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## Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Discharge Permit No. ID0020354

### Idaho Department of Environmental Quality

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In compliance with the provisions of the State of Idaho Environmental Protection and Health Act Title 39, Chapter 1, “Rules Regulating the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Program” (IDAPA 58.01.25) and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act) Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251 *et seq.*

City of Weippe POTW

is authorized to discharge in accordance with the permit conditions that follow.

Facility Location: 0 West 8 <sup>th</sup> Weippe, ID 83553 Outfall Name: Outfall 001 Treatment Type: Facultative Lagoons	Receiving Water: Jim Ford Creek Latitude: 46.38130° Longitude: -115.94662°
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## Submission Schedule

The following list contains a summary of some of the items the permittee must complete and/or submit to the Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) during the term of this Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES) permit. Please refer to the permit sections for specific submittal requirements.

Permit Section	Submittal Item	Frequency	Initial Submittal Date
2.2.7	24-Hour Notice of Noncompliance	As required	---
2.2.8	5-Day Written Submission for Noncompliance	As required	---
2.2.5	Notice of New Introduction of Toxic Pollutants	As required	---
3.4	Spill Control Plan Notification	As required	---
4.1.1	Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) Notification	As required	12/28/2021
2.2.3	Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)	Monthly	8/20/2021
2.1.3	Sludge Depth Report	Once	12/31/2025
2.1.4	Receiving Water Monitoring Report	Once	12/31/2025
2.1.4	Receiving Water Monitoring Station Approval Request	Once	9/29/2021
2.1.5	Permit Renewal Effluent Individual Sample Results Spreadsheet	Once	12/31/2025
2.3	Permit Renewal Application	Once	12/31/2025
3.1	Master List of Nondomestic Users	Once	12/31/2025
3.2	Phosphorus Management Plan	Once	6/1/2023
3.3	Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) Evaluation	Once	12/31/2025
3.4.1	Spill Control Plan	Once	12/28/2021
4.1.2	Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual Notification	Once	12/28/2021
4.1.3	Emergency Response Plan Notification	Once	12/28/2021
1.2	Receiving Water to Effluent Flow Comparison	Annually	7/31/2022
3.2	Phosphorus Management Annual Report	Annually	6/1/2024
4.2.7	Annual Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Report	Annually	5/31/2022

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# 1 Effluent Limits

## 1.1 Discharge Authorization

During the effective period of this permit, the permittee is authorized to discharge pollutants to Jim Ford Creek at Outfall 001 subject to compliance with the limits shown in Table 2 and all other conditions of this permit. This permit authorizes discharge of only those pollutants from the specified outfalls resulting from facility processes, waste streams, and operations clearly identified in the permit application process.

This permit authorizes discharge only from September 1 to June 30. Discharge at any other time is not authorized by this permit.

Compliance with this permit during its term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with Clean Water Act §§ 301, 302, 306, 307, 318, 403, and 405(a) through (b); except for any toxic effluent standards and prohibitions imposed under the Clean Water Act section 307, and standards for sewage sludge use or disposal under the Clean Water Act section 405(d).

The issuance of, or coverage under, this permit does not convey any property rights or any exclusive privilege, nor does it authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of state or local law or regulations (including but not limited to Clean Water Act § 311, Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA) § 106, 40 CFR 503, IDAPA 58.01.16, and IDAPA 58.01.17). The issuance of, or coverage under, this permit does not constitute authorization of the permitted activities by any other state or federal agency or private person or entity, and does not excuse the permit holder from the obligation to obtain and comply with any other necessary approvals, authorizations, or permits.

## 1.2 Effluent Limits and Associated Monitoring Requirements

The permittee must operate the facility to limit pollutant discharges from Outfall 001 as described in Table 2 and meet all other permit conditions. This permit also requires the permittee to monitor discharges at effluent monitoring locations described in Table 1 to verify compliance with the permit limits. The permittee must comply with the effluent limits in Table 2 at all times unless otherwise indicated, regardless of the frequency of monitoring or reporting required by other provisions of this permit.

**Table 1. Monitoring site locations.**

<b>Site Name</b>	<b>Site Location</b>	<b>Site Description</b>
Outfall 001	External outfall	On the west side of the facility at the weir outfall structure into Jim Ford Creek just above the confluence with Grasshopper Creek.
Influent 001	Influent	At the headworks structure.
Jim Ford Creek 001	Receiving Water	In Jim Ford Creek at a location approved by Lewiston DEQ, upstream of the influence of the City of Weippe POTW discharge.

The permittee must report all effluent data results with units of measure and level of precision (and significant figures, when applicable) identified in section 1.2 and report effluent monitoring results on the appropriate DMR as described in section 2.2.3. For all effluent monitoring, the permittee must use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods that achieve a minimum level (ML) less than the effluent limit unless otherwise specified in Table 2.

This permit authorizes discharge at Outfall 001 when the ratio of receiving water to effluent flow equals or exceeds 50:1. The permittee must submit a report comparing the daily effluent flow to the daily receiving water flow once per year by July 31, starting on July 31, 2022.

**Table 2. Pollutants with effluent limits and monitoring requirements for Outfall 001.**

Parameter	Discharge Period	Units	Effluent Limits <sup>h</sup>							Monitoring Requirements		Reporting Period (DMR Months)	
			Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Monthly Geometric Mean	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum	Daily Maximum	Maximum Weekly Maximum Temperature	Sample Type	Sample Frequency		
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sub>5</sub> )	09/01 – 06/30	mg/L	30	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	Grab <sup>f</sup>	1/week	Monthly (Sep – June)
		lb/day	134	201	—	—	—	—	—	—	Calculation <sup>a</sup>		
BOD <sub>5</sub> Percent Removal	09/01 – 06/30	%	85 (minimum)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Calculation <sup>b</sup>	1/month	
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	09/01 – 06/30	mg/L	30	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	Grab <sup>f</sup>	1/week	Monthly (Sep – June)
		lb/day	134	201	—	—	—	—	—	—	Calculation <sup>a</sup>		
TSS Percent Removal	09/01 – 06/30	%	85 (minimum)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Calculation <sup>b</sup>	1/month	
<i>E. coli</i>	09/01 – 06/30	#/100 ml	—	—	126 <sup>d,e</sup>	—	—	—	406 <sup>c</sup>	—	Grab <sup>f</sup>	5/month	Monthly (Sep – June)
pH	09/01 – 06/30	stand ar d units (s.u.)	—	—	—	6.5 <sup>c</sup>	9.0 <sup>c</sup>	—	—	—	Grab <sup>f</sup>	5/week	Monthly (Sep – June)
Total Residual Chlorine	09/01 – 06/30	mg/L	0.09	—	—	—	—	—	0.24 <sup>c</sup>	—	Grab <sup>f</sup>	1/week	Monthly (Sep – June)
		lb/day	0.42	—	—	—	—	—	1.06 <sup>c</sup>	—	Calculation <sup>a</sup>		
Phosphorus, Total as P <sup>9</sup>	04/01 – 06/30	lb/ month	Seasonal Average: 30 lb/month							—	Grab <sup>f</sup>	1/week	
Temperature	05/01 – 06/30, 09/01 – 10/31	°C	—	—	—	—	—	—	22	19	Grab <sup>f</sup>	5/week	Monthly (May, June, September, October)

- a. Calculation means figured concurrently with the respective sample, using the following formula: Concentration (in mg/L) X Flow (in mgd) X Conversion Factor (8.34) = lb/day
- b. % Removal = ((Influent](mg/L)-[Effluent](mg/L))/([Influent](mg/L))x100%  
Braces “[ ]” indicate concentration of the attribute contained inside

- c. Exceedance of a maximum daily limit, instantaneous maximum limit, or instantaneous minimum limit requires 24-hour reporting in accordance with 2.2.7. For *E. coli*, the maximum daily threshold that triggers 24-hour reporting is 406 #/100 ml. Please see 2.2.7 for additional 24-hour reporting requirements.
- d. Idaho's water quality standards for primary contact recreation include a single sample value of 406 #/100 ml. Exceedance of this value indicates likely exceedance of the 126 #/100 ml geometric mean criterion. If this value is exceeded at any point within the month, the facility should consider monitoring according to IDAPA 58.01.02.251.01.a to determine compliance with the monthly geometric mean.
- e. The average monthly *E. coli* bacteria counts must not exceed a geometric mean of 126/100 ml based on a minimum of 5 samples taken every 3 – 7 days within a calendar month.
- f. A grab sample is an individual sample collected over a 15-minute period or less.
- g. Refer to section 1.2.1 for more information regarding the seasonal phosphorus limit.



### 1.2.1 Annual or Seasonal Average Effluent Limits

The seasonal average limit for Total Phosphorus at Outfall 001 is as follows:

- The season is from April 1 through June 30.
- The seasonal average Total Phosphorus load must not exceed 30 lb/month.
- The permittee must monitor effluent Total Phosphorus with grab samples once per week at Outfall 001 from April 1 through June 30 when discharge occurs.

The seasonal average Total Phosphorus load must be calculated as the average of the following in each month: the sum of all daily loads of Total Phosphorus during a month, divided by the number of measurements for Total Phosphorus during that period, multiplied by the number of days in the month.

The seasonal average Total Phosphorus load must be reported once per year on the June DMR.

### 1.2.2 Narrative Limits

The permittee must comply with all narrative criteria at IDAPA 58.01.02.200. The permittee must observe the receiving water once per week in the vicinity of where the effluent enters the surface water. The permittee must maintain a log of each observation that includes photos, date, time, observer, and whether there is presence of floating, suspended or submerged matter; or other indication that the discharge causes a violation of IDAPA 58.01.02.200 narrative criteria. The log must be retained onsite and made available to DEQ upon request.

## 1.3 Regulatory Mixing Zone

Pursuant to IDAPA 58.01.02.060, DEQ authorizes the mixing zones in Table 3 for Outfall 001.

**Table 3. Authorized mixing zones for Outfall 001.**

Pollutant	Effluent Flow	Authorized Mixing Zone (% of Critical Low Flow)			
		Aquatic Life		Human Health	
		Acute	Chronic	Water and Fish	Fish Only
Ammonia	0.536 mgd	1% of 41.46 cfs	9% of 41.46 cfs	N/A	N/A
Total Residual Chlorine	0.536 mgd	25% of 41.46 cfs	25% of 41.46 cfs	N/A	N/A

There is no flow data available to determine critical low flows for Jim Ford Creek near the discharge. Due to the seasonal nature of the City of Weippe POTW's discharge, USGS streamstats program does not provide a good estimate of critical low flows either. The authorized mixing zones are based on a 50:1 ratio of receiving water to effluent flow, similar to previous City of Weippe POTW permits. The City of Weippe POTW is required to collect continuous flow data in Jim Ford Creek to provide flow data to use in subsequent permit cycles.

This permit requires monitoring for Ammonia, Total as N, and Total Residual Chlorine to ensure appropriateness of authorized mixing zones. Specific monitoring requirements are in sections 1.2 and 2.1.2 and 2.1.4.

## 2 Monitoring and Reporting Requirements

For all influent, effluent, and receiving water monitoring; the permittee must use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods:

- To detect and quantify the pollutant to a level of precision that is at or below the level of the applicable water quality criterion for parameters without effluent limits.
- For parameters that have effluent limits the method used must have an ML equal to or below the required limit. When a specific ML for any parameter is prescribed in permit section 2.1.6 the method used must be able to achieve an ML less than or equal to that which is specified.
- The permittee may request different MLs in writing, subject to DEQ approval.

All samples and measurements collected under this permit must be representative of the waste stream or receiving water at the monitoring point in Table 1. In order to verify that the effluent limits set forth in this permit are not violated, the permittee must collect additional samples at times other than when routine samples are taken 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 likely to be present in the discharge and limited in section 1.2 of this permit in accordance with section 2.1.6. The permittee must collect such additional samples as soon as any spill, discharge, or bypassed effluent reaches an appropriate monitoring point. The permittee must report all additional monitoring in accordance with section 2.2.

### 2.1 Monitoring Schedules and Requirements

The permittee must monitor in accordance with the requirements specified in this section.

#### 2.1.1 Influent Monitoring

The permittee must monitor influent at Influent 001 and report results on the appropriate DMRs as listed in Table 4.

**Table 4. Influent monitoring.**

Parameter	Monitoring Period	Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Report	Reporting Frequency (DMR Months)
Flow	01/01 to 12/31	mgd	Continuous <sup>a</sup>	Recorded	Monthly Average, Maximum Daily Average	Monthly (All Months)
BOD <sub>5</sub>	01/01 to 12/31	mg/L	2/month	Grab	Monthly Average	Monthly (All Months)
TSS	01/01 to 12/31	mg/L	2/month	Grab	Monthly Average	Monthly (All Months)

- a. Continuous means uninterrupted except for brief lengths of time for calibration, power failure, or unanticipated equipment repair or maintenance. The time interval for the associated data logger must be capable of providing adequate data.

### 2.1.2 Additional Effluent Monitoring

Pollutants that must be monitored for averaging periods not associated with effluent limits are presented in Table 5. The permittee must monitor effluent at the location specified in Table 1 and report results on appropriate DMRs as identified in Table 5.

**Table 5. Additional effluent monitoring for Outfall 001.**

Parameter	Monitoring Period	Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Report	Reporting Frequency (DMR Months)
Flow <sup>a</sup>	09/01 – 06/30	mgd	Continuous	Recording	Monthly Average, Maximum Daily Average	All Months (Sep – June)
<i>E. coli</i>	09/01 – 06/30	#/100 ml	5/month	Grab <sup>b</sup>	Instantaneous Maximum <sup>c</sup>	All Months (Sep – June)
Ammonia, Total as N	09/01 – 06/30	mg/L	1/month	Grab <sup>b</sup>	Monthly Average	All Months (Sep – June)

- a. A record containing all effluent and receiving water flow measurements, and comparing each day's average effluent flow to average receiving water flow must be submitted once per year by July 31<sup>st</sup>.
- b. A grab sample is an individual sample collected over a 15-minute period or less.
- c. Reporting is required within 24 hours of discovery of a single sample value greater than 406/100 ml. A value greater than this indicates likely exceedance of the geometric mean criterion, but is not by itself a violation of WQS or permit effluent limits.

### 2.1.3 Sewage Sludge Monitoring

The permittee must keep the sludge accumulation and maintenance section in the facility's Operation and Maintenance (O&M) manual updated. This will address monitoring of sewage sludge accumulation in the lagoons, identify at what sludge depth additional actions are required, and be updated when the O&M manual notification is submitted through the IPDES E-Permitting System as required in section 4.1.2. Additionally, the permittee must submit a sludge depth report, showing sludge depth trends, once per permit cycle through the IPDES E-Permitting System with the permit renewal application due on 12/31/2025.

If the permittee determines sludge removal and disposal (or beneficial use) is necessary during this permit cycle, the permittee must meet requirements of IDAPA 58.01.16.650 and Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 40, Part 503 (40 CFR 503). To meet the requirements of

IDAPA 58.01.16.650, DEQ approval of a plan is required prior to sludge removal. If the facility does not already have a DEQ-approved sludge management plan they must submit a sludge management plan or a biosolids management plan through the IPDES E-Permitting System.

Sludge removal may also require seepage testing (permit section 3.5) to meet the requirements of IDAPA 58.01.16.493 before the lagoon may be returned into service. Additionally, EPA is the permitting and enforcement authority for 40 CFR Part 503 until DEQ gains program authority on July 1, 2021 and all federal, state, and local regulations must be met. Until this date, DEQ approval of a sludge or biosolids management plan only requires compliance with IDAPA 58.01.16.

### 2.1.4 Receiving Water Monitoring

The permittee must conduct receiving water monitoring for each site at the locations and dates in Table 6 for parameters identified in Table 7. Monitoring must begin by the monitoring start dates listed in Table 6. Monitoring must meet the following requirements:

**Table 6. Receiving Water Monitoring Site start Date Requirements**

Receiving Water	Location	Location Approval Type	Location Approval Due Date	Site Name	LAT/ Long	Site Description	Monitoring Start Date	Monitoring Duration
Jim Ford Creek	Upstream	Location must be submitted and approved	9/29/2021	Jim Ford Creek 001	—	In Jim Ford Creek at a location approved by Lewiston DEQ, upstream of the influence of the City of Weippe POTW discharge.	1/1/2022	For the duration of the permit

1. Submit the request for monitoring station location approval through the IPDES E-Permitting System by 9/29/2021.
2. Results must be reported on the appropriate DMR as specified in Table 7
3. A failure to obtain DEQ approval of receiving water monitoring stations does not relieve the permittee of the receiving water monitoring requirements of this permit.
3. To the extent practicable, receiving water sample collection must occur on the same day as effluent sample collection.
4. When flow monitoring is required in Table 7, the flow rate must be measured as near as practicable to the time that other ambient parameters are sampled.
5. Samples must be analyzed for the parameters listed in Table 7.
6. Quality assurance project plans (QAPPs) must address all receiving water monitoring.
7. Samples for pH, ammonia, and temperature must be collected on the same day (see Table 7).
8. The permittee must submit all receiving water monitoring results for the current permit cycle for all parameters in the receiving water monitoring report spreadsheet that is uploaded to the E-Permitting system concurrently with the permit renewal application submittal by 10/1/2025. The file must 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), method of location determination (e.g., GPS, survey), date and time of sample collection, water quality parameter (or characteristic being measured), analytical result, result unit, detection limit and definition (e.g., method detection limit [MDL]), analytical method, date completed, and any applicable notes.

**Table 7. Receiving water monitoring requirements for Outfall 001.**

Parameter	Monitoring Period	Units	Monthly Average	Instantaneous Minimum	Instantaneous Maximum	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Reporting Period (DMR Months)
Flow <sup>a</sup>	01/01 – 12/31	cfs	Report	—	—	Continuous <sup>c</sup>	Recorded	Monthly (All Months)
Ammonia, Total as N	01/01 – 12/31	mg/L	Report	—	—	Quarterly <sup>b</sup>	Grab <sup>d</sup>	Quarterly (March, June, September, December)
pH	01/01 – 12/31	S.U.	—	Report	Report	Quarterly <sup>b</sup>	Grab <sup>d,e</sup>	Quarterly (March, June, September, December)
Temperature	01/01 – 12/31	°C	Report	—	—	Quarterly <sup>b</sup>	Grab <sup>d</sup>	Quarterly (March, June, September, December)
Phosphorus, Total as P	01/01 – 12/31	mg/L	Report	—	—	Quarterly <sup>b</sup>	Grab <sup>d</sup>	Quarterly (March, June, September, December)

- a. A record containing all effluent and receiving water flow measurements, and comparing each day's average effluent flow to average receiving water flow must be submitted once per year by July 31, starting in 2022.
- b. Quarters are defined as: January 1-March 31; April 1-June30; July 1-September 30; and October 1-December 31.
- c. Continuous means uninterrupted except for brief lengths of time for calibration, power failure, or unanticipated equipment repair or maintenance. The time interval for the associated data logger must be no greater than 30 minutes.
- d. Grab means an individual sample collected over a 15 minute, or less, period.
- e. pH must be analyzed within 15 minutes of sample collection.

### **2.1.4.1 Receiving Water Continuous Monitoring**

The permittee must collect continuously recorded data for pollutants that have a sample frequency of 'continuous' in the receiving water monitoring tables above. Data collection must meet the following minimum requirements:

1. Monitoring in the receiving water must be adequately addressed in the sampling plan and QAPP.
2. Begin monitoring on or before the specified start listed in Table 7 for each receiving water monitoring site.
3. Recording devices must be set to record at the specified interval in the receiving water monitoring requirement table above
4. Submitted continuous monitoring data must include the following information for both deployment and retrieval:
  - a. Date
  - b. Time
  - c. Device manufacturer ID
  - d. Location
  - e. Depth
  - f. Parameter measured
  - g. Any other details that may explain data anomalies

### **2.1.5 Permit Renewal Effluent Monitoring**

The renewal application for this permit requires data collection to characterize the effect of the effluent on Jim Ford Creek (section 2.1.4). The permittee must collect three samples of the final wastewater effluent for the parameters listed in Table 8 and Table 9 so that DEQ can assess the surface water impacts. For parameters requiring a 24-hour composite sample, only one analysis of the composite of aliquots (samples) is required for each sample. All 24-hour composite samples collected for permit renewal monitoring must be flow -based and composed of four aliquots (samples). Monitoring results collected to achieve other permit conditions may be used to meet permit renewal effluent monitoring requirements. The permittee must enter summary data in their permit renewal application.

The permittee must also upload a permit renewal effluent individual sample results spreadsheet to the IPDES E-Permitting System by 12/31/2025.

The permittee must conduct full scans of the final effluent according to the following schedule:

2021: Fourth quarter: October – December

2023: First quarter: January – March

2024: Second quarter: April – June

2025: Fourth quarter: October – December

In addition, the permittee must continue permit renewal effluent monitoring at a frequency of once every fifth quarter after the last sampling event listed in the schedule above until a new permit is issued.

**Table 8. Effluent monitoring required for all permit renewals.**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Report
pH	s.u.	Grab	Minimum and maximum value
Flow	mgd	Continuous	Maximum daily value, average daily value, number of samples
Temperature <sup>a</sup>	°C	Grab	
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	Grab	Maximum daily value, average daily value, analytical method and ML or MDL
TSS	mg/L	Grab	
<i>E. coli</i>	#/100 mL	Grab	

- a. The permittee must collect during the middle month of each required quarter (i.e., November for fourth quarter 2021, February for first quarter 2023).

The facility has a design flow greater than or equal to 0.1 mgd and must also conduct three sampling events of effluent testing for the parameters in Table 9.

**Table 9. Effluent testing required for permit renewals of facilities with flow greater than or equal to 0.1 mgd.**

Parameter	Units	Sample Type	Report
Ammonia (as N)	mg/L	Grab	Maximum daily value, average daily value, analytical method and ML or MDL
Chlorine, Total Residual	mg/L	Grab	
Dissolved oxygen	mg/L	Grab	
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	mg/L	Grab	
Nitrate plus Nitrite	mg/L	Grab	
Oil and grease	mg/L	Grab	
Phosphorus, Total (as P)	mg/L	Grab	
Total dissolved solids	mg/L	Grab	

### 2.1.6 Analytical and Sampling Procedures

Required monitoring must be completed using sufficiently sensitive methods and conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136, unless:

- Another method is required under 40 CFR subchapters N or O; or
- This permit requires the use of a specific EPA approved method for a particular parameter.

For parameters with effluent limits, the permittee must use methods that can achieve a minimum level (ML) less than the current applicable effluent limit. For parameters that do not have effluent limits, or have effluent limits that are less than the most sensitive 40 CFR 136 approved method, the permittee must use sufficiently sensitive methods. The permittee may request different MLs. The request must be in writing and must be approved by DEQ.

### ***Laboratory Quality Assurance and Quality Control***

The permittee must develop and implement a QAPP that conforms to the quality assurance and quality control requirements of 40 CFR 136.7. The requirements for a QAPP are in section 4.1.1 of this permit.



If a sample or measurement (analysis) does not meet the QAPP requirements, the permittee must reanalyze the sample. If the original sample cannot be reanalyzed, the permittee must resample and analyze at the earliest possible opportunity. All samples/measurements results not meeting the QAPP requirements must still be maintained by the permittee along with a notation (data qualifier) and explanation of unmet QAPP requirements. The permittee must not use this result in any calculation required by this permit unless authorized by the DEQ.

## 2.2 Recording and Reporting Requirements

The permittee must record and report information to DEQ as specified in the following subsections.

### 2.2.1 Recording of Results

For each measurement or sample taken, the permittee must record the following information:

1. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements
2. The names of the individuals who performed the sampling or measurements
3. The dates analyses were performed
4. The names of the individuals who performed the analyses
5. The analytical techniques or methods used
6. The results of all analyses
7. The record of the information collected in 1 - 6 of this section must be maintained and made available to DEQ upon request.

### 2.2.2 Reporting Procedures

1. If the permittee did not discharge wastewater, the permittee must enter the no data indicator (NODI) code "C" that indicates no discharge for the outfall DMR during a given reporting period. Receiving water monitoring and reporting may be required during months with no effluent discharge.
2. If the permittee did not discharge wastewater for all days of a reporting period:
  - a. Calculate values using the actual number of samples collected and include a comment on the DMR indicating the shortened discharge time and sample results obtained.
  - b. When the days with discharge are insufficient to calculate a geometric mean for *E. coli* according to IDAPA 58.01.02.251, the permittee must enter the NODI Code "F" (that indicates insufficient flow for sampling and include collected sample values in a comment on the reporting period DMR).
3. The permittee must report, at least, the same level of precision (and significant figures, when applicable) as the permit limit for a given parameter. Level of precision of a permit limit refers to the place value of the last significant digit in the permit limit for a given parameter as expressed in Appendix A. Regardless of the rounding conventions used by the permittee, the permittee must use the conventions consistently.
4. To calculate average pollutant concentrations, assign zero for each individual lab result that is less than the MDL, and use the numeric value of the MDL for each individual lab

result that is between the MDL and the ML. When concentration data are equal to or greater than the ML, use the laboratory reported value to calculate the average pollutant concentration. The resulting average value must be compared to the permit limit in assessing compliance.

5. For reporting on the DMR for a single sample or average concentration, if a value is less than the MDL, the permittee must report “< {numeric value of the MDL}.” If a value is less than the ML but greater than the MDL, the permittee must report “< {numeric value of the ML}.” If a value is equal to or greater than the ML, report and use the actual value. For example, if the MDL is 1.0 µg/L and the result is ND (not detected), report “<1.0 µg/L” on the DMR.
6. To calculate the geometric mean pollutant concentration when an individual result is reported as:
  - a. ‘< {numeric value}’, use the {numeric value} to calculate the geometric mean concentration. On the DMR, the permittee must report the geometric mean as ‘< {calculated geometric mean}’.
  - b. ‘> {numeric value}’, use the {numeric value} to calculate the geometric mean concentration. On the DMR, the permittee must report the geometric mean as ‘> {calculated geometric mean}’.
7. The permittee must calculate mass loads on each day the parameter is monitored using the following equation:

$$Flow (MGD) * Concentration \left( \frac{mg}{L} \right) * 8.34 \left( \frac{lb * L}{mg * MG} \right) = lb \text{ per day}$$

Calculating and reporting mass loads must consider the following:

- a. When concentration data are greater than or equal to the MDL but less than the ML: Use the ML to calculate the mass load, then report as less than (<) the calculated mass load. For example, if flow is 2 mgd and the reported sample result is <0.0050 mg/L (<5.0 µg/L), for mass load on the DMR: 2 mgd \* 0.0050 mg/L \* 8.34 (conversion factor) = 0.0834 lb/day, round to 0.08 lb/day, and report “<0.08 lb/day.”
- b. When concentration data are less than the MDL: Use the MDL to calculate the mass load, then report the mass load as less than (<) the calculated mass load. For example, if flow is 2 mgd and the reported sample result is non detect at <0.0010 mg/L (1.0 µg/L), for mass load on the DMR: 2 mgd \* 0.0010 mg/L \* 8.34 (conversion factor) = 0.01668 lb/day, round off to 0.02 lb/day, and report to “<0.02 lb/day.”
- c. To report a “daily maximum” load, use the day’s parameter concentration and the corresponding day’s average flow in the equation above. Compare each day’s calculation and report the maximum of the daily loads for the month. The maximum daily load reported may not necessarily occur on the same day as the maximum daily parameter concentration.
- d. To report a “monthly average” load, use the average of all flow data and the average of all concentration data in the equation above.

8. To calculate monthly averages, add all individual lab results or calculated mass loadings, adjusted as necessary per section 2.2.2, item 4 or 6, for the entire calendar month being reported and divide by the number of analytical results.
9. To calculate weekly averages, add all individual results for each week (Sunday-Saturday per 2.2.2 item 3 or item 6) and divide by the number of samples in the calendar week. Partial weeks at the end of a calendar month (one to six days) must be included in the following month's weekly average calculation. Assess the resulting averages and report the maximum value for the reporting period.
10. The reported minimum daily value on the DMR is the smallest individual result for the reporting period.
11. The reported maximum daily value on the DMR is the largest individual result for the reporting period.
12. The mean weekly maximum temperature (MWMT) is the mean of the daily maximum temperatures measured over a period of seven consecutive days (Sunday-Saturday). The reported value on the DMR is the maximum of these calculated seven-day values for the reporting period.

### **2.2.3 Discharge Monitoring Report**

NetDMR Submittal—The permittee must submit influent, effluent and receiving water monitoring data electronically using NetDMR, an EPA web-based tool that allows permittees to electronically submit DMRs. All other reports must be submitted electronically to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System.

Monitoring data must be submitted electronically using NetDMR no later than the 20th of the month following the completed reporting period. All other reports required under this permit must be submitted as a legible electronic document using the IPDES E-Permitting System. The permittee must sign and certify all DMRs, and all other reports, in accordance with the requirements of section 4.2.11.

### **2.2.4 Permit Submittals and Schedules**

The permittee must use the IPDES E-Permitting System (unless otherwise specified in the permit) to submit all other written reports by the date specified in the permit.

### **2.2.5 Notice of New Introduction of Toxic Pollutants**

The permittee must provide adequate notice per IDAPA 58.01.25.301.02 to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting system as soon as the permittee becomes aware of the following:

1. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an industrial user or other indirect discharger that would be subject to Sections 301 or 306 of the Clean Water Act if it were directly discharging those pollutants.
2. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the POTW by an authorized source at the time of issuance of the permit.

For the purposes of this section, adequate notice must include the following:

1. The quality and quantity of effluent to be introduced into the POTW;

2. Any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW; and
3. Any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of sewage sludge accumulated at the POTW.

### **2.2.6 Elective 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 data submitted in the DMR. If requested by DEQ, the permittee must submit results of any sampling, regardless of the parameter monitored or test method used.

### **2.2.7 24-Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting**

The permittee must report the following occurrences of noncompliance by telephone within 24 hours of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances:

1. Any noncompliance that may endanger public health or the environment;
2. Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any permit effluent limit;
3. Any upset which exceeds any permit effluent limit;
4. Any violation of a maximum daily effluent limit for toxic pollutants identified in Table 2; or
5. Any overflow prior to the treatment works over which the permittee has ownership or has operational control, or an overflow from a contributing collection system that the permittee accepts wastewater from. An overflow is any spill, release, or diversion of municipal sewage including:
  - a. An overflow that results in a discharge to waters of the United States; or
  - b. 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 building service line), or discharged to the soil's surface that does not reach waters of the United States.

The permittee must report these occurrences to DEQ at 1-833 IPDES24 (473-3724).

Additionally, for any sanitary sewer overflow (SSO) that discharges to a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), the permittee must notify the appropriate MS4 owner or operator.

### **2.2.8 5-Day Written Submission for Noncompliance**

For any event requiring 24-hour notification as specified in section 2.2.7, the permittee must provide a written submission within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of an event. Computation of the 5 day period must comply with the computation of time in IDAPA 58.01.25.050.

The submission must contain:

1. A description of the noncompliance and its cause;
2. The period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times;

3. The estimated time noncompliance is expected to continue if it has not been corrected; and
4. Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.

Five day written reports must be submitted through the IPDES E-Permitting System.

When the occurrence is a noncompliance event that may endanger human health or the environment, an unanticipated bypass, an upset, or an overflow, the permittee must complete and submit the 5-day Written Report form through the IPDES E-Permitting System within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the event.

### **2.2.9 Other Noncompliance Reporting**

The permittee must report all instances of noncompliance not required to be reported under 2.2.7 or 2.2.8 concurrently with the DMR submittal. The permittee must immediately take action to stop, contain, and clean up unauthorized discharges or otherwise stop the noncompliance and correct the problem.

## **2.3 Permit Renewal**

Submit permit renewal application including required monitoring data in Section 2.1.5 through the IPDES E-Permitting System as required in Section 4.2.2, by 12/31/2025.

If the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application, or in any report to DEQ, it must submit the correct facts or information promptly as required in IDAPA 58.01.25.300.12.h.

## **3 Special Conditions**

### **3.1 Nondomestic Waste Management**

The permittee has nonsignificant, nondomestic (industrial/commercial) users, which are not subject to the pretreatment standards in 40 CFR 405 through 471; therefore, DEQ does not require an authorized pretreatment program. Nondomestic user refers to any industrial or commercial source authorized to discharge process or nonprocess wastewater to the municipal system. The permittee must ensure that pollutants from nondomestic wastes discharged to their system do not negatively impact system operation or pass-through the facility. The permittee must not authorize discharges 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.

The permittee must not allow, under any circumstances, the introduction of the following pollutants to the POTW from any source of nondomestic discharge:

1. Any pollutant that, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, may pass-through or interfere with the POTW's operation;

2. Regulated pollutants in amounts that would cause, have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to a violation of the POTW's permit;
3. Pollutants that 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;
4. Pollutants that may cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, including the collection system, but in no case indirect discharges with a pH of lower than 5.0 standard units, unless the treatment facilities are specifically designed to accommodate such indirect discharges;
5. Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts that may cause obstruction to the flow to or in the POTW, or other interference with the operation of the POTW;
6. Any pollutant, including oxygen-demanding pollutants (e.g., BOD<sub>5</sub> or COD), released in an indirect discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration that may cause interference with any treatment process at the POTW;
7. Heat in amounts that may inhibit biological activity in the POTW resulting in interference, but in no case heat in such quantities that the temperature at the POTW treatment plant exceeds 40 °C (104 °F) unless DEQ, upon request of the POTW, approves alternate temperature limits;
8. Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that may cause interference or pass-through at the POTW;
9. Pollutants that may result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the collection system or POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems; or
10. Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW.

The permittee must have or develop a legally enforceable municipal code or sewer use ordinance 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. The permittee must submit a copy of the municipal code or sewer use ordinance through the IPDES E-Permitting System once the code/ordinance is adopted.

The permittee must develop and implement an industrial user survey and compile a master list of the nondomestic users introducing pollutants to the POTW. This list must identify the following:

1. Names and addresses of all nondomestic users;
2. A description of all processes that affect or contribute to the user's wastewater;
3. The principal products and raw materials of each user that affects or contributes to the user's wastewater;
4. The average daily volume of wastewater discharged by each user, indicating the amount attributable to process flow and non-process flow;
5. A statement whether the user is a (SIU) and why (e.g., flow, nutrients, hydraulic load);
6. A statement whether the user is subject to one or more categorical standards, and if so, under which category and subcategory;

7. A statement whether the user is subject to local restrictions;
8. The top four Standard Industrial Classification or North American Industry Classification System codes for the user's processes and business activities; and
9. A statement whether any problems at the POTW, including upsets, pass-through, or interference have been attributed to the user in the past 4.5 years.

The permittee must submit the master list of nondomestic users, along with a summary description of the sources and information gathering methods used to develop this list, through the IPDES E-Permitting System by 12/31/2025.

The permittee must use this list to assess whether they accept waste from an SIU and, therefore, need to develop a pretreatment program. For the purposes of this list development, the term SIU means all nondomestic indirect dischargers (users) subject to categorical pretreatment standards under 40 CFR 403.6 and 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N or any other nondomestic indirect discharger that meets any of the following:

- 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)
- Contributes a process or nonprocess waste stream that makes up 5% or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant
- Is designated as such by DEQ or the permittee on the basis that the nondomestic indirect discharger has a reasonable potential to adversely affect the POTW's operation

### **3.2 Phosphorus Management Plan**

The permittee must submit a phosphorus management plan to DEQ by 6/1/2023 through the IPDES E-Permitting System.

The phosphorus management plan must include the following:

1. Influent and effluent total phosphorus data for the wastewater treatment plant;
2. The wastewater treatment plant's total phosphorus reduction potential;
  - a. The permittee must compare its effluent total phosphorus concentrations against typical values for wastewater treatment plants utilizing similar treatment technology;
  - b. If the effluent total phosphorus concentrations are higher than typical levels, the permittee must investigate the cause of the high total phosphorus concentrations and take steps to reduce total phosphorus concentrations;
3. The total phosphorus reduction potential of nondomestic users of the POTW;
  - a. The plan must list the treatment work's nondomestic users that fit the following categories:
    - Car/truck washing facilities;
    - Food processing plants;
    - Metal finishing facilities;
    - Municipal water treatment plants that add phosphorus to drinking water;
    - Nursing homes;
    - Restaurants;
    - Schools;

- Any other nondomestic users of the POTW that contribute at least 5% of the total influent total phosphorus loading to the POTW;
  - b. The permittee must evaluate which of these nondomestic users have the greatest opportunity for reducing total phosphorus;
  - c. For those nondomestic users which the permittee determines to have the greatest potential to reduce total phosphorus loading to the POTW, the permittee must work with the nondomestic user to develop a total phosphorus reduction goal and strategies to meet this goal;
4. Total phosphorus reduction goals for the wastewater treatment plant:
- a. The effluent total phosphorus reduction goals must be consistent with achieving interim and final total phosphorus effluent limits, as appropriate, or with typical values for the type of treatment process employed by the wastewater treatment plant, whichever results in the lower effluent total phosphorus concentrations or greater reductions in total phosphorus;
  - b. Effluent total phosphorus reduction goals may change depending on when total phosphorus effluent limits are in effect and the value of the total phosphorus limits, however, total phosphorus reduction goals must be identified for all seasons;
  - c. The goals and reduction plan do not supersede any interim or final effluent limits for total phosphorus;
5. Categories of phosphorus contributors—The permittee must select and describe all phosphorus contributors and note which have the greatest potential to reduce total phosphorus loading to the POTW:
- a. Nondomestic users;
  - b. Drinking water treatment plant;
  - c. Residential or domestic users; and
  - d. Other accepted waste;
6. Phosphorus reduction strategies —For each group of phosphorus contributors, the permittee must consider and list in the plan which strategy or strategies it will employ for phosphorus reduction for those groups.

The permittee must revise and submit the phosphorus management plan to DEQ within 180 days whenever the following occurs:

- The plan is unable to assess phosphorus reduction potential;
- There are changes to the treatment process that affect the total phosphorus reduction potential of the treatment plant; or
- The plan is found to be ineffective in reaching the phosphorus reduction goals.

The permittee must submit a phosphorus management annual report to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System. The report must include the POTW's total phosphorus reduction potential and any reductions achieved through the phosphorus management plan. The first annual report is due 6/1/2024, and subsequent reports are due annually thereafter.



### 3.3 Inflow and Infiltration Evaluation

The permittee must submit an inflow and infiltration (I&I) evaluation of the sewer collection system to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System by 12/31/2025.

The evaluation must include the following:

1. Summary of measureable I&I. Refer to the EPA publication *I/I Analysis and Project Certification* (Publication No. 97-03) to determine excessive I&I.
2. A plan and a schedule to locate the sources of I&I.
3. Identify any I&I reduction activities performed during the previous permit cycle.
4. Identify future planned I&I reduction activities.

### 3.4 Spill Control Plan

The permittee must develop and implement a spill control plan to prevent releases to surface water of petroleum and other chemicals used or stored on-site at the treatment facility.

#### 3.4.1 Spill Control Plan Submittals and Requirements

The permittee must do the following:

1. Submit to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System a notification of completion of a new spill control plan by 12/28/2021.
2. Review the plan at least annually and update the spill plan as needed. Send notification of plan changes to DEQ.
3. Follow the plan and any supplements throughout the term of the permit.

#### 3.4.2 Spill Control Plan Components

The spill control plan must include the following:

1. A list of all oil and petroleum products and other materials used and/or stored on-site, which when spilled, or otherwise released into the environment, pose a potential threat to human health or the environment. Include other materials used and/or stored on-site that may become pollutants or cause pollution upon reaching surface water.
2. A description of preventive measures and facilities (including an overall facility plot showing drainage patterns) that prevent, contain, or treat spills of these materials.
3. A description of the reporting system the permittee will use to alert responsible managers and legal authorities in the event of a spill.
4. A description of operator training to implement the plan.

The permittee may submit plans and manuals required by applicable sections of the Code of Federal Regulations, contingency plans, or other plans required by other agencies, which meet the intent of this section.

### 3.5 Lagoon Seepage Testing

The permittee must comply with the “Wastewater Rules” in IDAPA 58.01.16, including the seepage testing requirements in IDAPA 58.01.16.493 for municipal lagoons. Prior to lagoon seepage testing, the permittee must consult DEQ. The seepage test report submittals to DEQ must be up-to-date per the IDAPA 58.01.16 timelines.

## 4 Standard Conditions

### 4.1 Documents Applicable to all Permits

#### 4.1.1 Quality Assurance Project Plan

The permittee must update their Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) for all monitoring required by this permit. The permittee must submit the QAPP Notification (upload signature page) to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System that the plan has been developed and implemented by 12/28/2021. Any existing QAPPs may be modified for compliance with this section.

1. The QAPP must be designed to assist in planning for the collection and analysis of effluent, influent, and receiving water samples in support of this permit and handling data anomalies when they occur.
2. Throughout all sample collection and analysis procedures, 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 QAPP must be prepared in the format that is specified in these documents.
3. At a minimum, the QAPP 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 (e.g. blanks, spikes), precision and accuracy requirements, sample preparation requirements, sample shipping methods, and laboratory data delivery requirements.
  - b. Maps indicating the location of each sampling point.
  - c. Qualification, training and licensure of personnel.
  - d. Names, addresses and telephone numbers of the laboratories used by or proposed to be used by the permittee.
4. The permittee must update the QAPP within 1 month as needed to reflect current requirements and procedures. The permittee must notify DEQ of all significant QAPP modifications (i.e. modifications to sample collection, sample analysis, or other procedures).
5. Copies of the QAPP must be retained on site and made available to DEQ upon request.

### **4.1.2 Operation and Maintenance Manual**

In addition to the requirements specified in section 4.2.5, the permittee must submit an Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual Notification to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System by 12/28/2021 certifying that an O&M manual for the current wastewater treatment facility has been developed and implemented. The manual must be consistent with IDAPA 58.01.16.425. The manual must be retained on site and made available to DEQ upon request. Any significant changes occurring in the daily operation of the plant must be concurrently reflected within the O&M manual.

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### **4.1.3 Emergency Response Plan**

The permittee must update and implement an emergency response plan that identifies measures to protect public health and the environment. At a minimum, the plan must include mechanisms for the following:

1. 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 as well as any unanticipated treatment unit bypass or upset that may exceed any effluent limit in the permit.
2. Ensure that reports of an overflow or of an unanticipated bypass or upset that may exceed any effluent limit in this permit are immediately dispatched to appropriate personnel for investigation and response as required in sections 2.2.7 and 2.2.8.
3. Ensure immediate notification to DEQ of any noncompliance that may endanger public health or the environment and identify the public health district and other officials who will receive immediate notification for items that require 24-hour reporting in section 2.2.7.
4. Ensure that appropriate personnel understand, are appropriately trained on, and follow the Emergency Response Plan; and
5. Provide emergency facility operation.

The permittee must submit an Emergency Response Plan Notification to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System that the plan has been updated and implemented by 12/28/2021. The plan must be available at the facility for DEQ review.

## **4.2 Conditions Applicable to All Permits**

The following conditions apply to all IPDES permits. 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 Clean Water Act.

#### **4.2.1 Duty to Comply**

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

The permittee shall comply with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established in 40 CFR 503 within the time provided in those regulations, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

#### **4.2.2 Duty to Reapply**

If the permittee intends to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date, the permittee must apply for a new permit by the date below. In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.25.105, and unless DEQ authorizes the permittee to submit the application at a later date, the permittee must submit a new, complete application on or before 12/31/2025. If the permittee complies with the application date requirements of IDAPA 58.01.25.105, and a permit is not issued prior to the permit's expiration date, the permit shall remain in force as stipulated in IDAPA 58.01.25.101.02.

#### **4.2.3 Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense**

The permittee cannot assert as a defense 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.

#### **4.2.4 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.

#### **4.2.5 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) that are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. In order to attain proper operation and maintenance, facility operations must be overseen by an appropriately licensed operator per IDAPA 58.01.16.203. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. The O&M manual required in section 4.1.2 describes how the facility will ensure proper operation and maintenance. The permittee must operate backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems that are installed by the permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

#### **4.2.6 Permit Actions**

This permit may be modified, revoked, and reissued or terminated for cause as specified in IDAPA 58.01.25.201 and 58.01.25.203. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit

modification, revocation, and reissuance, termination, or notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

#### **4.2.7 Property Rights**

The issuance of, or coverage under, an IPDES permit does not convey any property rights or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, or any infringement of state or local laws or regulations. The issuance of, or coverage under, an IPDES permit does not constitute authorization of the permitted activities by any other state or federal agency or private person or entity, and does not excuse the permit holder from the obligation to obtain any other necessary approvals, authorizations, or permits.

#### **4.2.8 Duty to Provide Information**

The permittee must furnish to DEQ, within the time specified in the request, any information that DEQ 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 DEQ, upon request, copies of records this permit requires. The permittee should submit the total population served or Annual Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) Report to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System by May 31 each year. This information is used to calculate the facility's annual fee.

#### **4.2.9 Inspection and Entry**

Pursuant to Idaho Code §39-108, the permittee shall allow DEQ's compliance, inspection, and enforcement (CIE) personnel, or authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of DEQ), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

1. Enter 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 at reasonable times to and copy 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 required by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

#### **4.2.10 Retention of Records**

The permittee must retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records, all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, electronic data files for continuous monitoring instruments, copies of all reports required by this permit, copies of DMRs, a copy of the IPDES permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application. The permittee's sewage sludge use and disposal

activities shall be retained for a period of at least five (5) years or longer as required by 40 CFR 503. The retention period may be extended at DEQ's request at any time.

#### **4.2.11 Signatory Requirements**

All applications, reports, or information submitted to DEQ 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 as specified in IDAPA 58.01.25.090.
  - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship, by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
  - c. For a municipality, or other public agency, by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official
2. Any report or information required by this permit, a notice of intent, monitoring and reporting provisions, and any other information requested by DEQ must be signed by a person described in item 1 or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if the following is true:
  - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in item 1 above;
  - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or 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 DEQ.
3. Changes to authorization. If an authorization is no longer accurate due to a change in staffing or personnel for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of IDAPA 58.01.25.090.01 must be submitted to DEQ before or together with any report, information, or application to be signed by an authorized representative.
4. Certification. Any person signing a document under this section must make the following certification:

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

5. The permittee must ensure that any electronic submission of any report or information required by this permit, notice of intent, monitoring and reporting provisions, and information requested by DEQ satisfies all of the relevant requirements of 40 CFR 3 (Cross-Media Electronic Reporting) and 40 CFR 127 (NPDES Electronic Reporting Requirements).

#### 4.2.12 Bypass of Treatment Facilities

Bypass is prohibited. DEQ may take enforcement action against a permittee for a bypass unless:

1. The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage. Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities that causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources that 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.
2. 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 backup 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
3. The permittee submitted notices as required under sections 2.2.7 and 2.2.8 of this permit if the bypass was unanticipated.

If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it must submit a prior written anticipated bypass notification through the IPDES E-Permitting System, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass. DEQ may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the director determines that it will meet the conditions in this permit.

A bypass that does not cause effluent limits to be exceeded is allowed to occur and is not subject to the notice requirements in section 2.2.7 and 2.2.8, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation.

#### 4.2.13 Upset Terms and Conditions

An upset is an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limits 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.

1. Effect of an upset -- An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology-based permit effluent limits if the permittee demonstrates, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence the following:
  - a. An upset occurred and the causes of the upset;
  - b. The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
  - c. The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required under section 2.2.7 and 2.2.8; and
  - d. The permittee timely complied with any remedial measures required under section 4.2.4.

2. A determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is not a final administrative action subject to judicial review.
3. Burden of proof—In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

#### **4.2.14 Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions**

If the permittee violates any permit condition, filing or reporting requirement, duty to allow or carry out inspections, entry or monitoring requirements, or any other provision in this permit the permittee is subject to administrative, civil, or criminal enforcement.

Pursuant to Idaho Code §39-175E and §39-108, any person who violates any rule, permit or order related to the IPDES program shall be liable for a civil penalty not more than \$10,000 per violation or \$5,000 for each day of a continuing violation, whichever is greater.

Pursuant to Idaho Code §39-175E, §39-108 and §39-117, any person who willfully or negligently violates any IPDES standard or limit, permit condition or filing requirement shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation or for each day of a continuing violation.

Pursuant to Idaho Code §39-175E, §39-108 and §39-117, any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation or certification in any IPDES form, in any notice or report required by an IPDES permit, or who knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 per violation or for each day of a continuing violation.

Pursuant to Idaho Code §18-113, a misdemeanor violation of the IPDES program requirements as set forth in §39-117, is also punishable by imprisonment in a county jail not exceeding 6 months.

In addition to civil penalties as described above, pursuant to Idaho Code §39-175E and §39-108, any person who has been determined to have violated any provision of the rules, permits or orders relating to the IPDES program shall be liable for any expense incurred by the state in enforcing the program requirements, or in enforcing or terminating any nuisance, source of environmental degradation, cause of sickness or health hazard.

#### **4.2.15 Planned Changes**

The permittee must give written notice to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility whenever any of the following occurs:

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 IDAPA 58.01.25.101 and 58.01.25.120.



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 limits 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 or sludge management plan.

#### **4.2.16 Anticipated Noncompliance**

The permittee must give written advance notice to DEQ through the IPDES E-Permitting System of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with this permit.

#### **4.2.17 Toxic Pollutants**

The permittee must comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under Clean Water Act Section 405(d), IDAPA 58.01.25.380 (Sewage Sludge), and IDAPA 58.01.16.650 "Wastewater Rules", within the time provided in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions, or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if this permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

#### **4.2.18 Permit Modification**

##### ***4.2.18.1 Causes to Modify Permits***

This permit may be modified either at the request of any interested person, including the permittee, or by DEQ's initiative for reasons specified in IDAPA 58.01.25.201.02. Only those conditions being modified shall be reopened when a draft permit is prepared (IDAPA 58.01.25.201.01). The request for permit modification or a notification of planned changes to the permit does not stay any permit condition (IDAPA 58.01.25.300.06).

##### ***4.2.18.2 Sewage Sludge Standard Changes***

This permit may be reopened to include any applicable standard for sewage sludge use or disposal promulgated under Section 405(d) of the Clean Water Act. DEQ may modify or revoke and reissue this 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.

#### **4.2.19 Omitted/Erroneous 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 DEQ, it must promptly submit the omitted facts or corrected information in writing.

#### **4.2.20 Availability of Reports**

In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.21, “Rules Governing the Protection and Disclosure of Records in the Possession of the Department of Environmental Quality,” information submitted to DEQ pursuant to this permit may be claimed as confidential by the permittee. In accordance with IDAPA 58.01.25.002, 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 “trade secret,” “proprietary,” or “confidential” on each page containing such information. If no claim is made at the time of submission, DEQ 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 IDAPA 58.01.21.

#### **4.2.21 Transfers**

This permit is not transferable to any person except as specified in IDAPA 58.01.25.202. DEQ may require modification, or revocation and reissuance of this permit to change the name of the permittee, and may incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under IDAPA 58.01.25.202.

#### **4.2.22 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 Clean Water Act. This includes, but is not limited to, IDAPA 58.01.16 and 58.01.17.

## 5 Definitions

8-hour composite sample	A combination of discrete sample aliquots of at least 100 milliliters, collected over periodic intervals from the same location, during the operating hours of a facility over an 8 hour period. The permit may specify the number of aliquots and/or the time between aliquots that the facility must composite. Samples may be acquired using an auto-sampler or directly collected from the sampling location by an operator. Composite of samples can be based on flow or time.
24-hour composite sample	A combination of discrete sample aliquots of at least 100 milliliters, collected over periodic intervals from the same location over a 24-hour period. The composite may be flow or time proportional. The sample aliquots must be collected and stored in accordance with 40 CFR 136.
aliquot	A sample taken as a portion of a larger whole sample for chemical analysis.
bypass	The intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility
composite sample	A sample derived from two or more discrete aliquots (samples) collected at equal time intervals or collected proportional to the flow rate over the compositing period. See also "24-hour composite sample" and "8-hour composite sample".
daily average	An average of all continuously monitored data recorded in one calendar day.
daily discharge	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 limits expressed in units of mass, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limits expressed in other units of measurement, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.
daily maximum	The largest daily value recorded or calculated over the reporting period; alternatively, the limit established above which an excursion occurs.
Idaho Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)	The entity responsible for implementing the Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System program.
director	The director of DEQ, or an authorized representative
Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)	The facility or activity report containing monitoring and discharge quality and quantity information and data required to be submitted periodically, as defined in the discharge permit.
DMR Month	The final month of a completed reporting period
United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	The Agency responsible for implementation of the clean water act (CWA) and oversight of state NPDES programs.
geometric mean	The $n^{\text{th}}$ root of a product of $n$ factors, or the antilogarithm of the arithmetic mean of the logarithms of the individual sample values
grab sample	An individual sample collected over a period of time not exceeding 15 minutes
Idaho Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (IPDES)	The Idaho program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under IDAPA 58.01.25 and the Clean Water Act Sections 307, 402, 318, and 405

indirect discharge	The introduction of pollutants into a POTW from any nondomestic source regulated under Section 307(b), (c), or (d) of the Clean Water Act
indirect discharger	A nondomestic discharger introducing pollutants to a publically or privately owned treatment works
industrial user (IU)	A source of "indirect discharge" to a publically or privately owned treatment works
instantaneous maximum	The maximum allowable concentration or other measure of a pollutant determined from the analysis of any discrete or composite sample collected, independent of the flow rate and the duration of the sampling event.
instantaneous minimum	The minimum allowable concentration or other measure of a pollutant determined from the analysis of any discrete or composite sample collected, independent of the flow rate and the duration of the sampling event.
interference	A discharge that, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, both (1) inhibits or disrupts the POTW, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal and (2) therefore, is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's IPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation) or of the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in compliance with the following statutory provisions and regulations or permits issued thereunder (or more stringent state or local regulations): Section 405 of the Clean Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to subtitle D of the SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.
method detection limit (MDL)	The minimum concentration of a substance (analyte) that can be measured and reported with 99% confidence that the analyte concentration is greater than zero and is determined from analysis of a sample in a given matrix containing the analyte.
minimum level (ML)	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 by method; they may be the lowest acceptable calibration point used by a laboratory; or they may be calculated by multiplying the MDL in a method, or the MDL determined by a laboratory, by a factor of 3.
monthly average (average monthly) effluent limit (AML)	Monthly average effluent limit is 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.
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)	The national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under Sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of the Clean Water Act
new source	Any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. After promulgation of standards of performance under the Clean Water Act section 306 which are applicable to such source; or</li> </ul>

	After proposal of standards of performance in accordance with the Clean Water Act section 306 which are applicable to such source, but only if the standards are promulgated in accordance with section 306 within one hundred twenty (120) days of their proposal.
pass-through	A discharge that exits the POTW into waters of the United States in quantities or concentrations that, 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 IPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation).
quality assurance project plan (QAPP)	The QAPP documents the results of a project's technical planning process, providing in one place a clear, concise, and complete plan for the environmental data operation and its quality objectives and identifying key project personnel.
recorded	A recorded parameter can be collected using an automated recording device (data logger, SCADA, pressure transducer, etc.) or can be manually recorded in a log reading from another measurement device (stage gage, float valve visual, or any other permanently installed equipment that does not record automatically).
reporting period	Frequency that monitoring results are required to be reported (see DMR Month definition).
seasonal average	The seasonal average is the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a defined season, calculated as the sum of all "daily discharges" measured during a defined season divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that season.
sewage sludge	Any solid, semisolid, or liquid residue removed during the treatment of wastewater. Sewage sludge includes, but is not limited to, solids removed during primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment, scum, septage, portable toilet pumpings, type III marine sanitation device pumpings (33 CFR 159), and sewage sludge products. Sewage sludge does not include grit or screenings, or ash generated during the incineration of sewage sludge.
sufficiently sensitive	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The method minimum level is at or below the level of the applicable water quality criterion or permit limit for the measured pollutant or pollutant parameter; or</li> <li>• In the case of permit applications, the method minimum level is above the applicable water quality criterion, but the amount of the pollutant or pollutant parameter in a facility's discharge is high enough that the method detects and quantifies the level of the pollutant or pollutant parameter in the discharge; or</li> <li>• The method has the lowest minimum level of the EPA-approved analytical methods for the parameter.</li> </ul>
upset	An exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limits 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.
weekly average (average weekly) effluent limit (AWL)	Weekly average effluent limit is the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all "daily discharges" measured during a calendar week divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that week.

## Appendix A. Significant Figures

The table below lists the significant figures for effluent limits in this permit and the minimum place value for DMR reporting and IPDES E-Permitting system submissions. Significant figure reporting conventions can be found in the IPDES User's Guide to Permitting and Compliance Volume 1 – General information (DEQ 2017).

**Table A-1. Effluent limit parameters.**

Pollutant	Limit Set	Significant Figures	Minimum place value (X)	Units
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sub>5</sub> )	Average Monthly Concentration	2	0X.00	mg/L
	Average Weekly Concentration	2	0X.00	mg/L
	Average Monthly Load	3	00X.0	lbs/day
	Average Weekly Load	3	00X.0	lbs/day
	Percent Removal	2	0X.0	%
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Average Monthly Concentration	2	0X.00	mg/L
	Average Weekly Concentration	2	0X.00	mg/L
	Average Monthly Load	3	00X.0	lbs/day
	Average Weekly Load	3	00X.0	lbs/day
	Percent Removal	2	0X.0	%
<i>E. coli</i>	Monthly Geometric Mean	3	00X.0	#/100mL
pH	Instantaneous Maximum	2	00.X	s.u.
	Instantaneous Minimum	2	00.X	s.u.