



Application Type

Renewal

Facility Type

Non-Municipal

Major / Minor

Minor

Application No.

**PA0035637**

APS ID

**860874**

Authorization ID

**1412945**

**NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET  
INDIVIDUAL SEWAGE**

**Applicant and Facility Information**

Applicant Name	<b>PA DOT Bureau Of Project Delivery</b>	Facility Name	<b>Roadside Rest North Bound 55</b>
Applicant Address	Bureau Of Operations 400 North Street 6th Floor  Harrisburg, PA 17105-3060	Facility Address	Rest Area No 55  Greenfield Twp, PA 18411
Applicant Contact	Mark Bowen	Facility Contact	Sean Skeath
Applicant Phone	(717) 787-4457	Facility Phone	570-449-4538
Client ID	62162	Site ID	246168
Ch 94 Load Status	Not Overloaded	Municipality	Greenfield Township
Connection Status	No Limitations	County	Lackawanna
Date Application Received	October 6, 2022	EPA Waived?	Yes
Date Application Accepted		If No, Reason	
Purpose of Application	Renewal of existing NPDES permit to discharge treated sewage.		

**Summary of Review**

The applicant is requesting renewal of an existing NPDES permit to discharge 0.0098 MGD of treated sewage to an unnamed tributary of the South Branch Tunkhannock Creek. The applicant's average reported discharge flow over the past 5 years has been 0.0023 MGD. This stream drains to Lackawanna Lake and eventually the Susquehanna River. The receiving water currently has a designated use of Cold Water Fishes and Migratory Fishes (CWF/MF) in the state water plan basin 04-F (Tunkhannock Creek). The stream does not currently have an existing use classification that is more protective than its designated use.

Both the WQM 7.0 and TRC Spreadsheet water quality modeling tools were used to evaluate the discharge. Stream gage 01533950 – South Branch Tunkhannock Creek near Montdale, PA, has flow history from 1962 – 1978 and was not used due to its age. Previous modeling utilized the DEP default LFY of 0.1 cfs/mi<sup>2</sup>, however, USGS's StreamStats was able to calculate a LFY for the stream accurately, with a Q<sub>7/10</sub> of 0.01 MGD and LFY of 0.027 MGD at the point of discharge. This new Q<sub>7/10</sub> and LFY affected WQM 7.0 modeling results, creating a more stringent Ammonia-Nitrogen monthly average limit from 5 mg/L to 3.58 mg/L and an IMAX limit from 10 mg/L to 7.16 mg/L during the May to October period of the year. The winter months have been adjusted accordingly to match this change. The facility should still be able to maintain this requirement after review of past eDMR data. WQM 7.0 modeling did not result in more stringent limits for CBOD<sub>5</sub> or Dissolved Oxygen, so previous permit limits will be used. The TRC Spreadsheet modeling did not result in more stringent limits for Total Residual Chlorine.

Total Phosphorus limits are water-quality based and carried over from the previous permit.

CBOD<sub>5</sub>, TSS, pH, and Fecal Coliform limits are technology-based and carried over from the previous permit. A new technology-based limit was established for E. Coli that requires a sample to be reported at least once per year. All dischargers of sewage are now required to provide E. Coli reporting.

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
X		<i>Luca Jordache</i> Luca Jordache / Environmental Engineer Trainee	May 6, 2025
X		<i>Edward Dudick</i> Edward Dudick, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	May 6, 2025

### Summary of Review

Requirements for Nitrate+Nitrite-N and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen are carried over from the previous permit to calculate the Total Nitrogen.

For this permit renewal, all monitoring frequencies are consistent with the DEP's *Technical Guidance for the Development and Specification of Effluent Limitations and Other Permit Conditions in NPDES Permits* (Document no. 386-0400-001). Table 6-3 of this document contains the effluent self-monitoring frequency requirements for sewage discharges.

The previously issued permit for this operation expired on March 31, 2023, and the application for renewal was received on time. There are no currently open violations for the client that would warrant withholding the issuance of this permit. The EPA waiver is in effect.

The following attachments were used to aid in the determination of limits in this permit:



TRC  
Calculations.pdf



Watershed  
Information.pdf



WQM 7.0 Model  
PA0035637.pdf



TRC Calc  
Comparison.pdf

### 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**

Outfall No.	001	Design Flow (MGD)	.0098
Latitude	41° 36' 0.56"	Longitude	-75° 38' 57.10"
Quad Name	Dalton	Quad Code	0640
Wastewater Description:	Sewage Effluent		
Receiving Waters	Unnamed Tributary of South Branch Tunkhannock Creek (CWF, MF)	Stream Code	28884
NHD Com ID	66402579	RMI	4.54 (DP to Lackawanna Lake)
Drainage Area	0.54	Yield (cfs/mi <sup>2</sup> )	0.027
Q <sub>7-10</sub> Flow (cfs)	0.01	Q <sub>7-10</sub> Basis	StreamStats Calculation
Elevation (ft)	1183	Slope (ft/ft)	0.049
Watershed No.	04-F	Chapter 93 Class.	CWF, MF
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	-		
Background/Ambient Data	Name -		
pH (SU)	-		
Temperature (°F)	-		
Hardness (mg/L)	-		
Other:	-		
Nearest Downstream Public Water Supply Intake	Danville Municipal Water Authority		
PWS Waters	Susquehanna River	Flow at Intake (cfs)	1160 (Q <sub>30/10</sub> )
PWS RMI	107.05	Distance from Outfall (mi)	67.04

**Treatment Facility Summary**

**Treatment Facility Name:** PA DOT - Rest Area 55

WQM Permit No.	Issuance Date
3590404	6/15/1990

Waste Type	Degree of Treatment	Process Type	Disinfection	Avg Annual Flow (MGD)
Sewage	Secondary	Extended Aeration	Gas Chlorine	0.0023 (2020-2025)

Hydraulic Capacity (MGD)	Organic Capacity (lbs/day)	Load Status	Biosolids Treatment	Biosolids Use/Disposal
0.0098	20.5	Not Overloaded	Aerated Sludge Holding	Hauled

Compliance History

DMR Data for Outfall 001 (from April 1, 2024 to March 31, 2025)

Parameter	MAR-25	FEB-25	JAN-25	DEC-24	NOV-24	OCT-24	SEP-24	AUG-24	JUL-24	JUN-24	MAY-24	APR-24
Flow (MGD) Average Monthly	0.0037	0.0037	0.0035	0.0039	0.0034	0.0055	0.0043	0.0025	0.0026	0.0018	0.0019	0.0019
Flow (MGD) Daily Maximum	0.0088	0.0148	0.0118	0.0092	0.009	0.0133	0.0077	0.0092	0.0047	0.0036	0.006	0.006
pH (S.U.) Minimum	6.9	7.0	7.0	6.8	7.4	7.5	6.8	6.1	7.1	6.9	6.6	6.6
pH (S.U.) Instantaneous Maximum	8.5	7.7	8.1	8.7	8.2	8.2	7.9	8.7	8.1	7.8	7.7	7.7
DO (mg/L) Minimum	7.3	9.5	9.7	6.0	6.6	6.1	4.5	5.0	5.3	6.0	6.2	6.2
TRC (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 0.1	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2
TRC (mg/L) Instantaneous Maximum	0.4	0.63	0.6	0.9	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.6	0.8	1.0	1.0
CBOD5 (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0	< 6.0
TSS (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 6.9	6.7	< 5.0	15.4	< 5.9	5.4	9.2	20.0	< 8.7	14.2	< 6.6	< 6.6
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) Geometric Mean	< 5	< 1	33	< 1	< 1	< 1	1	< 3	< 6	< 1	< 1	< 1
Fecal Coliform (No./100 ml) Instantaneous Maximum	21.6	< 1	1120	< 1	< 1	< 1	1	6.3	32.7	< 1	< 1	< 1
Nitrate-Nitrite (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 77.4	< 53.4	< 64.6	< 103.5	< 139.1	< 138.6	< 96.5	< 115.79	< 95.4	< 108.72	< 108.3	< 108.3
Total Nitrogen (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 78.4	< 54.4	< 65.6	< 104.5	< 142.1	< 139.6	< 97.5	< 116.79	< 97.32	< 109.72	< 109.3	< 109.3
Ammonia (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	< 0.2	0.6	< 0.6	< 1.0	< 0.6	1.0	1.0
TKN (mg/L) Average Monthly	< 1.0	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 3.0	< 1	< 1	< 1	< 1.92	< 1	< 1	< 1
Total Phosphorus (mg/L) Average Monthly	0.5	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.9	0.6	0.8	0.8

**Development of Effluent Limitations**

Outfall No. 001  
Latitude 41° 36' 1.00"  
Wastewater Description: Sewage Effluent

Design Flow (MGD) .0098  
Longitude -75° 38' 53.00"

**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)
	50	IMAX	-	-
Total Suspended Solids	30	Average Monthly	133.102(b)(1)	92a.47(a)(1)
	60	IMAX	-	-
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)
	1,000 / 100 ml	IMAX	-	-
Fecal Coliform (10/1 – 4/30)	2,000 / 100 ml	Geo Mean	-	92a.47(a)(5)
	10,000 / 100 ml	IMAX	-	-
Total Residual Chlorine	0.5	Average Monthly	-	92a.48(b)(2)
E. Coli	Report	IMAX	-	92a.61

Comments: E. Coli is a recently added contaminant to the TBEL list that is now required for all dischargers of treated sewage to report at least once per year.

**Water Quality-Based Limitations**

The following limitations were determined through water quality modeling (output files attached):

Parameter	Limit (mg/l)	SBC	Model
Dissolved Oxygen	4.0	Minimum	WQM 7.0
Ammonia-Nitrogen (5/1 – 10/31)	3.58	Average Monthly	WQM 7.0
	7.16	IMAX	
Ammonia-Nitrogen (11/1 – 4/30)	10.74	Average Monthly	WQM 7.0
	14.32	IMAX	
Total Residual Chlorine (TRC)	0.4	Average Monthly	TRC Spreadsheet
	1.0	IMAX	
Total Phosphorus	2.0	Average Monthly	Previous Modeling
	4.0	IMAX	

Comments: The limits for Ammonia-Nitrogen have been adjusted after re-modeling the discharge and stream via WQM 7.0. The new limits should still be attainable for this facility after reviewing eDMR data over the past 5 years for Ammonia-Nitrogen levels. See attached WQM 7.0 results for more information.

**Anti-Backsliding**

Most limits remained unchanged from the previous permit, with TRC getting slightly more restrictive. Due to anti-backsliding policy, limits may not be loosened without a strong argument and evidence for doing so.

**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	1/week	Measured
pH (S.U.)	XXX	XXX	6.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	9.0	1/day	Grab
DO	XXX	XXX	4.0 Inst Min	XXX	XXX	XXX	1/day	Grab
TRC	XXX	XXX	XXX	0.4	XXX	1.0	1/day	Grab
CBOD5	XXX	XXX	XXX	25.0	XXX	50	2/month	8-Hr Composite
TSS	XXX	XXX	XXX	30.0	XXX	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
E. Coli (No./100 ml)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	1/year	Grab
Nitrate-Nitrite	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Total Nitrogen	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	Calculation
Ammonia Nov 1 - Apr 30	XXX	XXX	XXX	10.74	XXX	14.32	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Ammonia May 1 - Oct 31	XXX	XXX	XXX	3.58	XXX	7.16	2/month	8-Hr Composite

Outfall 001, Continued (from 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		
TKN	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	XXX	2/month	8-Hr Composite
Total Phosphorus	XXX	XXX	XXX	2.0	XXX	4	2/month	8-Hr Composite

Compliance Sampling Location: Samples must be taken at the point of contact between discharge and the receiving waters (Unnamed Tributary of South Branch Tunkhannock Creek).

Tools and References Used to Develop Permit			
<input type="checkbox"/>	 WQM 7.0 Model PA0035637.pdf	)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	WQM for Windows Model (see Attachment	)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	 TRC Calculations.pdf	)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	TRC Model Spreadsheet (see Attachment	)	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Quality Toxics Management Strategy, 361-0100-003, 4/06.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Guidance for the Development and Specification of Effluent Limitations, 386-0400-001, 10/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy for Permitting Surface Water Diversions, 386-2000-019, 3/98.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy for Conducting Technical Reviews of Minor NPDES Renewal Applications, 386-2000-018, 11/96.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technology-Based Control Requirements for Water Treatment Plant Wastes, 386-2183-001, 10/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Guidance for Development of NPDES Permit Requirements Steam Electric Industry, 386-2183-002, 12/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pennsylvania CSO Policy, 386-2000-002, 9/08.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Water Quality Antidegradation Implementation Guidance, 391-0300-002, 11/03.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance Evaluation & Process Thermal Discharge (316(a)) Federal Water Pollution Act, 386-2000-008, 4/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Determining Water Quality-Based Effluent Limits, 386-2000-004, 12/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance Design Conditions, 386-2000-007, 9/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Reference Guide (TRG) WQM 7.0 for Windows, Wasteload Allocation Program for Dissolved Oxygen and Ammonia Nitrogen, Version 1.0, 386-2000-016, 6/2004.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Interim Method for the Sampling and Analysis of Osmotic Pressure on Streams, Brines, and Industrial Discharges, 386-2000-012, 10/1997.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance for Section 95.6 Management of Point Source Phosphorus Discharges to Lakes, Ponds, and Impoundments, 386-2000-009, 3/99.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Technical Reference Guide (TRG) PENTOXSD for Windows, PA Single Discharge Wasteload Allocation Program for Toxics, Version 2.0, 386-2000-015, 5/2004.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance for Section 93.7 Ammonia Criteria, 386-2000-022, 11/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Policy and Procedure for Evaluating Wastewater Discharges to Intermittent and Ephemeral Streams, Drainage Channels and Swales, and Storm Sewers, 386-2000-013, 4/2008.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) Regulation, 386-2000-011, 11/1994.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance for Temperature Criteria, 386-2000-001, 4/09.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance for Section 95.9 Phosphorus Discharges to Free Flowing Streams, 386-2000-021, 10/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance for Application of Section 93.5(e) for Potable Water Supply Protection Total Dissolved Solids, Nitrite-Nitrate, Non-Priority Pollutant Phenolics and Fluorides, 386-2000-020, 10/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Data Collection and Evaluation Protocol for Determining Stream and Point Source Discharge Design Hardness, 386-2000-005, 3/99.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Implementation Guidance for the Determination and Use of Background/Ambient Water Quality in the Determination of Wasteload Allocations and NPDES Effluent Limitations for Toxic Substances, 386-2000-010, 3/1999.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Design Stream Flows, 386-2000-003, 9/98.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Field Data Collection and Evaluation Protocol for Deriving Daily and Hourly Discharge Coefficients of Variation (CV) and Other Discharge Characteristics, 386-2000-006, 10/98.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Evaluations of Phosphorus Discharges to Lakes, Ponds and Impoundments, 386-3200-001, 6/97.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	Pennsylvania's Chesapeake Bay Tributary Strategy Implementation Plan for NPDES Permitting, 4/07.		
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Other:		

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