



STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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January 14, 2016

Mr. Paul Fongemie
114 Benton Ave
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RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0102628
Maine Waste Discharge License Application #W008204-5T-C-R
Town of Winslow - CSO
Proposed Draft Permit

Dear Mr. Fongemie:

Enclosed is a proposed draft MEPDES permit and Maine WDL (permit hereinafter) which the Department proposes to issue as a final document after opportunity for your review and comment. By transmittal of this letter you are provided with an opportunity to comment on the proposed draft permit and its conditions (special conditions specific to this permit are enclosed; standard conditions applicable to all permits are available upon request). If it contains errors or does not accurately reflect present or proposed conditions, please respond to this Department so that changes can be considered.

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

All comments must be received in the Department of Environmental Protection office on or before the close of business **Monday, February 15, 2016**. Failure to submit comments in a timely fashion will result in the final document being issued as drafted. Comments in writing should be submitted to my attention at the following address:

Maine Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Quality
Division of Water Quality Management
17 State House Station
Augusta, ME 04333.

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(207) 287-7688 FAX: (207) 287-7826

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106 HOGAN ROAD, SUITE 6
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1235 CENTRAL DRIVE, SKYWAY PARK
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If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 446-1875.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Rodney Robert", written over a horizontal line.

Rodney Robert
Division of Water Quality Management
Bureau of Water Quality

Enc.

cc: Jim Crowley, DEP/CMRO
David Breau, DEP/CMRO
Lori Mitchell, DEP/CMRO
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Environmental Review, DMR
Environmental Review, DIFW
Kathleen Leyden, DACF
David Webster, USEPA
David Pincumbe, USEPA
Alex Rosenburg, USEPA
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DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

TOWN OF WINSLOW)	MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
WINSLOW, KENNEBEC COUNTY, MAINE)	ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW)	AND
ME0102628)	WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE
W008204-5T-C-R)	RENEWAL
		APPROVAL

In compliance with the applicable provisions of *Pollution Control*, 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 411 – 424-B, *Water Classification Program*, 38 M.R.S.A. §§ 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 Winslow (Town) with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

APPLICATION SUMMARY

On August 14, 2015 the Department accepted as complete for processing an application from the Town for the renewal of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0102628/Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W008204-5T-B-N, which was issued by the Department on December 21, 2010. The 12/21/10 permit authorized the discharge of an unspecified quantity of untreated wastewater consisting of sanitary wastewater and stormwater from two combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Sebasticook River, Class C, in Winslow, Maine. The 12/21/10 permitting action identified the CSO outfalls as #002 Lithgow, which is located behind Bee’s Diner at the intersection of Route 201 and Lithgow Street and #004 China, which is located in the vicinity of the intersection of Route 201 and China Road. The 8/14/15 application from the Town also includes an additional outfall, #003, located at the Chaffee Brook pump station, which discharges to the Kennebec River, Class B in Winslow, Maine.

This permit authorizes the discharge of an unspecified quantity of untreated wastewater consisting of sanitary wastewater and stormwater from two CSOs, outfalls #002 and #004, to the Sebasticook River, Class C, and outfall #003 which discharges to the Kennebec River, Class B, in Winslow, Maine.

PERMIT SUMMARY

This permit is carrying forward the requirement for the Town to submit an annual “*CSO Activity and Volumes*” report and annual CSO progress report detailing actions taken to remove the CSOs.

CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings in the attached and incorporated Fact Sheet dated January 14, 2016 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.A. § 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.

ACTION

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the above noted application of the TOWN OF WINSLOW, to discharge from outfalls #002, #004 and #003 an unspecified amount of untreated sanitary wastewater combined with stormwater runoff during wet weather events, to the Sebasticook River, Class C, and the Kennebec River, Class B, in Winslow, 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 becomes effective upon the date of signature below and expires at midnight five (5) years after that date. If a renewal application is timely submitted and accepted as complete for processing prior to the expiration of this permit, the terms and conditions of this permit and all subsequent modifications and minor revisions thereto remain in effect until a final Department decision on the renewal application becomes effective. *Maine Administrative Procedure and Services*, 5 M.R.S.A. § 10002 and Rules Concerning the *Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters*, 06-096 CMR 2(21)(A) (amended October 19, 2015).

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS ____ DAY OF _____ 2016.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: _____
AVERY T. DAY, Acting Commissioner

Date of initial receipt of application __August 12, 2015.

Date of application acceptance _____ August 14, 2015.

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection _____.

This Order prepared by Rod Robert, Bureau of Water Quality

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. CONDITIONS FOR COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOW (CSO)

Pursuant to *Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement* 06-096 CMR 570 (last amended February 8, 1978), the permittee is authorized to discharge from the following CSOs (stormwater and sanitary wastewater) subject to the conditions and requirements herein.

1. The permittee is authorized to discharge combined stormwater and sanitary wastewater from the following CSO subject to the conditions and requirements contained herein:

<u>Outfall #</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Receiving Water & Class</u>
002	Route #201/Lithgow Street Intersection	Lithgow	Sebasticook River, Class C
004	Route #201/China Road Intersection	China	Sebasticook River, Class C
003	Chaffee Brook Pump Station	Chaffee Brook	Kennebec River, Class B

2. 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 as a result of mechanical failure, improper design or inadequate operation or maintenance.
- c) No discharges must occur at flow rates below the maximum design capacity of the wastewater treatment facility, pumping stations or sewer collection system.

3. Narrative Effluent Limitations

- a) The effluent must not contain 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 effluent must not contain 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.
- c) The discharge must not cause visible discoloration or turbidity in the receiving waters which would impair the usages designated by the classification of the receiving waters.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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

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.

4. CSO Master Plan [see 06-096 CMR 570(3) and 06-096 CMR 570(4)]

On or before June 1, 2017 [ICIS Code CSO10] the permittee must submit an updated CSO Mitigation Progress Report to the Department for review and approval.

To modify the dates and or projects specified above, the permittee must file an application with the Department to formally modify the permit.

5. Nine Minimum Controls (NMC) [see 06-096 CMR 570(5)]

The permittee must implement and follow all applicable and appropriate measures in the Nine Minimum Control 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.

6. CSO Compliance Monitoring Program [see 06-096 CMR 570(6)]

The permittee must conduct electronic flow monitoring on Outfall 002, 004 and 003 as part of the CSO Mitigation Plan.

Annual flow volumes for Outfall #002, #004 and #003 must be determined by actual flow monitoring.

Results must be submitted annually, on or before March 1 of each year, as part of the annual *CSO Progress Report* (see below), and must include annual precipitation, and actual CSO volumes. 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 in a similar format and submitted to the Department on diskette with the annual CSO Progress Report.

CSO control projects that have been completed must be monitored for volume and frequency of overflow to determine the effectiveness of the project toward the CSO abatement.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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

7. Additions of New Wastewater [see 06-096 CMR 570(8)]

06-096 CMR 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* (see below). 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.

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

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.

The CSO Progress Reports must be completed on a standard form entitled “Annual CSO Progress Report”, furnished by the Department, and submitted in electronic form, if possible, to the following address:

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

8. Signs

If not already installed, the permittee must install and maintain an identification sign at each outfall to serve as notification to the public that intermittent discharges of untreated sanitary waste water 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” size with white lettering against a green background and must contain the following information:

**TOWN OF WINSLOW
WET WEATHER
SEWAGE DISCHARGE
CSO #___**

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

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

9. Definitions

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

- a. Combined Sewer Overflow - a discharge of excess waste water 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 as a result of 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.

B. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

The permittee is approved to discharge only in accordance with: 1) the permittee's General Application accepted for processing by the Department on August 14, 2015; 2) the terms and conditions of this permit; and 3) from Outfalls #002, #004 and #003. Discharges of wastewater from any other point source are not authorized under this permit, and must be reported in accordance with Condition D(1)(F), *Twenty-four hour reporting*, of this permit.

C. REOPENING OF PERMIT FOR MODIFICATIONS

In accordance with 38 M.R.S.A. § 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.

E. 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.

**ATTACHMENT A
MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CSO ACTIVITY AND VOLUMES**

MUNICIPALITY OR DISTRICT				MEPDES / NPDES PERMIT NO.							
REPORTING YEAR				SIGNED BY:							
YEARLY TOTAL PRECIPITATION				INCHES							
CSO EVENT NO.	START DATE OF STORM	PRECIP. DATA		FLOW DATA (GALLONS PER DAY) OR BLOCK ACTIVITY("1")							
		TOTAL INCHES	MAX. HR. INCHES	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	EVENT OVERFLOW GALLONS
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Note 1: Flow data should be listed as gallons per day. Storms lasting more than one day should show total flow for each day.

Note 2: Block activity should be shown as a "1" if the block floated away.

**MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
AND
MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE**

DRAFT FACT SHEET

Date: January 14, 2016

PERMIT NUMBER: **ME0102628**

LICENSE NUMBER: **W008204-5T-C-R**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

**TOWN OF WINSLOW
114 Benton Avenue Street
Winslow, Maine 04901**

COUNTY: **Kennebec County**

NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

**Intersection of Route #201 and Lithgow Street
Intersection of Route #201 and China Road
Chaffee Brook Pumping Station
Winslow, Maine 04901**

RECEIVING WATER/CLASSIFICATION: **Sebasticook River/Class C
Kennebec River/Class B**

COGNIZANT OFFICIAL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: **Mr. Paul Fongemie,
Director of Public Works
e-mail: pfongemie@winslow-me.org
(207) 872-1972**

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY

- a. Application: On August 14, 2015 the Department accepted as complete for processing an application from the Town for the renewal of combination Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0102628/Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W008204-5T-B-N, which was issued by the Department on December 21, 2010. The 12/21/10 permit authorized the discharge of an unspecified quantity of untreated wastewater consisting of sanitary wastewater and stormwater from two combined sewer overflows (CSOs) to the Sebasticook River, Class C, in Winslow, Maine. The 12/21/10 permitting action identified the CSO outfalls as #002 Lithgow, which is located behind Bee's Diner at the intersection of Route 201 and Lithgow Street and #004 China, which is located in the vicinity of the intersection of Route 201 and China Road. The 8/14/15 application from the Town also includes an additional outfall, #003, located at the Chaffee Brook pump station, which discharges to the Kennebec River, Class B in Winslow, Maine.

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY (cont'd)

This permit authorizes the discharge of an unspecified quantity of untreated wastewater consisting of sanitary wastewater and stormwater from two CSOs, outfalls #002 and #004, to the Sebasticook River, Class C, and outfall #003 which discharges to the Kennebec River, Class B, in Winslow, Maine. See **Attachment A** of this Fact Sheet for a location map.

- b. Source Description - The Town maintains a sewer collection system that conveys sanitary wastewater to the Kennebec Sanitary Treatment District (KSTD) wastewater treatment facility in Waterville, Maine. The collection system is approximately 30 miles in length and has seven pump stations. During wet weather events the Town of Winslow's collection system can not convey all of wet weather flows to the KSTD wastewater treatment facility due to inflow and infiltration (I & I) into the collection system from sources such as roof drains, cellar drains, sump pumps, and other leakage into the collection system. Thus, the Bee's Diner, China Road and Chaffee Brook CSOs serve as outlets for the collection system and to avoid surcharging of the system. This permitting action authorizes the Town to discharge untreated sanitary and storm related wastewater during wet weather events via three CSOs, designated as Outfall 002 (Lithgow) Outfall #004 (China), to the Sebasticook River, Class C and Outfall #003 (Chaffee Brook) to the Kennebec River, Class B in Winslow, Maine.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY

- a. Terms and Conditions - This permit is carrying forward the requirement to submit an annual "*CSO Activity and Volumes*" report and annual CSO progress report.
- b. History - This section provides a summary of recent/significant licensing and permitting actions and other significant regulatory actions completed for the Rockland POTW. The most recent permitting/licensing actions include the following:

January 12, 2001 – The Department received authorization from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program in Maine, excluding areas of special interest to Maine Indian Tribes. From that point forward, the program has been referred to as the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) program, and MEPDES permit #ME0102628 has been utilized for this facility.

March, 2001 – The Town submitted a Comprehensive Sewer System Evaluation (CSSE) and CSO Monitoring study to the Department for review and comment.

August 17, 2004 – The Department issued combination MEPDES permit #ME0102628)/Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W008204-5T-A-N for a five-year term.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

August 12, 2015 – The Town submitted a timely and complete General Application to the Department for renewal of the December 21, 2010 permit. The application was accepted for processing on August 14, 2015 and was assigned WDL #W008204-5T-C-R / MEPDES #ME0102628.

3. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS

Conditions of licenses, 38 M.R.S.A. § 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, *Certain deposits and discharges prohibited*, 38 M.R.S.A. § 420 and *Surface Water Toxics Control Program*, 06-096 CMR 530 (effective March 21, 2012) require the regulation of toxic substances not to exceed levels set forth in *Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants*, 06-096 CMR 584 (last amended July 29, 2012), and that ensure safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected.

4. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Classification of major river basins, 38 M.R.S.A. § 467(4)(H)(1)(a) classifies the Sebasticook River from the confluence of the East Branch and the West Branch to its confluence with the Kennebec River, which includes the segment to which Outfalls #002 and #004 discharge, as a Class C water. 38 M.R.S.A. § 467(4)(A)(11) classifies the Kennebec River, main stem, from its confluence with Messalonskee Stream to the Sidney-Augusta boundary, including all impoundments, which includes the segment to which Outfall #003 discharges, as a Class B water. *Standards for classification of fresh surface waters*, 38 M.R.S.A. §§465(3) and 465(4) contain the classification standards for Class B and Class C waters, respectively.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

The State of Maine 2012 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, prepared pursuant to Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, lists the segment of the Sebasticook River (assessment unit ME0103000309_332R) at the point of discharge for Outfalls #002 and #004 as *Category 4-A: Rivers and Streams with Impaired Use other than Mercury TMDL Completed*. The report indicates the cause for listing at the points of discharge as being *Escherichia coli*. This section of the Sebasticook River is also listed as *Category 5-A: Rivers and Streams Impaired by Pollutants Other than Those Listed in 5-B* for Dioxin levels and *Category 5-D: Rivers and Streams with Impaired by Legacy Pollutants* for PCBs.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS (cont'd)

The segment of the Kennebec River (assessment unit ME0103000312_339R_02) at the point of discharge for Outfall #003 is also included in this category with causes for listing being CSOs and *Escherichia coli*.

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

Maine has already instituted statewide programs for removal and reduction of mercury sources." Pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. § 420(1-B)(B), "a facility is not in violation of the ambient criteria for mercury if the facility is in compliance with an interim discharge limit established by the Department pursuant to section 413 subsection 11." However, *Interim Effluent Limitations and Controls for the Discharge of Mercury*, 06-096 CMR 519(1)(A)(1) states that CSOs licensed pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. § 413 are not subject to the rule.

As the Town's sewer collection system is upgraded and maintained in according to the Nine Minimum Controls, there should be reductions in the frequency and volume of CSO discharges and, over time, improvement in the quality of the wastewater discharged to the receiving waters. Compliance with the conditions established in the permit ensure that the discharge of treated wastewater. The Department does not have information that the intermittent discharges from the Town's CSOs will not cause or contribute to exceedance of water quality standards..

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS/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. DISCHARGE IMPACT ON RECEIVING WATER QUALITY

As permitted, the Department has determined that the existing water uses will be maintained and protected. The Department acknowledges that the total elimination of the overflows is a costly long-term project. With the implementation of the Nine Minimum Control Measures, improvements outlined in the CSSE and associated Best Management Practices; the Department anticipates a reduction of the overflow events in the short-term and total elimination of the overflows in the foreseeable future. As permitted, the Department has determined the existing water uses will be maintained and protected and the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the Kennebec or Sebasticook Rivers to meet the standards for Class B or Class C waters.

8. PUBLIC NOTICE

Public notice of this application was made in the *Morning Sentinel* on or about August 06, 2015. The Department receives public comments on an application until the date a final agency action is taken on that application. Those persons receiving copies of draft permits must have at least 30 days in which to submit comments on the draft or request a public hearing, pursuant to *Application Processing Procedures for Waste Discharge Licenses*, 06-096 CMR 522 (effective January 12, 2001).

9. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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

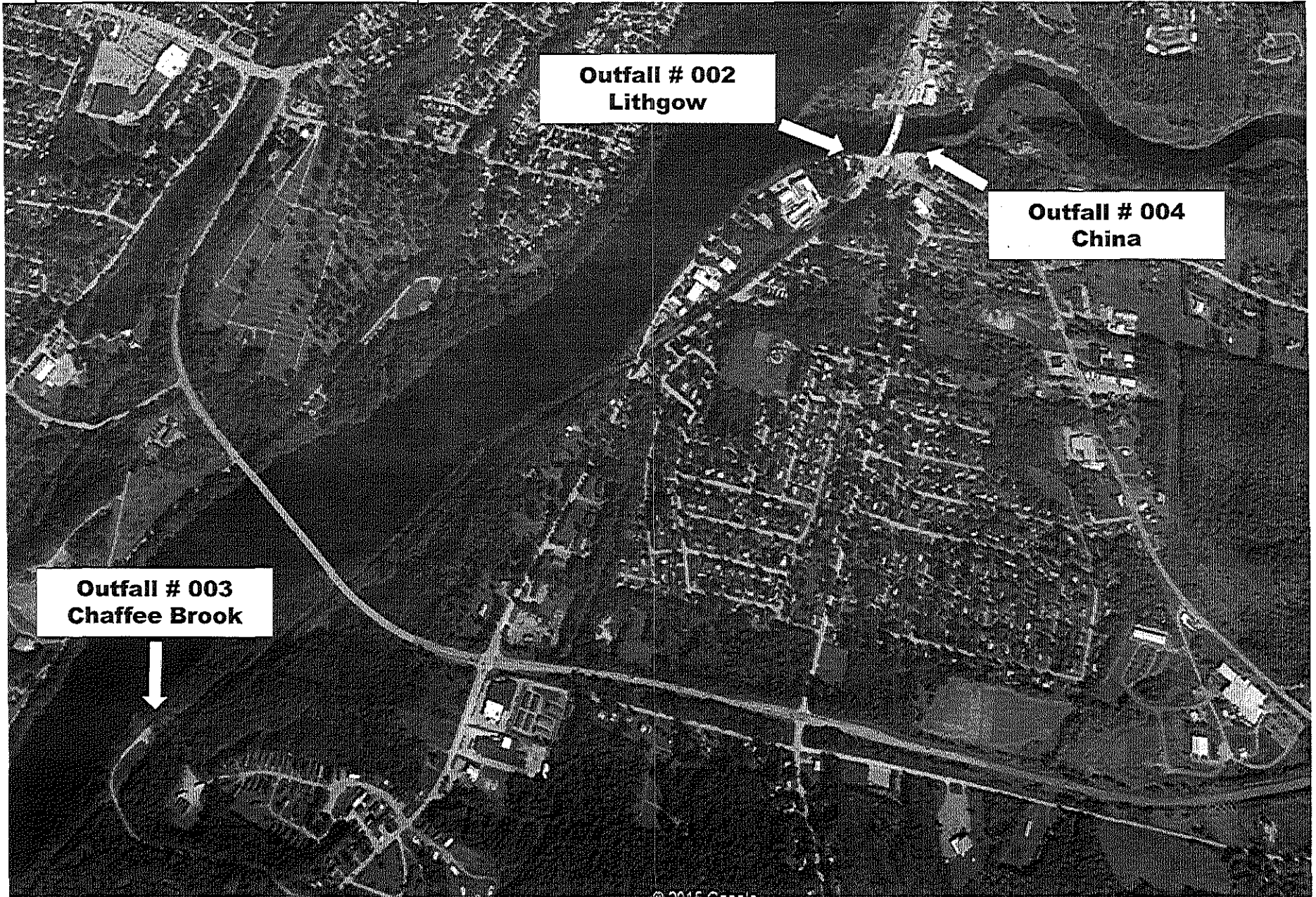
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Telephone (207) 446-1875

10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

Reserved until the end of the formal thirty day comment period.

Attachment A – Location Map



**Outfall # 002
Lithgow**

**Outfall # 004
China**

**Outfall # 003
Chaffee Brook**