

# WPDES PERMIT

*STATE OF WISCONSIN*  
*DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES*  
**PERMIT TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE  
ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

**Racine Wastewater Utility**

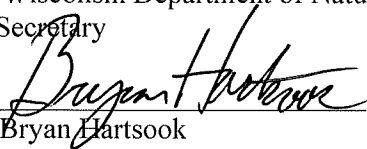
is permitted, under the authority of Chapter 283, Wisconsin Statutes, to discharge from a facility  
located at  
2101 Wisconsin Avenue, Racine, WI 53403  
to  
**Lake Michigan, via a 500-foot outfall pipe  
in Racine County**

in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set  
forth in this permit.

The permittee shall not discharge after the date of expiration. If the permittee wishes to continue to discharge after  
this expiration date an application shall be filed for reissuance of this permit, according to Chapter NR 200, Wis.  
Adm. Code, at least 180 days prior to the expiration date given below.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources  
For the Secretary

By

  
Bryan Hartsook  
Wastewater Field Supervisor

01/29/2021  
Date Permit Signed/Issued for Modification

**PERMIT TERM: EFFECTIVE DATE – January 01, 2020**  
**EFFECTIVE DATE OF MODIFICATION: February 01, 2021**

**EXPIRATION DATE - December 31, 2024**

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# 1 Influent Requirements

## 1.1 Sampling Point(s)

Sampling Point Designation	
Sampling Point Number	Sampling Point Location, WasteType/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
701	INFLUENT: Samples shall be collected from the headworks influent structure.

## 1.2 Monitoring Requirements

The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements.

### 1.2.1 Sampling Point 701 - INFLUENT TO PLANT

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Continuous	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total		mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids, Total		mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Mercury, Total Recoverable		ng/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Mercury Monitoring' section below.
Copper, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Cadmium, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Zinc, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Lead, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Nickel, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Chromium, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.

#### 1.2.1.1 Total Metals Analyses

Measurements of total metals and total recoverable metals shall be considered as equivalent.

### **1.2.1.2 Sample Analysis**

Samples shall be analyzed using a method which provides adequate sensitivity so that results can be quantified at a level of quantitation below the calculated/potential effluent limit, unless not possible using the most sensitive approved method.

### **1.2.1.3 Mercury Monitoring**

The permittee shall collect and analyze all mercury samples according to the data quality requirements of ss. NR 106.145(9) and (10), Wisconsin Administrative Code. The limit of quantitation (LOQ) used for the effluent and field blank shall be less than 1.3 ng/L, unless the samples are quantified at levels above 1.3 ng/L. The permittee shall collect at least one mercury field blank for each set of mercury samples (a set of samples may include combinations of intake, influent, effluent or other samples all collected on the same day). The permittee shall report results of samples and field blanks to the Department on Discharge Monitoring Reports.

## 2 In-Plant Requirements

### 2.1 Sampling Point(s)

Sampling Point Designation	
Sampling Point Number	Sampling Point Location, WasteType/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
110	EQ BASIN 1 (EAST): Flow rate shall be monitored only during wet weather blending events. Any blended effluent receives primary settling, disinfection, and is sampled with outfall 001 before discharge. Flow monitoring and reporting is not required during normal operation of EQ basins where blending does not occur.
111	EQ BASIN 2 (WEST): Flow rate shall be monitored only during wet weather blending events. Any blended effluent receives primary settling, disinfection, and is sampled with outfall 001 before discharge. Flow monitoring and reporting is not required during normal operation of EQ basins where blending does not occur.
112	FIELD BLANK: Collect mercury field blank using standard sample handling procedures.
113	Monitor Arsenic in the City Water Intake (Water supply from Lake Michigan)

### 2.2 Monitoring Requirements and Limitations

The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements and limitations.

#### 2.2.1 Sampling Point 110 - EQ Basin #1

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Per Occurrence	Measure	See 'Operation of Equalization Basins' section below.
Flow Rate		hours	Per Occurrence	Calculated	Total time of blending.

##### 2.2.1.1 Operation of Equalization Basins

During wet weather high flow conditions, when necessary to maintain the proper function of the wastewater treatment facility, the permittee may operate in-plant diversion and blending facilities that have been designed, approved, and constructed for that purpose. The requirements and limitations contained in section 3.2.1 remain in full force and effect during periods where blending occurs. Blending shall only be used by the permittee when there are high wet weather wastewater flows to the treatment facility and when such alternative operations are necessary to prevent excessive loss of solids from the activated sludge system to the plant effluent.

#### 2.2.2 Sampling Point 111 - EQ Basin #2

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Per Occurrence	Measure	See 'Operation of Equalization Basins' section

					below.
Flow Rate		hours	Per Occurrence	Calculated	Total time of blending.

**2.2.2.1 Operation of Equalization Basins**

During wet weather high flow conditions, when necessary to maintain the proper function of the wastewater treatment facility, the permittee may operate in-plant diversion and blending facilities that have been designed, approved, and constructed for that purpose. The requirements and limitations contained in section 3.2.1 remain in full force and effect during periods where blending occurs. Blending shall only be used by the permittee when there are high wet weather wastewater flows to the treatment facility and when such alternative operations are necessary to prevent excessive loss of solids from the activated sludge system to the plant effluent.

**2.2.3 Sampling Point 112 - Mercury Field Blanks**

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Mercury, Total Recoverable		ng/L	Monthly	Blank	See "Mercury Monitoring" section below.

**2.2.3.1 Mercury Monitoring**

The permittee shall collect and analyze all mercury samples according to the data quality requirements of ss. NR 106.145(9) and (10), Wisconsin Administrative Code. The limit of quantitation (LOQ) used for the effluent and field blank shall be less than 1.3 ng/L, unless the samples are quantified at levels above 1.3 ng/L. The permittee shall collect at least one mercury field blank for each set of mercury samples (a set of samples may include combinations of intake, influent, effluent or other samples all collected on the same day). The permittee shall report results of samples and field blanks to the Department on Discharge Monitoring Reports.

**2.2.4 Sampling Point 113 - City Water Intake**

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Arsenic, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Quarterly	Grab	See 'Sample Monitoring and Analysis' section below.

**2.2.4.1 Sample Monitoring and Analysis**

Arsenic samples shall be analyzed using a highly sensitive but acceptable method unless not possible, using the most sensitive approved method.

### 3 Surface Water Requirements

#### 3.1 Sampling Point(s)

Sampling Point Designation	
Sampling Point Number	Sampling Point Location, WasteType/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
001	EFFLUENT: 24-hour flow proportional composite samples and grab samples shall be collected from the combined outfall structure where effluent mixes with the effluent from the equalization basins before discharge to the lake. Discharge from the equalization basins shall receive primary treatment and disinfection before the combined outfall structure.
010	Safety Site PLANT -21st Street & Roosevelt Avenue - Manhole SS-U0904
011	Safety Site S01 - Augusta Street & Michigan Boulevard - Manhole SS-AC0003
012	Safety Site S02 - Michigan Boulevard & South Street Extd. - Manhole SS-B0305
013	Safety Site S03 - Carlton Drive & La Salle Street - Manhole SS-B0133R
014	Safety Site S04 - 16th Street & College Avenue - Manhole SS-T0005
015	Safety Site S05 - 21st Street & Grove Avenue - Manhole SS-U0040
016	Safety Site S06 - Washington Avenue & Grove Avenue - Manhole SS-Z0010
018	Safety Site S08 - East 6th Street Siphon - Manhole SS-QQ006
019	Safety Site S09 - Ontario Street & 4th Siphon - Manhole SS-EO-462
020	Safety Site S10 - Spruce Street & Brentwood Drive - Manhole SS-U0430
021	Safety Site S11 - Knoll Place & Norwood Drive - Manhole SS-KK005
022	Safety Site S12 - Golf Avenue & Conrad Drive - Manhole SS-A0428
032	Safety Site L02 - Spring Street & Luedke Court - LS #2 – Diversion Structure or East End of Storage Basin
036	Safety Site L06 - Drexel Avenue & Maryland Avenue - LS #6 - Manhole SS-UO352
037	Safety Site L07 - Steeple Chase Drive - Manhole ST-NL02006
038	Safety Site L08 - Rapids Court LS #8 - Manhole SS-BB005
039	Safety Site L09 - Frances Drive & Harrington Drive LS #9 -Station

#### 3.2 Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations

The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements and limitations.

##### 3.2.1 Sampling Point (Outfall) 001 - EFFLUENT

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Continuous	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Weekly Avg	45 mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Monthly Avg	30 mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids, Total	Weekly Avg	45 mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	



Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Suspended Solids, Total	Monthly Avg	30 mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
pH Field	Daily Min	6.0 su	Daily	Continuous	
pH Field	Daily Max	9.0 su	Daily	Continuous	
Fecal Coliform	Weekly Avg	970 #/100 ml	Daily	Grab	Limit effective year-round.
Fecal Coliform	Monthly Avg	400 #/100 ml	Daily	Grab	Limit effective year-round.
E. coli		#/100 ml	Daily	Grab	Year-round monitoring.
Chlorine, Total Residual	Daily Max	38 µg/L	Per Occurrence	Grab	Limits apply only when chlorine is added.
Chlorine, Total Residual	Weekly Avg	38 µg/L	Per Occurrence	Grab	Limits apply only when chlorine is added.
Chlorine, Total Residual	Monthly Avg	38 µg/L	Per Occurrence	Grab	Limits apply only when chlorine is added.
Nitrogen, Ammonia Variable Limit		mg/L	Daily	Calculated	Report the calculated variable Ammonia limit on the DMR year-round. See Maximum Ammonia Limits table below.
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Daily Max - Variable	mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Report Ammonia effluent value on the DMR. Monitoring year-round. Limit effective November through April.
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Weekly Avg	62 mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Monitoring year-round. Limit effective November through April.
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Monthly Avg	25 mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Monitoring year-round. Limit effective November through April.
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl		mg/L	Quarterly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate Total		mg/L	Quarterly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Nitrogen, Total		mg/L	Quarterly	Calculated	
Phosphorus, Total	Monthly Avg	0.86 mg/L	Daily	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	This is an interim limit effective upon permit reissuance. See 'Phosphorus' section below.
Mercury, Total Recoverable	Daily Max	4.0 ng/L	Monthly	Grab	See "Mercury Monitoring" section below.
Hardness, Total as CaCO <sub>3</sub>		mg/L	Quarterly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Arsenic, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Quarterly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Cadmium, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Chromium, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Copper, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Lead, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Nickel, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Zinc, Total Recoverable		µg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	See 'Total Metals Analyses' and 'Sample Analysis' sections below.
Temperature Maximum		deg F	3/Week	Continuous	Year-round monitoring in 2023. See 'Schedules' section.
Chronic WET		TU <sub>c</sub>	See Listed Qtr(s)	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Annual in rotating quarters. See 'WET Testing' section below.
Acute WET		TU <sub>a</sub>	See Listed Qtr(s)	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Annual in rotating quarters. See 'WET Testing' section below.

### 3.2.1.1 Annual Average Design Flow

The annual average design flow of the permittee's wastewater treatment facility is 36 MGD.

### 3.2.1.2 Daily Maximum Ammonia Limits

The daily maximum limits for ammonia correspond to the daily pH value, in accordance with the following table:

Effluent pH s.u.	Limit mg/L	Effluent pH s.u.	Limit mg/L	Effluent pH s.u.	Limit mg/L
6.0 < pH ≤ 6.1	72	7.0 < pH ≤ 7.1	44	8.0 < pH ≤ 8.1	9.3
6.1 < pH ≤ 6.2	71	7.1 < pH ≤ 7.2	39	8.1 < pH ≤ 8.2	7.6
6.2 < pH ≤ 6.3	69	7.2 < pH ≤ 7.3	35	8.2 < pH ≤ 8.3	6.3
6.3 < pH ≤ 6.4	67	7.3 < pH ≤ 7.4	31	8.3 < pH ≤ 8.4	5.2
6.4 < pH ≤ 6.5	65	7.4 < pH ≤ 7.5	27	8.4 < pH ≤ 8.5	4.3
6.5 < pH ≤ 6.6	63	7.5 < pH ≤ 7.6	23	8.5 < pH ≤ 8.6	3.5
6.6 < pH ≤ 6.7	60	7.6 < pH ≤ 7.7	19	8.6 < pH ≤ 8.7	3.0
6.7 < pH ≤ 6.8	56	7.7 < pH ≤ 7.8	16	8.7 < pH ≤ 8.8	2.5

6.8 < pH ≤ 6.9	52	7.8 < pH ≤ 7.9	14	8.8 < pH ≤ 8.9	2.1
6.9 < pH ≤ 7.0	48	7.9 < pH ≤ 8.0	11	8.9 < pH ≤ 9.0	1.8

**3.2.1.3 Total Metals Analyses**

Measurements of total metals and total recoverable metals shall be considered as equivalent.

**3.2.1.4 Metals and Hardness Monitoring**

Hardness and metals samples shall be collected concurrently.

**3.2.1.5 Sample Analysis**

Samples shall be analyzed using a method which provides adequate sensitivity so that results can be quantified at a level of quantification below the calculated/potential effluent limit, unless not possible using the most sensitive approved method.

**3.2.1.6 Mercury Monitoring**

The permittee shall collect and analyze all mercury samples according to the data quality requirements of ss. NR 106.145(9) and (10), Wisconsin Administrative Code. The limit of quantitation (LOQ) used for the effluent and field blank shall be less than 1.3 ng/L, unless the samples are quantified at levels above 1.3 ng/L. The permittee shall collect at least one mercury field blank for each set of mercury samples (a set of samples may include combinations of intake, influent, effluent or other samples all collected on the same day). The permittee shall report results of samples and field blanks to the Department on Discharge Monitoring Reports.

**3.2.1.7 Effluent Temperature Monitoring**

For monitoring temperature continuously, collect measurements in accordance with s. NR 218.04(13). This means that discrete measurements shall be recorded at intervals of not more than 15 minutes during the 24-hour period. In either case, report the maximum temperature measured during the day on the DMR.

**3.2.1.8 Phosphorus Water Quality Based Effluent Limitation(s)**

The 0.86 mg/L monthly average limit for phosphorus is an interim limit pending the development of a near shore or whole lake model in accordance with s. NR 217.13(4), Wis. Adm. Code. The permittee shall continue to reduce phosphorus as much as practical from their discharge and continue to minimize phosphorus in their discharge. See the Schedules section for optimizing removal of phosphorus. The interim limit for phosphorus is in effect unless:

- (A) A near shore or whole lake model is developed to calculate water quality-based effluent phosphorus limits for discharges to Lake Michigan. Upon Department approval of the model, the Department may modify, revoke and reissue, or reissue the permit to incorporate revised limitations.

If the Department incorporates revised phosphorus limitations into the permit, the permittee may submit an Adaptive Management Plan and a completed Request Form 3200-139, an application for Water Quality Trading or an application for a variance.

If a variance is approved for the next reissuance, interim limits and conditions will be imposed in the reissued permit in accordance with s. 283.15, Stats., and applicable regulations. A permittee may apply for a variance to the phosphorus WQBEL at the next reissuance even if the permittee did not apply for a phosphorus variance as part of this permit reissuance.

Additional Requirements: If a water quality-based effluent limit has taken effect in a permit, any increase in the limit is subject to s. NR 102.05(1) and ch. NR 207, Wis. Adm. Code. When a six-month average effluent limit is specified for Total Phosphorus the applicable averaging periods are May through October and November through April.

\*Note: The Department will prioritize reissuances and revocations, modifications, and reissuances of permits to allow permittees the opportunity to implement adaptive management or nutrient trading in a timely and effective manner.

### 3.2.1.9 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing

**Primary Control Water:** Lake Michigan

**Instream Waste Concentration (IWC):** 9.1%

**Dilution series:** At least five effluent concentrations and dual controls must be included in each test.

- **Acute:** 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25% and any additional selected by the permittee.
- **Chronic:** 100, 30, 10, 3, 1% and any additional selected by the permittee.

#### **WET Testing Frequency:**

**Acute and Chronic** tests shall be conducted once each year in rotating quarters in order to collect seasonal information about the discharge. Tests are required during the following quarters.

- **April-June 2020, July-September 2021, October-December 2022, January-March 2023, April - June 2024.**

WET testing shall continue after the permit expiration date (until the permit is reissued) in accordance with the WET requirements specified for the last full calendar year of this permit. For example, the next tests would be required in April- June 2025.

**Testing:** WET testing shall be performed during normal operating conditions. Permittees are not allowed to turn off or otherwise modify treatment systems, production processes, or change other operating or treatment conditions during WET tests.

**Reporting:** The permittee shall report test results on the Discharge Monitoring Report form, and also complete the "Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Report Form" (Section 6, "*State of Wisconsin Aquatic Life Toxicity Testing Methods Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*"), for each test. The original, complete, signed version of the Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Report Form shall be sent to the Biomonitoring Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, within 45 days of test completion. The Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form shall be submitted electronically by the required deadline.

**Determination of Positive Results:** An acute toxicity test shall be considered positive if the Toxic Unit - Acute ( $TU_a$ ) is greater than 1.0 for either species. The  $TU_a$  shall be calculated as follows:  $TU_a = 100 \div LC_{50}$ . A chronic toxicity test shall be considered positive if the Toxic Unit - Chronic ( $TU_c$ ) is greater than 11.0 for either species. The  $TU_c$  shall be calculated as follows:  $TU_c = 100 \div IC_{25}$ .

**Additional Testing Requirements:** Within 90 days of a test which showed positive results, the permittee shall submit the results of at least 2 retests to the Biomonitoring Coordinator on "Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Report Forms". The 90-day reporting period shall begin the day after the test which showed a positive result. The retests shall be completed using the same species and test methods specified for the original test (see the Standard Requirements section herein).

**3.2.2 Sampling Point (Outfall) 010-SS PLANT; 011-S01; 012-S02; 013-S03; 014-S04; 015-S05; 016-S06; 018-S08; 019-S09; 020-S10; 021-S11; 022-S12; 032-L02; 036-L06; 038-L08; and 039-L09**

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Bypass		gal	Per Occurrence	Total Batch Volume	
Flow Bypass		hours	Per Occurrence	Calculated	

**3.2.2.1 Safety Site Discharges**

Discharges through the safety sites (manholes) listed above are deemed sanitary sewer overflows and are prohibited. In addition to the “Flow Bypass” reporting requirements shown above, the permittee shall report any discharges through safety sites as required by subsection 6.5.6 “Unscheduled Bypassing” and adhere to the notification requirements listed in subsection 5.1 “Drinking Water Intake Notification”.

**3.2.2.2 Submittal of Annual Reports on Collection System Activities**

The Racine Wastewater Utility shall continue to submit annual reports of the work accomplished in the preceding year to reduce the entry of wet weather flows into the collection system. The report shall include information on collection system maintenance improvement efforts of tributary communities including an electronic attachment of the monthly or quarterly wastewater flow rates and water consumption from the tributary communities as provided. In this report, include potential metering sites for any portions of the tributary communities that are not monitored but have flow into the Racine Wastewater Utility collections system. Consider only sites that are directly connected to and are the final connection to the Racine Wastewater Utility collection system. Submittal of the annual reports is required by June 30<sup>th</sup> of each year.

**3.2.2.3 Notification of Drinking Water System Owners**

Whenever there is a bypass, a sanitary sewer overflow, a sewage treatment facility overflow or a scheduled bypass, the permittee shall notify the following owner(s) of drinking water intakes located in surface waters as quickly as practicable, but no greater than 8 hours after becoming aware of the bypass or overflow. This notification requirement does not apply to any controlled diversions or blending if specifically allowed in this permit. **Owner(s) of Drinking Water Intakes:** Racine, Caledonia, Elmwood Park, Mount Pleasant, North Bay, Somers (KR Area), Sturtevant, and Wind Point.

## 4 Land Application Requirements

### 4.1 Sampling Point(s)

The discharge(s) shall be limited to land application of the waste type(s) designated for the listed sampling point(s) on Department approved land spreading sites or by hauling to another facility.

Sampling Point Designation	
Sampling Point Number	Sampling Point Location, Waste Type/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
002	Class B, anaerobically digested cake sludge. Representative samples shall be collected prior to land application.

### 4.2 Monitoring Requirements and Limitations

The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements and limitations.

#### 4.2.1 Sampling Point (Outfall) 002 - ANAEROBIC CAKE SLUDGE

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Solids, Total		Percent	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Arsenic Dry Wt	Ceiling	75 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Arsenic Dry Wt	High Quality	41 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Cadmium Dry Wt	Ceiling	85 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Cadmium Dry Wt	High Quality	39 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Copper Dry Wt	Ceiling	4,300 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Copper Dry Wt	High Quality	1,500 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Lead Dry Wt	Ceiling	840 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Lead Dry Wt	High Quality	300 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Mercury Dry Wt	Ceiling	57 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Mercury Dry Wt	High Quality	17 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Molybdenum Dry Wt	Ceiling	75 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Nickel Dry Wt	Ceiling	420 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Nickel Dry Wt	High Quality	420 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Selenium Dry Wt	Ceiling	100 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Selenium Dry Wt	High Quality	100 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Zinc Dry Wt	Ceiling	7,500 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Zinc Dry Wt	High Quality	2,800 mg/kg	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl		Percent	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Nitrogen, Ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> -N) Total		Percent	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Phosphorus, Total		Percent	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
Phosphorus, Water Extractable		% of Tot P	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	

<b>Monitoring Requirements and Limitations</b>					
<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Limit Type</b>	<b>Limit and Units</b>	<b>Sample Frequency</b>	<b>Sample Type</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Potassium, Total Recoverable		Percent	1/ 2 Months	Grab Comp	
PCB Total Dry Wt	Ceiling	50 mg/kg	Once	Grab Comp	Once in 2021.
PCB Total Dry Wt	High Quality	10 mg/kg	Once	Grab Comp	Once in 2021.

<b>Other Sludge Requirements</b>	
<b>Sludge Requirements</b>	<b>Sample Frequency</b>
<b>List 3 Requirements – Pathogen Control:</b> The requirements in List 3 shall be met prior to land application of sludge.	<b>BiMonthly</b>
<b>List 4 Requirements – Vector Attraction Reduction:</b> The vector attraction reduction shall be satisfied prior to, or at the time of land application as specified in List 4.	<b>BiMonthly</b>

**4.2.1.1 List 2 Analysis**

If the monitoring frequency for List 2 parameters is more frequent than "Annual" then the sludge may be analyzed for the List 2 parameters just prior to each land application season rather than at the more frequent interval specified.

**4.2.1.2 Changes in Feed Sludge Characteristics**

If a change in feed sludge characteristics, treatment process, or operational procedures occurs which may result in a significant shift in sludge characteristics, the permittee shall reanalyze the sludge for List 1, 2, 3 and 4 parameters each time such change occurs.

**4.2.1.3 Multiple Sludge Sample Points (Outfalls)**

If there are multiple sludge sample points (outfalls), but the sludges are not subject to different sludge treatment processes, then a separate List 2 analysis shall be conducted for each sludge type which is land applied, just prior to land application, and the application rate shall be calculated for each sludge type. In this case, List 1, 3, and 4 and PCBs need only be analyzed on a single sludge type, at the specified frequency. If there are multiple sludge sample points (outfalls), due to multiple treatment processes, List 1, 2, 3 and 4 and PCBs shall be analyzed for each sludge type at the specified frequency.

**4.2.1.4 Sludge Which Exceeds the High-Quality Limit**

Cumulative pollutant loading records shall be kept for all bulk land application of sludge which does not meet the high-quality limit for any parameter. This requirement applies for the entire calendar year in which any exceedance of Table 3 of s. NR 204.07(5)(c), is experienced. Such loading records shall be kept for all List 1 parameters for each site land applied in that calendar year. The formula to be used for calculating cumulative loading is as follows:

$$[(\text{Pollutant concentration (mg/kg)} \times \text{dry tons applied/ac}) \div 500] + \text{previous loading (lbs/acre)} = \text{cumulative lbs pollutant per acre}$$

When a site reaches 90% of the allowable cumulative loading for any metal established in Table 2 of s. NR 204.07(5)(b), the Department shall be so notified through letter or in the comment section of the annual land application report (3400-55).

**4.2.1.5 Sludge Analysis for PCBs**

The permittee shall analyze the sludge for Total PCBs one time during **2021**. The results shall be reported as "PCB Total Dry Wt". Either congener-specific analysis or Aroclor analysis shall be used to determine the PCB concentration. The permittee may determine whether Aroclor or congener specific analysis is performed. Analyses shall be performed in accordance with Table EM in s. NR 219.04, Wis. Adm. Code and the conditions specified in Standard Requirements of this permit. PCB results shall be submitted by January 31, following the specified year of analysis.

**4.2.1.6 Lists 1, 2, 3, and 4**

<b>List 1 TOTAL SOLIDS AND METALS</b>
See the Monitoring Requirements and Limitations table above for monitoring frequency and limitations for the List 1 parameters
Solids, Total (percent)
Arsenic, mg/kg (dry weight)
Cadmium, mg/kg (dry weight)
Copper, mg/kg (dry weight)
Lead, mg/kg (dry weight)
Mercury, mg/kg (dry weight)
Molybdenum, mg/kg (dry weight)
Nickel, mg/kg (dry weight)
Selenium, mg/kg (dry weight)
Zinc, mg/kg (dry weight)

<b>List 2 NUTRIENTS</b>
See the Monitoring Requirements and Limitations table above for monitoring frequency for the List 2 parameters
Solids, Total (percent)
Nitrogen Total Kjeldahl (percent)
Nitrogen Ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> -N) Total (percent)
Phosphorus Total as P (percent)
Phosphorus, Water Extractable (as percent of Total P)
Potassium Total Recoverable (percent)



<b>List 3</b>		
<b>PATHOGEN CONTROL FOR CLASS B SLUDGE</b>		
The permittee shall implement pathogen control as listed in List 3. The Department shall be notified of the pathogen control utilized and shall be notified when the permittee decides to utilize alternative pathogen control.		
The following requirements shall be met prior to land application of sludge.		
Parameter	Unit	Limit
Fecal Coliform *	MPN/gTS or CFU/gTS	2,000,000
<b>OR, ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROCESS OPTIONS</b>		
Aerobic Digestion	Air Drying	
Anaerobic Digestion	Composting	
Alkaline Stabilization	PSRP Equivalent Process	
* The Fecal Coliform limit shall be reported as the geometric mean of 7 discrete samples on a dry weight basis.		

<b>List 4</b>		
<b>VECTOR ATTRACTION REDUCTION</b>		
The permittee shall implement any one of the vector attraction reduction options specified in List 4. The Department shall be notified of the option utilized and shall be notified when the permittee decides to utilize an alternative option.		
One of the following shall be satisfied prior to, or at the time of land application as specified in List 4.		
Option	Limit	Where/When it Shall be Met
Volatile Solids Reduction	≥38%	Across the process
Specific Oxygen Uptake Rate	≤1.5 mg O <sub>2</sub> /hr/g TS	On aerobic stabilized sludge
Anaerobic bench-scale test	<17 % VS reduction	On anaerobic digested sludge
Aerobic bench-scale test	<15 % VS reduction	On aerobic digested sludge
Aerobic Process	>14 days, Temp >40°C and Avg. Temp > 45°C	On composted sludge
pH adjustment	>12 S.U. (for 2 hours) and >11.5 (for an additional 22 hours)	During the process
Drying without primary solids	>75 % TS	When applied or bagged
Drying with primary solids	>90 % TS	When applied or bagged
Equivalent Process	Approved by the Department	Varies with process
Injection	-	When applied
Incorporation	-	Within 6 hours of application

**4.2.1.7 Daily Land Application Log**

<b>Daily Land Application Log</b>		
<b>Discharge Monitoring Requirements and Limitations</b>		
<p>The permittee shall maintain a daily land application log for biosolids land applied each day when land application occurs. The following minimum records must be kept, in addition to all analytical results for the biosolids land applied. The log book records shall form the basis for the annual land application report requirements.</p>		
<b>Parameters</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Sample Frequency</b>
DNR Site Number(s)	Number	Daily as used
Outfall number applied	Number	Daily as used
Acres applied	Acres	Daily as used
Amount applied	As appropriate * /day	Daily as used
Application rate per acre	unit */acre	Daily as used
Nitrogen applied per acre	lb/acre	Daily as used
Method of Application	Injection, Incorporation, or surface applied	Daily as used

\*gallons, cubic yards, dry US Tons or dry Metric Tons

## 5 Schedules

### 5.1 Mercury Pollutant Minimization Program

As a condition of the mixing zone phase out exception for mercury granted in accordance with s. NR 106.06 (2) (br), Wis. Adm. Code, and 40 CFR 132, Appendix F, the permittee shall perform the following actions in accordance with s. NR 106.145, Wis. Adm. Code.

Required Action	Due Date
<p><b>Submit Annual Status Report:</b> The permittee shall submit to the Department an annual status report to summarize and evaluate mercury monitoring data and other relevant information collected to document background and effluent levels of mercury. The report shall also document any continuing reasonable cost-effective efforts to identify and reduce potential sources of mercury in the effluent. The first annual report shall be due on the date specified and annually thereafter.</p> <p>Note: If the permittee wishes to apply for an alternative mercury effluent limitation in the next permit, that application is due with the applications for permit reissuance, 6 months prior to permit expiration. The permittee should submit or reference the PMP plan as updated by the Annual Status Report or more recent developments as part of that application.</p>	12/31/2020
<b>Annual Mercury Progress Report #2:</b> Submit a mercury progress report as defined above.	12/31/2021
<b>Annual Mercury Progress Report #3:</b> Submit a mercury progress report as defined above.	12/31/2022
<b>Annual Mercury Progress Report #4:</b> Submit a mercury progress report as defined above.	12/31/2023
<p><b>Final Mercury Report:</b> Submit a final report documenting the success in reducing or maintaining mercury concentrations in the effluent. The report shall summarize mercury pollutant minimization activities that have been implemented during the current permit term. The report shall include an analysis of trends in monthly and annual total effluent mercury concentrations based on mercury sampling during the current permit term. The report shall also include an analysis of how influent and effluent mercury varies with time and with significant loading of mercury such as loads from industries into the collection system.</p>	06/30/2024
<b>Annual Mercury Reports After Permit Expiration:</b> In the event that this permit is not reissued on time, the permittee shall continue to submit annual mercury status reports.	

### 5.2 Phosphorus Optimization

No later than 14 days following each due date, the permittee shall notify the Department in writing of its compliance or noncompliance with the required action. If a submittal is part of the required action, then a timely submittal fulfills the written notification requirement.

Required Action	Due Date
<p><b>Optimization Summary Report:</b> The permittee shall continue to implement phosphorus optimization efforts throughout the permit term and identify any new optimization efforts.</p> <p>The permittee shall submit a final report documenting successes in reducing phosphorus concentrations in the effluent. The report shall summarize the actions taken for continued optimization of phosphorus removal. The report shall also include an analysis of trends in monthly and annual total effluent phosphorus concentrations based on sampling during the current permit term and include an evaluation of collected effluent data. The final report shall also identify any possible source reduction measures and operational improvements to continue to optimize removal of</p>	06/30/2024

phosphorus in the future.	
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### 5.3 Temperature Limits Compliance and Dissipative Cooling Evaluation

This schedule requires the permittee to achieve compliance by the specified date

Required Action	Due Date
<b>Preliminary Compliance Report:</b> Submit a preliminary compliance report indicating alternatives to achieve the final temperature limits. Informational Note: Refer to the Surface Water subsection titled ‘Dissipative Cooling Demonstration – POTW Weekly Average Limits’ regarding requests for Department consideration of dissipative cooling per NR 106.59, Wis. Adm. Code, as well as re-evaluation of the limits pursuant to NR 106 Subchapters V & VI or NR 102.26, Wis. Adm. Code.	12/31/2020

## 6 Standard Requirements

**NR 205, Wisconsin Administrative Code:** The conditions in ss. NR 205.07(1) and NR 205.07(2), Wis. Adm. Code, are included by reference in this permit. The permittee shall comply with all of these requirements. Some of these requirements are outlined in the Standard Requirements section of this permit. Requirements not specifically outlined in the Standard Requirement section of this permit can be found in ss. NR 205.07(1) and NR 205.07(2).

### 6.1 Reporting and Monitoring Requirements

#### 6.1.1 Monitoring Results

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized and reported on a Department Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report. The report may require reporting of any or all of the information specified below under 'Recording of Results'. This report is to be returned to the Department no later than the date indicated on the form. A copy of the Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report Form or an electronic file of the report shall be retained by the permittee.

Monitoring results shall be reported on an electronic discharge monitoring report (eDMR). The eDMR shall be certified electronically by a responsible executive or municipal officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The 'eReport Certify' page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete.

If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this permit, the results of such monitoring shall be included on the Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report.

The permittee shall comply with all limits for each parameter regardless of monitoring frequency. For example, monthly, weekly, and/or daily limits shall be met even with monthly monitoring. The permittee may monitor more frequently than required for any parameter.

#### 6.1.2 Sampling and Testing Procedures

Sampling and laboratory testing procedures shall be performed in accordance with Chapters NR 218 and NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code and shall be performed by a laboratory certified or registered in accordance with the requirements of ch. NR 149, Wis. Adm. Code. Groundwater sample collection and analysis shall be performed in accordance with ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code. The analytical methodologies used shall enable the laboratory to quantitate all substances for which monitoring is required at levels below the effluent limitation. If the required level cannot be met by any of the methods available in NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code, then the method with the lowest limit of detection shall be selected. Additional test procedures may be specified in this permit.

#### 6.1.3 Pretreatment Sampling Requirements

Sampling for pretreatment parameters (cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, zinc, and mercury) shall be done during a day each month when industrial discharges are occurring at normal to maximum levels. The sampling of the influent and effluent for these parameters shall be coordinated. All 24 hour composite samples shall be flow proportional.

#### 6.1.4 Recording of Results

The permittee shall maintain records which provide the following information for each effluent measurement or sample taken:

- the date, exact place, method and time of sampling or measurements;
- the individual who performed the sampling or measurements;

- the date the analysis was performed;
- the individual who performed the analysis;
- the analytical techniques or methods used; and
- the results of the analysis.

### **6.1.5 Reporting of Monitoring Results**

The permittee shall use the following conventions when reporting effluent monitoring results:

- Pollutant concentrations less than the limit of detection shall be reported as < (less than) the value of the limit of detection. For example, if a substance is not detected at a detection limit of 0.1 mg/L, report the pollutant concentration as < 0.1 mg/L.
- Pollutant concentrations equal to or greater than the limit of detection, but less than the limit of quantitation, shall be reported and the limit of quantitation shall be specified.
- For purposes of calculating NR 101 fees, the 2 mg/l lower reporting limits for BOD<sub>5</sub> and Total Suspended Solids shall be considered to be limits of quantitation
- For the purposes of reporting a calculated result, average or a mass discharge value, the permittee may substitute a 0 (zero) for any pollutant concentration that is less than the limit of detection. However, if the effluent limitation is less than the limit of detection, the department may substitute a value other than zero for results less than the limit of detection, after considering the number of monitoring results that are greater than the limit of detection and if warranted when applying appropriate statistical techniques.

### **6.1.6 Compliance Maintenance Annual Reports**

Compliance Maintenance Annual Reports (CMAR) shall be completed using information obtained over each calendar year regarding the wastewater conveyance and treatment system. The CMAR shall be submitted and certified by the permittee in accordance with ch. NR 208, Wis. Adm. Code, by June 30, each year on an electronic report form provided by the Department.

In the case of a publicly owned treatment works, a resolution shall be passed by the governing body and submitted as part of the CMAR, verifying its review of the report and providing responses as required. Private owners of wastewater treatment works are not required to pass a resolution; but they must provide an Owner Statement and responses as required, as part of the CMAR submittal.

The CMAR shall be certified electronically by a responsible executive or municipal officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The certification verifies that the electronic report is true, accurate and complete.

### **6.1.7 Records Retention**

The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings or electronic data records for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by the permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for the permit for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. All pertinent sludge information, including permit application information and other documents specified in this permit or s. NR 204.06(9), Wis. Adm. Code shall be retained for a minimum of 5 years.

### 6.1.8 Other Information

Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Department, it shall promptly submit such facts or correct information to the Department.

### 6.1.9 Reporting Requirements – Alterations or Additions

The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is only required when:

- The alteration or addition to the permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source.
- The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification requirement applies to pollutants which are not subject to effluent limitations in the existing permit.
- The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use of disposal sites not reported during the permit application process nor reported pursuant to an approved land application plan. Additional sites may not be used for the land application of sludge until department approval is received.

## 6.2 System Operating Requirements

### 6.2.1 Noncompliance Reporting

Sanitary sewer overflows and sewage treatment facility overflows shall be reported according to the 'Sanitary Sewer Overflows and Sewage Treatment Facility Overflows' section of this permit.

The permittee shall report the following types of noncompliance by a telephone call to the Department's regional office within 24 hours after becoming aware of the noncompliance:

- any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment;
- any violation of an effluent limitation resulting from a bypass;
- any violation of an effluent limitation resulting from an upset; and
- any violation of a maximum discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit, either for effluent or sludge.

A written report describing the noncompliance shall also be submitted to the Department's regional office within 5 days after the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. On a case-by-case basis, the Department may waive the requirement for submittal of a written report within 5 days and instruct the permittee to submit the written report with the next regularly scheduled monitoring report. In either case, the written report shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the length of time it is expected to continue.

A scheduled bypass approved by the Department under the 'Scheduled Bypass' section of this permit shall not be subject to the reporting required under this section.

**NOTE:** Section 292.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, requires any person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance to notify the Department of Natural Resources **immediately** of any discharge not authorized by the permit. **The discharge of a hazardous substance that is not authorized by this permit or that violates this permit may be a hazardous substance spill. To report a hazardous substance spill, call DNR's 24-hour HOTLINE at 1-800-943-0003.**

### **6.2.2 Flow Meters**

Flow meters shall be calibrated annually, as per s. NR 218.06, Wis. Adm. Code.

### **6.2.3 Raw Grit and Screenings**

All raw grit and screenings shall be disposed of at a properly licensed solid waste facility or picked up by a licensed waste hauler. If the facility or hauler are located in Wisconsin, then they shall be licensed under chs. NR 500-555, Wis. Adm. Code.

### **6.2.4 Sludge Management**

All sludge management activities shall be conducted in compliance with ch. NR 204 "Domestic Sewage Sludge Management", Wis. Adm. Code.

### **6.2.5 Prohibited Wastes**

Under no circumstances may the introduction of wastes prohibited by s. NR 211.10, Wis. Adm. Code, be allowed into the waste treatment system. Prohibited wastes include those:

- which create a fire or explosion hazard in the treatment work;
- which will cause corrosive structural damage to the treatment work;
- solid or viscous substances in amounts which cause obstructions to the flow in sewers or interference with the proper operation of the treatment work;
- wastewaters at a flow rate or pollutant loading which are excessive over relatively short time periods so as to cause a loss of treatment efficiency; and
- changes in discharge volume or composition from contributing industries which overload the treatment works or cause a loss of treatment efficiency.

### **6.2.6 Bypass**

This condition applies only to bypassing at a sewage treatment facility that is not a scheduled bypass, approved blending as a specific condition of this permit, a sewage treatment facility overflow or a controlled diversion as provided in the sections titled 'Scheduled Bypass', 'Blending' (if approved), 'SSO's and Sewage Treatment Facility Overflows' and 'Controlled Diversions' of this permit. Any other bypass at the sewage treatment facility is prohibited and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for such occurrences under s. 283.89, Wis. Stats. The Department may approve a bypass if the permittee demonstrates all the following conditions apply:

- The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
- There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities or adequate back-up equipment, retention of untreated wastes, reduction of inflow and infiltration, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventative maintenance. When evaluating feasibility of alternatives, the department may consider factors such as technical achievability, costs and affordability of implementation and risks to public health, the environment and, where the permittee is a municipality, the welfare of the community served; and
- The bypass was reported in accordance with the Noncompliance Reporting section of this permit.

### **6.2.7 Scheduled Bypass**

Whenever the permittee anticipates the need to bypass for purposes of efficient operations and maintenance and the permittee may not meet the conditions for controlled diversions in the 'Controlled Diversions' section of this permit,



the permittee shall obtain prior written approval from the Department for the scheduled bypass. A permittee's written request for Department approval of a scheduled bypass shall demonstrate that the conditions for bypassing specified in the above section titled 'Bypass' are met and include the proposed date and reason for the bypass, estimated volume and duration of the bypass, alternatives to bypassing and measures to mitigate environmental harm caused by the bypass. The department may require the permittee to provide public notification for a scheduled bypass if it is determined there is significant public interest in the proposed action and may recommend mitigation measures to minimize the impact of such bypass.

### **6.2.8 Controlled Diversions**

Controlled diversions are allowed only when necessary for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. Sewage treatment facilities that have multiple treatment units to treat variable or seasonal loading conditions may shut down redundant treatment units when necessary for efficient operation. The following requirements shall be met during controlled diversions:

- Effluent from the sewage treatment facility shall meet the effluent limitations established in the permit. Wastewater that is diverted around a treatment unit or treatment process during a controlled diversion shall be recombined with wastewater that is not diverted prior to the effluent sampling location and prior to effluent discharge;
- A controlled diversion does not include blending as defined in s. NR 210.03(2e), Wis. Adm. Code, and as may only be approved under s. NR 210.12. A controlled diversion may not occur during periods of excessive flow or other abnormal wastewater characteristics;
- A controlled diversion may not result in a wastewater treatment facility overflow; and
- All instances of controlled diversions shall be documented in sewage treatment facility records and such records shall be available to the department on request.

### **6.2.9 Blending**

The Department has determined that blending as defined in s. NR 210.03(2e), Wis. Adm. Code, may occur at this sewage treatment facility. The following requirements shall apply whenever blending operations are in effect:

- Blending may occur temporarily only during wet weather or other high flow conditions when peak wastewater flow to the sewage treatment facility exceeds the maximum design and operating capacity of the biological treatment processes and when necessary to avoid severe property damage to the sewage treatment facility as described in NR 210.12 (2) (a), Wis. Adm. Code.;
- Untreated, or partially treated wastewater that is routed around the biological treatment process, or a portion of a biological treatment process, shall be recombined with the biologically treated wastewater and the combined flow shall be disinfected, if required by this permit, prior to discharge;
- Effluent from the sewage treatment facility shall be monitored to include all wastewater that is discharged from the facility, including those wastewaters that are diverted around the biological treatment process and shall meet the effluent limitations for Outfall 001 included in this permit; and
- Blending under this section and the circumstances that lead to blending shall be reported to the Department by telephone, fax or email no later than 24 hours from the time each blending operation ceases at the sewage treatment facility. Permittees shall also report the time, duration and volume of wastewater routed around the biological treatment process on the wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms.

### **6.2.10 Proper Operation and Maintenance**

The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training as required in ch. NR 114, Wis. Adm. Code, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance

procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

### **6.2.11 Operator Certification**

The wastewater treatment facility shall be under the direct supervision of a state certified operator. In accordance with s. NR 114.53, Wis. Adm. Code, every WPDES permitted treatment plant shall have a designated operator-in-charge holding a current and valid certificate. The designated operator-in-charge shall be certified at the level and in all subclasses of the treatment plant, except laboratory. Treatment plant owners shall notify the department of any changes in the operator-in-charge within 30 days. Note that s. NR 114.52(22), Wis. Adm. Code, lists types of facilities that are excluded from operator certification requirements (i.e. private sewage systems, pretreatment facilities discharging to public sewers, industrial wastewater treatment that consists solely of land disposal, agricultural digesters and concentrated aquatic production facilities with no biological treatment).

## **6.3 Sewage Collection Systems**

### **6.3.1 Sanitary Sewage Overflows and Sewage Treatment Facility Overflows**

#### **6.3.1.1 Overflows Prohibited**

Any overflow or discharge of wastewater from the sewage collection system or at the sewage treatment facility, other than from permitted outfalls, is prohibited. The permittee shall provide information on whether any of the following conditions existed when an overflow occurred:

- The sanitary sewer overflow or sewage treatment facility overflow was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury or severe property damage;
- There were no feasible alternatives to the sanitary sewer overflow or sewage treatment facility overflow such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities or adequate back-up equipment, retention of untreated wastes, reduction of inflow and infiltration, or preventative maintenance activities;
- The sanitary sewer overflow or the sewage treatment facility overflow was caused by unusual or severe weather related conditions such as large or successive precipitation events, snowmelt, saturated soil conditions, or severe weather occurring in the area served by the sewage collection system or sewage treatment facility; and
- The sanitary sewer overflow or the sewage treatment facility overflow was unintentional, temporary, and caused by an accident or other factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee.

#### **6.3.1.2 Permittee Response to Overflows**

Whenever a sanitary sewer overflow or sewage treatment facility overflow occurs, the permittee shall take all feasible steps to control or limit the volume of untreated or partially treated wastewater discharged, and terminate the discharge as soon as practicable. Remedial actions, including those in NR 210.21 (3), Wis. Adm. Code, shall be implemented consistent with an emergency response plan developed under the CMOM program.

#### **6.3.1.3 Permittee Reporting**

Permittees shall report all sanitary sewer overflows and sewage treatment overflows as follows:

- The permittee shall notify the department by telephone, fax or email as soon as practicable, but no later than 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the overflow;
- The permittee shall, no later than five days from the time the permittee becomes aware of the overflow, provide to the department the information identified in this paragraph using department form number 3400-184. If an overflow lasts for more than five days, an initial report shall be submitted within 5 days as required in this paragraph and an updated report submitted following cessation of the overflow. At a minimum, the following information shall be included in the report:

- The date and location of the overflow;
- The surface water to which the discharge occurred, if any;
- The duration of the overflow and an estimate of the volume of the overflow;
- A description of the sewer system or treatment facility component from which the discharge occurred such as manhole, lift station, constructed overflow pipe, or crack or other opening in a pipe;
- The estimated date and time when the overflow began and stopped or will be stopped;
- The cause or suspected cause of the overflow including, if appropriate, precipitation, runoff conditions, areas of flooding, soil moisture and other relevant information;
- Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the overflow and a schedule of major milestones for those steps;
- A description of the actual or potential for human exposure and contact with the wastewater from the overflow;
- Steps taken or planned to mitigate the impacts of the overflow and a schedule of major milestones for those steps;
- To the extent known at the time of reporting, the number and location of building backups caused by excessive flow or other hydraulic constraints in the sewage collection system that occurred concurrently with the sanitary sewer overflow and that were within the same area of the sewage collection system as the sanitary sewer overflow; and
- The reason the overflow occurred or explanation of other contributing circumstances that resulted in the overflow event. This includes any information available including whether the overflow was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage and whether there were feasible alternatives to the overflow.

**NOTE:** A copy of form 3400-184 for reporting sanitary sewer overflows and sewage treatment facility overflows may be obtained from the department or accessed on the department's web site at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/SSOreport.html>. As indicated on the form, additional information may be submitted to supplement the information required by the form.

- The permittee shall identify each specific location and each day on which a sanitary sewer overflow or sewage treatment facility overflow occurs as a discrete sanitary sewer overflow or sewage treatment facility overflow occurrence. An occurrence may be more than one day if the circumstances causing the sanitary sewer overflow or sewage treatment facility overflow results in a discharge duration of greater than 24 hours. If there is a stop and restart of the overflow at the same location within 24 hours and the overflow is caused by the same circumstance, it may be reported as one occurrence. Sanitary sewer overflow occurrences at a specific location that are separated by more than 24 hours shall be reported as separate occurrences; and
- A permittee that is required to submit wastewater discharge monitoring reports under NR 205.07 (1) (r) shall also report all sanitary sewer overflows and sewage treatment facility overflows on that report.

#### **6.3.1.4 Public Notification**

The permittee shall notify the public of any sanitary sewer and sewage treatment facility overflows consistent with its emergency response plan required under the CMOM (Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance) section of this permit and s. NR 210.23 (4) (f), Wis. Adm. Code. Such public notification shall occur promptly following any overflow event using the most effective and efficient communications available in the community. At minimum, a daily newspaper of general circulation in the county(s) and municipality whose waters may be affected by the overflow shall be notified by written or electronic communication.

#### **6.3.2 Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) Program**

- The permittee shall have written documentation of the Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) program components in accordance with s. NR 210.23(4), Wis. Adm. Code. Such documentation shall be available for Department review upon request. The Department may request that the permittee provide this documentation or prepare a summary of the permittee's CMOM program at the time of application for reissuance of the WPDES permit.
- The permittee shall implement a CMOM program in accordance with s. NR 210.23, Wis. Adm. Code.
- The permittee shall at least annually conduct a self-audit of activities conducted under the permittee's CMOM program to ensure CMOM components are being implemented as necessary to meet the general standards of s. NR 210.23(3), Wis. Adm. Code.

### 6.3.3 Sewer Cleaning Debris and Materials

All debris and material removed from cleaning sanitary sewers shall be managed to prevent nuisances, run-off, ground infiltration or prohibited discharges.

- Debris and solid waste shall be dewatered, dried and then disposed of at a licensed solid waste facility.
- Liquid waste from the cleaning and dewatering operations shall be collected and disposed of at a permitted wastewater treatment facility.
- Combination waste including liquid waste along with debris and solid waste may be disposed of at a licensed solid waste facility or wastewater treatment facility willing to accept the waste.

## 6.4 Surface Water Requirements

### 6.4.1 Permittee-Determined Limit of Quantitation Incorporated into this Permit

For pollutants with water quality-based effluent limits below the Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) in this permit, the LOQ calculated by the permittee and reported on the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) is incorporated by reference into this permit. The LOQ shall be reported on the DMRs, shall be the lowest quantifiable level practicable, and shall be no greater than the minimum level (ML) specified in or approved under 40 CFR Part 136 for the pollutant at the time this permit was issued, unless this permit specifies a higher LOQ.

### 6.4.2 Appropriate Formulas for Effluent Calculations

The permittee shall use the following formulas for calculating effluent results to determine compliance with average concentration limits and mass limits and total load limits:

**Weekly/Monthly/Six-Month/Annual Average Concentration** = the sum of all daily results for that week/month/six-month/year, divided by the number of results during that time period. [Note: When a six-month average effluent limit is specified for Total Phosphorus the applicable periods are May through October and November through April.]

**Weekly Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the week.

**Monthly Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the month.

**Six-Month Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the six-month period. [Note: When a six-month average effluent limit is specified for Total Phosphorus the applicable periods are May through October and November through April.]

**Annual Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the entire year.

**Total Monthly Discharge:** = monthly average concentration (mg/L) x total flow for the month (MG/month) x 8.34.

**Total Annual Discharge:** = sum of total monthly discharges for the calendar year.

**12-Month Rolling Sum of Total Monthly Discharge:** = the sum of the most recent 12 consecutive months of Total Monthly Discharges.

### 6.4.3 Effluent Temperature Requirements

**Weekly Average Temperature** – The permittee shall use the following formula for calculating effluent results to determine compliance with the weekly average temperature limit (as applicable): Weekly Average Temperature = the sum of all daily maximum results for that week divided by the number of daily maximum results during that time period.

**Cold Shock Standard** – Water temperatures of the discharge shall be controlled in a manner as to protect fish and aquatic life uses from the deleterious effects of cold shock. ‘Cold Shock’ means exposure of aquatic organisms to a rapid decrease in temperature and a sustained exposure to low temperature that induces abnormal behavior or physiological performance and may lead to death.

**Rate of Temperature Change Standard** – Temperature of a water of the state or discharge to a water of the state may not be artificially raised or lowered at such a rate that it causes detrimental health or reproductive effects to fish or aquatic life of the water of the state.

### 6.4.4 Visible Foam or Floating Solids

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

### 6.4.5 Surface Water Uses and Criteria

In accordance with NR 102.04, Wis. Adm. Code, surface water uses and criteria are established to govern water management decisions. Practices attributable to municipal, industrial, commercial, domestic, agricultural, land development or other activities shall be controlled so that all surface waters including the mixing zone meet the following conditions at all times and under all flow and water level conditions:

- a) Substances that will cause objectionable deposits on the shore or in the bed of a body of water, shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- b) Floating or submerged debris, oil, scum or other material shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- c) Materials producing color, odor, taste or unsightliness shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- d) Substances in concentrations or in combinations which are toxic or harmful to humans shall not be present in amounts found to be of public health significance, nor shall substances be present in amounts which are acutely harmful to animal, plant or aquatic life.

### 6.4.6 Percent Removal

During any 30 consecutive days, the average effluent concentrations of BOD<sub>5</sub> and of total suspended solids shall not exceed 15% of the average influent concentrations, respectively. This requirement does not apply to removal of total suspended solids if the permittee operates a lagoon system and has received a variance for suspended solids granted under NR 210.07(2), Wis. Adm. Code.

### 6.4.7 Fecal Coliforms

The weekly and monthly limit(s) for fecal coliforms shall be expressed as a geometric mean.

#### **6.4.8 Year Round Disinfection**

Disinfection shall be provided year round. Monitoring requirements and the limitation for fecal coliforms apply during the period in which disinfection is required. Whenever chlorine is used for disinfection or other effluent uses, the limitations and monitoring requirements for residual chlorine shall apply. A dechlorination process shall be in operation whenever chlorine is used for disinfection or other effluent uses.

#### **6.4.9 Total Residual Chlorine Requirements (When De-Chlorinating Effluent)**

Test methods for total residual chlorine, approved in ch. NR 219 - Table B, Wis. Adm. Code, normally achieve a limit of detection of about 20 to 50 micrograms per liter and a limit of quantitation of about 100 micrograms per liter. Reporting of test results and compliance with effluent limitations for chlorine residual and total residual halogens shall be as follows:

- Sample results which show no detectable levels are in compliance with the limit. These test results shall be reported on Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report Forms as "< 100 µg/L". (Note: 0.1 mg/L converts to 100 µg/L)
- Samples showing detectable traces of chlorine are in compliance if measured at less than 100 µg/L, unless there is a consistent pattern of detectable values in this range. These values shall also be reported on Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report Forms as "<100 µg/L." The facility operating staff shall record actual readings on logs maintained at the plant, shall take action to determine the reliability of detected results (such as re-sampling and/or calculating dosages), and shall adjust the chemical feed system if necessary to reduce the chances of detects.
- Samples showing detectable levels greater than 100 µg/L shall be considered as exceedances, and shall be reported as measured.
- To calculate average or mass discharge values, a "0" (zero) may be substituted for any test result less than 100 µg/L. Calculated values shall then be compared directly to the average or mass limitations to determine compliance.

#### **6.4.10 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Monitoring Requirements**

In order to determine the potential impact of the discharge on aquatic organisms, static-renewal toxicity tests shall be performed on the effluent in accordance with the procedures specified in the *"State of Wisconsin Aquatic Life Toxicity Testing Methods Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition"* (PUB-WT-797, November 2004) as required by NR 219.04, Table A, Wis. Adm. Code). All of the WET tests required in this permit, including any required retests, shall be conducted on the *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and fathead minnow species. Receiving water samples shall not be collected from any point in contact with the permittee's mixing zone and every attempt shall be made to avoid contact with any other discharge's mixing zone.

#### **6.4.11 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Identification and Reduction**

Within 60 days of a retest which showed positive results, the permittee shall submit a written report to the Biomonitoring Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality, 101 S. Webster St., PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, which details the following:

- A description of actions the permittee has taken or will take to remove toxicity and to prevent the recurrence of toxicity;

- A description of toxicity reduction evaluation (TRE) investigations that have been or will be done to identify potential sources of toxicity, including some or all of the following actions:
  - (a) Evaluate the performance of the treatment system to identify deficiencies contributing to effluent toxicity (e.g., operational problems, chemical additives, incomplete treatment)
  - (b) Identify the compound(s) causing toxicity
  - (c) Trace the compound(s) causing toxicity to their sources (e.g., industrial, commercial, domestic)
  - (d) Evaluate, select, and implement methods or technologies to control effluent toxicity (e.g., in-plant or pretreatment controls, source reduction or removal)
- Where corrective actions including a TRE have not been completed, an expeditious schedule under which corrective actions will be implemented;
- If no actions have been taken, the reason for not taking action.

The permittee may also request approval from the Department to postpone additional retests in order to investigate the source(s) of toxicity. Postponed retests must be completed after toxicity is believed to have been removed.

## **6.5 Pretreatment Program Requirements**

The permittee is required to operate an industrial pretreatment program as described in the program initially approved by the Department of Natural Resources including any subsequent program modifications approved by the Department, and including commitments to program implementation activities provided in the permittee's annual pretreatment program report, and that complies with the requirements set forth in 40 CFR Part 403 and ch. NR 211, Wis. Adm. Code. To ensure that the program is operated in accordance with these requirements, the following general conditions and requirements are hereby established:

### **6.5.1 Inventories**

The permittee shall implement methods to maintain a current inventory of the general character and volume of wastewater that industrial users discharge to the treatment works and shall provide an updated industrial user listing annually and report any changes in the listing to the Department by March 31 of each year as part of the annual pretreatment program report required herein.

### **6.5.2 Regulation of Industrial Users**

#### **6.5.2.1 Limitations for Industrial Users:**

The permittee shall develop, maintain, enforce and revise as necessary local limits to implement the general and specific prohibitions of the state and federal General Pretreatment Regulations.

#### **6.5.2.2 Control Documents for Industrial Users (IUs)**

The permittee shall control the discharge from each significant industrial user through individual discharge permits as required by s. NR 211.235, Wis. Adm. Code and in accordance with the approved pretreatment program procedures and the permittee's sewer use ordinance. The discharge permits shall be modified in a timely manner during the stated term of the discharge permits according to the sewer use ordinance as conditions warrant. The discharge permits shall include at a minimum the elements found in s. NR 211.235(1), Wis. Adm. Code and references to the approved pretreatment program procedures and the sewer use ordinance.

### **6.5.2.3 Review of Industrial User Reports, Inspections and Compliance Monitoring**

The permittee shall require the submission of, receive, and review self-monitoring reports and other notices from industrial users in accordance with the approved pretreatment program procedures. The permittee shall randomly sample and analyze industrial user discharges and conduct surveillance activities to determine independent of information supplied by the industrial users, whether the industrial users are in compliance with pretreatment standards and requirements. The inspections and monitoring shall also be conducted to maintain accurate knowledge of local industrial processes, including changes in the discharge, pretreatment equipment operation, spill prevention control plans, slug control plans, and implementation of solvent management plans.

The permittee shall inspect and sample the discharge from each significant industrial user as specified in the permittee's approved pretreatment program or as specified in NR 211.235(3). The permittee shall evaluate whether industrial users identified as significant need a slug control plan according to the requirements of NR 211.235(4). If a slug control plan is needed, the plan shall contain at a minimum the elements specified in s. NR 211.235(4)(b), Wis. Adm. Code.

### **6.5.2.4 Enforcement and Industrial User Compliance Evaluation & Violation Reports**

The permittee shall enforce the industrial pretreatment requirements including the industrial user discharge limitations of the permittee's sewer use ordinance. The permittee shall investigate instances of noncompliance by collecting and analyzing samples and collecting other information with sufficient care to produce evidence admissible in enforcement proceedings or in judicial actions. Investigation and response to instances of noncompliance shall be in accordance with the permittee's sewer use ordinance and approved Enforcement Response Plan.

The permittee shall make a semiannual report on forms provided or approved by the Department. The semiannual report shall include an analysis of industrial user significant noncompliance (i.e. the Industrial User Compliance Evaluation, also known as the SNC Analysis) as outlined in s.NR 211.23(1)(j), Wis. Adm. Code, and a summary of the permittee's response to all industrial noncompliance (i.e. the Industrial User Violation Report). The Industrial User Compliance Evaluation Report shall include monitoring results received from industrial users pursuant to s. NR 211.15(1)-(5), Wis. Adm. Code. The Industrial User Violation Report shall include copies of all notices of noncompliance, notices of violation and other enforcement correspondence sent by the permittee to industrial users, together with the industrial user's response. The Industrial User Compliance Evaluation and Violation Reports for the period January through June shall be provided to the Department by September 30 of each year and for the period July through December shall be provided to the Department by March 31 of the succeeding year, unless alternate submittal dates are approved.

### **6.5.2.5 Publication of Violations**

The permittee shall publish a list of industrial users that have significantly violated the municipal sewer use ordinance during the calendar year, in the largest daily newspaper in the area by March 31 of the following year pursuant to s. NR 211.23(1)(j), Wis. Adm. Code. A copy of the newspaper publication shall be provided as part of the annual pretreatment report specified herein.

### **6.5.2.6 Multijurisdictional Agreements**

The permittee shall establish agreements with all contributing jurisdictions as necessary to ensure compliance with pretreatment standards and requirements by all industrial users discharging to the permittee's wastewater treatment system. Any such agreement shall identify who will be responsible for maintaining the industrial user inventory, issuance of industrial user control mechanisms, inspections and sampling, pretreatment program implementation, and enforcement.

### **6.5.3 Annual Pretreatment Program Report**

The permittee shall evaluate the pretreatment program, and submit the Pretreatment Program Report to the Department on forms provided or approved by the Department by March 31 annually, unless an alternate submittal



date is approved. The report shall include a brief summary of the work performed during the preceding calendar year, including the numbers of discharge permits issued and in effect, pollution prevention activities, number of inspections and monitoring surveys conducted, budget and personnel assigned to the program, a general discussion of program progress in meeting the objectives of the permittee's pretreatment program together with summary comments and recommendations.

#### **6.5.4 Pretreatment Program Modifications**

- **Future Modifications:** The permittee shall within one year of any revisions to federal or state General Pretreatment Regulations submit an application to the Department in duplicate to modify and update its approved pretreatment program to incorporate such regulatory changes as applicable to the permittee. Additionally, the Department or the permittee may request an application for program modification at any time where necessary to improve program effectiveness based on program experience to date.
- **Modifications Subject to Department Approval:** The permittee shall submit all proposed pretreatment program modifications to the Department for determination of significance and opportunity for comment in accordance with the requirements and conditions of s. NR 211.27, Wis. Adm. Code. Any substantial proposed program modification shall be subject to Department public noticing and formal approval prior to implementation. A substantial program modification includes, but is not limited to, changes in enabling legal authority to administer and enforce pretreatment conditions and requirements; significant changes in program administrative or operational procedures; significant reductions in monitoring frequencies; significant reductions in program resources including personnel commitments, equipment, and funding levels; changes (including any relaxation) in the local limitations for substances enforced and applied to users of the sewerage treatment works; changes in treatment works sludge disposal or management practices which impact the pretreatment program; or program modifications which increase pollutant loadings to the treatment works. The Department shall use the procedures outlined in s. NR 211.30, Wis. Adm. Code for review and approval/denial of proposed pretreatment program modifications. The permittee shall comply with local public participation requirements when implementing the pretreatment program.

#### **6.5.5 Program Resources**

The permittee shall have sufficient resources and qualified personnel to carry out the pretreatment program responsibilities as listed in ss. NR 211.22 and NR 211.23, Wis. Adm. Code.

### **6.6 Land Application Requirements**

#### **6.6.1 Sludge Management Program Standards And Requirements Based Upon Federally Promulgated Regulations**

In the event that new federal sludge standards or regulations are promulgated, the permittee shall comply with the new sludge requirements by the dates established in the regulations, if required by federal law, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the new federal regulations.

#### **6.6.2 General Sludge Management Information**

The General Sludge Management Form 3400-48 shall be completed and submitted prior to any significant sludge management changes.

#### **6.6.3 Sludge Samples**

All sludge samples shall be collected at a point and in a manner which will yield sample results which are representative of the sludge being tested, and collected at the time which is appropriate for the specific test.

#### 6.6.4 Land Application Characteristic Report

Each report shall consist of a Characteristic Form 3400-49 and Lab Report. The Characteristic Report Form 3400-49 shall be submitted electronically by January 31 following each year of analysis.

Following submittal of the electronic Characteristic Report Form 3400-49, this form shall be certified electronically via the 'eReport Certify' page by a responsible executive or municipal officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The 'eReport Certify' page certifies that the electronic report is true, accurate and complete. The Lab Report must be sent directly to the facility's DNR sludge representative or basin engineer unless approval for not submitting the lab reports has been given.

The permittee shall use the following convention when reporting sludge monitoring results: Pollutant concentrations less than the limit of detection shall be reported as < (less than) the value of the limit of detection. For example, if a substance is not detected at a detection limit of 1.0 mg/kg, report the pollutant concentration as < 1.0 mg/kg .

All results shall be reported on a dry weight basis.

#### 6.6.5 Calculation of Water Extractable Phosphorus

When sludge analysis for Water Extractable Phosphorus is required by this permit, the permittee shall use the following formula to calculate and report Water Extractable Phosphorus:

Water Extractable Phosphorus (% of Total P) =

$$[\text{Water Extractable Phosphorus (mg/kg, dry wt)} \div \text{Total Phosphorus (mg/kg, dry wt)}] \times 100$$

#### 6.6.6 Monitoring and Calculating PCB Concentrations in Sludge

When sludge analysis for "PCB, Total Dry Wt" is required by this permit, the PCB concentration in the sludge shall be determined as follows.

Either congener-specific analysis or Aroclor analysis shall be used to determine the PCB concentration. The permittee may determine whether Aroclor or congener specific analysis is performed. Analyses shall be performed in accordance with the following provisions and Table EM in s. NR 219.04, Wis. Adm. Code.

- EPA Method 1668 may be used to test for all PCB congeners. If this method is employed, all PCB congeners shall be delineated. Non-detects shall be treated as zero. The values that are between the limit of detection and the limit of quantitation shall be used when calculating the total value of all congeners. All results shall be added together and the total PCB concentration by dry weight reported. **Note:** It is recognized that a number of the congeners will co-elute with others, so there will not be 209 results to sum.
- EPA Method 8082A shall be used for PCB-Aroclor analysis and may be used for congener specific analysis as well. If congener specific analysis is performed using Method 8082A, the list of congeners tested shall include at least congener numbers 5, 18, 31, 44, 52, 66, 87, 101, 110, 138, 141, 151, 153, 170, 180, 183, 187, and 206 plus any other additional congeners which might be reasonably expected to occur in the particular sample. For either type of analysis, the sample shall be extracted using the Soxhlet extraction (EPA Method 3540C) (or the Soxhlet Dean-Stark modification) or the pressurized fluid extraction (EPA Method 3545A). If Aroclor analysis is performed using Method 8082A, clean up steps of the extract shall be performed as necessary to remove interference and to achieve as close to a limit of detection of 0.11 mg/kg as possible. Reporting protocol, consistent with s. NR 106.07(6)(e), should be as follows: If all Aroclors are less than the LOD, then the Total PCB Dry Wt result should be reported as less than the highest LOD. If a single Aroclor is detected then that is what should be reported for the

Total PCB result. If multiple Aroclors are detected, they should be summed and reported as Total PCBs. If congener specific analysis is done using Method 8082A, clean up steps of the extract shall be performed as necessary to remove interference and to achieve as close to a limit of detection of 0.003 mg/kg as possible for each congener. If the aforementioned limits of detection cannot be achieved after using the appropriate clean up techniques, a reporting limit that is achievable for the Aroclors or each congener for the sample shall be determined. This reporting limit shall be reported and qualified indicating the presence of an interference. The lab conducting the analysis shall perform as many of the following methods as necessary to remove interference:

3620C – Florisil	3611B - Alumina
3640A - Gel Permeation	3660B - Sulfur Clean Up (using copper shot instead of powder)
3630C - Silica Gel	3665A - Sulfuric Acid Clean Up

### **6.6.7 Annual Land Application Report**

Land Application Report Form 3400-55 shall be submitted electronically by January 31, each year whether or not non-exceptional quality sludge is land applied. Non-exceptional quality sludge is defined in s. NR 204.07(4), Wis. Adm. Code. Following submittal of the electronic Annual Land Application Report Form 3400-55, this form shall be certified electronically via the ‘eReport Certify’ page by a responsible executive or municipal officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The ‘eReport Certify’ page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete.

### **6.6.8 Other Methods of Disposal or Distribution Report**

The permittee shall submit electronically the Other Methods of Disposal or Distribution Report Form 3400-52 by January 31, each year whether or not sludge is hauled, landfilled, incinerated, or exceptional quality sludge is distributed or land applied. Following submittal of the electronic Report Form 3400-52, this form shall be certified electronically via the ‘eReport Certify’ page by a responsible executive or municipal officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The ‘eReport Certify’ page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete.

### **6.6.9 Approval to Land Apply**

Bulk non-exceptional quality sludge as defined in s. NR 204.07(4), Wis. Adm. Code, may not be applied to land without a written approval letter or Form 3400-122 from the Department unless the Permittee has obtained permission from the Department to self approve sites in accordance with s. NR 204.06 (6), Wis. Adm. Code. Analysis of sludge characteristics is required prior to land application. Application on frozen or snow covered ground is restricted to the extent specified in s. NR 204.07(3) (1), Wis. Adm. Code.

### **6.6.10 Soil Analysis Requirements**

Each site requested for approval for land application must have the soil tested prior to use. Each approved site used for land application must subsequently be soil tested such that there is at least one valid soil test in the four years prior to land application. All soil sampling and submittal of information to the testing laboratory shall be done in accordance with UW Extension Bulletin A-2100. The testing shall be done by the UW Soils Lab in Madison or Marshfield, WI or at a lab approved by UW. The test results including the crop recommendations shall be submitted to the DNR contact listed for this permit, as they are available. Application rates shall be determined based on the crop nitrogen recommendations and with consideration for other sources of nitrogen applied to the site.

### **6.6.11 Land Application Site Evaluation**

For non-exceptional quality sludge, as defined in s. NR 204.07(4), Wis. Adm. Code, a Land Application Site Request Form 3400-053 shall be submitted to the Department for the proposed land application site. The Department will evaluate the proposed site for acceptability and will either approve or deny use of the proposed site. The permittee may obtain permission to approve their own sites in accordance with s. NR 204.06(6), Wis. Adm. Code.

**6.6.12 Class B Sludge: Fecal Coliform Limitation**

Compliance with the fecal coliform limitation for Class B sludge shall be demonstrated by calculating the geometric mean of at least 7 separate samples. (Note that a Total Solids analysis must be done on each sample). The geometric mean shall be less than 2,000,000 MPN or CFU/g TS. Calculation of the geometric mean can be done using one of the following 2 methods.

Method 1:

$$\text{Geometric Mean} = (X_1 \times X_2 \times X_3 \dots \times X_n)^{1/n}$$

Where X = Coliform Density value of the sludge sample, and where n = number of samples (at least 7)

Method 2:

$$\text{Geometric Mean} = \text{antilog}[(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 \dots + X_n) \div n]$$

Where X = log<sub>10</sub> of Coliform Density value of the sludge sample, and where n = number of samples (at least 7)

Example for Method 2

Sample Number	Coliform Density of Sludge Sample	log <sub>10</sub>
1	6.0 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	5.78
2	4.2 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	6.62
3	1.6 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	6.20
4	9.0 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	5.95
5	4.0 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	5.60
6	1.0 x 10 <sup>6</sup>	6.00
7	5.1 x 10 <sup>5</sup>	5.71

The geometric mean for the seven samples is determined by averaging the log<sub>10</sub> values of the coliform density and taking the antilog of that value.

$$(5.78 + 6.62 + 6.20 + 5.95 + 5.60 + 6.00 + 5.71) \div 7 = 5.98$$

$$\text{The antilog of } 5.98 = 9.5 \times 10^5$$

**6.6.13 Class B Sludge: Anaerobic Digestion**

Treat the sludge in the absence of air for a specific mean cell residence time at a specific temperature. Values for the mean cell residence time and temperature shall be between 15 days at 35° C to 55° C and 60 days at 20° C. Straight-line interpolation to calculate mean cell residence time is allowable when the temperature falls between 35° C and 20° C.

**6.6.14 Class B Sludge - Vector Control: Incorporation**

Class B sludge shall be incorporated within 6 hours of surface application, or as approved by the Department.

## 7 Summary of Reports Due

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Description	Date	Page
Mercury Pollutant Minimization Program -Submit Annual Status Report	December 31, 2020	16
Mercury Pollutant Minimization Program -Annual Mercury Progress Report #2	December 31, 2021	16
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Mercury Pollutant Minimization Program -Final Mercury Report	June 30, 2024	16
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Phosphorus Optimization -Optimization Summary Report	June 30, 2024	16
Temperature Limits Compliance and Dissipative Cooling Evaluation - Preliminary Compliance Report	December 31, 2020	17
Compliance Maintenance Annual Reports (CMAR)	by June 30, each year	19
Industrial User Compliance Evaluation and Violation Reports	Semiannual	29
Pretreatment Program Report	Annually	29
General Sludge Management Form 3400-48	prior to any significant sludge management changes	30
Characteristic Form 3400-49 and Lab Report	by January 31 following each year of analysis	31
Land Application Report Form 3400-55	by January 31, each year whether or not non-exceptional quality sludge is land applied	32
Other Methods of Disposal or Distribution Report Form 3400-52	by January 31, each year whether or not sludge is hauled, landfilled, incinerated, or exceptional quality sludge is distributed or land applied	32
Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report	no later than the date indicated on the form	18

Report forms shall be submitted electronically in accordance with the reporting requirements herein. Any facility plans or plans and specifications for municipal, industrial, industrial pretreatment and non-industrial wastewater systems shall be submitted to the Bureau of Water Quality, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. All other submittals required by this permit shall be submitted to:  
Southeast Region, 2300 N Dr ML King Drive, Milwaukee, WI 53212