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Application Type	**Renewal**	Application No.	**PA0112747**
Facility Type	**Municipal**	APS ID	**1022693**
Major / Minor	**Minor**	Authorization ID	**1326021**

NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE

Applicant and Facility Information

Applicant Name	**Mahaffey Borough Municipal Authority**	Facility Name	**Mahaffey Borough Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant**
Applicant Address	PO Box 202	Facility Address	SR0. 219
	Mahaffey, PA 15757-0202		Mahaffey, PA 15757
Applicant Contact	Edward Depp	Facility Contact	Roy Markle
Applicant Phone	(814) 277-6659	Facility Phone	(814) 591-3159
Client ID	72795	Site ID	1141
Ch 94 Load Status	Not Overloaded	Municipality	Mahaffey Borough
Connection Status	No Prohibitions	County	Clearfield
Date Application Received	September 1, 2020	EPA Waived?	Yes
Date Application Accepted	September 21, 2020	If No, Reason	
Purpose of Application	Renewal of an existing NPDES permit for the discharge of treated sewage.		

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.

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
X		*Derek S. Garner* Derek S. Garner / Project Manager	January 25, 2021
X		*Nicholas W. Hartranft* Nicholas W. Hartranft, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	January 26, 2021

Discharge, Receiving Waters and Water Supply Information

Outfall No.	001	Design Flow (MGD)	0.07
Latitude	40º 52' 57.78"	Longitude	-78º 43' 55.65"
Quad Name	Mahaffey	Quad Code	1116
Wastewater Description:	Sewage		

Receiving Waters	West Branch Susquehanna River	Stream Code	18668
NHD Com ID	61833285	RMI	206.85
Drainage Area	299	Yield (cfs/mi^2)	0.141
Q_{7-10} Flow (cfs)	42.1	Q_{7-10} Basis	Streamgage No. 01541000
Elevation (ft)	1260	Slope (ft/ft)	0.0004
Watershed No.	8-B	Chapter 93 Class.	WWF
Existing Use	n/a	Existing Use Qualifier	n/a
Exceptions to Use	n/a	Exceptions to Criteria	n/a
Assessment Status	Attaining Use(s)		
Cause(s) of Impairment	n/a		
Source(s) of Impairment	n/a		
TMDL Status	Final, 07/09/2009	Name	West Branch Susquehanna

Nearest Downstream Public Water Supply Intake	Shawville Power LLC		
PWS Waters	West Branch Susquehanna River	Flow at Intake (cfs)	131
PWS RMI	163	Distance from Outfall (mi)	43.85

Treatment Facility Summary

The Mahaffey Borough Municipal Authority Wastewater Treatment Plant consists of one comminutor, one bar screen, three aerated lagoons (operated in series), and two chlorine contact tanks. Sonic wave transducers are used in two of three lagoons from Match to October to prevent algae blooms. The facility has an average annual flow and hydraulic capacity of 0.07 MGD and an organic design capacity of 123 lbs/day. The lagoon's sludge blankets are measured annually and pumped on an as-needed basis in accordance with the Authority's Standard Operation Procedure for Determination of Sludge Removal (March 2016). When necessary sludge will be hauled to another wastewater treatment plant for disposal.

The facility is operated under WQM Permit No. 1785403, issued on May 19, 1986. The permit was amended on August 12, 2009 to include use of the abovementioned sonic wave transducers. The permit was most recently amended again on December 30, 2020 to approve construction and operation of a mechanical bar screen, electromagnetic flow meter, and an ultraviolet light disinfection system. The existing chlorine disinfection system will be kept for redundancy during emergency purposes. As of the date of this fact sheet, a post-construction certification has not been received for these upgrades/modifications.

Development of Effluent Limitations

Outfall No. 001 **Design Flow (MGD)** 0.07
Latitude 40º 52' 57.78" **Longitude** -78º 43' 55.65"
Wastewater Description: Sewage

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
$CBOD_5$	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)

Water Quality-Based Limitations

A “Reasonable Potential Analysis” (attached) was completed to assess the applicability of water quality-based effluent limits.

The parameters CBOD5, ammonia-n, and dissolved oxygen were assessed in WQM 7.0 v1.0b. The results are as follows:

Parameter	Monthly Avg	Maximum	Minimum
CBOD5	25	--	--
NH3-N	25	50	--
Dissolved Oxygen	--	--	3

As demonstrated by the above table, the existing effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for CBOD5, dissolved oxygen, and ammonia-n are protective of the receiving water.

The facility discharges to the West Branch Susquehanna River at river mile 206.85. This segment of the River is included in the West Branch Susquehanna River Watershed TMDL. The TMDL was developed to address the River’s impairment caused by Total Iron, Total Aluminum, and Total Manganese. The Mahaffey Borough Municipal Authority WWTP is not assigned a load allocation in the TMDL; however, annual reporting for TMDL parameters (Al, Fe, Mn) were established in the previous renewal to characterize the effluent. The results are as follows:

Due Date	Parameter	Units	Value	Limit	SBC	Sample Frequency
1/28/2018	Aluminum, Total	mg/L	< 0.1	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2019	Aluminum, Total	mg/L	< 0.0500	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2020	Aluminum, Total	mg/L	1	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2021	Aluminum, Total	mg/L	0.1	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year

Due Date	Parameter	Units	Value	Limit	SBC	Sample Frequency
1/28/2018	Iron, Total	mg/L	0.155	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2019	Iron, Total	mg/L	0.229	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2020	Iron, Total	mg/L	2	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2021	Iron, Total	mg/L	0.307	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year

Due Date	Parameter	Units	Value	Limit	SBC	Sample Frequency
1/28/2018	Manganese, Total	mg/L	0.164	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2019	Manganese, Total	mg/L	0.0791	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2020	Manganese, Total	mg/L	0.0677	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year
1/28/2021	Manganese, Total	mg/L	0.124	Monitor and Report	Daily Maximum	1/year

The maximum concentrations for each parameter were entered into the Toxics Management Spreadsheet v1.1 to assess the possibility of establishing effluent limits. The spreadsheet's recommendations are as follows:

Parameter	Governing WQBEL	Units	Comments
Total Aluminum	26,486	µg/l	Discharge Conc ≤ 10% WQBEL
Total Iron	585,474	µg/l	Discharge Conc ≤ 10% WQBEL
Total Manganese	375.756	µg/l	Discharge Conc ≤ 10% WQBEL

As demonstrated by the above table, the spreadsheet does not recommend any further monitoring or establishing effluent limits for the TMDL parameters because there does not appear to be any reasonable potential to exceed water quality criteria. Accordingly, DEP has proposed to remove the monitoring requirements for Al, Fe, and Mn.

An analysis of the existing total residual chlorine limits in the TRC_CALC spreadsheet indicates that they are protective of the West Branch Susquehanna River. No changes are proposed.

Best Professional Judgment (BPJ) Limitations

The existing reporting requirements for dissolved oxygen and ammonia-n are proposed to remain in the permit to continue to help characterize the effluent.

As stated in the Treatment Summary section above, the facility's WQM permit was recently amended to approve construction and operation of a UV light disinfection system while maintaining the existing TRC disinfection system for emergency purposes. A letter from JHA Companies on behalf of the Mahaffey Borough Municipal Authority, dated January 6, 2021, indicates the UV system will be operational by October 1, 2021 and will report intensity. Accordingly, DEP proposes that UV intensity reporting begin on October 1, 2021. Additionally, since TRC will only be for emergency purposes only, on October 1, 2021, TRC will only need reported when the system in use.

Additional Considerations

Existing influent monitoring requirements for BOD5 and TSS are proposed to remain in the permit to help with Chapter 94 reporting.

Chesapeake Bay

The permittee previously completed 48 months of sampling from January 2007 to December 2010 and the results were summarized in the previous fact sheet developed in 2015. Nothing further is required from the permittee to satisfy Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan.

Compliance History

The following effluent violations occurred during the existing permit's term:

Non-compliance Date	Non-compliance Type	Non-compliance Category	Parameter	Sample Value	Violation Condition	Permit Value	Units	SBC
4/11/2017	Violation of permit condition	Conc. 2 Effluent Violation	TSS	32	>	30	mg/L	Avg Mo

No chronic exceedances have been documented. The compliance history should not impact the development of effluent limitations for the facility.

There are no open violations associated with the permittee.

The facility was last inspected by DEP on January 13, 2020. The inspection report concludes that the facility is operating normally, there is no visible impact below Outfall 001, and eDMRs are be submitted on time.

Existing Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

The existing effluent limits are monitoring requirements are as follows:

Parameter	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Units (lbs/day)		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Average Monthly	Daily Maximum	Minimum	Average Monthly	Weekly Average	Instant. Maximum		
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Continuous	Metered
pH (S.U.)	XXX	XXX	6.0	XXX	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.5	XXX	1.6	1/day	Grab
CBOD5	14	23 Wkly Avg	XXX	25	40	50	2/month	8-Hr Composite
BOD5 Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	17	26 Wkly Avg	XXX	30	45	60	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Fecal Coliform (CFU/100 ml) May 1 - Sep 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	200 Geo Mean	XXX	1,000	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform (CFU/100 ml) Oct 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	2,000 Geo Mean	XXX	10,000	2/month	Grab
Ammonia-Nitrogen	Report	Report Wkly Avg	XXX	Report	Report	XXX	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Total Aluminum	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	Report Daily Max	XXX	1/year	8-Hr Composite
Total Iron	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	Report Daily Max	XXX	1/year	8-Hr Composite
Total Manganese	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	Report Daily Max	XXX	1/year	8-Hr Composite
BOD5 Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TSS Raw Sewage Influent	Report	Report	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	8-Hr Composite

Compliance Sampling Location: Outfall 001

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" (362-0400-001), SOPs and/or BPJ.

Outfall 001, Effective Period: Permit Effective Date through September 30, 2021.

Parameter	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Units (lbs/day) (1)		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum (2) Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Average Monthly	Weekly Average	Minimum	Average Monthly	Weekly Average	Instant. Maximum		
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report Daily Max	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Continuous	Metered
pH (S.U.)	XXX	XXX	6.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
DO	XXX	XXX	Report Inst Min	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
TRC	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.5	XXX	1.6	1/day	Grab
CBOD5	14	23	XXX	25.0	40.0	50	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TSS	17	26	XXX	30.0	45.0	60	2/month	8-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
Ammonia	Report	Report	XXX	Report	Report	XXX	2/month	8-Hr Composite

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Outfall 001, Effective Period: October 1, 2021 through Permit Expiration Date.

Parameter	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Units (lbs/day)		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Average Monthly	Weekly Average	Instantaneous Minimum	Average Monthly	Weekly Average	Instant. Maximum		
Flow (MGD)	Report	Report Daily Max	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Continuous	Metered
pH (S.U.)	XXX	XXX	6.0	XXX	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
DO	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
TRC	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.5	XXX	1.6	See Permit (1)	Grab
CBOD5	14	23	XXX	25.0	40.0	50	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TSS	17	26	XXX	30.0	45.0	60	2/month	8-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
UV Intensity (mW/cm^2)	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Metered
Ammonia	Report	Report	XXX	Report	Report	XXX	2/month	8-Hr Composite

(1) Total Residual Chlorine shall be sampled daily when the system is in use.

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	Average Monthly	Daily Maximum	Minimum	Average Monthly	Maximum	Instant. Maximum		
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