

Enclosure 1

Notification of Zero Discharge Requirements

under the Metal Finishing Point Source Category and the General Pretreatment Regulations

MT-PF00102

Industrial User:	The Last Best Armory LLC 100 Centennial Drive Big Timber MT 59011
Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW):	City of Big Timber Publicly Owned Treatment Works, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) #MT-0020753
Regulated Process Wastewater (if discharged):	Wastewater generated from the bluing, case hardening and machining operations. These process wastestreams are regulated by the Metal Finishing Point Source Category (40 C.F.R. § 433).
Applicable Pretreatment Standards:	40 C.F.R. § 433.17, Pretreatment Standards for New Sources (PSNS) 40 C.F.R. §403, General Pretreatment Regulations

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PART I – Facility Information

A. General Facility Information

The Last Best Armory LLC facility (Permittee) is located at 100 Centennial Drive in Big Timber, MT 59011. According to the 2026 facility inspection conducted by the EPA on June 11, 2026, the facility has nine manufacturing staff and operates four days a week. The facility generates wastewater from its bluing, case hardening and machining operations subject to the Metal Finishing Regulations found in 40 C.F.R. § 433.17, if it were to discharge to the Town of Big Timber's publicly owned treatment works (POTW). The facility maintains its zero-discharge status by evaporating and reusing process wastewater.

B. Specific Prohibition – Zero Discharge

The Permittee is specifically prohibited from discharging non-domestic wastewater to the POTW. The Permittee must permanently seal off all floor drains during the duration of this permit and disconnect any hoses, pipes or other equipment that may allow a discharge of non-domestic waste to the POTW through any outfall.

PART II – Reporting Requirements

A. Zero Discharge Reporting

The Permittee shall submit a Zero Discharge Compliance Report and Certification, and all other records specifically required by this Permit every six months. The Permittee shall certify "NO DISCHARGE" if no discharge occurred during the reporting period. The Permittee shall use the form provided in Attachment A of this Permit and comply with the following reporting requirements.

Table 1 - Zero Discharge Reporting

Reporting Period	Report Due Date
January 1 to June 30	July 31
July 1 through December 31	January 31

Establishment of NetDMR Account to submit electronic reports

In accordance with the NPDES Electronic Reporting rule (40 C.F.R. § 127.16), the facility is required to electronically submit DMRs and notifications and must sign and certify all electronic submissions in accordance with the Signatory requirements of the Notification of Discharge Requirements. NetDMR is accessed from the internet at <https://netdmr.zendesk.com/home>. Additionally, the facility can contact the EPA via our R8NetDMR@epa.gov mailbox for any individual assistance or one-on-one training and support.

B. Unauthorized Discharge Report

The Permittee's notification of accidental releases in accordance with this section does not relieve it of other reporting requirements that arise under local, State or Federal laws. Compliance with these reporting

requirements does not relieve the Permittee from liability for its actions, including requirements to pay costs for damages, fines or penalties. Pursuant to the requirements in this Permit, the Permittee is required to take such actions to prevent any non-domestic discharge to the POTW, including disconnecting or sealing any hose, pipe, drain or other potential discharge.

The Permittee shall notify the POTW immediately (in progress, if possible) upon the occurrence of an accidental discharge or diversion of process wastewater or other substance(s) prohibited by this permit. Notification shall include:

- Name of facility
- Location of facility
- Contact Name
- Date and time of discharge
- Date and time discharge was halted
- Location of the discharge
- Estimated volume of discharge
- Pollutant(s) that may be present
- Potential impact to the POTW
- Corrective actions taken to halt discharge

Within five (5) days following the verbal notification the Permittee shall submit to the POTW and the EPA a detailed written report. The report shall include the information required for the verbal notification above, plus cause of the discharge and all measures taken to prevent a recurrence.

Written reports and notifications required to be submitted to the POTW shall be sent to the following addresses:

Kris Novotny, Public Works Director
City of Big Timber Public Works
1600 East 3rd Street
Big Timber, MT 59011
pwbtmt@itstriangle.com
406-932-5646

Verbal notifications required to be submitted to the EPA shall be made by calling either number below and asking to speak with NPDES Enforcement, Pretreatment Contact.

303-312-6312 or 800-227-8917

C. Notification of Changed Discharge (40 C.F.R. § 403.12(j))

The facility shall promptly notify the EPA and the POTW in advance of any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants in its discharge, including any of the listed or characteristic hazardous wastes. The Permittee is prohibited from discharge of non-domestic wastewater to the POTW.

PART III – General Requirements

A. Compliance with the Permit

The EPA and the City of Big Timber shall have the authority to seek and assess penalties up to \$1 ,000.00 per day for each violation for noncompliance with this permit by the Permittee. Each day a violation occurs shall be considered a separate and distinct violation. Noncompliance with the terms of this Permit or other federal, state, or local regulations may also lead to revocation of this discharge permit and discontinuation of service.

B. Report Signatory Requirements (40 C.F.R. § 403.12(l))

The Zero Discharge Report shall include the following certification statement

"I understand that discharge of non-domestic wastewater to the sanitary sewer system is specifically prohibited and certify that non-domestic wastewater prohibited by this permit was not discharged during the reporting period. 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.

The certification statement shall be signed as follows:

1. By a responsible corporate officer, if the facility is a corporation. For the purpose of this paragraph, a responsible corporate officer means:
 - a. A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or
 - b. The manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiate and direct other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for control mechanism requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
2. By a general partner or proprietor if the facility is a partnership, or sole proprietorship respectively.
3. By a duly authorized representative of the individual designated in (1) or (2) of this section if:
 - a. The authorization is made in writing by the individual described in paragraph (1) or (2);
 - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the facility from which the Industrial Discharge originates, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well, or well field superintendent, or a position of equivalent responsibility, or having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company; and
 - c. The written authorization is submitted to the EPA.

4. If an authorization under (3) of this section is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, or overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of (3) of this section must be submitted to EPA prior to or together with any reports to be signed by an authorized representative.

C. Retention of Records (40 C.F.R. § 403.12(o))

The facility is required to retain for a minimum of three (3) years any records of monitoring activities and results (whether such monitoring activities are required). This includes but is not limited to any calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by the Pretreatment Regulations, records of all data and laboratory reports, and records of Best Management Practices (BMPs). The facility shall make such records available for inspection and copying by the EPA. This period of retention shall be extended during any unresolved litigation regarding the facility or when requested by the EPA.

D. Confidentiality (40 C.F.R. § 403.14)

In accordance with 40 C.F.R. Part 2, any information submitted pursuant to this Notification of Discharge Requirements may be claimed as confidential by the submitter. Any such claim must be asserted at the time of submission in the manner prescribed on the application form or instructions, or, in the case of other submissions, 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. Information and data provided to the EPA which is effluent data shall be available to the public without restriction.

E. Transferability (40 C.F.R. § 403.8(f)(1)(iii)(B)(2))

This Notification of Discharge Requirements is non-transferable without, at a minimum, prior notification of the EPA and POTW, and the facility shall provide of a copy of the existing Notification of Discharge Requirements to the new owner or operator.

F. Civil and Criminal Liability

Nothing in this permit may be construed to relieve the permittee from civil and/or criminal penalties for noncompliance. The Clean Water Act provides for specified civil and criminal monetary penalties for violations of its provisions. However, the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, requires the EPA to adjust the civil monetary penalties for inflation on a periodic basis. The civil and criminal penalties for Pretreatment violations may be found in 40 C.F.R. Part 19 and CWA Section 1319.

G. Right of Entry

Pursuant to section 308 of the Clean Water Act, the EPA or an EPA authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the EPA), upon presentation of his or her credentials, shall have a right to:

1. Enter upon the premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept.
2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept.

3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or regulated operations.
4. Sample or monitor, for the purposes of assuring compliance, any substances or parameters at any location.
5. Inspect any production, manufacturing, fabricating, or storage area where regulated pollutants could originate, be stored, or be discharged to the POTW.

H. Cause for Reissuance or Modification

The Notice of Discharge Requirements may be modified, revoked or reissued for cause: this includes the establishment of new or revised limitations to the Metal Finishing Regulations, establishment of new or revised standard or requirements in the Pretreatment Regulations or substantial changes in operation or the volume or character of pollutants in the regulated wastewater discharge. The EPA may request information periodically to ensure the Notice of Discharge Requirements is representative of current conditions.

I. Definitions

1. Industrial User - The source of the introduction of pollutants into a POTW from any non-domestic source regulated under section 307(b), (c) or (d) of the Clean Water Act.
2. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) - A treatment works as defined by section 212 of the CWA, which is owned by a State or municipality (as defined by section 502(4) of the CWA). This definition includes any devices and systems used in the storage, treatment, recycling and reclamation of municipal sewage or industrial wastes of a liquid nature. It also includes sewers, pipes and other conveyances only if they convey wastewater to a POTW Treatment Plant. The term also means the municipality as defined in section 502(4) of the CWA, which has jurisdiction over the Indirect Discharges to and the discharges from such a treatment works.
3. POTW Treatment Plant - That portion of the POTW which is designed to provide treatment (including recycling and reclamation) of municipal sewage and industrial waste.
4. Severe property damage - 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.