

Application Type Transfer
Facility Type Sewage
Major / Minor Minor

**NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET
ADDENDUM**

Application No. PA0061727 A-1
APS ID 1041873
Authorization ID 1359470

Applicant and Facility Information

Applicant Name	<u>Priestly Fraternity St Peter</u>	Facility Name	<u>St Gabriels Retreat House</u>
Applicant Address	<u>450 Venard Road</u> <u>South Abington Twp, PA 18411</u>	Facility Address	<u>631 Griffon Pond Road</u> <u>South Abington Twp, PA 18411</u>
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Client ID	<u>41714</u>	Site ID	<u>255088</u>
SIC Code	<u>4952</u>	Municipality	<u>South Abington Township</u>
SIC Description	<u>Trans. & Utilities - Sewerage Systems</u>	County	<u>Lackawanna</u>
Date Published in PA Bulletin	<u>November 17, 2022</u>	EPA Waived?	<u>Yes</u>
Comment Period End Date	<u>December 17, 2022</u>	If No, Reason	
Purpose of Application	<u>Renewal and transfer of NPDES Permit for Individual Sewage – MISF1 Facility</u>		

Internal Review and Recommendations

The applicant is requesting the renewal and transfer of an NPDES permit to discharge 0.00825 MGD of treated wastewater from an MISF1 (minor sewage facility <0.05 MGD) to Tributary 28536 of Leggetts Creek, (CWF-MF, Cold Water Fish, Migratory Fish) designated receiving stream in State Water Plan Basin 05-A (Lackawanna River). As per the Department's current existing use list, the receiving stream does not have an existing use classification that is more protective than its designated use.

According to eMAP PA, Tributary 28536 is currently in supporting status for its assessed use, Aquatic Life. Tributary 28534, the stream connecting the receiving stream of the discharge and Leggetts Creek, is an impaired stream from Urban Runoff/Storm Sewers – Siltation for its assessed use of Aquatic Life. Tributary 28534 is supporting for its assessed use of Fish Consumption. Leggetts Creek is in supporting status for its designated uses of Fish Consumption and Aquatic Life.

The permit is being transferred from Passionist Nuns Monastery to the Priestly Fraternity of St. Peter, Inc. This treatment plant has a design flow of 0.00825 MGD. Using the last twelve months of eDMR data (7/1/2024 – 6/30/2025), the average daily flow was found to be 0.00252 MGD, and the daily maximum during that time span was 0.0144 MGD. The facility uses extended aeration for processing type and hypochlorite as disinfection.

The applicant indicated that there will be no changes to flow or pollutant mass loads or to pollutant concentrations. As there are no proposed changes to the operations at this facility for the transfer, most permit conditions will be retained from the previous permit term. No WQM7.0 Modeling was performed for this site, the Department's TRC Spreadsheet was not run and no updated WBELs were developed. Certain effluent limitations and monitoring frequencies have been updated to comply with DEP's document *Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) for Clean Water Programs Establishing Effluent Limitations for Individual Sewage Permits* and other technical guidance. The following limits have changed:

- Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) have become stricter; they will have average monthly and instantaneous maximum limitations of 0.5 mg/L and 1.6 mg/L.
- A daily minimum limitation of 4.0 mg/L will be imposed for Dissolved Oxygen. This will be taken daily.

Approve	Return	Deny	Signatures	Date
X			<i>Melanie Macioce</i> Melanie Macioce / Environmental Engineering Trainee	September 4, 2025
X			<i>Edward Dudick</i> Edward Dudick, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	September 30, 2025

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- Total Phosphorous minimum sampling frequency will increase to 2/month.
- The applicant will also be required to monitor for and report instantaneous maximum E. Coli levels on a yearly basis.

All changes will come into effect on the permit effective date. All other effluent limitations were carried over from the previous permit to include anti-backsliding.

The biosolids amount and where it is disposed of is not indicated in the previous fact sheets. The organic capacity is unknown to the permittee.

This facility is a Phase 5 non-significant Chesapeake Bay Facility.

The WMS Query "Inspections Report" was performed looking at the past 5 years of inspection reports. A Compliance Evaluation was performed on January 9, 2025. Two violations were noted:

1) The facility reported Fecal Coliform limit exceedances for the following Monitoring Periods:

- February and August 2023
- June, July, and September 2024

2) All permitted treatment units must be maintained in operable condition. At the time of inspection, the following were observed to be inoperable:

- The comminutor was reported to be inoperable since 2020.
- The air lift line used to waste sludge to the sludge holding tank was inoperable.

A WMS Query "Violations Report" was performed looking at the past 5 years. The following additional violations were noted:

- Operator Cortication - Owner failed to comply with the Act or Chapter 302 regulations was violated in March, July and August of 2021 and August of 2022.
- A failure to pay an annual fee occurred in 2021.
- A failure to submit monitoring reports occurred in February 2022.

These violations would not prevent a permit from being issued.

The application was received on February 9, 2021, and the current permit expired on April 30, 2020 and has been operating under an administrative extension.

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.