

Northeast Regional Office CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

Application Type

Facility Type

Major / Minor

Minor

NPDES PERMIT FACT SHEET INDIVIDUAL IW STORMWATER

Application No.
APS ID

Authorization ID

Application No.

PA0276154

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Applicant Name	Geor	g Fischer LLC	Facility Name	Georg Fischer Harvel Easton
Applicant Address	300 k	Kuebler Road	Facility Address	300 Kuebler Road
	Easto	on, PA 18040		Easton, PA 18040
Applicant Contact	Alder	n Roberts	Facility Contact	Alden Roberts
Applicant Phone	(610)	991-5458	Facility Phone	(610) 991-5458
Client ID	3403	78	Site ID	832177
SIC Code	3084		Municipality	Forks Township
SIC Description	cription Manufacturing - Plastics, Pipe		County	Northampton
Date Application Received September 28, 2023		EPA Waived?	Yes	
Date Application Accepted		If No, Reason		

Summary of Review

The applicant is requesting a renewal of their NPDES permit to discharge stormwater associated with industrial activity to Bushkill Creek, a HQ-CWF, MF (High Quality-Cold Water Fishes, Migratory Fishes) designated receiving stream in state water plan basin 1-F (Jacoby - Bushkill Creeks). 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.

Georg Fischer Harvel Easton is a 19-acre pipe manufacturing and warehousing facility. The site consists of a single office and warehousing building with asphalt covered parking lots. To the east and west of the site are other industrial facilities and to the south of the site is farmland and wooded area.

Stormwater related to industrial activities will flow from the roof drains on top of the buildings to the parking lots. The parking lots drain to a retention pond located on the south corner of the property. All industrial activities related to this site take place inside and are not exposed to stormwater.

The facility is categorized by SIC code 3084 (Manufacturing – Plastics, Pipe) and falls under Appendix S monitoring requirements of the PAG-03 General Permit. Semi-annual monitoring / reporting is required for pH, Total Suspended Solids (TSS), Total Nitrogen, Total Phosphorous, and Total Zinc. Appendix S of the latest PAG-03 General Permit includes Benchmarks benchmark values exist for pH, Total Suspended Solids (TSS), and Total Zinc. All industries classified under Appendix S should be within the following values: 100 mg/L for TSS and between 6.0 – 9.0 for pH. The values are included as IMAX limitations and should be sampled semi-annually. Semi-annual monitoring and reporting for Total Zinc is also required under this permit. Benchmark values are not effluent limitations, and exceedances do not constitute permit violations. However, if the permittee's sampling demonstrates exceedances of benchmark values for two or more consecutive monitoring periods, the permittee shall take action in accordance with Part C.III.G of the permit.

Approve	Deny	Signatures	Date
X		William Hon (signed) William Hon/ Environmental Engineer Trainee	April 1, 2024
X		Amy M. Bellanca (signed) Amy M. Bellanca, P.E. Amy Bellanca / Acting Engineer Manager	4-3-24

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The PPC plan was attached to the application and is approved and valid as of July 2022. Potential pollutants includes and consist of byproducts of the plastic pipe manufacturing process. All aspects of this process are indoors and not exposed to stormwater. OAII outdoor dumpsters and trash components are covered and out of direct stormwater.

Permittee last had an inspection performed on January 24, 2024. and 3 violations were recorded:

- 1. Failure to submit NPDES renewal application at least 180 days prior.
- 2. Failure to collect representative samples
- 3. Failure to submit monitoring reports.

NOV was submitted to permittee. There are no open violations for this client that would warrant withholding the issuance of this permit.

Recommend approval.

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.