

# Northeast Regional Office CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Application Type
Renewal
NonFacility Type
Municipal
Major / Minor
Minor

# NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE

Application No. PA0065170

APS ID 911934

Authorization ID 1209562

Applicant and Facility Information				
Applicant Name	Crystal Window and Door Systems PA, LLC	Facility Name	Benton Park STP	
Applicant Address	204 Franklin Valley Road	Facility Address	204 Franklin Valley Road	
	Dalton, PA 18414		Dalton, PA 18414	
Applicant Contact	Raymond Melnikoff	Facility Contact	Raymond Melnikoff	
Applicant Phone	570-276-8000	Facility Phone	570-276-8000	
Client ID	324171	Site ID	484568	
Ch 94 Load Status		Municipality	Benton Township	
Connection Status	-	County	Lackawanna	
Date Application Rece	eived November 30, 2017	EPA Waived?	Yes	
Date Application Acce	pted November 30, 2017	If No, Reason		

## Summary of Review

The applicant is requesting renewal of NPDES Permit No. PA0065170 to authorize a discharge of up to 0.0315 mgd of treated sewage from a minor sewage treatment plant into an Unnamed Tributary to South Branch Tunkhannock Creek in State Water Plan Watershed 04-F. Per the Department's existing use list, the receiving tributary does not have an existing use classification. The receiving tributary is designated for Cold Water Fishes and Migratory Fish (CWF, MF). South Branch Tunkhannock Creek is classified as a TSF. The discharge is not expected to affect public water supplies. The unnamed tributary was previously impaired for pathogens in the 2014 Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, but that designation was removed in the 2018 report.

The facility began treating wastewater in October 2017. Prior to that, the facility used its equalization basin as a holding tank and had the wastewater hauled to another treatment facility. The facility's average flow is well below its 0.0315 mgd design capacity; average monthly flow in 2018 was approximately 0.0022 mgd, which declined to 0.0012 mgd through the first half of 2019.

The applicant is advised to review Part A – Table 1.B. of the 2012-2017 NPDES permit. The permit specified (2) years of sampling requirements for Ammonia-Nitrogen, Total Kjedahl Nitrogen (TKN), Nitrite-Nitrate as Nitrogen, Total Nitrogen, and Total Phosphorous to gather data for Chesapeake Bay Monitoring Program, because no facility-specific data existed. The requirements remain in the new permit due to insufficient sampling during the existing permit.

TRC limitations in the previously issued permit were old technology-based limitations (1.2 mg/L monthly average, 2.8 mg/L IMAX). Per PA Code 92a.47(a)(8), which references 92a.48(b)(2), a monthly average TRC facility-specific BAT effluent limit of 0.5 mg/L and an IMAX limit of 1.6 mg/L is applied to the permit.

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
Х		/s/ Joseph Cherinko, E.I.T. / Environmental Engineering Specialist	October 6, 2019
Х		/s/ Amy M. Bellanca, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	October 6, 2019

### **Summary of Review**

Sampling frequencies have been updated in accordance with Table 6-3 of DEP's Technical Guidance for the Development and Specification of Effluent Limits. The sampling frequency for pH, Dissolved Oxygen, and Total Residual Chlorine has increased from 1/week to 1/day. The sampling frequency for CBOD5, TSS, and Fecal Coliform has increased from 1/month to 2/month.

The most recent 'Sewage Sludge / Biosolids Production and Disposal' Supplemental Report from June 2019 declared that sludge was hauled by Environmental Services Corp. to the Greater Hazleton Joint Sewer Authority's WWTP.

The WMS query 'Inspections Report' was performed. A Routine/Partial Inspection was performed at the facility on 3/28/2018; no violations were noted. The WMS query 'Open Violations by Client' was performed; no violations were returned.

In April 2016, the NPDES permit was transferred from Greystone Benton I, LP to Crystal Window & Door Systems PA, LLC.

The existing NPDES permit expired on November 30, 2017. The renewal application was not submitted timely.

For historical reference purposes, the following background history was included in the last NPDES renewal's fact sheet:

- The STP was originally permitted under SLIBCO (Scranton Lackawanna Industrial Building Company), then Grumman (owner), then Corning (Operator) under NPDES ID# PA0061484. There was a 5/18/2001 NPDES Permit ID# PA0061484-A2 for a proposed increase in discharge volume to 0.048 MGD (incorporating revised limits including ammonia-N limits), but the then-operator (Corning) subsequently sent in a 10/1/2001 Letter indicating that the plant was shutting down, and that the associated WQM Part II Application for the STP expansion would not be submitted. The former STP NPDES permit (PA0061484) was "cancelled" by the owner (Grumman) in 2003.
- The property and STP was subsequently bought by Greystone Benton, and a new 10/24/2007 NPDES Permit ID# PA0065170 issued for the STP with 0.0315 MGD permit basis limits (except incorporation of Phosphorus limits and two years of Chesapeake Bay monitoring). The warehouse went apparently unused during the 2007 Permit's term.
- The 2012 application indicates that the "Benton Park WWTP" will treat "industrial warehouse wastewater" generated onsite. At present, there are no tenants and no discharge from this facility, but the applicant indicates that they might have a potential tenant

#### **Public Participation**

DEP will publish notice of the receipt of the NPDES permit application and a tentative decision to issue the individual NPDES permit in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 92a.82. Upon publication in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, DEP will accept written comments from interested persons for a 30-day period (which may be extended for one additional 15-day period at DEP's discretion), which will be considered in making a final decision on the application. Any person may request or petition for a public hearing with respect to the application. A public hearing may be held if DEP determines that there is significant public interest in holding a hearing. If a hearing is held, notice of the hearing will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* at least 30 days prior to the hearing and in at least one newspaper of general circulation within the geographical area of the discharge.

Discharge, Receiving Waters and Water Supply Information				
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Outfall No. 001		Design Flow (MGD)	0.0315	
Latitude 41° 35	5' 9"	Longitude	-75° 39' 22"	
Quad Name <u>Dal</u>	ton	Quad Code	0640	
Wastewater Descrip	tion: Treated sewage effluent			
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Receiving Waters	Branch Tunkhannock Creek	Stream Code	28879	
NHD Com ID	66403337	RMI	1.15	
Drainage Area	14.2	Yield (cfs/mi²)	0.021	
Q <sub>7-10</sub> Flow (cfs)	0.294	Q <sub>7-10</sub> Basis	StreamStats	
Elevation (ft)	1,058	Slope (ft/ft)	-	
Watershed No.	04-F	Chapter 93 Class.	CWF, MF	
Existing Use	-	Existing Use Qualifier	-	
Exceptions to Use	<u>-</u>	Exceptions to Criteria	-	
Assessment Status	Supporting			
Cause(s) of Impairm	nent -			
Source(s) of Impairr	ment <u>-</u>			
TMDL Status	-	Name -		
Secondary Waters	South Branch Tunkhannock Creek	Stream Code	28799	
NHD Com ID	66403433	RMI	_ <del>-</del>	
Drainage Area	29.1	Yield (cfs/mi <sup>2</sup> )	0.031	
Q <sub>7-10</sub> Flow (cfs)	0.602	Q <sub>7-10</sub> Basis	StreamStats	
Elevation (ft)	1,050	Slope (ft/ft)	-	
Watershed No.	04-F	Chapter 93 Class.	TSF, MF	
Existing Use	-	Special Protection	-	
		Exceptions to		
Exceptions to Use	-	Criteria		
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	<u> </u>	Flow at Intake (cfs)	196 (StreamStats)	
PWS RMI		Distance from Outfall (mi)	> 100 miles	
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Changes Since Last Permit Issuance: The Unnamed Tributary to South Branch Creek was listed as impaired for pathogens in the last permit renewal's fact sheet. According to the 2018 Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, the unnamed tributary is no longer impaired, and is listed as Supporting.

Other Comments: Lackawanna State Park Lake is located approximately 3.65 miles downstream from Outfall 001. It is listed as impaired for aquatic life (Nutrients/Low D.O., 2002) and impaired for fish consumption (Mercury, 2016) in the 2018 Pennsylvania Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report.

Treatment Facility Summary				
Treatment Facility Na				
WQM Permit No.	Issuance Date			
3587401	2/2/1987			
3587401-T3	4/27/2016			
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	Degree of			Avg Annual
Waste Type	Treatment	Process Type	Disinfection	Flow (MGD)
Sewage	Secondary	Extended Aeration	Calcium Hypochlorite Tablets	0.0022 (2018)
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Hydraulic Capacity	Organic Capacity			Biosolids
(MGD)	(lbs/day)	Load Status	Biosolids Treatment	Use/Disposa
0.0315	26	Not Overloaded	None	Hauled Offsite

#### **Changes Since Last Permit Issuance:**

The NPDES renewal application states that the hydraulic design and permitted capacities of the facility are respectively 0.0477 and 0.0315 mgd. Elsewhere in the application, the hydraulic design capacity is listed as 0.0473 mgd.

The 2012 NPDES renewal fact sheet contains the following information:

"The 2001 NPDES Permit Amendment (increasing previous permit to 0.048 MGD, based on pH of 6.5) would have imposed ammonia-N limits, but no WQM Part II permit (STP expansion) was issued & the STP was never upgraded, with that permit subsequently terminated by then-owner."

The 2016 WQM permit lists the hydraulic design capacity as 0.0315 mgd. The permit application did not identify upgrades that would have raised the hydraulic design capacity. The applicant is advised to confirm the plant's hydraulic design capacity. The NPDES renewal application was processed assuming a capacity of 0.0315 mgd.

Development of Effluent Limitations					
Outfall No.	001		Design Flow (MGD)	.0315	
Latitude	41° 35' 9"		Longitude	-75° 39' 22"	-
Wastewater D	Description:	Sewage Effluent	_		

# **Technology-Based Limitations**

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

Pollutant	Pollutant Limit (mg/l)		State Regulation	
CBOD₅	25.0	Average Monthly	92a.47(a)(1)	
CBOD5	50.0	IMAX	92a.47(a)(1)	
Total Suspended	30.0	Average Monthly	92a.47(a)(1)	
Solids	60.0	Average Weekly	92a.47(a)(1)	
pH	6.0 – 9.0 S.U.	Min – Max	95.2(1)	
Fecal Coliform	200 / 100 ml	Geo Mean	92a.47(a)(4)	
(5/1 - 9/30)	1,000 / 100 ml	IMAX	92a.47(a)(4)	
Fecal Coliform	2,000 / 100 ml	Geo Mean	92a.47(a)(5)	
(10/1 - 4/30)	10,000 / 100 ml	IMAX	92a.47(a)(5)	
Total Residual Chlorine	0.5	Average Monthly	92a.47-48	
Total Residual Chionne	1.6	IMAX	92a.47-48	

# **Water Quality-Based Limitations**

The following limitations were determined through water quality modeling:

Parameter	Limit (mg/l)	SBC	Model
Dissolved Oxygen	5.0	Minimum	Existing limit supported by 2019 Water Quality Modeling
Ammonia-Nitrogen May 1 – Oct 31  Average Monthly		Existing limit supported by 2019 Water Quality Modeling	
Total Phosphorous	2.0	Average Monthly	Existing limit imposed because of a downstream "Lackawanna State Park Lake" per 8/7/2007 PADEP Biologist (Sherrill Leap)
Total Filospilolous	4.0	IMAX	Memo. The Lake continues to be listed as impaired for nutrients per the 2018 Integrated Monitoring and Assessment Report.

Comments: As in the existing permit, no winter limit or IMAX for Ammonia-Nitrogen was applied due to summer limit being close to concentrations expected from secondary treatment.