					
0.22	= Q stream (cfs)	0.5	= CV Daily		
0.03	= Q discharge (MGD)	0.5	= CV Hourly		
30	= no. samples	1	= AFC_Partial Mix Factor		
0.3	= Chlorine Demand of Stream	1	= CFC_Partial Mix Factor		
0	= Chlorine Demand of Discharge	15	= AFC_Criteria Compliance Time (min)		
0.5	= BAT/BPJ Value	720	= CFC_Criteria Compliance Time (min)		
0	= % Factor of Safety (FOS)		= Decay Coefficient (K)		
Source	Reference	AFC Calculations		Reference	CFC Calculations
TRC	1.3.2.iii	WLA_afc = 1.531		1.3.2.iii	WLA_cfc = 1.485
PENTOXSD TRG	5.1a	LTAMULT_afc = 0.373		5.1c	LTAMULT_cfc = 0.581
PENTOXSD TRG	5.1b	LTA_afc = 0.571		5.1d	LTA_cfc = 0.863
Source	Effluent Limit Calculations				
PENTOXSD TRG	5.1f	AML_MULT = 1.231			
PENTOXSD TRG	5.1g	AVG MON LIMIT (mg/l) = 0.500		BAT/BPJ	
		INST MAX LIMIT (mg/l) = 1.635			
WLA_afc	$(.019/e^{-k \cdot AFC\_tc}) + [(AFC\_Yc \cdot Qs \cdot .019/Qd \cdot e^{-k \cdot AFC\_tc}) \dots + Xd + (AFC\_Yc \cdot Qs \cdot Xs/Qd)] \cdot (1 - FOS/100)$				
LTAMULT_afc	$EXP((0.5 \cdot LN(cvh^2 + 1)) - 2.326 \cdot LN(cvh^2 + 1)^{0.5})$				
LTA_afc	wla_afc * LTAMULT_afc				
WLA_cfc	$(.011/e^{-k \cdot CFC\_tc}) + [(CFC\_Yc \cdot Qs \cdot .011/Qd \cdot e^{-k \cdot CFC\_tc}) \dots + Xd + (CFC\_Yc \cdot Qs \cdot Xs/Qd)] \cdot (1 - FOS/100)$				
LTAMULT_cfc	$EXP((0.5 \cdot LN(cvd^2/no\_samples + 1)) - 2.326 \cdot LN(cvd^2/no\_samples + 1)^{0.5})$				
LTA_cfc	wla_cfc * LTAMULT_cfc				
AML_MULT	$EXP(2.326 \cdot LN((cvd^2/no\_samples + 1)^{0.5}) - 0.5 \cdot LN(cvd^2/no\_samples + 1))$				
AVG MON LIMIT	MIN(BAT_BPJ, MIN(LTA_afc, LTA_cfc) * AML_MULT)				
INST MAX LIMIT	1.5 * (av_mon_limit / AML_MULT) / LTAMULT_afc				

### Chesapeake Bay Strategy

According to DEP's Chesapeake Bay Phase II Watershed Implementation Plan (WIP) Wastewater Supplement, this facility is considered a phase 5 non-significant sewage discharger with design flow less than 0.2 MGD but greater than 0.002 MGD. In general, DEP will issue permits for all phase 5 facilities with monitoring and reporting for Total Nitrogen (TN) and Total Phosphorus (TP) throughout the permit term at a frequency no less than annually. Furthermore, DEP's SOP No. BPNPSM-PMT-033 states that in general, at a minimum, monitoring for TN and TP should be included in new and reissued permits for sewage discharges with design flows > 2,000 gpd. At this time, the Department is not requiring a total maximum annual nitrogen or phosphorus loading cap. The report of SEMI AVG of Nitrate-Nitrite as N, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen, TN, and TP monitoring is already included in the existing permit and will remain in the proposed permit.

The Chesapeake Bay parameters monitoring frequency for this facility will match that of the conventional pollutants monitoring frequency of one sample per quarter.

### Anti-Degradation (93.4)

The effluent limits for this discharge have been developed to ensure that the existing in-stream water used and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing uses are maintained and protected. No new or additional discharge is proposed. The discharge pre-dates the Chapter 93 designation of HQ-CWF, and is not expected to impact the stream.

### Class A Wild Trout Fisheries

No Class A Wild Trout Fisheries are impacted by this discharge.

### 303d Listed Streams:

The discharge is not located on a 303d listed stream segment.

**WQM 7.0 input:**

- Discharge pH = 7.0 (Default)
- Discharge Temperature = 20°C (Default)
- Stream pH = 7.0 (Default)
- Stream Temperature = 20°C (Default)
- Background NH<sub>3</sub>-N = 0 (Default)

Node 1: Outfall 001 on South Branch Little Aughwick Creek (13182)  
 Elevation: 1225.00 ft (USGS National Map Viewer)  
 Drainage Area: 5.4 mi.<sup>2</sup> (USGS PA StreamStats)  
 River Mile Index: 8.33 (PA DEP eMapPA)  
 Low Flow Yield: 0.04 cfs/mi.<sup>2</sup>  
 Discharge Flow: 0.03 MGD (NPDES Application)

Node 2: Just before conjunction South Branch Little Aughwick Creek & Trib. 13206  
 Elevation: 950.00 ft (USGS National Map Viewer)  
 Drainage Area: 15.1 mi.<sup>2</sup> (USGS PA StreamStats)  
 River Mile Index: 0.001 (PA DEP eMapPA)  
 Low Flow Yield: 0.04 cfs/mi.<sup>2</sup>  
 Discharge Flow: 0.000 MGD

**Analysis Results WQM 7.0**

Hydrodynamics | **NH3-N Allocations** | D.O. Allocations | D.O. Simulation | **Effluent Limitations**

RMI	Discharge Name	Permit Number	Disc Flow (mgd)
8.33	Cowans Gap Park	PA0032964	0.0300

Parameter	Effluent Limit		
	30 Day Average (mg/L)	Maximum (mg/L)	Minimum (mg/L)
CBOD5	25		
NH3-N	13.83	27.66	
Dissolved Oxygen			5

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### WQM 7.0 Effluent Limits

SWP Basin	Stream Code	Stream Name	Effluent Limits				
12C	13192	SOUTH BRANCH LITTLE AUGHSWICK CREEK	Discharge Flow (mgd)	Parameter	Eff. Limit 30-day Ave. (mg/L)	Eff. Limit Maximum (mg/L)	Eff. Limit Minimum (mg/L)
8.330	Cowans Gap Park	PA0032964	0.030	CSOD5	25		
				NH3-N	13.83	27.66	
				Dissolved Oxygen			5

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### WQM 7.0 Wasteload Allocations

SWP Basin	Stream Code	Stream Name	Wasteload Allocations						
12C	13192	SOUTH BRANCH LITTLE AUGHSWICK CREEK	Discharge Name	Baseline Criterion (mg/L)	Baseline WLA (mg/L)	Multiple Criterion (mg/L)	Multiple WLA (mg/L)	Critical Reach	Percent Reduction
<b>NHS-N Acute Allocations</b>									
8.330	Cowans Gap Park			16.76	30	16.76	30	0	0
<b>NHS-N Chronic Allocations</b>									
8.330	Cowans Gap Park			1.89	13.83	1.89	13.83	0	0
<b>Dissolved Oxygen Allocations</b>									
8.33	Cowans Gap Park			25	25	13.83	13.83	5	5

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### WQM 7.0 D.O. Simulation

SWP Basin	Stream Code	Stream Name	Simulation Parameters			
12C	13192	SOUTH BRANCH LITTLE AUGHSWICK CREEK	Discharge Flow (mgd)	Analysis Temperature (°C)	Analysed pH	
8.330			0.030	20.000	7.000	
<b>Reaches</b>						
8.040	0.416	21.743	0.070			
8.07	0.152	2.45	0.700			
7.883	16.468	0.000	5			
<b>Subreach Results</b>						
7.290						
0.720	5.43	1.47	8.24			
1.438	4.88	0.88	8.24			
2.187	4.25	0.32	8.24			
2.916	3.59	0.32	8.24			
3.645	3.48	0.19	8.24			
4.374	3.12	0.11	8.24			
5.103	2.79	0.07	8.24			
5.832	2.50	0.04	8.24			
6.561	2.23	0.02	8.24			
7.290	2.00	0.01	8.24			

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### WQM 7.0 Modeling Specifications

Parameters	Units	Use Inputted Q-1-10 and Q30-10 Flows
WLA Method	EM/PL	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q-1-10/Q-1-10 Ratio	0.84	<input type="checkbox"/>
Q30-10/QP-10 Ratio	1.38	<input type="checkbox"/>
D.O. Saturation	90.00%	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
D.O. Goal	5	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
		Use Inputted WLD Ratio <input type="checkbox"/>
		Use Inputted Reach Travel Times <input type="checkbox"/>
		Temperature Adjust Kr <input type="checkbox"/>
		Use Balanced Technology <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

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### WQM 7.0 Hydrodynamic Outputs

SWP#	Stream	PWS	Net	Disc	Reach	Depth	Width	WD	Velocity	Reach	Analysis	Analysis
12C	13182		Flow	Flow	Slope	(ft)	(ft)	Ratio	(ft/s)	Time	Temp	pH
(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft/s)	(days)	(°C)	
<b>Q7-10 Flow</b>												
8.330	0.22	0.00	0.22	0.464	0.0025	.416	9.94	21.74	0.07	7.200	20.00	7.00
<b>Q1-10 Flow</b>												
8.330	0.14	0.00	0.14	0.464	0.0025	NA	NA	NA	0.06	8.876	20.00	7.00
<b>Q30-10 Flow</b>												
8.330	0.20	0.00	0.20	0.464	0.0025	NA	NA	NA	0.08	6.304	20.00	7.00

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### Input Data WQM 7.0

SWP#	Stream	Stream	RWB	Elevation	Drainage	Slope	PWS	Apply
12C	13182	SOUTH BRANCH LITTLE AUGHWICK	8.330	(ft)	(sq mi)	(ft)	(mgd)	F.C.
				1223.00	5.40	0.00000	0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Stream Data

Design	LFY	Int	Stream	Rich	Rich	WD	Rich	Rich	Int	Stream
Cond.	(dcm)	Flow	Flow	Flow	Flow	Ratio	Width	Depth	Temp	Temp
	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(°C)	(°C)
Q7-10	0.940	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.0	0.00	0.00	20.00	7.00
Q1-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000					
Q30-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000					

#### Discharge Data

Name	Permit	Existing	Permitted	Design	Reserve	Disc.	Disc.
	Number	Disc.	Disc.	Disc.	Factor	Temp	pH
		Flow	Flow	Flow		(°C)	
		(mgd)	(mgd)	(mgd)			
Cowans Gap Park	PA0032964	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.000	20.00	7.00

#### Parameter Data

Parameter	Disc.	Int.	Stream	File
Name	Conc.	Conc.	Conc.	Coef.
	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(mg/L)	(1/days)
CBOD5	25.00	2.00	0.00	1.50
Dissolved Oxygen	5.00	8.24	0.00	0.00
NH3-N	25.00	0.00	0.00	0.70

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### Input Data WQM 7.0

SWP#	Stream	Stream	RWB	Elevation	Drainage	Slope	PWS	Apply
12C	13182	SOUTH BRANCH LITTLE AUGHWICK	0.001	(ft)	(sq mi)	(ft)	(mgd)	F.C.
				95.00	15.10	0.00000	0.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

#### Stream Data

Design	LFY	Int	Stream	Rich	Rich	WD	Rich	Rich	Int	Stream
Cond.	(dcm)	Flow	Flow	Flow	Flow	Ratio	Width	Depth	Temp	Temp
	(cfs)	(cfs)	(cfs)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(ft)	(°C)	(°C)
Q7-10	0.940	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000	0.0	0.00	0.00	20.00	7.00
Q1-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000					
Q30-10	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.000	0.000					

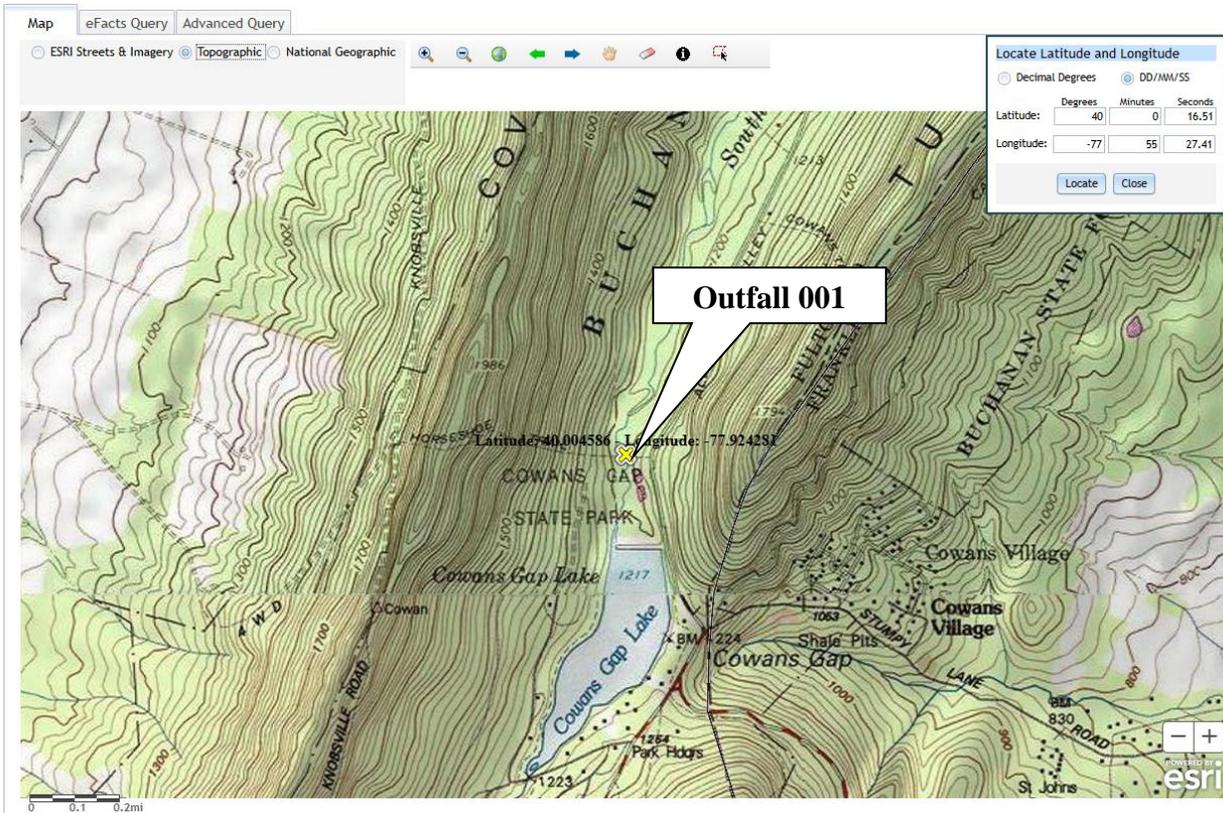
#### Discharge Data

Name	Permit	Existing	Permitted	Design	Reserve	Disc.	Disc.
	Number	Disc.	Disc.	Disc.	Factor	Temp	pH
		Flow	Flow	Flow		(°C)	
		(mgd)	(mgd)	(mgd)			
Cowans Gap Park	PA0032964	0.0000	0.0000	0.0000	0.000	20.00	7.00

#### Parameter Data

Parameter	Disc.	Int.	Stream	File
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Basin Characteristics can be edited here

Calculate Missing Parameters

Parameter	Value
DRNAREA	5.4
PRECIP	41
STRDEN	1.53
ROCKDEP	4
CARBON	0

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**Basin Characteristics**

Parameter Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit
CARBON	Percentage of area of carbonate rock	0	percent
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point on a stream	5.4	square miles
PRECIP	Mean Annual Precipitation	41	inches
ROCKDEP	Depth to rock	4	feet
STRDEN	Stream Density -- total length of streams divided by drainage area	1.53	miles per square mile

**Low-Flow Statistics**

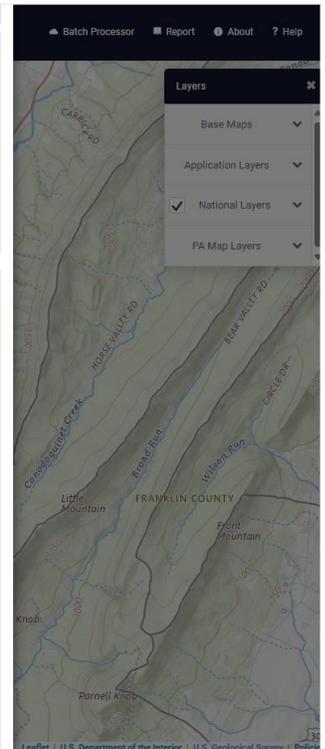
Low-Flow Statistics Parameters [Low Flow Region 2]

Parameter Code	Parameter Name	Value	Units	Min Limit	Max Limit
CARBON	Percent Carbonate	0	percent	0	99
DRNAREA	Drainage Area	5.4	square miles	4.93	1280
PRECIP	Mean Annual Precipitation	41	inches	35	50.4
ROCKDEP	Depth to Rock	4	feet	3.32	5.65
STRDEN	Stream Density	1.53	miles per square mile	0.51	3.1

Low-Flow Statistics Flow Report [Low Flow Region 2]

PIL: Lower 90% Prediction Interval, PIU: Upper 90% Prediction Interval, ASEP: Average Standard Error of Prediction, SE: Standard Error, PC: Percent Correct, RMSE: Root Mean Squared Error, Pseudo R Squared (other -- see report)

Statistic	Value	Unit	SE	ASEP
7 Day 2 Year Low Flow	0.478	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	38	38
30 Day 2 Year Low Flow	0.688	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	33	33
7 Day 10 Year Low Flow	0.184	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	51	51
30 Day 10 Year Low Flow	0.271	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	46	46
90 Day 10 Year Low Flow	0.481	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	36	36



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**Basin Characteristics**

Parameter	Value
DRNAREA	159
PRECIP	39
STRDEN	2.71
ROCKDEP	4.1
CARBON	15.99

**Low-Flow Statistics Parameters [Low Flow Region 2]**

Parameter Code	Parameter Name	Value	Units	Min Limit	Max Limit
CARBON	Percent Carbonate	15.99	percent	0	99
DRNAREA	Drainage Area	159	square miles	4.93	1280
PRECIP	Mean Annual Precipitation	39	inches	35	50.4
ROCKDEP	Depth to Rock	4.1	feet	3.32	5.65
STRDEN	Stream Density	2.71	miles per square mile	0.51	3.1

**Low-Flow Statistics Flow Report [Low Flow Region 2]**

Statistic	Value	Unit	SE	ASEp
7 Day 2 Year Low Flow	12.6	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	38	38
30 Day 2 Year Low Flow	17	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	33	33
7 Day 10 Year Low Flow	6.03	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	51	51
30 Day 10 Year Low Flow	8.32	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	46	46
90 Day 10 Year Low Flow	12.5	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	36	36

Map interface showing the location of Cowans Gap State Park in Franklin County, Pennsylvania. The map displays various layers including Base Maps, Application Layers, National Layers, and PA Map Layers. The location is marked with a red dot near the intersection of Lincoln Way and Chambersburg.

**Basin Characteristics**

Parameter	Value
DRNAREA	15.1
PRECIP	40
STRDEN	1.49
ROCKDEP	4.7
CARBON	1.79

**Low-Flow Statistics Parameters [Low Flow Region 2]**

Parameter Code	Parameter Name	Value	Units	Min Limit	Max Limit
CARBON	Percent Carbonate	1.79	percent	0	99
DRNAREA	Drainage Area	15.1	square miles	4.93	1280
PRECIP	Mean Annual Precipitation	40	inches	35	50.4
ROCKDEP	Depth to Rock	4.7	feet	3.32	5.65
STRDEN	Stream Density	1.49	miles per square mile	0.51	3.1

**Low-Flow Statistics Flow Report [Low Flow Region 2]**

Statistic	Value	Unit	SE	ASEp
7 Day 2 Year Low Flow	1.92	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	38	38
30 Day 2 Year Low Flow	2.53	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	33	33
7 Day 10 Year Low Flow	0.967	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	51	51
30 Day 10 Year Low Flow	1.26	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	46	46
90 Day 10 Year Low Flow	1.96	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	36	36

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