



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

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

TOWN OF HAMPDEN)	MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
HAMPDEN, PENOBSBOT COUNTY, ME.)	ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW)	AND
ME0102512)	WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE
W007967-5T-F-R)	RENEWAL
APPROVAL)	

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

APPLICATION SUMMARY

On August 9, 2024, the Department accepted as complete an application to renew combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit # ME0102512 / Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W007967-5T-E-R, (permit hereinafter) which was issued by the Department on December 20, 2018 for a five-year term, and authorized the discharge of an unspecified quantity of untreated storm water and sanitary wastewater during wet weather events from one combined sewer overflow (CSO) to Souadabscook Stream, Class SB, in Hampden, Maine.

PERMIT SUMMARY

This permit carries forward all the terms and conditions of the previous permit.

CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings in the attached and incorporated PROPOSED DRAFT Fact Sheet dated February 26, 2026, and after implementation of the CSO Mitigation Plan, subject to the Conditions listed below, the Department makes the following CONCLUSIONS:

1. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.
2. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification which the Department expects to adopt in accordance with state law.
3. The provisions of the State's antidegradation policy, *Classification of Maine waters*, 38 M.R.S. § 464(4)(F), will be met, in that:
 - (a) Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect and maintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected.
 - (b) Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding national resource, that water quality will be maintained and protected.
 - (c) Where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification.
 - (d) Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification, that higher water quality will be maintained and protected; and
 - (e) Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing quality of any water body, the Department has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.
4. Pursuant to *Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement*, 06-096 C.M.R. Chapter 570 § 4, the discharge will be subject to the application of best practicable treatment.

ACTION

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the above noted application of the TOWN OF HAMPDEN to discharge an unspecified quantity of untreated storm water and sanitary wastewater during wet weather events from one CSO to Souadabscook Stream, Class B, in Hampden, Maine, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, and all applicable standards and regulations including:

1. “*Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable To All Permits,*” revised July 1, 2002, copy attached.
2. The attached Special Conditions, including any effluent limitations and monitoring requirements.
3. This permit and the authorization to discharge become effective upon the date of signature below and expires at midnight five (5) years from the effective date. If a renewal application is timely submitted and accepted as complete for processing prior to the expiration of this permit, the authorization to discharge and the terms and conditions of this permit and all modifications and minor revisions thereto remain in effect until a final Department decision on the renewal application becomes effective. [*Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. § 10002 and Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters, 06-096 CMR Ch. 2(20)(A) (effective September 15, 2024)*]

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2026.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: _____
For MELANIE LOYZIM, Commissioner

Date of initial receipt of application __ July 22, 2024
Date of application acceptance _____ August 9, 2024.

This Order prepared by Rod Robert, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. CONDITIONS FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW

1. Definitions

For the purposes of this permit, the following terms are defined as follows:

- a. Combined Sewer Overflow - a discharge of excess wastewater from a municipal or quasi-municipal sewerage system that conveys both sanitary wastes and storm water in a single pipe system and that is in direct response to a storm event or snowmelt.
- b. Dry Weather Flows - flow in a sewerage system that occurs due to non-storm events or are caused solely by ground water infiltration.
- c. Wet Weather Flows - flow in a sewerage system that occurs as a direct result of a storm event, or snowmelt in combination with dry weather flows.

2. Pursuant to Department Rule, *Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement* 06-096 CMR Ch.570 (effective date February 5, 2000), the permittee is authorized to discharge from the following CSOs (stormwater and sanitary wastewater) subject to the conditions and requirements herein.

Outfall No.	Description	Location	Receiving Water / Class
CSO 001	Untreated sanitary/stormwater	Souadabscook Stream Pump Station	Souadabscook Stream / Class SB

3. Prohibited Discharges

- a) The discharge of dry weather flows is prohibited. All such discharges must be reported to the Department in accordance with Standard Condition D (1) of this permit.
- b) No discharge must occur because of mechanical failure, improper design or inadequate operation or maintenance.
- c) No discharges must occur at flow rates below the maximum design capacities of the wastewater treatment facility, pumping stations or sewerage system.

4. Narrative Effluent Limitations

- a) The permittee must not discharge effluent that contains a visible oil sheen, settled substances, foam, or floating solids at any time that impair the characteristics and designated uses ascribed to the classification of the receiving waters.
- b) The permittee must not discharge effluent that contains materials in concentrations or combinations that are hazardous or toxic to aquatic life; or which would impair the usage designated by the classification of the receiving waters.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. CONDITIONS FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (cont'd)

- c) The permittee must not discharge effluent that imparts color, turbidity, toxicity, radioactivity or other properties that cause the receiving waters to be unsuitable for the designated uses and other characteristics ascribed to their class.
- d) Notwithstanding specific conditions of this permit, the effluent by itself or in combination with other discharges must not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification or lower the existing quality of any body of water if the existing quality is higher than the classification.

5. CSO Long Term Control Plan (see Sections 2 & 3 of Chapter 570 Department Rules)

The permittee must implement CSO control projects in accordance with the approved CSO Master Plan and abatement schedule.

- a. **On or before December 31, 2028**, the permittee shall complete construction of Alternative 2 Western Avenue I/I Reduction project as outlined in the Town of Hampden's 2025 CSO Facilities Plan.
- b. **On or before December 31, 2030** [ICIS Code 81699] the permittee must submit for review and approval a letter report summarizing the impact of completing Alternative 2 on CSO activity at CSO #001

To modify the dates and or projects specified above (but not dates in the Master Plan), the permittee must file an application with the Department to formally modify this permit. The work items identified in the abatement schedule may be amended from time to time based upon approval by the Department. The permittee must notify the Department in writing prior to any proposed changes to the implementation schedule.

6. Nine Minimum Controls (NMC) [see Department Rule, 06-096 CMR Ch.570(5)]

The permittee must implement and follow the Nine Minimum Control requirements established by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). Work performed on the Nine Minimum Controls during the year must be included in the annual CSO Progress Report.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. CONDITIONS FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CONT'D)

7. CSO Compliance Monitoring Program [see Department Rule, 06-096 CMR Ch.570(6)]

The permittee must conduct block testing or flow monitoring according to an approved *Compliance Monitoring Program* on all outfalls, as part of the CSO Master Plan. Annual flow volumes for all CSO locations must be determined by actual flow monitoring, or by estimation using a model such as EPA's Storm Water Management Model (SWMM).

Results must be submitted annually as part of the annual *CSO Progress Report* (see below), and must include annual precipitation, CSO volumes (actual or estimated) and any block test data required. Any abnormalities during CSO monitoring must also be reported. The results must be reported on the Department form "*CSO Activity and Volumes*" (**Attachment A** of this permit) or similar format and submitted electronically to the Department's CSO Coordinator at the address in Section 11, *Monitoring and Reporting*, below.

CSO control projects that have been completed must be monitored for volume and frequency of overflow to determine the effectiveness of the project toward CSO abatement. This requirement must not apply to those areas where complete separation has been completed and CSO outfalls have been eliminated.

8. Annual CSO Progress Reports [see Department Rule, 06-096 CMR Ch. 570(7)]

By March 1 of each year, the permittees must submit CSO Progress Reports [ICIS CS010] covering the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 31). The CSO Progress Report must include, but is not necessarily limited to:

- a. CSO abatement projects. CSO abatement projects include milestone dates such as design start and completion and construction start and completion.
- b. Schedule comparison. A comparison of the existing schedule with the Department-approved implementation schedule. If the existing schedule is behind the approved schedule, list the reasons why, and how the licensee proposes to catch up in order to comply with the approved schedule.
- c. Progress on inflow sources. Progress made on locating and removing private inflow sources, such as roof leaders and basement sump pumps.
- d. Costs. Total cost and local share of CSO abatement projects to date, plus an anticipated budget for projects in the next year.
- e. Flow monitoring results. Results of any specific flow monitoring to determine effectiveness of previous CSO abatement projects. Compare actual CSO abatement with projections made during the CSO Master Plan.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. CONDITIONS FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (cont'd)

8. Annual CSO Progress Reports [see Department Rule, 06-096 CMR Ch.570(7)] (cont'd)
 - f. CSO activity and volumes. Yearly precipitation, CSO volumes (actual or estimated), and any block test data (see Section 6) submitted on department form titled "CSO Activity and Volumes". The form must be in electronic form, if possible, to allow easy data entry. Report any abnormalities during CSO monitoring.
 - g. Nine minimum controls update. Work done on the Nine Minimum Controls during the year including, but not limited to the following:
 - (1) Results of operation and maintenance programs for the sewer system and combined sewer overflows during the year, such as, frequency of regulator inspections, number of catch basins cleaned, and feet of sewer cleaned or repaired, with estimates of material removed, if possible.
 - (2) Low-cost projects to maximize use of the collection system for storage or to maximize flow to the POTW for treatment.
 - (3) Modifications to the pretreatment program to assure the CSO impacts are minimized.
 - (4) Low-cost projects that maximize flow to the POTW for treatment.
 - (5) Documentation that no CSO discharges occurred during dry weather.
 - (6) Projects to control solid and floatable materials in CSO discharges.
 - (7) Pollution prevention programs that focus on contaminant reduction activities.
 - (8) Public notification to ensure that the public receives adequate notification of CSO occurrences and CSO impacts.
 - (9) Any monitoring and sampling results to effectively characterize CSO impacts and the effectiveness of CSO controls.
 - h. Sewer extensions and new commercial or industrial flows. List the sewer extensions and new commercial or industrial flows added during the year, along with what mitigating measures were accomplished to prevent these flows from contributing to CSOs (see Section 8).

By March 1 of each year [ICIS Code 11099], the permittee must submit *CSO Progress Reports* covering the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 31). The CSO Progress Report must include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following topics as further described in Chapter 570: CSO abatement projects, schedule comparison, progress on inflow sources, costs, flow monitoring results, CSO activity and volumes, nine minimum controls update, sewer extensions or new connections, and new commercial or industrial flows.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. CONDITIONS FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (cont'd)

9. Additions of New Wastewater [see Department Rule, 06-096 CMR Ch. 570(8)]

06-096 CMR Ch.570(8) lists requirements relating to any proposed addition of wastewater to the combined sewer system. Documentation of the new wastewater additions to the system and associated mitigating measures must be included in the annual *CSO Progress Report*. Reports must contain the volumes and characteristics of the wastewater added or authorized for addition and descriptions of the sewer system improvements and estimated effectiveness.

10. Signs

If not already installed, the permittee must install and maintain an identification sign at each CSO location as notification to the public that intermittent discharges of untreated sanitary wastewater occur. The sign must be located at or near the outfall and be easily readable by the public. The sign must be a minimum of 12" x 18" in size with white lettering against a green background and must use one of the two acceptable formats shown below.

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
WET WEATHER
SEWAGE DISCHARGE
CSO #1 SOUADABSCOOK STREAM OUTFALL**

Or

**COMBINED SEWAGE OUTFALL
Contains sewage during and after
periods of heavy rainfall.
TOWN OF HAMPDEN
CSO # and Name
CSO Permittee Tel. #**

11. Monitoring and Reporting

Electronic versions of the "*CSO Progress Report*" and "*CSO Activity and Volumes*" form (Attachment A of this permit) must be submitted annually to the Department's CSO Coordinator at the address below:

CSO Coordinator
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Quality
Division of Water Quality Management
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
e-mail: CSOCoordinator@maine.gov

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

B. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

The permittee is authorized to discharge only in accordance with: 1) the permittee's General Application for Waste Discharge Permit, accepted for processing on August 9, 2024; 2) the terms and conditions of this permit; and 3) only from CSO Outfall #001. Discharges of wastewater from any other point source are not authorized under this permit and must be reported in accordance with Standard Condition D(1)(F) *Twenty-four-hour reporting* of this permit.

C. REOPENING OF PERMIT FOR MODIFICATIONS

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

D. SEVERABILITY

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

MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT

AND

MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE

FACT SHEET

Date: **February 26, 2026**

MEPDES PERMIT NUMBER: **ME0102512**
MAINE WDL NUMBER: **W007967-5T-F-R**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**TOWN OF HAMPDEN
Combined Sewer Overflow
106 Western Avenue
Hampden, ME 04444**

COUNTY: **Penobscot County**

NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE DISCHARGE(S) OCCUR(S):

**Souadabscook Stream Pump Station
139 Main Road North
Hampden, Maine 04444**

RECEIVING WATER/CLASSIFICATION: **Souadabscook Stream / Class SB**

COGNIZANT OFFICIAL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: **Mr. Victor Smith
Public Works Director
(207) 862-3337**
e-mail: engineer@hampdenmaine.gov

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY

- a. Application: On August 9, 2024, the Department of Environmental Protection accepted as complete an application from the Town of Hampden to renew combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit # ME0102512 / Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W007967-5T-E-R, (permit hereinafter) which was issued by the Department on December 20, 2018, for a five-year term, and authorized the discharge of an unspecified quantity of untreated storm water and sanitary wastewater during wet weather events from one combined sewer overflow (CSO) to Souadabscook Stream, Class SB, in Hampden, Maine. See **Attachment A** of this Fact Sheet for a location map of the CSO.

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY (cont'd)

- b. Source Description – The Town of Hampden provides municipal wastewater collection services to approximately 1,435 residential and commercial sewer users within its community. The wastewater collection system consists of approximately 27 miles of pipe, 8 pump stations, and one CSO. Hampden has no other treatment bypass points. Treatment of Hampden's wastewater is provided at the Bangor publicly owned treatment works (POTW) facility conveyed via a 5-mile-long interceptor pipe between the two communities.

Prior to 1983, Hampden had no wastewater treatment facilities or interceptor lines connecting to other wastewater treatment facilities and maintained a combined sewer collection system that discharged untreated sanitary wastewaters and stormwater runoff to the Penobscot River and its tributaries. In 1983 to 1984, Hampden upgraded its sanitary sewer collection system by physically separating sanitary and stormwater flows, undertaking system upgrades to reduce infiltration/inflow, and constructing an interceptor line to convey its sanitary wastewater to the Bangor POTW. The Souadabscook Stream pump station was installed as part of the interceptor project.

Though the Bangor POTW was upgraded to provide a secondary level of treatment in December 1992, it does not have the capacity to adequately treat excess flows from Hampden during significant wet weather events. Thus, Hampden maintains a CSO location at the Souadabscook Stream pump station consisting of an 8-inch diameter pipe to Souadabscook Stream. In 2001, the permittee installed a 300,000-gallon storage tank and pump system to provide for retention of initial wet weather flows and reduction in CSO discharge events. In 2007, the permittee completed two major sewer line replacement projects, designed to further reduce infiltration/inflow into the wastewater system and resulting CSO discharges.

In 2017 inspection of the system lines was conducted via CCTV and the Town continues inspections and necessary maintenance at the time of this permitting action.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY

- a. Conditions: This permit carries forward all the terms and conditions of the previous permit.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

- b. History: The most recent relevant regulatory actions include the following:

January 8, 1997 – The Department issued Maine WDL #W-007967-58-A-N to the Town of Hampden for a wet weather CSO discharge to Souadabscook Stream in Hampden. The WDL was issued for a five-year term.

April 23, 1999 - The permittee submitted a CSO Master Plan entitled, Report on Combined Sewer Overflow Elimination Strategy, dated March 1999.

October 2001 – The permittee completed installation of a 300,000-gallon storage tank and pump system designed to eliminate an estimated 90% of wet weather overflow events by capturing, retaining, and later gradually metering back into the wastewater collection system, the initial 300,000-gallons of excess flow.

December 27, 2002 – The Department issued Maine WDL #W-007967-5T-B-R / MEPDES Permit #ME0102512 to the Town of Hampden for the wet weather discharge of an unspecified quantity of untreated storm water and sanitary wastewater from one CSO to Souadabscook Stream. The Permit/WDL incorporated the terms and conditions of the MEPDES permit program and was issued for a five-year term.

June 19, 2003 – The permittee submitted an infiltration/inflow (i/i) monitoring report and a revised CSO abatement/elimination schedule that included three major milestones for reduction of I/I and CSO events. The report and revised schedule was approved by the Department on December 23, 2003.

July 31, 2007 – The permittee completed two of the three milestone projects identified in the June 19, 2003, infiltration/inflow monitoring report and revised CSO abatement/elimination schedule.

January 7, 2008 – The Department issued MEPDES permit #ME0102512/WDL W007967-5T-C-R for a five-year term.

November 5, 2012 – The Town of Hampden submitted a timely and complete application to the Department for renewal of the MEPDES permit/WDL.

February 4, 2013 – The Department issued MEPDES permit #ME0102512/WDL W007967-5T-D-R for a five-year term.

November 30, 2017 – The Town of Hampden submitted a timely and complete application to the Department for renewal of the MEPDES permit/WDL.

December 20, 2018 – The Department issued MEPDES permit #ME0102512/WDL W007967-5T-E-R for a five-year term.

3. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS

Conditions of licenses, 38 M.R.S. § 414 A, requires that the effluent limitations prescribed for discharges, including, but not limited to, effluent toxicity, require application of best practicable treatment (BPT), be consistent with the U.S. Clean Water Act, and ensure that the receiving waters attain the State water quality standards as described in *Maine's Surface Water Classification System*. In addition, toxics are regulated under 38 M.R.S. § 420, 06-096 C.M.R. Ch. 530 which requires the regulation of toxic substances not to exceed levels set forth in *Surface Water Toxics Control Program* and 06-096 C.M.R. Ch. 584 (last amended February 16, 2020), all of which ensure safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected.

4. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Souadabscook Stream downstream of the RTE 1A bridge, where the permittee's discharge occurs, is classified as a Class SB waterway. *Standards for classification of estuarine and marine waters*, 38 M.R.S., §465- B (2) describes the standards for Class SB waters as follows:

2. *Class SB waters. Class SB waters shall be the 2nd highest classification.*

A. *Class SB waters must be of such quality that they are suitable for the designated uses of recreation in and on the water, fishing, aquaculture, propagation and harvesting of shellfish, industrial process and cooling water supply, hydroelectric power generation, navigation and as habitat for fish and other estuarine and marine life. The habitat must be characterized as unimpaired.*

B. *Class SB waters must be of sufficient quality to support all estuarine and marine species indigenous to those waters without detrimental changes in the resident biological community. The dissolved oxygen content of Class SB waters may not be less than 85% of saturation. Between April 15th and October 31st, the number of enterococcus bacteria in these waters may not exceed a geometric mean of 8 CFU or MPN per 100 milliliters in any 90-day interval or 54 CFU or MPN per 100 milliliters in more than 10% of the samples in any 90-day interval. The number of total coliform bacteria or other specified indicator organisms in samples representative of the waters in shellfish harvesting areas may not exceed the criteria recommended under the National Shellfish Sanitation Program, United States Food and Drug Administration as set forth in its publication "Guide for the Control of Molluscan Shellfish" (2019 revision) or any successor publication.*

4. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS (cont'd)

C. Discharges to Class SB waters may not cause adverse impact to estuarine and marine life in that the receiving waters must be of sufficient quality to support all estuarine and marine species indigenous to the receiving water without detrimental changes in the resident biological community. There may be no new discharge to Class SB waters that would cause closure of open shellfish areas by the Department of Marine Resources. For the purpose of allowing the discharge of aquatic pesticides approved by the department for the control of mosquito-borne diseases in the interest of public health and safety, the department may find that the discharged effluent will not cause adverse impact to estuarine and marine life as long as the materials and methods used provide protection for nontarget species. When the department issues a license for the discharge of aquatic pesticides authorized under this paragraph, the department shall notify the municipality in which the application is licensed to occur and post the notice on the department's publicly accessible website.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

The State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection 2018/2020/2022 *Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report* prepared pursuant to Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act lists Souadabscook Stream where the permittee's discharge occurs under "Category 4-A: Estuarine and Marine waters with Impaired Shellfish Harvesting Designated Use- TMDL Completed (Bacteria from Combined Sewer Overflows) Identified as Assessment Unit ID ME010200050805_SB1_E, impairment in this context refers to the portion of the receiving water affected by the Town of Hampden's CSO.

This permitting action establishes appropriate requirements for the Town of Hampden's CSO based on Department policy, including updating the CSO Master Plan, implementation of CSO abatement milestones, and best management practices to bring about the reduction and future elimination of CSO wet weather events.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

No effluent limitations have been established in this permitting action for the CSO discharges. Best practicable treatment (BPT) of CSO discharges includes control through best management practices and abatement of the discharge as specified in 06-096 CMR 570. The USEPA has also adopted a National Combined Sewer Overflow Control Policy that strives to: 1) accurately characterize combined collection systems through sampling, monitoring and modeling; 2) implement best management practices as described in its Nine Minimum Controls Strategy; and 3) develop a long-term control plan often referred to as a Master Plan. The permittee is required to measure and report annually CSO flow volumes and CSO discharge events.

7. ANTI-BACKSLIDING

Federal regulation 40 CFR, §122.44 (l) contains the criteria for what is often referred to as the anti-backsliding provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act). In general, the regulation states that effluent limitations, standards, or conditions must be at least as stringent as the final effluent limitations, standards, or conditions in the previous permit, except for provisions specified in the regulation.

Applicable exceptions include (1) material and substantial alterations or additions to the permitted facility occurred after permit issuance which justify the application of a less stringent effluent limitation and (2) information is available which was not available at the time of the permit issuance (other than revised regulations, guidance, or test methods) and which would justify the application of less stringent effluent limitations at the time of permit issuance. All limitations in this permit are equally or more stringent than the previous permit.

8. ANTI-DEGRADATION

The Department has made a best professional judgment determination based on information gathered to date, that as permitted, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of Souadabscook Stream to meet the standards for Class SB classification, and the designated uses of the waterbody will continue to be maintained and protected.

9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public notice of this application was made in the Bangor Daily News newspaper on or about July 13, 2024. The Department receives public comments on an application until the date a final agency action is taken on the application. Those persons receiving copies of draft permits must have at least 30 days in which to submit comments on the draft or to request a public hearing, pursuant to *Application Processing Procedures for Waste Discharge Licenses*, 06-096 CMR Ch.522 (effective January 12, 2001).

10. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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

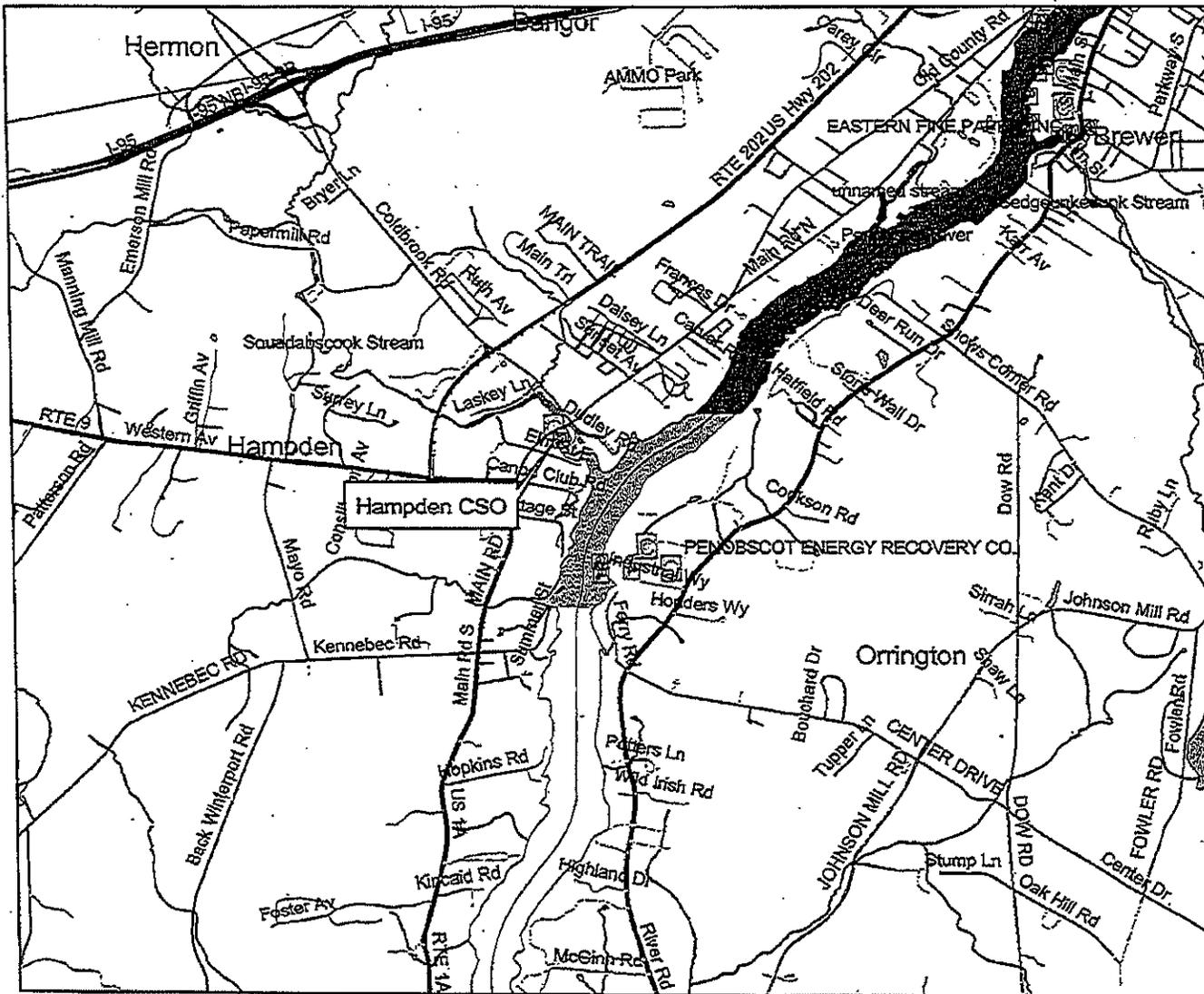
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Bureau of Water Quality
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Augusta, Maine 04333-0017
e-mail: rodney.robert@maine.gov

Telephone (207) 680-0576

11. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

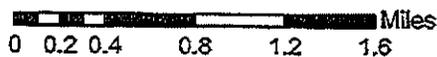
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ATTACHMENT A



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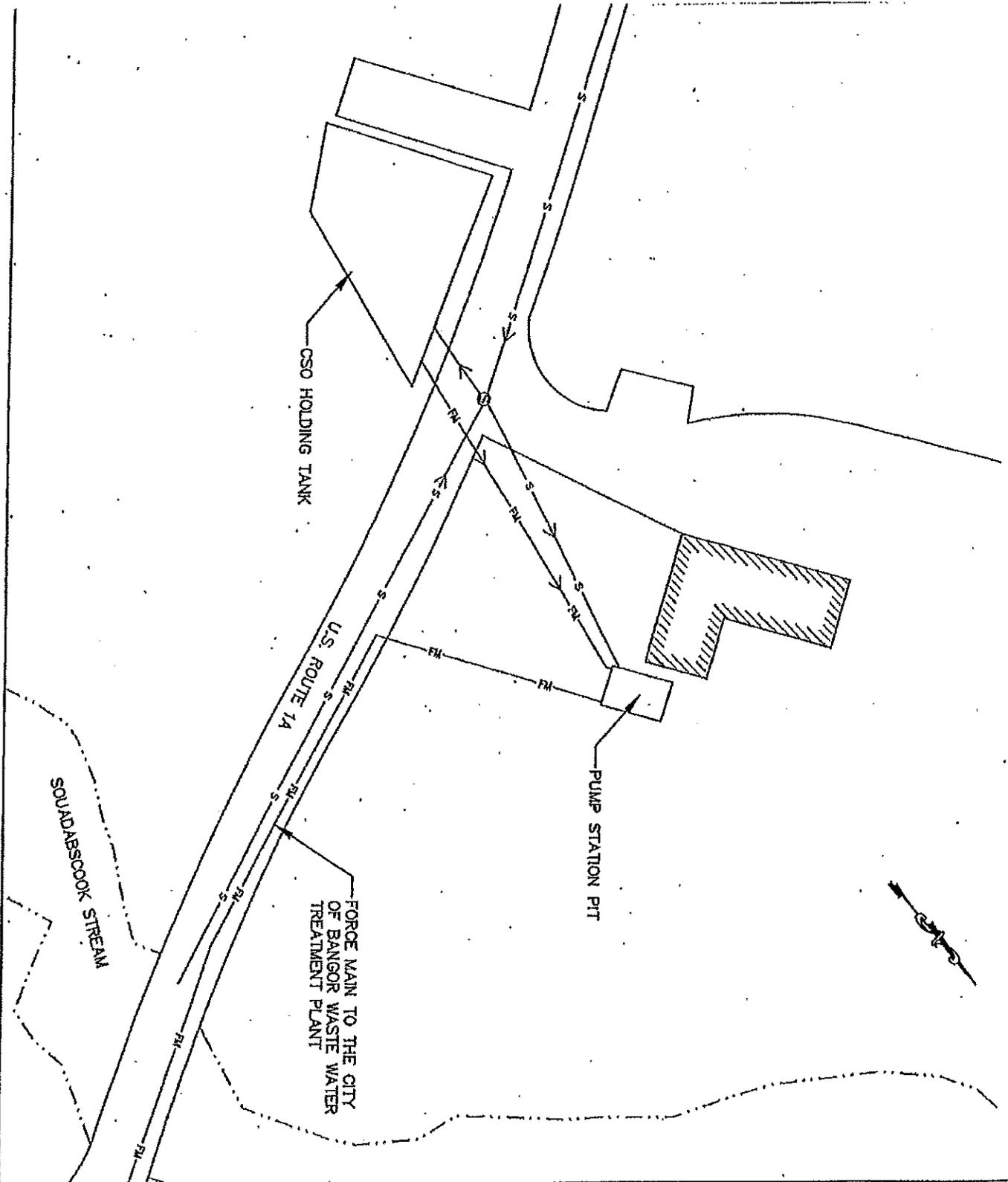
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 - Wastewater_Outfalls
- Roads JURISDICTION**
- Town Road
 - Town Road - Summer
 - Town Road - Winter
 - State-aided Highway
 - State Highway
 - Toll Highway
 - Private Road
 - Reservation Road
 - Seasonal Parkway



**Combined Sewer Overflow
Hampden, Maine**

Map created by:
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Division of Water Quality Management
Maine Department of Environmental Protection





Project No. 61270E		TOWN OF HAMPDEN CSO SCHEMATIC			
Engineer JAMES W. SEWALL COMPANY		TOWN OF HAMPDEN			
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