STATE OF MAINE **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**





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August 18, 2016

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Sent via electronic mail **Delivery confirmation requested**

RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0000540 Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) Application #W007876-5S-H-R **Proposed Draft MEPDES Permit - Renewal**

Dear Mr. Rodrigue:

Attached is a proposed draft MEPDES permit and Maine WDL which the Department proposes to issue for your facility as a final document after opportunity for your review and comment. By transmittal of this letter, you are provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed draft permit and its special and standard conditions. If it contains errors or does not accurately reflect present or proposed conditions, please respond to this Department so that changes can be considered.

By copy of this letter, the Department is requesting comments on the proposed draft permit from various state and federal agencies and from any other parties who have notified the Department of their interest in this matter.

The comment period begins on August 18, 2016 and ends on September 19, 2016. All comments on the proposed draft permit must be received in the Department of Environmental Protection office on or before the close of business Monday, September 19, 2016. Failure to submit comments in a timely fashion will result in the proposed draft/license permit document being issued as drafted.

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Comments in writing should be submitted to my attention at the following address:

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If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 17 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333-0017

DEPARTMENT ORDER

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PIONEER PLASTICS CORPORATION AUBURN, ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY NON-PROCESS AND COOLING WATERS ME0000540 W007876-5S-H-R **APPROVAL** MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT AND WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE **RENEWAL**

In compliance with the applicable provisions of the *Pollution Control*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 411 – 424-B, *Water Classification Program*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 464 – 470 and *Federal Water Pollution Control Act*, Title 33 U.S.C. § 1251, *et seq.*, and applicable rules of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department), the Department has considered the application of PIONEER PLASTICS CORPORATION (permittee), with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

APPLICATION SUMMARY

On May 10, 2016, the Department accepted as complete for processing an application from the permittee for the renewal of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0000540 / Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W007876-5S-G-R, which was issued by the Department on December 5, 2011 for a five-year term. The 12/5/11 permit authorized the daily maximum discharge of 1.2 million gallons per day (MGD) of non-process wastewater and non-contact cooling water on an intermittent basis and when the receiving water flow is at least 75 cubic feet per second, to the Little Androscoggin River, Class C, in Auburn, Maine.

PERMIT SUMMARY

This permitting action is different from the December 5, 2011 permit in that it:

- 1. Eliminates the daily maximum mass and concentration limits for total copper; and
- 2. Establishes daily maximum mass and concentration reporting and monitoring requirements for total copper when the permittee is discharging.

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CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings in the attached and incorporated Fact Sheet dated August 18, 2016, and subject to the Conditions listed below, the Department makes the following CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.
- 2. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification which the Department expects to adopt in accordance with State law.
- 3. The provisions of the State's antidegradation policy, *Classification of Maine waters*, 38 M.R.S. §464(4)(F), will be met, in that:
 - (a) Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect and maintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected;
 - (b) Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding national resource, that water quality will be maintained and protected;
 - (c) Where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification;
 - (d) Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification that higher water quality will be maintained and protected; and
 - (e) Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing water quality of any water body, the Department has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.
- 4. The discharge will be subject to effluent limitations that require application of best practicable treatment as defined in *Conditions of licenses*, 38 M.R.S. § 414-A(1)(D).

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ACTION

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the above noted application of PIONEER PLASTICS CORPORATION to discharge a daily maximum of 1.2 MGD of non-process wastewater and non-contact cooling water on an intermittent basis and when the receiving water flow is at least 75 cubic feet per second, to the Little Androscoggin River, Class C, in Auburn, Maine, SUBJECT TO ALL APPLICABLE STANDARDS AND REGULATIONS AND THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

- 1. "Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable To All Permits," revised July 1, 2002, copy attached.
- 2. The attached Special Conditions, including any effluent limitations and monitoring requirements.
- 3. This permit becomes effective upon the date of signature below and expires at midnight five (5) years after that date. If a renewal application is timely submitted and accepted as complete for processing prior to the expiration of this permit, the terms and conditions of this permit and all subsequent modifications and minor revisions thereto remain in effect until a final Department decision on the renewal application becomes effective. *Maine Administrative Procedure Act*, 5 M.R.S. § 10002 and *Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters*, 06-096 C.M.R. 2(21)(A) (amended October 19, 2015).

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS DAY OF	2016.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY:_____

PAUL MERCER, Commissioner

Date of initial receipt of application:May 10, 2016Date of application acceptance:May 10, 2016

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection

This Order prepared by Cindy L. Dionne, Bureau of Water Quality

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. The permittee is authorized to discharge non-process wastewater and non-contact cooling water from <u>Outfall #002A</u> to the Little Androscoggin River at Auburn. Such discharges are limited and must be monitored by the permittee as specified below ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾:

			Minimum		
	Discharge Lin	nitations	Monitoring Requirements		
	<u>Daily</u> <u>Maximum</u>	<u>Daily</u> <u>Maximum</u>	<u>Measurement</u> Frequency	<u>Sample</u> <u>Type</u>	
Flow	1.2 MGD		When Discharging	Calculate	
[00056]	[03]		[WH/DS]	[CA]	
Discharge Duration	Report Total Hours		Once/Discharge	Recorder	
[81381]	[8A]		[01/DS]	[RC]	
Total Copper	Report lbs./day	Report µg/L	When Discharging	Composite ⁽⁴⁾	
[01042]	[26]	[28]	[WH/DS]	[08]	
Effluent Temperature	78°F		Twice/Discharge	Measure	
[00011]	[15]		[02/DS]	[MS]	
pH	6.0 – 8.5 SU		Twice/Discharge	Recorder	
[00400]	[12]		[02/DS]	[RC]	
Whole Effluent Toxicity ⁽³⁾					
Acute–No Observed Effect Level (A-NOEL)	Report %		When Discharging	Composite ⁽⁴⁾	
Ceriodaphnia dubia (Water Flea)	[23]		[WH/DS]	[08]	
[TDA3B]					

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table and in subsequent text are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs).

Footnotes: See Pages 5 and 6 of this permit for applicable footnotes.

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

Footnotes:

- Sampling The permittee must conduct sampling and analysis in accordance with; a) methods approved by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136, b) alternative methods approved by the Department in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 136, or c) as otherwise specified by the Department. Samples that are sent out for analysis must be analyzed by a laboratory certified by the State of Maine's Department of Health and Human Services for wastewater. Samples that are analyzed by laboratories operated by waste discharge facilities licensed pursuant to *Waste discharge licenses*, 38 M.R.S. § 413 are subject to the provisions and restrictions of *Maine Comprehensive and Limited Environmental Laboratory Certification Rules*, 10-144 C.M.R. 263 (effective April 1, 2010). Laboratory facilities that analyze compliance samples in-house are subject to the provisions of 10-144 CMR 263. If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or as specified in this permit, the results of this monitoring must be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the Discharge Monitoring Report.
- 2. **River Flow Restricted Discharge** The permittee is not authorized to discharge when the receiving water flow rate is less than 75 cubic feet per second as measured at United States Geological Survey (USGS) river gauge #01057000 (Little Androscoggin River near South Paris, Maine), or other methods approved in writing by the Department.
- 3. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Definitive WET testing is a multi-concentration testing event (a minimum of five dilutions bracketing the critical acute threshold of 2.4%), which provides a point estimate of toxicity in terms of No Observed Effect Level, commonly referred to as NOEL or NOEC. A-NOEL is defined as the acute no observed effect level with survival as the end point. This permitting action is not establishing chronic WET testing based on the intermittent nature of the discharge and Department best professional judgment that the discharge does not exhibit chronic effects on the receiving water. The critical acute threshold of 2.4% was derived as the mathematical inverse of the applicable acute dilution factor of 41.4:1.

The permittee must initiate A-NOEL WET testing at a minimum frequency of once per discharge event using the water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*). The permittee must evaluate test results being submitted and identify to the Department possible exceedences of the critical acute water quality threshold of 2.4%.

Toxicity tests must be conducted by an experienced laboratory approved by the Department. See **Attachment A** of this permit for a copy of the Department's WET report form. The laboratory must follow procedures as described in the following U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) methods manuals.

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

Footnotes:

- a. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2002. *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms*, 5th ed. EPA 821-R-02-012. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Washington, D.C., October 2002 (the acute method manual).
- b. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2002. Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms, 4th ed. EPA 821-R-02-013. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Washington, D.C., October 2002 (the freshwater chronic method manual).

The permittee is also required to analyze the effluent for the parameters specified in the analytical chemistry section in **Attachment B** of this permit each time a WET test is performed.

4. **Composite Samples** – Composite samples collected for total copper and WET testing must be comprised of eight (8) grab samples collected at equal intervals over the course of a single discharge event. The permittee must combine all grab samples to form a composite for laboratory analysis.

B. NARRATIVE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

- 1. The permittee must not discharge effluent that contains a visible oil sheen, foam or floating solids at any time which would impair the uses designated for the classification of the receiving waters.
- 2. The permittee must not discharge effluent that contains materials in concentrations or combinations which are hazardous or toxic to aquatic life, or which would impair the uses designated for the classification of the receiving waters.
- 3. The permittee must not discharge effluent that causes visible discoloration or turbidity in the receiving waters or otherwise impairs the uses designated for the classification of the receiving waters.
- 4. The permittee must not discharge effluent that lowers the quality of any classified body of water below such classification, or lowers the existing quality of any body of water if the existing quality is higher than the classification.

C. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

The permittee is authorized to discharge only in accordance with: 1) the permittee's General Application for Waste Discharge Permit, accepted for processing on May 10, 2016; 2) the terms and conditions of this permit; 3) only when the river flow is at least 75 cfs; and 4) only from Outfall #002A. Discharges of wastewater from any other point source are not authorized under this permit, and must be reported in accordance with Standard Condition D(1)(f), *Twenty-four hour reporting* of this permit.

D. PROCEDURE FOR COOLING POND DISCHARGE

- 1. At least two weeks prior to discharge and at a minimum frequency of twice per week, the permittee must:
 - a. Monitor and record the cooling pond waters for the following parameters: total copper, temperature, pH, and water treatment additives (corrosion inhibitors, oxygen scavengers, etc.) used within the previous 30 days in any process contributing wastewater flows to the cooling pond.
 - b. Provide written notice to the Department assigned facility inspector that a discharge is scheduled, and provide results of testing as specified in Special Condition D.1.a. of this permit as soon as they become available.
 - c. Notify the Department as to whether or not biocides, or the equivalent, have been used within the previous 60 days in any process contributing wastewater flows to the cooling pond. The Department may require additional monitoring or testing prior to discharge, at its discretion, for any chemical or compounds that may be present in the cooling pond waters.
- 2. **Upon termination of the discharge** (the point at which the gravity fed discharge ceases), the permittee must cover/plug the outlet pipe(s) in the cooling pond to ensure that any residual water and sludge remaining in the pond is not discharged to the river. Any residual water or sludge removed from the pond must be properly disposed of as solid waste in accordance with applicable Department rules and Maine laws.

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E. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Any substantial change (increase or decrease) in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the wastewater collection and treatment system by a source introducing pollutants into the system at the time of permit issuance.
- 2. For the purposes of this section, adequate notice must include information on:
 - (a) The quality and quantity of wastewater introduced to the wastewater collection and treatment system; and
 - (b) Any anticipated impact of the change in the quantity or quality of the wastewater to be discharged from the treatment system.

F. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE (O&M) PLAN

The permittee must maintain a current written comprehensive Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Plan for the facility. The plan must provide a systematic approach by which the permittee must at all times, properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

By December 31 of each year, or within 90 days of any process changes or minor equipment upgrades, the permittee must evaluate and modify the O&M Plan including site plan(s) and schematic(s) for the wastewater treatment facility to ensure that it is up-to-date. The O&M Plan must be kept on-site at all times and made available to Department and USEPA personnel upon request.

Within 90 days of completion of new and or substantial upgrades of the wastewater treatment facility, the permittee must submit the updated O&M Plan to their Department inspector for review and comment.

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G. MONITORING AND REPORTING

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month must be summarized for each month and reported on separate DMR forms provided by the Department and **postmarked on or before the thirteenth** (13th) **day of the month or hand-delivered to the Department's Regional Office such that the DMRs are received by the Department on or before the fifteenth** (15th) **day of the month** following the completed reporting period. A signed copy of the DMR and all other reports required herein must be submitted to the Departmentassigned inspector (unless otherwise specified by the Department) at the following address:

> Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality Southern Maine Regional Office Division of Water Quality Management 312 Canco Road Portland, Maine 04103

Alternatively, if the permittee submits an electronic DMR, the completed DMR must be electronically submitted to the Department by a facility authorized DMR Signatory not later than close of business on the **15th day of the month** following the completed reporting period. Hard copy documentation submitted in support of the DMR must be postmarked on or before the **thirteenth** (**13th**) **day of the month or hand-delivered** to the Department's Regional Office such that it is received by the Department on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month following the completed reporting period. Electronic documentation in support of the DMR must be submitted not later than close of business on the 15th day of the month following the completed reporting period.

H. REOPENING OF PERMIT FOR MODIFICATION

In accordance with 38 M.R.S. § 414-A(5) and upon evaluation of the test results required by the Special Conditions of this permitting action, new site specific information, or any other pertinent test results or information obtained during the term of this permit, the Department may, at any time and with notice to the permittee, modify this permit to: (1) include effluent limitations necessary to control specific pollutants or whole effluent toxicity where there is a reasonable potential that the effluent may cause water quality criteria to be exceeded: (2) require additional monitoring if results on file are inconclusive; or (3) change monitoring requirements or limitations based on new information.

I. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision or part thereof, of this permit is declared to be unlawful by a reviewing court, the remainder of the permit must remain in full force and effect, and must be construed and enforced in all aspects as if such unlawful provision, or part thereof, had been omitted, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

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A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. **General compliance**. All discharges shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit; any changes in production capacity or process modifications which result in changes in the quantity or the characteristics of the discharge must be authorized by an additional license or by modifications of this permit; it shall be a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit to discharge any pollutant not identified and authorized herein or to discharge in excess of the rates or quantities authorized herein or to violate any other conditions of this permit.

2. Other materials. Other materials ordinarily produced or used in the operation of this facility, which have been specifically identified in the application, may be discharged at the maximum frequency and maximum level identified in the application, provided:

- (a) They are not
 - (i) Designated as toxic or hazardous under the provisions of Sections 307 and 311, respectively, of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Title 38, Section 420, Maine Revised Statutes; or other applicable State Law; or
 - (ii) Known to be hazardous or toxic by the licensee.
- (b) The discharge of such materials will not violate applicable water quality standards.

3. Duty to comply. The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of State law and the Clean Water Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.

- (a) The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act, and 38 MRSA, §420 or Chapter 530.5 for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
- (b) Any person who violates any provision of the laws administered by the Department, including without limitation, a violation of the terms of any order, rule license, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

4. Duty to provide information. The permittee shall furnish to the Department, within a reasonable time, any information which the Department may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Department upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

5. Permit actions. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

6. Reopener clause. The Department reserves the right to make appropriate revisions to this permit in order to establish any appropriate effluent limitations, schedule of compliance or other provisions which may be authorized under 38 MRSA, §414-A(5).

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STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS

7. Oil and hazardous substances. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under section 311 of the Federal Clean Water Act; section 106 of the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980; or 38 MRSA §§ 1301, et. seq.

8. Property rights. This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

9. Confidentiality of records. 38 MRSA §414(6) reads as follows. "Any records, reports or information obtained under this subchapter is available to the public, except that upon a showing satisfactory to the department by any person that any records, reports or information, or particular part or any record, report or information, other than the names and addresses of applicants, license applications, licenses, and effluent data, to which the department has access under this subchapter would, if made public, divulge methods or processes that are entitled to protection as trade secrets, these records, reports or information must be confidential and not available for public inspection or examination. Any records, reports or information may be disclosed to employees or authorized representatives of the State or the United States concerned with carrying out this subchapter or any applicable federal law, and to any party to a hearing held under this section on terms the commissioner may prescribe in order to protect these confidential records, reports and information, as long as this disclosure is material and relevant to any issue under consideration by the department."

10. Duty to reapply. If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit.

11. Other laws. The issuance of this permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other property rights, nor does it relieve the permittee if its obligation to comply with other applicable Federal, State or local laws and regulations.

12. Inspection and entry. The permittee shall allow the Department, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the EPA Administrator), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- (a) Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (b) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- (c) Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- (d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

B. OPERATION AND MAINTENACE OF FACILITIES

1. General facility requirements.

(a) The permittee shall collect all waste flows designated by the Department as requiring treatment and discharge them into an approved waste treatment facility in such a manner as to

maximize removal of pollutants unless authorization to the contrary is obtained from the Department.

- (b) The permittee shall at all times maintain in good working order and operate at maximum efficiency all waste water collection, treatment and/or control facilities.
- (c) All necessary waste treatment facilities will be installed and operational prior to the discharge of any wastewaters.
- (d) Final plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for review prior to the construction or modification of any treatment facilities.
- (e) The permittee shall install flow measuring facilities of a design approved by the Department.
- (f) The permittee must provide an outfall of a design approved by the Department which is placed in the receiving waters in such a manner that the maximum mixing and dispersion of the wastewaters will be achieved as rapidly as possible.

2. Proper operation and maintenance. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

3. Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

4. Duty to mitigate. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

5. Bypasses.

- (a) Definitions.
 - (i) Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
 - (ii) Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
- (b) Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.
- (c) Notice.
 - (i) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.

(ii) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in paragraph D(1)(f), below. (24-hour notice).

(d) Prohibition of bypass.

- (i) Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
 - (A) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 - (B) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, 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 preventive maintenance; and
 - (C) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph (c) of this section.
- (ii) The Department may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Department determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph (d)(i) of this section.

6. Upsets.

- (a) Definition. Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.
- (b) Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph (c) of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- (c) Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - (i) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - (ii) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; and
 - (iii) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph D(1)(f) , below. (24 hour notice).
 - (iv) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under paragraph B(4).
- (d) Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

C. MONITORING AND RECORDS

1. General Requirements. This permit shall be subject to such monitoring requirements as may be reasonably required by the Department including the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment or methods (including, where appropriate, biological monitoring methods). The permittee shall provide the Department with periodic reports on the proper Department reporting form of monitoring results obtained pursuant to the monitoring requirements contained herein.

2. Representative sampling. Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge. If effluent limitations are based wholly or partially on quantities of a product processed, the permittee shall ensure samples are representative of times when production is taking place. Where discharge monitoring is required when production is less than 50%, the resulting data shall be reported as a daily measurement but not included in computation of averages, unless specifically authorized by the Department.

3. Monitoring and records.

- (a) Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
- (b) Except for records of monitoring information required by this permit related to the permittee's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years, the permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Department at any time.
- (c) Records of monitoring information shall include:
 - (i) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - (ii) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - (iii) The date(s) analyses were performed;
 - (iv) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
 - (v) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - (vi) The results of such analyses.
- (d) Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.
- (e) State law provides that any person who tampers with or renders inaccurate any monitoring devices or method required by any provision of law, or any order, rule license, permit approval or decision is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Reporting requirements.

(a) Planned changes. 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 required only when:

- (i) The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
- (ii) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under Section D(4).
- (iii) 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 or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan;
- (b) Anticipated noncompliance. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Department of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
- (c) Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except upon application to and approval of the Department pursuant to 38 MRSA, § 344 and Chapters 2 and 522.
- (d) Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.
 - (i) Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or forms provided or specified by the Department for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices.
 - (ii) If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136 or as specified in the permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Department.
 - (iii) Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the Department in the permit.
- (e) Compliance schedules. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.
- (f) Twenty-four hour reporting.
 - (i) The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance

has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

- (ii) The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.
 - (A) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
 - (B) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
 - (C) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit to be reported within 24 hours.
- (iii) The Department may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.
- (g) Other noncompliance. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph (f) of this section.
- (h) 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 information.

2. Signatory requirement. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Department shall be signed and certified as required by Chapter 521, Section 5 of the Department's rules. State law provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation or certification in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained by any order, rule, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

3. Availability of reports. Except for data determined to be confidential under A(9), above, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Department. As required by State law, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal sanctions as provided by law.

4. Existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers. In addition to the reporting requirements under this Section, all existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Department as soon as they know or have reason to believe:

- (a) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
 - (i) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 ug/l);
 - (ii) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 ug/l) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
 - (iii) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or
 - (iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).

- (b) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following ``notification levels'':
 - (i) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l);
 - (ii) One milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
 - (iii) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or
 - (iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).

5. Publicly owned treatment works.

- (a) All POTWs must provide adequate notice to the Department of the following:
 - (i) Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA or Chapter 528 if it were directly discharging those pollutants.
 - (ii) Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
 - (iii) For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on (A) the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and (B) any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.
- (b) When the effluent discharged by a POTW for a period of three consecutive months exceeds 80 percent of the permitted flow, the permittee shall submit to the Department a projection of loadings up to the time when the design capacity of the treatment facility will be reached, and a program for maintaining satisfactory treatment levels consistent with approved water quality management plans.

E. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

1. Emergency action - power failure. Within thirty days after the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall notify the Department of facilities and plans to be used in the event the primary source of power to its wastewater pumping and treatment facilities fails as follows.

(a) For municipal sources. During power failure, all wastewaters which are normally treated shall receive a minimum of primary treatment and disinfection. Unless otherwise approved, alternate power supplies shall be provided for pumping stations and treatment facilities. Alternate power supplies shall be on-site generating units or an outside power source which is separate and independent from sources used for normal operation of the wastewater facilities.

(b) For industrial and commercial sources. The permittee shall either maintain an alternative power source sufficient to operate the wastewater pumping and treatment facilities or halt, reduce or otherwise control production and or all discharges upon reduction or loss of power to the wastewater pumping or treatment facilities.

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2. Spill prevention. (applicable only to industrial sources) Within six months of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall submit to the Department for review and approval, with or without conditions, a spill prevention plan. The plan shall delineate methods and measures to be taken to prevent and or contain any spills of pulp, chemicals, oils or other contaminates and shall specify means of disposal and or treatment to be used.

3. **Removed substances.** Solids, sludges trash rack cleanings, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed from or resulting from the treatment or control of waste waters shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Department.

4. **Connection to municipal sewer.** (applicable only to industrial and commercial sources) All wastewaters designated by the Department as treatable in a municipal treatment system will be cosigned to that system when it is available. This permit will expire 90 days after the municipal treatment facility becomes available, unless this time is extended by the Department in writing.

F. DEFINITIONS. For the purposes of this permit, the following definitions shall apply. Other definitions applicable to this permit may be found in Chapters 520 through 529 of the Department's rules

Average means the arithmetic mean of values taken at the frequency required for each parameter over the specified period. For bacteria, the average shall be the geometric mean.

Average monthly discharge limitation means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month. Except, however, bacteriological tests may be calculated as a geometric mean.

Average weekly discharge limitation means the highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar week divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that week.

Best management practices (''BMPs'') means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the State. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

Composite sample means a sample consisting of a minimum of eight grab samples collected at equal intervals during a 24 hour period (or a lesser period as specified in the section on monitoring and reporting) and combined proportional to the flow over that same time period.

Continuous discharge means a discharge which occurs without interruption throughout the operating hours of the facility, except for infrequent shutdowns for maintenance, process changes, or other similar activities.

Daily discharge means the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the daily discharge is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.

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Discharge Monitoring Report ("DMR") means the EPA uniform national form, including any subsequent additions, revisions, or modifications for the reporting of self-monitoring results by permittees. DMRs must be used by approved States as well as by EPA. EPA will supply DMRs to any approved State upon request. The EPA national forms may be modified to substitute the State Agency name, address, logo, and other similar information, as appropriate, in place of EPA's.

Flow weighted composite sample means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of aliquots collected at a constant time interval, where the volume of each aliquot is proportional to the flow rate of the discharge.

Grab sample means an individual sample collected in a period of less than 15 minutes.

Interference means a Discharge which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, both:

- (1) Inhibits or disrupts the POTW, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; and
- (2) Therefore is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation) or of the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in compliance with the following statutory provisions and regulations or permits issued thereunder (or more stringent State or local regulations): Section 405 of the Clean Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to subtitle D of the SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

Maximum daily discharge limitation means the highest allowable daily discharge.

New source means any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced:

(a) After promulgation of standards of performance under section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, or

(b) After proposal of standards of performance in accordance with section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, but only if the standards are promulgated in accordance with section 306 within 120 days of their proposal.

Pass through means a discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the State in quantities or concentrations which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation).

Permit means an authorization, license, or equivalent control document issued by EPA or an approved State to implement the requirements of 40 CFR parts 122, 123 and 124. Permit includes an NPDES general permit (Chapter 529). Permit does not include any permit which has not yet been the subject of final agency action, such as a draft permit or a proposed permit.

Person means an individual, firm, corporation, municipality, quasi-municipal corporation, state agency, federal agency or other legal entity.

Point source means any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

Pollutant means dredged spoil, solid waste, junk, incinerator residue, sewage, refuse, effluent, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemicals, biological or radiological materials, oil, petroleum products or byproducts, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, dirt and industrial, municipal, domestic, commercial or agricultural wastes of any kind.

Process wastewater means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

Publicly owned treatment works ("POTW") means any facility for the treatment of pollutants owned by the State or any political subdivision thereof, any municipality, district, quasi-municipal corporation or other public entity.

Septage means, for the purposes of this permit, any waste, refuse, effluent sludge or other material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, vault privy or similar source which concentrates wastes or to which chemicals have been added. Septage does not include wastes from a holding tank.

Time weighted composite means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of equal volume aliquots collected over a constant time interval.

Toxic pollutant includes any pollutant listed as toxic under section 307(a)(1) or, in the case of sludge use or disposal practices, any pollutant identified in regulations implementing section 405(d) of the CWA. Toxic pollutant also includes those substances or combination of substances, including disease causing agents, which after discharge or upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, including humans either directly through the environment or indirectly through ingestion through food chains, will, on the basis of information available to the board either alone or in combination with other substances already in the receiving waters or the discharge, cause death, disease, abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions, including malfunctions in reproduction, or physical deformations in such organism or their offspring.

Wetlands means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

Whole effluent toxicity means the aggregate toxic effect of an effluent measured directly by a toxicity test.

ATTACHMENT A

MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY REPORT FRESH WATERS

Facility Name				MEPDES Permit # Pipe #						
Facility Representative	to the best of my	knowledge that the	Signature information provided	l is true, accurate,	and complete.					
Facility Telephone #			Date Collected		Date Tested					
Chlorinated?		Dechlorinated?		mm/dd/yy		mm/dd/yy				
Results	% eff water flea	fluent trout			A-NOEL C-NOEL	Effluent Limitations				
C-NOEL										
Data summary	% s	water flea urvival	no. voung	%	trout	final weight (mg)				
QC standard lab control receiving water control conc. 1 (%) conc. 2 (%) conc. 3 (%) conc. 5 (%) conc. 6 (%) stat test used place * next Reference toxicant toxicant / date limits (mg/L) results (mg/L)	A>90 to values stati A-NOEL	stically different C>80	ron controls from controls A-NOEL	A>90	Final wt and % ind	r for both controls				
Comments Laboratory conducting test Company Name Mailing Address City, State, ZIP			Company Rep. Na Company Rep. Sig Company Telepho	me (Printed) mature ne #						

Report WET chemistry on DEP Form "ToxSheet (Fresh Water Version), March 2007."

ATTACHMENT B

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	Facility Name			_ MEPDES # Pipe #		Facility R	Representative Signature To the best of my kn	owledge this info	ormation is true	e, accurate ai	nd complete.
	Licensed Flow (MGD)	MGD) Flow for Day (MGD) ⁽¹⁾ Flow Avg. for Month (MGD) ⁽²⁾				I					
	Chronic dilution factor			Date Samn			Date Sam	nle Analyzed		I	
	Human health dilution factor			Dute oump			Date Sam	pieralgzea		1	
	Criteria type: M(arine) or F(resh)	f			Laboratory				Telephone		
	Last Revision - July 1, 2015								-		
					Lab Contact				Lab ID #		
	ERROR WARNING ! Essential facility	FRESH W	ATER VEF	RSION							
	information is missing. Please check required entries in bold above.	Please see the fo	ootnotes on	the last page.		Receiving Water or Ambient	Effluent Concentration (ug/L or as noted)				
	WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY										
			Effluen	t Limits %			WET Result, %	Reporting	Possibl	e Exceed	ence ⁽⁷⁾
			Acute	Chronic			Do not enter % sign	Limit Check	Acute	Chronic	
	Trout - Acute										
	Trout - Chronic										
	Water Flea - Acute										
	Water Flea - Chronic										
	WET CHEMISTRY			1	1						
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	Total Organic Carbon (mg/L)					(8)					
	Total Solids (mg/L)					(0)					
	Total Suspended Solids (mg/L)										
	Alkalinity (mg/L)					(8)					
	Specific Conductance (umbos)					(0)					
	Total Hardness (mg/L)					(8)					
	Total Magnesium (mg/L)					(8)					
	Total Calcium (mg/L)					(8)					
				1	1	(0)					
	ANALT TICAL CHEWISTRT								-		(7)
	WET Tosting on the receiving water is		Eff	fluent Limits,	ug/L			Reporting	Possible	e Exceed	ence (/)
	optional	Reporting Limit	Acute ⁽⁶⁾	Chronic ⁽⁶⁾	Health ⁽⁶⁾			Limit Check	Acute	Chronic	Health
	TOTAL RESIDUAL CHLORINE (mg/L) (9)	0.05				NA					
	AMMONIA	NA				(8)					
М	ALUMINUM	NA				(8)					
Μ	ARSENIC	5				(8)					
М	CADMIUM	1				(8)			1	1	
Μ	CHROMIUM	10				(8)					
Μ	COPPER	3		1		(8)			1	1	
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M	SILVER	1				(8)				───	
M	ZINC	5				(8)			<u> </u>	L	

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	PRIORITY POLLUTANTS (4)									
				Effluent Limi	ts		Poporting	Possible	e Exceed	ence ⁽⁷⁾
		Reporting Limit	Acute ⁽⁶⁾	Chronic ⁽⁶⁾	Health ⁽⁶⁾		Limit Check	Acute	Chronic	Health
Μ	ANTIMONY	5								
Μ	BERYLLIUM	2								
Μ	MERCURY (5)	0.2								
Μ	SELENIUM	5								
Μ	THALLIUM	4								
А	2,4,6-TRICHLOROPHENOL	5								
А	2,4-DICHLOROPHENOL	5								
А	2,4-DIMETHYLPHENOL	5								
А	2,4-DINITROPHENOL	45								
А	2-CHLOROPHENOL	5								
А	2-NITROPHENOL	5								
	4,6 DINITRO-O-CRESOL (2-Methyl-4,6-									
А	dinitrophenol)	25								
А	4-NITROPHENOL	20								
	P-CHLORO-M-CRESOL (3-methyl-4-									
А	chlorophenol)+B80	5								
А	PENTACHLOROPHENOL	20								
А	PHENOL	5								
ΒN	1,2,4-TRICHLOROBENZENE	5								
ΒN	1,2-(0)DICHLOROBENZENE	5								
ΒN	1,2-DIPHENYLHYDRAZINE	20								
ΒN	1,3-(M)DICHLOROBENZENE	5								
ΒN	1,4-(P)DICHLOROBENZENE	5								
ΒN	2,4-DINITROTOLUENE	6								
ΒN	2,6-DINITROTOLUENE	5								
ΒN	2-CHLORONAPHTHALENE	5								
ΒN	3,3'-DICHLOROBENZIDINE	16.5								
ΒN	3,4-BENZO(B)FLUORANTHENE	5								
ΒN	4-BROMOPHENYLPHENYL ETHER	5								
ΒN	4-CHLOROPHENYL PHENYL ETHER	5								
ΒN	ACENAPHTHENE	5								
ΒN	ACENAPHTHYLENE	5								
ΒN	ANTHRACENE	5								
ΒN	BENZIDINE	45								
ΒN	BENZO(A)ANTHRACENE	8								
ΒN	BENZO(A)PYRENE	5								
ΒN	BENZO(G,H,I)PERYLENE	5								
ΒN	BENZO(K)FLUORANTHENE	5								
ΒN	BIS(2-CHLOROETHOXY)METHANE	5								
ΒN	BIS(2-CHLOROETHYL)ÉTHER	6								
ΒN	BIS(2-CHLOROISOPROPYL)ETHER	6								
ΒN	BIS(2-ETHYLHEXYL)PHTHALATE	10								
ΒN	BUTYLBENZYL PHTHALATE	5								
ΒN	CHRYSENE	5								
ΒN	DI-N-BUTYL PHTHALATE	5								
ΒN	DI-N-OCTYL PHTHALATE	5								
ΒN	DIBENZO(A,H)ANTHRACENE	5								
ΒN	DIETHYL PHTHALATE	5								
ΒN	DIMETHYL PHTHALATE	5								
ΒN	FLUORANTHENE	5								

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BN	FLUORENE	5							
BN	HEXACHLOROBENZENE	5							
BN	HEXACHLOROBUTADIENE	5							
BN	HEXACHLOROCYCLOPENTADIENE	10							
BN	ΗΕΧΑCHLOROFTHANE	5							
BN		5							
BN		5							
DN		10							
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DN					 				
DN		5			 				
BIN		5							
BIN		5							
BIN	PHENANTHRENE	5							
BN	PYRENE	5			 				
Р	4,4'-DDD	0.05			 				
٢	4,4-DUE	0.05			 	 			
Р	4,4 - UU I	0.05							
Р	A-BHC	0.2	ļ					ļ	
P	A-ENDOSULFAN	0.05							
P	ALDRIN	0.15							
Р	B-BHC	0.05							
Ρ	B-ENDOSULFAN	0.05							
Ρ	CHLORDANE	0.1				 			
Ρ	D-BHC	0.05				 			
Ρ	DIELDRIN	0.05							
Ρ	ENDOSULFAN SULFATE	0.1							
Ρ	ENDRIN	0.05							
Ρ	ENDRIN ALDEHYDE	0.05							
Ρ	G-BHC	0.15							
Ρ	HEPTACHLOR	0.15							
Ρ	HEPTACHLOR EPOXIDE	0.1							
Ρ	PCB-1016	0.3							
Ρ	PCB-1221	0.3							
Ρ	PCB-1232	0.3							
Ρ	PCB-1242	0.3							
Ρ	PCB-1248	0.3							
Ρ	PCB-1254	0.3							
Ρ	PCB-1260	0.2							
Ρ	TOXAPHENE	1							
V	1,1,1-TRICHLOROETHANE	5							
V	1,1,2,2-TETRACHLOROETHANE	7			 				
V	1,1,2-TRICHLOROETHANE	5							
V	1,1-DICHLOROETHANE	5							
	1,1-DICHLOROETHYLENE (1,1-								
V	dichloroethene)	3							
V	1,2-DICHLOROETHANE	3							
V	1,2-DICHLOROPROPANE	6							
	1,2-TRANS-DICHLOROETHYLENE (1,2-								
V	trans-dichloroethene)	5							
	1,3-DICHLOROPROPYLENE (1,3-								
V	dichloropropene)	5							
V	2-CHLOROETHYLVINYL ETHER	20							
V	ACROLEIN	NA							
V	ACRYLONITRILE	NA							
V	BENZENE	5							

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V	BROMOFORM	5					
V	CARBON TETRACHLORIDE	5					
V	CHLOROBENZENE	6					
V	CHLORODIBROMOMETHANE	3					
V	CHLOROETHANE	5					
V	CHLOROFORM	5					
V	DICHLOROBROMOMETHANE	3					
V	ETHYLBENZENE	10					
V	METHYL BROMIDE (Bromomethane)	5					
V	METHYL CHLORIDE (Chloromethane)	5					
V	METHYLENE CHLORIDE	5					
	TETRACHLOROETHYLENE	_					
V	(Perchloroethylene or Tetrachloroethene)	5					
V	TOLUENE	5					
	TRICHLOROETHYLENE						
V	(Trichloroethene)	3					
V	VINYL CHLORIDE	5					

Notes:

(1) Flow average for day pertains to WET/PP composite sample day.

(2) Flow average for month is for month in which WET/PP sample was taken.

(3) Analytical chemistry parameters must be done as part of the WET test chemistry.

(3a) Cyanide, Available (Cyanide Amenable to Chlorination) is not an analytical chemistry parameter, but may be required by certain discharge permits .

(4) Priority Pollutants should be reported in micrograms per liter (ug/L).

(5) Mercury is often reported in nanograms per liter (ng/L) by the contract laboratory, so be sure to convert to micrograms per liter on this spreadsheet.

(6) Effluent Limits are calculated based on dilution factor, background allocation (10%) and water quality reserves (15% - to allow for new or changed discharges or non-point sources).

(7) Possible Exceedence determinations are done for a single sample only on a mass basis using the actual pounds discharged. This analysis does not consider watershed wide allocations for fresh water discharges.

(8) These tests are optional for the receiving water. However, where possible samples of the receiving water should be preserved and saved for the duration of the WET test. In the event of questions about the receiving water's possible effect on the WET results, chemistry tests should then be conducted.

(9) pH and Total Residual Chlorine must be conducted at the time of sample collection. Tests for Total Residual Chlorine need be conducted only when an effluent has been chlorinated or residual chlorine is believed to be present for any other reason.

Comments:

MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE

Proposed Draft FACT SHEET

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PERMIT NUMBER: ME0000540

WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE: W007876-5S-H-R

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RECEIVING WATER/CLASSIFICATION: LITTLE ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER/CLASS C

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1. APPLICATION SUMMARY

 <u>Application</u>: On May 10, 2016, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) accepted as complete for processing an application from Pioneer Plastics Corporation (permittee) for the renewal of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0000540 / Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W007876-5S-G-R, which was issued by the Department on December 5, 2011 for a five-year term. The 12/5/11 permit authorized the daily maximum discharge of 1.2 million gallons per day (MGD) of non-process wastewater and non-contact cooling water on an intermittent basis and when the receiving water flow is at least 75 cubic feet per second, to the Little Androscoggin River, Class C, in Auburn, Maine.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY

- a. <u>Terms and conditions</u>: This permitting action is different from the December 5, 2011 permit in that it:
 - 1. Eliminates the daily maximum mass and concentration limits for total copper; and
 - 2. Establishes daily maximum mass and concentration reporting and monitoring requirements for total copper when the permittee is discharging.
- b. <u>History:</u> This section provides a summary of significant licensing/permitting actions and milestones that have been completed for the permittee's facility.

August 30, 1995 – The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issued a renewal of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit #ME0000540 to Pioneer Plastics Corporation. The 8/30/95 permit superseded the NPDES permit issued to this facility by the USEPA on December 20, 1974 (earliest NPDES permit on file with the Department).

January 12, 2001 – The Department received authorization from the USEPA to administer the NPDES permit program in Maine. From that date forward, the permit program has been referred to as the MEPDES permit program and #ME0000540 (same as the NPDES permit) will be the primary reference number for the facility.

September 24, 2001 – The Department issued WDL #W007876-5S-E-R / MEPDES permit #ME0000540 to Pioneer Plastics for a five year term. The 9/24/01 permit superseded WDL Modification #W007876-57-C-M issued on May 22, 1997 and previous WDLs and WDL Transfers.

October 31, 2005 – Pioneer Plastics submitted to the Department, for review and acceptance, a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Comply with the Maine Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity. The NOI was assigned #MER05B360.

December 11, 2006 – The Department issued WDL #W007876-5S-F-R / MEPDES permit #ME0000540 to Pioneer Plastics for a five-year term.

December 5, 2011 – The Department issued WDL #W007876-5S-G-R / MEPDES permit #ME0000540 to Pioneer Plastics for a five-year term.

May 10, 2016 – The permittee submitted a timely and complete General Application to the Department for renewal of the December 5, 2011 permit (including subsequent minor permit revisions and permit modifications). The application was accepted for processing on the same day and was assigned WDL #W007876-5S-H-R / MEPDES #ME0000540.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

c. <u>Source Description</u>: The permittee manufactures high pressure decorative laminates, treated papers and specialty resins. The manufacturing process requires cooling waters to cool critical plant equipment. The permittee utilizes a 130-foot by 160-foot by 8-foot deep concrete structure as a reservoir for a closed loop cooling system. Water is drawn from the Little Androscoggin River and pumped to the cooling water pond and then distributed to various manufacturing processes for cooling presses in the press room and reactor vessels and scrubber rollers in the specialty resins room. In addition to river water, municipal water is utilized for product manufacturing and make-up water for steam production in the facility boilers. Cooling waters are recycled through the cooling water pond and distributed through a series of spray nozzles in the pond to dissipate the heat in the water to the atmosphere.

Daily cooling water sources include: river make-up water for the cooling pond reservoir; blowdown and make-up waters from the facility's boilers; steam condensate from presses/reactors; and from critical equipment components such as mechanical seals and optical sensors. Although the facility cooling water system is a closed loop system, the cooling water pond and internal cooling system must be periodically taken off-line for inspection or routine maintenance. Intermittent cooling waters associated with the shutdown include bleeding off internal systems that include steam condensate and hot water from the accumulators, make-up water from the boilers, reactors, and presses, and waters from the chilled water system.

Approximate volumes are as follows:

Contributing Flow	Volume (gallons)
Stream condensate/hot water from the accumulators	66,300
Water discharged from boilers	8,820
Water discharged from reactors and presses	10,000
Water discharged from closed cooling loop	10,000
Water discharged from chilled water system	1,000

In order to maintain heat transfer efficiency in the facility's boilers, the permittee adds chemicals to the make-up water for neutralization, oxygen scavenging, scaling prevention and maintaining the proper levels of alkalinity. The permittee also utilizes a biocide and corrosion inhibitors to prevent biological growth and corrosion in the system.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

All manufacturing process and sanitary wastewaters generated are conveyed to the Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority (LAWPCA) located in Lewiston, Maine. It is noted that in the past, the permittee reported that their request to convey cooling pond wastewater to LAWPCA as an alternative to direct discharge to the river was not accepted. Cooling pond discharges are typically performed in the spring of the year which coincides with periods of high flows to publicly owned treatment facilities, and for certain facilities, discharges from combined sewer overflow points.

A map showing the location of the facility and the receiving water is included as Fact Sheet **Attachment A.**

d. <u>Wastewater Treatment:</u> The permittee does not provide a formal level of treatment to the wastewater. Rather, the facility implements operational constraints before discharging to the receiving water.

3. CONDITIONS OF PERMIT

Conditions of licenses, 38 M.R.S. § 414-A, requires that the effluent limitations prescribed for discharges, including, but not limited to, effluent toxicity, require the application of best practicable treatment (BPT), be consistent with the U.S. Clean Water Act, and ensure that the receiving waters attain the State water quality standards as described in Maine's Surface Water Classification System. In addition, *Certain deposits and discharges prohibited,* 38 M.R.S. § 420 and Department rule *Surface Water Toxics Control Program,* 06-096 C.M.R. 530 (effective March 21, 2012), require the regulation of toxic substances so as not to exceed levels set forth in *Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants,* 06-096 C.M.R. 584 (effective July 29, 2012), and ensure safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected.

4. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Classification of major river basins, 38 M.R.S. § 467(1)(B)(1)(b) classifies the Little Androscoggin River (From the Maine Central Railroad bridge in South Paris to its confluence with the Androscoggin River) at the point of discharge as Class C waters. *Standards for classification of fresh surface waters*, 38 M.R.S. § 465(4) describes the standards for Class C waters.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

<u>The State of Maine 2012 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report</u>, prepared by the Department pursuant to Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, lists the 24.49 mile long main stem segment of the Little Androscoggin River from below the Route 121 bridge in Oxford (Assessment Unit ID ME0104000209_417R_01) as, "Category 2: Rivers and Streams Attaining Some Designated Uses – Insufficient Information for Other Uses."

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS (cont'd)

The Report lists all of Maine's fresh waters as, "Category 4-A: Waters Impaired by Atmospheric Deposition of Mercury." Impairment in this context refers to a statewide fish consumption advisory due to elevated levels of mercury in some fish tissues. The Report states, "All freshwaters are listed in Category 4A (Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Completed) due to USEPA approval of a Regional Mercury TMDL." Maine has a fish consumption advisory for fish taken from all freshwaters due to mercury. Many fish from any given waters do not exceed the action level for mercury. However, because it is impossible for someone consuming a fish to know whether the mercury level exceeds the action level, the Maine Department of Health and Human Services decided to establish a statewide advisory for all freshwater fish that recommends limits on consumption.

The Department has no information that the discharge from the permittee, as conditioned, causes or contributes to non-attainment of applicable Class C water quality standards.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS & MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

a. <u>Flow</u>: The previous permitting action established a daily maximum discharge flow limit of 1.2 MGD based on the maximum discharge rate proposed by the permittee, and utilized this flow limit to calculate applicable discharge limits for total copper, phenols and temperature.

This permitting action is also carrying forward the condition that discharge from the facility is only allowed when the minimum stream flow of the Little Androscoggin River is 75 cfs as measured at United States Geological Survey (USGS) gauge #01057000, or other method approved in writing by the Department.

The permittee has not discharged from the facility since April 2-3, 2010. Therefore no monitoring data is available to report.

b. <u>Dilution Factors</u>: The acute dilution factor associated with the daily maximum discharge of 1.2 MGD at a minimum stream flow of 75 cubic feet per second (cfs) was derived in accordance with *Surface Water Toxics Control Program*, 06-096 CMR 530 § 4.A. Due to the intermittent nature of the discharge (historically once every 4-5 years) and short discharge duration (historically for less than 48 hours), the Department is regulating the discharge for acute effects on the receiving water. By prohibiting discharges when the river flow is below 75 cfs, this permitting action ensures that, following a reasonable opportunity for dilution with the receiving waters, the permit effluent limits will not exceed the critical acute water quality-based thresholds for the Little Androscoggin River. With a prohibition on discharges when river flow is less than 75 cfs, the acute dilution factor was derived as follows:

River Flow = 75 cfs
$$\Rightarrow (75 \text{ cfs})(0.6464) + 1.2 \text{ MGD} = 41.4:1$$

1.2 MGD

c. <u>Temperature</u>: *Regulations Relating To Temperature*, 06-096 CMR 582 limits thermal discharges to an in-stream temperature increase (Δ T) of 0.5°F above the ambient receiving water temperature when the weekly average temperature of the receiving water is greater than or equal to 66° F or when the daily maximum temperature is greater than or equal to 73° F. The temperature thresholds are based on USEPA water quality criteria for the protection of brook trout and Atlantic salmon. The weekly average temperature of 66°F was derived to protect for normal growth of the brook trout and the daily maximum threshold temperature of 73° F protects for the survival of juveniles and adult Atlantic salmon during the summer months. The Department interprets the term "weekly average temperature" to mean a seven (7) day rolling average.

To promote consistency, the Department also interprets the ΔT of 0.5° F as a weekly rolling average criterion when the receiving water temperature is $\geq 66^{\circ}$ F and $<73^{\circ}$ F.

The assimilative capacity of the Little Androscoggin River (thermal load that would cause the stream to increase by 0.5° F) at a stream flow of 75 cfs can be calculated as follows:

 $(75 \text{ cfs})(0.6464)(0.5^{\circ}\text{F})(8.34 \text{ lbs./day})(10^{6} \text{ gallons}) = 2.0 \text{ x } 10^{8} \text{ BTU/day}$

Based on the data cited above, the Department established a best professional judgment daily maximum temperature limit of 78°F in the previous permitting action. Due to the intermittent nature of the discharge and short-term discharge duration, the Department is regulating temperature associated with this discharge as an acute effect.

When the receiving water is $>73^{\circ}$ F, the in-stream temperature difference of 0.5°F is a daily maximum limit thus, the thermal heat load based on a daily maximum flow of 1.2 MGD at 78°F can be calculated as follows:

 $(1.2 \text{ MGD})(78^{\circ}\text{F} - 73^{\circ}\text{F})(8.34 \text{ lbs./gal})(10^{6}) = 5.0 \text{ x } 10^{7} \text{ BTU/day}$

The calculated thermal heat load using the maximum discharge flow rate and temperature is lower than the assimilative capacity of the river. Therefore, compliance with the daily maximum effluent temperature limitation of 78°F ensures that the discharge will not cause an in-stream temperature increase (ΔT) of 0.5°F above the ambient receiving water temperature. The calculation above is an example of thermal loading based on worst case scenarios for both the ambient receiving water and discharge from Outfall #002A. It is noted the Department determines compliance based on actual ambient receiving water flows and temperatures and actual discharge flows and temperatures.

The permittee has not discharged from the facility since April 2-3, 2010. Therefore no monitoring data is available to report.

d. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) and Chemical Specific Testing: 38 M.R.S. § 414-A and 38 M.R.S. § 420 prohibit the discharge of effluents containing substances in amounts that would cause the surface waters of the State to contain toxic substances above levels set forth in Federal Water Quality Criteria as established by the USEPA. 06-096 CMR 530 sets forth effluent monitoring requirements and procedures to establish safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected and narrative and numeric water quality criteria are met. 06-096 CMR 584 sets forth ambient water quality criteria (AWQC) for toxic pollutants and procedures necessary to control levels of toxic pollutants in surface waters.

WET and supporting analytical chemistry testing as required by 06-096 CMR 530 are included in this permit to fully characterize the effluent. This permit also provides for reconsideration of effluent limits and monitoring schedules after the evaluation of toxicity testing results. The monitoring schedule includes consideration of results currently on file, the nature of the wastewater and existing treatment and receiving water characteristics.

WET monitoring is required to assess and protect against impacts upon water quality and designated uses caused by the aggregate effect of the discharge on specific aquatic organisms. The 2001 permitting action established acute WET testing to assess and protect against impacts upon water quality and designated uses caused by the aggregate effect of the discharge on specific aquatic organisms. (Chronic WET testing is not required due to the intermittent nature and short-term duration of the discharge.) Acute WET tests are performed on the invertebrate water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*).

06-096 CMR 530(2)(A) specifies the dischargers subject to the rule as: "All licensed dischargers of industrial process wastewater or domestic wastes discharging to surface waters of the State must meet the testing requirements of this section. Dischargers of other types of wastewater are subject to this subsection when and if the Department determines that toxicity of effluents may have reasonable potential to cause or contribute to exceedences of narrative or numerical water quality criteria."

The Department established acute WET testing at a frequency of once per discharge event based on best professional judgment (BPJ) that the effluent "may have reasonable potential to cause or contribute to exceedences of narrative or numerical water quality criteria" and this permitting action is carrying forward acute WET testing on the same BPJ basis.

06-096 CMR 530 §(3)(E) states "For effluent monitoring data and the variability of the pollutant in the effluent, the Department shall apply the statistical approach in Section 3.3.2 and Table 3-2 of USEPA's "Technical Support Document for Water Quality-Based Toxics Control" (USEPA Publication 505/2-90-001, March, 1991, EPA, Office of Water, Washington, D.C.) to data to determine whether water-quality based effluent limits must be included in a waste discharge license. Where it is determined through this approach that a discharge contains pollutants or WET at levels that have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedence of water quality criteria, appropriate water quality-based limits must be established in any licensing action."

06-096 CMR 530 (3) states, "In determining if effluent limits are required, the Department will consider all information on file and effluent testing conducted during the preceding 60 months. However, testing done in the performance of a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) approved by the Department may be excluded from such evaluations."

WET evaluation

When discharging, a WET analysis is performed to determine effects on receiving water due to the discharge. The permittee has not discharged from the facility since April 2-3, 2010. Therefore no monitoring data is available to report.

This permitting action is carrying forward the requirement for the permittee to conduct acute WET tests on the water flea when discharging.

Chemical specific evaluation

The permittee has not discharged from the facility since April 2-3, 2010. Therefore no monitoring data is available to report. At this time, the Department does not have information that the discharge contains pollutants at levels that have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedence of water quality criteria. Therefore, this permitting action is eliminating the total copper daily maximum mass and concentration limits. A monitoring and reporting requirement for total copper, when the permittee is discharging, is established in this permit.

This permitting action addresses all known pollutants consistent with 06-096 CMR 530 § 2.D.5, and the Department has determined that priority pollutant and chronic WET testing for Outfall #002A is not warranted at this time.

e. <u>pH</u>: The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, a BPT-based pH limit of 6.0 – 8.5 standard units and a Twice/Discharge monitoring requirement.

The permittee has not discharged from the facility since April 2-3, 2010. Therefore no monitoring data is available to report.

7. DISCHARGE IMPACT ON RECEIVING WATER QUALITY

As permitted, the Department has determined the existing water uses will be maintained and protected and the discharge will not cause, contribute, or have a reasonable potential to cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet standards for Class C classification.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public notice of this application was made in the *Lewiston Sun Journal* newspaper on or about May 2, 2016. The Department receives public comments on an application until the date a final agency action is taken on the application. Those persons receiving copies of draft permits must have at least 30 days in which to submit comments on the draft or to request a public hearing, pursuant to *Application Processing Procedures for Waste Discharge Licenses*, 06-096 C.M.R. 522 (effective January 12, 2001).

9. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Additional information concerning this permitting action may be obtained from, and written comments sent to:

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10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Reserved until the end of the formal 30-day public comment period

ATTACHMENT A

