

United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)  
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**Authorization to Discharge Under the  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251 *et seq.*, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, the “Act”,

**Hayden Area Regional Sewer Board  
10789 North Atlas Road  
Hayden, ID 83858**

is authorized to discharge from the wastewater facility located in Hayden, Idaho, at the following location(s):

<b>Outfall</b>	<b>Receiving Water</b>	<b>Latitude</b>	<b>Longitude</b>
001	Spokane River	47° 41' 54"	116° 50' 03"

in accordance with discharge point(s), effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.

This permit shall become effective December 1, 2014.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, November 30, 2019.

The permittee shall reapply for a permit reissuance on or before June 3, 2019 if the permittee intends to continue operations and discharges at the facility beyond the term of this permit.

Signed this 30<sup>th</sup> day of September 2014.

/s/Christine Psyk for  
Daniel D. Opalski, Director  
Office of Water and Watersheds

## Schedule of Submissions

The following is a summary of some of the items the permittee must complete and/or submit to EPA during the term of this permit:

<b>Item</b>	<b>Due Date</b>
1. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR)	DMRs are due monthly and must be submitted on or before the 20th day of the month following the monitoring month (see III.B).
2. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)	The permittee must submit the QAP to EPA and IDEQ by May 31, 2015 (see II.C). The Plan must be kept on site and made available to EPA and IDEQ upon request.
3. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan	The permittee must provide EPA and IDEQ with written notification that the Plan has been developed and implemented by May 31, 2015 (see II.A). The Plan must be kept on site and made available to EPA and IDEQ upon request.
4. Phosphorus Management Plan	The permittee must submit the plan to EPA and IDEQ as an electronic attachment to a DMR by December 20, 2015 and provide written notice that the plan has been implemented by June 20, 2016 (see II.B).
5. Toxics Management Plan	By May 31, 2015, the permittee must submit to EPA and IDEQ a Toxics Management Plan (TMP). By December 20, 2015, the permittee must submit written notification to EPA and IDEQ as an electronic attachment to a DMR that the plan has been implemented (see II.I).
6. NPDES Application Renewal	The application must be submitted by June 3, 2019 (see V.B).
7. Surface Water Monitoring Report	The report must be submitted to EPA and IDEQ annually as an electronic attachment to a DMR by February 20 <sup>th</sup> of the following year.
8. Compliance Schedule	Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit must be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date (see I.C, I.D, and III.K).
9. Twenty-Four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting	The permittee must report certain occurrences of noncompliance by telephone within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. (See I.B.2 and III.G).
10. Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan	The permittee must develop and implement an overflow emergency response and public notification plan. The permittee must submit written notice to EPA and IDEQ that the plan has been developed and implemented by May 31, 2015 (see II.D).

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## I. Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

### A. Discharge Authorization

During the effective period of this permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge pollutants from Outfall 001 to the Spokane River, within the limits and subject to the conditions set forth herein. This permit authorizes the discharge of only those pollutants resulting from facility processes, waste streams, and operations that have been clearly identified in the permit application process.

### B. Effluent Limitations and Monitoring

- The permittee must limit and monitor discharges from outfall 001 as specified in Table 1, below. All figures represent maximum effluent limits unless otherwise indicated. The permittee must comply with the effluent limits in the table at all times unless otherwise indicated, regardless of the frequency of monitoring or reporting required by other provisions of this permit.

Parameter	Units	Effluent limits			Monitoring Requirements		
		Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Max. Daily Limit	Location	Frequency	Sample Type
<b>Flow</b>	mgd	Report	—	Report	Effluent	Continuous	Recording
<b>Five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>)</b> November – January	mg/L	25	40	—	Influent and Effluent	1/week	24-Hour Composite
	lb/day	500	801	—			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
	% removal	85% (min.)	—	—	% removal	1/month	Calculation <sup>3</sup>
<b>CBOD<sub>5</sub><sup>1</sup></b> February – October	mg/L	25	40	—	Influent and Effluent	3/week	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	Report	Report	—			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
	lb/day	Seasonal average limit: 77.4 lb/day. See I.B.10.					
	% removal	85% (min.)	—	—	% removal	1/month	Calculation <sup>3</sup>
<b>Total Suspended Solids</b>	mg/L	30	45	—	Influent and Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	600	901	—			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
	% removal	85% (min.)	—	—	% removal	1/month	Calculation <sup>3</sup>
<b>pH</b> October – May	s.u.	6.2 – 9.0 at all times			Effluent	5/week	Grab
<b>pH</b> June – September when the Spokane River flow is less than or equal to 2,000 CFS	s.u.	6.4 – 9.0 at all times			Effluent	5/week	Grab
<b>pH</b> June – September when the Spokane River flow is greater than 2,000 CFS	s.u.	6.0 – 9.0 at all times			Effluent	5/week	Grab

Table 1: Final Effluent Limits and Monitoring Requirements for Outfall 001							
Parameter	Units	Effluent limits			Monitoring Requirements		
		Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Max. Daily Limit	Location	Frequency	Sample Type
E. coli	#/100 ml	126 <sup>4</sup> (geometric mean)	—	406 (inst. max.)	Effluent	5/month	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine October – May	µg/L	500	750	—	Effluent	4/week	Grab
	lb/day	10.0	15.0	—			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
Total Residual Chlorine June – September when the Spokane River flow is greater than 2,000 CFS	µg/L	500	750	—	Effluent	1/day	Grab
	lb/day	10.0	15.0	—			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
Total Residual Chlorine June – September when the Spokane River flow is less than or equal to 2,000 CFS	µg/L	119	—	629	Effluent	1/day	Grab
	lb/day	2.38	—	12.6			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
Total Ammonia as N February – October	mg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	3/week	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	Seasonal Average Limit: 77.4 lb/day. See I.B.10.					Calculation <sup>2</sup>
Total Ammonia as N November – January	mg/L	78.7	—	250	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	1575	—	5004			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
Total Phosphorus as P <sup>1</sup> February – October	µg/L	Report	Report	—	Effluent	3/week	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	Report	Report	—			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
	lb/day	Seasonal Average Limit: 1.33 lb/day. See I.B.10.					
Total Phosphorus as P November – January	µg/L	Report	Report	—	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.
Lead	µg/L	2.00	—	3.76	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	0.040	—	0.075			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
Zinc	µg/L	88.2	—	112	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	1.77	—	2.24			Calculation <sup>2</sup>
Temperature	°C	Report	—	Report	Effluent	5/week	Grab
Cadmium	µg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Copper	µg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Silver	µg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Alkalinity	mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Hardness	mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Oil and Grease	mg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/quarter <sup>7</sup>	Grab
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/quarter <sup>7</sup>	24-Hr. Comp.
Polychlorinated Biphenyl (PCB) Congeners <sup>5</sup>	pg/L	Report	—	Report	Influent	1/2 months <sup>8</sup>	24-Hr. Comp.
PCB Congeners <sup>5</sup>	pg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/quarter <sup>7</sup>	24-Hr. Comp.
2,3,7,8 tetrachloro-dibenzo- p-dioxin (TCDD) <sup>6</sup>	pg/L	Report	—	Report	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter <sup>7</sup>	24-Hr. Comp.
Orthophosphate as P	µg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Nitrate – Nitrite as N	mg/L	Report	—	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Report minimum and average			Effluent	5/week	Grab

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		Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Max. Daily Limit	Location	Frequency	Sample Type
<b>NPDES Application Form 2A Effluent Testing</b>	See I.B.10				Effluent	3x/5years	—
<b>Whole Effluent Toxicity</b>	TU <sub>c</sub>	See I.E.			Effluent	2/year	24-Hr. Comp.
Notes:							
<p>1. These effluent limits are subject to a compliance schedule during February – May, October, and June – September when the Spokane River flow is greater than 2,000 CFS. From June – September when river flows are less than or equal to 2,000 CFS, the permittee must comply with these effluent limits immediately upon the effective date of the final permit. See I.C and I.D.</p> <p>2. Loading is calculated by multiplying the concentration in mg/L by the corresponding flow (in mgd) for the day of sampling and a conversion factor of 8.34. For more information on calculating, averaging, and reporting loads and concentrations see the <i>NPDES Self-Monitoring System User Guide</i> (EPA 833-B-85-100, March 1985).</p> <p>3. Percent removal is calculated using the following equation:  <math display="block">(\text{average monthly influent concentration} - \text{average monthly effluent concentration}) \div \text{average monthly influent concentration}</math></p> <p>4. The average monthly E. coli bacteria counts must not exceed a geometric mean of 126/100 ml based on a minimum of five samples taken every 3-7 days within a calendar month. See Part VI for a definition of geometric mean.</p> <p>5. See I.B.11.</p> <p>6. See I.B.12.</p> <p>7. Quarters are defined as January – March, April – June, July – September, and October – December.</p> <p>8. Two-month reporting periods are defined as January – February, March – April, May – June, July – August, September – October, and November – December.</p>							

2. The permittee must report within 24 hours of discovery any violation of the maximum daily or instantaneous maximum limits for the following pollutants: E. coli, total residual chlorine, total ammonia as N, lead, and zinc. Violations of all other effluent limits are to be reported at the time that discharge monitoring reports are submitted (See III.B and III.H).
3. Effluent loading of lead and zinc and concentrations of cadmium, copper, lead, silver and zinc must be reported as total recoverable metal.
4. The permittee must not discharge floating, suspended, or submerged matter of any kind in amounts causing nuisance or objectionable conditions or that may impair designated beneficial uses of the Spokane River.
5. The permittee must collect effluent samples from the effluent stream after the last treatment unit prior to discharge into the receiving waters.
6. Minimum Levels. For all effluent monitoring, the permittee must use methods that can achieve a minimum level (ML) less than the effluent limitation. If the effluent limit is less than the minimum level of the most sensitive EPA-approved analytical method, the permittee must use the most sensitive EPA-approved analytical method. For parameters that do not have concentration effluent limitations, the permittee must use methods that can achieve MLs less than or equal to those specified in Table 2. If no minimum level is listed in Table 2 and the pollutant is not subject to an effluent limit, the permittee may use any EPA-approved method for analysis. The permittee may request different MLs. The

request must be in writing and must be approved by EPA. For monitoring of PCB congeners and 2,3,7,8 TCDD, the permittee must comply with parts I.B.11 and I.B.12 of this permit.

<b>Parameter</b>	<b>Units</b>	<b>Maximum ML</b>
Cadmium	µg/L	1
Nitrate + Nitrite as N	µg/L	50
Silver	µg/L	0.3
Total Ammonia as N	µg/L	50
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	µg/L	100
Total Phosphorus	µg/L	10
PCB Congeners	pg/L	See I.B.11.
2,3,7,8 tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD)	pg/L	See I.B.12.
Mercury (expanded effluent testing)	µg/L	0.01

7. For purposes of reporting on the DMR for a single sample, if a value is less than the method detection limit (MDL), the permittee must report “less than {numeric value of the MDL}.” If a value is less than the ML, the permittee must report “less than {numeric value of the ML},” except for PCB congeners and 2,3,7,8 TCDD. For PCB congeners and 2,3,7,8 TCDD, if a value is greater than the MDL, the permittee must report the actual value, even if it is less than the ML.
8. For purposes of calculating seasonal, monthly and weekly average mass loadings and concentrations, except for E. coli, zero may be assigned for values less than the MDL, and the {numeric value of the MDL} may be assigned for values between the MDL and the ML. If the average value is less than the MDL, the permittee must report “less than {numeric value of the MDL}” and if the average value is less than the ML, the permittee must report “less than {numeric value of the ML}.” If a value is equal to or greater than the ML, the permittee must report and use the actual value.
9. The permittee must perform the effluent testing required by Parts B.6. and D of NPDES application Form 2A (EPA Form 3510-2A, revised 1-99). The permittee must submit the results of this testing with its application for renewal of this NPDES permit. To the extent that effluent monitoring required by other conditions of this permit satisfies this requirement, these samples may be used to satisfy the requirements of this paragraph.
10. Seasonal average effluent limits for total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub>, and ammonia:
  - a) The seasonal average total phosphorus load must not exceed 1.33 lb/day for the season of February 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year, inclusive.
  - b) The seasonal average CBOD<sub>5</sub> load must not exceed 77.4 lb/day for the season of February 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year, inclusive.
  - c) The seasonal average ammonia load must not exceed 77.4 lb/day for the season of February 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year, inclusive.

- d) The seasonal average total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub>, and ammonia loads must be calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during February 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> each year, inclusive, divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that season. If the daily average effluent flow rate is zero for at least three days during the season, the permittee may include zero pound per day daily discharge values in the calculation of the seasonal average total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and ammonia loads as specified in Attachment A of this permit.
  - e) The seasonal average total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and ammonia loads must be reported on the October DMR, regardless of whether a discharge of pollutants occurs during the month of October.
  - f) The permittee must report the monthly average, maximum weekly average, and/or daily maximum total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and ammonia loads and concentrations on the monthly DMRs for February – October, inclusive, as stated in Table 1.
  - g) In addition to the seasonal average limits for CBOD<sub>5</sub>, the permittee must comply with the average monthly and average weekly limits for CBOD<sub>5</sub> in Table 1.
  - h) On the DMRs for February – September, inclusive, the permittee must calculate and report the partial seasonal average total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and ammonia loads for February 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of the monitoring month, inclusive. The partial seasonal average loads must be reported every month from February through September, inclusive, regardless of whether a discharge of pollutants occurs during a given month. The partial seasonal average total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and ammonia loads must be calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during the season of February 1<sup>st</sup> through the last day of the monitoring month, inclusive, divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that time frame. If the daily average effluent flow rate is zero for at least three days during the season, the permittee may include zero pound per day values in the calculation of the partial seasonal average total phosphorus load as specified in Attachment A of this permit.
  - i) If the partial seasonal average total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and/or ammonia loads calculated as described in part I.B.10.h, above, are greater than the corresponding seasonal average effluent limit(s), the permittee must submit a written report with the DMR, explaining the steps that the permittee will take to reduce its discharge of total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and/or ammonia in order to achieve compliance with the seasonal average effluent limit(s) by October 31<sup>st</sup>.
11. The permittee must analyze influent and effluent samples for polychlorinated biphenyl (PCB) congeners and report the results as specified below.
- a) For the first four influent and effluent samples for PCB congeners, the permittee must use EPA Method 1668 for analysis.

- b) If at least one of the first four influent or effluent samples contains less than 5.0 nanograms per liter total PCBs, the permittee must continue to use EPA method 1668 for subsequent analysis of PCB congeners at such location(s).
  - c) If all of the first four influent or effluent samples contain at least 5.0 nanograms per liter total PCBs, the permittee may use either EPA Method 8082 or 1668 for analysis of PCB congeners in subsequent samples at the location(s) where concentrations were always greater than or equal to 5.0 nanograms per liter in the first four samples.
  - d) For any analysis of influent or effluent PCB congeners using EPA Method 8082, the permittee must target an ML no greater than 5.0 nanograms per liter per congener and must, at a minimum, analyze for each of the individual congeners listed in Section 1.1 of the method.
  - e) For any analysis of influent or effluent PCB congeners using EPA Method 1668, the permittee must target MDLs no greater than the MDLs listed in Table 2 of EPA Method 1668 Revision C (EPA-820-R-10-005) and must analyze for each of the 209 individual congeners.
  - f) The permittee must report results on the DMR for the last month of the monitoring period as total PCBs. The total PCB concentration must be calculated as the sum of the concentrations of all PCB congeners measured at concentrations greater than the MDLs. The permittee must submit the laboratory results of the congener analysis with the DMRs.
  - g) The permittee must analyze a split of each influent and effluent PCB sample for total suspended solids (TSS). When the timing of sample collection coincides with that of the TSS sampling required in Table 1, analysis of the split sample will fulfill the requirements of Table 1 as well.
  - h) Influent sampling for PCB congeners must begin no later than the first two-month reporting period of calendar year 2015.
  - i) Effluent sampling for PCB congeners must begin no later than the first quarter of calendar year 2015.
12. The permittee must analyze influent and effluent samples for 2,3,7,8 TCDD and report the results as specified below.
- a) For analysis of influent and effluent samples for 2,3,7,8 TCDD, the permittee must use EPA Method 1613B and must target an ML no greater than 10 picograms per liter.
  - b) The permittee must analyze a split of each influent and effluent 2,3,7,8 TCDD sample for TSS. When the timing of sample collection coincides with that of the TSS sampling required in Table 1, analysis of the split sample will fulfill the requirements of Table 1 as well.
  - c) Influent and effluent sampling for 2,3,7,8 TCDD must begin no later than the first quarter of calendar year 2015.

**C. Schedules of Compliance**

1. The permittee must comply with all effluent limitations and monitoring requirements in Part I.B beginning on the effective date of this permit, except those for which a compliance schedule is specified in Part I.C.2.
2. A schedule of compliance is authorized only for the following effluent limits:
  - a) Total phosphorus effluent limits in effect under the following circumstances:
    - (i) During February – May and October.
    - (ii) During June – September at times when the Spokane River flow is greater than 2,000 CFS.
  - b) CBOD<sub>5</sub> effluent limits in effect under the following circumstances:
    - (i) During February – May and October.
    - (ii) During June – September at times when the Spokane River flow is greater than 2,000 CFS.
3. The permittee must achieve compliance with the final effluent limitations for total phosphorus and CBOD<sub>5</sub> as set forth in Part I.B (Table 1) of the permit, not later than November 30, 2024.
4. While the schedules of compliance specified in Part I.C.2 are in effect, the permittee must complete interim requirements and meet interim effluent limits and monitoring requirements as specified in Part I.D of the permit.

**D. Interim Requirements for Schedules of Compliance**

1. By November 30, 2015, the permittee must provide a preliminary engineering report to EPA and DEQ outlining estimated costs and schedules for completing capacity expansion and implementation of technologies to achieve final effluent limitations. This schedule must include a timeline for pilot testing and results of any testing conducted to date.
2. By November 30, 2019, the permittee must provide written notice to EPA and DEQ that pilot testing of the technology that will be employed to achieve the final limits has been completed and must submit a summary report of results and plan for implementation. If pilot testing is determined to be unnecessary by the permittee, the summary report shall include the reasons for this decision.
3. By November 30, 2021, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with written notice that design has been completed and bids have been awarded to begin construction to achieve final effluent limitations.
4. By November 30, 2022, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with written notice that construction has been completed on the facilities to achieve final effluent limitations.
5. By November 30, 2024, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with a written report providing details of a completed start up and optimization phase of the new treatment system and must achieve compliance with the final effluent limitations

of Part I.B. The report shall include two years of effluent data demonstrating that final effluent limits can be achieved (the two years of data do not have to consistently meet final effluent limits but demonstrate that at the end of this period final limits can be met).

6. By November 30, 2016, November 30, 2017, November 30, 2018, November 30, 2020, and November 30, 2023, the permittee must submit to EPA and DEQ progress reports, which outline the progress made toward achieving compliance with the total phosphorus and CBOD<sub>5</sub> effluent limitations. At a minimum, the reports must include:
  - a) An assessment of the previous year of effluent data and comparison to the interim effluent limits.
  - b) A report on progress made toward meeting the final effluent limits.
  - c) Further actions and milestones targeted for the upcoming year.
7. While the schedules of compliance specified in Part I.C.2 are in effect, the permittee must comply with interim effluent limitations and monitoring requirements as specified in Table 3, below.

<b>Table 3: Interim Effluent Limits and Monitoring Requirements for Outfall 001</b>						
Parameter	Units	Effluent limits		Monitoring Requirements		
		Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Location	Frequency	Sample Type
<b>CBOD<sub>5</sub></b> February – May, October, and June – September when the Spokane River flow is greater than 2,000 CFS.	mg/L	25	40	Influent and Effluent	3/week	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	313	500			Calculation
	% removal	85% (min.)	—	% removal	1/month	Calculation
<b>Total Phosphorus as P</b> February – May, October, and June – September when the Spokane River flow is greater than 2,000 CFS.	mg/L	Report	Report	Effluent	3/week	24-Hr. Comp.
	lb/day	76	114			Calculation

**E. Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing Requirements**

The permittee must conduct chronic toxicity tests on effluent samples from outfall 001. Testing must be conducted in accordance with subsections 1 through 7, below.

1. Toxicity testing must be conducted on 24-hour composite samples of effluent. In addition, a split of each sample collected must be analyzed for the chemical and physical parameters required in Part I.B, above, with a required sampling frequency of monthly or more frequently, using the sample type required in Part I.B. For parameters for which grab samples are required in Part I.B, grab samples must be taken during the same 24-hour period as the 24-hour composite sample used for the toxicity tests. When the timing of sample collection coincides with that of the sampling required in Part I.B, analysis of the split sample will fulfill the requirements of Part I.B as well.

## 2. Chronic Test Species and Methods

- a) For outfall 001, chronic tests must be conducted twice per year, once during the period from October 1 through May 31, and once during the period from June 1 through September 30.
- b) The permittee must conduct short-term tests with the water flea, *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (survival and reproduction test), the fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas* (larval survival and growth test), and a green alga, *Selenastrum capricornutum* (growth test) for the first three suites of tests. After this screening period, monitoring must be conducted using the most sensitive species, which is defined below.
  - (i) The most sensitive species is the species which, during the screening period, produces the greatest maximum toxicity result in chronic toxic units (TU<sub>c</sub>), which is defined in Part I.D.2.d, below.
  - (ii) If all three species produce the identical maximum toxicity result (including no toxicity in 100% effluent) the permittee must use *Ceriodaphnia dubia* for subsequent tests.
  - (iii) If two species produce the identical maximum toxicity result, which is greater than 1.0 TU<sub>c</sub> and also greater than the maximum toxicity result of the third species, the permittee may use either of the two species producing the greater maximum toxicity result for subsequent tests.
- c) The presence of chronic toxicity must be determined as specified in *Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms*, Fourth Edition, EPA/821-R-02-013, October 2002.
- d) Results must be reported in TU<sub>c</sub> (chronic toxic units), which is defined as follows:
  - (i) For survival endpoints,  $TU_c = 100/NOEC$ .
  - (ii) For all other test endpoints,  $TU_c = 100/IC_{25}$ .
  - (iii) IC<sub>25</sub> means “25% inhibition concentration.” The IC<sub>25</sub> is a point estimate of the toxicant concentration, expressed in percent effluent, that causes a 25% reduction in a non-quantal biological measurement (e.g., reproduction or growth) calculated from a continuous model (e.g., Interpolation Method).
  - (iv) NOEC means “no observed effect concentration.” The NOEC is the highest concentration of toxicant, expressed in percent effluent, to which organisms are exposed in a chronic toxicity test [full life-cycle or partial life-cycle (short term) test], that causes no observable adverse effects on the test organisms (i.e., the highest concentration of effluent in which the values for the observed responses are not statistically significantly different from the controls).

## 3. Quality Assurance

- a) The toxicity testing on each organism must include a series of five test dilutions and a control. The dilution series must include the receiving water concentration (RWC), which is the dilution associated with the chronic toxicity trigger, two dilutions above the RWC, and two dilutions below the RWC. The RWCs are:
  - (i) 2.9% effluent for June 1 through September 30
  - (ii) 1.4% effluent for October 1 through May 31.
- b) All quality assurance criteria and statistical analyses used for chronic tests and reference toxicant tests must be in accordance with *Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms*, Fourth Edition, EPA/821-R-02-013, October 2002, and individual test protocols.
- c) In addition to those quality assurance measures specified in the methodology, the following quality assurance procedures must be followed:
  - (i) If organisms are not cultured in-house, concurrent testing with reference toxicants must be conducted. If organisms are cultured in-house, monthly reference toxicant testing is sufficient. Reference toxicant tests must be conducted using the same test conditions as the effluent toxicity tests.
  - (ii) If either of the reference toxicant tests or the effluent tests do not meet all test acceptability criteria as specified in the test methods manual, the permittee must re-sample and re-test within 14 days of receipt of the test results.
  - (iii) Control and dilution water must be receiving water or lab water, as appropriate, as described in the manual. If the dilution water used is different from the culture water, a second control, using culture water must also be used. Receiving water may be used as control and dilution water upon notification of EPA and IDEQ. In no case shall water that has not met test acceptability criteria be used for either dilution or control.

#### 4. Reporting

- a) The permittee must submit the results of the toxicity tests with the discharge monitoring reports (DMRs). Toxicity tests taken from October 1<sup>st</sup> through May 31<sup>st</sup> must be reported on the July DMR. Toxicity tests taken from June 1<sup>st</sup> through September 30<sup>th</sup> must be reported on the November DMR.
- b) The report of toxicity test results must include all relevant information outlined in Section 10, Report Preparation, of *Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms*, Fourth Edition, EPA/821-R-02-013, October 2002. In addition to toxicity test results, the permittee must report: Dates of sample collection and initiation of each test; effluent flow rate at the time of sample collection; and the results of the monitoring required in Part I.B of this permit,

for parameters with a required monitoring frequency of once per month or more frequently.

5. Preparation of initial investigation toxicity reduction evaluation (TRE) plan:  
Prior to initiation of the toxicity testing required by this permit, the permittee shall submit to EPA a copy of the permittee's initial investigation TRE workplan. This plan shall describe the steps the permittee intends to follow in the event chronic toxicity is detected at levels greater than the triggers in Part I.E.6, and should include at a minimum:
  - a) A description of the investigation and evaluation techniques that would be used to identify potential causes/sources of toxicity, effluent variability, treatment system efficiency;
  - b) A description of the facility's method of maximizing in-house treatment efficiency, good housekeeping practices, and a list of all chemicals used in operation of the facility; and
  - c) If a toxicity identification evaluation (TIE) is necessary, who will conduct it (i.e., in-house or other).
6. Accelerated testing
  - a) The chronic toxicity triggers are:
    - (i) 34.7 TU<sub>c</sub> for June 1 – September 30.
    - (ii) 70.3 TU<sub>c</sub> for October 1 – May 31.
  - b) If chronic toxicity is detected above the triggers in Part I.E.6.a, the permittee must implement the initial investigation TRE workplan. If implementation of the initial investigation TRE workplan indicates the source of toxicity (for instance, a temporary plant upset), then only one additional test is necessary.
  - c) If chronic toxicity is detected above the triggers in Part I.E.6.a in the test required under Part I.E.6.b, above, then the permittee shall conduct six more tests, bi-weekly (every two weeks), over a twelve-week period. Testing shall commence within two weeks of receipt of the sample results of the exceedance.
7. Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE)
  - a) If chronic toxicity is detected above the triggers in Part I.E.6.a in any of the six additional tests required under Part I.E.6.c, then, in accordance with the permittee's initial investigation TRE workplan and EPA manual EPA 833-B-99-002 (*Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Guidance for Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants*), the permittee shall initiate a TRE within fifteen (15) days of receipt of the sample results of the exceedance. The permittee will develop as expeditiously as possible a more detailed TRE workplan, which includes:
    - (i) Further actions to investigate and identify the cause of toxicity;
    - (ii) Actions the permittee will take to mitigate the impact of the discharge and to prevent the recurrence of toxicity; and

- (iii) A schedule for these actions.
- b) The permittee may initiate a TIE as part of the overall TRE process described in the EPA acute and chronic TIE manuals EPA/600/6-91/005F (Phase I), EPA/600/R-92/080 (Phase II), and EPA-600/R-92/081 (Phase III).
- c) If none of the six tests required under Part I.E.6.c. above indicated toxicity, then the permittee may return to the normal testing frequency.
- d) If a TIE is initiated prior to completion of the accelerated testing, the accelerated testing schedule may be terminated or used as necessary in performing the TIE.

#### **F. Surface Water Monitoring**

The permittee must conduct surface water monitoring. Surface water monitoring must start by May 31, 2015 and continue as long as this permit remains in effect. The program must meet the following requirements:

1. Monitoring stations must be established in the Spokane River at the following locations:
  - a) Spokane River downstream of the City of Coeur d'Alene outfall and upstream of the HARSB outfall.
  - b) Spokane River downstream of the HARSB outfall and upstream of the City of Post Falls outfall.
2. Monitoring locations for PCB congeners may be different from the monitoring locations for other parameters as long as such PCB monitoring locations fit the descriptions in Part I.F.1.
3. The permittee must seek approval of the surface water monitoring stations from IDEQ prior to initiating surface water monitoring.
4. A failure to obtain IDEQ approval of surface water monitoring stations does not relieve the permittee of the surface water monitoring requirements of this permit.
5. All ambient samples must be grab samples.
6. Samples must be analyzed for the parameters listed in Table 4, and must achieve minimum levels (MLs) that are equivalent to or less than those listed in Table 4. The permittee may request different MLs. The request must be in writing and must be approved by EPA. If no maximum ML is listed in Table 4 for a particular pollutant, the permittee may use any EPA-approved method for analysis.
7. Quality assurance/quality control plans for all the monitoring must be documented in the Quality Assurance Plan required under Part II.D, "Quality Assurance Plan".
8. The permittee must submit surface water monitoring results for the previous calendar year for all parameters in an annual report to EPA and IDEQ as an electronic attachment to a DMR by February 20<sup>th</sup> of the following year. At a minimum, the annual report must include the following:
  - a) Dates of sample collection and analyses.

- b) Results of sample analysis.
  - c) Relevant quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) information.
9. Any receiving water sampling for PCB congeners performed by or for the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force that otherwise meets the receiving water PCB sampling requirements of this permit may be used to fulfill such requirements.

<b>Table 4: Surface Water Monitoring Requirements</b>				
<b>Parameter (units)</b>	<b>Sample Locations</b>	<b>Sample Frequency</b>	<b>Sample Type</b>	<b>Maximum ML</b>
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	—
Total Ammonia as N (mg/L)	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	0.05 mg/L
pH (standard units)	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	—
Nitrate + Nitrite as N (mg/L)	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	0.1 mg/L
Total Phosphorus as P (µg/L)	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	5 µg/L
Orthophosphate as P (µg/L)	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	5 µg/L
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	—
Chlorophyll a	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	8/year <sup>1</sup>	Grab	1 µg/L
PCB Congeners	Upstream and Downstream <sup>4</sup>	2/year <sup>2</sup>	Grab	Note 3
Notes:				
1. The permittee must sample the receiving water at least twice per month during the months of July, August, September, and October.				
2. The permittee must sample the receiving water at least once during the season of April 1 – June 30 and at least once during the season of July 1 – October 31.				
3. The permittee must use EPA Method 1668 for analysis of receiving water samples for PCBs, must target MDLs no greater than the MDLs listed in Table 2 of EPA Method 1668 Revision C (EPA-820-R-10-005), and must analyze for each of the 209 individual congeners.				
4. Downstream monitoring is required only if the permittee is discharging to the Spokane River at the time the upstream sample is taken.				

## II. Special Conditions

### A. Operation and Maintenance Plan

In addition to the requirements specified in Section IV.E of this permit (Proper Operation and Maintenance), the permittee must develop an operations and maintenance (O&M) plan for the current wastewater treatment facility and provide written notice to EPA and IDEQ that the O&M plan has been developed and implemented by May 31, 2015. Any existing operation and maintenance plans may be modified for compliance with this section. The plan must be retained on site and

made available on request to EPA and IDEQ. Any changes occurring in the operation of the plant shall be reflected within the Operation and Maintenance plan.

### **B. Phosphorus Management Plan**

The permittee must submit to EPA and IDEQ a phosphorus management plan for the facility as an electronic attachment to a DMR by December 20, 2015. The information obtained in compliance with Parts II.B.1-4 must be recorded and retained by the permittee within the phosphorus management plan. The permittee must provide written notice to EPA and IDEQ that it has implemented the phosphorus management plan as an electronic attachment to a DMR by June 20, 2016. The phosphorus management plan must meet the requirements below.

1. The permittee must compile influent and effluent total phosphorus data for the wastewater treatment plant.
2. The permittee must evaluate the wastewater treatment plant's total phosphorus reduction potential.
  - a) The permittee must compare its effluent total phosphorus concentrations against typical values for wastewater treatment plants utilizing similar treatment technology.
  - b) If the effluent total phosphorus concentrations are higher than typical levels, the permittee must investigate the cause of the high total phosphorus concentrations and take steps to reduce total phosphorus concentrations.
3. The permittee must identify total phosphorus reduction goals for the wastewater treatment plant.
  - a) The effluent total phosphorus reduction goals must be consistent with interim or final total phosphorus effluent limits, as appropriate, or with typical values for the type of treatment process employed by the wastewater treatment plant, whichever results in the lower effluent total phosphorus concentrations or greater reductions in total phosphorus.
  - b) Effluent total phosphorus reduction goals may change depending on whether total phosphorus effluent limits are in effect and the value of the total phosphorus limits, however, total phosphorus reduction goals must be identified for all times.
  - c) Total phosphorus reduction goals that are based on typical values for the type of treatment process employed by the wastewater treatment plant may be set such that they do not incur operating costs in addition to those necessary to comply with other requirements of this permit.
4. The permittee must consider the following phosphorus reduction strategies and list which strategy or strategies it will employ for phosphorus reduction.
  - a) Water conservation.
  - b) Wastewater re-use.
  - c) Staff training at the WWTP.

- d) Total phosphorus removal at the WWTP (chemical, physical, and biological methods).
  - e) Ongoing monitoring.
5. The permittee must revise the phosphorus management plan within 180 days whenever:
    - a) It is found to be ineffective in reaching the total phosphorus reduction goals, or
    - b) Changes to the treatment process that affect the total phosphorus reduction potential of the treatment plant (II.B.2) are completed.
  6. The permittee must submit to EPA and IDEQ as an electronic attachment to a DMR an annual report of total phosphorus reductions achieved through the phosphorus management plan. The first annual report is due December 20, 2016, and subsequent reports are due annually thereafter.

### C. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)

The permittee must develop a quality assurance plan (QAP) for all monitoring required by this permit. The permittee must submit the QAP to EPA and IDEQ by May 31, 2015. Any existing QAPs may be modified for compliance with this section.

1. The QAP must be designed to assist in planning for the collection and analysis of effluent and receiving water samples in support of the permit and in explaining data anomalies when they occur.
2. Throughout all sample collection and analysis activities, the permittee must use the EPA-approved QA/QC and chain-of-custody procedures described in *Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans (EPA/QA/R-5)* and *Guidance for Quality Assurance Project Plans (EPA/QA/G-5)*. The QAP must be prepared in the format that is specified in these documents.
3. At a minimum, the QAP must include the following:
  - a) Details on the number of samples, type of sample containers, preservation of samples, holding times, analytical methods, analytical detection and quantitation limits for each target compound, type and number of quality assurance field samples, precision and accuracy requirements, sample preparation requirements, sample shipping methods, and laboratory data delivery requirements.
  - b) Map(s) indicating the location of each sampling point.
  - c) Qualification and training of personnel.
  - d) Name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the laboratories used by or proposed to be used by the permittee.
4. The permittee must amend the QAP whenever there is a modification in sample collection, sample analysis, or other procedure addressed by the QAP.

5. Copies of the QAP must be kept on site and made available to EPA and/or IDEQ upon request.

#### **D. Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan**

1. The permittee must develop and implement an overflow emergency response and public notification plan that identifies measures to protect public health from overflows that may endanger health and unanticipated bypasses or upsets that exceed any effluent limitation in the permit. At a minimum the plan must include mechanisms to:
  - a) Ensure that the permittee is aware (to the greatest extent possible) of all overflows from portions of the collection system over which the permittee has ownership or operational control and unanticipated bypass or upset that exceed any effluent limitation in the permit;
  - b) Ensure appropriate responses including assurance that reports of an overflow or of an unanticipated bypass or upset that exceed any effluent limitation in the permit are immediately dispatched to appropriate personnel for investigation and response;
  - c) Ensure immediate notification to the public, health agencies, and other affected public entities (including public water systems). The overflow response plan must identify the public health and other officials who will receive immediate notification;
  - d) Ensure that appropriate personnel are aware of and follow the plan and are appropriately trained; and
  - e) Provide emergency operations.
2. The permittee must submit written notice to EPA and IDEQ that the plan has been developed and implemented by May 31, 2015. Any existing emergency response and public notification plan may be modified for compliance with this section.

#### **E. Control of Undesirable Pollutants and Industrial Users**

1. The permittee must require any industrial user discharging to its treatment works to comply with any applicable requirements of 40 CFR 403 through 471.
2. The permittee must not allow introduction of the following pollutants into the POTW:
  - a) Pollutants which create a fire or explosion hazard in the POTW, including, but not limited to, wastestreams with a closed cup flashpoint of less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit or 60 degrees Centigrade using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21.
  - b) Pollutants which will cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, but in no case indirect discharges with pH lower than 5.0, unless the works is specifically designed to accommodate such indirect discharges.

- c) Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts which will cause obstruction to the flow in the POTW resulting in Interference.
- d) Any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.) released in an indirect discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will cause Interference with the POTW.
- e) Heat in amounts which will inhibit biological activity in the POTW resulting in Interference, but in no case heat in such quantities that the temperature at the POTW Treatment Plant exceeds 40 °C (104 °F) unless the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds, upon request of the POTW, approves alternate temperature limits.
- f) Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that will cause interference or pass through.
- g) Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems.
- h) Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW.
- i) Any pollutant which causes Pass Through or Interference.

#### **F. Causes for Modification**

1. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated either at the request of any interested person (including the permittee) or upon EPA's initiative. However, permits may only be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for the reasons specified in 40 CFR 122.62, 122.63 and 122.64. All requests must be in writing and must contain facts or reasons supporting the request. If a permit modification satisfies the criteria in 40 CFR 122.63 for "minor modifications," the permit may be modified without a draft permit or public review. Otherwise, a draft modified permit must be prepared and other procedures in 40 CFR Part 124 followed.
2. New information may be a cause for modification of this permit. The permit may be modified during its term for this cause only if the information was not available at the time of permit issuance (other than revised regulations, guidance or test methods) and would have justified the application of different permit conditions at the time of issuance. New information may include, but is not limited to, the following:
  - a) Information supporting water quality trading or aggregate ("bubble") water quality-based effluent limits ("WQBELs"). Any water quality trading or aggregate WQBEL provisions included in a modified permit must ensure compliance with EPA's Water Quality Trading Policy (dated January 13, 2003), any applicable EPA trading guidance, and the IDEQ Water Quality Pollutant Trading Guidance (dated July 2010). If such provisions allow trading with pollution sources in the State of Washington, any water quality

trading provisions included in a modified permit must ensure compliance with WAC 173-201A-450. Information supporting water quality trading includes, but is not limited to, the following:

- (i) Location ratios;
  - (ii) Uncertainty ratios;
  - (iii) Equivalency ratios;
  - (iv) Available best management practices for nonpoint source reduction; and
  - (v) Information regarding the effectiveness of pollutant reduction by sources that can generate trading credits.
- b) Effluent and/or receiving water quality and/or quantity data.
  - c) New water quality modeling analyses, including, but not limited to, the following:
    - (i) Modeling demonstrating that an alternate set of effluent limits for total phosphorus (“TP”), ammonia, and CBOD<sub>5</sub> causes an equivalent or lesser impact to dissolved oxygen in the State of Washington as the current set of limits.
    - (ii) Modeling incorporating new information regarding the bioavailability of TP in the permittee’s effluent, including but not limited to the fraction of the TP in the permittee’s effluent that is present as reactive phosphorus or orthophosphate.
3. Any modification of this permit must comply with all applicable requirements of the Clean Water Act and implementing regulations, including, but not limited to:
- a) The antibacksliding provisions of the Clean Water Act and federal regulations (CWA §§ 402(o) and 303(d)(4); 40 C.F.R. § 122.44(l)). See Part II.G of this permit regarding the application of anti-backsliding to total phosphorus, ammonia and CBOD<sub>5</sub> limits.
  - b) Technology-based treatment requirements (40 C.F.R. Parts 125.3 and 133; CWA §301(b)(1)(B))
  - c) The applicable water quality requirements of all affected States (40 C.F.R. Parts 122.4(d) and 122.44(d); CWA §§ 301(b)(1)(C) and 401(a)(2)).
  - d) Any conditions included in the State of Idaho’s Section 401 certification of the modified permit which are necessary to ensure compliance with the applicable provisions of CWA §§ 208(e), 301, 302, 303, 306 and 307 and with appropriate requirements of Idaho law.

### **G. Antibacksliding**

The water quality-based effluent limits for total phosphorus (TP), total ammonia as N (NH<sub>3</sub>) and 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) in this permit are established at levels necessary to ensure compliance with the State of

Washington's water quality standards for dissolved oxygen (DO), while considering the cumulative effect of all human actions that may affect DO. In the future, the State of Washington may modify the Spokane River TMDL and/or the effluent limits in NPDES permits for point sources discharging to the Spokane River within the State of Washington. Such modifications may allow for less-stringent effluent limits for total phosphorus, ammonia and/or CBOD<sub>5</sub> in this permit, while nonetheless ensuring that the cumulative effect of all such revised effluent limitations will ensure the attainment of water quality standards for DO in the State of Washington. In that case, EPA could revise the water quality-based effluent limits for total phosphorus, ammonia and/or CBOD<sub>5</sub>. Such revised effluent limits would not violate the antibacksliding provisions of the Clean Water Act if those limits would ensure compliance with all applicable water quality standards for waters of the States of Idaho and Washington (CWA §§ 303(d)(4) and 402(o)(3)).

#### **H. Regional Toxics Task Force**

The goal of the Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force (Task Force) is to develop a comprehensive plan to make measurable progress toward bringing the Spokane River into compliance with applicable water quality standards for PCBs.

To accomplish this goal, the Permittee shall participate in the Task Force under the terms and conditions of the January 23, 2012, Memorandum of Agreement Regarding Spokane River Regional Toxics Task Force and the Operational Concepts incorporated therein. The Permittee shall not be required to be a member of any non-profit organization or other business entity affiliated with the Task Force.

#### **I. Best Management Practices for PCBs and 2,3,7,8 TCDD**

1. By May 31, 2015, the permittee must submit to EPA and IDEQ a Toxics Management Plan (TMP) as an electronic attachment to a DMR. By December 20, 2015, the permittee must submit as an electronic attachment to a DMR written notification to EPA and IDEQ that the plan has been implemented. The goal of the TMP must be to reduce loadings of PCBs and 2,3,7,8 TCDD to the Spokane River to the maximum extent practicable. The TMP must address source control and elimination of PCBs and 2,3,7,8 TCDD as follows:
  - a) From contaminated soils, sediments, storm water and groundwater entering the POTW collection system via inflow and infiltration.
  - b) From industrial and commercial sources.
    - (i) If any industrial user's indirect discharges of PCBs and/or 2,3,7,8 TCDD to the POTW treatment plant cause pass through or interference, the permittee must require the industrial user to reduce or eliminate such indirect discharges in compliance with 40 CFR 403.
  - c) The permittee must not allow any person to discharge to the POTW water containing PCBs in excess of any pretreatment local limit established by the POTW, or 3 µg/L, whichever is less.

- d) By means of eliminating existing sources that are within the direct control of the permittee including but not limited to:
  - (i) Machinery manufactured prior to May 31, 1979.
  - (ii) Electrical equipment and components containing insulating or dielectric oil manufactured prior to May 31, 1979, including but not limited to transformers, capacitors, regulators, reactors, circuit breakers, switch gear and fluorescent lighting ballasts.
  - (iii) Construction material including but not limited to paints and caulking.
  - (iv) Commercial materials including but not limited to ink, dyes and lubricants.
- e) By means of changing the permittee's procurement practices, control and minimize the future generation and release of PCBs and 2,3,7,8 TCDD that is within the direct control of the permittee, including preferential use of PCB free substitutes for those products containing PCBs below the regulated level of 50 ppm, in sources including but not limited to:
  - (i) Electrical equipment and components containing insulating or dielectric oil, including but not limited to transformers, capacitors, regulators, reactors, circuit breakers, switch gear and fluorescent lighting ballasts.
  - (ii) Construction materials including but not limited to paints and caulking,
  - (iii) Commercial materials including but not limited to ink, dyes, and lubricants.
  - (iv) Soaps and cleaners.
- f) By November 30, 2016, the permittee, either individually or in collaboration with other dischargers to the Spokane River, must develop and implement a public education program to educate the public about the following:
  - (i) The difference between products free of PCBs and those labeled non-PCB but which contain PCBs below the TSCA regulatory threshold of 50 ppm.
  - (ii) Proper disposal of waste products that may contain PCBs including those containing PCBs below the TSCA regulatory threshold of 50 ppm and the hazards associated with improper disposal.
- g) The education program must include distribution of appropriate educational materials to the target audiences at least once per year.
- h) At least once per year, the permittee must prepare and distribute appropriate information relevant to the TMP to a newspaper(s) of general circulation within the jurisdiction(s) served by the POTW that provide(s) meaningful public notice.
- i) The permittee must make all relevant TMP documents available to the public.

2. Beginning December 20, 2016, the permittee must submit an annual report to EPA and IDEQ. Each annual report must contain the following information:
  - a) Monitoring results for PCBs and 2,3,7,8 TCDD for the previous 12-month period, including laboratory data sheets.
  - b) Copies of education materials, ordinances (or other regulatory mechanisms), inventories, guidance materials, or other products produced as part of the TMP.
  - c) A description and schedule for implementation of additional actions that may be necessary, based on monitoring results, to ensure compliance with applicable water quality standards.
  - d) A summary of the actions the permittee plans to undertake to reduce discharges of PCBs and 2,3,7,8 TCDD during the next reporting cycle.
  - e) A summary of the actions taken to reduce discharges of PCBs and 2,3,7,8 TCDD during the previous 12-month period.

### **III. Monitoring, Recording and Reporting Requirements**

#### **A. Representative Sampling (Routine and Non-Routine Discharges)**

Samples and measurements must be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge.

In order to ensure that the effluent limits set forth in this permit are not violated at times other than when routine samples are taken, the permittee must collect additional samples at the appropriate outfall whenever any discharge occurs that may reasonably be expected to cause or contribute to a violation that is unlikely to be detected by a routine sample. The permittee must analyze the additional samples for those parameters limited in Part I.B of this permit that are likely to be affected by the discharge.

The permittee must collect such additional samples as soon as the spill, discharge, or bypassed effluent reaches the outfall. The samples must be analyzed in accordance with paragraph III.C (“Monitoring Procedures”). The permittee must report all additional monitoring in accordance with paragraph III.D (“Additional Monitoring by Permittee”).

#### **B. Reporting of Monitoring Results**

During the period between the effective date of the permit and November 30, 2015, the permittee must either submit monitoring data and other reports in paper form, or must report electronically using NetDMR, a web-based tool that allows permittees to electronically submit DMRs and other required reports via a secure internet connection.

After November 30, 2015, the permittee must submit monitoring data and other reports electronically using NetDMR.

Specific requirements regarding submittal of data and reports in paper form and submittal using NetDMR are described below.

1. Paper Copy Submissions

The permittee must summarize monitoring results each month on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form (EPA No. 3320-1) or equivalent. The permittee must submit reports monthly, postmarked by the 20th day of the following month. The permittee must sign and certify all DMRs, and all other reports, in accordance with the requirements of Part V.E. of this permit (“Signatory Requirements”). The permittee must submit the legible originals of these documents to the Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, with copies to IDEQ at the following addresses:

US EPA Region 10  
Attn: ICIS Data Entry Team  
1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 900  
OCE-133  
Seattle, Washington 98101-3140

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality  
Coeur d'Alene Regional Office  
2110 Ironwood Pkwy  
Coeur d'Alene, ID 83814

2. Electronic submissions

Monitoring data must be submitted electronically to EPA no later than the 20th of the month following the completed reporting period. All reports required under this permit must be submitted to EPA as a legible electronic attachment to the DMR. The permittee must sign and certify all DMRs, and all other reports, in accordance with the requirements of Part V.E. of this permit (“Signatory Requirements”). Once a permittee begins submitting reports using NetDMR, it will no longer be required to submit paper copies of DMRs or other reports to EPA and IDEQ.

The permittee may use NetDMR after requesting and receiving permission from US EPA Region 10. NetDMR is accessed from <http://www.epa.gov/netdmr>.

**C. Monitoring Procedures**

Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit or approved by EPA as an alternate test procedure under 40 CFR 136.5.

**D. Additional Monitoring by Permittee**

If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this permit, using test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136 or as specified in this permit, the permittee must include the results of this monitoring in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR.

Upon request by EPA, the permittee must submit results of any other sampling, regardless of the test method used.

#### **E. Records Contents**

Records of monitoring information must include:

1. the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
2. the name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
3. the date(s) analyses were performed;
4. the names of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
5. the analytical techniques or methods used; and
6. the results of such analyses.

#### **F. Retention of Records**

The permittee must 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, copies of DMRs, a copy of the NPDES permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least five years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of EPA or IDEQ at any time.

#### **G. Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting**

1. The permittee must report the following occurrences of noncompliance by telephone within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances:
  - a) any noncompliance that may endanger health or the environment;
  - b) any unanticipated bypass that exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit (See Part IV.F, "Bypass of Treatment Facilities");
  - c) any upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit (See Part IV.G, "Upset Conditions"); or
  - d) any violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for applicable pollutants identified by Part I.B.2.
  - e) any overflow prior to the treatment works, whether or not such overflow endangers health or the environment or exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
2. The permittee must also provide a written submission within five days of the time that the permittee becomes aware of any event required to be reported under subpart 1 above. The written submission must contain:
  - a) a description of the noncompliance and its cause;

- b) the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times;
  - c) the estimated time noncompliance is expected to continue if it has not been corrected; and
  - d) steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.
  - e) if the noncompliance involves an overflow prior to the treatment works, an estimate of the quantity (in gallons) of untreated overflow.
3. The Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours by the NPDES Compliance Hotline in Seattle, Washington, by telephone, (206) 553-1846.
  4. Reports must be submitted to the addresses in Part III.B (“Reporting of Monitoring Results”).

#### **H. Other Noncompliance Reporting**

The permittee must report all instances of noncompliance, not required to be reported within 24 hours, at the time that monitoring reports for Part III.B (“Reporting of Monitoring Results”) are submitted. The reports must contain the information listed in Part III.G.2 of this permit (“Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting”).

#### **I. Public Notification**

The permittee must immediately notify the public, health agencies and other affected entities (e.g., public water systems) of any overflow which the permittee owns or has operational control; or any unanticipated bypass or upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit in accordance with the notification procedures developed in accordance with Part II.D.

#### **J. Notice of New Introduction of Toxic Pollutants**

The permittee must notify the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds and IDEQ in writing of:

1. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to Sections 301 or 306 of the Act if it were directly discharging those pollutants; and
2. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
3. For the purposes of this section, adequate notice must include information on:
  - a) The quality and quantity of effluent to be 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.

4. The permittee must notify the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds at the following address:

US EPA Region 10  
Attn: NPDES Permits Unit Manager  
1200 Sixth Avenue  
Suite 900, M/S OWW-130  
Seattle, WA 98101

#### **K. 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 must be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.

### **IV. Compliance Responsibilities**

#### **A. Duty to Comply**

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

#### **B. Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions**

1. **Civil and Administrative Penalties.** Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 19 and the Act, any person who violates section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under sections 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(d) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (31 U.S.C. § 3701 note) (currently \$37,500 per day for each violation).
2. **Administrative Penalties.** Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Administrator for violating section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of this Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Pursuant to 40 CFR 19 and the Act, administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (31 U.S.C. § 3701 note) (currently \$16,000 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$37,500). Pursuant to 40 CFR 19 and the Act, penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (31

U.S.C. § 3701 note) (currently \$16,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$177,500).

3. Criminal Penalties:

- a) Negligent Violations. The Act provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to criminal penalties of \$2,500 to \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 1 year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 2 years, or both.
- b) Knowing Violations. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 6 years, or both.
- c) Knowing Endangerment. Any person who knowingly violates section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the Act, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions.
- d) False Statements. The Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both. The Act further provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this

permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or non-compliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation, or by both.

**C. Need To Halt or Reduce Activity not a Defense**

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

**D. Duty to Mitigate**

The permittee must take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

**E. Proper Operation and Maintenance**

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. 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 the permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

**F. Bypass of Treatment Facilities**

1. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur that 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 2 and 3 of this Part.
2. Notice.
  - a) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it must submit prior written notice, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass.
  - b) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee must submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required under Part III.G (“Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting”).
3. Prohibition of bypass.
  - a) Bypass is prohibited, and the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement may take enforcement action against the permittee for a bypass, unless:

- (i) The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
  - (ii) 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 that occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
  - (iii) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph 2 of this Part.
- b) The Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Director determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph 3.a. of this Part.

#### **G. Upset Conditions**

1. 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 permittee meets the requirements of paragraph 2 of this Part. 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.
2. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. To establish the affirmative defense of upset, the permittee must demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
  - a) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
  - b) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
  - c) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required under Part III.G, "Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting;" and
  - d) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Part IV.D, "Duty to Mitigate."
3. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

#### **H. Toxic Pollutants**

The permittee must comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the Act for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

**I. Planned Changes**

The permittee must give written notice to the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds as specified in Part III.I.4. and IDEQ as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility whenever:

1. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source as determined in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
2. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants that are not subject to effluent limitations in this permit.
3. 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 site.

**J. Anticipated Noncompliance**

The permittee must give written advance notice to the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement and IDEQ of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with this permit.

**K. Reopener**

This permit may be reopened to include any applicable standard for sewage sludge use or disposal promulgated under section 405(d) of the Act. The Director may modify or revoke and reissue the permit if the standard for sewage sludge use or disposal is more stringent than any requirements for sludge use or disposal in the permit, or controls a pollutant or practice not limited in the permit.

**V. General Provisions****A. Permit Actions**

This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause as specified in 40 CFR 122.62, 122.64, or 124.5. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

**B. Duty to Reapply**

If the permittee intends 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. In accordance with 40 CFR 122.21(d), and unless permission for the application to be submitted at a later date has been granted by the Regional Administrator, the permittee must submit a new application by June 3, 2019.

**C. Duty to Provide Information**

The permittee must furnish to EPA and IDEQ, within the time specified in the request, any information that EPA or IDEQ 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 must also furnish to EPA or IDEQ, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

**D. Other Information**

When the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or that it submitted incorrect information in a permit application or any report to EPA or IDEQ, it must promptly submit the omitted facts or corrected information in writing.

**E. Signatory Requirements**

All applications, reports or information submitted to EPA and IDEQ must be signed and certified as follows.

1. All permit applications must be signed as follows:
  - a) For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer.
  - b) For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
  - c) For a municipality, state, federal, Indian tribe, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
2. All reports required by the permit and other information requested by EPA or IDEQ must be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
  - a) The authorization is made in writing by a person described above;
  - b) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company; and
  - c) The written authorization is submitted to the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement and IDEQ.
3. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under Part V.E.2 is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of Part V.E.2. must be submitted to the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement and IDEQ prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.

4. Certification. Any person signing a document under this Part must make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

#### **F. Availability of Reports**

In accordance with 40 CFR 2, information submitted to EPA pursuant to this permit may be claimed as confidential by the permittee. In accordance with the Act, permit applications, permits and effluent data are not considered confidential. Any confidentiality claim must be asserted at the time of submission by stamping the words “confidential business information” on each page containing such information. If no claim is made at the time of submission, EPA may make the information available to the public without further notice to the permittee. If a claim is asserted, the information will be treated in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR 2, Subpart B (Public Information) and 41 Fed. Reg. 36902 through 36924 (September 1, 1976), as amended.

#### **G. Inspection and Entry**

The permittee must allow the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, EPA Region 10; IDEQ; or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the Administrator), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

1. 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;
2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
4. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purpose of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

## H. Property Rights

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, nor any infringement of federal, tribal, state or local laws or regulations.

## I. Transfers

This permit is not transferable to any person except after written notice to the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds as specified in Part III.I.4. The Director may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Act. (See 40 CFR 122.61; in some cases, modification or revocation and reissuance is mandatory).

## J. State Laws

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 established pursuant to any applicable state law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Act.

## VI. Definitions

1. "Act" means the Clean Water Act.
2. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the EPA, or an authorized representative.
3. "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.
4. "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.
5. "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 United States. 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 areas.
6. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
7. "Composite" - see "24-hour composite".

8. “Credit” means a measured or estimated unit of pollutant reduction per unit of time at the discharge location of the buyer or user of the credit. A seller generates excess load reductions by controlling its discharge beyond what is needed to meet its baseline. A buyer compensates a seller for creating the excess load reductions that are then converted into credits by using trade ratios. Where appropriate, the buyer can use the credits to meet a regulatory obligation.
9. “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.
10. “Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement” means the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, EPA Region 10, or an authorized representative.
11. “Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds” means the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds, EPA Region 10, or an authorized representative.
12. “DMR” means discharge monitoring report.
13. “EPA” means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
14. “Equivalency ratio” means a factor applied to pollutant reduction credits to adjust for trading different pollutants or different forms of the same pollutant.
15. “Geometric Mean” means the  $n^{\text{th}}$  root of a product of  $n$  factors, or the antilogarithm of the arithmetic mean of the logarithms of the individual sample values.
16. “Grab” sample is an individual sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes.
17. “IDEQ” means the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.
18. “Indirect Discharge” means the introduction of pollutants into a POTW from any non-domestic source regulated under section 307(b), (c) or (d) of the Act.
19. “Inhibition concentration”, IC, is a point estimate of the toxicant concentration that causes a given percent reduction (p) in a non-quantal biological measurement (e.g., reproduction or growth) calculated from a continuous model (e.g., Interpolation Method).
20. “Interference” is defined in 40 CFR 403.3.
21. “Location ratio” means a factor applied to pollutant reduction credits when sources are upstream of a waterbody of concern that accounts for the distance and unique watershed features between a pollutant source and the downstream waterbody (e.g., bay, estuary, lake, reservoir) or area of interest (e.g., a hypoxic zone in a waterbody).

22. “Maximum daily discharge limitation” means the highest allowable “daily discharge.”
23. “Method Detection Limit (MDL)” means the minimum concentration of a substance (analyte) that can be measured and reported with 99 percent confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero and is determined from analysis of a sample in a given matrix containing the analyte.
24. “Minimum Level (ML)” means the concentration at which the entire analytical system must give a recognizable signal and an acceptable calibration point. The ML is the concentration in a sample that is equivalent to the concentration of the lowest calibration standard analyzed by a specific analytical procedure, assuming that all the method-specified sample weights, volumes and processing steps have been followed.
25. “NPDES” means National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits . . . under sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of the CWA.
26. “Pass Through” means an Indirect Discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the United States 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).
27. “QA/QC” means quality assurance/quality control.
28. “Regional Administrator” means the Regional Administrator of Region 10 of the EPA, or the authorized representative of the Regional Administrator.
29. “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.
30. “Significant Industrial User” means all industrial users subject to Categorical Pretreatment Standards under 40 CFR 403.6 and 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N; and any other industrial user that: discharges an average of 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the POTW (excluding sanitary, noncontact cooling and boiler blowdown wastewater); contributes a process wastestream which makes up 5 percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant; or is designated as such by the Control Authority as defined in 40 CFR 403.12(a) on the basis that the industrial user has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW’s operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement (in accordance with 40 CFR 403.8(f)(6)). Upon a finding that an industrial user meeting above the criteria has no reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW’s operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement, the Control Authority (as defined in 40 CFR 403.12(a)) may at any time, on its own initiative or in response to a petition received from an industrial user or POTW, and in

accordance with 40 CFR 403.8(f)(6), determine that such industrial user is not a significant industrial user.

31. “Uncertainty ratio” means a factor applied to pollutant reduction credits generated by nonpoint sources that accounts for lack of information and risk associated with best management practice measurement, implementation and performance.
32. “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.
33. “24-hour composite” sample means a combination of at least eight (8) discrete sample aliquots of at least 100 milliliters, collected over periodic intervals from the same location, during the operating hours of a facility over a 24 hour period. The composite must be flow proportional. The sample aliquots must be collected and stored in accordance with procedures prescribed in the most recent edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.

**Attachment A****Including Days of Zero Discharge in the Calculation of Seasonal Average TP, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and Ammonia Loads**

If the permittee's daily average effluent flow is zero for at least three days during the seasons during which seasonal average effluent limits apply, the permittee may include zero pounds per day daily discharge values in the calculation of the permittee's seasonal average total phosphorus (TP), five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) and ammonia loads. The number of zero pound per day daily discharge values included in the calculation of the permittee's seasonal average total phosphorus, CBOD<sub>5</sub> and ammonia loads must not exceed the number listed in Table A-1 below. The number of zeros allowed for averaging is equal to the required sampling frequency of three times per week (0.429 samples per day), multiplied by the number of days of zero discharge, and rounded down to the nearest whole number.

Table A-1: Number of Zero lb/day Daily Discharge Values Allowed for Calculation of Seasonal Avg. Load									
Days of Zero Discharge	Zeros Allowed for Avg.	Days of Zero Discharge	Zeros Allowed for Avg.	Days of Zero Discharge	Zeros Allowed for Avg.	Days of Zero Discharge	Zeros Allowed for Avg.	Days of Zero Discharge	Zeros Allowed for Avg.
1	0	60	25	119	51	178	76	237	101
2	0	61	26	120	51	179	76	238	102
3	1	62	26	121	51	180	77	239	102
4	1	63	27	122	52	181	77	240	102
5	2	64	27	123	52	182	78	241	103
6	2	65	27	124	53	183	78	242	103
7	3	66	28	125	53	184	78	243	104
8	3	67	28	126	54	185	79	244	104
9	3	68	29	127	54	186	79	245	105
10	4	69	29	128	54	187	80	246	105
11	4	70	30	129	55	188	80	247	105
12	5	71	30	130	55	189	81	248	106
13	5	72	30	131	56	190	81	249	106
14	6	73	31	132	56	191	81	250	107
15	6	74	31	133	57	192	82	251	107
16	6	75	32	134	57	193	82	252	108
17	7	76	32	135	57	194	83	253	108
18	7	77	33	136	58	195	83	254	108
19	8	78	33	137	58	196	84	255	109
20	8	79	33	138	59	197	84	256	109
21	9	80	34	139	59	198	84	257	110
22	9	81	34	140	60	199	85	258	110
23	9	82	35	141	60	200	85	259	111
24	10	83	35	142	60	201	86	260	111
25	10	84	36	143	61	202	86	261	111
26	11	85	36	144	61	203	87	262	112
27	11	86	36	145	62	204	87	263	112
28	12	87	37	146	62	205	87	264	113
29	12	88	37	147	63	206	88	265	113
30	12	89	38	148	63	207	88	266	114
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