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Authorization to Discharge Under the
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act (CWA), 33 USC §1251 *et seq.*, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, the "Act",

Denali National Park

Front Country Wastewater Treatment Plant

is authorized to discharge from the Front Country Wastewater Treatment Plant located in Denali National Park at the following location(s):

Outfall	Receiving Water	Latitude	Longitude
001	Nenana River	63°43'46.2"N	148°52'29.3"W

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

This permit shall become effective **insert date**

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, **insert date**.

The permittee shall reapply for a permit reissuance on or before **insert date**, 180 days before the expiration of this permit if the permittee intends to continue operations and discharges at the facility beyond the term of this permit.

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SCHEDULE OF SUBMISSIONS

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

Item	Due Date
Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR)	DMRs are due monthly and must be submitted via NetDMR on or before the 20 th of the month following the monitoring period. (see Permit Part III.B)
Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)	The permittee must provide the EPA with written notification that the Plan has been developed and implemented within 180 days after the effective date of the final permit (see Permit Part II.B.). The Plan must be kept on site and made available to the EPA upon request.
Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan	The permittee must provide the EPA with written notification that the Plan has been developed and implemented within 180 days after the effective date of the final permit (see Permit Part II.A.). The Plan must be kept on site and made available to the EPA upon request.
NPDES Application Renewal	The application must be submitted at least 180 days before the expiration date of the permit (see Permit Part V.B.).
Surface Water Monitoring Report (SWMRP)	The SWMRP must be submitted to the EPA annually with the December DMR by January 20 th of the following year and with the permit renewal application (see Permit Part I.C.). Monitoring must begin on the second May after the effective date of the permit.
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 Permit Parts III.G. and I.B.3.).
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 the EPA that the plan has been developed and implemented within 180 days of the effective date of this permit (See Permit Part II.C.).

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I. LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. Discharge Authorization

From May through September during the effective period of this permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge pollutants from the outfalls specified herein to the Nenana 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

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

Table 1 - Effluent Limits and Monitoring Requirements							
Parameter	Units	Effluent Limitations			Monitoring Requirements		
		Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Max Daily Limit	Sample Location	Sample Frequency	Sample Type
Flow, mgd	Flow	0.11	--	--	Effluent	Continuous	Recorder
Five-Day Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD ₅)	mg/L	25	40	--	Influent and Effluent	1/week	Grab
	lbs/day	22.9	36.7	--			Calculation ¹
CBOD ₅ Percent Removal	%	85 (min)	--	--	--	1/month	Calculation ²
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	30	45	--	Influent and Effluent	1/week	Grab
	lbs/day	27.5	41.3				Calculation ¹
TSS Percent Removal	%	85 (min)	--	--	--	1/month	Calculation ²
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	#/100 mL	20 ³	--	40 ^{3,4,5}	Effluent	1/week	Grab

pH	s.u.	Between 6.5 – 8.5 ⁴			Effluent	3/week	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen (DO)	mg/L	Between 7 - 17			Effluent	1/month	Grab
Total Ammonia (as N)	mg/L	2.1	--	5.4 ⁵	Effluent	1/week	Grab
	lbs/day	1.9	--	5.0			Calculation ¹
Total Nitrate and Nitrite	mg/L	Report	--	Report	Effluent	2/month	Grab
	lbs/day	--	--	--			
<i>E. Coli</i> Bacteria	CFU/100 mL	Report	--	Report	Effluent	1/week	Grab
Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) ⁷	ng/L	Report	--	Report	Influent and effluent	Quarterly ^{7,8}	Grab
	mg/kg dry weight	--	--	Report	Sludge	Quarterly ^{7,8}	Grab
Aluminum, total recoverable	µg/L	Report		Report	Effluent	Monthly ⁹	Grab

Effluent Testing for Permit Renewal

Permit Application							
Effluent Testing Data ¹⁰	--	--	--	--	Effluent	1/year	--

1. Loadings are calculated by multiplying the concentration in mg/L by the flow in mgd and a conversion factor of 8.34.
2. Percent removal is calculated using the following equation:
(average monthly influent – average monthly effluent)/average monthly influent.
3. The permittee must report the geometric mean fecal coliform and *E. coli* concentrations. If any value used to calculate the geometric mean is less than 1, the permittee must round that value up to 1 for purposes of calculating the geometric mean. See Permit Part VI. for a definition of geometric mean.
4. If less than 10 samples are collected, the effluent limit cannot be exceeded. If ten or more samples are collected during the monthly reporting period, not more than 10% of the samples may exceed the effluent limit.
5. Reporting is required within 24 hours of a maximum daily limit or instantaneous maximum limit violation. See Permit Parts I.B.3. and III.G.
6. See Permit Part I.B.9.
7. Quarters are defined as: January 1 to March 31; April 1 to June 30; July 1 to September 30; and October 1 to December 31. Monitoring must occur during quarters when discharge occurs.
8. Monitoring for PFAS chemicals is required two quarters per year beginning the third May after the effective date of the permit. Since discharge is only authorized between May through September,

two quarters of monitoring is required per year. Monitoring can be discontinued after eight (8) quarterly samples have been collected.

9. Monitoring is required monthly when aluminum is used in the treatment process.

10. Effluent Testing Data - See NPDES Permit Application Form 2A, Table B for the list of pollutants to be included in this testing. The permittee must use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods in accordance with Permit Part I.B.5.

2. Narrative limitations for floating, suspended or submerged matter:
 - a. There shall be no discharge of floating solids, visible foam, or visible oily wastes.
 - b. The permittee must observe the surface of the receiving water close to where the effluent enters the river monthly during the receiving water monitoring required in Permit Part I.C. Observations must include the date, time, observer, and whether there is presence of floating solids, visible foam, or visible oily wastes that produce a sheet on the surface of the receiving water. Observations must be included with the results of the receiving water monitoring in Permit Part I.C.
3. The permittee must report within 24 hours any violation of the maximum daily limits for the following pollutants: fecal coliform, *E. coli*, and ammonia. Violations of all other effluent limits are to be reported at the time that discharge monitoring reports are submitted (See Permit Parts III.B. and III.G.).
4. The permittee must collect effluent samples from the effluent stream after the last treatment unit prior to discharge into the receiving waters.
5. For all effluent monitoring, the permittee must use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods which meet the following:
 - a. Parameters with an effluent limit. The method must achieve a minimum level (ML) less than the effluent limitation unless otherwise specified in Table 1.
 - b. Parameters that do not have effluent limitations.
 - i. The permittee must use a method that detects and quantifies the level of the pollutant, or
 - ii. The permittee must use a method that can achieve a maximum ML less than or equal to those specified in Appendix A
 - c. For parameters that do not have an effluent limit, the permittee may request different MLs. The request must be in writing and must be approved by EPA.
 - d. See also Permit Part III.C *Monitoring Procedures*.
6. 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}" and if a value is less than the ML, the permittee must report "less than {numeric value of the ML}."
7. For purposes of calculating monthly averages, 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. The resulting average value must be compared to the compliance level in assessing compliance.

8. Additional pollutants required for application: In addition to the pollutants listed in Tables A and B of NPDES Application Form 2A, the permittee must include the pollutants listed below in Table 2 in permit application testing. Results must be reported in Table D of NPDES Application Form 2A.
9. PFAS Monitoring
 - a. Monitoring for PFAS chemicals is required twice per year for four years (8 quarters), beginning the third May after the effective date of the permit.
 - b. Prior to approval of analytical methods for PFAS chemicals under 40 CFR Part 136, the permittee must use the Final EPA Method 1633A. After analytical methods for PFAS chemicals are approved under 40 CFR Part 136, the permittee may use any sufficiently sensitive approved analytical method. The PFAS chemicals that must be analyzed are listed below in Table 2.
 - c. The permittee must submit the results of the sampling as an electronic attachment to NetDMR. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_Industrial Sampling_Survey_52799, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification.

Table 2: PFAS Chemicals to be Analyzed		
Target Analyte Name	Abbreviation	CAS Number
Perfluoroalkyl carboxylic acids		
Perfluorobutanoic acid	PFBA	375-22-4
Perfluoropentanoic acid	PFPeA	2706-90-3
Perfluorohexanoic acid	PFHxA	307-24-4
Perfluoroheptanoic acid	PFHpA	375-85-9
Perfluorooctanoic acid	PFOA	335-67-1
Perfluorononanoic acid	PFNA	375-95-1
Perfluorodecanoic acid	PFDA	335-76-2
Perfluoroundecanoic acid	PFUnA	2058-94-8
Perfluorododecanoic acid	PFDoA	307-55-1

Perfluorotridecanoic acid	PFTrDA	72629-94-8
Perfluorotetradecanoic acid	PFTeDA	376-06-7
Perfluoroalkyl sulfonic acids (acid form)		
Perfluorobutanesulfonic acid	PFBS	375-73-5
Perfluoropentanesulfonic acid	PFPeS	2706-91-4
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid	PFHxS	355-46-4
Perfluoroheptanesulfonic acid	PFHpS	375-92-8
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid	PFOS	1763-23-1
Perfluorononanesulfonic acid	PFNS	68259-12-1
Perfluorodecanesulfonic acid	PFDS	335-77-3
Perfluorododecanesulfonic acid	PFDoS	79780-39-5
Fluorotelomer sulfonic acids		
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-Perfluorohexane sulfonic acid	4:2FTS	757124-72-4
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-Perfluorooctane sulfonic acid	6:2FTS	27619-97-2
1H,1H, 2H, 2H-Perfluorodecane sulfonic acid	8:2FTS	39108-34-4
Perfluorooctane sulfonamides		
Perfluorooctanesulfonamide	PFOSA	754-91-6
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamide	NMeFOSA	31506-32-8
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamide	NEtFOSA	4151-50-2
Perfluorooctane sulfonamidoacetic acids		
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	NMeFOSAA	2355-31-9
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoacetic acid	NEtFOSAA	2991-50-6
Perfluorooctane sulfonamide ethanols		
N-methyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoethanol	NMeFOSE	24448-09-7
N-ethyl perfluorooctanesulfonamidoethanol	NEtFOSE	1691-99-2
Per- and Polyfluoroether carboxylic acids		
Hexafluoropropylene oxide dimer acid	HFPO-DA	13252-13-6
4,8-Dioxa-3H-perfluorononanoic acid	ADONA	919005-14-4
Perfluoro-3-methoxypropanoic acid	PFMPA	377-73-1
Perfluoro-4-methoxybutanoic acid	PFMBA	863090-89-5

Nonafluoro-3,6-dioxaheptanoic acid	NFDHA	151772-58-6
Ether sulfonic acids		
9-Chlorohexadecafluoro-3-oxanonane-1-sulfonic acid	9Cl-PF3ONS	756426-58-1
11-Chloroeicosafluoro-3-oxaundecane-1-sulfonic acid	11Cl-PF3OUdS	763051-92-9
Perfluoro(2-ethoxyethane)sulfonic acid	PFEESA	113507-82-7
Fluorotelomer carboxylic acids		
3-Perfluoropropyl propanoic acid	3:3FTCA	356-02-5
2H,2H,3H,3H-Perfluorooctanoic acid	5:3FTCA	914637-49-3
3-Perfluoroheptyl propanoic acid	7:3FTCA	812-70-4

C. Surface Water Monitoring Report (SWMRP)

The permittee must conduct surface water monitoring within the Nenana River for the parameters identified below in Table 3. Surface water monitoring must start the second May after the effective date of the permit and continue for three years. The program must meet the following requirements:

1. Surface water samples must be taken from the Nenana River above the influence of the facility's discharge at approximately: 63.729053° N, 148.874554° W.
2. If the permittee would prefer to monitor upstream of the discharge at a location other than the suggested coordinates, they may request permission from EPA.
3. To the extent practicable, surface water sample collection must occur on the same day as effluent sample collection.
4. The flow rate must be measured as near as practicable to the time that other ambient parameters are sampled.
5. Samples must be analyzed for the parameters listed in Table 3 below.
6. For all surface water monitoring, the permittee must use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods which meet the following:
 - a. The method must detect and quantify the level of the pollutant, or
 - b. The permittee must use a method that can achieve MLs less than or equal to those specified in Appendix A. The permittee may request different MLs. The request must be in writing and must be approved by EPA.

Table 3: Surface Water Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Units	Frequency	Sample Type
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Monthly for three years ¹	Grab

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Parameter	Units	Frequency	Sample Type
Temperature	°C	Monthly for three years ¹	Grab
pH	standard units	Monthly for three years ¹	Grab
Total Hardness as CaCO ₃	mg/L	Monthly for three years ¹	Grab
Ammonia (Total, as N)	mg/L	Monthly for three years ¹	Grab
1. Monitoring is required monthly from May through September.			

7. Quality assurance/quality control (QA/QC) plans for all the monitoring must be documented in the Quality Assurance Plan required under Permit Part II.B.
8. Samples for all parameters must be collected on the same day.
9. Submission of SW Monitoring
 - a. The permittee must submit all surface water monitoring results for the previous calendar year for all parameters in an annual report to the EPA by January 20th of the following year and with the reapplication (see Permit Part V.B., *Duty to Reapply*). The file must be submitted as an attachment to the December DMR, in the format of one analytical result per row and include the following information: name and contact information of laboratory, sample identification number, sample location in latitude and longitude (decimal degrees format), method of location determination (i.e., GPS, survey etc.), date and time of sample collection, water quality parameter (or characteristic being measured), analysis result, result units, detection limit and definition (i.e., MDL etc.), analytical method, date completed, and any applicable notes. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows:
YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_SWMRP, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date the permittee submits the report.

II. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. Operation and Maintenance Plan

In addition to the requirements specified in Permit Part IV.E., *Proper Operation and Maintenance*, the permittee must develop and implement an Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Plan for the wastewater treatment facility. Any existing O&M Plan may be modified for compliance with this Part. Any changes occurring in the operation of the plant must be reflected within the O&M Plan.

Within 180 days of the effective date of this permit, the permittee must submit written notice to the EPA that the O&M Plan has been developed and implemented.

The permittee may submit the written notification as an electronic attachment to the DMR. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows:

YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_O&M_50108, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification. The plan must be retained on site and made available to the EPA upon request.

B. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)

The permittee must develop a quality assurance plan (QAP) for all monitoring required by this permit. Any existing QAPs may be modified for compliance with this Part.

Within 180 days of the effective date of this permit, the permittee must submit written notice to the EPA that the QAP has been developed and implemented. The permittee may submit written notification as an electronic attachment to the DMR. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_QAP_55099, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification. The plan must be retained on site and made available to the EPA upon request.

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 *EPA 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, sample collection procedures, type of sample containers, preservation of samples, holding times, analytical methods, procedures for on-site measurements and/or laboratory analysis (including calibration), analytical detection, quantitation limits for each target compound, type and number of quality assurance field samples, precision and accuracy requirements, sample preparation requirements, sample shipping methods, chain of custody procedures, and laboratory data delivery requirements. Sample containers, preservation techniques and maximum holding times must adhere to the requirements in 40 CFR 136 and in accordance with the approved test methods.
 - b. Map(s) indicating the location of each sampling point.
 - c. Qualification and training of personnel and maintenance of the training records.
 - 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 retained on site and made available to the EPA upon request.

C. 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 the EPA that the plan has been developed and implemented within 180 days of the effective date of this permit. Any existing emergency response and public notification plan may be modified for compliance with this Part.
3. The permittee must submit the written notification as an electronic attachment to the DMR. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_ERPNP, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification.

III. MONITORING, RECORDING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

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

Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring must be representative of the monitored activity.

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 Permit Part I.B. 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 Permit Part III.C., *Monitoring Procedures*. The permittee must report all additional monitoring in accordance with Permit Part III.D., *Additional Monitoring by Permittee*.

B. Reporting of Monitoring Results

1. The permittee must submit monitoring data and other reports electronically using NetDMR (<https://npdes-ereporting.epa.gov/net-netdmr>).
2. Monitoring data must be submitted electronically to the EPA no later than the 20th of the month following the completed reporting period.
3. The permittee must sign and certify all DMRs, and all other reports, in accordance with the requirements of Permit Part V.F., *Signatory Requirements*.
4. Submittal of Reports as NetDMR Attachments. Unless otherwise specified in this permit, the permittee must submit all reports to the EPA as NetDMR attachments rather than as hard copies. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_Report Type Name_Identifying Code, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the attachment.
5. The permittee may use NetDMR after requesting and receiving permission from US EPA Region 10. NetDMR is accessed from:
<https://netdmr.epa.gov/netdmr/public/home.htm>

C. Monitoring Procedures

Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless another method is required under 40 CFR subchapters N or O, or other test procedures have been specified in this permit or approved by the 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 Part 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 and measurements;
2. the name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
3. the date(s) and time 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 the EPA at any time.

G. Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting

1. The permittee must report the following occurrences of noncompliance to the NPDES Compliance Hotline in Seattle, Washington, (206) 553-1846, 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 Permit Part IV.F., *Bypass of Treatment Facilities*);
 - c. any upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit (See Permit Part IV.G., *Upset Conditions*);
 - d. any violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for applicable pollutants identified by Permit Part I.B.3.; or
 - e. any overflow prior to the treatment works over which the permittee has ownership or has operational control. An overflow is any spill, release or diversion of municipal sewage including:
 - i. an overflow that results in a discharge to waters of the United States; and
 - ii. an overflow of wastewater, including a wastewater backup into a building (other than a backup caused solely by a blockage or other malfunction in a privately-owned sewer or building lateral) that does not reach waters of the United States.
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 Paragraph 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, the written submission must contain:

- i. The location of the overflow;
 - ii. The receiving water (if there is one);
 - iii. An estimate of the volume of the overflow;
 - iv. A description of the sewer system component from which the release occurred (e.g., manhole, constructed overflow pipe, crack in pipe);
 - v. The estimated date and time when the overflow began and stopped or will be stopped;
 - vi. The cause or suspected cause of the overflow;
 - vii. Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the overflow and a schedule of major milestones for those steps;
 - viii. An estimate of the number of persons who came into contact with wastewater from the overflow; and
 - ix. Steps taken or planned to mitigate the impact(s) of the overflow and a schedule of major milestones for those steps.
3. The Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division 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. The permittee must sign and certify the report in accordance with the requirements of Permit Part V.F., *Signatory Requirements*. Reports must be submitted via email to R10enforcement@epa.gov with the subject line "CWA NPDES_AK0053775_Noncompliance Report." The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_Noncompliance Report, where YYYY_MM_DD is that date that the permittee submits the report.
5. All reports related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events submitted in compliance with this section must be submitted electronically using NeT-SewerOverflow by the permittee to the Director or initial recipient, as defined in 40 CFR 127.2(b), in compliance with this section and 40 CFR Part 3 (including, in all cases, subpart D to part 3), § 122.22, and 40 CFR part 127.

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 Permit Part III.B., *Reporting of Monitoring Results* are submitted. The reports must contain the information listed in Permit Part III.G.2. For noncompliance events related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events, these reports shall also contain the applicable required data in appendix A to 40 CFR Part 127. As of December 21, 2025 or an EPA-approved alternative date (see 40 CFR 127.24(e) or (f)), all reports related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events submitted in compliance with this section must be submitted electronically by the permittee to the Director or initial recipient, as defined in 40 CFR 127.2(b), in compliance with this

section and 40 CFR Part 3 (including, in all cases, subpart D to part 3), § 122.22, and 40 CFR Part 127. 40 CFR Part 127 is not intended to undo existing requirements for electronic reporting. The Director may also require permittees to electronically submit reports not related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events under this section.

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 Permit Part II.C., *Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan*.

J. Notice of New Introduction of Toxic Pollutants

1. The permittee must provide adequate notice to the Director of the Water Division of the following:
 - a. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to CWA §§ 301 or 306 if it were directly discharging those pollutants; and
 - b. 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.
 - c. For the purposes of this Part, adequate notice must include information on:
 - i. The quality and quantity of effluent to be introduced into the POTW, and
 - ii. Any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.
2. The permittee must notify the Director of the Water Division with an attachment in NetDMR and via email (to EPAR10WD-NPDES@epa.gov with the subject line “CWA NPDES_AK0053775_New Pollutants”). The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_AK0053775_New Pollutants, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the notice.

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 CWA 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 CWA, any person who violates CWA §§ 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under

CWA § 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under CWA §§ 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8), is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by CWA § 309(d) and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note; Pub. L. 101-410) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 USC § 3701 note) and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note, Pub. L. 114-74) (currently \$68,445 per day for each violation).

2. **Administrative Penalties.** Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Administrator for violating CWA §§ 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under CWA § 402. Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 19 and the Act, administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by CWA § 309(g)(2)(A) and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note; Pub. L. 101-410) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 USC § 3701 note) and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note, Pub. L. 114-74) (currently \$27,378 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$68,445). Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 19 and the Act, penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by CWA § 309(g)(2)(B) and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note; Pub. L. 101-410) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996 (31 USC § 3701 note) and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note, Pub. L. 114-74) (currently \$27,378 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$342,218).
3. **Criminal Penalties:**
 - a. **Negligent Violations.** The Act provides that any person who negligently violates CWA §§ 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under CWA § 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under CWA §§ 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8), 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 CWA §§301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under CWA § 402, 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 CWA § 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) 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 CWA 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 include 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 Parts IV.F.2 and IV.F.3 below.
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. As of December 21, 2025 or an EPA-approved alternative date (see 40 CFR 127.24(e) or (f)), all notices submitted in compliance with this section must be submitted electronically by the permittee to the Director or initial recipient, as defined in 40 CFR 127.2(b), in compliance with this section and 40 CFR part 3 (including, in all cases, subpart D to part 3), § 122.22, and 40 CFR Part 127.
 - b. Unanticipated bypass. The permittee must submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required under Permit Part III.G., *Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting*. As of December 21, 2025 or an EPA-approved alternative date (see 40 CFR 127.24(e) or (f)), all notices submitted in compliance with this section must be submitted electronically by the permittee to the Director or initial recipient, as defined in 40 CFR 127.2(b), in compliance with this section and 40 CFR Part 3 (including, in all cases, subpart D to part 3), § 122.22, and 40 CFR Part 127.
3. Prohibition of bypass.
 - a. Bypass is prohibited, and the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division 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 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Director determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in Part IV.F.3.a.

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 Part IV.G.2 below. 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 Permit Part III.G., *Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting* and
 - d. The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Permit 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 CWA § 307(a) and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under CWA § 405(d) 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 Water Division at the address specified in Permit Part III.J.2. 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 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division 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 CWA § 405(d). 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, 122.63, 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 at least 180 days before the expiration date of this permit.

C. Duty to Provide Information

The permittee must furnish to the EPA, within the time specified in the request, any information that the EPA 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 the EPA, 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 the EPA, it must promptly submit the omitted facts or corrected information in writing.

E. Identification of the Initial Recipient for NPDES Electronic Reporting Data

The owner, operator, or the duly authorized representative of an NPDES-regulated entity is required to electronically submit the required NPDES information (as specified in appendix A to 40 CFR Part 127) to the appropriate initial recipient, as determined by the EPA, and as defined in 40 CFR 127.2(b). The EPA will identify and publish the list of

initial recipients on its Web site and in the Federal Register, by state and by NPDES data group [see 40 CFR 127.2(c)]. EPA will update and maintain this listing.

F. Signatory Requirements

All applications, reports or information submitted to the EPA 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 the EPA 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 Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division.
3. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under Part V.F.2 above 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.F.2 must be submitted to the Director of Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division 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.”

5. Electronic reporting. If applications or reports required under this permit are submitted electronically by or on behalf of the NPDES-regulated facility, any person providing the electronic signature for such documents shall meet all relevant requirements of this section, and shall ensure that all of the relevant requirements of 40 CFR Part 3 (including, in all cases, subpart D to part 3) (Cross-Media Electronic Reporting) and 40 CFR Part 127 (NPDES Electronic Reporting Requirements) are met for that submission.

G. Availability of Reports

In accordance with 40 CFR Part 2, information submitted to the 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, the 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.

H. Inspection and Entry

The permittee must allow the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, EPA Region 10 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.

I. 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.

J. Transfers

This permit is not transferable to any person except after written notice to the Director of the Water Division at the address specified in Permit Part III.J.2. 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).

K. 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 CWA § 510.

VI. DEFINITIONS

1. "Act" means the Clean Water Act.
2. "Acute Toxic Unit" ("TUa") is a measure of acute toxicity. TUa is the reciprocal of the effluent concentration that causes 50 percent of the organisms to die by the end on the acute exposure period (i.e., $100/\text{LC50}$).
3. "ADEC" means Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation.
4. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the EPA, or an authorized representative.
5. Approval Authority means the Regional Administrator of EPA Region 10, or an authorized representative.
6. "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.
7. "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.
8. "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.
9. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
10. "Composite" - see "24-hour composite".
11. "CWA" means the Clean Water Act (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972) Public Law 92–500, as amended by Public Law 95–217, Public Law 95–576, Public Law 96–483 and Public Law 97– 117, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
12. "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.
13. "Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division" means the Director of the Enforcement and Compliance Assurance Division, EPA Region 10, or an authorized representative.

14. "Director of the Water Division" means the Director of the Water Division, EPA Region 10, or an authorized representative.
15. "DMR" means discharge monitoring report.
16. "EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
17. "Geometric Mean" means the n^{th} root of a product of n factors, or the antilogarithm of the arithmetic mean of the logarithms of the individual sample values.
18. "Grab" sample is an individual sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes.
19. "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.
20. "Industrial User" means a source of "Indirect Discharge."
21. "Interference" means a Discharge which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, both: 1) Inhibits or disrupts the POTW, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; and 2) Therefore is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation) or of the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in compliance with the following statutory provisions and regulations or permits issued thereunder (or more stringent State or local regulations): Section 405 of the Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to subtitle D of the SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.
22. "Maximum daily discharge limitation" means the highest allowable "daily discharge."
23. "Method Detection Limit (MDL)" means the minimum measured concentration of a substance that can be reported with 99% confidence that the measured concentration is distinguishable from method blank results.
24. "Minimum Level (ML)" means either the sample concentration equivalent to the lowest calibration point in a method or a multiple of the method detection limit (MDL). Minimum levels may be obtained in several ways: They may be published in a method; they may be sample concentrations equivalent to the lowest acceptable calibration point used by a laboratory; or they may be calculated by multiplying the MDL in a method, or the MDL determined by a lab, by a factor.
25. "National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)" means, the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under CWA §§ 307, 402, 318, and 405.

26. "NOEC" means no observed effect concentration. The NOEC is the highest concentration of toxicant (e.g., 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).
27. "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).
28. "QA/QC" means quality assurance/quality control.
29. "Regional Administrator" means the Regional Administrator of Region 10 of the EPA, or the authorized representative of the Regional Administrator.
30. "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.
31. "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.
32. "24-hour composite" sample means a combination of at least 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 40 CFR 136.

Appendix A. Minimum Levels

The Table below lists the maximum Minimum Level (ML) for pollutants not subject to concentration effluent limits in the permit. The permittee may request different MLs. The request must be in writing and must be approved by EPA. If the permittee is unable to obtain the required ML in its effluent due to matrix effects, the permittee must submit a matrix-specific detection limit (MDL) and a ML to the EPA with appropriate laboratory documentation.

Pollutant & CAS No. (if available)	ML, µg/L unless specified
Biochemical oxygen demand	2 mg/L
Chlorine, total residual (7782-50-5)	50.0
Dissolved oxygen	+/- 0.2 mg/L
Mercury, total (7439-97-6)	0.0005
Nitrate + nitrite nitrogen (as N)	100
Nitrogen, total Kjeldahl (as N) (7727-37-9)	300
Oil and grease (HEM) (hexane extractable material)	5,000
pH	N/A
Phosphorus, total (as P)	10
Soluble reactive phosphorus (as P)	10
Temperature	+/- 0.2°C
Total ammonia (as N) (7664-41-7)	50
Total dissolved solids	20 mg/L
Total suspended solids	5 mg/L

The Tables below list the maximum Minimum Level (ML) for pollutants that may have monitoring requirements in the permit. The permittee may request different MLs. The request must be in writing and must be approved by EPA. If the permittee is unable to obtain the required ML in its effluent due to matrix effects, the permittee must submit a matrix-specific detection limit (MDL) and a ML to the EPA with appropriate laboratory documentation.

CONVENTIONAL PARAMETERS

Pollutant & CAS No. (if available)	ML, µg/L unless specified
Biochemical Oxygen Demand	2 mg/L
Soluble Biochemical Oxygen Demand	2 mg/L
Chemical Oxygen Demand	10 mg/L
Dissolved Organic Carbon	1 mg/L
Total Organic Carbon	1 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids	5 mg/L
Total Ammonia (as N)	50
Dissolved oxygen	+/- 0.2 mg/L
Temperature	+/- 0.2°C
pH	N/A

NONCONVENTIONAL PARAMETERS

Pollutant & CAS No. (if available)	ML, µg/L unless specified
Total Alkalinity	5 mg/L as CaCO ₃
Chlorine, Total Residual	50.0
Color	10 color units
Fluoride (16984-48-8)	100
Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen (as N)	100
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl (as N)	300
Soluble Reactive Phosphorus (as P)	10
Phosphorus, Total (as P)	10
Oil and Grease (HEM) (Hexane Extractable Material)	5,000
Salinity	3 practical salinity units or scale (PSU or PSS)
Settleable Solids	500 (or 0.1 mL/L)
Sulfate (as mg/L SO ₄)	0.2 mg/L
Sulfide (as mg/L S)	0.2 mg/L
Sulfite (as mg/L SO ₃)	2 mg/L

Pollutant & CAS No. (if available)	ML, µg/L unless specified
Total dissolved solids	20 mg/L
Total Hardness	200 as CaCO ₃
Aluminum, Total (7429-90-5)	10
Barium Total (7440-39-3)	2.0
BTEX (benzene +toluene + ethylbenzene + m,o,p xylenes)	2
Boron Total (7440-42-8)	10.0
Cobalt, Total (7440-48-4)	0.25
Iron, Total (7439-89-6)	50
Magnesium, Total (7439-95-4)	50
Molybdenum, Total (7439-98-7)	0.5
Manganese, Total (7439-96-5)	0.5
Tin, Total (7440-31-5)	1.5
Titanium, Total (7440-32-6)	2.5