

Application Type New
Facility Type Storm Water
Major / Minor Minor

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

Application No. PA0267163
APS ID 1019733
Authorization ID 1320299

Applicant and Facility Information

Applicant Name	<u>Alcon Research LLC</u>	Facility Name	<u>Alcon Research Ltd</u>
Applicant Address	<u>714 Columbia Avenue</u> <u>Reading, PA 19608-1405</u>	Facility Address	<u>700 Old Fritztown Road</u> <u>Reading, PA 19608-9149</u>
Applicant Contact	<u>Robbie Louden</u>	Facility Contact	<u></u>
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Client ID	<u>357449</u>	Site ID	<u>509179</u>
SIC Code	<u>3841</u>	Municipality	<u>Spring Township</u>
SIC Description	<u>Manufacturing - Surgical And Medical Instruments</u>	County	<u>Berks</u>
Date Application Received	<u>July 14, 2020</u>	EPA Waived?	<u>Yes</u>
Date Application Accepted	<u>July 22, 2020</u>	If No, Reason	<u></u>
Purpose of Application	<u>NPDES discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activity.</u>		

Summary of Review

This is an application for a new NPDES individual permit for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity located in Spring Township, Berks County. See Figures 1 and 2 for Facility Location and Layout Maps.

Alcon Research, (Alcon) does not qualify for a NPDES PAG-03 General Permit for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity (PAG-03) since stormwater from the facility discharges to an HQ-CWF surface water.

The facility's SIC code 3841 (Surgical and Medical Instruments and Apparatus) requires an NPDES permit for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity. Facility Description: surgical and medical instrument manufacturing. If the facility qualified for a PAG-03, they would fall under Appendix J based on their SIC Code.

An application for an NPDES individual permit for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity was received on 7/14/2020. The application was deemed complete on 7/22/2020.

The facility has one outfall: Outfall 001. All pollutants and processes occur indoors and are not exposed to precipitation. The facility is ineligible for a no exposure certification since the discharge is to a HQ-CWF surface water

Part C permit conditions require semiannual site inspections as well as implementation of BMPs and implementation of the facility PPC plan. Given the BMPs in place, the discharge is not expected to have any measurable effect on the water quality of the receiving stream. There are no open violations for the client that would warrant withholding the issuance of this permit.

EPA waiver is in effect.

The application noted that the applicant has a pending Integrated Contingency Plan.

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
X		Jacob Rakowsky Jacob S. Rakowsky, EIT / Environmental Engineering Specialist	11/10/2020
X		Scott M. Arwood Scott M. Arwood, P.E. / Environmental Engineer Manager	11/10/2020

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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.	<u>001</u>	Design Flow (MGD)	<u>0</u>
Latitude	<u>40° 18' 21"</u>	Longitude	<u>-75° 59' 41"</u>
Wastewater Description: <u>Stormwater associated with industrial activity.</u>			
Receiving Waters	<u>Unnamed Tributary to Wyomissing Creek (HQ-CWF, MF)</u>	Stream Code	<u>01835</u>
NHD Com ID	<u>25992936</u>	RMI	<u>0.5500</u>
Drainage Area	<u>0.0417 sq. mi.</u>	Yield (cfs/mi ²)	<u></u>
Q7-10 Flow (cfs)	<u>N/A, Drainage Area outside of suggested range</u>	Q7-10 Basis	<u>StreamStats</u>
Watershed No.	<u>3-C</u>	Chapter 93 Class.	<u>HQ-CWF, MF</u>
Existing Use	<u></u>	Existing Use Qualifier	<u></u>
Exceptions to Use	<u></u>	Exceptions to Criteria	<u></u>
Assessment Status	<u>Impaired</u>		
Cause(s) of Impairment	<u>DEWATERING, DEWATERING, DEWATERING, FLOW REGIME MODIFICATION, FLOW REGIME MODIFICATION, FLOW REGIME MODIFICATION</u>		
Source(s) of Impairment	<u>EROSION FROM DERELICT LAND (BARREN LAND), EROSION FROM DERELICT LAND (BARREN LAND), EROSION FROM DERELICT LAND (BARREN LAND), URBAN RUNOFF/STORM SEWERS, URBAN RUNOFF/STORM SEWERS, URBAN RUNOFF/STORM SEWERS</u>		
TMDL Status	<u>Final</u>	Name	<u>Wyomissing Creek</u>
Nearest Downstream Public Water Supply Intake	<u>Pottstown Borough Water Authority</u>		
PWS Waters	<u>Schuylkill River</u>	Flow at Intake (cfs)	<u></u>
PWS Location	<u>West Pottsgrove Twp, Montgomery County</u>	Distance from Outfall (mi)	<u>~23</u>

Discharge is approximately 0.75 miles from UNT to Wyomissing Creek.

Drainage Area: 347,600 sq ft

% Impervious: 51

Description of Materials / Activities in Drainage Area Exposed to Precipitation:
Facility roof drains, employee parking areas, material loading/unloading areas

Description of Treatment or BMPs in Drainage Area to Control Pollutants in Stormwater:
Good housekeeping, no exposure conditions

Compliance History	
Summary of DMRs:	Since this is an application for a new permit, DMR data is not available. A summary of sampling results that were provided in the application can be found in Table 1.
Summary of Inspections:	Since this is an application for a new permit, no inspections were done at the facility.

Other Comments: There are no open violations for the client.

Proposed Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

Table 1. Permit Application Sampling Results

Parameter	Outfall 001
Oil and Grease (mg/L)	5.1
BOD5 (mg/L)	3.4
COD (mg/L)	19.7
TSS (mg/L)	18
Total Nitrogen (mg/L)	0.610
Total Phosphorus (mg/L)	0.16
pH (S.U.)	6.97
Arsenic (mg/L)	<0.01
Cadmium (mg/L)	<0.001
Chromium (mg/L)	<0.01
Copper (mg/L)	<0.01
Iron (mg/L)	0.508
Lead (mg/L)	<0.01
Mercury (mg/L)	<0.0002
Molybdenum (mg/L)	<0.002
Nickel (mg/L)	<0.01
Silver (mg/L)	<0.01
Zinc (mg/L)	0.17
PCBs (mg/L)	<0.490
Pesticides (mg/L)	<0.02
SVOCs (mg/L)	<0.957
VOCs (mg/L)	<0.5
Total Phenols (mg/L)	<0.05
Total Cyanide (mg/L)	0.01

Based on the facility's **SIC Code of 3841**, the **applicable PAG-03** NPDES Permit for Discharges of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity (effective 9/24/16) appendix is **Appendix J**, which would include the following monitoring requirements:

Table 2. PAG-03, Appendix F Requirements

Parameter	Monitoring Requirements		Benchmark Values
	Minimum Measurement Frequency	Sample Type	
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) (mg/L)	1 / 6 months	Grab	100
Oil and Grease (mg/L)	1 / 6 months	Grab	30

The **proposed parameters and monitoring requirements** for Outfall 001:

Table 3. Proposed Monitoring Requirements

Parameter	Effluent Limitations				Monitoring Requirements	
	Concentrations (mg/L)				Minimum Measurement Frequency	Required Sample Type
	Minimum	Average Monthly	Daily Maximum	Instant. Maximum		
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) (mg/L)	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	1/6 months	Grab
Oil and Grease (mg/L)	XXX	XXX	Report	XXX	1/6 months	Grab

All required parameters from PAG-03 Appendix J are included in this permit. A benchmark for TSS of 100 mg/L and Oil and Grease of 30 mg/L is included, which is typical of the monitoring requirements for PAG-03 Appendix J.

The BMPs from Appendix J are included.

The requirement to submit an Annual Report is included.

The requirement for routine inspections on a semiannual basis is included.

Antidegradation (93.4):

The applicant is proposing a new discharge to a High Quality (HQ) or Exceptional Value (EV) water, so Module 1 (Anti Degradation Module) was attached to the application. The facility was constructed in 1970 and was previously agricultural land. Alcon began operations and discharge commenced in 2018. All industrial pollutants and processes occur indoors and are not exposed to precipitation. There is no expected change to the rate or volume of stormwater.

The effluent limits for this discharge 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. Best Management Practices will ensure that the existing instream uses are protected. No Exceptional Value Waters are impacted by this discharge.

The designated use of the receiving waters are as follows:

UNT 01835 to Wyomissing Creek (HQ-CWF)

Part C Special Conditions

- I. Stormwater Outfalls and Authorized Non-Stormwater Discharges
- II. Best Management Practices (BMPs), including applicable BMPs from Appendix J from the PAG-03.
- III. Routine Inspections
- IV. Preparedness, Prevention, and Contingency (PPC) Plan
- V. Stormwater Monitoring Requirements (including Benchmark for TSS and Oil and Grease)
- VI. Other Requirements

I. STORMWATER OUTFALLS AND AUTHORIZED NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGES

A. The permittee is authorized to discharge non-polluting stormwater from its site through the following outfalls:

Outfall No.	Area Drained (ft ²)	Latitude	Longitude	Description
001	347,600	40° 18' 21"	-75° 59' 41"	Facility roof drains, employee parking areas, material loading/unloading areas

Monitoring requirements and effluent limitations for these outfalls are specified in Part A of this permit, if applicable.

B. The permittee is authorized to discharge the following non-stormwater discharges under this permit:

- Discharges from emergency/unplanned fire-fighting activities;
- Potable water, including water line flushings and fire hydrant flushings, that do not contain measurable concentrations of Total Residual Chlorine (TRC);
- Uncontaminated condensate from air conditioners, coolers/chillers, and other compressors (if treatment through an oil/water separator is provided) and from the outside storage of refrigerated gases or liquids;
- Irrigation drainage;
- Landscape water if such water does not contain pesticides, herbicides or fertilizers;
- Pavement wash waters where no detergents or hazardous cleaning products are used, and the wash waters do not come into contact with oil and grease deposits, sources of pollutants associated with industrial activities, or any other toxic or hazardous materials;
- Routine external building washdown / power wash water that does not use detergents or hazardous cleaning products (e.g., those containing bleach, hydrofluoric acid, muriatic acid, sodium hydroxide, nonylphenols);
- Uncontaminated ground water or spring water;
- Foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials; and
- Incidental windblown mist from cooling towers that collects on rooftops or adjacent portions of a facility, but not intentional discharges from the cooling tower.

II. BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

The permittee shall implement and, as necessary, maintain the following BMPs to remain in compliance with this permit.

A. Pollution Prevention and Exposure Minimization.

The permittee shall minimize the exposure of manufacturing, processing, and material storage areas (including loading and unloading, storage, disposal, cleaning, maintenance, and fueling operations) to rain, snow, snowmelt, and runoff in order to minimize pollutant discharges by either locating industrial materials and activities inside or protecting them with storm resistant coverings wherever feasible. The permittee shall implement and maintain the following measures, at a minimum:

1. Use grading, berming or curbing to prevent runoff of polluted stormwater and divert run-on away from areas that contain polluted stormwater.
2. Locate materials, equipment, and activities so that potential leaks and spills are contained or able to be contained or diverted before discharge to surface waters.

3. Clean up spills and leaks promptly using dry methods (e.g., absorbents) to prevent the discharge of pollutants to surface waters.
4. Store leaky vehicles and equipment indoors or, if stored outdoors, use drip pans and absorbents to prevent the release of pollutants to the environment.
5. Use spill/overflow protection equipment.
6. Perform all vehicle and/or equipment cleaning operations indoors, under cover, or in bermed areas that prevent runoff and run-on and also that capture any overspray.
7. Drain fluids from equipment and vehicles that will be decommissioned, and, for any equipment and vehicles that will remain unused for extended periods of time, inspect at least monthly for leaks.
8. Keep all dumpster lids closed when not in use. For dumpsters and roll off boxes that do not have lids, ensure that discharges have a control (e.g., secondary containment, treatment). This permit does not authorize dry weather discharges from dumpsters or roll off boxes.
9. Minimize contamination of stormwater runoff from fueling areas by implementing the following BMPs where determined to be feasible: cover fueling areas; install oil/water separators or oil and grease traps in fueling area storm drains; use berms to prevent run-on to and runoff from fueling areas; use spill/overflow protection and cleanup equipment; use dry cleanup methods; and/or treat and/or recycle collected stormwater runoff.
10. Train employees routinely (no less than annually) on pollution prevention practices as contained in the PPC Plan.

B. Good Housekeeping.

The permittee shall perform good housekeeping measures in order to minimize pollutant discharges including the routine implementation of the following measures, at a minimum:

1. Implement a routine cleaning and maintenance program for all impervious areas of the facility where particulate matter, dust or debris may accumulate to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater. The cleaning and maintenance program must encompass, as appropriate, areas where material loading and unloading, storage, handling and processing occur.
2. Store materials in appropriate containers.
3. Minimize the potential for waste, garbage and floatable debris to be discharged by keeping exposed areas free of such materials, or by intercepting them before they are discharged.
4. Eliminate floor drain connections to storm sewers.
5. Use drip pans, drain boards, and drying racks to direct drips back into a fluid holding tank for reuse. Drain fluids from all equipment and parts prior to disposal. Promptly transfer used fluids to the proper container; do not leave full drip pans or other open containers around the shop. Empty and clean drip pans and containers.
6. Label and track the recycling of waste material (e.g., used oil, spent solvents, batteries).
7. Prohibit the practice of hosing down an area where the practice would result in the discharge of pollutants to a municipal or other storm water collection system that conveys pollutants off-site without proper treatment.

C. Erosion and Sediment Controls.

1. The permittee shall minimize erosion and pollutant discharges by stabilizing exposed soils and placing flow velocity dissipation devices at discharge locations to minimize channel and stream bank erosion and scour in the immediate vicinity of stormwater outfalls.

2. The permittee shall conduct all earth disturbance activities and, when applicable, shall maintain all post-construction stormwater management (PCSM) BMPs in accordance with 25 Pa. Code Chapter 102.
3. The permittee may not utilize polymers or other chemicals to treat stormwater unless written permission is obtained from DEP.

D. Spill Prevention and Responses.

The permittee shall minimize the potential for leaks, spills and other releases that may be exposed to stormwater and develop a plan consistent with Part C IV for effective responses to such releases. The permittee shall conduct the following spill prevention and response measures, at a minimum:

1. Maintain an organized inventory of materials on-site. Plainly label containers (e.g., "Used Oil," "Spent Solvents," "Fertilizers and Pesticides") that could be susceptible to spillage or leakage to encourage proper handling and facilitate rapid response if spills or leaks occur.
2. Implement procedures for material storage and handling, including the use of secondary containment and barriers between material storage and traffic areas, or a similarly effective means designed to prevent the discharge of pollutants from these areas.
3. Develop and implement employee and contractor training on the procedures for expeditiously stopping, containing, and cleaning up leaks, spills, and other releases. The permittee shall conduct periodic training, no less than annually, and document the training on the Annual Report required by Part A III.C.1.
4. Keep spill kits on-site, located near areas where spills may occur or where a rapid response can be made.
5. Notify appropriate facility personnel when a leak, spill, or other release occurs.
6. To the extent possible, eliminate or reduce the number and amount of hazardous materials and waste by substituting non-hazardous or less hazardous materials of equal function, as determined by the permittee.
7. Clean up leaks, drips, and other spills without using large amounts of water or liquid cleaners. Use absorbents for dry cleanup whenever possible.

When a leak, spill or other release occurs during a 24-hour period that contains a hazardous substance or oil in an amount equal to or in excess of a reportable quantity established under 40 CFR Parts 110, 117 or 302, the permittee shall, in addition to the notification requirements contained in Part A III.C.3 of this permit, notify the National Response Center (NRC) at (800) 424-8802 in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Parts 110, 117, and 302 as soon as the permittee becomes aware of the discharge.

III. ROUTINE INSPECTIONS

- A. The permittee shall visually inspect the following areas and BMPs on a semiannual basis (calendar periods), at a minimum:
1. Areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to stormwater.
 2. Areas identified in the PPC Plan as potential pollutant sources.
 3. Areas where spills or leaks have occurred in the past three years.
 4. Stormwater outfalls and locations where authorized non-stormwater discharges may commingle.
 5. Physical BMPs used to comply with this permit.

At least once each calendar year, the routine inspection must be conducted during a period when a stormwater discharge is occurring.

- B. The permittee shall evaluate and document the following conditions, at a minimum, in the Annual Report required by Part A III.C.1 through required inspections:
1. Raw materials, products or wastes that may have or could come into contact with stormwater.
 2. Leaks or spills from equipment, drums, tanks and other containers.
 3. Off-site tracking of industrial or waste materials, or sediment where vehicles enter or exit the site.
 4. Tracking or blowing of raw, final or waste materials from areas of no exposure to exposed areas.
 5. Control measures or BMPs needing replacement, maintenance or repair.
 6. The presence of authorized non-stormwater discharges that were not identified in the permit application and non-stormwater discharges not authorized by this permit.

IV. PREPAREDNESS, PREVENTION AND CONTINGENCY (PPC) PLAN

- A. The permittee shall develop and implement a PPC Plan in accordance with 25 Pa. Code § 91.34 following the guidance contained in DEP's "Guidelines for the Development and Implementation of Environmental Emergency Response Plans" (DEP ID 400-2200-001), its NPDES-specific addendum and the minimum requirements below.
1. The PPC Plan must identify all potential sources of pollutants that may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges from the facility.
 2. The PPC Plan must describe preventative measures and BMPs that will be implemented to reduce or eliminate pollutants from coming into contact with stormwater resulting from routine site activities and spills.
 3. The PPC Plan must address actions that will be taken in response to on-site spills or other pollution incidents.
 4. The PPC Plan must identify areas which, due to topography or other factors, have a high potential for soil erosion, and identify measures to limit erosion. Where necessary, erosion and sediment control measures must be developed and implemented in accordance with 25 Pa. Code Chapter 102 and DEP's "Erosion and Sediment Pollution Control Manual" (DEP ID 363-2134-008).
 5. The PPC Plan must address security measures to prevent accidental or intentional entry which could result in an unintentional discharge of pollutants.
 6. The PPC Plan must include a plan for training employees and contractors on pollution prevention, BMPs, and emergency response measures. This training must be conducted in accordance with Part C II.D.3.
 7. If the facility is subject to SARA Title III, Section 313, the PPC Plan must identify releases of "Water Priority Chemicals" within the previous three years. Water Priority Chemicals are those identified in EPA's "Guidance for the Determination of Appropriate Methods for the Detection of Section 313 Water Priority Chemicals" (EPA 833-B-94-001, April 1994). The Plan must include an evaluation of all activities that may result in the stormwater discharge of Water Priority Chemicals.
 8. Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) plans may be used to meet the requirements of this section if the minimum requirements are addressed.
- B. The permittee shall review and if necessary update the PPC Plan on an annual basis, at a minimum, and when one or more of the following occur:
1. Applicable DEP or federal regulations are revised, or this permit is revised.
 2. The PPC Plan fails in an emergency.
 3. The facility's design, industrial process, operation, maintenance, or other circumstances change in a manner

that materially increases the potential for fires, explosions or releases of toxic or hazardous constituents; or which changes the response necessary in an emergency.

4. The list of emergency coordinators or equipment changes.
5. When notified in writing by DEP.

The permittee shall maintain all PPC Plan updates on-site, make the updates available to DEP upon request, and document the updates in Annual Reports.

V. STORMWATER MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The permittee shall conduct monitoring of its stormwater discharges at the representative outfalls identified in Part A of this permit. The permittee shall document stormwater sampling event information and no exposure conditions for each calendar year on the Annual Report required by Part A III.C.1.
- B. The permittee shall, upon written notice from DEP, install inlets, pipes, and/or other structures or devices that are considered necessary in order to conduct representative stormwater sampling, in accordance with a schedule provided by DEP.
- C. The permittee shall collect all samples from discharges resulting from a storm event that is greater than 0.1 inch in magnitude and that occurs at least 72 hours from the previously measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event. The 72-hour storm interval is waived when the preceding storm did not yield a measurable discharge, or if the permittee is able to document that a less than 72-hour interval is representative for local storm events during the sample period.
- D. The permittee shall collect all grab samples within the first 30 minutes of a discharge, unless the permittee determines that this is not possible, in which case grab samples must be collected as soon as possible after the first 30 minutes of a discharge. The permittee shall explain why samples could not be collected within the first 30 minutes of any discharge on the Annual Report required by Part A III.C.1.
- E. The permittee shall collect stormwater samples at times when commingling with non-stormwater discharges is not occurring or at locations prior to the commingling of non-stormwater discharges.
- F. Stormwater Benchmark Values.
 1. A benchmark value is the concentration of a pollutant in stormwater discharges that serves as a threshold for the determination of whether existing site BMPs are effective in controlling stormwater pollution. In the event that stormwater discharge concentrations for a parameter exceeds the benchmark value(s) identified below at the same outfall for two or more consecutive monitoring periods, the permittee shall develop a corrective action plan to reduce the concentrations of the parameters in stormwater discharges.

Parameter	Benchmark Value (mg/L)
Total Suspended Solids	100
Oil and Grease	30

2. The permittee shall submit the corrective action plan to DEP within 90 days of the end of the monitoring period triggering the need for the plan, and shall implement the plan immediately upon submission or at a later time if authorized by DEP in writing. The permittee shall, in developing the plan, evaluate alternatives to reduce stormwater concentrations and select one or more BMPs or control measures for implementation, unless the permittee can demonstrate in the plan that (1) the exceedances are solely attributable to natural background sources; (2) no further pollutant reductions are technologically available and economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practice; or (3) further pollutant reductions are not necessary to prevent stormwater discharges from causing or contributing to an exceedance of applicable water quality standards.

VI. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- A. The approval herein given is specifically made contingent upon the permittee acquiring all necessary property rights by easement or otherwise, providing for the satisfactory construction, operation, maintenance or

replacement of all structures associated with the herein approved discharge in, along, or across private property, with full rights of ingress, egress and regress.

- B. Collected screenings, slurries, sludges, and other solids shall be handled, recycled and/or disposed of in compliance with the Solid Waste Management Act (35 P.S. §§ 6018.101 – 6018.1003), 25 Pa. Code Chapters 287, 288, 289, 291, 295, 297, and 299 (relating to requirements for landfilling, impoundments, land application, composting, processing, and storage of residual waste), Chapters 261a, 262a, 263a, and 270a (related to identification of hazardous waste, requirements for generators and transporters, and hazardous waste, requirements for generators and transporters, and hazardous waste permit programs), federal regulation 40 CFR Part 257, The Clean Streams Law, and the Federal Clean Water Act and its amendments. Screenings collected at intake structures shall be collected and managed and not be returned to the receiving waters.

The permittee is responsible to obtain or assure that contracted agents have all necessary permits and approvals for the handling, storage, transport and disposal of solid waste materials generated as a result of wastewater and stormwater treatment.

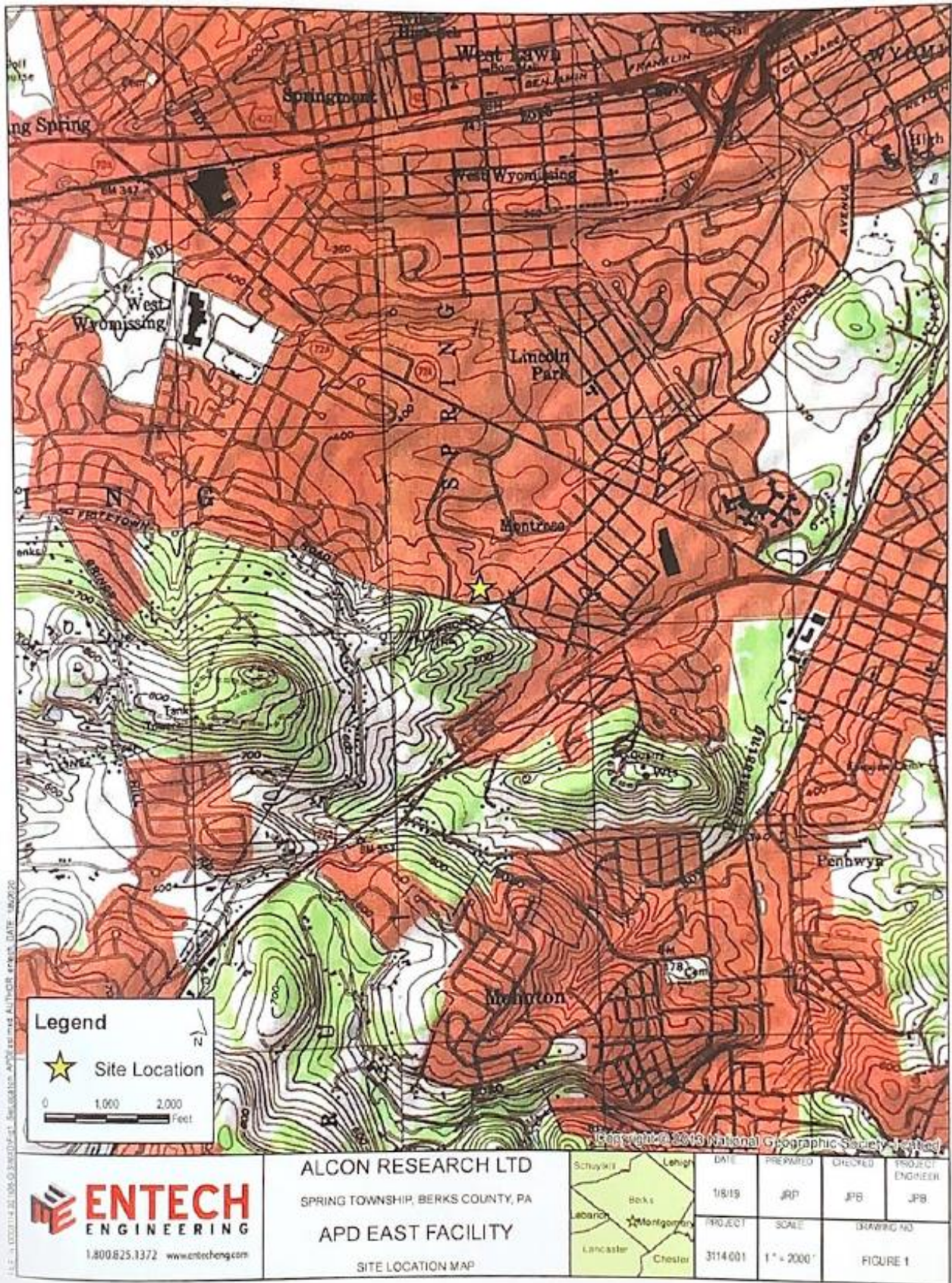


Figure 1. Facility Location

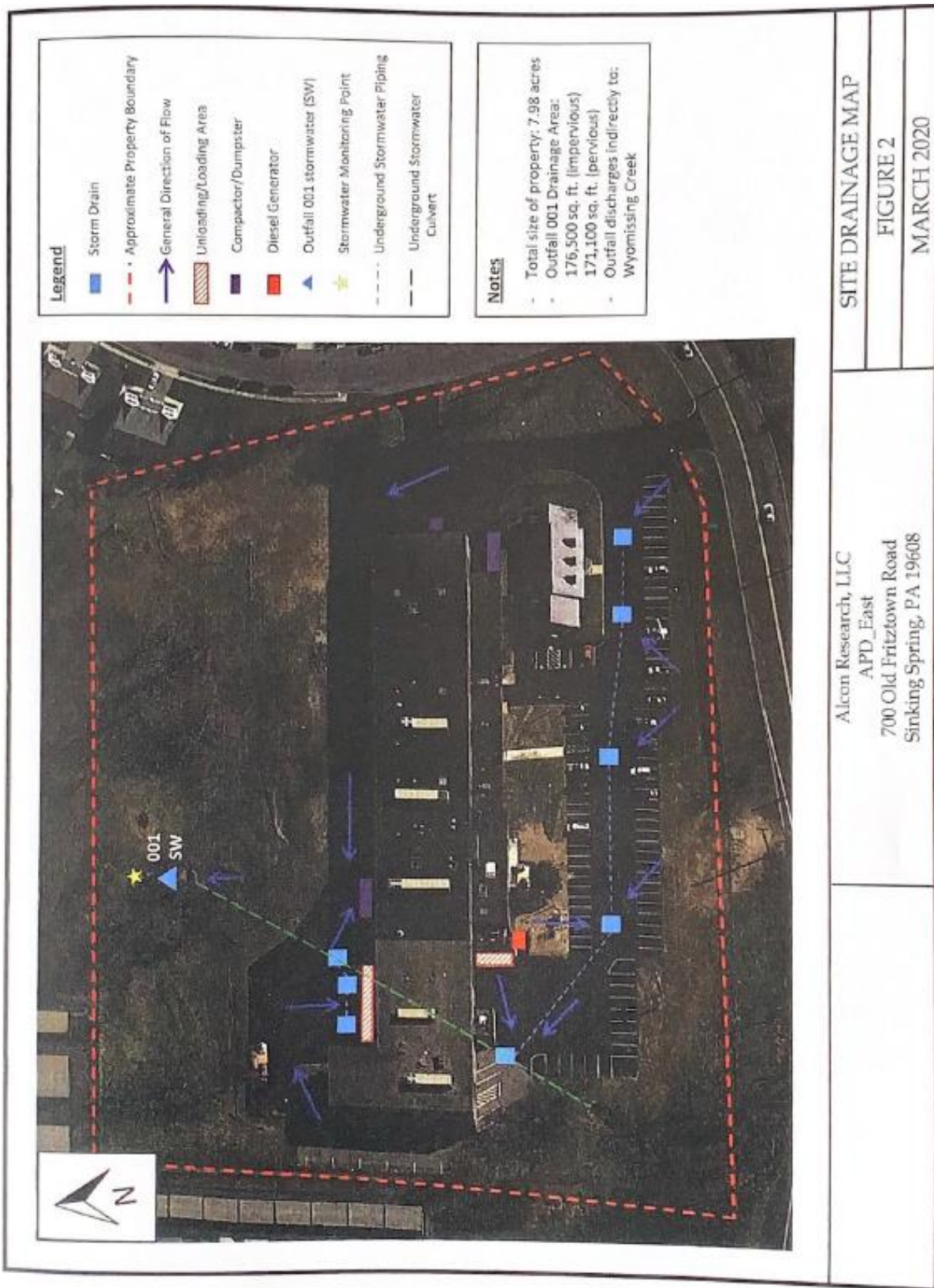


Figure 2. Facility Layout