

South Central Regional Office CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Application Type Renewal
Facility Type Municipal
Major / Minor Minor

NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE

 Application No.
 PA0246956

 APS ID
 461129

 Authorization ID
 1413744

	Applicant and	I Facility Information	
Applicant Name	Alsace Township Berks County	Facility Name	Alsace Manor STP
Applicant Address	65 Woodside Avenue	Facility Address	65 Woodside Avenue
	Temple, PA 19560-9530		Temple, PA 19560-9530
Applicant Contact	Jan Moore, Business Manager (signed application)	Facility Contact	Jan Moore (janm@alsacetownship.org)
Applicant Phone	(610) 929-5324	Facility Phone	_(610) 929-5324
Client ID	62482	Site ID	604716 / PF ID 680505
Ch 94 Load Status		Municipality	Alsace Township
Connection Status		County	Berks
Date Application Rece	eived October 13, 2022	EPA Waived?	Yes
Date Application Acce	epted October 21, 2022	If No, Reason	·
Purpose of Application	Renewal of NPDES permit for S	Sewage Treatment Plant (S	STP)

Summary of Review

The facility's existing permit was issued April 12, 2018 with an effective date of May 1, 2018 and an expiration date of April 30, 2023. The existing permit's limits and conditions have been administratively extended. A (paper) permit renewal application was submitted October 13, 2022.

The application represents:

- that 100% of the flow at this STP is from Alsace Township (Twp);
- there are no hauled-in wastes accepted and none anticipated for the next five years; and
- there are no industrial or commercial contributors.

Design flow:

DEP's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits recommends basing effluent limits in sewage permits on the Annual Average Design Flow. The renewal application included an Annual Average Design Flow of 0.071 MGD, which is the same as the flow used in the existing NPDES permit for developing effluent limitations. The facility's WQM permit also shows the Annual Average Flow as 0.071 MGD.

The facility's 2022 Chapter 94 Annual Municipal Wasteload Report did not project flows over their design flow of 0.071 MGD nor projected organic overloads for the next five years.

Therefore, the renewal permit effluent limits continue to be based on a design flow of 0.071 MGD.

A review of the facility's eDMR data from January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023 indicates that there were no months in the reviewed period where the monthly average exceeded the design flow of 0.071 MGD. The Maximum Monthly Average flow reported in these eDMRs was 0.032 MGD. (See attached.)

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
х		Bonnie Boylan Bonnie Boylan / Environmental Engineering Specialist	January 3, 2024
х		Maria D. Bebenek for Daniel W. Martin, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	January 29, 2024
х		Maria D. Bebenek Maria D. Bebenek, P.E. / Program Manager	January 29, 2024

Sludge use and disposal description and location(s):

According to their application, sewage sludge is hauled to Lehigh County Authority Wastewater Pretreatment Plant.

Combined Sewers Outfalls: Not Applicable

Unresolved Violations:

There are no unresolved violations for this facility according to DEP's eFacts Clean Water Program database.

Delaware River Basin Commission:

The facility discharges to a stream within the Delaware River watershed and is thus subject to the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC)'s requirements. A copy of the draft permit and Fact Sheet will therefore be sent to the DRBC for their review in accordance with State regulations and an interagency agreement. Any comments from DRBC will be considered. The most recent DRBC docket, D-2006-005 CP-4, was approved for this facility on June 9, 2021 with an expiration date of April 30, 2028. The docket recognized the treatment plant's design flow as 0.071 MGD.

The docket stated:

"At the WWTP discharge location, the UNT to Little Manatawny Creek has an estimated seven-day low flow with a recurrence interval of ten years (Q7-10) of less than 0.1 cubic feet per second (cfs) and therefore is classified by the Commission as an intermittent stream."

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). Comments received 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.

Facility History:

Alsace Township was identified as a "needs area" due to malfunctioning on-lot septic systems and was pushed by the PADEP to correct the situation. Preliminary effluent limits were provided to them. Before DEP sewage planning approval was granted, a DEP biologist conducted a stream survey, called a Point of First Use (POFU), with the results attached to this fact sheet. The POFU concluded that there was a diverse community of benthic macroinvertebrates in the stream at the point of discharge; therefore aquatic life needed to be protected in the receiving stream at the point of discharge, not further downstream. Their NPDES and WQM permits were issued May of 2006 for their new facility, with an effective date of June 1, 2006. Their design flow has not increased since that time: 0.071 MGD.

	Discharge, Receiving Wate	ers and Water Supply Informa	tion
Outfall No. 001		Design Flow (MGD)	.071 (=0.11 cfs)
Latitude 40° 2	23' 58"	Longitude	75º 50' 44"
Quad Name		Quad Code	
Wastewater Descr	iption: Sewage Effluent		
Receiving Waters NHD Com ID	UNT of Little Manatawny Creek 25973164 (Little Manatawny Crk	Stream Code	UNT of 01686 (no code for UNT) 0.23 on UNT
WID COM ID	2007 0104 (Little Manatawny One	<u>) </u>	0.23 011 0141
Drainage Area	0.072 sq.mi. (per USGS PA Stream Stats)	Yield (cfs/mi²)	0.2
Q ₇₋₁₀ Flow (cfs)	0.013 cfs (per PA Stream Stats)	Q ₇₋₁₀ Basis	USGS PA Stream Stats
Elevation (ft)	780	Slope (ft/ft)	
Watershed No.	3-D	Chapter 93 Class.	CWF, MF
Existing Use		Existing Use Qualifier	
Exceptions to Use		Exceptions to Criteria	
Assessment Status	Not Attaining Recreationa	Use (assessment ID #19183)	
Cause(s) of Impair	ment Pathogens		
Source(s) of Impai			
TMDL Status	Not developed	Name	
use due t	NT empties into Little Manatawny at o pathogens; which flows into Manarecreational use due to pathogens;	atawny Creek at 16.6 RMI (esti	mated), also CWF and non-
Background/Ambie pH (SU) Temperature (°F)	ent Data – not collected	Data Source – N/A	·
Hardness (mg/L)			
Other:			_
	am Public Water Supply Intake	North Coventry Twp. Water A Authority Interconnect; Chest	
PWS Waters	Schuylkill River	Flow at Intake (cfs)	
PWS RMI	Approx. 54	Distance from Outfall (mi)	>20 miles

Changes Since Last Permit Issuance:

The 2018 permit's FS cited PA StreamStats for the Q7-10 and D.A.: 0.0245 cfs. and 0.0957 sq.mi., respectively. PA StreamStats at current date showed Q7-10 and D.A. as 0.013 cfs. and 0.072 sq. mi., respectively. See attached. The discharge point is close to headwaters. There are no nearby stream gages. USGS PA Stream Stats online tool showed no prediction error and is generally accurate for headwaters. Stream Stats uses historical data, topography, and regression equations to estimate drainage areas and flows.

Low Flow Yield (LFY) is calculated as Q7-10 / Drainage Area.

Other Comments:

- Note that this is an effluent-dominated stream, with a Qs:Qd ratio of 0.013 cfs: 0.11 cfs = 1:8
- There are no upstream dischargers per eMapPA. There are no nearby downstream dischargers.
- Neither the receiving water nor the downstream streams are Class A / Wild Trout waters, but they are considered 'Trout Natural Reproduction' waters (per eMapPA).

	Treatment Facility Summary										
Treatment Facility Na	me: Alsace Manor STP										
WQM Permit No.	Issuance Date										
0605404	05/22/2006										
	Degree of			Avg Annual							
Waste Type	Treatment	Process Type	Disinfection	Flow (MGD)							
Sewage	Secondary	Extended Aeration	Ultraviolet	0.071							
	•										
Hydraulic Capacity	Organic Capacity			Biosolids							
(MGD)	(lbs/day)	Load Status	Biosolids Treatment	Use/Disposal							
0.071	142			•							

Description of the STP:

Two-train activated sludge (extended aeration) treatment plant by Purestream, Inc. Influent pump station, equalization tank where wastewater is aerated with coarse bubble diffusers, two-trains, ultraviolet disinfection, gravity flow to effluent pump station, discharged to stream

Existing Permit Limits, Outfall 001:

			Effluent Lim	itations			Monitoring Re	quirements
Parameter	Mass Unit	s (lbs/day)		Concentrat	ions (mg/L)		Minimum	Required
Parameter	Average Monthly	Daily Maximum	Minimum	Average Monthly	Maximum	Instant. Maximum	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Continuous	Measured
pH (S.U.)	XXX	XXX	6.0	XXX	9.0	XXX	1/day	Grab
DO	XXX	XXX	5.0	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
Ultraviolet Light Intensity	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Measured
CBOD5	14.8	XXX	XXX	25.0	XXX	50	2/month	24-hour Composite
BOD5 Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	24-hour Composite
TSS	17.8	XXX	XXX	30.0	XXX	60	2/month	24-hour Composite
TSS Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	24-hour Composite
Fecal Coliform Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	2000 Geo Mean	XXX	10000	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	200 Geo Mean	XXX	1000	2/month	Grab
Ammonia Nov 1 - Apr 30	3.4	XXX	XXX	5.7	XXX	11.4	2/month	24-hour Composite
Ammonia May 1 - Oct 31	1.1	XXX	XXX	1.9	XXX	3.8	2/month	24-hour Composite
	Report Quarterly	XXX	XXX	1000.0 Quarterly		XXX	1/Quarter	24-hour
Total Dissolved Solids	Avg Report Quarterly	^^^		Avg Report Quarterly	XXX	^^^		Composite 24-hour
Total Nitrogen	Avg Report	XXX	XXX	Avg Report	XXX	XXX	1/Quarter	Composite
Total Phosphorus	Quarterly Avg	XXX	XXX	Quarterly Avg	xxx	xxx	1/Quarter	24-hour Composite

Compliance Sampling Location: at discharge from the facility

Compliance History

DMR Data for Outfall 001 (from November 1, 2022 to October 31, 2023)

Parameter	OCT-23	SEP-23	AUG-23	JUL-23	JUN-23	MAY-23	APR-23	MAR-23	FEB-23	JAN-23	DEC-22	NOV-22
Flow (MGD)												
Average Monthly	0.0243	0.0238	0.0231	0.0247	0.0223	0.0223	0.0238	0.0265	0.0232	0.0231	0.0237	0.023
Flow (MGD)												
Daily Maximum	0.0321	0.0349	0.0388	0.0647	0.0312	0.0324	0.0386	0.1294	0.0334	0.0318	0.041	0.034
pH (S.U.)												
Instantaneous												
Minimum	6.35	6.0	7.4	6.54	6.16	6.08	6.27	6.05	6.31	6.07	6.25	6.5
pH (S.U.)												
Instantaneous												
Maximum	7.33	8.22	8.71	7.74	7.94	7.59	7.67	7.82	7.79	8.03	7.51	7.46
DO (mg/L)												
Instantaneous												
Minimum	5.83	6.72	5.49	5.29	5.21	5.28	5.42	5.56	6.05	5.83	5.01	5.51
CBOD5 (lbs/day)												
Average Monthly	1.6	< 0.6	0.7	< 4.8	1.4	1.2	2.6	2.0	< 0.6	< 0.6	< 0.4	< 0.5
CBOD5 (mg/L)												
Average Monthly	7.3	< 3.0	3.5	< 20.4	6.7	5.2	12.8	9.3	< 2.9	< 2.6	< 2.0	< 3.2
BOD5 (lbs/day)												
Raw Sewage Influent												
 Average												
Monthly	98	68	53	77	91	144	58	64	99	98	65	41
BOD5 (lbs/day)												
Raw Sewage Influent	400	00	0.5	0.4	0.4	4.40	74	7.4	400	440	70	4.4
 	102	68	65	94	91	149	71	74	109	116	76	44
BOD5 (mg/L)												
Raw Sewage Influent												
 Average Monthly	504	323	281	382	487	626	273	291	466	488	316	241
TSS (lbs/day)	304	323	201	302	407	020	213	291	400	400	310	241
Average Monthly	1.2	0.30	0.5	0.9	0.2	1.2	2.5	1.7	< 1.1	1.0	< 0.3	1.8
TSS (lbs/day)	1.∠	0.30	0.5	0.9	0.2	1.∠	2.3	1./	< 1.1	1.0	< 0.3	1.0
Raw Sewage Influent												
<pre> Average</pre>												
Monthly	87	79	28	81	107	238	52	42	38	36	37	43
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TSS (lbs/day)												
Raw Sewage Influent												
 br/> Daily Maximum	116	119	29	121	129	247	53	51	50	70	61	45
TSS (mg/L)												
Average Monthly	5.5	1.5	3.0	4.0	1.0	5.5	12.7	7.5	< 5.5	4.5	< 1.5	11.0
TSS (mg/L)												
Raw Sewage Influent												
 br/> Average												
Monthly	467	344	156	417	603	1034	245	191	174	207	170	249
Total Dissolved Solids												
(lbs/day)												
Average Quarterly		164			215.33			190.67			177.33	
Total Dissolved Solids												
(mg/L)												
Average Quarterly		803.33			1036.67			877.33			876.33	
Fecal Coliform												
(No./100 ml)												
Geometric Mean	43	< 2	11	< 4	21	256	310	< 9	42	12	< 9	61
Fecal Coliform												
(No./100 ml)												
Instantaneous												
Maximum	374	< 2	40	7	23	5600	1550	44	64	31	44	91
UV Intensity (mW/cm²)												
Instantaneous												
Minimum	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	13.9	100	13.9	13.9
Total Nitrogen												
(lbs/day)												
Average Quarterly		6.67			< 14.33			< 12.00			< 10.33	
Total Nitrogen (mg/L)												
Average Quarterly		< 32.17			< 70.17			< 56.03			< 51.18	
Ammonia (lbs/day)												
Average Monthly	0.2	0.1	0.07	0.02	< 0.004	0.06	0.02	0.09	< 0.004	< 0.005	0.01	< 0.008
Ammonia (mg/L)												
Average Monthly	1.1	0.7	0.2	0.1	< 0.02	0.3	0.1	0.4	< 0.02	< 0.03	0.1	< 0.05
Total Phosphorus												
(lbs/day)												
Average Quarterly		1.00			2.00			1.00			1	
Total Phosphorus												
(mg/L)												
Average Quarterly		5.93			7.88			5.75			6.20	

Compliance History

Effluent Violations for Outfall 001, from: December 1, 2022 To: October 31, 2023

Parameter	Date	SBC	DMR Value	Units	Limit Value	Units
Total Dissolved Solids	06/30/23	Avg Qrtrly	1036.67	mg/L	1000.0	mg/L
Fecal Coliform	05/31/23	Geo Mean	256	No./100 ml	200	No./100 ml
Fecal Coliform	05/31/23	IMAX	5600	No./100 ml	1000	No./100 ml

Summary of Inspections:

- 5/25/2022 No Violations noted. Sampler not operational at time of inspection. Magnetic meter in full pipe measures effluent flow, with totalizer. Effluent samples are collected post-UV channel. Influent samples are collected in wet well. DEP Inspector collected effluent samples: lab analysis showed no exceedances of permit limits. One aeration tank and one clarifier were offline. Variable frequency drives on blowers.
- 4/6/2020 No Violations noted. Administrative File Review. (Routine on-site inspections suspended during Covid-19 pandemic)
- 3/1/2018 No Violations noted. Facility is well maintained. Treatment train #1 is active. Train #2 is filled with groundwater/rainwater, covered, not aerated. Some floatables on clarifier tank surface. Effluent appears mostly clear. There is an algae accumulation on discharge channel riprap with increased algae growth for 15 meters downstream.

Development of Effluent Limitations									
Outfall No.	001		Design Flow (MGD)	0.071					
Latitude	40° 23' 58"		Longitude	-75° 50' 44"					
Wastewater Description:		Sewage Effluent							

Technology-Based Effluent Limitations (TBELs)

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

Pollutant	Limit (mg/l)	SBC	Federal	State	DRBC
			Regulation	Regulation	Requirement
		Average			
CBOD₅	25	Monthly	133.102(a)(4)(i)	92a.47(a)(1)	
CBOD5		Average			
	40*	Weekly*	133.102(a)(4)(ii)	92a.47(a)(2)	
		Average			
CBOD₅	85% removal**	Monthly		92a.47(a)(3)	
BOD₅	85% removal**	-			18 CFR Part 410
		Average			
	30	Monthly	133.102(b)(1)	92a.47(a)(1)	18 CFR Part 410
		Average			
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	45*	Weekly*	133.102(b)(2)	92a.47(a)(2)	18 CFR Part 410
рН	6.0 – 9.0 S.U.	Min – Max	133.102(c)	95.2(1)	18 CFR Part 410
Fecal Coliform					
(5/1 – 9/30)	200 / 100 ml	Geo Mean	-	92a.47(a)(4)	18 CFR Part 410
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)	
		Average			
Ammonia (NH₃-N)	20	Monthly			18 CFR Part 410
		Average			
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)	1000***	Monthly			18 CFR Part 410

^{*}applied to sewage facilities for which monitoring frequency is at least once per week

Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) Limitations

Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

^{**}Narrative limits are imposed in NPDES permits in Part A following the limits tables. The narrative limits include: "The monthly average percent removal of BOD5 or CBOD5 and TSS must be at least 85% for WWTP facilities on a concentration basis...." Because all Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Annual reporting for sewage is in terms of BOD5, the influent monitoring has continued to be required as BOD5, as requested by DEP's regional office Sewage Planning staff. Because DEP's WQM 7.0 model uses CBOD5, most NPDES permits for sewage treatment plants (STPs) include effluent limits in terms of CBOD5 rather than as BOD5.

^{***}Or a concentration established by the Commission which is compatible with designated water uses and stream quality objectives and recognizes the need for reserve capacity to serve future dischargers (i.e. limits based on a TDS Determination submitted to DRBC proving that the discharge will not cause the TDS in the receiving water to exceed the lesser of 500 mg/l or 133% of background). Their DRBC docket [D-2006-005 CP-4] includes a TDS limit of 1000 mg/l.

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A minimum effluent limit of 5.0 mg/L for DO is derived from state water quality criteria found in 25 Pa. Code §93.7(a). The existing permit included a minimum effluent limit for DO of 5.0 mg/l and no change is recommended.

Point of First Use

Although the stream low-flow to discharge flow ratio (Qs:Qd) is less than 3:1, the Point of First Use survey concluded that the receiving stream was not "intermittent or ephemeral" such that the recommended effluent limits based on treatment standards (TBELs) provided in DEP's Policy and Procedure for Evaluating Wastewater Discharges to Intermittent and Ephemeral Streams, Drainage Channels and Swales, and Storm Sewers [Technical Guidance document 386-2000-013] were not imposed in their previous NDPES permits. However, DEP's Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits recommends applying the more stringent treatment requirements in document 386-2000-013 when the Qs:Qd ratio is less than 3:1 for new or expanding discharges and for existing dischargers where the receiving water is impaired and the permittee is at least a partial cause of the impairment. In this case, the receiving water is impaired for pathogens.

The document 386-2000-013 recommends limits sufficient to meet bacteria criteria in Pa Code Chapter 93. The existing permit Fecal Coliform limits are for monthly averages less than 200 CFU/100 mL as a geometric mean from May 1 through September 30 and monthly averages less than 2000 CFU/100 mL as a geometric mean from October 1 through April 30. The existing permit limits for Fecal Coliform are being continued in the renewal permit as well as a monitoring requirement for E.Coli, consistent with DEP's SOP Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits. (E. Coli was added to Pa Code Chapter 93 in 2020.)

The permittee's DMRs from January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023, show compliance with the permit limits (and regulatory standards at Pa Code § 92a.47 for Fecal Coliform) except for the month of May 2023. The median value of the Fecal Coliform monthly averages in the DMRs from January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023 was 9/100 mL. The available data does not indicate that Fecal Coliform is a concern in the discharge.

Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations (WQBELs)

CBOD₅, Ammonia (NH₃-N), and Dissolved Oxygen (DO)

DEP uses a model, WQM 7.0, to determine appropriate permit requirements for CBOD₅, NH₃-N and DO. The model results will show calculated WQBELs if they are more stringent or will default to the TBELs if the TBELs are protective enough of the receiving waterway. For more explanation of the WQM 7.0 model, see Technical Reference Guide WQM 7.0 for Windows, Wasteload Allocation Program for Dissolved Oxygen and Ammonia Nitrogen, document 386-2000-016. The Ammonia calculations used in the model are based on the DEP's Implementation Guidance of Section 93.7 Ammonia Criteria, 391-2000-013.

The model input values and output values are attached. The River Mile Indices (RMI's) and elevations that were used came from DEP's eMapPA while the Drainage Areas and stream design low-flows (Q7-10) came from USGS PA Stream Stats online tool. Low Flow Yield (LFY) is calculated as stream low-flow, Q7-10, divided by Drainage Area of the stream at the outfall location. Some model input values were default values because background data was not available at this location and no site-specific data was forwarded with the application.

The model results for CBOD₅ and DO are the same as the existing permit limits: the model defaulted to the TBELs.

The Ammonia criteria, an equation, changed in the 2020 amendments to the Pa Water Quality Standards, Pa Code Chapter 93. The model incorporates the new Ammonia criteria. The model calculated slightly more stringent warm weather Ammonia limits: 1.7 mg/l as a monthly average and 3.4 mg/l as a maximum for the months of May through October. As was done in the previous permit (and many other NPDES permits), the cool weather Ammonia limits were allowed to be less stringent, recognizing that Ammonia is less toxic in colder water. As was done in the previous permit, a multiplier of 3 was applied to the warm weather Ammonia limits resulting in cool weather Ammonia limits of 5.1 mg/l as a monthly average and 10.2 mg/l as a maximum for the months of November through April.

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Note:

Because this is an existing discharger who is not expanding, the model was not re-run using a DO goal of 8 mg/l for the early life stages of trout and other salmonids, consistent with DEP's SOP Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits. At the time of the original NPDES permit issuance (2006), Pa Code § 93.7 did not include special protection for early life stages of trout and other salmonids; the regulations were amended in 2013 but include some exceptions.

The facility's DMRs from January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023 indicate that they can meet the new more stringent Ammonia limits. In the 35 months reviewed, there were no months when the effluent exceeded 1.7 mg/l as a monthly average. The DMRs indicate a monthly average Ammonia concentration of approximately <0.18 mg/l and a maximum monthly average concentration of 1.1 mg/l.

Toxics

There are no industrial contributors nor were there any sample results in the application for toxic parameters. (DEP's NPDES application for minor sewage facilities does not require sampling for toxic parameters when there are no industrial or commercial contributors or suspected toxics present in the discharge such as from a remediation site.)

Additional Considerations

Anti-Backsliding:

No permit limitations have been made less stringent.

Antidegradation Requirements:

All effluent limitations and monitoring requirements have been developed to ensure that existing instream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect the existing uses are maintained and protected.

Flow Monitoring:

The requirement to monitor the volume of effluent will remain in the draft permit per 40 CFR § 122.44(i)(1)(ii).

Influent BOD & TSS Monitoring:

The existing influent monitoring reporting requirement for TSS and BOD5 will be maintained in the draft permit. This requirement has been consistently assigned to all municipal wastewater treatment facilities and is necessary to verify the 85% removal permit requirement as well as to ensure process control.

Total Nutrient Monitoring:

Nutrient levels in rivers and streams are a concern. A monitoring requirement for Total Nitrogen and Total Phosphorus has been included, as was done in the existing permit and consistent with DEP's SOP Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits. The statutory basis for this requirement is found at Chapter 92a.61. Because this requirement is to gather data and not to demonstrate compliance with a limit and because the receiving water and downstream receiving water have not been found to be impaired for nutrients, a frequency of once per guarter has been included.

The facility's DMR data from January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023 showed a quarterly average Total Nitrogen mass load of 12.5 lbs/day and a quarterly average Total Nitrogen concentration of 56 mg/l. The same DMRs showed a quarterly average Total Phosphorus mass load of 1.7 lbs/day and a quarterly average Total Phosphorus concentration of 5.5 mg/l.

Mass Loading Limitations:

All effluent mass loading limits have been based on the formula: design flow x concentration limit x conversion factor of 8.34.

Monitoring Frequency and Sample Type:

Monitoring frequencies have been carried forward from the existing permit consistent with DEP's SOP New and Reissuance Sewage Individual NPDES Permit Applications, except for TDS and E.Coli. For TDS, the monitoring frequency of once per quarter is consistent with the DRBC docket. For E.Coli, the monitoring frequency of once per quarter is consistent with DEP's SOP Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits.

The sample types have been carried forward from the existing permit.

TDS Baseline:

Besides and apart from the DRBC effluent limitation for TDS, the State has regulations relating to TDS. In order to implement the regulations at Chapter 95.10, a 2010 TDS "Baseline" needs to be documented. For this purpose, Chapter 95.10(a)(1) describes existing mass loads as "maximum daily discharge loads of TDS...that were authorized by the Department prior to August 21, 2010". The NPDES permit applications for sewage facilities with small design flows did not require TDS sample results and the 2006 and 2011 NPDES permits did not require TDS monitoring; not much information is available as a result to estimate the TDS load as of August 2010. The 2015 NPDES application provided one effluent sample result for TDS, 989 mg/l. Using this result, the TDS baseline load would be estimated as follows: 989 mg/l x 0.071 MGD x 8.34 conversion factor = 586 lbs/day.

The 2018 NPDES permit required TDS monitoring. The DMRs from January 1, 2021 through November 30, 2023 show an average TDS concentration of 876 mg/l.

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 as needed 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.

			Effluent Lir	mitations			Monitoring Re	quirements
Parameter	Mass Units	(lbs/day) (1)		Concentrati	ons (mg/L)		Minimum ⁽²⁾	Required
Farameter	Average Monthly	Daily Maximum	Instantaneous Minimum	Average Monthly	Maximum	Instant. Maximum	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Continuous	Measured
pH (S.U.)	XXX	XXX	6.0	XXX	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
DO	XXX	XXX	5.0	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
CBOD5	14.8	XXX	XXX	25.0	XXX	50	2/month	24-Hr Composite
BOD5 Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	24-Hr Composite
TSS Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	24-Hr Composite
TSS	17.8	XXX	XXX	30.0	XXX	60	2/month	24-Hr Composite
Total Dissolved Solids	Report Avg Qrtrly	XXX	XXX	1000.0 Avg Qrtrly	XXX	XXX	1/quarter	24-Hr Composite
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	2000 Geo Mean	XXX	10000	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	200 Geo Mean	XXX	1000	2/month	Grab
E. Coli (No./100 ml)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	1/quarter	Grab
UV Intensity (mW/cm²)	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Measured
Ammonia Nov 1 - Apr 30	3.0	XXX	XXX	5.1	XXX	10.2	2/month	24-Hr Composite
Ammonia May 1 - Oct 31	1.0	XXX	XXX	1.7	XXX	3.4	2/month	24-Hr Composite

Outfall 001, Continued (from Permit Effective Date through Permit Expiration Date)

			Effluent Lir	mitations			Monitoring Requirements		
Parameter	Mass Units (Ibs/day) (1)			Concentrati	Minimum ⁽²⁾	Required			
Faranietei	Average Monthly	Daily Maximum	Instantaneous Minimum	Average Monthly	Maximum	Instant. Maximum	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type	
	Report			Report				24-Hr	
Total Nitrogen	Avg Qrtrly	XXX	XXX	Avg Qrtrly	XXX	XXX	1/quarter	Composite	
	Report			Report				24-Hr	
Total Phosphorus	Avg Qrtrly	XXX	XXX	Avg Qrtrly	XXX	XXX	1/quarter	Composite	

Compliance Sampling Location: at discharge from the facility

	Tools and References Used to Develop Permit
\square	WQM for Windows Model (see Attachment)
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	TRC Model Spreadsheet (see Attachment)
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	Design Stream Flows, 386-2000-003, 9/98.
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	Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Implementation Plan for NPDES Permitting, 4/07.
	SOP New and Reissuance Sewage Individual NPDES Permit Applications, BCW-PMT-002, Version 2.0
	SOP: Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits, BCW-PMT-033, Version 1.9.
	SOP: Establishing WQBELs and Permit Conditions for Toxic Pollutants in NPDES Permits for Existing Dischargers, BCW-PMT-037, Version 1.5.
	Other: DRBC docket D-2006-005 CP-4.

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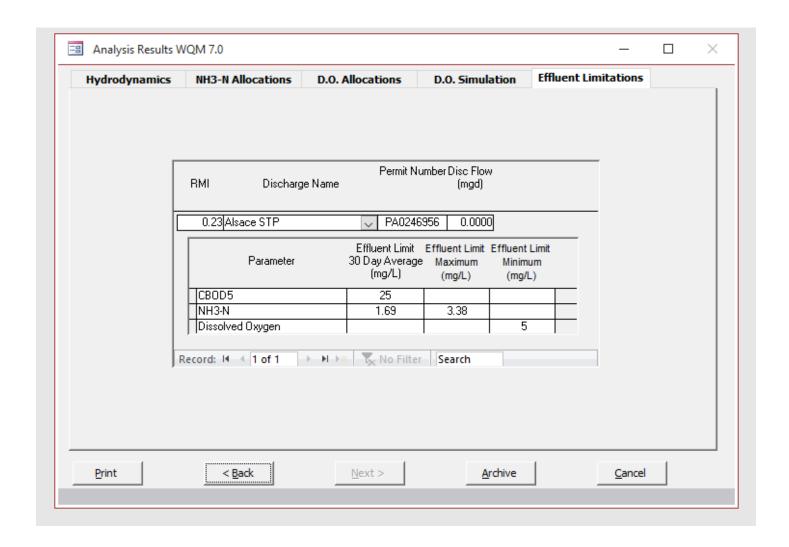
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PA0246956	1/1/2021	1/31/2021			Flow	MGD	0.0226		Average Mo			_	/laximum
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PA0246956	4/1/2021	4/30/2021			Flow	MGD	0.0234		Average Mo				/laximum
PA0246956	5/1/2021	5/31/2021			Flow	MGD	0.0239		Average Mo				/laximum
PA0246956	6/1/2021	6/30/2021			Flow	MGD	0.0226		Average Mo				/laximum
PA0246956	7/1/2021	7/31/2021			Flow	MGD	0.0224		Average Mo				/laximum
PA0246956	8/1/2021	8/31/2021			Flow	MGD	0.02183		Average Mo				/laximum
PA0246956	9/1/2021	9/30/2021			Flow	MGD	0.0239		Average Mo				/laximum
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PA0246956	11/1/2021	11/30/2021			Flow	MGD	0.0239	Monitor	Average Mo	0.0355	Monitor	Daily N	/laximum
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PA0246956	4/1/2022	4/30/2022	Monthly	1	Flow	MGD	0.0323	Monitor	Average Mo	0.0419	Monitor	Daily N	/laximum
PA0246956	5/1/2022	5/31/2022	Monthly	1	Flow	MGD	0.0277	Monitor	Average Mo	0.0406	Monitor	Daily N	/laximum
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PA0246956	12/1/2022	12/31/2022	Monthly	1	Flow	MGD	0.0237	Monitor	Average Mo	0.041	Monitor	Daily N	/laximum
PA0246956	1/1/2023	1/31/2023	Monthly	1	Flow	MGD	0.0231	Monitor	Average Mo	0.0318	Monitor	Daily N	/laximum
PA0246956	2/1/2023	2/28/2023	Monthly	1	Flow	MGD	0.0232	Monitor	Average Mo	0.0334	Monitor	Daily N	/laximum
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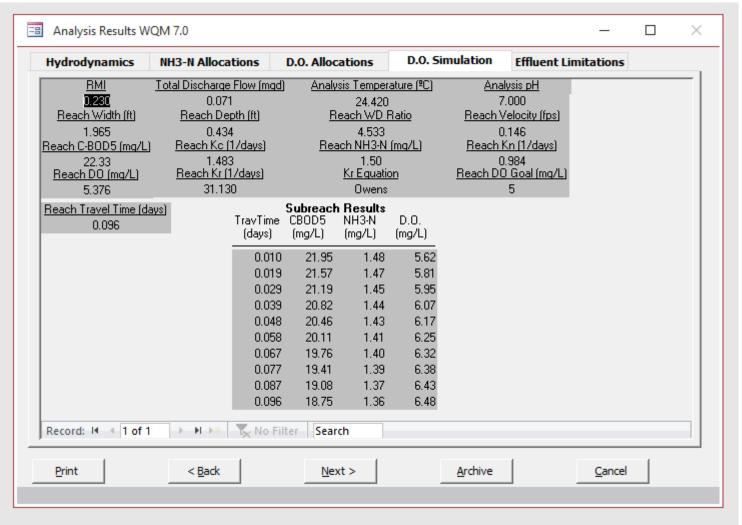
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Parameter Code	Parameter Description	Value	Unit		
BSLOPD	Mean basin slope measure	5.2298	degrees		
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point	0.0719	square mi	les	
ROCKDEP	Depth to rock	5	feet		
URBAN	Percentage of basin with u	21.7625	percent		
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Statistic	Value	Unit			
7 Day 2 Year Low Flow	0.0294	ft^3/s			
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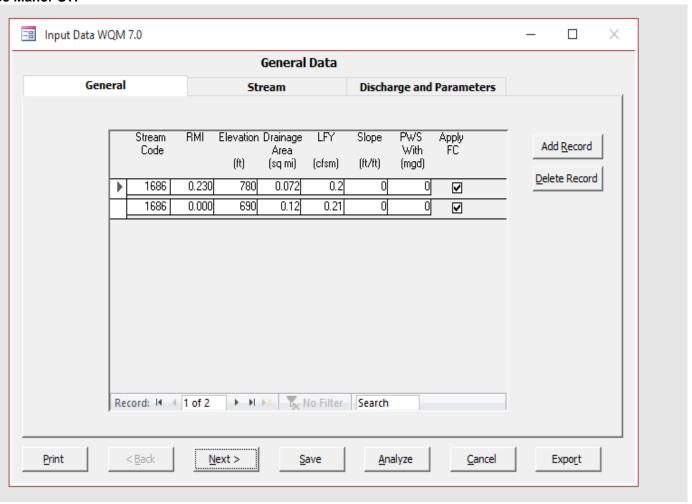
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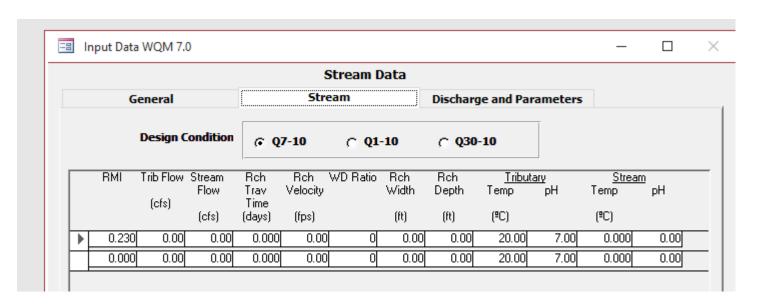
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BSLOPD	Mean basin slope measure	6.2311	degrees			
DRNAREA	Area that drains to a point	0.12	square mi	les		
ROCKDEP	Depth to rock	5	feet			
URBAN	Percentage of basin with u	12.5309	percent			
Low-Flow Statistics Param	100.0 Percent Low Flow Re	gion 1				
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DRNAREA	Drainage Area	0.12	square mi	4.78	1150	
BSLOPD	Mean Basin Slope degrees	6.2311	degrees	1.7	6.4	
ROCKDEP	Depth to Rock	5	feet	4.13	5.21	
URBAN	Percent Urban	12.5309	percent	0	89	
Low-Flow Statistics Flow F	R 100.0 Percent Low Flow Re	gion 1				
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7 Day 2 Year Low Flow	0.0526	ft^3/s				
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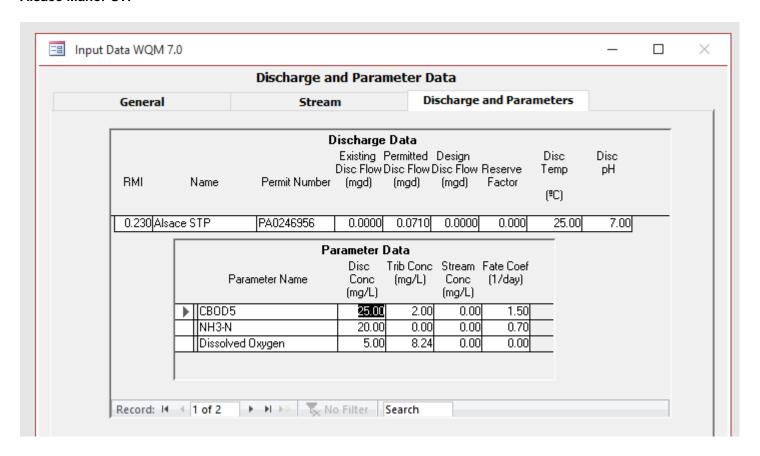
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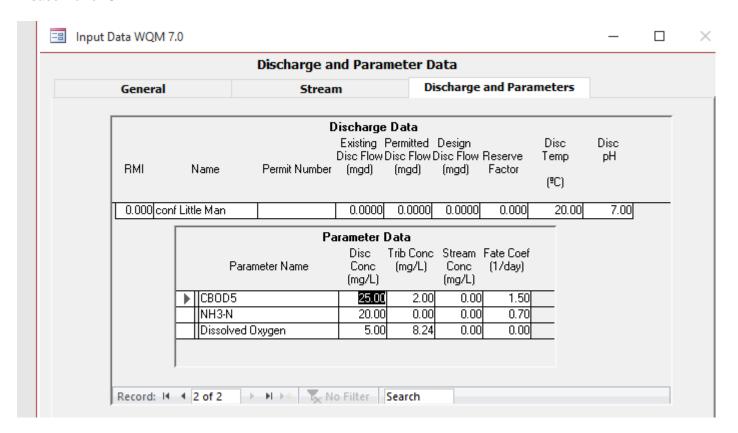












COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA Department of Environmental Protection April 15, 2002

Stream Code: 53022 Stream File: 1.15.4

SUBJECT: Point of First Use Determination

Alsace Twp STP

UNT Little Manatawny Creek Alsace Twp, Berks County

TO:

Tim Finnegan

Water Quality Supervisor Water Management Program

FROM:

Kiersten H. Marquart

Water Pollution Biologist 2 17

Water Management Program

THROUGH: Robert J. Schott 14/5

Water Pollution Biologist 3 Water Management Program

As requested I performed the Point of First Use Survey near Alsace Manor, Alsace Twp, Berks County. The survey was conducted April 15, 2002. A field data sheet and site location map are attached.

I determined the point of first use to be coincident with the point of discharge as evidenced by the presence of a highly diverse and sensitive community of benthic

Although access to the site is limited by moderately dense woodland undergrowth, the stretch of stream directly upstream and downstream from the proposed discharge point is located less than 50 yds from numerous residences. Steps should be taken to further restrict access to the discharge.

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	POR	NT OF FIRST U	SE DET	ERMINAT	ION	
Stream: UNT I	Little Manatawny	Creek	Date: 4	/15/02	Time: 1030	
Discharger: A	lsace Twp STP	Existing		Propo	sed 🗹	
Municipality:	Alsace Twp	County: Berks	, C	ollector: K	H. Marquart, M	f. Hammond
Site Location:	behind the Deitric	ch Residence S o	f Oley Rd			
		PHYSI	CAL DAT	ΓA		
Estimated Stre	am Width: 2ft				th: Riffle 2" I	Pool 6"
INORGANIC SU	BSTRATE COMPON			·	E COMPONENTS	
(should add up to Substrate Type		% Composition	(does not	necessarily ad	d up to 100%)	
Substrate Type	Diameter	in Sample Reach	Substrate Type	Chara	cteristic	% Composition in Sample Reach
Bedrock	1.		Detritus		vood, coarse plant s (CPOM)	
Boulder	>256 mm (10")		Muck-Mu	d Black, v	ery fine organie	1
Cobble	64-256 mm (2.5-10")	10	Marl	Grey, sl	vell fragment	
Gravel	2-54 mm (0.1-2.5")	- 10		_		
Sand	0.06-2 mm (gritty)	70		-		
Silt	0.004-0.06 mm	10	-			
Clay	<0.004 mm (slick)					
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Temperature: Water Sample	15.7 s: Yes No		Flector Nu		Cor	nd: 230
Collection Ge	ar: Kick Screen	T	_	•	her 🔲	,
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