

Application Type

Renewal

Facility Type

Storm Water

Major / Minor

Minor

**NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET
INDIVIDUAL INDUSTRIAL WASTE (IW)
AND IW STORMWATER**

Application No.

PA0231851

APS ID

1088194

Authorization ID

1511425

Applicant and Facility Information

Applicant Name	<u>Dincher & Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc.</u>	Facility Name	<u>Dincher & Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc.</u>
Applicant Address	<u>687 Cemetery Road</u>	Facility Address	<u>687 Cemetery Road</u>
	<u>Williamsport, PA 17701-8847</u>		<u>Williamsport, PA 17701-8847</u>
Applicant Contact	<u>Bernard Dincher</u>	Facility Contact	<u>Bernard Dincher</u>
Applicant Phone	<u>(570) 323-1234</u>	Facility Phone	<u>(570) 323-1234</u>
Client ID	<u>187030</u>	Site ID	<u>814562</u>
SIC Code	<u>0783</u>	Municipality	<u>Loyalsock Township</u>
SIC Description	<u>Agriculture - Ornamental Shrub And Tree Services</u>	County	<u>Lycoming</u>
Date Application Received	<u>May 4, 2023</u>	EPA Waived?	<u>Yes</u>
Date Application Accepted	<u>May 18, 2023</u>	If No, Reason	
Purpose of Application	<u>Issuance of a NPDES Permit</u>		

Summary of Review

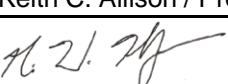
The permittee conducts arboriculture activities. Activities include wood debris storage/processing and equipment storage at this facility in Loyalsock Township, Lycoming County. A map of the discharge location is attached. The facility is currently permitted under the PAG03 General Permit for Stormwater Associated With Industrial Activity under Approval PAG034835.

The facility is within the watershed of an unnamed tributary to Lycoming Creek. The stream has a Chapter 93 designated use of warm water fishery (WWF) but also has been deemed by the Department following a 2022 update to the Department's existing use list to have an Exceptional Value (EV) existing use under a basin-wide listing for Lycoming Creek.

Permit coverage was initially required in 2015 due to a discharge from the wood debris piles which caused contamination to an unnamed tributary of Lycoming Creek. Following that release, the permittee installed a berm around the wood piles to collect and effectively infiltrate the runoff.

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
✓		 Keith C. Allison / Project Manager	February 20, 2025
✓		 Nicholas W. Hartranft, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	February 20, 2025

Stormwater Discharges from Industrial Activities

The permittee has applied for renewal of their coverage under the PAG03 General Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities. A No Exposure Certification was also included with the PAG03 Notice of Intent (NOI).

The Department does not deem that No Exposure conditions exist at the facility due to activities such as wood product storage being exposed to precipitation with the potential for discharge. In addition, no exposure certifications are not applicable and not available in EV watersheds.

Individual NPDES coverage is being required due to the discharge being to an EV watershed which is not allowed under the General Permit in accordance with 25 PA Code 92a.54(a)(8).

One storm water outfall has been established for the facility draining to an Unnamed Tributaries to Lycoming Creek (Exceptional Value Existing Use). Discharge from the facility to surface waters does not typically occur due to an earthen berm installed after the polluting discharge noted above. Should a surface discharge ever occur the permittee will be required to take samples consistent with the permit. The typical discharge by infiltration is to groundwater which is included in the definition in the Pennsylvania *Clean Streams Law* of "Waters of the Commonwealth" and is subject to applicable protections.

As a SIC code 4011 facility, it would be subject to Appendix D of the PAG-03 General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated With Industrial Activities for *Timber Products*. Appendix D currently requires twice per year sampling for Total Nitrogen (new), Total Phosphorus (new), pH, Chemical Oxygen Demand, and Total Suspended Solids. Additional parameters are included in Appendix D for facilities using formulations which are not applicable to this facility.

Therefore, the permit will include twice per year stormwater sampling for the parameters listed above from Appendix D. The PAG03 also includes Benchmark values of 120 for Chemical Oxygen Demand and 100 mg/L for TSS which will be included in Part C of this NPDES permit. Permit conditions require a Corrective Action Plan be developed if the benchmark values are exceeded for two consecutive monitoring periods.

Outfall No.	001	Design Flow (MGD)	0
Latitude	41° 15' 38.38"	Longitude	-77° 1' 57.13"
Quad Name	Cogan Station, PA	Quad Code	
Wastewater Description:	Stormwater		

Receiving Waters	Unnamed Tributary to Lycoming Creek (WWF, MF)	Stream Code	20504
NHD Com ID	66915099	RMI	0.42
Drainage Area	0.11 mi ²	Yield (cfs/mi ²)	Undetermined
Q ₇₋₁₀ Flow (cfs)	Undetermined	Q ₇₋₁₀ Basis	N/A
Elevation (ft)	780	Slope (ft/ft)	Undetermined
Watershed No.	10-A	Chapter 93 Class.	WWF, MF
Existing Use	EV (Exceptional Value)	Existing Use Qualifier	Antidegradation
Exceptions to Use	None	Exceptions to Criteria	None
Assessment Status	Attaining Use(s)		
TMDL Status	Final	Name	Lycoming Creek

Nearest Downstream Public Water Supply Intake	PA American @ Milton, PA		
PWS Waters	West Branch Susquehanna River	Distance from Outfall (mi)	Approx. 40

Comments: No downstream water supply is expected to be affected by these discharges with the monitoring and requirements proposed.

Anti-Degradation
This site predates the 2022 determination of the existing use of Exceptional Value for the Lycoming Creek Watershed and the Department therefore considers these potential discharges to be grandfathered for the purpose of anti-degradation.

Compliance History
Summary of DMRs: DMRs are typically submitted with "no discharge".
Summary of Inspections: The most recent inspection of the facility by the Department on August 8, 2024 identified no violations at the time of inspection.
Other Comments: There are no open violations for Dincher & Dincher Tree Surgeons, Inc. in eFACTS.

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 Permit Expiration Date.

Parameter	Effluent Limitations						Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass Units (lbs/day) ⁽¹⁾		Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum ⁽²⁾ Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Average Monthly	Average Weekly	Minimum	Average Monthly	Daily Maximum	Instant. Maximum		
pH (S.U.)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	1/6 months	Grab
Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	1/6 months	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	1/6 months	Grab
Total Nitrogen	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	1/6 months	Calculation
Total Phosphorus	XXX	XXX	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	1/6 months	Grab

Compliance Sampling Location: Outfall 001

Other Comments: Monitoring requirements above are consistent with the current PAG03 Appendix D.

Attachment:

- Discharge Location Map

