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Authorization to Discharge Under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

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

Kootenai-Ponderay Sewer District 511 Whiskey Jack Road Sandpoint, ID 83864

is authorized to discharge from the wastewater treatment plant located near Kootenai, Idaho, at the following location(s):

Outfall	Receiving Water	Latitude	Longitude
001	Unnamed Tributary to Boyer Slough	48° 18' 44.2"	116° 29 45.8"

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

This permit shall become effective September 1, 2018.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight August 31, 2023.

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

Signed this 26^{-1} day of June 2018.

Daniel D. Opalski, Director
Office of Water and Watersheds

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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 EPA during the term of this permit:

Item 1. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR)	Due Date DMRs are due monthly and must be submitted on or before the 20 th day of the month following the monitoring month.
2. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)	The permittee must provide EPA and IDEQ with written notification that the Plan has been developed and implemented by November 30, 2018 (see II.B). The Plan must be kept on site and made available to EPA and IDEQ upon request.
3. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan	The permittee must provide EPA and IDEQ with written notification that the Plan has been developed and implemented by February 28, 2019 (see II.A). The Plan must be kept on site and made available to EPA and IDEQ upon request.
4. NPDES Application Renewal	The application must be submitted by March 4, 2023 (see V.B).
5. Surface Water Monitoring Report	The report must be submitted by March 4, 2023 (see I.C.11).
6. Compliance Schedule	Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit must be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date (see III.K).
7. Twenty-Four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting	The permittee must report certain occurrences of noncompliance by telephone within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. (See I.B.2 and III.G.)
8. Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan	The permittee must develop and implement an overflow emergency response and public notification plan. The permittee must submit written notice to EPA and IDEQ that the plan has been developed and implemented by February 28, 2019 (see II.D).

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I. Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

A. Discharge Authorization

During the effective period of this permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge pollutants from the outfalls specified herein to an unnamed tributary to Boyer Slough, 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, below. 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.

Tab	Table 1: Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements						
		Ef	fluent Limi	tations	Mon	itoring Require	ements
Parameter	Units	Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Maximum Daily Limit	Sample Location	Sample Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	mgd	_	_	_	Effluent	continuous	recording
Temperature ^{5,6}	°C	See notes 5 a	ınd 6.		Effluent	continuous	recording
D: 1 : 10	mg/L	30	45	_	Influent and	2/ 41	24-hr. comp.
Biochemical Oxygen	lb/day	86	129	_	Effluent	2/month	calculation
Demand (BOD ₅)	% removal	85% (min.)		_	% removal	1/month	calculation
	mg/L	30	45	_	Influent and		24-hr. comp.
Total Suspended Solids	lb/day	100	150	_	Effluent	2/month	calculation
(TSS)	% removal	85% (min.)	_	_	% removal	1/month	calculation
рН	s.u.	6.5	-9.0 at al.	l times	Effluent	5/week	grab
E. Coli Bacteria ^{1,2}	#/100 ml	126 (geometric mean)	_	406 (instantaneous max.)	Effluent	5/month	grab
Total Residual	μg/L	7.3		18.3	Effluent	5/week	grab
Chlorine ^{2,4}	lb/day	0.024		0.061	Efficient	J/Week	calculation
Total Ammonia as N ^{2,3}	mg/L	1.77		4.63	Effluent	1/week	24-hr. comp.
(October – May)	lb/day	5.90	—	15.4	Elliucht	1/ WCCK	calculation
Total Ammonia as N ^{2,3}	mg/L	1.56	—	4.07	Effluent	1/week	24-hr. comp.
(June - September)	lb/day	5.20	_	13.6	Lindent	17 WCCK	calculation
Nitrate + Nitrite as N ³	mg/L	10.0	20.1	_	Effluent	1/week	24-hr. comp.
(October – May)	lb/day	33.4	67.1	_	Ellident	17 WCCK	calculation
Phosphorus, Total as	μg/L	9.0	18	_			24-hr. comp.
P ^{3,7} (June – September)	lb/day	0.030	0.060	_	Effluent	1/week	calculation
Phosphorus, Total as P (October – May)	μg/L	Report	_	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-hr. comp.
Nitrogen, Total as N ^{3,9}	μg/L	200	401	_	Eca ,	1/ 1	24-hr. comp.
(June – September)	lb/day	0.667	1.34	_	Effluent	1/week	calculation
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (October – May)	mg/L	Report	_	Report	Effluent	1/month	24-hr. comp.
Floating, suspended or submerged matter	_	See Part I.B.	3.		1/month	Visual observation	

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Tab	Table 1: Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements							
	Ef	Effluent Limitations			Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Units	Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Maximum Daily Limit	Sample Location	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Report daily	minimum		Effluent	1/month	grab	
Cadmium, Total Recoverable	μg/L	Report	_	_	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Chromium, Total Recoverable	μg/L	Report	_	_	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Chromium VI, Dissolved	μg/L	Report	_	_	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Conductivity	μmhos/cm	Report	_	_	Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Copper, Total Recoverable	μg/L	Report	_	_	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Cyanide, Weak Acid Dissociable	μg/L	Report	_	_	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC)	mg/L	Report	_	_	Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Hardness, total	mg/L as CaCO ₃	Report	_	_	Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Lead, Total Recoverable	μg/L	Report	_	_	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Mercury, Total	μg/L	Report		_	Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Nickel, Total Recoverable	μg/L	Report	_	_	Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Silver, Total Recoverable	μg/L	Report			Influent and Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Zinc, Total Recoverable	μg/L	Report	_	_	Effluent	1/quarter ⁸	grab	
Oil and Grease	mg/L	Report	_	Report	Effluent	2/year	grab	
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Report		Report	Effluent	2/year	24-hr. comp.	

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Table 1: Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements							
		Eft	fluent Limi	tations	Mon	itoring Require	ments
Parameter	Units	Average Monthly Limit	Average Weekly Limit	Maximum Daily Limit	Sample Location	Sample Frequency	Sample Type

- 1. The average monthly E. Coli bacteria counts must not exceed a geometric mean of 126/100 ml based on a minimum of five samples taken every 3-7 days within a calendar month. See Part V for a definition of geometric mean.
- 2. Reporting is required within 24 hours of a maximum daily limit or instantaneous maximum limit violation. See Parts I.B.2. and III.G.
- 3. These effluent limits and monitoring requirements are subject to a compliance schedule. See I.D.
- 4. The effluent limits for total residual chlorine are not quantifiable using EPA-approved methods. EPA will use the minimum level (ML), $50 \mu g/L$, as the compliance evaluation level for this parameter. The permittee will be compliant with the total residual chlorine limitations if the average monthly and maximum daily chlorine concentrations are less than $50 \mu g/L$ and the average monthly and maximum daily mass discharges of chlorine are less than 0.17 lb/day.
- 5. Temperature data must be recorded using micro-recording temperature devices known as thermistors. Set the recording device to record at one-hour intervals. Report the following temperature monitoring data on the DMR: monthly instantaneous maximum, maximum daily average, seven-day running average of the daily instantaneous maximum.
- 6. Use the temperature device manufacturer's software to generate (export) an Excel text or electronic ASCII text file. The file must be submitted annually to the EPA and IDEQ by January 31 for the previous monitoring year along with the placement log. The placement logs should include the following information for both thermistor deployment and retrieval: date, time, temperature device manufacturer ID, location, depth, whether it measured air or water temperature, and any other details that may explain data anomalies. The permittee may submit the file as an electronic attachment to NetDMR. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_ID0021229_temperature_43599, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the file.
- 7. The average monthly effluent limit for total phosphorus is not quantifiable using EPA-approved methods. EPA will use the minimum level (ML), $10~\mu g/L$, as the compliance evaluation level for this parameter. The permittee will be compliant with the average monthly total phosphorus limitation if the average monthly total phosphorus concentration is less than $10~\mu g/L$ and the average monthly mass discharge of total phosphorus is less than 0.033~lb/day.
- 8. Monitoring for cadmium, chromium, conductivity, copper, cyanide, dissolved organic carbon, hardness, lead, mercury, nickel, silver and zinc is required for the final three full calendar years of the permit cycle. 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. Results must be reported on the DMR for the last month of the quarter. Effluent samples for conductivity, copper, dissolved organic carbon, hardness, and pH must be collected on the same day.
- 9. The average monthly effluent limit for total nitrogen is not quantifiable using EPA-approved methods. EPA will use the minimum level (ML), $400~\mu g/L$, as the compliance evaluation level for this parameter. The permittee will be compliant with the average monthly total phosphorus limitation if the average monthly total phosphorus concentration is less than $400~\mu g/L$ and the average monthly mass discharge of total nitrogen is less than 1.33~lb/day.
 - 2. The permittee must report within 24 hours any violation of the maximum daily limits or instantaneous maximum limits for the following pollutants: total residual chlorine, total ammonia as N, and E. coli. Violations of all other effluent limits are to be reported at the time that discharge monitoring reports are submitted (see III.B and III.H).
 - 3. Narrative limitations for floating, suspended or submerged matter:
 - a) The permittee must not discharge floating, suspended, or submerged matter of any kind in concentrations causing nuisance or objectionable conditions or that may impair designated beneficial uses.
 - b) The permittee must observe the surface of the receiving water in the vicinity of where the effluent enters the surface water. The permittee must maintain a written log of the observation which includes the date, time, observer, and whether there is presence of floating, suspended or submerged matter. The log must be retained and made available to EPA or IDEQ upon request.
 - 4. The permittee must collect effluent samples from the effluent stream after the last treatment unit prior to discharge into the receiving waters.

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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 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements*.
- 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 Part III.C Monitoring Procedures.
- 6. For purposes of reporting on the DMR for a single sample, if a value is less than the 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, the ML, in assessing compliance.

C. Surface Water Monitoring

The permittee must conduct surface water monitoring. The program must meet the following requirements:

- 1. Monitoring stations must be established at the following locations:
 - a) Above the influence of the facility's discharge in the unnamed tributary to Boyer Slough that receives the discharge (upstream), and
 - b) Downstream from the discharge, in Boyer Slough near Whiskey Jack Road (downstream)
- 2. Surface water monitoring must occur during the final full calendar year of the permit term.
- 3. The permittee must seek approval of the surface water monitoring stations from IDEQ.

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4. A failure to obtain IDEQ approval of surface water monitoring stations does not relieve the permittee of the surface water monitoring requirements of this permit.

- 5. To the extent practicable, surface water sample collection must occur on the same day as effluent sample collection.
- 6. The flow rate must be measured as near as practicable to the time that other ambient parameters are sampled.
- 7. Samples must be analyzed for the parameters listed in Table 3 and must achieve minimum levels (MLs) that are equivalent to or less than those listed in Table 3. The permittee may request different MLs. The request must be in writing and must be approved by EPA.
- 8. The permittee must use EPA Method 445.0, 446.0 or 447.0 for analysis of chlorophyll a.
- 9. Field sampling procedures for periphyton chlorophyll a must be consistent with Section 6.1.1 of *Rapid Bioassessment Protocols for Use in Wadeable Streams and Rivers* (EPA 841-B-99-002).
- 10. Quality assurance/quality control plans for all the monitoring must be documented in the Quality Assurance Plan required under Part II.B., "Quality Assurance Plan".

11. Submission of SW Monitoring

- a) Surface water monitoring results must be reported on the monthly DMR.
- b) Surface water monitoring results must also be submitted with the application for renewal of this permit (see Part V.B of this permit, Duty to Reapply) as a spreadsheet- or text-format electronic file. The file shall be 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), or other real-world coordinate system (e.g., State Plane), 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.
- c) The permittee may submit the surface water monitoring report as an attachment to the DMR. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_ID0021229_SWMRP, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the report. The surface water monitoring report is due March 4, 2023.

Table 3: Receiving Water Monitoring Requirements						
Parameter and Units Locations Frequency Sample Type Maximum ML						
Flow (Unnamed arm of Boyer Slough, CFS)	Upstream	1/month	Measure	_		
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Upstream	1/month	Grab	See Appendix A		

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Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	Downstream	Continuous ³	Recording	
Dissolved Oxygen (% saturation)	Downstream	Continuous ³	Recording	
Temperature ^{1,2} (°C)	Upstream & Downstream	Continuous	Recording	
BOD ₅ (mg/L)	Upstream & Downstream	1/month	Grab	
Total Phosphorus (µg/L)	Downstream	1/month	Grab	
Total Nitrogen (µg/L)	Downstream	1/month	Grab	
Water column chlorophyll a (µg/L)	Downstream	1/month	Grab	1 μg/L
Periphyton chlorophyll a (mg/m²)	Downstream	1/month	See I.C.9.	_
Secchi depth (m)	Downstream	1/month	Measure	_

- 1. Temperature data must be recorded using a micro-recording temperature devices known as thermistors. Set the recording device to record at 15-minute intervals. Report the following temperature monitoring data on the DMR: monthly instantaneous maximum, maximum daily average, seven-day running average of the daily instantaneous maximum.
- 2. Use the temperature device manufacturer's software to generate (export) an Excel text or electronic ASCII text file. The file must be submitted annually to the EPA and IDEQ by January 31 for the previous monitoring year along with the placement log. The placement logs should include the following information for both thermistor deployment and retrieval: date, time, temperature device manufacturer ID, location, depth, whether it measured air or water temperature, and any other details that may explain data anomalies.
- 3. Dissolved oxygen concentrations must be logged at least once every 15 minutes.

D. Schedules of Compliance

- 1. The permittee must comply with all effluent limitations and monitoring requirements in Part I.B of this permit immediately upon the effective date of this permit except the effluent limitations for the following parameters:
 - a) Total ammonia as N effluent limits.
 - b) Nitrate + nitrite effluent limits in effect from October May.
 - c) Total Nitrogen as N effluent limits in effect from June September.
 - d) Total phosphorus as P effluent limits in effect from June September.
- 2. While the schedules of compliance specified in Part I.D.1 are in effect, the permittee must comply with interim effluent limitations and monitoring requirements as specified in Table 4, below.

Table 4: Interim Effluent Limits and Monitoring Requirements for Outfall 001						
Parameter	Units	Effluent limits	Moi	Monitoring Requirements		
Parameter	Units	Monthly Total ¹	Location	Frequency	Sample Type	
Total Nitrogen as N (June)	lb/month	2,091	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Total Nitrogen as N (July)	lb/month	249	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Total Nitrogen as N (August)	lb/month	380	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Total Nitrogen as N (September)	lb/month	482	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Total Phosphorus as P (June)	lb/month	468	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Total Phosphorus as P (July)	lb/month	56	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Total Phosphorus as P (August)	lb/month	85	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Total Phosphorus as P (September)	lb/month	108	Effluent	1/week	24-Hr. Comp.	
Ammonia		Report monthly				
(Year – round)	mg/L	average and	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.	
(1ear – round)		daily maximum				

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Table 4: Interim Effluent Limits and Monitoring Requirements for Outfall 001						
Domorroton	T Incides	Effluent limits	Moi	nitoring Requirements		
Parameter	Units	Monthly Total ¹	Location	Frequency	Sample Type	
		Report monthly				
Nitrate + Nitrite (October – May)	mg/L	average and	Effluent	1/month	24-Hr. Comp.	
		daily maximum				

Notes:

- 3. Interim Requirements for Compliance Schedule Options A and B:
 - a) By August 31, 2019, a Progress Report shall be submitted to EPA and DEQ indicating that facility planning is underway and is on schedule to comply with these interim requirements. The Progress Report shall include preliminary investigation of alternatives to meet final effluent limits.
 - b) By February 28, 2021, the permittee must notify EPA and DEQ in writing that a preferred compliance schedule option has been selected (Option A or B). If Option B is selected at this time, a facility plan shall be submitted to EPA and DEQ for review and approval that identifies a preferred alternative that will meet final effluent limits along with project phasing, financing strategy and implementation timeline.
- 4. Interim Requirements for Compliance Schedule Option A
 - a) By November 30, 2018, a Lake Study strategy paper shall be submitted to DEQ for review and approval that describes how assimilative capacity of Pend Oreille Lake (Lake Study) in the proximity of the proposed lake outfall will be determined and how water quality would be affected by the placement of the outfall. The Lake Study strategy paper must include one year of flow direction and velocity monitoring in the proposed affected area and two years of water quality monitoring. The Lake Study strategy paper and subsequent Lake Study shall be developed and managed by limnologists experienced in developing and finalizing similar lake studies.
 - b) By November 30, 2018, a draft Field Sampling Plan (FSP) shall be submitted to DEQ for review and approval that describes in detail how the monitoring will be executed. The FSP shall also be accompanied by a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP). The QAPP shall be written to the standard required by EPA for projects that involve surface water monitoring and the collection and analysis of water samples. Information can be found here: https://www.epa.gov/quality/quality-assurance-project-plan-development-tool
 - c) By February 28, 2019, a final FSP and QAPP shall be submitted to DEQ for review and approval.
 - d) By February 29, 2020, one (1) year of monitoring shall be completed per FSP and QAPP. Permittee shall submit to DEQ for review and approval monitoring data, data analysis and interim report, quality assurance report and if necessary, a revised FSP/QAPP.

^{1.} The monthly total must be calculated as the arithmetic mean of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month multiplied by the number of discharging days during that calendar month.

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e) By February 28, 2021, two (2) years of monitoring shall be completed per FSP and QAPP. Permittee shall submit to DEQ for review and approval monitoring data, data analysis and interim report, and quality assurance report.

- f) By February 28, 2022, three years of monitoring shall be completed per FSP and QAPP. Permittee shall submit to DEQ for review and approval monitoring data, data analysis and Final Report, and quality assurance report.
- g) By February 28, 2023, a Final Facility Plan including project phasing, financing strategy and implementation timeline shall have been approved by DEQ.
- h) By February 28, 2024, the permittee shall provide EPA and DEQ with a progress report on funding for their preferred alternative in the form of a notice of bond approval or notice of judicial confirmation.
- i) By February 28, 2025, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with written notice that design has been completed and approved by DEQ.
- j) By August 31, 2025, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with a notice that bids for construction have been awarded to achieve final effluent limitations.
- k) By August 31, 2026 and August 31, 2027, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with brief progress reports of construction as they relate to meeting the compliance schedule timeline and final effluent limits.
- l) By August 31, 2028, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with written notice that construction has been substantively completed on the facilities to achieve final effluent limitations.
- m) By February 28, 2029, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with a written report providing details of a completed start up and optimization phase of the new treatment system (if applicable) and must achieve compliance with the final effluent limitations of Part I.B.

5. Interim Requirements for Compliance Schedule Option B:

- a) By August 31, 2020, a facility plan shall be submitted to EPA and DEQ for review and approval. The facility plan shall identify a preferred alternative that will meet final effluent limits along with project phasing, financing strategy and implementation timeline.
- b) By August 31, 2021, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with a progress report on funding for the preferred alternative in the form of a notice of bond approval or notice of judicial confirmation.
- c) By August 31, 2022, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with written notice that design has been completed and approved by DEQ.

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d) By August 31, 2023, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with a notice that bids for construction have been awarded to achieve final effluent limitations.

- e) By August 31, 2024 and August 31, 2025, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with brief progress reports of construction as they relate to meeting the compliance schedule timeline and final effluent limits.
- f) By August 31, 2026, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with written notice that construction has been substantively completed on the facilities to achieve final effluent limitations.
- g) By August 31, 2027, the permittee must provide EPA and DEQ with a written report providing details of a completed start up and optimization phase of the new treatment system (if applicable) and must achieve compliance with the final effluent limitations of Part I.B.

6. The interim tasks for the compliance schedule are summarized in Table 5, below:

T. 1.1. 7. C. 11.		Table 5: Compliance Schedule Options A and B Timeline and Tasks							
Table 5: Compliand									
Deadline	Lake Study ¹	Other Alternative	Required for both						
Deaume	Option A	Option B	Options A and B						
November 30, 2018	Study strategy paper		_						
November 30, 2018	draft FSP, QAPP	_	_						
February 28, 2019	final FSP, QAPP	_	_						
August 31, 2019	_	_	Facility planning Progress Report w/ investigation of alternatives						
February 29, 2020	-one year data per FSP/QAPP -data analysis and Interim Report -Quality Assurance Report -revised FSP/QAPP if necessary	_							
August 31, 2020	_	facility plan with preferred alternative OR	_						
February 28, 2021	-two years data per FSP/QAPP -data analysis and Interim Report -Quality Assurance Report	facility plan with preferred alternative (if moving from Option A to Option B)	Decision to pursue Option A or B						
August 31, 2021	_	funding approval	_						
February 28, 2022	-3 years of data per FSP/QAPP -data analysis and Final Report -Quality Assurance Report	_							
August 31, 2022		completed design	_						
February 28, 2023	final facility plan								
August 31, 2023	_	bids awarded							
February 28, 2024	funding approval	_	_						

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Table 5: Compliance Schedule Options A and B Timeline and Tasks			
Deadline	Lake Study ¹ Option A	Other Alternative Option B	Required for both Options A and B
August 31, 2024	completed design	construction update	
August 31, 2025	bids awarded	construction update	_
August 31, 2026	construction update	construction completed	_
August 31, 2027	construction update	optimization completed	_
August 31, 2028	construction completed	_	_
February 28, 2029	optimization completed	_	_

II. Special Conditions

A. Operation and Maintenance Plan

In addition to the requirements specified in Section IV.E. of this permit (Proper Operation and Maintenance), by February 28, 2019, the permittee must provide written notice to EPA and IDEQ that an operations and maintenance plan for the current wastewater treatment facility has been developed and implemented by February 28, 2019. The plan shall be retained on site and made available on request to EPA and IDEQ. Any changes occurring in the operation of the plant shall be reflected within the Operation and Maintenance plan. 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_ID0021229_O&M_50108, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification.

B. Quality Assurance Plan (QAP)

The permittee must develop a quality assurance plan (QAP) for all monitoring required by this permit. The permittee must submit written notice to EPA and IDEQ that the Plan has been developed and implemented November 30, 2018. 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_ID0021229_QAP_55099, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification. Any existing QAPs may be modified for compliance with this section.

- 1. The QAP must be designed to assist in planning for the collection and analysis of effluent and receiving water samples in support of the permit and in explaining data anomalies when they occur.
- 2. Throughout all sample collection and analysis activities, the permittee must use the EPA-approved QA/QC and chain-of-custody procedures described in *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.

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3. Mercury samples must be collected using guidance provided in EPA Method 1669, Sampling Ambient Water for Determination of Metals at EPA Ambient Criteria Levels (July 1996).

- 4. At a minimum, the QAP must include the following:
 - a) Details on the number of samples, type of sample containers, preservation of samples, holding times, analytical methods, analytical detection and quantitation limits for each target compound, type and number of quality assurance field samples, precision and accuracy requirements, sample preparation requirements, sample shipping methods, and laboratory data delivery requirements.
 - b) Map(s) indicating the location of each sampling point.
 - c) Qualification and training of personnel.
 - d) Name(s), address(es) and telephone number(s) of the laboratories used by or proposed to be used by the permittee.
- 5. The permittee must amend the QAP whenever there is a modification in sample collection, sample analysis, or other procedure addressed by the QAP.
- 6. Copies of the QAP must be kept on site and made available to EPA and/or IDEQ upon request.

C. Industrial Waste Management

- 1. The Permittee must not authorize the introduction of pollutants that would inhibit, interfere, or otherwise be incompatible with operation of the treatment works including interference with the use or disposal of municipal sludge.
- 2. The Permittee must not authorize, under any circumstances, the introduction of the following pollutants to the POTW from any source of nondomestic discharge:
 - a) Any pollutant which may cause Pass Through or Interference;
 - b) Pollutants which create a fire or explosion hazard in the POTW, including, but not limited to, waste streams with a closed cup flashpoint of less than 60° C (140° F) using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21;
 - Pollutants which will cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, but in no case indirect discharges with a pH of lower than 5.0 s.u., unless the treatment facilities are specifically designed to accommodate such indirect discharges;
 - d) Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts which will cause obstruction to the flow in the POTW, or other interference with the operation of the POTW;
 - e) Any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants (e.g., BOD₅), released in an indirect discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will cause Interference with any treatment process at the POTW;
 - f) Heat in amounts which will inhibit biological activity in the POTW resulting in Interference, but in no case heat in such quantities that the temperature at

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the POTW treatment plant exceeds 40° C (104° F) unless the Approval Authority, upon request of the POTW, approves alternate temperature limits;

- g) Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that will cause Interference or Pass Through at the POTW;
- Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems;
- i) Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW
- j) Any specific pollutant which exceeds a local limitation established by the Permittee in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 403.5(c) and (d).
- 3. The Permittee must develop and maintain a master list of the industrial users introducing pollutants to the POTW. Industrial user means any source of indirect discharge from a non-domestic source. This list must identify:
 - a) Names and addresses of all industrial users;
 - b) Which industrial users are significant industrial users (SIUs) (see Paragraph 5 of this Part);
 - c) Which SIUs are subject to categorical Pretreatment Standards (see 40 CFR 405-471);
 - d) Which standards are applicable to each industrial user (if any);
 - e) Which industrial users are subject to local standards that are more stringent than the categorical Pretreatment Standards; and
 - f) Which industrial users are subject only to local requirements.
- 4. The Permittee must submit this list, along with a summary description of the sources and information gathering methods used to develop this list, to EPA within two years following the effective date of the NPDES permit. The permittee may submit the list as an electronic attachment to NetDMR. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows:

 YYYY_MM_DD_ID0021229_Industrial User_12099, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification.
- 5. For the purposes of this list development, the term SIU means:
 - a) All industrial users subject to Categorical Pretreatment Standards under 40 CFR 403.6 and 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N; and
 - b) Any other industrial user that:
 - (i) discharges an average of 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the POTW (excluding sanitary, noncontact cooling and boiler blowdown wastewater);

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(ii) contributes a process waste stream which makes up 5 percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant; or

- (iii) is designated as such by EPA or the Permittee on the basis that the industrial user has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW's operation or for violation any Pretreatment Standard or requirement in accordance with 40 CFR 403.8(f)(6).
- 6. The Permittee must have or develop a legally enforceable municipal code to authorize or enable the POTW to apply and enforce the requirements of sections 307 (b) and (c) and 402(b)(8) and (9) of the Act and comply with the minimum requirements of 40 CFR 403.8(f)(1). Within three years of the effective date of the permit, the Permittee must adopt, implement, and enforce the local pretreatment legal authority.
- 7. The Permittee must submit the municipal code to the Director, Office of Compliance and Enforcement, with a copy to the NPDES Pretreatment Coordinator, at the following addresses:

US EPA Region 10 Attn: ICIS Data Entry Team 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 OCE-101 Seattle, Washington 98101-3123

Pretreatment Coordinator U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 10, OWW-191 1200 Sixth Avenue, Suite 155 Seattle, WA 98101-3123

D. Emergency Response and Public Notification Plan

- 1. The permittee must develop and implement an overflow emergency response and public notification plan that identifies measures to protect public health from overflows that may endanger health and unanticipated bypasses or upsets that exceed any effluent limitation in the permit. At a minimum the plan must include mechanisms to:
 - a) Ensure that the permittee is aware (to the greatest extent possible) of all overflows from portions of the collection system over which the permittee has ownership or operational control and unanticipated bypass or upset that exceed any effluent limitation in the permit;
 - 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;

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c) Ensure immediate notification to the public, health agencies, and other
affected public entities (including public water systems). The overflow
response plan must identify the public health and other officials who will
receive immediate notification;

- d) Ensure that appropriate personnel are aware of and follow the plan and are appropriately trained; and
- e) Provide emergency operations.
- 2. The permittee must submit written notice to EPA and IDEQ that the plan has been developed and implemented by February 28, 2019. Any existing emergency response and public notification plan may be modified for compliance with this section.
- 3. 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_ID0021229_ERPNP, where YYYY_MM_DD is the date that the permittee submits the written notification.

E. Pollutant Trading

- 1. The permit does not authorize pollutant trading. Trading provisions must be incorporated into a NPDES permit prior to engaging in any trading activity to meet the NPDES permit limits. The permittee may request the EPA to modify the permit to incorporate trading if:
 - a) The permittee submits a trading plan to IDEQ, and IDEQ approves the trading plan. The trading plan must provide detail (or incorporate detail from an approved watershed trading framework) on how trades shall be conducted.
 - b) After IDEQ approves the trading plan, the permittee must submit a request for permit modification to the EPA. If the EPA determines that modification is warranted, the EPA will incorporate the details of the plan into the permit through a permit modification process. The permit modification request must be submitted to the EPA and IDEQ.

III. Monitoring, Recording and Reporting Requirements

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

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

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

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

B. Reporting of Monitoring Results

The permittee must submit monitoring data and other reports electronically using NetDMR.

- 1. Monitoring data must be submitted electronically to EPA no later than the 20th of the month following the completed reporting period.
- 2. The permittee must sign and certify all DMRs, and all other reports, in accordance with the requirements of Part V.E of this permit, *Signatory Requirements*.
- 3. The permittee must submit copies of the DMRs and other reports to IDEQ.
- 4. Submittal of Reports as NetDMR Attachments. Unless otherwise specified in this permit, the permittee may submit all reports to EPA and IDEQ as NetDMR attachments rather than as hard copies. The file name of the electronic attachment must be as follows: YYYY_MM_DD_ID0021229_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

C. Monitoring Procedures

Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR 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 EPA as an alternate test procedure under 40 CFR 136.5.

D. Additional Monitoring by Permittee

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

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

E. Records Contents

Records of monitoring information must include:

- 1. the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
- 2. the name(s) of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;

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- 3. the date(s) analyses were performed;
- 4. the names of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- 5. the analytical techniques or methods used; and
- 6. the results of such analyses.

F. Retention of Records

The permittee must retain records of all monitoring information, including, all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, copies of DMRs, a copy of the NPDES permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least five years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of EPA or IDEQ at any time.

G. Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting

- 1. The permittee must report the following occurrences of noncompliance by telephone within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances:
 - a) any noncompliance that may endanger health or the environment;
 - b) any unanticipated bypass that exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit (See Part IV.F., "Bypass of Treatment Facilities");
 - c) any upset that exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit (See Part IV.G., "Upset Conditions"); or
 - d) any violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for applicable pollutants identified by Part I.B.2.
 - e) any overflow prior to the treatment works 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 subpart 1 above. The written submission must contain:
 - a) a description of the noncompliance and its cause;
 - b) the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times;

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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 Office of Compliance and Enforcement may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours by the NPDES Compliance Hotline in Seattle, Washington, by telephone, (206) 553-1846.
- 4. Reports must be submitted to the addresses in Part III.B ("Reporting of Monitoring Results").

H. Other Noncompliance Reporting

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

I. Public Notification

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

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J. Notice of New Introduction of Toxic Pollutants

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

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

US EPA Region 10 Attn: NPDES Permits Unit Manager 1200 6th Avenue Suite 155 OWW-191 Seattle, WA 98101-3123

K. Compliance Schedules

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit must be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.

IV. Compliance Responsibilities

A. Duty to Comply

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

B. Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions

1. Civil and Administrative Penalties. Pursuant to 40 CFR Part 19 and the Act, any person who violates section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under sections 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(d) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2461

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note) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (31 U.S.C. § 3701 note) (currently \$52,414 per day for each violation).

2. Administrative Penalties. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the Administrator for violating section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of this Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Pursuant to 40 CFR 19 and the Act, administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (31 U.S.C. § 3701 note) (currently \$20,965 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$52,414). Pursuant to 40 CFR 19 and the Act, penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (31 U.S.C. § 3701 note) (currently \$20,965 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$262,066).

3. Criminal Penalties:

- a) Negligent Violations. The Act provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to criminal penalties of \$2,500 to \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 1 year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 2 years, or both.
- b) Knowing Violations. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 6 years, or both.
- c) Knowing Endangerment. Any person who knowingly violates section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to

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a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the Act, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions.

d) False Statements. The Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both. The Act further provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation, or by both.

C. Need To Halt or Reduce Activity not a Defense

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

D. Duty to Mitigate

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

E. Proper Operation and Maintenance

The permittee must at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by the permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

F. Bypass of Treatment Facilities

1. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur that does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for

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essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Part.

2. Notice.

- a) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it must submit prior written notice, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass.
- b) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee must submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required under Part III.G ("Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting").

3. Prohibition of bypass.

- a) Bypass is prohibited, and the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement may take enforcement action against the permittee for a bypass, unless:
 - (i) The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 - (ii) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass that occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
 - (iii) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph 2 of this Part.
- b) The Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Director determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph 3.a. of this Part.

G. Upset Conditions

- 1. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology-based permit effluent limitations if the permittee meets the requirements of paragraph 2 of this Part. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- 2. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. To establish the affirmative defense of upset, the permittee must demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - a) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - b) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;

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c) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required under Part III.G, "Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting;" and

- d) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Part IV.D, "Duty to Mitigate."
- 3. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

H. Toxic Pollutants

The permittee must comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under section 405(d) of the Act for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

I. Planned Changes

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

- 1. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source as determined in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
- 2. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants that are not subject to effluent limitations in this permit.
- 3. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application site.

J. Anticipated Noncompliance

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

K. Reopener

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

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V. General Provisions

A. Permit Actions

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

B. Duty to Reapply

If the permittee intends to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit. In accordance with 40 CFR 122.21(d), and unless permission for the application to be submitted at a later date has been granted by the Regional Administrator, the permittee must submit a new application by March 4, 2023.

C. Duty to Provide Information

The permittee must furnish to EPA and IDEQ, within the time specified in the request, any information that EPA or IDEQ may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee must also furnish to EPA or IDEQ, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

D. Other Information

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

E. Signatory Requirements

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

- 1. All permit applications must be signed as follows:
 - a) For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer.
 - b) For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
 - c) For a municipality, state, federal, Indian tribe, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
- 2. All reports required by the permit and other information requested by EPA or IDEQ must be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
 - a) The authorization is made in writing by a person described above;

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b) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company; and

- c) The written authorization is submitted to the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement and IDEQ.
- 3. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under Part V.E.2 is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of Part V.E.2. must be submitted to the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement and IDEQ prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.
- 4. Certification. Any person signing a document under this Part must make the following certification:

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

F. Availability of Reports

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

G. Inspection and Entry

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

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1. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;

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

H. Property Rights

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

I. Transfers

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

J. State Laws

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable state law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Act.

VI. Definitions

- 1. "Act" means the Clean Water Act.
- 2. "Administrator" means the Administrator of the EPA, or an authorized representative.
- 3. "Average monthly discharge limitation" means the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all "daily discharges" measured during a calendar month divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that month.
- 4. "Average weekly discharge limitation" means the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all "daily

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discharges" measured during a calendar week divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that week.

- 5. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
- 6. "Composite" see "24-hour composite".
- 7. "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.
- 8. "Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement" means the Director of the Office of Compliance and Enforcement, EPA Region 10, or an authorized representative.
- 9. "Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds" means the Director of the Office of Water and Watersheds, EPA Region 10, or an authorized representative.
- 10. "DMR" means discharge monitoring report.
- 11. "EPA" means the United States Environmental Protection Agency.
- 12. "Geometric Mean" means the nth root of a product of n factors, or the antilogarithm of the arithmetic mean of the logarithms of the individual sample values.
- 13. "Grab" sample is an individual sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes.
- 14. "IDEQ" means the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality.
- 15. "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.
- 16. "Industrial User" means a source of "Indirect Discharge."
- 17. "Interference" is defined in 40 CFR 403.3.
- 18. "Maximum daily discharge limitation" means the highest allowable "daily discharge."
- 19. "Method Detection Limit (MDL)" means the minimum concentration of a substance (analyte) that can be measured and reported with 99 percent confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero and is determined from analysis of a sample in a given matrix containing the analyte.
- 20. "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), whichever is higher. Minimum levels may be obtained in several ways: They may be published in a method; they may be based on the lowest acceptable calibration point used by a laboratory; or they may be calculated by multiplying

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the MDL in a method, or the MDL determined by a laboratory, by a factor of 3. For the purposes of NPDES compliance monitoring, EPA considers the following terms to be synonymous: "quantitation limit," "reporting limit," and "minimum level."

- 21. "NPDES" means National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits . . . under sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of the CWA.
- 22. "Pass Through" means a 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).
- 23. "QA/QC" means quality assurance/quality control.
- 24. "Regional Administrator" means the Regional Administrator of Region 10 of the EPA, or the authorized representative of the Regional Administrator.
- 25. "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.
- 26. "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.
- 27. "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 the most recent edition of Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.

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 EPA with appropriate laboratory documentation.

Pollutant & CAS No. (if available)	Minimum Level (ML) μg/L unless specified	
Ammonia, total (as N)	50	
Biochemical oxygen demand	2 mg/L	
Cadmium, total recoverable (7440-43-9)	0.1	
Chlorine, total residual	50.0	
Chromium, total (7440-47-3)	1.0	
Chromium VI, dissolved (18540-29-9)	1.2	
Copper, total recoverable (7440-50-8)	2.0	
Cyanide, weak acid dissociable	10	
Dissolved oxygen	+/- 0.2 mg/L	
Mercury, total (7439-97-6)	0.0005	
Nickel, total recoverable (7440-02-0)	0.5	
Nitrate + nitrite nitrogen (as N)	100	
Nitrogen, total Kjeldahl (as N)	300	
Oil and Grease (HEM) (hexane extractable material)	5,000	
pH	N/A	
Phosphorus, soluble reactive (as P)	10	
Phosphorus, total (as P)	10	
Silver, total recoverable (7440-22-4)	0.2	
Temperature	+/- 0.2° C	
Total dissolved solids	20 mg/L	
Total suspended solids	5 mg/L	
Zinc, total recoverable (7440-66-6)	2.5	