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#### SECTION 1 | INTRODUCTION

#### Section 1.1 Overview of Regulatory Program

The General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (General Permit; **Appendix C**) was issued by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP) on October 15, 2020.<sup>1</sup> The General Permit was issued pursuant to 38 M.R.S.A. § 413 and authorizes the direct discharge of stormwater from, or associated with, a regulated small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) to waters of the State other than groundwater. Such discharges must meet the requirements of the General Permit, permittee specific MDEP Order(s), and applicable provisions of Maine waste discharge and water classification statutes and rules.

#### 1.1.1 Stormwater Management Plan

The General Permit requires regulated MS4s to develop, implement, and enforce a Stormwater Management Plan (Plan) that puts into practice the six minimum control measures (MCMs) set forth in Part IV, Section C of the General Permit (Section 4). Each MCM is designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants within the urbanized area (UA) of a regulated small MS4 to the maximum extent practicable, such as to protect water quality. For each MCM, the Plan must define specific best management practices (BMPs), designate responsibility for each BMP, define a timeline for implementation of each BMP, and define measurable goals for each BMP. The Plan must be updated within 60 days of permit authorization to include how the permittee will meet all requirements of the MDEP Order for the MS4.

The Plan and all minimum MCMs, as defined in **Section 4**, must be implemented by the effective date of the General Permit. The General Permit becomes effective July 1, 2022.

#### 1.1.2 Sharing Responsibility

The General Permit requires regulated MS4s to identify interconnections within the MS4 and find ways to cooperate with any such other regulated or non-regulated entities. Where a portion of the separate storm sewer system within a municipality is owned, operated, or otherwise the responsibility of another regulated small MS4, the regulated MS4 must provide a clear description of respective responsibilities included in the Plan. If the regulated MS4 relies on a third party to implement one or more BMP, the regulated MS4 shall note that fact in its Plan and Annual Compliance Report (**Section 1.1.3**). If the third party fails to implement the measure, the regulated MS4 remains responsible for its implementation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> On January 12, 2001, the MDEP received authorization to administer the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") program within the State of Maine. The NPDES program was created by the Clean Water Act in 1972 to improve water quality by regulating point source discharges into waters of the United States. The MDEP implements the NPDES program through the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("MEPDES") program. The General Permit is part of the MEPDES program.





#### 1.1.3 Record Keeping and Annual Reporting

The regulated MS4 shall keep records required by the General Permit for at least three years following its expiration or longer if requested by the MDEP or Environmental Protection Agency (EPA).

By September 15 of each year, the regulated MS4 must electronically submit an annual compliance report to the MDEP for review and approval.<sup>2</sup>

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The annual compliance report must include the following:

- 1. The status of compliance with the terms and conditions of the General Permit and MS4 specific MDEP Order based on the implementation of the Plan, an assessment of the effectiveness of the components of the stormwater management program, an assessment of the appropriateness of identified BMPs, progress toward achieving identified measurable goals for each MCM, and progress toward achieving the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants from the MS4.
- 2. A summary of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any, during the reporting period.
- 3. A summary of the stormwater activities the permittee intends to undertake pursuant to its Plan to comply with the terms and conditions of the General Permit and permittee specific MDEP Order during the subsequent reporting cycle.
- 4. A change in any identified BMPs or measurable goals that apply to the Plan.
- 5. A summary describing the activities, progress, and accomplishments for each MCM, including such items as the status of education and outreach efforts, public involvement activities, stormwater mapping efforts, the number of visual dry weather inspections performed, the number of inaccessible and new outfalls, dry weather flow sampling events and laboratory results, detected illicit discharges, detected illicit connections, illicit discharges that were eliminated, any sanitary sewer overflows, construction site inspections, number and nature of enforcement actions, post-construction BMP status and inspections, the number of functioning post-construction BMPs, the number of post-construction sites requiring maintenance or remedial action, the status of the MS4 good housekeeping/pollution prevention program including the percentage of catch basins that could not be evaluated for structural condition in a safe manner, etc.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Standardized Annual Compliance Report forms will be provided by the MDEP or the regulated MS4 may submit an alternative form to the MDEP for review and approval.





Where applicable, the MS4 must quantify steps, measures, and activities taken to comply with the General Permit and its Plan including reporting on the types of trainings presented, the number of municipal and contract staff that received training, the length of the training and the training content delivered as well as any revisions to SWPPP procedures, as relevant, and/or changes in municipal operations.

Changes to the annual compliance report based on MDEP review comments must be submitted to the MDEP within 60 days of the receipt of the comments.

#### Section 1.2 Plan Availability

The regulated MS4 must maintain a signed copy of its Stormwater Management Plan at the municipal office and on the official municipal website. The regulated MS4 will make records, including its Plan, available to the EPA, MDEP, operator of any identified interconnected MS4s, downstream public water supply companies, and the public during regular business hours.

#### Section 1.3 Keeping Plans Current

The regulated MS4 must maintain its Stormwater Management Plan as current and amend it if actions required by BMPs fail to control pollutants to meet the terms and conditions of the General Permit and permittee specific MDEP Order, the BMPs do not prevent the potential for a significant contribution of pollutants to waters of the State other than groundwater, and/or new information results in a shift in the Plan priorities. The City will provide the public with the opportunity to comment on any changes made to the Plan a minimum of once per year.

In previous Permit terms, the City of Lewiston was covered under the Androscoggin Valley Stormwater Working Group (AVSWG) Stormwater Management Plan. This Stormwater Management Plan has been established as a stand-alone Plan to address City-specific alignment with the requirements of the General Permit.



#### SECTION 2 | REGULATED MS4 INFORMATION

#### Section 2.1 Municipality Background

The City of Lewiston (City) is in Androscoggin County, Maine on the Androscoggin River. The City discharges stormwater into the Androscoggin River, Hart (Dill) Brook, Stetson Brook, No Name Brook, and several unnamed tributaries and streams. Stormwater discharged into these rivers/streams/brooks/tributaries is received by No Name Pond, Garcelon Bog.

According to the 2010 US Census, the City contains approximately 17.77 square miles of urbanized area and has a population of approximately 36,592 persons.

#### Section 2.2 Location Map

A Location Map and Urbanized Area Map for the City are included in **Appendix A**. The Urbanized Area Map was developed based on the inclusive sum of the 2000 decennial census and the 2010 decennial census by the US Census Bureau.



#### SECTION 3 | PLANNING AND ORGANIZATION

#### Section 3.1 Plan Management

The City of Lewiston Public Works Department (PWD) has primary responsibility for implementation of this Plan. The Environmental Services Superintendent (PWD), Mr. John Kuchinski, PE, has primary cognizance over ensuring compliance with the MS4 General Permit. Mr. Kuchinski is supported by other City staff, as specified in this Plan, and the City's MS4 consultant (Haley Ward).

#### Section 3.2 Regional Collaboration

The City is a member of the Androscoggin Valley Stormwater Working Group (AVSWG). The AVSWG consists of regulated MS4s in the Androscoggin Valley. The regulated municipalities and facilities in the Androscoggin Valley UA utilize this collaborative approach to facilitate compliance with MCM 1 Education and Outreach requirements, and MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation requirements of the General Permit.

The City and AVSWG will collaborate with the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG) to facilitate compliance with MCM 1 Education and Outreach requirements. ISWG is a coalition of 14 municipalities and two MS4 communities in the Greater Portland and Saco areas that works together to address stormwater pollutants.

#### Section 3.3 MS4 Interconnections

Portions of the City separate storm sewer system are owned and operated by other regulated small MS4 entities. These other entities include the Maine Turnpike Authority and Maine Department of Transportation. Each regulated MS4 is responsible for the development and implementation of a Stormwater Management Plan. If an illicit discharge is detected from an outfall near an interface between two of the storm sewer systems, the two entities responsible for each storm sewer system will coordinate efforts to detect and eliminate the cause of the illicit discharge.

#### Section 3.4 Existing Environmental Plans

The City has the following existing environmental plans (that are not otherwise discussed in this Plan) that indirectly or directly support the reduction of the discharge of pollutants within the UA to the maximum extent practicable.

- Hazardous Waste Management Plan
- Emergency Preparedness and Prevention Procedures Plan
- Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan



#### SECTION 4 | MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES

The following six minimum control measures (MCMs) are based on the requirements set forth in Part IV.C. of the MDEP General Permit. For each MCM, BMPs are defined, responsible parties for BMP implementation are listed, and measurable goals and timelines for implementation are discussed. The six MCMs required by the MS4 General Permit and addressed in this plan include:

- 1. Education/Outreach Program
- 2. Public Involvement and Participation
- 3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program
- 4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
- 5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
- 6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

#### Section 4.1 MCM 1: Education/Outreach Program

In accordance with the General Permit, the regulated MS4 must develop and implement an ongoing Education/Outreach Program that addresses the stormwater discharges and the impacts thereof on waterbodies, identifies steps that can be taken to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff, and is designed to address stormwater issues of significance. The ultimate objective of the program is to change the behavior of target audiences so that pollutants in stormwater are reduced. The program is required to:

- Be defined in the Plan and implemented over the term of the General Permit.
- Define target audiences, specific messages, message delivery/distribution tools, evaluation methods, and an implementation schedule for each target audience.
- Define the awareness and behavior change goals and identify the party or parties responsible for program implementation.
- Identify methods to evaluate the effectiveness of each awareness and behavior change campaign.<sup>3</sup>

The regulated MS4 may partner with other MS4s, community groups, or watershed associations to implement the Education/Outreach Program, which is required to minimally include:

 An Outreach to Raise Awareness Campaign<sup>4</sup> of stormwater pollution issues targeted at the public and one of a municipal, commercial, development/ construction, or institutional audience. This campaign must implement a minimum of two awareness campaigns during the permit term – one targeted at the public and another targeted at one of the audiences identified above. Each campaign must be delivered using a minimum of three outreach tools per year.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Any message or delivery mechanism found to be ineffective or of unsatisfactory efficacy must be modified accordingly.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Outreach to raise awareness means to introduce information that may be new to or not well understood by the target audience.



• An Outreach to Change Behavior Campaign<sup>5</sup> to reduce pollutants in stormwater. This campaign is required to promote a minimum of one behavior change per permit term, be directed to two audiences annually, and use a minimum of three different outreach tools per year.

The City will develop and/or collaborate with the AVSWG and ISWG to develop the necessary outreach campaign plans required by this MCM. These plans include the following:

- Stormwater Awareness Plan (BMP 1A)
- Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan (BMP 1B)
- Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan (BMP 1C)

The MCM 1 Education/Outreach Programs will be implemented as detailed below.

#### BMP 1A Implement an Outreach to Raise Awareness Campaign to Raise General Public Awareness

The City will collaborate with the AVSWG and ISWG to raise public awareness of stormwater issues in accordance with Part IV (C)(1) of the General Permit. This will implement one of the two required awareness campaigns required per permit term and be implemented using a minimum of three outreach tools per year. An excerpt of the ISWG Stormwater Awareness Plan is included as **Appendix D.**<sup>4</sup>

The ISWG Stormwater Awareness Plan indicates that the Think Blue Maine campaign will be used to raise public awareness within a target audience using a variety of education and outreach tools. The City will collaborate with the AVSWG and ISWG to annually focus on the use of Think Blue Maine website content, social media posts, and social media advertisements as the three outreach tools to meet public awareness campaign requirements. However, the City may decide to make use of any combination of three of the tools identified in the ISWG Stormwater Awareness Plan, as deemed by the City to be necessary and/or appropriate.

Measurable Goals

- 1. The Stormwater Awareness Plan was submitted by ISWG to the MDEP for review and approval on or before March 31, 2021.
- 2. The City will collaborate with the AVSWG and ISWG will implement the Stormwater Awareness Plan starting with the effective date of the General Permit, or as otherwise communicated by the MDEP.
- 3. The City will rely on the results of a 2018 Statewide Stormwater Awareness survey conducted by ISWG to meet baseline evaluation requirements of the General Permit, unless otherwise communicated by the MDEP.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Outreach to Change Behavior means to promote and reinforce desirable behaviors designed to reduce storm water pollution.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> The Stormwater Awareness Plan presented in Appendix D is an excerpt of the ISWG Stormwater Management Plan. Edits to that Plan have been made by the City to reflect applicable City obligations under measurable goal 1.1 a of the ISWG SWMP and to update references for applicability to the AVSWG region; edits are not intended to change the intent or goals of the ISWG Stormwater Awareness Plan.



- 4. The City will collaborate with the AVSWG and ISWG to implement the public awareness campaign beginning in Permit Year (PY) 1, or as otherwise communicated by the MDEP.
- 5. The City will collaborate with the AVSWG and ISWG to implement an evaluation to assess the overall effectiveness of the outreach program in PY5.
- 6. In each Annual Report (**Section 1.1.3**), the City will provide Stormwater Awareness Campaign messages; the methods of campaign distribution; the outreach tools used, the measures/methods used to determine the on-going effectiveness of the campaign, and any changes planned based on the measures of effectiveness.

#### Responsible Parties

ISWG – Executive Committee John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### BMP 1B Implement an Outreach to Raise Awareness Campaign to Raise Institutional Awareness

The City will implement a Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan to raise awareness of this issue in accordance with the requirements of Part IV (C)(1) of the General Permit. The Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan will raise awareness for municipal staff including municipal employees, volunteers, council members, and other elected officials; implement one of the two required awareness campaigns required per permit term; and be implemented using a minimum of three outreach tools per year. A copy of the Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan is included in **Appendix E**.

Measurable Goals

- 1. The City submitted the Chloride Awareness Plan to the MDEP for review and approval on March 26, 2021.
- 2. Starting in PY1, or as otherwise communicated by the MDEP, the City will begin implementation of the Chloride Awareness Plan.
- 3. Prior to the onset of the campaign in PY1, or as otherwise communicated by the MDEP, the City will conduct a baseline evaluation that is relevant and appropriate to the campaign objectives.
- 4. In PY5, the City will conduct an evaluation to assess the overall effectiveness of the outreach program.
- 5. In each Annual Report (**Section 1.1.3**), the City will provide Chloride Awareness Campaign messages; the methods of campaign distribution; the outreach tools used, the measures/methods used to determine the on-going effectiveness of the campaign, and any changes planned based on the measures of effectiveness.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent



#### BMP 1C Implement an Outreach to Change Behavior Campaign

The City will collaborate with the ISWG and/or AVSWG to implement a Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan in accordance with the requirements of Part IV (C)(1) of the General Permit to reduce pesticide, fertilizer, and water use. The Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan will target the public and municipal staff; implement the two required awareness campaigns required per permit term; and be implemented using a minimum of three outreach tools per year. A copy of the Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan is included in **Appendix F**.

#### Measurable Goals

- 1. The City submitted the Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan to the MDEP for review and approval on March 26, 2021.
- 2. Starting with the effective date of the General Permit, or as otherwise communicated by the MDEP, the City will collaborate with AVSWG to begin implementation of the Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan.
- 3. The City will rely on the results of an evaluation conducted by Bates College during the previous permit cycle to meet baseline evaluation requirements of the General Permit, unless otherwise communicated by the MDEP.
- 4. In PY5, the City will collaborate with AVSWG to conduct an evaluation to assess the overall effectiveness of the outreach program.
- 5. In each Annual Report (**Section 1.1.3**), the City will provide Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan messages; the methods of campaign distribution; the outreach tools used, the measures/methods used to determine the on-going effectiveness of the campaign, and any changes planned based on the measures of effectiveness.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### Section 4.2 MCM 2: Public Involvement and Participation

In accordance with the General Permit, regulated MS4s must involve the public in both the planning and implementation process of improving water quality and reducing stormwater quantity. This will enable the regulated MS4 to benefit from valuable public input, expertise, and assistance, and increase public support through active engagement. The regulated MS4 is specifically required to:

- Comply with applicable State and local public notice requirements using effective mechanisms and comply with the public notice requirements of the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S. §§ 401 et seq. ("FOAA") when the permittee involves stakeholders in the implementation of this General Permit. All related public meetings and attendance must be documented in the Annual Report (Section 1.1.3).
- Annually host, conduct, or participate in a public event. The event must include a pollution prevention and/or water quality theme. The target audience does not need to be the entire urbanized area but should be aimed at a segment of the population that the permittee wishes to reach.



The MCM 2 Public Involvement and Participation requirements will be implemented as detailed below.

#### **BMP 2A Public Notice**

In accordance with Part IV (C)(2) of the General Permit, the City will comply with State and local public notice requirements when the City involves stakeholders in the implementation of the General Permit. According to the AVSWG Stormwater Management Plan, the AVSWG will post meeting notices and agendas as well as opportunities for stakeholder involvement. AVSWG meetings are open to the public, and interested stakeholders are encouraged to participate.

#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to comply with State and local public notice requirements.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### **BMP 2B** Public Event

In accordance with the requirements of Part IV (C)(2) of the General Permit, the City will participate in an annual public event. The City has historically participated in the annual River Cleanup event hosted by the Androscoggin Land Trust, which generally presents stormwater educational materials to attendees and demonstrates stormwater pollution through the use of a watershed model presentation.

#### Measurable Goals

- 1. The City will collaborate with the AVSWG and/or Androscoggin Land Trust to host, conduct, or participate in the annual River Cleanup event each year.
- 2. The City will identify the annual event hosted, conducted, and/or attended in each Annual Report (**Section 1.1.3**).

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### Section 4.3 MCM 3: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

In accordance with the General Permit, the regulated MS4 must implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges, and non-stormwater discharges that are not authorized under Part IV (C)(3)(h) of the General Permit. The program must address procedures for prioritizing watersheds, procedures for tracing the source of an illicit discharge, procedures for removing the source of the discharges, and procedures for program evaluation and assessment. The regulated MS4 must, specifically:

• Implement a non-stormwater discharge ordinance that prohibits the discharge of non-stormwater discharges and provides for implementation of enforcement procedures and actions.



- Establish a written Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan that meets the requirements of Part IV (C)(3)(b).
- Maintain, keep current, and annually review for updates a map of municipally owned or operated storm sewer systems.
- Implement a dry weather outfall inspection program that meets the requirements of Part IV (C)(3)(e).
- Perform a wet weather assessment for the potential for illicit discharges during wet weather events prior to the expiration date of the General Permit.
- Summarize any Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) events that discharge to the MS4 in annual reports.

The MCM 3 IDDE requirements will be implemented as detailed below.

#### BMP 3A Stormwater Ordinance

In accordance with the requirements of Part IV (C)(3)(a) of the General Permit, the City will continue to rely on the non-stormwater discharge ordinance developed during a previous permit cycle. This ordinance provides the City with the legal authority to prohibit non-stormwater discharges into the City storm sewer system and details appropriate enforcement procedures and actions.

#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to enforce its existing non-stormwater discharge ordinance.

#### Responsible Party

David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### BMP 3B Written Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan

In accordance with Part IV (C)(3)(b) of the General Permit, the City will implement a written IDDE Plan that addresses discharges that are not uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource, or an allowable non-stormwater discharge (**Appendix G**).

#### Measurable Goals

- The City has reviewed its existing IDDE SOP and revised it to be consistent with the General Permit. The IDDE Plan addresses each item in Part IV (C)(3)(b)(i.-vi.). The Dry Weather Outfall Inspection Program in the written IDDE Plan addresses each item in Part IV (C)(3)(e)(i.-viii.). The revised IDDE SOP has been renamed IDDE Plan.<sup>7</sup>
- 2. The City submitted the IDDE Plan to the MDEP for review and approval on July 19, 2021. Once approved, a copy of the IDDE Plan will be included in **Appendix G**.
- 3. Starting with the effective date of the General Permit, or as otherwise communicated by the MDEP, the City will implement the MDEP approved IDDE Plan.

<sup>7</sup> In accordance with Part IV (C)(3)(c) of the MS4 permit, IDDE requirements may be supported via demonstration of compliance with a written City Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance (CMOM) Plan.



4. If elimination of an illicit discharge within 60 calendar days of its identification and verification as an illicit discharge is not possible, the City will establish an expeditious schedule for its elimination and report the dates of identification and schedules for removal in the Annual Report (**Section 1.1.3**).

**Responsible Parties** 

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### BMP 3C Sewer System Map

In accordance with Part IV (C)(3)(d) of the General Permit, the City will continue to rely on its Beehive Asset Management and ArcGIS software to manage and maintain infrastructure maps. The storm sewer system infrastructure maps depict the following:

- Location and a unique identifier for all stormwater catch basins;
- Location of connecting surface and subsurface infrastructure;
- Direction of inflow and outflow pipes;
- Location of all discharges from all stormwater outfalls operated by the MS4 to receiving waters or to an interconnected MS4; and
- Description of outfall including type, material, size of conveyance, name of the receiving water.

The storm sewer system infrastructure maps are used for many tasks within the City, including the implementation of the dry weather outfall inspections and dry weather flow investigations.

#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to review a portion of its existing storm sewer infrastructure maps in Beehive Asset Management in conjunction with ArcGIS and update or revise them as changes occur within the system.

#### **Responsible Parties**

Jim Wood – GIS Coordinator Jonah Waterman – Asset Management Technician John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### BMP 3D Dry Weather Outfall Inspection Program

In accordance with Part IV (C)(3)(e) of the General Permit, the City will continue to implement dry weather outfall inspections to detect illicit discharges to the storm sewer system. The dry weather outfall inspection program will be documented in the written IDDE Plan (Section 4.3 BMP 3B; **Appendix G**).





#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to implement its dry weather outfall inspection program that was developed as part of a previous permit cycle and revise program documents as any changes occur within the storm sewer system. By the end of PY5, the City will have completed a minimum of one visual dry weather inspection for each of their identified outfalls.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### BMP 3E Wet Weather Assessment

In accordance with Part IV (C)(3)(f) of the General Permit, the City will perform a wet weather assessment prior to the expiration date of the General Permit to identify outfalls with the potential for illicit discharges during wet weather events. The outcome of the assessment will be a list of outfalls identified for wet weather monitoring and testing if applicable, by the City in the next permit cycle and the rationale for including these outfalls.

#### Measurable Goals

- 1. In PY1, the City will develop criteria to evaluate the potential for illicit discharges during wet weather events.
- 2. In PY2 and PY3, the City will use the criteria established in PY1 to identify outfalls and/or discharges that may require wet weather evaluation for potential illicit discharges.
- 3. In PY4, the City will establish a draft list of outfalls identified for wet weather monitoring and testing in the subsequent permit cycle and the rationale for including these outfalls.
- 4. In PY5, the City will finalize the list of outfalls identified for wet weather monitoring and testing in the subsequent permit cycle and the rationale for including these outfalls. The City will revise its written IDDE Plan to include the list of outfalls identified, identify the outfalls targeted for wet weather monitoring based on the EPA New England bacterial source tracking protocol or other acceptable protocols, and specify the timing and frequency of wet weather monitoring to be completed during the term of the next permit cycle.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### Section 4.4 MCM 4: Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

In accordance with the General Permit, the regulated MS4 must implement and enforce a program to minimize or eliminate pollutants in any stormwater runoff to the regulated small MS4 from construction activities that result in a land disturbance greater than or equal to one acre. Reduction of stormwater discharges from construction activity disturbing less than one acre must be included in the program if that construction activity is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that would disturb one or more acre.



The program must include:

- An ordinance or other regulatory mechanism that requires the use of erosion and sediment control BMPs at construction sites consistent with the minimum standards outlined in Appendix C, "Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Inspections and Maintenance and Housekeeping" of the General Permit.
- Procedures for site plan review that incorporate consideration of potential water quality impacts, erosion control, waste storage, and other elements of this MCM, the ability for the public to comment on such reviews at publicly noticed meetings, and procedures to consider information submitted by the public.
- Procedures for notifying construction site developers and operators of the requirements for registration under the Maine Construction General Permit ("MCGP") and Chapter 500, Stormwater Management. The City of Lewiston has Delegated Authority under the Maine Stormwater Law and Chapter 500.
- Procedures for construction site operations to control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washouts, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality.
- Documentation of construction activity that disturbs one or more acre within the urbanized area including written procedures for site inspections and enforcement of erosion and sedimentation control measures.

The MCM 4 Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control requirements will be implemented as detailed below.

#### BMP 4A Ordinance/Regulatory Mechanism

In accordance with Part IV (C)(4) of the General Permit, the City will continue to rely on its existing Zoning and Land Use Code to require the use of erosion and sedimentation controls at construction sites and use of Chapter 500, Stormwater Management rules for all projects that include one or more acre of disturbed land. This code provides the City with the legal authority to regulate and enforce land use activities, including site development. The City will also continue to rely on its existing notification procedures to inform developers of Maine Construction General Permit (MCGP) and Chapter 500, Stormwater Management, requirements. The City will continue to rely on the MDEP for administration and enforcement of the MCGP.

#### Measurable Goals

- 1. By the end of PY1, the City will review and update as needed, the existing Land Use Ordinance to ensure compliance with Part IV (C)(4) of the General Permit.
- 2. If existing regulatory mechanisms are found to require updating, by the end of PY2, the City will have an approved regulatory mechanism in place with the necessary enforcement authority.

#### Responsible Party

David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement



#### BMP 4B Procedures for Site Plan Review

In accordance with Part IV (C)(4) of the General Permit, the City will continue to maintain and implement procedures for site plan review that incorporate consideration of potential water quality impacts, erosion control, waste storage, other elements of this MCM, the ability for the public to comment on such reviews at publicly noticed meetings, and procedures to consider information submitted by the public.

#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to rely on its previously developed Zoning and Land Use Code, which documents site plan review procedures and standards.

#### Responsible Party

David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### **BMP 4C Procedures for Notifying of Stormwater Requirements**

In accordance with Part IV (C)(4)(a) of the General Permit, the City will continue to rely on its existing procedures for notifying construction site developers and operators of the requirements for registration under the MCGP or Chapter 500, Stormwater Management. This includes a question on permit application forms to trigger awareness of the MCGP requirements and to direct projects disturbing one acre or greater to obtain an MCGP.

#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to rely on its existing procedures for notifying construction site developers and operators of the requirements for registration under the MCGP or Chapter 500, Stormwater Management as part of its delegated Authority for Maine Stormwater Law and Site Location of Development Act.

#### Responsible Party

David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### **BMP 4D Construction Waste Control**

In accordance with Part IV (C)(4)(a) of the General Permit, the City will continue to rely on its existing Zoning and Land Use Code to require construction site operations to control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck washouts, chemicals, litter, and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality. This ordinance provides the City with the legal authority to regulate and enforce land use activities.

#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to rely on the existing Zoning and Land Use Code to require construction site developers and operators to effectively control waste, such as to protect water quality within the urbanized area.





Responsible Party

David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### BMP 4E Construction Activity Documentation

In accordance with Part IV (C)(4) of the General Permit, the City will continue to document every construction activity that disturbs one or more acre within the urbanized area. Such documentation includes written procedures for site inspections and enforcement of erosion and sediment control measures, as well as identifies inspection parties, procedures, schedules, and responsibilities.

#### Measurable Goals

- The City will prepare written procedures for conducting and documenting site inspections and enforcement prior to the effective date of the General Permit. The written procedures will address Part IV (C)(4)(a)(v)(b)(i. – iv.) requirements.
- 2. The City will rely on its Beehive Asset Management software program to track all construction activity that disturbs one or more acre within the urbanized area.
- 3. The City will continue to rely on the construction ordinance developed during a previous permit cycle, which provides the City with the legal authority to regulate and enforce land use activities, including inspections of site plans, erosion and sediment control plans, contractor inspection logs, and construction stormwater BMPs. All construction inspections will be documented in the City construction activity database.

#### **Responsible Parties**

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### Section 4.5 MCM 5: Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

In accordance with the General Permit, the regulated MS4 must implement and enforce a program to address post-construction stormwater runoff from new development, and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that discharge into the MS4. Including:

- Implementing strategies that include a combination of structural and/or nonstructural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts.
- Implementing post-construction discharge ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to provide for adequate long-term operation and maintenance of post-construction BMPs.

The MCM 5 Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment requirements will be implemented as detailed below.





## BMP 5A Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment

In accordance with Part IV (C)(5)(a) of the General Permit, the City will develop a Model Low Impact Development (LID) Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures contained in Table 1 of Appendix F in the General Permit. The Model LID Ordinance will be provided to MDEP for review and approval. Performance standards at least as stringent as those contained in the approved Model LID Ordinance will be adopted by the City. The City will also continue to rely on its Delegated Authority under Stormwater Law and Site Location of Development Act for administration and enforcement of Chapter 500, Stormwater Management.

#### Measurable Goal

- 1. On or before September 1, 2022, the City will develop the Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management, as identified in the General Permit, and submit it to MDEP for review.
- 2. On or before July 1, 2024, the City will adopt an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that is at least as stringent as the required elements of the Model LID Ordinance or incorporate all of its required elements into existing City ordinances.
- 3. The City will continue to its Zoning and Land Use Code and procedures developed during a previous permit cycle. These measures provide the City with the legal authority to regulate and enforce post-construction stormwater runoff. The City will continue to use its Site Plan Review process to promote consideration of LID measures.

#### Responsible Party

David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### BMP 5B Regulatory Mechanism

In accordance with Part IV (C)(5)(b) of the General Permit, the City will continue to rely on its Beehive program and existing Zoning and Land Use Code to ensure adequate long-term operation and maintenance of post-construction BMPs. The City will also continue to rely on its Delegated Authority under Stormwater Law and Site Location of Development Act for administration and enforcement of Chapter 500, Stormwater Management. The City relies on MDEP for administration and enforcement of the MCGP.

#### Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to use its Beehive program to track post-construction infrastructure and enforce its Zoning and Land Use Code developed during a previous permit cycle. The Zoning and Land Use Code requires any person owning, operating, or having control over stormwater management facilities to maintain a Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan (subject to City approval), conduct annual post-construction inspections by a qualified thirdparty inspector, and provide an annual certification certifying the occurrence of



such inspections and functionality of the stormwater management system in accordance with the approved Post-Construction Stormwater Management Plan. This ordinance provides the City with the legal authority to regulate and enforce post-construction stormwater management.

#### Responsible Party

David Hediger – Director, Planning and Code Enforcement

#### Section 4.6 MCM 6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

In accordance with the General Permit, the regulated MS4 must mitigate or eliminate pollutant runoff from municipal operations on property that is owned or managed by the City and located within the UA. The City must:

- Maintain an inventory of all municipal operations conducted in, on, or associated with spaces owned or operated by the City that have the potential to cause or contribute to stormwater or surface water pollution.
- Implement written operation and maintenance procedures for all municipal operations identified in the inventory.
- Evaluate and prioritize the schedule for repairing and/or upgrading conveyances, structures, and outfalls associated with the MS4.
- Implement written procedures in a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") for public works facilities, transfer stations, and school bus maintenance facilities, as applicable.

The MCM 6 Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations requirements will be implemented as detailed below.

#### BMP 6A Inventory of Municipal Facilities in MS4

The City will continue to rely on its existing inventory of municipal facilities established during a previous permit cycle to meet Part IV (C)(6)(a) of the General Permit.

Measurable Goal

The City will continue to maintain an inventory of municipally owned facilities and ensure that the inventory is annually reviewed and updated, as necessary.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### BMP 6B Written Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Plan

In accordance with Part IV (C)(6)(b) of the General Permit, the City will continue to implement O&M Plans developed during a previous permit cycle for municipally owned fixed facilities.

Measurable Goals

1. The City will continue to maintain current, annually review for improvements, and implement the O&M Plans for municipally owned fixed facilities.



- 2. The City will continue to implement items and programs identified in O&M Plans.
- 3. The City will continue to conduct annual employee training to prevent and reduce stormwater pollution from the municipal operations and facilities subject to the General Permit.
- 4. The City will continue to implement a program to sweep all paved City streets and paved City parking lots at least once per year soon after snowmelt.
- 5. The City will continue to implement a program to inspect catch basins and stormwater structures that accumulate sediment at least once every other year and clean such structures as necessary and in accordance with Part IV(C)(6)(b).
- 6. The City will continue to report in each Annual Report **(Section 1.1.3)** on the types of trainings presented, the percentage of municipal and contract staff, and specific staff occupations, that received training, the length of the training, and training content delivered.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

#### BMP 6C Sweeping Program

In accordance with Part IV (C)(6)(b)(iii) of the General Permit, the City will continue to sweep all paved roads and paved parking lots maintained by the City.

Measurable Goal

During each permit year, the City will continue to sweep all paved roads and paved parking lots maintained by the City. Sweeping activities will be completed at a minimum of once per year soon after snowmelt.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent Reginald Poussard – Highway Operations Manager

#### BMP 6D Catch Basin and Stormwater Structure Inspections

In accordance with Part IV (C)(6)(b)(iv) of the General Permit, the City will continue to inspect catch basins and other stormwater structures that accumulate sediment.

Measurable Goals

- 1. During each permit year, the City will continue to inspect a minimum of 50% of the City owned catch basins and stormwater structures that accumulate sediment, such that each catch basin and stormwater structure is inspected at least once every other year.
- 2. During each permit year, the City will continue to clean catch basins and stormwater structures that accumulate sediment, such that excessive sediment accumulation does not occur within each basin/structure.
- 3. The City will continue to document catch basin and stormwater structure inspections in their existing databases.





Responsible Parties

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent Reggie Poussard – Highway Division Operations Manager

#### BMP 6E Infrastructure Maintenance and Repairs

In accordance with Part IV (C)(6)(c) of the General Permit, the City will continue to implement their procedures for maintaining and repairing their separate storm sewer system infrastructure. This includes continuing to use Beehive software to prioritize the schedule for any necessary repairs.

#### Measurable Goals

- 1. During each permit year, the City will continue to maintain, repair, and upgrade its storm sewer system infrastructure as needed based on the results of its inspections, available funding, and prioritized projects.
- 2. The City will continue to implement existing procedures to track maintenance, repairs, and upgrades to the storm sewer system infrastructure in its existing database system.
- 3. The City will continue to implement an approach for prioritizing projects for the storm sewer system infrastructure.

#### Responsible Parties

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent Reggie Poussard – Highway Division Operations Manager

#### BMP 6F Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

Part IV (C)(6)(d) of the General Permit requires the City to implement written procedures in a SWPPP for public works facilities, transfer stations, and school bus maintenance facilities, as applicable. The City continues to implement its SWPPP for its Public Works Facility located within the UA.<sup>8</sup> A SWPPP will be established for any future qualifying municipal facilities, as required by applicable regulation.

#### Measurable Goals

- 1. The City will review its existing SWPPP and revise it as needed to comply with the General Permit prior to the effective date of the General Permit.
- 2. In PY1 through PY5, the City will implement its amended SWPPP based on the requirements of the General Permit for its Public Works Facility. The implementation of this plan includes annual trainings, quarterly compliance inspections, and quarterly visual monitoring of outfalls.

#### Responsible Party

John Kuchinski – Environmental Services Superintendent

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> A second Public Works Facility and the Solid Waste Facility are located outside of the UA and do not require SWPPPs. The Lewiston-Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority facility is not operated by the City.



#### SECTION 5 | DISCHARGES TO IMPAIRED WATERS

#### Section 5.1 Impaired Waters

Two urban impaired streams flow through the City; Hart Brook and Jepson Brook.

#### Section 5.2 Compliance with Total Maximum Daily Load Requirements

This Stormwater Management Plan complies with approved total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) and the Hart Brook Watershed Management Plan. New or increased discharges of stormwater to this impaired waterbody are not proposed.

#### Section 5.3 Best Management Practices

The City proposes to implement the following BMPs within the effective period of the General Permit, such as to lessen the discharge of pollutants from stormwater into Hart Brook and Jepson Brook.

<u>Hart Brook</u>

- Conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the negative impact of pet waste on water quality. This will involve posting information on social media platform(s) and distributing informational flyers to residents when they annually register their pets with the City.
- Increase street sweeping activities within the Hart Brook watershed. The City will use PM-10 compliant sweepers to support this effort. Increased street sweeping activities will be targeted to maximize benefit.
  - In PY 1, the City will develop a plan that identifies high priority street sweeping areas within the Hart Brook watershed.
  - In PY 2 PY 5, the City will increase street sweeping activities on high traffic streets (collector streets and above) in the Hart Brook watershed; these streets will be swept once per month from the months of April to October after Citywide sweeping has been completed.
- Conduct education and outreach to inform owners and/or property managers of industrial facilities located within the Lewiston Industrial Park of the positive impact of sweeping activities on water quality. This will involve distributing informational flyers to these industrial facilities annually.
  - In PY 1, the City will develop the flyer and submit it to MDEP for review.
  - In PY 2 PY 5, the City will distribute the flyer annually each Spring.

#### <u>Jepson Brook</u>

- Conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the negative impact of pet waste on water quality. This will involve posting information on social media platform(s) and distributing informational flyers to residents when they annually register their pets with the City.
- Increase street sweeping activities within the Jepson Brook watershed. The City will use PM-10 compliant sweepers to support this effort. Increased street sweeping activities will be targeted to maximize benefit.
  - In PY 1, the City will develop a plan that identifies high priority street sweeping areas within the Jepson Brook watershed.



- In PY 2 PY 5, the City will increase street sweeping activities on high traffic streets (collector streets and above) in the Jepson Brook watershed; these streets will be swept once per month from the months of April to October after Citywide sweeping has been completed.
- Conduct education and outreach to inform the public within the Jepson Brook Watershed of the positive impact of yardscaping on water quality. This will involve distributing informational flyers to approximately 500 residences annually.
  - o In PY 1, the City will develop the flyer and submit it to MDEP for review.
  - In PY 2 PY 5, the City will distribute the flyer annually.





#### SECTION 6 | GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

The City of Lewiston is committed to reducing the discharge of pollutants from its regulated small MS4 to the maximum extent practicable and maintains the highest standards for stormwater management through regular review, updating, and implementation of this Stormwater Management Plan.

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.

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Heather Hunter

7/4/22

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Date

<u>City Administrator</u> Title

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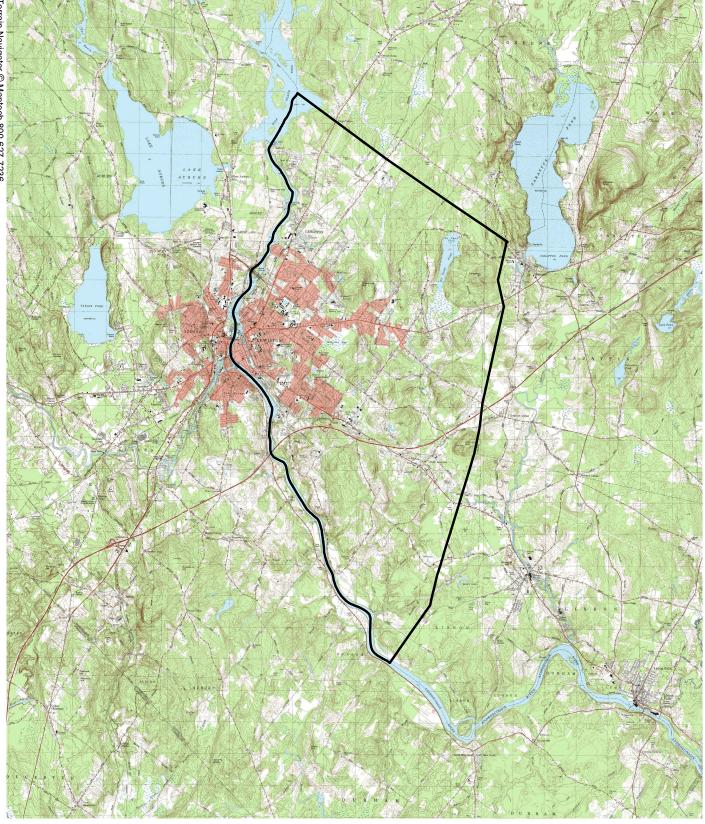
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#### **APPENDIX A**

LOCATION MAP AND URBANIZED AREA MAP Terrain Navigator, @Maptech 800-627-7236



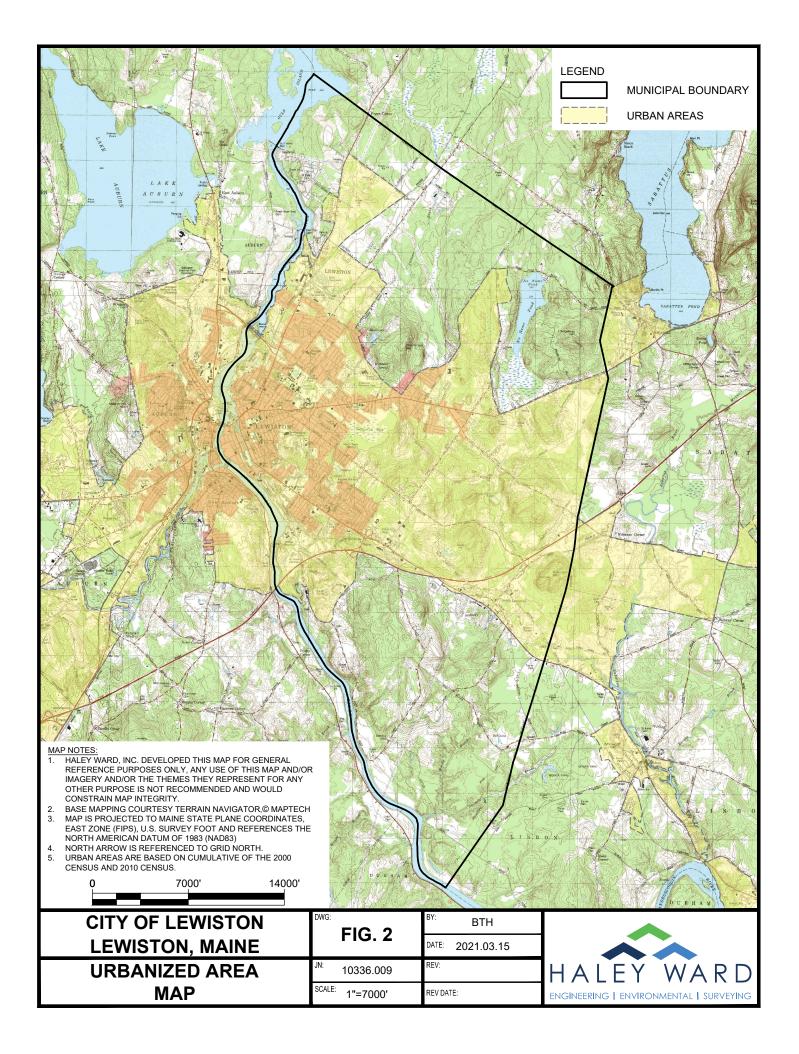
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CITY OF LEWISTON LEWISTON, MAINE LOCATION MAP

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**APPENDIX B** 

**NOTICE OF INTENT** 



### NOTICE OF INTENT TO COMPLY WITH MAINE GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER FROM MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)

#### PLEASE TYPE OR PRINT IN BLACK INK ONLY

MS4 Entity	Lewiston			Dormittee ID #	
Name and title of chief elected official or principal executive officer	Lewiston     Permittee ID #     MER041012       Denis D'Auteuil, City Manager				
Mailing Address	27 Pine Street	27 Pine Street			
Town/City	Lewiston	State	ME	Zip Code	04240
Daytime Phone	(207) 513-3121 Email ddauteuil@lewistonmaine.gov				
PRIMARY CONTACT PER	SON FOR OVERALL STORM		GEMENT PRO	GRAM (if different th	an PEO/CEO)
Name and Title	John Kuchinski, Proje	ct Engineer			
Mailing Address	103 Adams Avenue	10			
Town/City	Lewiston	State	ME	Zip Code	04240
Daytime Phone	(207) 513-3003	Email	jkuchinski	@lewistonmaine	e.gov
STORMWATER MANAGE	MENT PLAN (SWMP)				
Urbanized Area (sq. mi.)	17.77 square miles				
I have attached our updated	SWMP with ordinances, SOPs,	forms.			
Name of streams, wetlands,	or waterbodies to which the reg	ulated small MS	4 discharges (a	attach additional shee	ts as necessary):
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	that receive stormwater from the	e regulated smal	ll MS4 (attach	additional sheets as n	ecessary):
Androscoggin River					
CERTIFICATION					
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Signature of Permittee	Dans Da		>	Date 3	/26/21
This NOI registration form	must be filed with the Depart	ment at the follo	owing address	s:	e 1
Stormwater Program Maine Department Bureau of Water Q 17 State House Sta Augusta ME 04333	of Environmental Protection uality ation				

OFFICE USE ONLY				
Date Recieved	Staff	Date Accepted	Date Not Accepted	





#### **APPENDIX C**

GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER FROM SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

### State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Quality

### General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)



**MER041000** 

**Final Permit** 

October 15, 2020

# General Permit--Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES)/Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL)

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#### **Final Permit**

General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems



#### STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION 17 STATE HOUSE STATION AUGUSTA, ME 04333

#### **DEPARTMENT ORDER**

#### IN THE MATTER OF

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM			MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
GENERAL PERMIT		)	ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
STATE OF MAINE		)	
MER041000		)	MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE
W009170-5Y-C-R	APPROVAL	)	RENEWAL

Pursuant to the provisions of Federal law Title 33 USC, §1251, and Maine Law 38 M.R.S., Section 414-A et seq., and applicable regulations, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department/DEP) has considered an application by the State of Maine to renew Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #MER041000/Maine Waste Discharge License W009170-5Y-A-N General Permit (GP), with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

#### **APPLICATION SUMMARY**

Pursuant to applicable laws and rules of the State's MEPDES program, the Department's Bureau of Water Quality, Division of Water Quality Management has developed a GP for discharges of stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) to surface waters of the state. This GP is being issued as a combination MEPDES permit/WDL and has been assigned #MER041000. This GP is a two-step general permit pursuant to 40 Code of Federal Regulation (CFR) §122.28(d)(2). The Department will establish a list of required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance for each small MS4 permittee in a separate Department Order based on a Department review of the permittee's Notice of Intent (NOI) and Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP).

#### **REGULATORY SUMMARY**

On January 12, 2001, the Department received authorization from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program in Maine. From that point forward, the program has been referred to as the MEPDES permit program. The terms and conditions of this GP are consistent with the requirements established in the MEPDES permit program.

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# CONCLUSIONS

Based on the findings in this GP, and subject to the terms and conditions listed in Parts I-IV of this GP and a list of required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance for each permit specific Department Order, the Department makes the following conclusions:

- 1. The discharge(s) covered under this GP, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.
- 2. The discharge(s) covered under this GP, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification which the Department expects to adopt in accordance with state law.
- 3. The provisions of the State's antidegradation policy, Maine law, 38 M.R.S. § 464(4)(F), will be met, in that:
  - (a) Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect and maintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected;
  - (b) Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding natural resource, that water quality will be maintained and protected;
  - (c) Where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification;
  - (d) Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification that higher water quality will be maintained and protected; and
  - (e) Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing water quality of any water body, the Department has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.
- 4. The discharge(s) covered under this GP will be subject to effluent limitations that require application of best practicable treatment as defined in 38 M.R.S. § 414-A(1)(D).

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# ACTION

BY:

Based on the findings and conclusions as stated above, the Department APPROVES GP #MER041000, *General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems*, which results in a discharge of stormwater to surface waters of the state, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, including:

- 1. The attached conditions included as Part I-IV of this GP.
- 2. Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable To All Permits, revised July 1, 2002, attached.
- 3. This GP becomes effective on July 1, 2022 and expires at midnight five (5) years after that date. If the GP is to be renewed, it will remain in force until the Department takes final action on the renewal. Persons wishing to obtain coverage under this GP must apply for coverage by way of the submission of a Notice of Intent (NOI) not later than March 31, 2021.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS <u>15</u> DAY OF <u>October</u>, 2020.

COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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for Melanie Loyzim, Acting Commissioner

# PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of Public Notice \_\_\_\_\_ December 9, 2019 \_\_\_\_\_

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection <u>October 15, 2020</u>

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY

MS4 Final Permit 2020 10/14/2020

## PART I. Coverage Under This Permit

# A. AUTHORITY

A waste discharge permit is required for the direct or indirect discharge of pollutants to waters of the State. A two-step general permit will be issued for point source discharges (direct discharges) of stormwater. A violation of a condition or requirement of a general permit constitutes a violation of Maine's water quality laws and the federal Clean Water Act and subjects the discharger to penalties under *Organization and Powers*, 38 M.R.S. § 349, and § 309 of the Clean Water Act. Nothing in this GP is intended to limit the Department's authority under the waste discharge and water classification statutes or rules. This GP does not affect requirements under other applicable Maine statutes such as Site Location of Development (Site Law), Stormwater Management, and Natural Resources Protection Act (NRPA). This GP does not prevent a municipality from adopting stricter standards than contained in this GP or state or federal standards.

## **B. PERMIT COVERAGE**

This MS4 GP is part of a two-step general permit pursuant to 40 CFR §122.28(d)(2). The terms and conditions contained herein are applicable to all regulated small MS4s. The Department will also issue a separate permittee specific Department Order (DEP Order) for each MS4 that establishes a list of required actions and a corresponding schedule of compliance for each action item. This GP in conjunction with the permittee specific DEP Order authorizes the direct discharge of stormwater from a regulated MS4 to waters of the State other than groundwater, provided that the MS4 is located in an Urbanized Area as determined by the inclusive sum of the 2000 and 2010 Decennial Census by the Bureau of Census. Small MS4s are those entities which meet the definition in 40 CFR Part 122.26(b)(16). Regulated small MS4s are those entities required pursuant to 40 CFR 122.26(a)(9)(i)(A) to obtain stormwater permit coverage to operate their small MS4. Discharges from regulated small MS4s must meet the requirements of this GP, the permittee specific DEP Order, and applicable provisions of Maine's waste discharge and water classification statutes and rules. Compliance with this GP and permittee specific DEP Order authorizes a person to discharge stormwater, pursuant to Water Pollution Control Law, 38 M.R.S. § 413, as described below. Discharges listed in Part IV(C)(3)(h) are excluded from coverage under this GP and the permittee specific DEP Order. Unless otherwise explicitly noted, this GP and the permittee specific DEP Order only covers operations or activities associated with stormwater runoff within an identified Urbanized Area.

1. Effective date of this General Permit. This GP becomes effective on July 1, 2022 and expires at midnight five (5) years after that date. Persons wishing to obtain coverage must apply for coverage by way of the submission of a NOI not later than March 31, 2021. New permittees seeking coverage under this GP may submit a NOI to the Department at any time during the 5-year term of this GP.

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#### PART I. Coverage Under This Permit (cont'd)

#### **B. PERMIT COVERAGE (cont'd)**

The Department must review the NOI submitted by each applicant to determine whether the information is complete and to establish the additional terms and conditions necessary to meet 40 CFR §122.34. The Department will follow the procedure outlined in Part III of this GP to establish a list of required actions and a corresponding schedule of compliance for the action items for each permittee specific DEP Order.

The Department will notify an applicant within 60 calendar days of receipt of an NOI as to whether or not the NOI is deemed complete for processing by the Department. Pursuant to Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 2, *Rule Concerning the Processing of Applications And Other Administrative Matters*, a request for a hearing on an application must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the application is accepted as complete for processing. The request must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and specify the reasons why a hearing is warranted. If the Department does not notify the applicant within 60 calendar days of this time, the NOI is accepted. An applicant is authorized to discharge when the GP becomes effective and the applicable permittee specific DEP Order establishing a list of required actions and a corresponding schedule of compliance for the action items is issued as a final agency action. In the event coverage under the GP is not granted, the Department must notify the applicant of the reason(s) for not granting coverage. A person may apply for issuance of an individual MEPDES permit if the proposed discharge(s) is not approvable for coverage under this GP.

- **2. Waiver of authorization.** The Department may grant a regulated small MS4 a waiver from the requirement to obtain authorization only if:
  - a. The population within the Urbanized Area portion of the municipality is less than 1,000, and stormwater from the MS4 has not caused, or is not causing or contributing to the impairment of a receiving water body; and
  - b. The MS4 does not contribute to the pollutant load of a physically interconnected regulated MS4 (see 40 CFR 122.32(d)(1); and
  - c. The MS4 discharges any pollutant(s) that has/have been identified as a cause of impairment of any water body to which it discharges, stormwater controls are not needed based on waste load allocations that are part of an EPA approved or established "total maximum daily load" (TMDL) that addresses the storm water issue of significance. See 40 CFR 122.32(d)(2).
- **3.** Continuation of Coverage. Coverage under this GP and the permittee specific DEP Order will be continued provided there are no changes in the discharge as described in the NOI. If changes occur or are proposed, the permittee having filed the NOI must notify the Department, as specified in this GP. Upon reissuance of a new GP, a permittee wishing to continue coverage must submit a new NOI to the Department.

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## **B. PERMIT COVERAGE (cont'd)**

If this GP and a permittee specific DEP Order are not reissued, revoked or replaced prior to the expiration date, both will be administratively continued and remain in force and effect. In that case, any permittee who was granted permit coverage prior to the expiration date will automatically remain covered by the administratively continued GP and permittee specific DEP Order until the earlier of:

- a. Reissuance or replacement of this GP, at which time the permittee must submit a new NOI to the Department in accordance with the new GP to maintain authorization to discharge;
- b. The permittee's submittal of a Notice of Termination (NOT);
- c. Issuance of an individual permit for the permittee's discharges; or
- d. A formal permit decision by the Commissioner not to reissue this GP, at which time the permittee must seek coverage under an alternative general permit or individual permit.
- 4. Limitations on Coverage. This GP does not authorize a stormwater discharge that requires an individual waste discharge permit or is required to obtain coverage under another waste discharge GP. The Department may require any permittee with a discharge authorized by this GP to apply for and obtain an individual permit or an alternative GP. Any interested person may petition the Department to take action under this paragraph. Examples of when an individual waste discharge permit may be required are specified in rule.
- 5. Annual Fee. Coverage under the GP and the permittee specific DEP Order will be continued upon payment of an annual fee. Fees must be paid by check or money order, payable to **Treasurer, State of Maine.**
- 6. **Individual Permit or Alternative GP.** When an individual permit is issued to a discharger otherwise subject to this GP, or the discharger is authorized to discharge under an alternative GP, the applicability of this GP to the individual permittee and the permittee specific DEP Order are automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit or the date of authorization of coverage under the alternative GP, whichever the case may be. When an individual permit is denied to a permittee otherwise subject to this GP, or the operator is denied for coverage under an alternative GP, the applicability of this GP to the individual MEPDES permittee is automatically terminated on the date of such denial, unless otherwise specified by the Commissioner.

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## C. COMPLIANCE

- 1. **Compliance.** Regulated small MS4s must remain in compliance with all standards and requirements of this GP and the permittee specific DEP Order. Non-compliance with any of the standards and requirements of this GP or with any of the standards and requirements of a permittee specific DEP Order constitutes a violation of the GP and the CWA. If the Department determines that the standards of this GP or permittee specific DEP Order have not been met, the Department will notify the permittee and may undertake one or more of the following actions:
  - a. Authorize coverage under this GP after appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to bring the discharge into compliance with this GP and the permittee specific DEP Order and water quality standards have been implemented as determined by the Department;
  - b. Require an individual waste discharge permit;
  - c. Inform the person that the discharge is prohibited; or
  - d. Take enforcement action to address the violation(s).
- 2. Non-stormwater. This GP does not authorize discharges that are mixed with sources of non-stormwater, other than those discharges in compliance with Part IV (C)(3)(h).
- 3. **Discharge of hazardous substances, chemicals, or oil.** This GP does not authorize the discharge of hazardous substances, chemicals, or oil resulting from an on-site spill.
- 4. **Total maximum daily load ("TMDL").** This GP does not authorize a direct discharge that is inconsistent with any EPA approved TMDL waste load allocation.
- 5. Violation of water quality standards. This GP does not authorize a discharge that causes or contributes to a violation of a water quality standard. Discharges covered under this GP may not:
  - a. Contain any pollutant, including toxic substances, in quantities or concentrations, which may cause or contribute to any adverse impact on the receiving water;
  - b. Be to a receiving water which is not meeting its classification standard for any characteristic which may be affected by the discharge; or
  - c. Impart color, taste, turbidity, radioactivity, settleable materials, floating substances or other properties that cause the receiving water to be unsuitable for the designated uses ascribed to its classification.

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## C. COMPLIANCE (cont'd)

- 6. Waste discharge license (groundwater). A waste discharge license ("WDL") may be required for the discharge of stormwater through any well or wells, including drywells and subsurface fluid distribution systems. For complete requirements, see *Rules To Control The Subsurface Discharge Of Pollutants*, 06-096 CMR 543 (effective October 6, 2006), and *Stormwater Management*, 06-096 CMR 500 Appendix D (last amended August, 2015).
  - a. A "subsurface fluid distribution system" is an assemblage of perforated pipes, drain tiles, or similar mechanisms intended to distribute fluids below the surface of the ground.
  - b. A "well" is a bored, drilled, or driven shaft the depth of which is greater than the largest surface dimension, whether the shaft is typically dry or contains liquid; or a dug hole the depth of which is greater than the largest surface dimension; or a subsurface fluid distribution system.
  - c. "Well injection" means the subsurface discharge of fluids into or through a well.
- 7. **Removed Substances.** Solids, sludges, filter backwash or other pollutants removed or resulting from the treatment of stormwater must be disposed of in a manner approved by the Department.
- 8. **Monitoring Requirement.** The Department may require monitoring of an individual discharge as may be reasonably necessary in order to characterize the nature, volume or other attributes of that discharge or its sources.
- 9. Other Information. When the permittee becomes aware that he or she failed to submit any relevant facts or submitted incorrect information in the Notice of Intent or in any other report to the Department, he or she must promptly submit such facts or information.
- 10. Endangered Species. Pursuant to State and Local Cooperation Law, 12 M.R.S. § 12806, A state agency or municipal government shall not permit, license, fund or carry out projects that will:
  - a. Significantly alter the habitat identified under Conservation of Endangered Species Law, 12 M.R.S. § 12804, subsection 2 of any species designated as threatened or endangered under this subchapter; or
  - b. Violate protection guidelines set forth in 12 M.R.S. § 12804, subsection 3.

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## PART II. Definitions

The following terms have the following meanings as used in this GP and the permittee specific DEP Order in addition to the definitions found in Chapter 520 of the Department's rules, and applicable statutory definitions.

- A. Applicant Means a municipality which files an NOI pursuant to Part III of this GP.
- **B.** Best Management Practices (BMP) Means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the State. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.
- C. Catch basin evaluation Means an inspection of a catch basin structure that includes documentation of water quality. Water quality evaluation includes, at a minimum, visual observations of sheen, discoloration, foaming, evidence of sanitary sewage, excessive algal growth, and similar visual indicators, as well as observations of odor and the depth of sediment in the sump. This evaluation may be conducted in conjunction with a routine cleaning event or separately, in order to determine which structure(s) require cleaning.
- **D.** Commissioner Means the Commissioner of the Maine Department of Environmental Protection.
- **E.** Common Plan of Development or Sale Means a subdivision under municipal law as determined by the municipality where the subdivision is located.
- **F.** Compensation Fee Utilization Plan Means a plan that specifies how funds received as a fee payment will be allocated to reduce the impact of stormwater pollution to an impaired waterbody.
- **G.** Construction Activity Means:
  - 1. Construction activity including one acre or more of disturbed area, or activity with less than one acre of total land area that is part of a common plan of development or sale, if the common plan of development or sale will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than one acre; or
  - 2. Any other construction activity designated by the Department based on the potential for contribution to a violation of a water quality standard or for significant contribution of pollutants to waters of the State.
- H. Department (DEP) Means the State of Maine Department of Environmental Protection.
- I. Direct Discharge The definition of "Direct Discharge" in this GP has been taken from Maine law 38 M.R.S. § 466 ("Definitions") and is as follows: "any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged."

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- J. **Discharge** Means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emptying, dumping, disposing or other addition of pollutants to the Waters of the State (for the purpose of this GP, located within the permittee's UA and not including groundwater.)
- K. Discharge Point For the purposes of this permit the location where collected and concentrated stormwater flows are discharged from the facility such that the first receiving waterbody into which the discharge flows, either directly or through a separate storm sewer system, is a water of the State.
- L. Disturbed Area Means all land areas that are stripped, graded, grubbed, filled or excavated at any time during the site preparation or removing vegetation for, or construction of, a project. Cutting of trees, without grubbing, stump removal, disturbance or exposure of soil is not considered "disturbed area". "Disturbed area" does not include routine maintenance but does include redevelopment and new impervious areas. "Routine maintenance" is maintenance performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, and original purpose of the facility. Paving impervious gravel surfaces provided that an applicant or permittee can prove the original line and grade and hydraulic capacity will be maintained and original purpose of the gravel surface remains the same is considered routine maintenance.
- **M.** Dry Weather Flow Means any observable flow from an outfall when there has not been measurable precipitation greater than 1/4 of an inch, or ice or snow melt within 72 hours prior to the outfall inspection.
- **N. Dry weather inspection -** Means an inspection of an outfall that includes observations of sheen, discoloration, foaming, evidence of sanitary sewage, excessive algal growth, and similar visual indicators, as well as detection of odor. These inspections must be completed during a dry weather flow condition (when the storm sewer system is not impacted by current or recent precipitation) or when the outfall is not flowing even if it is within the 72 hours of precipitation greater than 1/4 of an inch, or ice or snow melt.
- **O.** Education/outreach Campaign Means a specific set of activities aimed at an identified target audience organized to achieve a particular goal. Campaigns are the totality of all the efforts and tools used to achieve the goal.
- P. Education Outreach tool A method used to deliver a message to a target audience. Messages may be printed materials such as brochures or newsletters; electronic materials such as websites or online ads; mass media such as newspaper articles or public service announcements (radio or television); or displays in public areas such as town/city hall.
- **Q.** Education Outreach to change behavior Means to promote and reinforce desirable behaviors designed to reduce stormwater pollution.

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- **R.** Education/outreach Program Means all the education and outreach campaigns and activities to meet minimum control measure 1 (MCM1) and may include activities in the other minimum control measures.
- **S. Illicit Discharge** Means any discharge to a regulated MS4 system that is not composed entirely of stormwater other than: discharges authorized pursuant to another permit issued pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §413; uncontaminated groundwater; water from a natural resource [such as a wetland]; or other Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges identified in Part IV(C)(3)(h) of this GP.
- T. Impaired Waterbody Means a waterbody that is not attaining water quality criteria or standards, as determined by the Department.
- U. Low impact development "Low impact development" or "green infrastructure" means site planning and design strategies intended to replace or replicate predevelopment hydrology through the use of source control and relatively small-scale measures integrated throughout a site to disconnect impervious surfaces and enhance filtration, treatment, and management of stormwater runoff as close to its source as possible. Low impact development strategies may be either nonstructural or structural, except that low impact development strategies utilizing structural stormwater management techniques shall be limited to an impervious contributing drainage area equal to or less than 1 acre. Low impact development strategies include, but are not limited to: bioretention filters, grass swales and channels, vegetated filter strips, permeable pavements, rain gardens and vegetated rooftops.
- V. Maintenance "Maintenance" means an activity undertaken to maintain operating condition, original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, and original purpose of the project. Paving an impervious gravel surface at original line, grade and hydraulic capacity is considered maintenance. Replacement of a building is not considered maintenance of the building.
- W. Message Information distributed to a specific target audience.
- X. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) Means a conveyance or system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater (other than a publicly owned treatment works (POTW), as defined at 40 CFR 122.2, or a combined sewer), including, but not limited to, roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, human-made channels or storm drains owned or operated by any municipality, sewer or sewage district, Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA), State agency or Federal agency or other public entity that discharges to waters of the State other than groundwater.
- **Y.** New development or construction "New development or construction" means activity undertaken to develop property, including but not limited to: the construction of buildings, parking lots, roads and other new impervious surfaces; landscaping; and other activities that disturb land areas. New development or construction does not include redevelopment or maintenance. Permitted municipalities may define new development more stringently.

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- **Z.** Notice of Intent (NOI) Means a notification of intent to seek coverage under this GP and a permittee specific DEP Order as provided in Part III(A), made by the applicant to the Department on an NOI form(s) provided by the Department. This is also the mechanism used to request coverage under this GP and under a permittee specific DEP Order.
- **AA. Outfall** Means the point source where the MS4 discharges from a pipe, ditch or other discrete conveyance to the waters of the state other than groundwater, or to another entity's MS4, and does not include pipes, cross culverts, tunnels or other conveyances which connect segments of the same stream or other waters of the state and are used to convey waters of the state. For the purposes of this GP, a discharge to a location not defined as a water of the state is not considered an outfall.
- **BB.** Outreach to raise awareness Means to introduce information that may be new to or not well understood by a target audience.
- **CC. Permittee** Means a municipality that owns or operates the storm sewer system authorized under this GP.
- **DD.** Permittee Specific DEP Order Means a document issued by the Department, following a formal public comment period, that establishes a list of required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance for a limited number of BMPs associated with the implementation of the GP.
- **EE. Person** Means an individual, firm, corporation, municipality, quasi-municipal corporation, state agency, federal agency or other legal entity which creates, initiates, originates or maintains a discharge authorized by this GP.
- **FF.** Point source See "Direct Discharge". For the purposes of this GP, the definitions of "Point source" and "Direct Discharge" are identical.
- **GG. Redevelopment** "Redevelopment" means an activity, not including maintenance, undertaken to redevelop or otherwise improve property in which the newly developed area is located within the same footprint as the existing developed area.
- **HH. Regulated Small MS4** Means any Small MS4 authorized by this General Permit or the general permits for the discharge of stormwater from MDOT and MTA small MS4s or state or federally owned or operated small MS4s including all those located partially or entirely within an UA. A list of these regulated small MS4s owned or operated by municipalities is included in Appendix A of this GP.

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- **II. Small MS4** Means any MS4 that is not already covered by the Phase I MS4 stormwater program including municipally owned or operated storm sewer systems, state or federally-owned systems, such as colleges, universities, prisons, military bases and facilities, and transportation entities such as MDOT and MTA road systems and facilities. See also 40 CFR 122.26(b)(16).
- **JJ.** Stormwater Means the part of precipitation including runoff from rain or melting ice and snow that flows across the surface as sheet flow, shallow concentrated flow, or in drainage ways.
- **KK.** Stormwater Issue of Significance (SIS) Means any local, regional or statewide issue that must be addressed in order to improve water quality in receiving water bodies. SIS can include single pollutants or multiple pollutants as well as certain actions (increased impervious cover, lack of community awareness, construction, agricultural impacts, etc.) conditions (lack of infiltration, treatment at the source, etc.) or phenomena (development pressure, urban sprawl, flooding, urbanization, pH/acidification, etc.).
- LL. Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) Means a written plan developed, implemented, and enforced by a permittee. The SWMP defines the specific BMPs that will be implemented by the permittee under each of the six MCMs set forth in Part IV of the GP, which are designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the maximum extent practicable (MEP). The SWMP defines: the measurable goal(s) by which each BMP will be evaluated; the person(s) responsible for implementing each BMP, and; the date by which each BMP will be implemented.
- **MM**. **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)** Means a written plan developed and implemented for select municipal operations to reduce or eliminate pollutants as described in this GP.
- NN. Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Means the sum of the individual waste load allocations (WLAs) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for non-point sources, natural background and a margin of safety. If a receiving water has only one point source discharger, the TMDL is the sum of that point source WLA plus the LAs for any nonpoint sources of pollution and natural background sources, tributaries, or adjacent segments. TMDLs can be expressed in terms of either mass per time, toxicity, or other appropriate measure. If BMPs or other nonpoint source pollution controls make more stringent load allocations practicable, then waste load allocations can be made less stringent. Thus, the TMDL process provides for nonpoint source control tradeoffs.
- **OO**. **Urban Impaired Stream -** Means a stream that fails to meet water quality standards because of effects of stormwater runoff from developed land. Urban Impaired Streams are those streams identified in Appendix B of this GP.

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- **PP.** Urban Runoff Means stormwater runoff from an Urbanized Area, that may contain elevated levels of pollutants such as hydrocarbons, chlorides, heavy metals and nutrients which may cause or contribute to a waterbody's impairment. In many instances flow such as frequent elevated storm flows, low base flows, and high temperatures will also be significant contributors to a waterbody's impairment.
- **QQ**. **Urbanized Area (UA)** Means the area of the State of Maine so defined by the inclusive sum of the 2000 decennial census and latest decennial census (2010) by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.
- **RR.** Waste Load Allocation (WLA) Means the portion of a receiving waters loading capacity that is allocated to one of its existing or future point sources of pollution. WLAs constitutes a type of water quality based effluent limitation.
- **SS.** Waters of the State Means any and all surface waters and subsurface waters that are contained within, flow through, or under or border upon this state or any portion of the state, including the marginal and high seas, except such waters as are confined and retained completely upon the property of one person and do not drain into or connect with any other waters of the state, but not excluding waters susceptible to use in interstate or foreign commerce, or whose use, degradation or destruction would affect interstate or foreign commerce.

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#### Part III. Procedure

#### A. Obtaining Coverage To Discharge.

#### 1. Public Notice

**Applicant Public Notice**. Applicants are required to publish a public notice that the NOI and a SWMP are being filed with the Department. The notice must be published <u>within</u> the 30 calendar-day period prior to the NOI being sent to the Department. The notice must-be published in the legal advertisement section of a daily or weekly newspaper having general circulation in the area where the discharges authorized by this GP will occur and by making the notice available on the municipality's official internet web site. Applicants are required to provide a letter of notice to all regulated small MS4s into which the MS4 discharges, and also to persons who have requested to be notified or interested persons to the respective applicants.

2. NOI submission. The operator of any regulated small MS4 that initiates, creates, originates or maintains a discharge described in Part I of this GP and that wishes to obtain coverage under this GP and a permittee specific DEP Order must file a NOI with the Department that meets the requirements of this GP not later than March 31, 2021. The applicant must file the NOI using a form(s) provided by the Department. The applicant must sign the NOI in accordance with this section. New permittee's seeking coverage under this GP may submit a NOI to the Department at any time during the 5-year term of this GP. By submitting a signed NOI, the applicant agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of this GP and any applicable permittee specific DEP Order. The applicant must register one set of NOI forms for all discharges from the regulated small MS4 within the UA that are operated by the municipality.

A NOI must be filed with the Department electronically via e-mail or via regular mail at the following address:

MS4 Program Manager Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0017 e-mail: <u>rhonda.poirier@maine.gov</u>.

a. **Signatory Requirements**. All NOIs, reports, certifications or information either submitted to the Department, or that this GP requires to be maintained by the permittee, must be signed and certified in accordance with *Waste Discharge Licenses*, 06-096 CMR 521(5) (effective date January 23, 2001).

All permit applications must be signed as follows:

1. For a municipality, the signature must be by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes:

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- (i) The chief executive officer of the agency, or
- (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrators of the USEPA).
- b. **Reports** All reports required by permits, and other information requested by the Department must be signed by a person described in paragraph (2)(a)(1) of this section, or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
  - 1. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in paragraph (a) of this section;
  - 2. 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 permittee, municipality or regulated MS4, (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position).
  - 3. The written authorization is submitted to the Department.
- c. **Certification.** Any person signing a document under paragraph (a) or (b) of 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.

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#### 3. Contents of NOI.

- a. **NOI Form.** The NOI must be filed on a form(s) provided by the Department and at a minimum, must include the following.
  - i. Name of the municipality and the name, title, address, email address, and telephone number of the chief elected official or principal executive officer.
  - ii. Name, address, email address, and telephone number of the primary municipal contact person responsible for the stormwater management program.
  - iii. Permit number assigned to the municipality under the previous Department MS4 permit, if any.
  - iv. Name of the receiving stream(s), wetland(s) or waterbody(s) to which the MS4 discharges, and a list of the impaired waterbodies which receive stormwater from the MS4.
  - v. An estimate of the area in square miles, of the UA.
  - vi. A copy of the SWMP detailing how the permittee will comply with the terms and conditions of this GP.

The Department may require an applicant to submit additional information that the Department deems reasonably necessary to evaluate the consistency of the subject activity with the requirements for authorization under this GP.

4. Public Comment. The Department will provide the public with an opportunity for comment on or request a public hearing on the contents of the submitted NOIs and the SWMPs by making the information available on the Department's internet site shortly after the NOI has been deemed complete for processing. Pursuant to Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 2, *Rule Concerning the Processing of Applications And Other Administrative Matters*, a request for a hearing on an application (NOI in this case) must be received by the Department, in writing, no later than 20 days after the NOI is accepted as complete for processing. The request must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and specify the reasons why a hearing is warranted. The public comment period on the NOI and SWMP documents is a minimum of 30 calendar days. Based on a review of the NOI, SWMP or other information, the Department may extend the public comment period, require additional information or may deny coverage to discharge under this GP and require submission of an application for an individual or alternative MEPDES permit.

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- 5. Action by Commissioner. The Commissioner will return as incomplete any NOI that does not satisfy the requirements of Part III (A)(3) of this GP.
  - a. The Commissioner may deny coverage to discharge under this GP if more than 30 calendar days have elapsed following the applicant's receipt of a written request by the Commissioner that the applicant submit additional information required pursuant to this GP and the applicant has not timely and completely submitted such information.
  - b. The Commissioner will deny coverage to discharge under this GP if the subject activity is ineligible for this GP, if the applicant cannot or is unlikely to comply with this GP, or for any other reason provided by law.
  - c. The Commissioner will grant coverage to discharge under this GP if the SWMP, in combination with the permittee specific DEP Order is consistent with the requirement to reduce pollutants under the Department's standards to protect water quality and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act.
- 6. Authorization to Discharge. The applicant is authorized to discharge under the terms and conditions of this GP and permittee specific DEP Order when the Commissioner issues a Department Order granting said coverage. Granting or denying coverage to discharge under this GP and permittee specific DEP Order must be in writing.
- 7. Effect of Denial of Coverage To Discharge. Denial of coverage under this GP constitutes notice to the applicant that the subject activity may not lawfully be conducted or maintained without issuance of an individual MEPDES permit or authorization to discharge under an alternative GP. Denial of coverage under this GP must be in writing.
- 8. Permittee Specific DEP Order. Following the public comment period on the NOI, the Department will issue a permittee specific DEP Order that establishes additional terms and conditions, including but not limited to, a list of required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance for a limited number BMPs associated with the implementation of this GP. The permittee specific DEP Order will be subject to a formal 30-day public comment period. New permittee's seeking coverage under this GP may submit a NOI to the Department at any time during the 5-year term of this GP.

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# Part IV. Requirements

The permittee must at all times continue to meet the requirements for authorization set forth in this GP and in the permittee specific DEP Order. In addition, the permittee must ensure that authorized discharges and activities are conducted in accordance with the following required conditions.

**A. Initial Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP).** The permittee must develop an initial SWMP to be submitted with the NOI for coverage under this GP consistent with the requirements of this section. The SWMP must describe how it will implement the six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs), set forth in Part IV(C) of this GP, and how the permittee will implement the requirements of Part IV(D) of the GP.

## 1. Stormwater Management Plan Requirements.

- a. For each of the six MCMs in Part IV(C), the following information must be included:
  - 1. The measurable goal(s) by which each best management practice (BMP) will be evaluated;
  - 2. The person(s) or position(s) responsible for implementing each BMP; and
  - 3. The date by which each BMP will be implemented including as appropriate, timelines and milestones for implementation of BMPs.
- b. The SWMP must also address the requirements of Part IV(D) for discharges to waters with EPA-approved TMDLs and to waters that are listed as Urban Impaired Streams.

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**B.** Modified Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). The permittee must implement and enforce a written (hardcopy or electronic) SWMP. The initial SWMP must be updated within 60 days of permit authorization to include how the permittee will meet all requirements of the DEP Order. The modified SWMP must include a summary of the comments received during the MS4s public comment period and any corresponding changes to the SWMP made in response to the comments received. The permittee must perform all actions required by the permittee specific DEP Order in accordance with the timelines in the permittee specific DEP Order. Unless otherwise specified by the Department in writing, the permittee must submit the updated SWMP to the Department indicating how the permittee has modified their SWMP to be consistent with the GP and permittee specific DEP Order. To modify the schedule established in the permittee specific DEP Order, the permittee must file an application on a DEP form with the Department that includes a justification to formally modify the original permittee specific DEP Order.

The SWMP must include all information required in Part IV(A)(1) of the GP and include all applicable written standard operating procedures (SOPs), inspection forms for all applicable MCMs and notification letters to inter-connected MS4s. This SWMP must be signed in accordance with the signatory requirements in Part III (A)(2)(a).

- 1. **Plan availability.** The permittee must have a signed copy of the SWMP available-at the municipal office and on the official municipal web site if there is a municipal website and must make a copy of the SWMP available to the following immediately upon request;
  - a. Department or U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) personnel upon request.
  - b. In the case of a regulated small MS4 adjacent to or interconnected with the permittee's storm sewer system, to the operator of that regulated small MS4;
  - c. In the case of a regulated small MS4 stormwater discharge to a water supply watershed, to the public water supply company; and
  - d. Members of the public.
- 2. Keeping Plans Current. The permittee must keep the SWMP current. The permittee must allow the public the opportunity to comment on changes made to the SWMP consistent with this Part at a minimum of once per year (1/Year).

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## Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

The SWMP must be amended if the Department or the permittee determines that:

- a. The actions required by the BMPs fail to control pollutants to meet the terms and conditions of this GP and the permittee specific DEP Order;
- b. The BMPs do not prevent the potential for a significant contribution of pollutants to waters of the State other than groundwater;
- c. New information results in a shift in the SWMP's priorities.

The Department will notify the permittee in writing if the Department determines that the SWMP must be amended to comply with the terms and conditions of the GP and the permittee specific DEP Order. Within 30 calendar days of such notification, unless otherwise specified by the Department in writing, the permittee must respond in writing to the Department indicating how the permittee plans to modify the SWMP to address the Departments comments. Within 90 calendar days of the permittee's written response or within 120 calendar days of the Department's original notification, whichever is less, unless otherwise specified by the Department in writing, the permittee must revise the SWMP and submit it to the Department for final review.

For BMPs in the SWMP that are not required to comply with this GP or the permittee specific DEP Order, the BMPs and or implementation schedule may be amended as appropriate without the need for public comment. Changes must be submitted to the Department in the Annual Report following the permit year the change(s) were made.

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**C. Minimum Control Measures (MCMs).** For each MCM, the permittee must define specific BMPs; designate a person(s) or position(s) responsible for each BMP; define a time line for implementation of each BMP; and define measurable goals for each BMP. The MCMs to be included in the SWMP are as follows.

## 1. MCM1 – Education/Outreach Program (Program)

The permittee must at a minimum develop and implement an ongoing Education/Outreach Program addressing stormwater discharges and impacts on water bodies and steps that can be taken to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff. The program must be designed to address stormwater issues of significance. The ultimate objective of the program is to change behavior of the target audiences so that pollutants in stormwater are reduced.

- a. The permittee must develop an outreach program as part of its SWMP and implement it over the term of the permit.
- b. The education/outreach program must define the target audiences, specific messages, message delivery/distribution tools, evaluation methods and an implementation schedule for each target audience.
- c. The permittee may partner with other MS4s, community groups, or watershed associations to implement the education/outreach program to meet this GP requirement.
- d. The education/outreach program must define the awareness and behavior change goals and identify the party or parties responsible for program implementation.
- e. The permittee may use existing materials if they are appropriate for the target audience and message the permittee chooses to deliver, or the permittee may develop its own outreach materials.
- f. The permittee must identify methods it will use to evaluate the effectiveness of each awareness and behavior change campaign. Any message or delivery mechanism found ineffective or of unsatisfactory efficacy, must be modified accordingly.
- g. The education/outreach program must include the following as a minimum:
  - 1. An Outreach to Raise Awareness Campaign of storm water pollution issues targeted at the general public and one additional audience: municipal; commercial; development/construction; or institutions. Outreach to raise awareness is defined as a means to introduce information that may be new to or not well understood by the target audience. Campaigns to raise awareness are typically delivered broadly.

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The permittee will implement a minimum of two (2) awareness campaigns during the term of this permit. One campaign shall be targeted to the general public and another campaign shall be targeted to one of the audiences cited above. Each campaign will be delivered using a minimum of three (3) outreach tools per year. These outreach tools may include: printed materials such as brochures, posters or newsletters; electronic materials such as websites, e-mail, or online ads; mass media such as newspaper articles or public service announcements (radio or television); social media such as Facebook or Twitter, public events or meetings or displays in public areas such as town/city hall.

2. An Outreach to Change Behavior Campaign so that pollutants in storm water are reduced. Outreach to Change Behavior means to promote and reinforce desirable behaviors designed to reduce storm water pollution. Campaigns to change behavior are typically delivered to small, targeted segments of the population through direct communication.

The permittee must promote a minimum of one (1) behavior change per permit term and shall be directed to two (2) audiences annually and using a minimum of three (3) different outreach tools per year. Campaigns for behavior change may be delivered through targeted workshops, incentives that encourage desired behavior, pledge drives to commit to desired behaviors, or other methods that effect behavior change. Printed materials such as brochures, posters or newsletters; electronic materials such as websites; mass media such as newspaper articles or public service announcements (radio or television); social media such as Facebook or Twitter, or displays in public areas such as town/city hall may also be used to promote the desired behavior.

h. The program must show evidence of focused campaigns for specific audiences such that outreach tools and messages are appropriate for the audiences. The program must also show evidence that progress toward the defined awareness and behavior goals of the program has been achieved. The permittee must identify methods that it will use to evaluate the effectiveness of each outreach campaign (awareness two (2) campaigns and behavior change one (1) campaign). If appropriate, evaluation efforts may evaluate more than one campaign. For example, the same evaluation effort may document both the level of the general public's stormwater awareness and the targeted audience's current behavior.

Any methods used to evaluate the effectiveness of the program must be tied to the defined goals of the program and the overall objective of changes in behavior and awareness. To evaluate effectiveness the permittee must conduct a baseline evaluation prior to each campaign. The baseline evaluation must be relevant and appropriate and may have occurred in the previous permit cycle or in the current permit cycle. The baseline evaluation is to be followed by an evaluation in year five of this permit to assess the overall effectiveness of the outreach program.

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i. The permittee must document in each Annual Compliance Report: the messages for each audience; the methods of distribution; the outreach tools used, the measures/methods used to determine the on-going effectiveness of the campaigns, and any changes planned based on the measures of effectiveness.

## 2. MCM2 - Public involvement and participation

The objective of this minimum control measure is to involve the public in both the planning and implementation process of improving water quality and reducing storm water quantity via the storm water program. A program planned with a stakeholder group is more likely to be successful in achieving its goals. The public can provide valuable input and assistance to a MS4's municipal storm water management program. Therefore, the public must be given opportunities to play an active role in both the development and implementation of the program. An active and involved community is crucial to the success of a municipal storm water management program because it allows for broader public support, additional expertise and a conduit to other programs. Community members are also more likely to apply these lessons/BMPs at home.

- a. The permittee must comply with applicable state and local public notice requirements using effective mechanisms for reaching the public and comply with the public notice requirements of the Maine Freedom of Access Act, 1 M.R.S. §§ 401 et seq. ("FOAA") when the permittee involves stakeholders in the implementation of this GP. The permittee must document the meetings and attendance in the annual report as a way of measuring this goal.
- b. The permittee or regional storm water group of which the permittee is a member must annually host/conduct or participate in a public event (for example, storm drain stenciling, stream clean-up, household hazardous waste collection day, volunteer monitoring, neighborhood educational events, conservation commission outreach program, Urban Impaired Stream outreach program, or adopt a storm drain or local stream program). The event must include a pollution prevention and/or water quality theme. The target audience does not need to be the entire urbanized area but should be aimed at a segment of the population that the permittee wishes to reach. The permittee is encouraged to plan this event and consult with the Department to ensure it will satisfy this GP's requirements.

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## 3. MCM3 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges and non-stormwater discharges, as defined in 06-096 CMR 521(9)(b)(2), except as provided in paragraph h of this section. The program must address illicit discharges in the following four components: 1) Procedures for prioritizing watersheds, 2) procedures for tracing the source of an illicit discharge, 3) procedures for removing the source of the discharges, and 4) procedures for program evaluation and assessment. The period between identification and elimination of an illicit discharge is not a grace period. Discharges from an MS4 that are mixed with an illicit discharge are not authorized by this GP and remain unlawful until eliminated.

- a. The permittee must continue to implement a non-stormwater discharge ordinance that prohibits the discharge of non-stormwater discharges and provides for the implementation of appropriate enforcement procedures and actions.
- b. The IDDE program must include a written IDDE Plan to address any discharge that is not uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource or an allowable non-stormwater discharge. The plan must address dumping that results in illicit discharges to the MS4. The IDDE plan must set forth all written procedures developed in accordance with the requirements listed in this section including:
  - i. A reference or citation of the authority the permittee will use to implement all aspects of the IDDE program.
  - ii. Clearly identify in the written IDDE Plan the responsibilities with regard to eliminating illicit discharges. The written IDDE Plan must identify the lead municipal agency(ies) or department(s) responsible for implementing the IDDE Program as well as any other agencies or departments that may have responsibilities for aspects of the program (e.g., board of health responsibilities for overseeing septic system construction; sanitary sewer system staff; inspectional services for enforcing plumbing codes; town counsel responsibilities in enforcement actions, etc.). Where multiple departments and agencies have responsibilities with respect to the IDDE program, specific areas of responsibility must be defined and processes for coordination and data must be established and documented.
  - iii. Written procedures for dry weather outfall inspections and wet weather assessments which must be consistent with Part IV(3)(e) and Part IV(3)(f) respectively, of this GP.

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- iv. Steps that must be taken when a potential illicit discharge is identified (whether during dry weather inspections, during routine work, during opportunistic inspection of other infrastructure or through other methods) to perform an initial investigation to identify the source(s) of discharge, including but not limited to: efforts to identify the nature of the discharge; source investigation; reporting; clean up; corrective actions/elimination; and enforcement.
- v. Steps that must be taken, upon verification of the source of the illicit discharge, to notify all responsible parties for any such discharge and require immediate cessation of improper disposal practices in accordance with its legal authorities. Where elimination of an illicit discharge within 60 calendar days of its identification and verification as an illicit discharge is not possible, the permittee must establish an expeditious schedule for its elimination and report the dates of identification and schedules for removal in the permittee's annual reports. The permittee must immediately commence and continue actions identified in the schedule as necessary for elimination. The permittee must diligently pursue actions identified in the schedule to be consistent with the intent of this GP. In the interim, the permittee must take all reasonable and prudent measures to minimize the discharge of pollutants to and from the MS4, including follow-up screening and inspection to confirm permanent elimination of the discharge.
- vi. A Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) describing the procedures to be used during the investigation and monitoring of those outfalls identified as flowing during outfall inspections.
- c. Permittees that can demonstrate compliance with an individual Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit and or Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) conditions within their Urbanized Areas and which result in Sanitary Sewer Evaluation Surveys (SSES) and/or written Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) plans may utilize these programs to support the IDDE requirements of this GP at the discretion of the Department, provided the sanitary sewer conveyance and/or treatment provider supports this finding.
- d. Permittees must maintain a map(s) of their municipally-owned or operated storm sewer system. The map(s) must show the location of all stormwater catch basins, connecting surface and subsurface infrastructure and depict the direction of in-flow and out-flow pipes, and the locations of all discharges from all stormwater outfalls operated by the regulated small MS4 to receiving waters or to an interconnected MS4 and the name of the receiving water for each outfall. Each catch basin must be uniquely identified to facilitate control of potential illicit discharges, and proper operation and maintenance of these structures.

Permittees must continue to keep their map(s) current and ensure that maps are reviewed for any updates at least annually. Permittees may choose to utilize paper or electronic maps for their storm sewer system. The permittee is not required to maintain maps of their sanitary sewer system for compliance with this GP.

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- e. Permittees must implement a dry weather outfall inspection program. This inspection program-must include:
  - i. For each outfall, the following information must be included: type (e.g. pipe or ditch), material, size of conveyance, the name and location of the nearest named waterbody to which the outfall eventually discharges. Each outfall must have a unique identifier.
  - ii Conducting visual dry weather inspections on 100% of their identified outfalls during the five-year term of this GP.
  - iii. Outfalls that are inaccessible due to safety concerns are not required to be inspected but a substitute inspection must be conducted of the first (i.e., closest) accessible inspection location within the stormwater system (e.g., catch basin, manhole, pipe, etc.) that drains to the inaccessible outfall.
  - iv. Where dry weather flow is present the permittee must sample the discharge to determine if the discharge is an illicit discharge and then must investigate until either a source is identified, or it has been determined that the evidence of the illicit discharge is due to naturally occurring source(s).
    - 1. Sampling and analysis must include, but is not limited to:
      - a. *E.coli*, enterococci, total fecal coliform or human bacteroides;
      - b. Ammonia, total residual chlorine, temperature and conductivity; and
      - c. Optical enhancers or surfactants.

All analyses can be performed with field test kits or field instrumentation and are not subject to 40 CFR Part 136 requirements given the sampling is for investigative purposes and not to determine compliance with this GP. Sampling for ammonia and surfactants must use sufficient sensitive methods to detect said parameters at or below the minimum reporting concentrations as follows: ammonia (0.5 mg/L), surfactants (0.25 mg/L), total residual chlorine (0.05 mg/L), *E. coli* bacteria (4 cfu/100 ml), enterococcus (10 cfu/100 ml).

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- w. Where dry weather flow at an outfall does not exhibit evidence of an illicit discharge, the permittee must take steps to determine and confirm that flow during dry weather conditions is only uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource, or an allowable non-stormwater discharge that has entered the system and collect at least one (1) sample per the 5-year permit term in accordance with the protocols set forth in the approved QAPP and analyzed for the parameters listed in Part IV(C)(3)(e)(iv)(1).
- vi. Outfalls that are flowing during dry weather are exempt from the dry weather investigation required in Part IV(C)(3)(e)(iv) under any of the following conditions:
  - 1. The outfall is associated with roadway drainage in undeveloped areas with no dwellings and no sanitary sewers,
  - 2. The outfall is associated with only subsurface drainage for any of the following: an athletic field, a park or undeveloped green space and associated parking without services,
  - 3. The outfall is from cross-country drainage that neither cross nor are in proximity to sanitary sewer alignments through undeveloped land,
  - 4. The contributing pipes to the outfall have been televised in a previous permit cycle and determined to be structurally sound with no illicit connections or connections from structures that could contribute an illicit discharge, and no new construction or redevelopment has occurred in the outfall drainage area since the screening, or
  - 5. The outfall was screened in accordance with Part IV(C)(3)(e)(iv) in a previous permit cycle and no new construction or redevelopment has occurred in the outfall drainage area since the screening.
- vii. The permittee may rely on screening conducted under previous permits to the extent it meets the requirements in Part IV(C)(3)(e)(iv) and no new construction or redevelopment has occurred in the outfall drainage area since the screening.
- viii.Steps that must be taken upon verification of the source of the illicit discharge to locate, identify and eliminate the illicit discharge within the UA as expeditiously as possible.

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- f. Prior to the expiration date of this GP, permittees must perform a wet weather assessment for the potential for illicit discharges during wet weather events. The assessment will vary by permittee and utilize data from existing studies, including (but is not limited to):
  - i. Areas within the MS4 that have combined sewer systems;
  - ii. Sanitary sewer systems located in a common trench with stormwater infrastructure, particularly those with known infiltration;
- iii. Subsurface wastewater disposal systems that are 20 years old or more, or those in areas known to have experienced recent malfunctions or failures;
- iv. Municipally-owned dog parks;
- v. Complaints of sewage odor at a stormwater outfall during wet weather events;
- vi. Direct discharge from the stormwater system to any of the following:
  - a. A public beach or recreational area;
  - b. A water body impaired for bacteria;
  - c. A shellfish bed; and/or
  - d. A drinking water supply.

The outcome of the assessment will be a list of outfalls identified for wet weather monitoring and testing if applicable, by the permittee in the next permit cycle and the rationale for including these outfalls.

On or before the expiration date of this GP, the permittee must identify these wet weather outfalls in its written IDDE plan and identify the wet weather outfalls targeted for wet weather monitoring based on the EPA New England bacterial source tracking protocol or other acceptable protocols or methodologies and specify the timing and frequency of wet weather monitoring to be completed during the term of the next permit cycle. Should the permittee complete the IDDE plan prior to the expiration date of the GP and permittee specific DEP Order, the permittee must implement the wet weather monitoring upon completion of the update IDDE plan update.

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- g. Permittees are not required to report individual Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) separately from the sanitary sewer conveyance and/or treatment provider, however, permittees are required to summarize the SSO events that discharge to the MS4 in their annual reports. Permittees must work cooperatively with that provider to identify any potential source of pollution to the MS4 from an SSO.
- h. Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges. This GP authorizes the following non-stormwater discharges. If the permittee identifies any of these sources as significant contributors of pollutants to the MS4, then the permittee must implement measures and/or cooperate with responsible dischargers to control these sources so they are no longer significant contributors of pollutants. The permittee must identify in its SWMP if it has identified any of these sources as a significant contributor of pollutants to the MS4.
  - landscape irrigation
  - diverted stream flows
  - rising ground waters
  - uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20))
  - uncontaminated pumped ground water
  - uncontaminated flows from foundation drains
  - air conditioning and compressor condensate
  - irrigation water
  - flows from uncontaminated springs
  - uncontaminated water from crawl space pumps
  - uncontaminated flows from footing drains
  - lawn watering runoff
  - flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
  - residual street wash water (where spills/leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred, unless all spilled material has been removed and detergents are not used), and
  - hydrant flushing and firefighting activity runoff
  - water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources
  - individual residential car washing
  - dechlorinated swimming pool discharges

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#### 4. MCM4 – Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to minimize or eliminate pollutants in any stormwater runoff to the regulated small MS4 from construction activities that result in a land disturbance of greater than or equal to one acre. Reduction of stormwater discharges from construction activity disturbing less than one acre must be included in the program if that construction activity is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that would disturb one acre or more.

- a. The permittee must develop and implement a construction site runoff program that includes the following elements:
  - i. An ordinance or other regulatory mechanism that requires the use of erosion and sediment control BMPs at construction sites consistent with the minimum standards outlined in Appendix C, *Erosion and Sedimentation Control, Inspections and Maintenance and Housekeeping* of this GP. Also see the Department's website for a guidance document entitled *Maine Erosion and Sediment Control Practices Field Guide For Contractors* to assist contractors and municipalities in developing BMPs for the ordinance or other regulatory mechanism. Permittees who have an existing ordinance must evaluate the ordinance and update it as needed within one (1) year of the effective date of this GP to provide the permittee with the necessary enforcement authority. Those permittees without an existing ordinance must develop an ordinance within one (1) year of the effective date of this GP and have an approved ordinance in place with the necessary enforcement authority within two (2) years of the effective date of this GP.
  - ii. Procedures for site plan review that incorporate consideration of potential water quality impacts, erosion control, waste storage, and other elements of this MCM, the ability for the public to comment on such reviews at publicly-noticed meetings, and procedures to consider information submitted by the public.
  - Procedures for notifying construction site developers and operators of the requirements for registration under the Maine Construction General Permit and Chapter 500, Stormwater Management.
  - iv. Procedures for construction site operations to control waste such as discarded building materials, concrete truck wash-outs, chemicals, litter and sanitary waste at the construction site that may cause adverse impacts to water quality.

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- v. Documentation of construction activity that disturbs one or more acres within the urbanized area including:
  - a. Written (hardcopy or electronic) procedures for site inspections and enforcement of erosion and sediment control measures. Inspections are to be conducted by the permittee or third-party inspector. The procedures must clearly define who is responsible for site inspections as well as who has authority to implement enforcement procedures. The program must provide that the permittee may, to the extent authorized by law, impose sanctions to ensure compliance with the local program.
  - b. Inspections of construction sites to ensure erosion and sediment controls are in place and sediment is contained within the project site. Inspections must be completed as follows:
    - i. A minimum of three inspections must be completed during the active earth-moving phase of construction.
    - ii. A minimum of one inspection must be completed annually until a project reaches substantial completion, as defined by the MS4 permittee (i.e., municipality).
    - iii. One of the three inspections must be conducted at project completion to ensure that the site reached permanent stabilization and all temporary erosion and sediment controls have been removed.
    - iv. Documentation of construction inspections, enforcement action and corrective actions taken.

# 5. MCM5 – Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment.

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to address post construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, that discharge into the MS4.

- a. The permittee must promote strategies which include a combination of structural and/or nonstructural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts.
  - i. The permittee must implement a procedure for notifying site developers to consider Low Impact Development techniques.

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- b. To ensure adequate long-term operation and maintenance of post construction BMPs, each permittee must have and implement a post construction discharge ordinance, or other regulatory mechanism. This ordinance or other regulatory mechanism must contain provisions as follows:
  - i. Require that the owner or operator of a post construction BMP provide the permittee with an annual report, completed by a qualified inspector documenting that all on-site BMPs are adequately maintained and functioning as intended, and
  - ii. Require that if a post construction BMP requires maintenance, the owner or operator must provide to the permittee, a record of the deficiency and corrective action(s) taken in no later than 60 days following the date the deficiency was identified. If 60 days is not possible, then the permittee must establish an expeditious schedule to complete the maintenance and establish a record of the deficiency and corrective action(s) taken.

## 6. MCM6 - Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations.

The objective of this program is to mitigate or eliminate pollutant runoff from municipal operations on property that is owned or managed by the permittee and located within the UA.

- a. Permittees must maintain an inventory of all municipal operations conducted in, on, or associated with facilities, buildings, golf courses, cemeteries, parks and open space owned or operated by the permittee that have the potential to cause or contribute to stormwater or surface water pollution.
- b. Permittees must implement written (hardcopy or electronic) operation and maintenance (O&M) procedures for all municipal operations identified in (a) above to reduce stormwater pollution to the maximum extent practicable. The O&M plan must address stormwater treatment and controls that are used to achieve compliance with the conditions of this GP.
  - i. The O&M plan must be up-to-date prior to the effective date of this GP and must be reviewed annually to iteratively improve strategies and practices to eliminate or better control pollutant discharges.
  - ii. The permittee must conduct annual employee training to prevent and reduce stormwater pollution from the municipal operations and facilities subject to this GP. The permittee must report in each of its Annual Compliance Reports on the types of trainings presented, the percentage of municipal and contract staff, and their occupation, that received training, the length of the training, and training content delivered.

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- iii. The permittees must develop and implement a program to sweep all paved streets and paved parking lots maintained by the permittee at least once a year done soon after snowmelt.
- iv. The permittee must develop and implement a program to inspect catch basins and other stormwater structures that accumulate sediment. This program must include:

Developing and implementing a program to inspect all catch basins at least once every other year and, if necessary, clean catch basins and other stormwater structures that accumulate sediment and dispose of the removed sediments in accordance with current state law. The permittee must clean catch basins more frequently if inspections indicate excessive accumulation of sediment. Excessive accumulation is greater than or equal to 50 percent of the sump filled. If two consecutive inspections show excess accumulation, then the permittee must clean those CBs every year instead of every other year. If it is documented during two consecutive years of cleaning of a CB identified as accumulating excess material that there is little to no material in the sump (less than 25% of the sump) then that CB can return to the list of CBs to be inspected at least once every other year and cleaned more often if two consecutive inspections show excess accumulation.

- c. Permittees must evaluate and implement a prioritized schedule, as necessary, for repairing or upgrading the conveyances, structures and outfalls of the regulated small MS4.
- d. Permittees must implement written (hardcopy or electronic) procedures outlined in a stormwater pollution prevention plan ("SWPPP") for the following operations or facilities that are owned or operated by the permittee (unless the facility is currently regulated under Maine's Industrial Stormwater Program): public works facilities; transfer stations; and school bus maintenance facilities. Implementation of this SWPPP must address long-term operation of structural and non-structural controls that reduce stormwater pollution to the maximum extent practicable.

#### 1. Control measures

The permittee must select, design, install and implement control measures, adhering to good engineering practices and manufacturer's specifications, to minimize pollutant discharges from all potential sources. The control measure(s) selected must be capable of meeting the non-numeric technology-based effluent limitations established in this section. Where more than one standard exists for a specific pollutant, compliance with this GP and the control measure design must be based on the most stringent standard. In selecting control measures, the permittee must consider:

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- a. The quantity and nature of the pollutants and their potential to impact the water quality of the receiving waters;
- b. Preventing stormwater from coming into contact with polluting materials;
- c. Using control measures in combination;
- d. Assessing the type and quantity of pollutants, including their potential to impact receiving water quality;
- e. Minimizing impervious areas at the facility and infiltrating runoff onsite (including bioretention cells, green roofs, and pervious pavement, among other approaches) in accordance with State laws and regulations;
- f. Attenuating flow using open vegetated swales and natural depressions;
- g. Conserving and/or restoring riparian buffers; and
- h. Using treatment interceptors (e.g., swirl separators and sand filters).

# 2. Non-numeric effluent limitations

The permittee must comply with the following non-numeric effluent limitations.

- a. Minimize exposure. The permittee must minimize the exposure of manufacturing, processing, and material storage areas (including, but not limited to, loading and unloading, storage, disposal, cleaning, maintenance, and fueling operations) to rain, snow, snowmelt, and runoff in order to minimize pollutant discharges. Unless impractical, the permittee must also:
  - i. Use grading, berming or curbing to prevent runoff of contaminated flows and divert run-on away from these areas;
  - ii. Locate materials, equipment, and activities so that potential leaks and spills are contained or able to be contained or diverted before discharge;
  - iii. Clean up spills and leaks promptly using dry methods (*e.g.*, absorbents) to prevent the discharge of pollutants;
  - iv. Properly dispose of materials used for spill or leak clean up to prevent used clean up materials from being a source of pollutants in stormwater;
  - v. Store leaky vehicles and equipment indoors or, if stored outdoors, use drip pans and absorbents;
  - vi. Use spill/overflow protection equipment;
  - vii. The washing of new or used vehicles or equipment is allowed with the following prohibitions and recommended best management practices:
    - 1. Engine, undercarriage and transmission washing is prohibited. Cleaning operations should minimize the detachment of paint residues, heavy metals or any other potentially hazardous materials from surfaces.

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- 2. Vehicle and equipment washing should occur, where possible, on an impermeable surface (i.e., concrete, asphalt, plastic or other) and utilize an area that extends to a minimum of four (4) feet on all sides of the vehicle or equipment so that wash water and overspray falls initially on the impermeable surface. From the impermeable surface, wash water should then be directed to a vegetated area.
- 3. Vehicles and equipment should not be washed near uncovered repair areas or chemical storage areas such that chemicals can be transported in wash water runoff. All wash water runoff should drain away from a shop repair or chemical storage area.
- 4. Wash water from cleaning the interior of truck trailers and other large commodity carrying containers must be collected and discharged to a POTW or treated in a closed-loop, wash water recycling system.
- viii. Drain fluids from equipment and vehicles that will be decommissioned, and, for any equipment and vehicles that will remain unused for extended periods of time, inspect at least quarterly for leaks.
- ix. locate industrial materials and activities inside or protect them with storm resistant coverings where practical to do so.
- b. **Good housekeeping**. The permittee must keep clean all exposed areas that are potential sources of pollutants. The permittee must perform good housekeeping measures in order to minimize pollutant discharges, including but is not limited to, the following:
  - i. Sweep or vacuum at regular intervals as a primary measure or, alternatively, wash down the area as a secondary measure and collect and/or treat, and properly dispose of the washdown water;
  - ii. Store materials in appropriate containers that are labeled to specify contents;
  - iii. Keep all dumpster lids closed when not in use or ensure that discharges have a control measure. For dumpsters, waste bins and roll-off containers that do not have lids and could leak, ensure that discharges have a control measure (*e.g.* sheet flow to an upland vegetated buffer). Dumpsters and roll-off containers should only be used to hold solid waste materials and never used to hold liquid wastes. This permit does not authorize any dry weather discharges from dumpsters or roll-off containers;
  - iv. Minimize the potential for waste, garbage and floatable debris to be discharged by keeping exposed areas free of such materials, or by intercepting them before they are discharged;
  - v. Site and operate snow storage and disposal areas to prevent the discharge of snow directly into surface waters and minimize discharges of pollutants from snow maintenance activities. Permittees shall minimize the use of sodium chloride or other salts when possible and evaluate opportunities for use of alternative products.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

- c. **Maintenance**. The permittee must maintain all control measures that are used to achieve effective operating condition, as well as all industrial equipment and systems, in order to minimize pollutant discharges. This includes:
  - i. Performing and documenting inspections and preventive maintenance of stormwater drainage, source controls, treatment systems, and equipment and systems that could fail and result in contamination of stormwater;
  - ii. Diligently maintaining non-structural control measures (*e.g.*, keep spill response supplies available, personnel appropriately trained);
  - iii. Cleaning catch basins when the depth of sediment or debris reaches 50% of the sump depth and keeping the sediment and debris surface at least six inches below the lowest outlet pipe or alternatively, establish a routine maintenance schedule such each catch basin is inspected at least once per year.
- d. **Spill prevention and response**. The permittee must minimize the potential for leaks, spills and other releases that may be exposed to stormwater and develop plans for effective response to such spills if or when they occur in order to minimize pollutant discharges. The permittee must conduct spill prevention and response measures including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. Plainly label containers 55 gallons or greater (*e.g.*, "Used Oil," "Spent Solvents," "Fertilizers and Pesticides") that could be susceptible to spillage or leakage to encourage proper handling and facilitate rapid response if spills or leaks occur;
  - ii. Implement procedures for material storage and handling, including the use of secondary containment and barriers between material storage and traffic areas, or a similarly effective means designed to prevent the discharge of pollutants from these areas;
  - iii. Develop training on spill response procedures for expeditiously stopping, containing, and cleaning up leaks, spills, and other releases. As appropriate, execute such procedures as soon as possible;
  - iv. Keep adequate and accessible spill kits on-site, located near areas where spills may occur or where a rapid response can be made; and
  - v. Notify appropriate facility personnel when a leak, spill, or other release occurs.
- e. Erosion and sediment controls. The permittee must minimize erosion by stabilizing exposed soils at the facility in order to minimize pollutant discharges and by placing flow velocity dissipation devices in stormwater swales and ditches at discharge locations, as necessary, to minimize channel and streambank erosion and scour in the immediate vicinity of discharge points. The permittee must also use structural and non-structural control measures, as necessary, to minimize the discharge of sediment.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

- f. **Management of runoff**. The permittee must divert, infiltrate, reuse, contain, or otherwise manage stormwater runoff to minimize pollutants in the discharges.
- g. Salt storage piles or piles containing salt. Unless otherwise authorized by variance pursuant to *Siting and Operation of Road Salt and Sand-Salt Storage Areas*, 06-096 Code of Maine Regulations (CMR) 574 (effective December 3, 2001), the permittee must enclose or cover storage piles of salt, or piles containing salt, used for deicing or other commercial or industrial purposes, including maintenance of paved surfaces, in order to minimize pollutant discharges. This includes preventing stormwater runoff from coming into contact with covered piles. The permittee must implement appropriate measures (*e.g.*, good housekeeping, diversions, containment) to minimize exposure resulting from adding to or removing materials from the pile.
- h. **Employee training**. Annually, the permittee must train all employees who work in areas where industrial materials or activities are exposed to stormwater, or who are responsible for implementing activities necessary to meet the conditions of this permit (*e.g.*, inspectors, maintenance personnel), including all members of the facility's stormwater pollution prevention team. The permittee must ensure the following personnel understand the requirements of this permit and their specific responsibilities with respect to those requirements:
  - i. Personnel who are responsible for the design, installation, maintenance, and/or repair of controls (including pollution prevention measures);
  - ii. Personnel responsible for the storage and handling of chemicals and materials that could become contaminants in stormwater discharges;
  - iii. Personnel who are responsible for conducting and documenting monitoring and inspections pursuant to this GP; and
  - iv. Personnel who are responsible for taking and documenting corrective actions pursuant to this GP.

Personnel must be trained in at least the following if related to the scope of their job duties (e.g., only personnel responsible for conducting inspections need to understand how to conduct inspections):

- v. An overview of what is in the SWPPP;
- vi. Spill response procedures for expeditiously stopping, containing, and cleaning up leaks, spills, and other releases, good housekeeping, maintenance requirements, and material management practices;
- vii. The location of all controls on the site required by this GP, and how they are to be maintained;
- viii. The proper procedures to follow with respect to the GP's pollution prevention requirements; and
- ix. When and how to conduct inspections, record applicable findings, and take corrective actions.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

i. **Dust generation and vehicle tracking of industrial materials**. The permittee must utilize control measures to minimize generation of dust and off-site tracking of raw, final, or waste materials. Discharges of pollutants associated with the facility's activity as the result of off-site tracking are not authorized by this GP.

#### 3. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan – General Requirements

- a. **Availability of SWPPP.** The permittee must prepare a SWPPP for the facility prior to the effective date of this GP. If a permittee prepared a SWPPP for coverage under a previous version of this GP, the permittee must review and update the SWPPP to implement all provisions of this GP prior to the effective date of this GP. Upon receiving authorization under this GP, a copy of the SWPPP must be available to appropriate facility staff, Department staff, and USEPA staff. The permittee must keep a copy of the SWPPP on-site at all times for reference and review.
- b. **SWPPP preparation.** The SWPPP must be up-to-date prior to the effective date of this GP and must be prepared in accordance with good engineering practices and to industry standards. The SWPPP may be developed by either a person on the facility's staff or a third party, but it must be developed by a "qualified person" and must be certified in accordance with the signatory requirements of 06-096 CMR 521(5). A "qualified person" is a person knowledgeable in the principles and practices of stormwater controls and pollution prevention and possesses the education and ability to assess conditions at the facility that could impact stormwater quality, and the education and ability to assess the effectiveness of stormwater controls selected and installed to meet the requirements of the permit. A qualified person may include facility staff that is familiar with the facility's activities and control measures necessary to reduce or eliminate the discharge of pollutants associated with the activity.
- c. **Amended SWPPP**. The permittee must amend the SWPPP within thirty (30) calendar days of completion of any of the following:
  - i. A change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance at the facility that may have a significant effect on the discharge or potential for discharge of pollutants from the facility including the addition or reduction of industrial activity;
  - ii. Monitoring, inspections, or investigations by the permittee or by local, State, or Federal officials which determine the SWPPP is ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing the intended pollutants;
  - iii. A discharge under this GP that is determined by Department to cause or have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to the violation of an applicable water quality standard.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

- d. **SWPPP Contents**: This subsection describes the minimum requirements that must be addressed or contained within an acceptable SWPPP.
  - i. **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team**. The SWPPP must identify the individuals (by name or title) who comprise the facility's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team is responsible for assisting the facility manager in developing, implementing, maintaining and revising the facility's SWPPP. Responsibilities of each team member must be listed.
  - ii. **Nature of activities**. The SWPPP must provide a description of the nature of the activities at each facility.
  - iii. **Maps**. The SWPPP must contain a general location map with sufficient detail to identify the location of the facility and all receiving waters for all stormwater discharges. A site map depicting the following features must also be included with the SWPPP.
    - 1. Boundaries of the property and the size of the property in acres;
    - 2. Location and extent of significant structures and impervious surfaces;
    - 3. Directions of stormwater flow (use arrows);
    - 4. Locations of all stormwater control measures;
    - 5. Locations of all receiving waters, including wetlands, in the immediate vicinity of the facility;
    - 6. Locations of all stormwater conveyances including catch basins, ditches, pipes, and swales;
    - 7. Locations of potential pollutant sources;
    - 8. The location of all above ground tanks;
    - 9. For the purposes of the site map, identify areas of frequent spills (greater than three occurrences per year) and large spills (greater than 10 gallons) that have occurred in the last three years. All locations of fuel frequent/large spills must be documented within the SWPPP or applicable Spill Prevention Control & Counter Measure (SPCC) Plan;

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- 10. Locations of all stormwater monitoring points;
- 11. Locations of stormwater inlets, outlets, outfalls, and discharge points, with a unique identification code for each discharge point (*e.g.*, Outfall 001, 002) and an approximate outline of the areas draining to each discharge point;
- 12. Locations of the following activities where such activities are exposed to precipitation:
  - fueling stations;
  - vehicle and equipment maintenance and/or cleaning areas;
  - loading/unloading areas;
  - locations used for the treatment, storage, or disposal of wastes;
  - liquid storage tanks;
  - processing and storage areas;
  - immediate access roads and rail lines used or traveled by carriers of raw materials, manufactured products, waste material, or by-products used or created by the facility;
  - transfer areas for substances in bulk;
  - machinery; and
  - locations and sources of run-on to the site from adjacent property that contains significant quantities of pollutants.
- e. **Summary of potential pollutant sources**. The SWPPP must provide a description of areas of the facility and operations where materials or activities are exposed to stormwater or from which allowable non-stormwater discharges originate. Materials or activities include but are not limited to: street sweeping, roadway construction, repair and rehabilitation, maintenance of streets and right-of-ways, snow removal and storage, chemical and material storage, fleet maintenance and storage, and fertilizer, pesticide, and insecticide application and storage of materials. Structures located in areas of activity are potential sources of pollutants.

For each separate area identified, the description must include the following.

i. Activities in the area. A list of the activities exposed to stormwater and the predicted direction of flow of stormwater from each activity and outfall/discharge point.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

- ii. **Pollutants**. A list of pollutants associated with each identified activity, which could be exposed to rainfall or snowmelt and could be discharged from the facility. The pollutant list must include all significant materials that have been handled, treated, stored or disposed, and that have been exposed to stormwater in the three years prior to the date you prepare or amend your SWPPP.
- iii. Spills and leaks. The permittee must document where potential spills and leaks could occur that could contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges, and the corresponding outfalls/discharge points that would be affected by such spills and leaks. The permittee must document all frequent or large spills and leaks of oil or toxic or hazardous substances that actually occurred at exposed areas, or that drained to a stormwater conveyance, in the three years prior to the date the SWPPP was prepared or last amended. The permittee must document the circumstances leading to the release and actions taken in response to the release and the measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such releases.
- iv. Wastewater or process water containment. Any stationary above ground tank, container, or container storage area used for the storage of wastewater or process water (does not include deicing materials for winter road maintenance) that has the potential to discharge to surface waters or a stormwater conveyance during a malfunction must be held in a secondary containment device capable of containing 100% of the contents of the tank, plus precipitation. The containment devices must meet all Federal and State rules for primary and secondary containment. Secondary containment requirements are waived if the tank is equipped with a level sensor and alarm to signal an overflow or leak and the facility has a contingency plan in place to remove excess liquid to a second containment structure or off-site treatment facility to prevent exposure to stormwater. The containment structures must be visually inspected for signs of deterioration at least once per year. The contingency plan and tank inspection procedure must be documented in the SWPPP.
- v. **Non-stormwater discharges** The permittee must document that it has evaluated its site for the presence non-stormwater discharges not listed in MCM3 of this GP. Documentation must include the following.
  - 1. The date of the evaluation;
  - 2. A description of the evaluation criteria used;
  - 3. A list of the outfalls or onsite drainage points that were directly observed during the evaluation; and
  - 4. The action(s) taken, such as a list of control measures used to eliminate unauthorized discharge(s), or documentation that a separate MEPDES permit was obtained.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

- vi. **Salt storage**. The permittee must document the location of any storage piles containing salt or other material or products, or liquid brine used for deicing or other municipal purposes.
- vii. **Sampling data**. Existing dischargers must summarize all stormwater discharge sampling data collected at the facility during the previous permit term. The summary must include a narrative description (and may include data tables/figures) that adequately summarizes the collected sampling data to support identification of potential pollution sources at the facility. New dischargers and new sources must provide a summary of any available stormwater runoff data they may have.
- viii. **Method of on-site storage or disposal.** A storage practice or disposal method must be detailed for all raw materials, intermediate materials, final products and waste materials. Waste materials must be handled in accordance with applicable federal and State waste management rules and regulations.

#### 4. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan – Control Measures

The permittee must review all control measures at least quarterly and complete corrective actions to modify any control measures that are not achieving the intended effect of minimizing pollutant discharges. The SWPPP must document the type and location of all control measures selected to ensure compliance with technology-based and water quality-based effluent limitations.

- a. **Best management practices (BMPs) considerations.** Best management practices must be applied to all areas described in the summary of potential pollutant sources documented in the SWPPP. The SWPPP must include an implementation schedule for all proposed BMPs. The permittee must consider, at a minimum, the following in selection of BMPs:
  - i. The quantity and nature of the pollutants, and their potential to impact the water quality of receiving waters;
  - ii. Preventing stormwater from coming into contact with polluting materials;
  - iii. Using control measures in combination to minimize pollutants in stormwater discharges;
  - iv. Opportunities to offset stormwater and temperature impacts from impervious areas on dry weather flows and low flow situations to streams;
  - v. Minimizing impervious areas at the facility and infiltrating runoff onsite (including bioretention cells, green roofs, and pervious pavement, among other approaches);
  - vi. Attenuating flow using open vegetated swales and natural depressions; and
  - vii. Use of treatment interceptors (*e.g.*, swirl separators, sand filters, catch basin inserts/filters) to minimize the discharge of pollutants.

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b. Non-structural control measures The permittee must comply with the non-structural control measures in Part IV (6)(d)(2), *Non-Numeric Effluent Limitations*.

The permittee must review all structural BMPs at least quarterly and complete corrective actions to modify any BMPs that are not achieving the intended effect of minimizing pollutant discharges. The SWPPP must document the type and location of all BMPs selected to ensure compliance with technology-based and water quality-based effluent limitations.

#### 5. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan Records

The permittee must keep the following inspection, monitoring, and certification records on site with the SWPPP. Records required to be kept with a facility's SWPPP are facility-specific except that any of the records listed below that are already being maintained in order to comply with other portions of this GP (*e.g.* catch basin cleaning, street sweeping) do not need to be stored on site with the SWPPP.

- a. Documentation of maintenance and repairs of control measures, including the date(s) of regular maintenance, date(s) of discovery of areas in need of repair/replacement, and for repairs, date(s) that the control measure(s) returned to full function, and the justification for any extended maintenance/repair schedules;
- b. All SWPPP inspection reports and visual monitoring reports required by this GP;
- c. A description of any deviations from the schedule for visual monitoring, and the reason for the deviations (e.g., adverse weather or it was impracticable to collect samples within the first 60 minutes of a measurable storm event);
- d. Dates and descriptions of all spills and leaks and corrective actions taken;
- e. Corrective Action Reports and summary of completed actions taken at the site, including event(s) and date(s) when problems were discovered and modifications occurred; and
- f. A copy of records for all employee SWPPP related training as required.

#### 6. Monitoring Requirements

a. **Procedures for conducting monitoring**. This GP contains routine facility inspections and visual monitoring. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring must be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge over the sampling and reporting period.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

The SWPPP must document the procedures and frequencies for conducting quarterly routine facility inspections and visual monitoring where applicable. SWPPP documentation must include the following.

- i. Location of sample collection (discharge point designation);
- ii. Monitoring schedule including monitoring exceptions, adverse weather conditions, and waivers.
- iii. Stormwater samples should, whenever practicable, be collected within the first sixty (60) minutes of the beginning of a discharge during a storm event of greater than ¼ of an inch during a 24-hour period. Sampling events are only required during normal business hours. If a sample cannot be collected within the first 60 minutes, the permittee must document with inspection forms the reason(s) or circumstance(s) why it was not practicable to obtain a timely sample. Samples collected more than two (2) hours following the beginning of a discharge are not acceptable and will be rejected by the Department.

In the case of snowmelt, samples must be collected during a period with a measurable discharge from the representative outfall/discharge point.

If a stormwater discharge event does not occur during normal operating business hours an entire calendar quarter, the permittee must document in the SWPPP that there was no discharge to sample. Monitoring requirements under these circumstances are waived.

#### 7. Routine Facility Inspections

- a. **Applicability.** All permittees with public works facilities; transfer stations; school bus and other maintenance garages located in the UA must conduct routine facility inspections of areas of the facility covered by the requirements in this GP, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. Areas where materials or activities are exposed to stormwater;
  - ii. Areas identified in the SWPPP and those that are potential pollutant sources;
  - iii. Areas where spills and leaks have occurred in the past three years;
  - iv. Discharge points; and
  - v. Control measures used to comply with the limits contained in this GP.

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### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

- b. **Minimum inspection requirements** Routine facility inspections must be conducted once per calendar quarter each year the permittee is covered under this GP. These inspections must be equally spaced with a minimum of sixty (60) days between inspections whenever possible. At least once each calendar year, the routine inspection must be conducted during a period when a stormwater discharge is occurring. The permittee must document findings from each routine facility inspection in a signed, certified report maintained with the SWPPP including, but not limited to, the following:
  - i. The inspection date and time;
  - ii. The name(s) and signature(s) of the inspector(s);
  - iii. Weather information (precipitation in the previous 48 hour period of time);
  - iv. All observations relating to the implementation of control measures at the operations or facility, including:
    - 1. A description of any discharges occurring at the time of the inspection;
    - 2. Any new discharges from and/or pollutants at the site;
    - 3. Any evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system;
    - 4. Observations regarding the physical condition of and around all outfalls/discharge points, including any flow dissipation devices, and evidence of pollutants in discharges and/or the receiving water;
  - v. Any control measures needing maintenance, repairs, or replacement;
  - vi. Any additional control measures needed to comply with the GP requirements; and vii. Any incidents of noncompliance.

Routine facility inspection requirements may be satisfied at the same time visual monitoring is conducted provided they are conducted during a qualifying storm event and all components of both monitoring types are included in the report.

c. Visual Monitoring. All permittees required to have a SWPPP must conduct visual monitoring once per calendar quarter each year the permittee is covered under this GP. The permittee must collect a stormwater sample from each outfall/discharge point or a representative outfall/discharge point during a qualifying storm event of greater than 0.25 inches, or ice or snow melt and conduct a visual assessment of these samples. These samples are not required to be collected in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136 procedures but must be collected in such a manner that the samples are representative of the stormwater discharge. The sample must be collected in a clean, colorless glass or plastic container, and examined in a well-lit area. The visual assessment must be performed and documented in accordance with standard operating procedures outlined in document dated June 12, 2017, DEPLW0768 (or most current version), *Visual Monitoring of Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity*. See Attachment E of this GP. The quarterly Visual Monitoring sample forms must be completed and kept on file with the SWPPP. Visual evidence of pollution in a stormwater sample indicates that modifications or additions to control measures are needed at the site.

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The permittee must visually inspect and document or observe the sample for the following water quality characteristics:

- 1. Color;
- 2. Odor;
- 3. Clarity (diminished);
- 4. Floating solids;
- 5. Settled solids;
- 6. Suspended solids;
- 7. Foam;
- 8. Oil sheen; and
- 9. Other obvious indicators of stormwater pollution

If a stormwater discharge event associated with a qualifying storm event does not occur during normal operating business hours for an entire calendar quarter, the permittee must document in the SWPPP that there was no discharge to sample. Monitoring requirements under these circumstances are waived.

- 8. Conditions Requiring SWPPP Review and Revision. When any of the following conditions occur or are detected during an inspection, monitoring or other means, or the Department informs the permittee that any of the following conditions have occurred, the permittee must review and revise, as appropriate, the SWPPP (*e.g.*, sources of pollution; spill and leak procedures; non-stormwater discharges; the selection, design, installation and implementation of your control measures) so that pollutant discharges are minimized:
  - a. An unauthorized release or discharge (*e.g.*, spill, leak, or discharge of non-stormwater not authorized by this or another MEPDES permit to a water of the State) occurs at the operation or facility;
  - b. A discharge violates a condition of this GP or permittee-specific DEP Order;
  - c. A discharge violates a non-numeric effluent limitation contained in this GP, or an applicable water quality-based limitation or ambient water quality criteria associated with impaired waters monitoring;
  - d. The control measures are not stringent enough for the discharge to meet applicable water quality standards;
  - e. A required control measure was never installed, was installed incorrectly, or is not being properly operated or maintained; or
  - f. Whenever a visual assessment shows evidence of stormwater pollution (*e.g.*, color, odor, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam).

#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

#### 9. Corrective Actions and Deadlines.

a. **Immediate actions**. If corrective action is needed, the permittee must immediately take all reasonable steps necessary to minimize or prevent the discharge of pollutants until a permanent solution is installed and made operational, including cleaning up any contaminated surfaces so that the material will not discharge in subsequent storm events.

Note: In this context, the term "immediately" requires the permittee to, on the same day a condition requiring corrective action is found, take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent the discharge of pollutants until a permanent solution is installed and made operational. However, if a problem is identified at a time in the work day when it is too late to initiate corrective action, the initiation of corrective action must begin no later than the following work day. "All reasonable steps" means that the permittee has undertaken initial actions to assess and address the condition causing the corrective action, including, for example, cleaning up any exposed materials that may be discharged in a storm event (e.g., through sweeping, vacuuming) or making arrangements (i.e., scheduling) for a new BMP to be installed at a later date. "All reasonable steps" for purposes of complying with Conditions Requiring SWPPP Review to Determine if Modifications Are Necessary, when the permittee concludes a corrective action is, in fact, not necessary, could include documenting why a corrective action is unnecessary.

b. **Subsequent actions.** If the permittee determines that additional actions are necessary beyond those implemented in accordance with immediate action response, the permittee must complete the corrective actions (e.g., install a new or modified control and make it operational, complete the repair) before the next storm event if possible, and within 14 calendar days from the time of discovery of the corrective action condition. If it is infeasible to complete the corrective action within 14 calendar days, the permittee must document why it is infeasible to complete the corrective action within the 14-day timeframe. The permittee must also identify the schedule for completing the work, which must be done as soon as practicable after the 14-day timeframe but no longer than 45 days after discovery. If the completion of corrective action will exceed the 45-day timeframe, the permittee may take the minimum additional time necessary to complete the corrective action, provided that the permittee notifies the Department of the intention to exceed 45 days, the permittee's rationale for an extension, and a completion date, which the permittee must also include in its corrective action documentation. Where the permittee's corrective actions result in changes to any of the controls or procedures documented in your SWPPP, the permittee must modify the SWPPP accordingly within 14 calendar days of completing corrective action work.

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c. Corrective Action Report (CAR). A Corrective Action Report is a signed, certified report to document actions taken in response to triggering the need for corrective action. The existence of any of the conditions listed in Part IV(8)(a-f)of this GP triggers the need for corrective action review.

A complete CAR must contain the following information:

- 1. The existence of any of the conditions listed in Part IV(8)(a-f) of this GP and description of the condition triggering the need for corrective action review;
- 2. For any spills or leaks: a description of the incident including material, date/time, amount, location, and cause for spill, and any leaks, spills or other releases that resulted in discharges of pollutants to the MS4 or waters of State, through stormwater or otherwise;
- 3. Date the condition was identified in a facility or Department inspection;
- 4. Description of immediate actions completed, including measures taken to prevent the reoccurrence of such releases;
- 5. A description of the corrective actions taken or to be taken as a result of the identified conditions;
- 6. The dates when each corrective action was initiated and completed (or is expected to be completed); and
- d. **Effect of corrective action.** If the event triggering the review is a violation of this GP correcting it does not remove the original violation. Additionally, failing to take corrective action in accordance with this section is an additional violation of this GP.

#### **D.** Sharing responsibility

1. **Reliance on other entity.** The permittee may satisfy the requirement to implement a BMP for a MCM by having a third party implement the BMP. For example, if a local watershed organization organized or funded by the permittee performs an annual "river clean-up", this event may be used to satisfy a BMP for the Public Participation.

If the permittee is relying on a third party to implement one or more BMP(s), the permittee must note that fact in the SWMP and Annual Compliance Report required in Part IV (F). If the third party fails to implement the BMP(s), the permittee remains responsible for its implementation.

2. **Qualifying state or federal program.** If a BMP or MCM is the responsibility of a third party under another NPDES or MEPDES permit, the permittee is not required to include such BMP or MCM in its SWMP. The permittee must reference this qualifying program in their SWMP. However, the permittee is responsible for its implementation if the third party fails to perform. The permittee must annually confirm that the third party is still implementing this measure. If the third party fails to implement the measure, the SWMP must be modified to address the measure.

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In the case of a permitted municipal industrial activity, such as a publicly owned treatment works covered by the Multi Sector General Permit For The Discharge of Stormwater Associated With An Industrial Activity (MSGP), the permittee may reference the industrial activity's SWPPP to address a portion of the permittee's SWMP.

3. Other MS4 Permittees. The permittee must identify interconnections within the regulated small MS4s and find ways to cooperate with other regulated or non-regulated entities. Where a portion of the separate storm sewer system within a municipality is owned, operated or otherwise the responsibility of another regulated small MS4, the two entities may coordinate the development and implementation of their respective SWMP to address all elements of Part IV B (1-6). At the very least, a clear description of their respective responsibilities for these elements must be included in each regulated small MS4's SWMP.

For example, a storm sewer system within a municipality may be operated and maintained by the Maine DOT, or other public or quasi-public entity. In cases such as these, the two entities must cooperate and coordinate their SWMP to reduce duplicative efforts to address the MCMs, particularly at the interconnections within storm sewer systems. Where an illicit discharge is detected from an outfall near an interface between two storm sewer systems and where there is more than one responsible entity, the two entities must coordinate their efforts to detect and ultimately eliminate the cause of the illicit discharge. These efforts must be noted in both the regulated small MS4's Annual Compliance Reports.

#### E. Discharges To Impaired Waters

- 1. If the waterbody to which a point source discharge drains is impaired and has an EPA approved total maximum daily load (TMDL), then the SWMP must address compliance with the TMDL waste load allocation ("WLA") and any implementation plan. This GP does not authorize a direct discharge that is inconsistent with the WLA of an approved TMDL. EPA approved TMDLs prior to the issuance date of this permit, can be found at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-approved-tmdls-state#tmdl-me">https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-approved-tmdls-state#tmdl-me</a>. This GP does not authorize a new or increased discharge of storm water to an impaired waterbody that contributes to the impairment at a detectable level.
- 2. If a TMDL is approved or modified by EPA subsequent to the issuance date of this GP, the Department will notify the permittee and may:
  - a. Require the permittee to review its permittee specific DEP Order and SWMP for consistency with the TMDL, and propose any necessary changes to the permittee specific DEP Order and SWMP to be submitted to the Department within six months of the receipt of notification concerning the TMDL;
  - b. Issue a watershed-specific general permit for the area draining to the impaired waterbody or
  - c. Require the permittee to apply to the Department for an individual permit.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

This GP will not be reopened for modification to address a TMDL that is approved or modified by EPA subsequent to the issuance date of this GP. The Department may however, after proper notice to the permittee, modify the terms and conditions of the permittee specific DEP Order to be consistent with the newly approved or modified TMDL. Modification of the permittee specific DEP Order will be subject to public process as described in Part III A(1).

3. If the waterbody to which a point source covered by this GP discharges is an Urban Impaired Stream (UIS) (Appendix B of this permit) the permittee must propose and fully implement at least three structural or non-structural BMPs to be considered for inclusion in the permittee specific DEP Order, unless the Department has determined the MS4 discharge is not causing or contributing to the impairment. The BMPs must address a specific impairment from the MS4 discharge within the UA, be clear, specific and measurable. Structural or nonstructural BMPs may selected from a) MCMs 1-6, b) an existing Department approved Watershed Management Plan, or c) BMPs in Appendix D, *BMPs for Discharges to Urban Impaired Streams*, of this GP or more specifically developed by the permittee. For receiving waters impaired in whole or in part by nutrient loading, including UISs covered by the Impervious Cover TMDL, permittees may propose measures designed to reduce loads into the MS4 system. The permittee specific DEP Order will set forth those measures the permittee must take, and may include, in whole or in part, the measures proposed by the permittee.

#### F. Record Keeping

The permittee must keep all records required by this GP for at least three (3) years following its expiration or longer if requested by the Department or the USEPA. The permittee must make records, including its SWMP, available to the public during regular business hours.

#### G. Annual Compliance Report

By September 15 of each year, the permittee must electronically submit an Annual Compliance Report to the Department for review. Standardized Annual Compliance Report forms are to be provided by the Department or the permittee may submit an alternative form to the Department for review and approval.

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

The Annual Compliance Report must include the following.

- a. The status of compliance with the terms and conditions of this GP and permittee specific DEP Order based on the implementation of the permittee's SWMP for each permit year, an assessment of the effectiveness of the components of its stormwater management program, an assessment of the appropriateness of identified BMPs, progress towards achieving identified measurable goals for each of the MCMs and progress toward achieving the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants to the MEP.
- b. A summary of information collected and analyzed, including monitoring data, if any, during the reporting period.
- c. A summary of the stormwater activities the permittee intends to undertake pursuant to its SWMP to comply with the terms and conditions of this GP and permittee specific DEP Order during the next reporting cycle.
- d. A change in any identified BMPs or measurable goals that apply to the SWMP.
- e. A description of the activities, progress, and accomplishments for each of the MCMs #1 through #6 including such items as the status of education and outreach efforts, public involvement activities, stormwater mapping efforts, the number of visual dry weather inspections performed, the number of inaccessible and new outfalls, dry weather flow sampling events and laboratory results, detected illicit discharges, detected illicit connections, illicit discharges that were eliminated, construction site inspections, number and nature of enforcement actions, post construction BMP status and inspections, the number of functioning post construction BMPs, the number of post construction sites requiring maintenance or remedial action, the status of the permittee's good housekeeping/pollution prevention program including the percentage of catch basins cleaned, those catch basins cleaned multiple times and the number of catch basins that could not be evaluated for structural condition in a safe manner. Where applicable, the MS4 must quantify steps/measures/activities taken to comply with this GP and its SWMP including reporting on the types of trainings presented, the number of municipal and contract staff that received training, the length of the training and training content delivered as well as any revisions to the SWPPP procedures and/or changes in municipal operations.

Changes to the report based on the Department's review comment(s) must be submitted to the Department within 60 calendar days of the receipt of the comment(s).

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#### Part IV. Requirements (cont'd)

- **H. Reopener.** This GP may be modified or reopened by the Department, after providing notice to the permittee's, as provided in Water Pollution Control, 38 M.R.S. § 414-A(5) as follows:
  - 1. When necessary to correct legal, technical or procedural mistakes or errors;
  - 2. When there has been or will be a substantial change in the activity or means of treatment that occurred after the time the permit was issued;
  - 3. When new information other than revised rules, guidance or test methods becomes available that would have justified different conditions at the time the permit was issued;
  - 4. When a pollutant not included in the permit may be present in the discharge in quantities sufficient to require treatment, such as when the pollutant exceeds the level that can be achieved by the technology-based treatment standards appropriate to the permittee or contribute to water quality violations;
  - 5. When necessary to make changes as a result of the failure of one state to notify another state whose waters may be affected by a discharge; or

# ATTACHMENT A

### Appendix A

## Regulated Small MS4 Municipal Operators

Auburn Bangor Berwick Biddeford Brewer Cape Elizabeth Cumberland Eliot Falmouth Freeport Gorham Hampden Kittery Lewiston Lisbon Milford Old Orchard Beach Old Town Orono Portland Sabattus Saco Scarborough South Berwick South Portland Veazie Westbrook Windham Yarmouth York

# ATTACHMENT B

#### **APPENDIX B**

#### Urban impaired streams

STREAM	TOWN*
LOGAN BROOK	AUBURN**
UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO BOND BROOK (entering below I-95, drains Turnpike Mall Shopping Center)	AUGUSTA
KENNEDY BROOK	AUGUSTA
WHITNEY BROOK	AUGUSTA
PENJAJAWOC STREAM, including MEADOW BROOK	BANGOR**
BIRCH STREAM (OHIO STREET)	BANGOR**
CAPEHART BROOK	BANGOR**
ARCTIC BROOK (VALLEY AVENUE)	BANGOR**
SHAW BROOK	BANGOR**, HAMPDEN**
SUCKER BROOK	BANGOR**, HAMPDEN**
THATCHER BROOK	BIDDEFORD**
MARE BROOK	BRUNSWICK
UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (near Jordan Avenue)	BRUNSWICK
UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (near River Road)	BRUNSWICK
UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (near Water Street) CARIBOU STREAM	BRUNSWICK CARIBOU
FROST GULLY BROOK	FREEPORT**
CONCORD GULLY	FREEPORT**
HART BROOK	LEWISTON**
JEPSON BROOK	LEWISTON**
UNNAMED STREAM (Route 196)	LISBON FALLS**
CAPISIC BROOK	PORTLAND**
DOLE BROOK	PORTLAND**
FALL BROOK	PORTLAND**
NASONS BROOK	PORTLAND**
GOOSEFARE BROOK	SACO**
GOODALL BROOK	SANFORD
TROUT BROOK (including KIMBALL BROOK)	SOUTH PORTLAND**
BARBERRY CREEK	SOUTH PORTLAND**
LONG CREEK	SOUTH PORTLAND**
PHILLIPS BROOK	SCARBOROUGH **
RED BROOK	SCARBOROUGH **, SOUTH PORTLAND**

WHITTEN BROOK	SKOWHEGAN
UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (near Topsham Fairgrounds)	TOPSHAM
UNNAMED TRIBUTARY TO ANDROSCOGGIN RIVER (draining Topsham Fair Mall area)	TOPSHAM

\*Town listed provides the general location of the stream. The stream may pass through other municipalities, which are also included even If not listed in this table.

\*\* Town is regulated by this GP

# ATTACHMENT C

#### Erosion and sedimentation control

A person who conducts, or causes to be conducted, an activity that involves filling, displacing or exposing soil or other earthen materials shall take measures to prevent unreasonable erosion of soil or sediment beyond the project site or into a protected natural resource as defined in 38 M.R.S. §480-B. Erosion control measures must be in place before the activity begins. Measures must remain in place and functional until the site is permanently stabilized. Adequate and timely temporary and permanent stabilization measures must be taken.

NOTE: Other requirements may apply, including, but not limited to the Natural Resources Protection Act 38 M.R.S. §480-B.

NOTE: The Department has prepared protocols for the control of erosion and sedimentation. See "Maine Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs Maine Department of Environmental Protection."

Pollution prevention. Minimize disturbed areas and protect natural downgradient buffer areas to the
extent practicable. Control stormwater volume and velocity within the site to minimize soil erosion.
Minimize the disturbance of steep slopes. Control stormwater discharges, including both peak flow
rates and volume, to minimize erosion at outlets. The discharge may not result in erosion of any open
drainage channels, swales, stream channels or stream banks, upland, or coastal or freshwater wetlands
off the project site.

Whenever practicable, no disturbance activities should take place within 50 feet of any protected natural resource. If disturbance activities take place between 30 feet and 50 feet of any protected natural resource, and stormwater discharges through the disturbed areas toward the protected natural resource, perimeter erosion controls must be doubled. If disturbance activities take place less than 30 feet from any protected natural resource, and stormwater discharges through the disturbance activities take place less than 30 feet from any protected natural resource, and stormwater discharges through the disturbed areas toward the protected natural resource, perimeter erosion controls must be doubled and disturbed areas toward the protected natural resource, perimeter erosion controls must be doubled and disturbed areas must be temporarily or permanently stabilized within 7 days.

- **NOTE:** Buffers improve water quality by helping to filter pollutants in run-off both during and after construction. Minimizing disturbed areas through phasing limits the amount of exposed soil on the site through retention of natural cover and by retiring areas as permanently stabilized. Less exposed soil results in fewer erosion controls to install and maintain. If work within an area is not anticipated to begin within two weeks' time, consider leaving the area in its naturally existing cover.
- **NOTE:** Many construction activities within 75 feet of a protected natural resource require a permit under the *Natural Resources Protection Act* prior to initiation. For more information regarding the applicability of the NRPA to your project, you can visit the Department's website at http://www.maine.gov/dep/land/nrpa/index.html or contact staff of the Division of Land Resource Regulation at the nearest regional office.
- 2. Sediment barriers. Prior to construction, properly install sediment barriers at the downgradient edge of any area to be disturbed and adjacent to any drainage channels within the disturbed area. Sediment barriers should be installed downgradient of soil or sediment stockpiles and stormwater prevented from running onto the stockpile. Maintain the sediment barriers by removing accumulated sediment, or removing and replacing the barrier, until the disturbed area is permanently stabilized. Where a

discharge to a storm drain inlet occurs, if the storm drain carries water directly to a surface water and you have authority to access the storm drain inlet, you must install and maintain protection measures that remove sediment from the discharge.

- 3. Stabilized construction entrance. Prior to construction, properly install a stabilized construction entrance (SCE) at all points of egress from the site. The SCE is a stabilized pad of aggregate, underlain by a geotextile filter fabric, used to prevent traffic from tracking material away from the site onto public ROWs. Maintain the SCE until all disturbed areas are stabilized.
- 4. Temporary stabilization. Within 7 days of the cessation of construction activities in an area that will not be worked for more than 7 days, stabilize any exposed soil with mulch, or other non-erodible cover. Stabilize areas within 75 feet of a wetland or waterbody within 48 hours of the initial disturbance of the soil or prior to any storm event, whichever comes first.
- 5. Removal of temporary measures. Remove any temporary control measures, such as silt fence, within 30 days after permanent stabilization is attained. Remove any accumulated sediments and stabilize.

**NOTE:** It is recommended that silt fences be removed by cutting the fence materials at ground level to avoid additional soil disturbance.

- 6. Permanent stabilization. If the area will not be worked for more than one year or has been brought to final grade, then permanently stabilize the area within 7 days by planting vegetation, seeding, sod, or through the use of permanent mulch, or riprap, or road sub-base. If using vegetation for stabilization, select the proper vegetation for the light, moisture, and soil conditions; amend areas of disturbed subsoils with topsoil, compost, or fertilizers; protect seeded areas with mulch or, if necessary, erosion control blankets; and schedule sodding, planting, and seeding so to avoid die-off from summer drought and fall frosts. Newly seeded or sodded areas must be protected from vehicle traffic, excessive pedestrian traffic, and concentrated runoff until the vegetation is well-established with 90% cover by healthy vegetation. If necessary, areas must be reworked and restabilized if germination is sparse, plant coverage is spotty, or topsoil erosion is evident. One or more of the following may apply to a particular site.
  - (a) Seeded areas. For seeded areas, permanent stabilization means a 90% cover of the disturbed area with mature, healthy plants with no evidence of washing or rilling of the topsoil.
  - (b) **Sodded areas**. For sodded areas, permanent stabilization means the complete binding of the sod roots into the underlying soil with no slumping of the sod or die-off.
  - (c) **Permanent Mulch.** For mulched areas, permanent mulching means total coverage of the exposed area with an approved mulch material. Erosion Control Mix may be used as mulch for permanent stabilization according to the approved application rates and limitations.
  - (d) Riprap. For areas stabilized with riprap, permanent stabilization means that slopes stabilized with riprap have an appropriate backing of a well-graded gravel or approved geotextile to prevent soil movement from behind the riprap. Stone must be sized appropriately. It is recommended that angular stone be used.

- (e) Agricultural use. For construction projects on land used for agricultural purposes (e.g., pipelines across crop land), permanent stabilization may be accomplished by returning the disturbed land to agricultural use.
- (f) **Paved areas**. For paved areas, permanent stabilization means the placement of the compacted gravel subbase is completed, provided it is free of fine materials that may runoff with a rain event
- (g) Ditches, channels, and swales. For open channels, permanent stabilization means the channel is stabilized with a 90% cover of healthy vegetation, with a well-graded riprap lining, turf reinforcement mat, or with another non-erosive lining such as concrete or asphalt pavement. There must be no evidence of slumping of the channel lining, undercutting of the channel banks, or down-cutting of the channel.
- 7. Winter Construction. "Winter construction" is construction activity performed during the period from November 1 through April 15. If disturbed areas are not stabilized with permanent measures by November 1 or new soil disturbance occurs after November 1, but before April 15, then these areas must be protected and runoff from them must be controlled by additional measures and restrictions.
  - (a) Site Stabilization. For winter stabilization, hay mulch is applied at twice the standard temporary stabilization rate. At the end of each construction day, areas that have been brought to final grade must be stabilized. Mulch may not be spread on top of snow.
  - (b) Sediment Barriers. All areas within 75 feet of a protected natural resource must be protected with a double row of sediment barriers.
  - (c) Ditch. All vegetated ditch lines that have not been stabilized by November 1, or will be worked during the winter construction period, must be stabilized with an appropriate stone lining backed by an appropriate gravel bed or geotextile unless specifically released from this standard by the Department.
  - (d) Slopes. Mulch netting must be used to anchor mulch on all slopes greater than 8% unless erosion control blankets or erosion control mix is being used on these slopes.

**NOTE:** The Department has prepared protocols for the control of erosion and sedimentation during the winter months. See "Maine Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs Maine Department of Environmental Protection."

- 8. Stormwater channels. Ditches, swales, and other open stormwater channels must be designed, constructed, and stabilized using measures that achieve long-term erosion control. Ditches, swales and other open stormwater channels must be sized to handle, at a minimum, the expected volume runoff. Each channel should be constructed in sections so that the section's grading, shaping, and installation of the permanent lining can be completed the same day. If a channel's final grading or lining installation must be delayed, then diversion berms must be used to divert stormwater away from the channel, properly-spaced check dams must be installed in the channel to slow the water velocity, and a temporary lining installed along the channel to prevent scouring. Permanent stabilization for channels is addressed under Appendix A(5)(g) above.
  - (a) The channel should receive adequate routine maintenance to maintain capacity and prevent or correct any erosion of the channel's bottom or side slopes.

- (b) When the watershed draining to a ditch or swale is less than 1 acre of total drainage and less than ¼ acre of impervious area, diversion of runoff to adjacent wooded or otherwise vegetated buffer areas is encouraged where the opportunity exists.
- 9. Sediment basins. Sediment basins must be designed to provide storage for either the calculated runoff from a 2-year, 24-hour storm or provide for 3,600 cubic feet of capacity per acre draining to the basin. Outlet structures must discharge water from the surface of the basin whenever possible. Erosion controls and velocity dissipation devices must be used if the discharging waters are likely to create erosion. Accumulated sediment must be removed as needed from the basin to maintain at least ½ of the design capacity of the basin.

The use of cationic treatment chemicals, such as polymers, flocculants, or other chemicals that contain an overall positive charge designed to reduce turbidity in stormwater must receive prior approval from the Department. When requesting approval to use cationic treatment chemicals, you must describe appropriate controls and implementation procedures to ensure the use will not lead to a violation of water quality standards. In addition, you must specify the type(s) of soil likely to be treated on the site, chemicals to be used and how they are to be applied and in what quantity, any manufacturer's recommendations, and any training had by personnel who will handle and apply the chemicals.

- 10. Roads. Gravel and paved roads must be designed and constructed with crowns or other measures, such as water bars, to ensure that stormwater is delivered immediately to adjacent stable ditches, vegetated buffer areas, catch basin inlets, or street gutters.
  - **NOTE:** (1) Gravel and paved roads should be maintained so that they continue to conform to this standard in order to prevent erosion problems. (2) The Department recommends that impervious surfaces, including roads, be designed and constructed so that stormwater is distributed in sheet flow to natural vegetated buffer areas wherever such areas are available. Road ditches should be designed so that stormwater is frequently (at least every 100 to 200 feet) discharged via ditch turnouts in sheet flow to adjacent natural buffer areas wherever possible.
- 11. Culverts. Culverts must be sized to avoid unintended flooding of upstream areas or frequent overtopping of roadways. Culvert inlets must be protected with appropriate materials for the expected entrance velocity, and protection must extend at least as high as the expected maximum elevation of storage behind the culvert. Culvert outlet design must incorporate measures, such as aprons, to prevent scour of the stream channel. Outlet protection measures must be designed to stay within the channel limits. The design must take account of tailwater depth.
- 12. Parking areas. Parking areas must be constructed to ensure runoff is delivered to adjacent swales, catch basins, curb gutters, or buffer areas without eroding areas downslope. The parking area's subbase compaction and grading must be done to ensure runoff is evenly distributed to adjacent buffers or side slopes. Catch basins must be located and set to provide enough storage depth at the inlet to allow inflow of peak runoff rates without by-pass of runoff to other areas.
- 13. Additional requirements. Additional requirements may be applied on a site-specific basis.

#### Inspection and maintenance

- 1. During construction. The following standards must be met during construction.
  - (a) Inspection and corrective action. Inspect disturbed and impervious areas, erosion control measures, materials storage areas that are exposed to precipitation, and locations where vehicles enter or exit the site. Inspect these areas at least once a week as well as before and within 24 hours after a storm event (rainfall), and prior to completing permanent stabilization measures. A person with knowledge of erosion and stormwater control, including the standards and conditions in the permit, shall conduct the inspections.
  - (b) Maintenance. If best management practices (BMPs) need to be repaired, the repair work should be initiated upon discovery of the problem but no later than the end of the next workday. If additional BMPs or significant repair of BMPs are necessary, implementation must be completed within 7 calendar days and prior to any storm event (rainfall). All measures must be maintained in effective operating condition until areas are permanently stabilized.
  - (c) **Documentation**. Keep a log (report) summarizing the inspections and any corrective action taken. The log must include the name(s) and qualifications of the person making the inspections, the date(s) of the inspections, and major observations about the operation and maintenance of erosion and sedimentation controls, materials storage areas, and vehicles access points to the parcel. Major observations must include BMPs that need maintenance, BMPs that failed to operate as designed or proved inadequate for a particular location, and location(s) where additional BMPs are needed. For each BMP requiring maintenance, BMP needing replacement, and location needing additional BMPs, note in the log the corrective action taken and when it was taken.

The log must be made accessible to Department staff and a copy must be provided upon request. The permittee shall retain a copy of the log for a period of at least three years from the completion of permanent stabilization.

- 2. Post-construction. The following standards must be met after construction.
  - (a) Plan. Carry out an approved inspection and maintenance plan that is consistent with the minimum requirements of this section. The plan must address inspection and maintenance of the project's permanent erosion control measures and stormwater management system. This plan may be combined with the plan listed in Section 2(a) of this appendix. See Section 7(C)(2) for submission requirements.
  - (b) **Inspection and maintenance**. All measures must be maintained in effective operating condition. A person with knowledge of erosion and stormwater control, including the standards and conditions in the permit, shall conduct the inspections. The following areas, facilities, and measures must be inspected and identified deficiencies must be corrected. Areas, facilities, and measures other than those listed below may also require inspection on a specific site. Inspection or maintenance tasks other than those discussed below must be included in the maintenance plan developed for a specific site.

# **NOTE:** Expanded and more-detailed descriptions for specific maintenance tasks may be found in the Maine DEP's "Stormwater Management for Maine; Best Management Practices."

- (i) Inspect vegetated areas, particularly slopes and embankments, early in the growing season or after heavy rains to identify active or potential erosion problems. Replant bare areas or areas with sparse growth. Where rill erosion is evident, armor the area with an appropriate lining or divert the erosive flows to on-site areas able to withstand the concentrated flows. See permanent stabilization standards in Appendix A(5).
- (ii) Inspect ditches, swales and other open stormwater channels in the spring, in late fall, and after heavy rains to remove any obstructions to flow, remove accumulated sediments and debris, to control vegetated growth that could obstruct flow, and to repair any erosion of the ditch lining. Vegetated ditches must be mowed at least annually or otherwise maintained to control the growth of woody vegetation and maintain flow capacity. Any woody vegetation growing through riprap linings must also be removed. Repair any slumping side slopes as soon as practicable. If the ditch has a riprap lining, replace riprap on areas where any underlying filter fabric or underdrain gravel is showing through the stone or where stones have dislodged. The channel must receive adequate routine maintenance to maintain capacity and prevent or correct any erosion of the channel's bottom or sideslopes.
- (iii)Inspect culverts in the spring, in late fall, and after heavy rains to remove any obstructions to flow; remove accumulated sediments and debris at the inlet, at the outlet, and within the conduit; and to repair any erosion damage at the culvert's inlet and outlet.
- (iv) Inspect and clean out catch basins. Clean-out must include the removal and legal disposal of any accumulated sediments and debris at the bottom of the basin, at any inlet grates, at any inflow channels to the basin, and at any pipes between basins. If the basin outlet is designed to trap floatable materials, then remove the floating debris and any floating oils (using oilabsorptive pads).
- (v) Inspect resource and treatment buffers once a year for evidence of erosion, concentrating flow, and encroachment by development. If flows are concentrating within a buffer, site grading, level spreaders, or ditch turn-outs must be used to ensure a more even distribution of flow into a buffer. Check down slope of all spreaders and turn-outs for erosion. If erosion is present, adjust or modify the spreader's or turnout's lip to ensure a better distribution of flow into a buffer. Clean-out any accumulation of sediment within the spreader bays or turn-out pools.
- (vi) Inspect at least once per year, each stormwater management pond or basin, including the pond's embankments, outlet structure, and emergency spillway. Remove and dispose of accumulated sediments in the pond. Control woody vegetation on the pond's embankments.
- (vii) Inspect at least one per year, each underdrained filter, including the filter embankments, vegetation, underdrain piping, and overflow spillway. Remove and dispose of accumulated sediments in the filter. If needed, rehabilitate any clogged surface linings, and flush underdrain piping.
- (viii)Inspect each manufactured system installed on the site, including the system's inlet, treatment chamber(s), and outlet at least once per year, or in accordance with the maintenance

guidelines recommended by the manufacturer based on the estimated runoff and pollutant load expected to the system from the project. Remove and dispose of accumulated sediments, debris, and contaminated waters from the system and, if applicable, remove and replace any clogged or spent filter media.

#### (c) Regular maintenance

- (i) Clear accumulations of winter sand in parking lots and along roadways at least once a year, preferably in the spring. Accumulations on pavement may be removed by pavement sweeping. Accumulations of sand along road shoulders may be removed by grading excess sand to the pavement edge and removing it manually or by a front-end loader. Grading of gravel roads, or grading of the gravel shoulders of gravel or paved roads, must be routinely performed to ensure that stormwater drains immediately off the road surface to adjacent buffer areas or stable ditches, and is not impeded by accumulations of graded material on the road shoulder or by excavation of false ditches in the shoulder. If water bars or open-top culverts are used to divert runoff from road surfaces, clean-out any sediments within or at the outlet of these structures to restore their function.
- (ii) Manage each buffer's vegetation consistently with the requirements in any deed restrictions for the buffer. Wooded buffers must remain fully wooded and have no disturbance to the duff layer. Vegetation in non-wooded buffers may not be cut more than three times per year, and may not be cut shorter than six inches.
- **NOTE:** Contact the Department's Division of Watershed Management (Maine DEP) for assistance developing inspection and maintenance requirements for other drainage control and runoff treatment measures installed on the site. The maintenance needs for most measures may be found in the Maine DEP's "Stormwater Management for Maine: Best Management Practices."
- (d) Documentation. Keep a log (report) summarizing inspections, maintenance, and any corrective actions taken. The log must include the date on which each inspection or maintenance task was performed, a description of the inspection findings or maintenance completed, and the name of the inspector or maintenance personnel performing the task. If a maintenance task requires the clean-out of any sediments or debris, indicate where the sediment and debris was disposed after removal. The log must be made accessible to Department staff and a copy provided to the Department upon request. The permittee shall retain a copy of the log for a period of at least five years from the completion of permanent stabilization.
- 3. Re-certification. Submit a certification of the following to the Department within three months of the expiration of each five-year interval from the date of issuance of the permit.
  - (a) **Identification and repair of erosion problems.** All areas of the project site have been inspected for areas of erosion, and appropriate steps have been taken to permanently stabilize these areas.
  - (b) Inspection and repair of stormwater control system. All aspects of the stormwater control system have been inspected for damage, wear, and malfunction, and appropriate steps have been taken to repair or replace the system, or portions of the system.

(c) Maintenance. The erosion and stormwater maintenance plan for the site is being implemented as written, or modifications to the plan have been submitted to and approved by the Department, and the maintenance log is being maintained.

Municipalities with separate storm sewer systems regulated under the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) Program may report on all regulated systems under their control as part of their required annual reporting in lieu of separate certification of each system. Municipalities not regulated by the MPDES Program, but that are responsible for maintenance of permitted stormwater systems, may report on multiple stormwater systems in one report.

- 4. Duration of maintenance. Perform maintenance as described and required in the permit unless and until the system is formally accepted by the municipality or quasi-municipal district, or is placed under the jurisdiction of a legally created association that will be responsible for the maintenance of the system. If a municipality or quasi-municipal district chooses to accept a stormwater management system, or a component of a stormwater system, it must provide a letter to the Department stating that it assumes responsibility for the system. The letter must specify the components of the system for which the municipality or district will assume responsibility, and that the municipality or district agrees to maintain those components of the system in compliance with Department standards. Upon such assumption of responsibility, and approval by the Department, the municipality, quasi-municipal district, or association becomes a co-permittee for this purpose only and must comply with all terms and conditions of the permit.
- 5. Additional requirements. Additional requirements may be applied on a site-specific basis.

Housekeeping

These performance standards apply to all projects except for stormwater PBR projects.

- 1. Spill prevention. Controls must be used to prevent pollutants from construction and waste materials stored on site to enter stormwater, which includes storage practices to minimize exposure of the materials to stormwater. The site contractor or operator must develop, and implement as necessary, appropriate spill prevention, containment, and response planning measures.
  - NOTE: Any spill or release of toxic or hazardous substances must be reported to the Department. For oil spills, call 1-800-482-0777 which is available 24 hours a day. For spills of toxic or hazardous material, call 1-800-452-4664 which is available 24 hours a day. For more information, visit the Department's website at : http://www.maine.gov/dep/spills/emergspillresp/
- 2. Groundwater protection. During construction, liquid petroleum products and other hazardous materials with the potential to contaminate groundwater may not be stored or handled in areas of the site draining to an infiltration area. An "infiltration area" is any area of the site that by design or as a result of soils, topography and other relevant factors accumulates runoff that infiltrates into the soil. Dikes, berms, sumps, and other forms of secondary containment that prevent discharge to groundwater may be used to isolate portions of the site for the purposes of storage and handling of these materials. Any project proposing infiltration of stormwater must provide adequate pre-treatment of stormwater prior to discharge of stormwater to the infiltration area, or provide for treatment within the infiltration area, in order to prevent the accumulation of fines, reduction in infiltration rate, and consequent flooding and destabilization.

See Appendix D for license by rule standards for infiltration of stormwater.

**NOTE:** Lack of appropriate pollutant removal best management practices (BMPs) may result in violations of the groundwater quality standard established by 38 M.R.S.A. §465-C(1).

3. Fugitive sediment and dust. Actions must be taken to ensure that activities do not result in noticeable erosion of soils or fugitive dust emissions during or after construction. Oil may not be used for dust control, but other water additives may be considered as needed. A stabilized construction entrance (SCE) should be included to minimize tracking of mud and sediment. If off-site tracking occurs, public roads should be swept immediately and no less than once a week and prior to significant storm events. Operations during dry months, that experience fugitive dust problems, should wet down unpaved access roads once a week or more frequently as needed with a water additive to suppress fugitive sediment and dust.

**NOTE:** Dewatering a stream without a permit from the Department may violate state water quality standards and the *Natural Resources Protection Act*.

4. Debris and other materials. Minimize the exposure of construction debris, building and landscaping materials, trash, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, sanitary waste and other materials to precipitation and stormwater runoff. These materials must be prevented from becoming a pollutant source.

NOTE: To prevent these materials from becoming a source of pollutants, construction and postconstruction activities related to a project may be required to comply with applicable provision of rules related to solid, universal, and hazardous waste, including, but not limited to, the Maine solid waste and hazardous waste management rules; Maine hazardous waste management rules; Maine oil conveyance and storage rules; and Maine pesticide requirements.

5. Excavation de-watering. Excavation de-watering is the removal of water from trenches, foundations, coffer dams, ponds, and other areas within the construction area that retain water after excavation. In most cases the collected water is heavily silted and hinders correct and safe construction practices. The collected water removed from the ponded area, either through gravity or pumping, must be spread through natural wooded buffers or removed to areas that are specifically designed to collect the maximum amount of sediment possible, like a cofferdam sedimentation basin. Avoid allowing the water to flow over disturbed areas of the site. Equivalent measures may be taken if approved by the Department.

NOTE: Dewatering controls are discussed in the "Maine Erosion and Sediment Control BMPs, Maine Department of Environmental Protection."

- 6. Authorized Non-stormwater discharges. Identify and prevent contamination by non-stormwater discharges. Where allowed non-stormwater discharges exist, they must be identified and steps should be taken to ensure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-stormwater component(s) of the discharge. Authorized non-stormwater discharges are:
  - (a) Discharges from firefighting activity;
  - (b) Fire hydrant flushings;
  - (c) Vehicle washwater if detergents are not used and washing is limited to the exterior of vehicles (engine, undercarriage and transmission washing is prohibited);
  - (d) Dust control runoff in accordance with permit conditions and Appendix (C)(3);
  - (e) Routine external building washdown, not including surface paint removal, that does not involve detergents;
  - (f) Pavement washwater (where spills/leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred, unless all spilled material had been removed) if detergents are not used;
  - (g) Uncontaminated air conditioning or compressor condensate;
  - (h) Uncontaminated groundwater or spring water;
  - (i) Foundation or footer drain-water where flows are not contaminated;
  - (j) Uncontaminated excavation dewatering (see requirements in Appendix C(5));
  - (k) Potable water sources including waterline flushings; and
  - (1) Landscape irrigation.

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- 7. Unauthorized non-stormwater discharges. The Department's approval under this Chapter does not authorize a discharge that is mixed with a source of non-stormwater, other than those discharges in compliance with Appendix C (6). Specifically, the Department's approval does not authorize discharges of the following:
  - (a) Wastewater from the washout or cleanout of concrete, stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds or other construction materials;
  - (b) Fuels, oils or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance;
  - (c) Soaps, solvents, or detergents used in vehicle and equipment washing; and
  - (d) Toxic or hazardous substances from a spill or other release.
- (8) Additional requirements. Additional requirements may be applied on a site-specific basis.

# ATTACHMENT D

#### **BMPs for Discharges to Urban Impaired Streams**

Stormwater effects can be lessened, water quality improved, and impairments curtailed by implementing best management practices (BMPs) and remedial actions in a cost-effective manner using the following adaptive management approach:

• Implement BMPs strategically through a phased program which focuses on getting the most reductions, for least cost, in sensitive areas first (for example, begin with habitat restoration, flood plain recovery, and treatment of smaller, more frequent storms);

- Monitor ambient water quality to assess stream improvement;
- Compare monitoring results to water quality standards (aquatic life criteria);
- Continue BMP implementation in a phased manner until water quality standards are attained.

#### **General Stream Restoration Techniques**

Following is a list of general BMPs and stream restoration techniques and how they can alleviate stressors and improve stream health. Short-term implementation of these measures will complement the long-term strategy of disconnecting or removing impervious surfaces suggested above.

• Maintaining the riparian buffer composed of native plants, including mature trees. Enhancing or replanting the riparian buffer where it is inadequate. An adequate buffer will filter runoff from commercial and residential lots, improves shading (which helps to keep water temperature low), and increases large woody debris availability, and food input. It will also provide terrestrial and aquatic habitat for insects with aquatic life stages, thus enhancing recolonization potential of the macroinvertebrate community.

• Reclamation of flood plains by returning these areas to a natural state will naturally moderate floods; reduce stress on the stream channel; provide habitat for fish, wildlife, and plant resources; promote groundwater recharge; and help maintain water quality. Protection of intact flood plains should be a high priority.

• Improving channel morphology (restoring sinuosity, pool availability and diversity, and flow diversity) by installing double wing deflectors and low crib walls in the stream will improve flow conditions and habitat for macroinvertebrates. Because of the complex nature of channel restoration, any improvement activity will require the extensive involvement of a trained professional.

• Reducing erosion from land use activities with mulches, grass covers, geotextiles or riprap will reduce excess sedimentation. In stream bank stabilization projects, use of woody vegetation is preferred over riprap in most cases.

### **General Stream Restoration Techniques (cont'd)**

• Reducing the input of winter road sand and road dirt by sweeping roads, parking areas or driveways will reduce excess sedimentation.

• Reducing the incidence of spills (accidental and deliberate) for example by improving education and training will reduce toxic contaminant input.

• Minimizing waste input from pets by picking up waste will reduce bacteria and nutrient input.

• Eliminating the potential for sewer/septic system leaks by regularly inspecting and maintaining sewer/septic systems will reduce toxic contaminant and nutrient input.

• Eliminating illicit discharges by detecting and eliminating discharges will reduce toxic contaminant and nutrient input.

• Minimizing lawn/landscaping runoff by minimizing fertilizer/pesticide use and using more efficient application methods will reduce nutrient and toxic contaminant input.

• Reducing the temperature of water discharged from a detention structure by redesigning and retrofitting existing detention with outlet structures (e.g., underdrains) that cool the discharge will reduce negative temperature effects on the stream.

• Investing in education and outreach efforts will raise public awareness for the connections between urbanization, impervious cover, stormwater runoff, and overall stream health.

• Encouraging responsible development by promoting Smart Growth or Low-Impact Development guidelines and the use of pervious pavement techniques will minimize overall effects of urbanization.

• Reducing new impervious cover by promoting shared parking areas between homes or between facilities that require parking at different times will reduce impacts related to impervious surfaces. Lowering minimum parking requirements for businesses and critically assessing the need for new impervious surfaces will have the same effect.

• Eliminating septic systems in the watershed by expanding the municipal sewer system will reduce toxic contaminant and nutrient input.

•Discouraging the use of pavement sealants on driveways and parking lots will reduce the input of toxic contaminants. A recent study showed that runoff from sealed parking lots could account for the majority of the PAH load in urban streams. PAHs are a group of toxic contaminants with known negative effects on aquatic communities. Sealants are often applied for aesthetic reasons only, and decreasing their use represents a simple way to reduce the toxics load in runoff.

• Performing regular maintenance on detention ponds will reduce export of accumulated sediment and nutrients into the stream during large storms.

# **Disconnection of Impervious Surfaces**

The purpose here is to prevent stormwater runoff from reaching the stream directly (via the storm drain system), thus reducing % IC. There are various options for achieving this goal:

- Channel runoff from large parking lots, roads or highways into;
  - o detention/retention BMPs (e.g., dry/wet pond, extended detention pond, created wetland), preferably one equipped with a treatment system (e.g., underdrains);
  - o vegetative BMPs (e.g., vegetated buffers or swales);
  - o infiltration BMPs (e.g., dry wells, infiltration trenches/basins, bio-islands/cells);
  - o underdrained soil filters (e.g., bioretention cells, dry swales).

• Redesign and retrofit existing detention to provide extended detention for 6 month and 1 year storms.

• Guide runoff from paved driveways and roofs towards pervious areas (grass, driveway drainage strip, decorative planters, rain gardens).

- Remove curbs on roads or parking lots.
- Collect roof runoff in rain barrels and discharge into pervious areas.

All of these options for disconnection of impervious surfaces provide for a virtual elimination of runoff during light rains (which account for the majority of runoff events but not the majority of pollutant or stormwater input), reduction in peak discharge rate and volume during heavy rains, sedimentation or filtration of some pollutants, and improvement in groundwater recharge. Disconnection of impervious surfaces can often be achieved at reasonable cost and, unlike the removal of impervious surfaces (below), does not generally create material for disposal. These BMPs cover most sizes of impervious surfaces (private driveways and small building roofs to large parking lots and highways), and many have been widely used in cold climates. Disconnection of impervious surfaces is a particularly useful option in watersheds with relatively high imperviousness.

# **Conversion of Impervious Surfaces**

This is achieved by replacing impervious surfaces with pervious surfaces, for example by using the following BMPs:

- Replace asphalt on little-used parking lots, driveways or other areas with light vehicular traffic with porous pavement blocks or grass/gravel pave.
- Replace small areas of asphalt on large parking lots with bioretention structures (bioislands/cells).
- Replace existing parking lot expanses with more space-efficient multistory parking garages (i.e., go vertical).
- Replace conventional roofs with green roofs.

These options for conversion of impervious surfaces also provide for a virtual elimination of runoff during light rains (which account for the majority of runoff events), reduction in peak discharge rate and volume during heavy rains, filtration of some pollutants, and improvement in groundwater recharge.

# Structural and Non-Structural BMPs for Watersheds with Chloride as Stressor

- Follow or require the use of BMPs for snow and ice control product selection, application processes, application equipment, loading and washing, per the Maine Environmental Best Management Practices Manual for Snow and Ice Control (2015). Cover sand/salt piles and manage loading area to reduce runoff from becoming contaminated with salt.
- Develop, or require the development of a salt management plan, to ensure BMPs are used, and only areas that truly need to be salted are. Consider whether all the impervious area needs to be plowed and salted, or if some of the area could be out of service for the winter. For instance, after the busy holiday season, consider only plowing the area of a commercial parking lot that is actually used during that time period.
- For developments currently being planned, consider reducing the number of parking spaces and/or reducing road widths. If there are municipal requirements, consider revising those requirements to allow for less parking spaces or smaller road widths in certain areas.
- Reduce infiltration of salty water in vulnerable areas. While stormwater BMPs that infiltrate, or simply allowing stormwater to infiltrate, are recommended for treating nutrients, metals, and other pollutants, when chloride impact to a small stream is the biggest current or future concern, infiltration is discouraged.

- Don't infiltrate salty water if possible. For instance, don't plow onto pervious areas, and capture salty runoff so it goes to the stormwater system. Since stormwater systems can often have leaks which would allow salty water to exfiltrate into the groundwater, ensure stormwater system in vulnerable areas is secure. Stormwater ponds should be lined so the salty water doesn't infiltrate.
- Infiltrate clean, non-salty water (e.g. roof runoff) since infiltration is still a good practice if the water is not salty. The non-salty water will help flush the groundwater, and any contaminated water with it. It also will not be adding to the volume of salt-laden water that needs to be managed.
- For new development being planned, don't allow or encourage (through infiltration BMPs) future infiltration of areas likely to be salted.
- Install solar parking canopies The canopy provides protection from the elements (and therefore reduction of salt use) and shaded parking in summer, along with the benefit of producing energy.
- Install heated sidewalks or roads to reduce the need for shoveling and salt.

# ATTACHMENT E



# Bureau of Water Quality Division of Water Quality Management Industrial Stormwater Program

Standard Operating Procedures and Visual Monitoring Guidelines for Stormwater Discharges Associated With Industrial Activities.

1. APPLICABILITY. This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) applies to all industrial facilities covered under Maine's Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity. Permitted facilities are required to perform quarterly visual monitoring of their stormwater discharges and record and maintain the results in the facility's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP).

Monitoring requirements are not required for entities that are participating in a Watershed Management Plan. The Long Creek Watershed Management Plan in the municipalities of South Portland, Portland, Westbrook and Scarborough is a Department Approved Watershed Management Plan. In addition, the requirements for visual monitoring does not apply at a facility that is inactive and unstaffed, provided that there are no industrial materials or activities exposed to stormwater. To invoke this exception, the permittee must maintain a signed and certified statement with the facility SWPPP stating that the site is inactive and unstaffed, and that there is no exposure to stormwater.

2. PURPOSE. This document provides guidelines for standardized collection and visual examination of quarterly visual monitoring samples for indicators of stormwater pollution as defined in Special Condition N. of the MSGP and to provide guidelines describing standardized methods of data recording and record keeping of all quarterly visual stormwater discharge monitoring data as described in Special Condition N. of the MSGP.

# 3. DEFINITIONS.

- 3.1. MULTI-SECTOR GENERAL PERMIT (MSGP). A general permit for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activity. Authorizes the direct discharge or point source discharge of stormwater associated with industrial activity to waters of the State (other than groundwater) or to an MS4 (which discharges to waters of the State), provided the discharge meets the requirements stated in this permit. This permit is effective March 7, 2017 and expires March 7, 2022. It replaces Maine's 2011 MSGP for Industrial Activity issued April 26, 2011.
- 3.2. SWPPP. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. A written plan developed and implemented by each permitted facility to reduce or eliminate pollutants which come in contact with stormwater associated with industrial activity. This plan outlines sources of potential stormwater pollutants and the methods by which these pollutants will be reduced or prevented from entering waters of the State.



- 3.3. GRAB SAMPLE. A single sample or collection of stormwater taken during a qualifying storm event from a single stormwater outfall. The sample may be collected manually or with an automatic sampler.
- 3.4. OUTFALL. The location where collected and concentrated stormwater flows are discharged from the facility such that the first receiving waterbody into which the discharge flows, either directly or through a separate storm sewer system, is a water of the State.
- 3.5. QUALIFYING STORM EVENT. A storm event that is either precipitation, ice or snow melt that produces a measureable discharge of 0.1 inch or more in a 24-hour period at an outfall and occurs at least 72 hours from a previous qualifying storm event.

# 4. **RESPONSIBILITIES.**

- 4.1. MONITORING PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION. The visual monitoring schedule listed below in this section is also outlined in Maine's 2016 MSGP Special Condition N. Visual examinations must be clearly documented and maintained in the facility's SWPPP. The permittee shall perform and document a quarterly visual examination of industrial stormwater discharges from each outfall which discharges stormwater associated with industrial activity from the facility.
- 4.2. OUTFALL IDENTIFICATION. The permittee shall identify each industrial stormwater outfall at the facility. All outfalls must be clearly identified on the facility site map which is part of the facility's SWPPP and presented in the written text of the SWPPP.
- 4.3. REPRESENTATIVE OUTFALLS. "Representative outfalls" mean two or more outfalls with a single drainage area that are anticipated to discharge substantially similar pollutants resulting from substantially similar industrial activities, materials, or practices occurring within the outfalls' designated drainage area. If the facility contains representative outfalls, visual monitoring may be conducted at one of the outfalls during a given monitoring period provided that subsequent samples are taken from a different outfall within the representative outfalls' drainage area. The facility is not required to monitor more than one representative outfall within a designated drainage area per monitoring event as long as the site's SWPPP contains the required information as identified in Special Condition B(15) of the MSGP.
- 4.4. EMPLOYEE TRAINING. The permittee shall ensure that all facility personnel involved in stormwater sampling are properly trained. Staff involved in sampling shall:
  - a. Be familiar with the site map and outfall locations
  - b. Walk the site to physically identify each sampling location
  - c. Become familiar with local rainfall and drainage patterns
  - d. Become competent with proper sample collection procedures



Personnel involved in sampling should also be trained in all facility safety procedures as they apply to stormwater sampling. If possible, the same individual should carry out the collection and examination of discharges for the entire permit term. Written documentation signed by a qualified person certifying that all personnel involved in sampling have been properly trained should be documented in the SWPPP.

- 4.5. SAMPLE COLLECTION FREQUENCY. Visual examination of industrial stormwater discharges must be performed once per monitoring quarter. If a qualifying storm event does not occur at the facility for a particular monitoring quarter, the permittee is excused from visual monitoring for that quarter, provided the permittee documents in the monitoring records that no qualifying event occurred. The Visual Monitoring Form shall be used to document both qualifying and non-qualifying storm events. Schedule of monitoring quarters is listed below.
  - First: January 1 March 31
  - Second: April 1 June 30
  - Third: July 1 September 30
  - Fourth: October 1 December 31

All other time specific sampling requirements are to be performed in accordance with the parameters outlined in the procedures section of this document.

4.6. RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING. The permittee shall maintain all visual monitoring reports/records onsite with the SWPPP. The permittee is not required to submit visual monitoring results to DEP unless specifically requested to do so.. Requirements for recording visual examination data are outlined in the procedures section of this document.

# 5. PROCEDURES

5.1. SAMPLE COLLECTION TIMING. A grab sample must be collected from each facility outfall (except representative outfalls) once per quarter during a qualifying storm event. During a qualifying storm event, a grab sample for visual examination should be collected during the first 60 minutes or as soon thereafter, but must not to exceed 2.25 hours of when runoff begins discharging from an outfall. During monitoring quarters when snow or icemelt represents the only stormwater discharge, a grab sample must also be collected during periods of significant snow or ice melt within the first 60 minutes or as soon thereafter, but not to exceed 2.25 hours of when snow or icemelt begins discharging from an outfall. Stormwater runoff from employee parking lots, administration buildings, and landscaped areas that is not mixed with stormwater associated with industrial activity, or stormwater discharges to municipal sanitary sewers does not need to be sampled. Samples must be collected during daylight hours and normal operations.

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- 5.2. SAMPLE CONTAINER CLEANING AND PREPARATION. The facility should have an adequate supply of containers prepared for collection of industrial stormwater samples from each outfall prior to collecting samples for visual examination. All sample containers used for sampling for visual examination should be certified as clean and free of residue. After each use and for cleaning the Imhoff Settling Cone or graduated beaker. A bottle brush will aid in removing any fine sediment trapped in the bottom point of the Imhoff cone:
  - Wash containers in a non-phosphate detergent and tap water wash.
  - Thoroughly fill and rinse containers with tap water at least three (3) times.
  - Store containers closed, and in an area free of dust and other potential sample contaminants.
  - If additional containers are needed to collect samples from less accessible outfalls (e.g. buckets which are attached to poles for reaching outfalls), these containers should also be cleaned and prepared as indicated above.
- 5.3 MANUAL GRAB SAMPLE COLLECTION. Manual grab samples should be collected by inserting a container under or downstream of a discharge with the container opening facing upstream, and with the opening of the container completely immersed under water, whenever possible. A sample container at least 1000 ml should be used to collect the sample. In most cases the sample container can be held in hand while the sample is collected. Less accessible outfalls may require the use of poles and buckets to collect grab samples. Take the grab from the horizontal and vertical center of the outfall. If sampling in a channel, (e.g., ditch, trench, rill) avoid stirring up bottom sediments. Avoid touching the inside of the container to prevent container such as a bucket to collect a sample from a less accessible location. If taking samples from multiple outfalls, label containers with outfall identification prior to taking samples. Make sure samples are securely capped until examination.
- 5.4 COLLECTION OF GRAB SAMPLES BY AUTOMATIC SAMPLER. Facilities which use automatic samplers for stormwater sampling may collect grab samples for visual examination by this method. Programming for collecting grab samples is specific to the type of automatic sampler. All facility personnel who collect stormwater samples using automatic samplers should be properly trained in operation of the sampler before doing so. Several different types of automatic samplers are available for stormwater sampling. However, the following guidelines should be followed when sampling regardless of the type of sampler used. All equipment must be properly cleaned, particularly the tubing and sample containers. Deionized water should be drawn through the sampler to remove any residuals prior to taking samples. Tubing should also be periodically replaced to avoid algae or bacterial growth. Additionally, a distilled/deionized water blank



sample should be taken at each outfall sampled to determine if contamination of stormwater samples by the sampling equipment has occurred. Samplers should be used in exact accordance with the manufacturers' instructions. All sampler calibration and maintenance data should be kept on site with the SWPPP.

5.5 SAMPLE EXAMINATION. Visual examination of all grab samples collected must be performed within the first sixty (60) minutes. Bring the collected samples to a well lit indoor area. Pour each sample into a separate 1 L polycarbonate plastic graduated Imhoff settling cone or 1000 ml graduated cylinder. The Imhoff settling cone or beaker should have graduations that allow volume measurement to the nearest 10 milliliter. Record the total sample volume to the nearest milliliter on the visual monitoring form. Examine the samples for the following criteria according to the instructions provided with the visual monitoring form: Foam, odor, clarity, floating solids, suspended solids, color, oil sheen, settled solids, and any other obvious indicators of stormwater pollution. Read the settled solids 1 hour after pouring the sample into the cone, as this assures that all solids are settled out of the water. Settled solids in the bottom of the cone should be measured to the nearest milliliter.

\*Note: Clear polycarbonate plastic Imhoff cones are available from several scientific supply companies. You may also purchase 1000 ml graduated beakers from various scientific supply companies.

- 5.6 SAMPLE DATA RECORDING. Record all sample data on the visual monitoring form after examining the sample for all of the criteria listed in the instructions. The form should include the examination date and time, examination personnel, the nature of the discharge (e.g., rain, snow or icemelt), identification of outfall sampled, quality of the stormwater discharge (including observations of color, odor, clarity, floating solids, settled solids, suspended solids, foam, oil sheen, and any other obvious indicators of stormwater pollution), and probable sources of any observed contamination including any corrective actions taken. The permittee must sign and certify the documentation in accordance with Standard Condition 2 of the Maine MSGP. All visual examination reports must be maintained with the facility SWPPP.
- 5.7 RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SOLVING SAMPLE LOCATION PROBLEMS. Consult guidelines listed below when it is necessary to sample an outfall located at a less than ideal location for sampling.
  - PROBLEM: Sampling where stormwater comingles with process water or other nonstormwater discharge.

RECOMMENDATION: Attempt to sample the stormwater discharge before it mixes with the non-stormwater discharge. If this is impossible, sample the discharge and maintain a record of the visual examination data observed under both conditions on site with the



SWPPP. This will provide an indication of the contribution of any observable contamination from each source.

• PROBLEM: Numerous small point channels make up an outfall from which it is difficult to collect a sample.

RECOMMENDATION: Impound channels or join their flow together by building a weir or digging a ditch to collect discharge at a low point for sampling. This artificial collection point should be lined with plastic or filter fabric and stone to prevent infiltration and/or high levels of sediment.

• PROBLEM: Inaccessible discharge point. Examples include underwater discharges or unreachable discharges (e.g., out of a cliff, steep slope or bank of a stream).

RECOMMENDATION: Go up the pipe to sample (e.g., to the nearest manhole or inspection point). If these are not available, tap into the pipe, or sample at several locations upstream of the pipe if the pipe is the only outfall for the facility.

• PROBLEM: Managing multiple sampling sites to collect grab samples during the first 60 minutes of a measurable storm event.

RECOMMENDATION: Have a sampling crew ready to help when forecasts indicate that a measurable storm event is likely to occur. If this is not possible, sample the missed outfall locations during other measurable storm events and record this circumstance in the SWPPP.

PROBLEM: Commingling of parking lot runoff with discharge associated with industrial activity.

RECOMMENDATION: The combined runoff must be sampled at the discharge point as near as possible to the industrial activity or at the parking lot drain inlet if there is one.

• PROBLEM: Sampling in manholes.

RECOMMENDATION: Sample with a collection device on the end of a pole to reach stormwater. Personnel sampling in manholes should have confined space safety training and ambient air monitoring sampling devices if manholes have to be entered.

• PROBLEM: Run-on from other property.

RECOMMENDATION: If possible, collect and examine a sample of the stormwater at the border of the property where the run-on occurs. Then, collect and examine a sample of the stormwater at a facility outfall downstream of the run-on point. Note any ob-



servable differences between the samples and maintain the documentation with the SWPPP.

• When confronted with other difficult sampling scenarios not addressed above, the permittee should consult DEP for guidance on how to best address the situation.

# 6. REFERENCES

- 5.5 GUIDANCE MANUAL FOR THE MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS OF THE NPDES MULTI-SECTOR STORM WATER GENERAL PERMIT United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water (EN-336), EPA 833-B-99-001(January, 1999)
- 5.6 NPDES STORM WATER SAMPLING GUIDANCE DOCUMENT United States Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water (EN-336), EPA 833-8-92-001 (July, 1992)
- 5.7 STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION MULTI-SECTOR GENERAL PERMIT MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM STORMWATER DISCHARGE ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY Maine Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau Water Quality, Waste Discharge License # W-008227-MN-C-RR (Dec. 2016)

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## A. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. **General compliance**. All discharges shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit; any changes in production capacity or process modifications which result in changes in the quantity or the characteristics of the discharge must be authorized by an additional license or by modifications of this permit; it shall be a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit to discharge any pollutant not identified and authorized herein or to discharge in excess of the rates or quantities authorized herein or to violate any other conditions of this permit.

**2.** Other materials. Other materials ordinarily produced or used in the operation of this facility, which have been specifically identified in the application, may be discharged at the maximum frequency and maximum level identified in the application, provided:

- (a) They are not
  - (i) Designated as toxic or hazardous under the provisions of Sections 307 and 311, respectively, of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act; Title 38, Section 420, Maine Revised Statutes; or other applicable State Law; or
  - (ii) Known to be hazardous or toxic by the licensee.
- (b) The discharge of such materials will not violate applicable water quality standards.

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

- (a) The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act, and 38 MRSA, §420 or Chapter 530.5 for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
- (b) Any person who violates any provision of the laws administered by the Department, including without limitation, a violation of the terms of any order, rule license, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

**4.** Duty to provide information. The permittee shall furnish to the Department, within a reasonable time, any information which the Department 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 shall also furnish to the Department upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

**5. Permit actions.** This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

**6. Reopener clause**. The Department reserves the right to make appropriate revisions to this permit in order to establish any appropriate effluent limitations, schedule of compliance or other provisions which may be authorized under 38 MRSA, §414-A(5).

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### STANDARD CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL PERMITS

**7. Oil and hazardous substances.** 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 to which the permittee is or may be subject under section 311 of the Federal Clean Water Act; section 106 of the Federal Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980; or 38 MRSA §§ 1301, et. seq.

8. Property rights. This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

**9. Confidentiality of records.** 38 MRSA §414(6) reads as follows. "Any records, reports or information obtained under this subchapter is available to the public, except that upon a showing satisfactory to the department by any person that any records, reports or information, or particular part or any record, report or information, other than the names and addresses of applicants, license applications, licenses, and effluent data, to which the department has access under this subchapter would, if made public, divulge methods or processes that are entitled to protection as trade secrets, these records, reports or information must be confidential and not available for public inspection or examination. Any records, reports or information may be disclosed to employees or authorized representatives of the State or the United States concerned with carrying out this subchapter or any applicable federal law, and to any party to a hearing held under this section on terms the commissioner may prescribe in order to protect these confidential records, reports and information, as long as this disclosure is material and relevant to any issue under consideration by the department."

**10.** Duty to reapply. If the permittee wishes 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.

**11.** Other laws. The issuance of this permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other property rights, nor does it relieve the permittee if its obligation to comply with other applicable Federal, State or local laws and regulations.

**12. Inspection and entry**. The permittee shall allow the Department, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the EPA Administrator), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

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

# **B. OPERATION AND MAINTENACE OF FACILITIES**

### 1. General facility requirements.

(a) The permittee shall collect all waste flows designated by the Department as requiring treatment and discharge them into an approved waste treatment facility in such a manner as to

maximize removal of pollutants unless authorization to the contrary is obtained from the Department.

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- (b) The permittee shall at all times maintain in good working order and operate at maximum efficiency all waste water collection, treatment and/or control facilities.
- (c) All necessary waste treatment facilities will be installed and operational prior to the discharge of any wastewaters.
- (d) Final plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for review prior to the construction or modification of any treatment facilities.
- (e) The permittee shall install flow measuring facilities of a design approved by the Department.
- (f) The permittee must provide an outfall of a design approved by the Department which is placed in the receiving waters in such a manner that the maximum mixing and dispersion of the wastewaters will be achieved as rapidly as possible.

**2. Proper operation and maintenance.** The permittee shall 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 a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

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

**4. Duty to mitigate.** The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

# 5. Bypasses.

- (a) Definitions.
  - (i) Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
  - (ii) 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.
- (b) Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs (c) and (d) of this section.
- (c) Notice.
  - (i) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.

(ii) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in paragraph D(1)(f), below. (24-hour notice).

(d) Prohibition of bypass.

- (i) Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
  - (A) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
  - (B) 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 which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
  - (C) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph (c) of this section.
- (ii) The Department may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Department determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph (d)(i) of this section.

### 6. Upsets.

- (a) Definition. 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.
- (b) 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 requirements of paragraph (c) of this section are met. 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.
- (c) Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
  - (i) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
  - (ii) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; and
  - (iii) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in paragraph D(1)(f) , below. (24 hour notice).
  - (iv) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under paragraph B(4).
- (d) Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

### C. MONITORING AND RECORDS

**1. General Requirements.** This permit shall be subject to such monitoring requirements as may be reasonably required by the Department including the installation, use and maintenance of monitoring equipment or methods (including, where appropriate, biological monitoring methods). The permittee shall provide the Department with periodic reports on the proper Department reporting form of monitoring results obtained pursuant to the monitoring requirements contained herein.

**2. Representative sampling.** Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge. If effluent limitations are based wholly or partially on quantities of a product processed, the permittee shall ensure samples are representative of times when production is taking place. Where discharge monitoring is required when production is less than 50%, the resulting data shall be reported as a daily measurement but not included in computation of averages, unless specifically authorized by the Department.

### 3. Monitoring and records.

- (a) Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
- (b) Except for records of monitoring information required by this permit related to the permittee's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five years, the permittee shall 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, 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. This period may be extended by request of the Department at any time.
- (c) Records of monitoring information shall include:
  - (i) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
  - (ii) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
  - (iii) The date(s) analyses were performed;
  - (iv) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
  - (v) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
  - (vi) The results of such analyses.
- (d) Monitoring results must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.
- (e) State law provides that any person who tampers with or renders inaccurate any monitoring devices or method required by any provision of law, or any order, rule license, permit approval or decision is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

# **D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

### **1. Reporting requirements.**

(a) Planned changes. The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:

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- (i) The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
- (ii) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under Section D(4).
- (iii) 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 plan;
- (b) Anticipated noncompliance. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Department of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
- (c) Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except upon application to and approval of the Department pursuant to 38 MRSA, § 344 and Chapters 2 and 522.
- (d) Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.
  - (i) Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or forms provided or specified by the Department for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices.
  - (ii) If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR part 136 or as specified in the permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by the Department.
  - (iii) Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified by the Department in the permit.
- (e) 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 shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.
- (f) Twenty-four hour reporting.
  - (i) The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance

has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

- (ii) The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.
  - (A) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
  - (B) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
  - (C) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit to be reported within 24 hours.
- (iii) The Department may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under paragraph (f)(ii) of this section if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.
- (g) Other noncompliance. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs (d), (e), and (f) of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph (f) of this section.
- (h) Other information. Where 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 the Department, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

**2. Signatory requirement**. All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Department shall be signed and certified as required by Chapter 521, Section 5 of the Department's rules. State law provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation or certification in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained by any order, rule, permit, approval or decision of the Board or Commissioner is subject to the penalties set forth in 38 MRSA, §349.

**3.** Availability of reports. Except for data determined to be confidential under A(9), above, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Department. As required by State law, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal sanctions as provided by law.

**4.** Existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers. In addition to the reporting requirements under this Section, all existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Department as soon as they know or have reason to believe:

- (a) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
  - (i) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 ug/l);
  - (ii) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 ug/l) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
  - (iii) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or
  - (iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).

- (b) That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following ``notification levels'':
  - (i) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l);
  - (ii) One milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
  - (iii) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with Chapter 521 Section 4(g)(7); or
  - (iv) The level established by the Department in accordance with Chapter 523 Section 5(f).

### 5. Publicly owned treatment works.

- (a) All POTWs must provide adequate notice to the Department of the following:
  - (i) Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA or Chapter 528 if it were directly discharging those pollutants.
  - (ii) Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
  - (iii) For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on (A) the quality and quantity of effluent 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.
- (b) When the effluent discharged by a POTW for a period of three consecutive months exceeds 80 percent of the permitted flow, the permittee shall submit to the Department a projection of loadings up to the time when the design capacity of the treatment facility will be reached, and a program for maintaining satisfactory treatment levels consistent with approved water quality management plans.

# E. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

**1. Emergency action - power failure.** Within thirty days after the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall notify the Department of facilities and plans to be used in the event the primary source of power to its wastewater pumping and treatment facilities fails as follows.

(a) For municipal sources. During power failure, all wastewaters which are normally treated shall receive a minimum of primary treatment and disinfection. Unless otherwise approved, alternate power supplies shall be provided for pumping stations and treatment facilities. Alternate power supplies shall be on-site generating units or an outside power source which is separate and independent from sources used for normal operation of the wastewater facilities.

(b) For industrial and commercial sources. The permittee shall either maintain an alternative power source sufficient to operate the wastewater pumping and treatment facilities or halt, reduce or otherwise control production and or all discharges upon reduction or loss of power to the wastewater pumping or treatment facilities.

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**2. Spill prevention.** (applicable only to industrial sources) Within six months of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall submit to the Department for review and approval, with or without conditions, a spill prevention plan. The plan shall delineate methods and measures to be taken to prevent and or contain any spills of pulp, chemicals, oils or other contaminates and shall specify means of disposal and or treatment to be used.

3. **Removed substances.** Solids, sludges trash rack cleanings, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed from or resulting from the treatment or control of waste waters shall be disposed of in a manner approved by the Department.

4. **Connection to municipal sewer.** (applicable only to industrial and commercial sources) All wastewaters designated by the Department as treatable in a municipal treatment system will be cosigned to that system when it is available. This permit will expire 90 days after the municipal treatment facility becomes available, unless this time is extended by the Department in writing.

**F. DEFINITIONS.** For the purposes of this permit, the following definitions shall apply. Other definitions applicable to this permit may be found in Chapters 520 through 529 of the Department's rules

Average means the arithmetic mean of values taken at the frequency required for each parameter over the specified period. For bacteria, the average shall be the geometric mean.

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. Except, however, bacteriological tests may be calculated as a geometric mean.

**Average weekly discharge limitation** means 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.

**Best management practices (''BMPs'')** means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the State. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control plant site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

**Composite sample** means a sample consisting of a minimum of eight grab samples collected at equal intervals during a 24 hour period (or a lesser period as specified in the section on monitoring and reporting) and combined proportional to the flow over that same time period.

**Continuous discharge** means a discharge which occurs without interruption throughout the operating hours of the facility, except for infrequent shutdowns for maintenance, process changes, or other similar activities.

**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.

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**Discharge Monitoring Report ("DMR")** means the EPA uniform national form, including any subsequent additions, revisions, or modifications for the reporting of self-monitoring results by permittees. DMRs must be used by approved States as well as by EPA. EPA will supply DMRs to any approved State upon request. The EPA national forms may be modified to substitute the State Agency name, address, logo, and other similar information, as appropriate, in place of EPA's.

**Flow weighted composite sample** means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of aliquots collected at a constant time interval, where the volume of each aliquot is proportional to the flow rate of the discharge.

Grab sample means an individual sample collected in a period of less than 15 minutes.

**Interference** means a Discharge which, 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 NPDES 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.

Maximum daily discharge limitation means the highest allowable daily discharge.

**New source** means any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced:

(a) After promulgation of standards of performance under section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, or

(b) After proposal of standards of performance in accordance with section 306 of CWA which are applicable to such source, but only if the standards are promulgated in accordance with section 306 within 120 days of their proposal.

**Pass through** means a discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the State 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).

**Permit** means an authorization, license, or equivalent control document issued by EPA or an approved State to implement the requirements of 40 CFR parts 122, 123 and 124. Permit includes an NPDES general permit (Chapter 529). Permit does not include any permit which has not yet been the subject of final agency action, such as a draft permit or a proposed permit.

**Person** means an individual, firm, corporation, municipality, quasi-municipal corporation, state agency, federal agency or other legal entity.

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**Point source** means any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.

**Pollutant** means dredged spoil, solid waste, junk, incinerator residue, sewage, refuse, effluent, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemicals, biological or radiological materials, oil, petroleum products or byproducts, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, dirt and industrial, municipal, domestic, commercial or agricultural wastes of any kind.

**Process wastewater** means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.

**Publicly owned treatment works ("POTW")** means any facility for the treatment of pollutants owned by the State or any political subdivision thereof, any municipality, district, quasi-municipal corporation or other public entity.

**Septage** means, for the purposes of this permit, any waste, refuse, effluent sludge or other material removed from a septic tank, cesspool, vault privy or similar source which concentrates wastes or to which chemicals have been added. Septage does not include wastes from a holding tank.

**Time weighted composite** means a composite sample consisting of a mixture of equal volume aliquots collected over a constant time interval.

**Toxic pollutant** includes any pollutant listed as toxic under section 307(a)(1) or, in the case of sludge use or disposal practices, any pollutant identified in regulations implementing section 405(d) of the CWA. Toxic pollutant also includes those substances or combination of substances, including disease causing agents, which after discharge or upon exposure, ingestion, inhalation or assimilation into any organism, including humans either directly through the environment or indirectly through ingestion through food chains, will, on the basis of information available to the board either alone or in combination with other substances already in the receiving waters or the discharge, cause death, disease, abnormalities, cancer, genetic mutations, physiological malfunctions, including malfunctions in reproduction, or physical deformations in such organism or their offspring.

**Wetlands** means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.

Whole effluent toxicity means the aggregate toxic effect of an effluent measured directly by a toxicity test.

# **STATE OF MAINE**

# **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

# **Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Systems**

**Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit** 

# FACT SHEET AND

# **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**



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### A. Clean Water Act

Section 301(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) provides that "the discharge of any pollutant by any person shall be unlawful" unless the discharge is in compliance with certain other sections of the Act. 33 U.S.C. 1311(a). The CWA defines "discharge of a pollutant" as "(A) any addition of any pollutant to navigable waters from any point source, (B) any addition of any pollutant to the waters of the contiguous zone or the ocean from any point source other than a vessel or other floating craft." 33 U.S.C. 1362(12).

In 1987, Congress amended the Clean Water Act to better regulate stormwater discharges. Congress enacted Section 402(p) of the Clean Water Act, which requires that "permits for discharges from municipal storm sewers . . . shall include a requirement to effectively prohibit non-stormwater discharges into the storm sewers; and shall require controls to reduce the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent practicable...and such other provisions as the Administrator ...determines appropriate for the control of such pollutants." CWA §§ 402(p)(3)(B)(ii)-(iii).

### **B.** General Permit (GP) Authority

Section 301(a) of the CWA, 33 USC 1311(a), and Maine law 38 M.R.S. §413 makes it unlawful to discharge pollutants to waters of the United States or state without a permit. The State of Maine may issue a GP authorizing the discharge of certain pollutants pursuant to 06-096 CMR 529. 06-096 CMR Chapter 521§9 authorizes the State of Maine to require Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permits for the discharge storm water from regulated MS4 communities.

Section 402 of the Act provides that the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) may issue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits or the State of Maine can issue MEPDES permits for discharges of any pollutant into waters of the United States according to such specific terms and conditions as the Administrator may require. Although such permits are generally issued to individual subcategories of discharges, including stormwater point source discharges, within a geographic area. 40 CFR §122.28(a)(1) and (2)(i). EPA and the State of Maine issue GPs under the same CWA authority as individual permits. Violations of a general permit condition constitute a violation of the CWA and may subject the discharger to the enforcement remedies provided in Section 309 of the Act, including injunctive relief and penalties.

### C. Authorization Under the Permit

The GP authorizes stormwater discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems meeting the definition of "small municipal separate storm sewer system" at 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(16) and described in 40 CFR § 122.32(a)(1) (applicable to small MS4s located in an urbanized area) or designated by EPA as needing a permit pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.32(a) (2) or 40 CFR § 122.26(f).

Phase II stormwater regulations, among other things, set forth requirements for stormwater discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems, ("small MS4s") which are defined at 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(16) as follows:

Small municipal separate storm sewer system means all separate storm sewers that are:

- (i) Owned or operated by the United States, a State, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, stormwater, or other wastes including special districts under State law such as a sewer, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA that discharges to waters of United States.
- (ii) Not defined as "large" or "medium" municipal separate storm sewer systems pursuant to [40CFR § 122.26(b)(4) or (b)(7)] or designated under [40 CFR § 122.26(a)(1)(v)].
- (iii)This term includes systems similar to separate storm sewer systems in municipalities such as military bases, large hospital or prison complexes, and highways and other thoroughfares. The term does not include separate storm sewers in very discrete areas, such as individual buildings.

Most small MS4s that will be authorized by this GP are located entirely within an urbanized area as defined by the Bureau of the Census. On March 26, 2012, the Census Bureau published the final listing of urbanized areas for the 2010 census. An urbanized area encompasses a densely settled territory that consists of core census block groups or blocks that have a population of at least 1,000 people per square mile and surrounding census blocks that have an overall density of at least 500 people per square mile or are included to link outlying densely settled territory with a densely settled urban core. Urbanized areas are not divided along political boundaries. Because of this non-political division, a municipality may be entirely in an urbanized area or partially in an urbanized area. The Phase II regulations require a small MS4 to implement its program in the urbanized area. If a small MS4 is only partially within the urbanized area. Both approaches are acceptable under EPA's regulations. However, EPA encourages MS4s to implement the Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) in the entire jurisdiction, especially for areas that discharge to waters that are subject to approved total maximum daily loads (TMDLs).

The regulations at 40 CFR § 122.32(a)(1) state that an MS4 is regulated by the program if the MS4 is located in an urbanized area as determined by the latest Decennial Census by the Bureau of the Census unless granted a waiver by the permitting authority. The latest Decennial Census was conducted in 2010. MS4s located in an urbanized area as determined by the 2010 Census will be subject to the stormwater requirements for small MS4s unless they receive a waiver in accordance with 40 CFR §122.32(c) or 40 CFR § 123.35(d). MS4s located in an urbanized area as defined by the 2010 census remain subject to the stormwater regulation even if there is a change in the reach of "urbanized area" because of a change in census data. This is consistent with the preamble to the Phase II rule that states "...a small MS4 that is automatically designated into the NPDES program for stormwater under an urbanized area calculation for any given Census year will remain regulated regardless of the results of subsequent urbanized area calculations." 64 FR 68752, December 8, 1999.

As stated previously, this GP applies to small MS4s located in urbanized areas and those MS4s designated by EPA to need a permit. EPA has authority under the CWA to designate stormwater sources other than those that are specifically identified by the stormwater regulations as needing to obtain a permit when necessary to protect water quality or remedy localized water quality impacts, including small MS4s not in an urbanized area. If EPA decides to designate additional MS4s, EPA will provide public notice and an opportunity to comment on the designation. Once designated, such sources would be eligible for coverage under this general permit.

### D. Obtaining Authorization to Discharge

The regulations at 40 CFR § 122.33 require small MS4s who apply for a GP to submit information on best management practices (BMPs) and measurable goals designed to meet the minimum control measures (MCMs) required by 40 CFR § 122.34(d). To obtain authorization to discharge, the operator of a small MS4 must submit a complete and accurate Notice of Intent (NOI) containing the information requested in Part III(D) of the GP. The NOI must be signed in accordance with the requirements as specified in Part III(D)(2) of the GP. The NOI must be submitted on or before March 31, 2021. The effective date of the permit is July 1, 2022. A small MS4 will be authorized to discharge under this permit upon the issuance of written authorization by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP).

The MS4 operators must complete the information required in the NOI to the best of their knowledge. The NOI must contain the details of an MS4's planned approach to meeting the terms of the GP. The NOI should detail milestones as well as interim steps. The NOI does not require the development of technical or engineering reports for its submission. The GP does not incorporate the contents of the NOI into the permit as conditions. The GP and the permittee specific MDEP Order conditions are those that are contained in the GP and the permittee specific MDEP Order and those are the requirements the permittee is expected to meet. The NOI presents the BMPs that the MS4 intends to implement to meet the permit terms. Since the BMPs presented in the NOI are not incorporated into the GP and the permittee specific MDEP Order , this means that a permittee is able to adjust the initially planned BMPs based on progress and circumstances encountered during program implementation.

All NOIs must be submitted to MDEP on or before March 31, 2021, and addressed to the MS4 Program Manager as follows:

Ms. Rhonda Poirier MS4 Program Manager Department of Environmental Protection 17 State House Station Augusta, Maine 04333-0017

The GP provides continued authorization for permittees authorized by the MS4-2013 permit whose authorization was effective beginning July 1, 2013 and who submits a complete and accurate NOI on or before March 31, 2021. Permittees will remain authorized under the MS4-2013 permit until authorization under the newly issued GP is either granted or denied.

NOIs will be available for public comment for a minimum of 30 days. Once MDEP determines that an NOI is complete, the NOI will be posted on MDEP's website. Any comments on an NOI must be submitted to the MDEP. MDEP will work with the municipality to address public comments as appropriate. Following the close of the public comment period on the NOI, the MDEP will issue a permittee specific MDEP Order for a 30-day public comment period that establishes a list of required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance for a limited number of BMPs associated with the implementation of the GP. Following the 30-day comment period, the MDEP will issue a final permittee specific MDEP Order. An applicant is authorized to discharge when the GP becomes effective and the applicable permittee specific DEP Order establishing a list of required actions and a corresponding schedule of compliance for the action items is issued as a final agency action.

# E. Individual and Alternative Permits

Any owner or operator of a small MS4 authorized by a GP may request to be excluded from authorization under a GP by applying for an individual permit pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.33(b)(2)(i) or (ii). This request shall be made by submitting a Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit application together with reasons supporting the request. The MDEP may require any permittee authorized by a general permit to apply for and obtain an individual permit. Any interested person may petition the MDEP to take this action. 40 CFR § 122.28(b)(3).

However, individual permits will not be issued for sources authorized by the GP unless it can be clearly demonstrated that inclusion under the GP is inappropriate or an individual permit is more applicable to the applicant's system.

The MDEP may consider requiring an individual permit when:

- a. The discharger is not in compliance with the terms and conditions of the GP;
- b. A change has occurred in the availability of demonstrated technology or practices for the control or abatement of pollutants applicable to the point source;

- c. Effluent limitations guidelines are subsequently promulgated for the point sources covered by the GP;
- d. A Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) or Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) containing requirements applicable to such point sources is approved;
- e. Circumstances have changed since the time of the request to be covered so that the discharger is no longer appropriately controlled under the GP, or either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge is necessary; and
- f. The discharge(s) is a significant contributor of pollutant or in violation of state water quality standards for the receiving water.

In accordance with 40 CFR § 122.28(b)(3)(iv), the applicability of the GP is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit.

Additionally, any interested person may petition the MDEP to require a MEPDES permit for a discharge composed entirely of stormwater which contributes to a violation of a water quality standard or is a significant contributor of pollutants to waters of the United States pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.26(f) or waters of the state pursuant to Maine law 38 M.R.S. §413.

# PART II. BASIS FOR CONDITIONS OF THE DRAFT MEPDES GENERAL PERMIT

# A. Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permits

A MEPDES permit authorizes the discharge of a pollutant or pollutants into a receiving water under certain conditions. The MEPDES program relies on two types of permits: individual and general. An individual permit is a permit specifically tailored for an individual discharger or situations that require individual consideration. Upon receiving the appropriate permit application(s), the permitting authority develops a draft permit for public comment for that particular discharger based on the information contained in the permit application (e.g., type of activity, nature of discharge, receiving water quality). Following consideration of public comments, a final permit is then issued to the discharger for a specific time period (not to exceed five years) with a provision for reapplying for further permit coverage prior to the expiration date.

In contrast, a GP covers multiple facilities/sites/activities within a specific category for a specific period of time (not to exceed 5 years). For GPs, the MDEP develops and issues the permit in advance, with dischargers then generally obtaining coverage under the permit through submission of a NOI. A GP is also subject to public comment prior to issuance. For the case of this GP, the MDEP is the permitting authority. The permitting authority reviews the permittees and geographic area and develops appropriate permits considering technology and water quality. In addition, the Department may issue a permit that

has different requirements from a NPDES permit issued by the EPA for similar types of discharges, as long as it satisfies the regulatory requirements of the NPDES program, the CWA, and state law.

Under 40 CFR 122.28 and 06-096 Code of Maine Regulation (CMR) Chapter 529, (2)(a)(1)(iv), GPs may be written to cover categories of point sources having common elements, such as facilities that involve the same or substantially similar types of operations, that discharge the same types of wastes, or that are more appropriately regulated by a GP.

The final MS4 GP Remand Rule promulgated by the EPA in December 2016, establishes two alternative approaches an NPDES/MEPDES permitting authority can use to issue and administer small MS4 GPs that address a partial remand of the Phase II stormwater regulations by the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Both approaches ensure that the permitting authority establishes what is necessary for the MS4 to "reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the maximum extent practicable, to protect water quality, and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act," referred to as the "MS4 permit standard," and that the public participation requirements of the CWA are met.

The final rule amends 40 CFR § 122.28(d) to require permitting authorities to choose one of these two types of general permits whenever issuing a small MS4 general permit. Permitting authorities are required to select either the "Comprehensive General Permit" or "Two-Step General Permit". The "Comprehensive General Permit" is essentially the "Traditional General Permit", or "Option 1", from the proposed rule. The "Two-Step General Permit" encompasses both the "Procedural Approach", or "Option 2" and the "hybrid approach" that was described as part of "Option 3" from the proposed rule. The Two-Step General Permit allows the permitting authority to establish some requirements in the general permit and others applicable to individual MS4s through a second proposal and public comment process. The State of Maine has selected the Two-Step General Permit approach.

Part IV of the GP sets forth the requirements for the MS4 to "reduce pollutants in discharges to the maximum extent practicable (MEP), including management practices, control techniques, and system, design and engineering methods…" CWA § 402(p)(3)(B)(iii). MEP is the statutory standard that describes the level of pollutant reduction that MS4 operators must achieve, but also includes a recognition that the effort may be increased under some circumstances. The MDEP believes implementation of best management practices (BMPs) designed to control stormwater runoff from the MS4 is generally the most appropriate approach for reducing pollutants to satisfy the MEP standard. Pursuant to 40 CFR §122.44(k), the GP requires permittees to control stormwater discharges through BMPs, including development and implementation of a comprehensive stormwater management program (SWMP) as the mechanism to achieve the required pollutant reductions.

Neither the CWA nor the stormwater regulations provide a specific definition of MEP. The lack of a detailed definition allows flexibility in MS4 permitting. The MDEP views the MEP standard in the CWA as an iterative process. MEP should continually adapt to current conditions and BMP effectiveness. The MDEP and EPA believe that compliance with the MEP requirements (Part IV) of this draft GP will meet the MEP standard of the CWA and the stormwater regulations. The iterative process of MEP consists of a municipality developing a program consistent with specific permit requirements, implementing the program, evaluating the effectiveness of BMPs included as part of the program, revising those parts of the program that are not effective at controlling pollutants, implementing the revisions, and then evaluating again. This process continues until water quality standards are attained. The changes contained in the GP from the previous permit reflect the iterative process of MEP. Accordingly, the GP contains more specific tasks and details than the previous MS4 permit.

MS4s are required to implement and enforce SWMPs designed to reduce pollutants discharged from their MS4s to the maximum extent practicable and to protect water quality. Implementation of a program to these standards should ensure the protection of aquatic life and maintenance of the receiving water as an aquatic habitat.

In addition, the GP prohibits violations of state water quality standards and imposes a variety of additional conditions on discharges to Urban Impaired Streams (UISs) which are found in Appendix B of the GP.

The conditions of this GP also aim to achieve and maintain water quality standards through the antidegradation provisions contained within the Clean Water Act (CWA).

## **B.** Non- Numeric Effluent Limitations

When the regulatory agencies have not promulgated national limitation guidelines (NEGs) for a category of discharges, or if an operator is discharging a pollutant not covered by a NEG, permit limitations may be based on the best professional judgment (BPJ) of the agency or permit writer. For this permit, effluent limits are based on BPJ. The BPJ limits in this permit are in the form of non-numeric control measures, commonly referred to as best management practices (BMPs). Non-numeric limits are employed under limited circumstances, as described in 40 CFR § 122.44(k) and 06-096 CMR Chapter 525 §5(k). 40 CFR § 122.44(k), and 06-096 CMR Chapter 525 §5(k) provides that permits may include BMPs to control or abate the discharge of pollutants when: "(1)[a]uthorized under section 304(e) of the CWA for the control of toxic pollutants and hazardous substances from ancillary industrial activities; (2) [a]uthorized under section 402(p) of the CWA for the control of stormwater discharges; (3) [n]umeric effluent limitations are infeasible; or (4) [t]he practices are reasonable to achieve effluent limitations and standards or to carry out the purpose of the CWA." The GP regulates stormwater discharges with BMPs. Due to the variability associated with stormwater, EPA and the MDEP believe the use of BMPs is currently the most appropriate method to regulate discharges of stormwater from municipal systems in accordance with the above referenced regulation.

### 1. Water Quality Based Effluent Limitations

If an MS4 discharges into waters that are meeting water quality standards, and there is no specific evidence to suggest that a permittee's MS4 discharges would cause or contribute to exceedances of water quality standards, then the permittee is subject to the permit's MEP- based minimum control measures to protect water quality. "Absent evidence to the contrary, EPA and MDEP presume that a small MS4 program that implements the six minimum measures... "does not require more stringent limitations to meet water quality standards." However, MEP-level controls alone may not suffice to eliminate stormwater-based exceedances of water quality standards. Consequently, EPA and the MDEP have determined that it is necessary and "appropriate" to include water quality based effluent limitations (WQBELs). The purpose of these parts is to establish the broad inclusion of water quality-based effluent limitations for those discharges requiring additional controls in order to achieve water quality standards. For example, discharges that would cause or contribute to an instream exceedance of water quality standards are not authorized. Similarly, discharges into any water for which a TMDL had been established were not authorized unless they were consistent with the TMDL [see Part IV(D)]. Since the issuance of the MS4-2013 permit, permittees have implemented SWMPs to comply with the conditions of that permit. This GP requires the permittees to implement an updated SWMP to comply with several additional and strengthened permit conditions, which should result in further water quality improvements.

### 2. Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges

Part IV(3)(h) of the GP lists sources of non-stormwater discharges contained in 40 CFR § 122.34(b)(3). These are sources of allowable non-stormwater into the MS4. However, if the permittee or the MDEP determines that these sources (either categorically or individually) are significant contributors of pollutants to the MS4, the permittee must control or prohibit these sources of non-stormwater as part of its illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) program. The GP does not require any action by the permittee regarding these discharges if the permittee determines that these sources are not significant contributors of pollutants to the MS4. The EPA and MDEP expect MS4s to examine the sources of non-stormwater discharges as categories and examine their potential to contribute pollutants to the MS4. For example, potable water may not contribute pollutants that affect the MS4 discharges because the source is associated with the water supply. However, foundation drains and crawl spaces may be within residential basements and the type of pollutants associated with the nonstormwater discharge may be unknown. The permittee must document its determinations on the categories of non-stormwater in its SWMP and must prohibit any sources identified as a significant contributor of pollutants.

### 3. Discharges to Waterbodies with an Approved TMDL

The EPA and MDEP regulations require that TMDLs be developed for water bodies listed pursuant to CWA §303(d) as not meeting applicable standards (see 40 CFR § 130.7 for the regulations associated with TMDLs). A TMDL specifies the maximum amount of a pollutant that a waterbody can receive and still meet water quality standards. The TMDL allocates pollutant loadings to the impaired waterbody from all point and non-point pollutant sources. Regulations at 40 CFR § 130.2 define the TMDL as "the sum of the individual waste load allocations (WLA) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for non-point sources." Mathematically, a TMDL is expressed as:

 $TMDL = \sum WLA + \sum LA + MOS$ 

The MOS (margin of safety) takes into account any lack of knowledge concerning the relationship between effluent limitations and water quality in determining an acceptable load of pollutants to a receiving water. In addition to the MOS, WLAs and LAs make up portions of a receiving water's loading capacity. The TMDL forms the basis for an implementation plan to meet the loading capacity of the waterbody. Implementation of the plan should result in the achievement of water quality standards. See Part IV(E) of this GP for compliance with TMDL requirements.

### 4. Requirements to Reduce Pollutants to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP)

MEP is the statutory standard that established the level of pollutant reduction required by permits for operators of MS4s. All MS4 permittees are subject to MEP requirements. There is not a precise regulatory definition of MEP. Rather, as EPA explained in the preamble to the Phase II regulations, "MS4s need the flexibility to optimize reductions in storm water pollutants on a location-by-location basis.... The pollutant reductions that represent MEP may be different for each small MS4, given the unique local hydrologic and geologic concerns that may exist and the differing possible pollutant control strategies." Accordingly, the GP requires each permittee to determine appropriate BMPs to satisfy each of the six minimum control measures through an evaluative process.

MEP is expected to continue to adapt based on changing conditions, improving BMP effectiveness, and increasing operator capabilities. Practices that were considered MEP under the MS4-2013 permit may no longer meet that standard and must be improved or expanded based on changed conditions. The MDEP developed the MEP provisions in this GP after reviewing annual reports and stormwater management plans to consider measures being employed by MS4s to implement the MS4-2013 permit. The MDEP also reviewed other MS4 general permits in New England to better understand what other MS4s are being required to do to control stormwater pollutants in order to determine what would be practicable enhancements to the MS4-2013 MEP requirements. The MEP provisions in this GP reflect the approach of building on the existing programs of the 2013 permit with additional requirements that the MDEP believes are practicable and satisfy the MEP statutory requirement.

# C. Stormwater Management Program (SWMP)

The SWMP is a written document required by the GP. The SWMP is the mechanism used to document the practices the permittee is implementing to meet the terms and conditions of the GP. The SWMP is expected to accurately reflect the permittee's activities. The document should be updated and/or modified during the permit term as the permittee's activities are modified or changed during the permit term or to incorporate additional BMPs to comply with permit conditions during the permit term.

The GP requires that the SWMP be a written document and signed in accordance with Part III(A)(2)(a). The SWMP must be available at the office or facility of the person identified on the NOI as the contact person for the SWMP. The SWMP must be immediately available to MDEP and EPA upon request. The permittee must also make the SWMP available to any member of the public who makes a request. The GP requires the permittee to post the SWMP online if a website is available for posting of documents under the control of the permittee, or make it available at a public location such as the library or town/city hall if the permittee does not have a website on which to make the SWMP available.

The MDEP and EPA believe that a written program provides a central, accessible source for all information relating to the SWMP. The SWMP required by this GP builds on the requirements of the MS4-2013 permit. While updating the SWMP required by this GP, the permittee must continue to implement the SWMP that was required by the MS4-2013 permit. Permittees covered by the MS4-2013 permit must update their SWMP and submit the updated SWMP as an attachment to the NOI.

The SWMP must document the actions the permittee has taken or will take to demonstrate compliance with the control measures and other conditions of the GP. The MDEP has determined that implementation of the conditions required by Part IV of this GP will meet the MEP standard of the CWA and will be protective of water quality.

# 1. Control Measures

Implementation of the SWMP involves the identification of BMPs to address the control measures and the identification of measurable goals for the BMP. The GP identifies the long-term objective of each control measure. The long-term objective of the control measure may not be completely met at the end of the term of the GP, but the permittee should be able to demonstrate progress towards the defined long-term objective. The permittee must implement the control measures described in the GP and document actions in the SWMP demonstrating progress towards achievement of the objective of the control measure. The permittee must identify interim goals as steps towards achievement of the long-term objective. The

Goals identified as part of the SWMP must be measurable. A "measurable goal" is a goal for which progress can be tracked or measured. A well-defined goal will have an outcome associated with it. Goals can be expressed as short term, mid-range or long term. The permittee must evaluate the success of a goal. The permittee can evaluate the success of the goals using a variety of indicators including programmatic, social, physical, hydrological, or environmental changes.

Measurable goals may be expressed either quantitatively or qualitatively. The method used to assess whether a goal has been met should be measurable, reliable, relevant, and an actual measure of the outcome. There are various methods to measure outcome. These include confirmation or documentation that a task has been completed; tracking an absolute number or value of something; surveying to determine the knowledge or awareness of a group; inspections to make actual observations of an event; and monitoring to obtain an actual measurement of a pollutant in-stream or in an outfall, and using surrogates for pollutant removal. In some instances, the GP identifies specific measurement methodologies. In others, the permittee may select a method of evaluation that satisfies the discussions above.

In accordance with 40 CFR § 122.35, the GP allows an MS4 to rely on another entity for implementation of all or part of a permit condition or control measure. The permittee may rely on the other entity if the other entity is actually implementing the control measure or permit condition. The other entity must agree to implement the measure or condition for the MS4. This agreement must be included as part of the SWMP. If the other party fails to implement the measure or permit condition, the permittee is ultimately legally responsible for its implementation.

The intent of this provision is not that the other entity is provided more flexibility than the permittee. The permit is intended to allow flexibility to the permittee in the methodology it uses to implement some of the GP provisions. Many permit requirements are an "end point" and typically do not dictate the process to that end point. Different activities can accomplish the same task. For example, the permit requires an education program, but does not provide the methodology for putting the program together. Another entity could develop an education program which has the same elements of the GP and the permittee could rely on that other entity to comply with the terms of the GP. The permittee is expected to achieve the "end point" and this provision allows it to rely on another entity to accomplish the required measure. The permittee remains responsible for complying with the permit even if it shares, delegates, or otherwise arranges for another entity to perform some of the actions under the permit.

#### 2. Implementation of the SWMP includes:

a. **MCM1** - **A Public Education/Outreach Program:** The GP requires that the permittees implement a public education program to distribute educational materials to the populations within the MS4 or conduct other outreach activities about the impacts of stormwater discharges on water bodies within the MS4 jurisdiction and steps the public can take to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff [See Part IV(C)(1) of the permit].

The permittee must at a minimum develop and implement an ongoing Education/Outreach Program addressing stormwater discharges and impacts on water bodies and steps that can be taken to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff. The program must be designed to address stormwater issues of significance. The ultimate objective of the program is to change behavior of the target audiences so that pollutants in stormwater are reduced.

The education program must be specific to the MS4 and builds upon what was conducted as required by the MS4-2013 permit. The GP describes requirements that slightly increase the expectations and requirements for a permittee's public education program and attempts to provide more guidance on targets for the program, building upon what was conducted and reported as completed by permittees in the previous permit term. The overall long-term goal of an effective education program is to change an identified behavior and increase the knowledge of the community. The MDEP and EPA recognize that the goal may take more than one permit term to achieve.

The MDEP expects an education program to have a defined and targeted message for each of the different audiences and to include methods to evaluate effectiveness of the educational messages. Based on review of annual reports from the MS4-2013 permit, the MDEP found that some of the education programs developed by MS4s did not reflect these expectations. In order to achieve the objective of this measure, the GP includes detailed expectations for educating the public.

As stated previously, the GP defines target audiences and requires the permittee to provide educational materials to each. The GP includes topics for consideration for all audiences. The permittee may use those topics listed or may focus on other topics specific to the small MS4. Any method the permittee uses to measure the effectiveness of the education should be linked to the established measurable goals. Some examples include surveys to gauge changes in behavior or awareness. Quantifiable data such as the number of brochures distributed, the number of hits on a website, or the number of public attendees at MS4 sponsored events can be tracked. The permittee may identify a specific behavior. The educational messages should reflect the needs and characteristics of the area served by the MS4. This may include distribution of materials in a language other than English, as appropriate. Permittees can form partnerships with other organizations to assist in the implementation of its education and outreach programs. These partnerships may include other MS4s in a watershed, environmental groups, watershed associations, or other civic organizations.

The GP contains requirements to evaluate the effectiveness of the education program. When designing the education program, the municipality should determine evaluation techniques up front. For example, if a municipality wants to track the number of hits on the municipal website, the website should be designed with a tracking mechanism. Evaluations can focus on the process, the impact, or the content. Indicators such as administrative, social or environmental can also factor into the evaluation of program effectiveness.

Ideally, an MS4's public education program should include goals and objectives that are based on specific stormwater issues in the municipality or pollutants of concern within a waterbody. Each MS4 may select its own unique set of goals or objectives, but the ultimate outcome of the program is to elicit specific changes in behavior that in turn benefits water quality. The measurement of the effectiveness of the educational messages should be linked to the measurable goals established by the MS4. For example, a measurable goal may be to decrease the amount of trash in a local park by a certain percentage. The municipality installs more trash barrels and signs, establishes a clean-up day then monitors the results for a defined period of time. If the amount of trash decreases based on the efforts of the municipality, then the municipality could conclude that both the message and delivery of the message where effective.

Watershed and other environmental organizations, regional stormwater coalitions, and other municipalities may collaborate with permittees and many have materials for use in conducting outreach.

#### b. MCM2 - Public Involvement and Participation

This control measure is closely related to the public education and outreach control measure. When the public is given an opportunity to understand and participate in a stormwater protection program, the public generally will become supportive of the program. This measure is to provide and engage the public with opportunities to participate in the review and implementation of the SWMP. [See Part IV(C)(2) of the permit].

The objective of this minimum control measure is to involve the public in both the planning and implementation process of improving water quality and reducing storm water quantity via the storm water program. A program planned with a stakeholder group is more likely to be successful in achieving its goals. The public can provide valuable input and assistance to a MS4's municipal storm water management program. Therefore, the public should be given opportunities to play an active role in both the development and implementation of the program. An active and involved community is crucial to the success of a municipal storm water management program because it allows for broader public support, additional expertise and a conduit to other programs. Community members are also more likely to apply these lessons/BMPs at home.

Permittees are encouraged to provide more interactive opportunities for public participation. Examples include volunteer water quality monitoring, community clean up days, hazardous waste collection days, and adopt a drain/adopt a stream programs.

The GP requires that the permittee annually provide an opportunity for the public to participate in the implementation of the SWMP. Participation efforts should attempt to engage all groups serviced by the MS4. This effort may include creative public information messages such as announcements in neighborhood newsletters, use of television spots on the local cable channel, or announcements or displays at civic meetings. One goal of public participation is to involve a diverse cross-section of people and businesses in the community to assist in development of a stormwater management program that meets the needs of the permittee and the community serviced by the MS4.

c. MCM-3 - Illicit Discharge Management: The GP requires that the permittees prohibit the discharge of non-precipitation flows ("illicit" or "non-stormwater" flows) to the MS4s. Permittees must conduct aggressive, thorough, and systematic illicit discharge investigations and removal of illicit connections. The GP requires permittees to develop a written Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) protocol that includes specific requirements and procedures for implementation of the IDDE program. Examples of these requirements are a detailed map, a written prioritization of areas with a potential of illicit discharges, dry weather outfall monitoring, wet weather assessment, record keeping, and thorough and complete storm drain network investigations that systematically and progressively evaluate manholes in the storm system to narrow the location of a suspected illicit connection or discharge to an isolated pipe segment (see Part IV(C)(3) of the permit).

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges and non-stormwater discharges, as defined in 06-096 CMR 521(9)(b)(2), except as provided for allowable non-stormwater discharges. The program must address illicit discharges in the following four components: 1) Procedures for prioritizing watersheds, 2) procedures for tracing the source of an illicit discharge, 3) procedures for removing the source of the discharges, and 4) procedures for program evaluation and assessment. The period between identification and elimination of an illicit discharge is not a grace period. Discharges from an MS4 that are mixed with an illicit discharge are not authorized by this GP and remain unlawful until eliminated.

The MS4-2013 permit required each MS4 to develop and implement an IDDE program. Since issuance of that permit, the MDEP and MS4s have gained an improved and more comprehensive understanding of the nature of illicit discharge connections; the extent of the problem; effective technologies and procedures to detect and verify illicit connections; and the best practices to reduce discharges of contaminated stormwater due to the presence of illicit connections. In light of the demonstrated results and practical experience gained from these efforts, the GP requires more specific BMPs than the MS4-2013 permit. Examples of these requirements are a detailed map, a written prioritization of areas with a potential of illicit discharges, dry weather screening and monitoring, wet weather outfall assessments, record keeping, and thorough and complete storm drain network investigations that systematically and progressively evaluate manholes in the storm system to narrow the location of a suspected illicit connection or discharge to an isolated pipe segment.

This control measure requires the MS4 to detect and eliminate illicit discharges from its municipal separate storm sewer system. The regulations at 40 CFR §122.26(b)(2) define an illicit discharge as "...any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer system that is not composed entirely of stormwater except discharges pursuant to a NPDES permit (other than the NPDES permit for discharges from the municipal separate storm sewer) and discharges resulting from firefighting activities." Some illicit discharge lines, while others may enter indirectly, such as through infiltration from cracked sanitary lines or spills collected by drain outlets. Both types of discharges can contribute pollutants to the system that in turn affect water quality. An illicit discharge is, with limited exceptions, any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer system that is not stormwater.

Consistent with 40 CFR § 122.34(b)(3)(iii), the GP contains a list of specific types of non-stormwater discharges that the permittee must address only if the permittee identifies such discharges as significant contributors of pollutants. MS4s should examine the potential sources as categories or individual discharges and examine the potential of those categories or individual discharges to contribute pollutants to the MS4.

For example, potable water may not contribute pollutants that affect the MS4 discharges because the source is associated with the water supply. However, foundation drains and crawl spaces may be associated with residential basements and the type of pollutants may be unknown. In this situation, the MS4 may want to establish a registration program and incorporate an educational message about proper storage of household chemicals, or the permittee may prohibit this source of non-stormwater due to the unknown nature of the pollutants. The permittee must document its determinations on the categories of non-stormwater in its SWMP and must prohibit any sources identified as significant contributors of pollutants.

For all other non-stormwater discharges, the GP describes required components of an illicit discharge detection and elimination program.

The EPA and MDEP believe that the inclusion of elements in the permit as requirements instead of guidance represents a necessary step to strengthen requirements of the IDDE program and creates an aggressive, thorough, and systematic approach that can be implemented across the state that will lead to improvements to water quality. The EPA and MDEP feel that the level of effort described in Part IB(C)(3) of the GP is necessary and appropriate to ensure discharges from the MS4 are limited to the stormwater discharges authorized by this NPDES permit.

1. Written Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program

The MS4 must have adequate legal authority to implement the following activities as part of the IDDE program: prohibit illicit discharges; investigate suspected illicit discharges; eliminate illicit discharges and enforce the IDDE program. The MS4-2013 permit required development of an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to address the required program components. The MS4 must reference the authority to implement this measure in the IDDE program. The IDDE program is part of the overall SWMP.

The GP builds on the requirements of the MS4-2013 permit by detailing additional required components of an illicit discharge detection and elimination program. One component is a written protocol that clearly identifies responsibilities with regard to eliminating illicit connections. A second component is to maintain up-to-date maps of the municipally owned or operated storm sewer system. The final component is a written systematic protocol for locating and removing illicit connections.

The permittee must have in place a written protocol that clearly identifies methodologies and responsibilities with regard to detecting and eliminating illicit discharges. The protocol must identify who is responsible to pay for removal of an illicit connection/discharge. The permittee may incur the initial costs and seek partial or complete reimbursement from the owner of the illicit connection

depending on the specifics of the situation and local and state law. The MDEP does not require a specific methodology, only that one exists and that the staff responsible for locating and removing illicit connections is familiar with it. The protocol must also define appropriate methods for removal of the illicit discharge or connection. The protocol must identify appropriate procedures or methodologies for confirmation of removal of illicit discharges or connections.

A storm drain network investigation involves systematically and progressively opening and inspecting key junction manholes in the system to narrow the location of an illicit discharge to an isolated pipe segment between two manholes. The permittee shall inspect key junction manholes for visual evidence of illicit connections or discharges (e.g. excrement, toilet paper, or sanitary products). When flow is observed in the manhole, the permittee may sample for ammonia and surfactants using field test kits if desired. Ammonia is a useful indicator of sewage. The concentration of ammonia is higher in sewage than in ground water or tap water. Surfactants are the active ingredient in most commercial detergents. Surfactants are typically measured as Methyl Blue Active Substances (MBAS). These are a synthetic replacement for soap. The presence of surfactants is an indicator of sewage and wash waters. There are other indicator parameters the permittee could use such as fluoride; municipalities typically add fluoride to drinking water supplies, and its presence is an indicator of tap water. Potassium is another indicator that has relatively high concentrations in sewage and the permittee may choose to sample for potassium but it is not required. When the concentration of potassium is evaluated in combination with the concentration of ammonia, the ratio of the two can help distinguish wash waters from sanitary wastes. In addition to the use of indicators to help identify the source of an illicit connection or discharge, the permittee may use dye testing, video testing, smoke testing or other appropriate methods to locate illicit connections or discharges.

The GP requires the permittee to either remove or eliminate the illicit discharge or take appropriate enforcement action within sixty (60) days of detection. Where elimination of an illicit discharge within 60 calendar days of its identification and verification as an illicit discharge is not possible, the permittee must establish an expeditious schedule for its elimination and report the dates of identification and schedules for removal in the permittee's annual reports. The permittee must also track the progress of the IDDE program implementation. Appropriate tracking indicators are those that demonstrate elimination of a pollutant source and/or water quality improvements. For example, if a permittee has a beach that has closures due to bacteria, an appropriate indicator for tracking progress would be a decrease in the frequency of beach closures or water quality monitoring that indicates that the water is meeting standards.

Other examples include the number of reported illicit discharges, the number of illicit connections located, and the number of illicit connections repaired or removed and volume of illicit discharge removed.

In addition to detecting and removing illicit discharges, the permittee must also develop and implement mechanisms and procedures for preventing illicit discharges. This includes training to inform public employees, businesses, and the general public of the hazards associated with illegal discharges. The requirement to prevent illicit discharges can be incorporated into the public education and public participation control measures. Examples of mechanisms to prevent illicit discharges include identification of opportunities for pollution prevention or source control; distribution of information concerning car washing or swimming pool draining; routine maintenance activities; and inspections of facilities particularly municipal drains undergoing work by private parties.

2. Dry weather monitoring

This GP advances the dry weather outfall inspection program in the MS4-2013 permit by requiring permittees to conduct dry weather sampling for parameters depending on evidence observed during the inspections. Where dry weather flow exhibits evidence of an illicit discharge based on the dry weather inspection, the permittee must investigate the source of the illicit discharge using one or more of the following techniques until either a source is identified, or it has been determined that the evidence of the illicit discharge is due to naturally occurring source(s).

Sampling and analysis for one or more parameters consistent with the source that is suspected based on the evidence observed including but not limited to:

- *E.coli*, enterococci, total fecal coliform or human bacteroides, ammonia, optical enhancers, or surfactants.
- Total residual chlorine or free chlorine.
- Optical enhancers or surfactants

All analyses can be performed with field test kits or field instrumentation and are not subject to 40 CFR Part 136 requirements given the sampling is for investigative purposes and not to determine compliance with this permit. Sampling for ammonia and surfactants must use sufficient sensitive methods to detect said parameters at or below the minimum reporting concentrations as follows: ammonia (0.5 mg/L), surfactants (0.25 mg/L), total residual chlorine (0.05 mg/L), *E. coli* bacteria (4 cfu/100 ml), enterococcus (10 cfu/100 ml).

3. Wet weather assessment

The GP advances the IDDE program required by the 2013 MS4 permit by requiring the permittee to conduct a wet weather assessment of their collection system. The outcome of the assessment will be a list of outfalls identified for wet weather monitoring and testing if applicable by the permittee in the next permit cycle during wet weather conditions and the rationale for including these outfalls.

On or before the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must identify these wet weather outfalls it its written IDDE plan and identify the wet weather outfalls targeted for wet weather monitoring based on the EPA New England bacterial source tracking protocol or other acceptable protocols or methodologies and specify the timing and frequency of wet weather monitoring to be completed during the term of the next permit cycle.

d. **MCM4 - Construction Site Runoff Control**: The draft permit requires the permittees to implement a construction site runoff control program, which includes enacting and enforcing requirements for control of pollutants from construction sites, preconstruction plan review and approval, site inspections, and education for construction site operators. [See Part IV(C)(4) of the permit].

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to minimize or eliminate pollutants in any stormwater runoff to the regulated small MS4 from construction activities that result in a land disturbance of greater than or equal to one acre. Reduction of stormwater discharges from construction activity disturbing less than one acre must be included in the program if that construction activity is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that would disturb one acre or more.

MS4s are required to continue to review and enforce a program to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff from construction activities that result in a land disturbance equal to or greater than one acre that discharge to the MS4. The overall objective of an effective construction runoff management program is to have a program that minimizes or eliminates erosion and maintains sediment on site.

The construction program required by the GP is different from the MDEP's program that is implemented through the Construction General Permit (CGP), although there is some overlap. The MS4 construction program must address the discharges from construction projects within its jurisdiction that discharge directly to the MS4. A project may need a CGP from the MDEP as well as be regulated under the permittee's construction program.

The permittee must have an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism requiring proper sediment and erosion control. In addition to addressing sediment and erosion control, the ordinance must include controls for other wastes on constructions sites such as demolition debris, litter and sanitary wastes. The MDEP encourages permittees to include design standards in local regulations for sediment and erosion control BMPs. The GP cites two guidance documents entitled, *Erosion and Sediment Control*, *Housekeeping and Inspections and Maintenance* (Appendix C of the permit) and *Maine Erosion and Sediment Control Practices Field Guide For Contractors* (found on the MDEP website) to assist contractors and municipalities in developing BMPs for the ordinance or other regulatory mechanisms that could be included as part of the local program.

This GP requires the program to include written procedures for pre-construction review and approval of site plans. Permittees should make every effort to ensure that qualified personnel review plans. In addition, the program must include a procedure for receiving information from the public and taking such information into consideration during the site plan review. The plan review procedures must include consideration of water quality impacts. The MDEP believes the site plan review requirement is a necessary

step to control the discharge from construction sites that enters the permittee's MS4 and ensures the construction site operators have taken the necessary steps to control stormwater generated on site before the stormwater is discharged to the MS4 system.

The GP requirements build upon the 2013 MS4 permit requirements by requiring the program to have procedures for site inspections and enforcement. Qualified personnel should perform inspections. Qualified personnel are those who possess the knowledge and the skills to assess conditions and activities that could impact stormwater quality and who can also evaluate the effectiveness of stormwater control measures. Inspections should occur during construction as well as after construction to ensure that BMPs are installed and operating as described in approved plans. The permittee shall have clearly defined procedures regarding who is responsible for inspections at construction sites and what aspects of the construction site are to be inspected. The permittee must have authority to impose sanctions if construction projects are found not to be in compliance with local ordinance. Sanctions can include monetary penalties, stop work orders, or other remedies authorized by law.

MS4s should review existing procedures in the community that apply to these activities (plan reviews and inspections). Often construction plans are seen by the planning board that may not have the technical expertise or engineering staff to evaluate them. A MS4 should look at the various components of the local government, and whenever possible, optimize coordination between municipal offices as appropriate to ensure adequate review of plans and other documents associated with a construction project. These measures are enhanced from the 2013 MS4 permit to provide a more thorough construction site stormwater management program. MS4 systems are responsible for the discharges they accept into their system and therefore, a thorough understanding and control of development projects that discharge to the permittee's MS4 is necessary to protect water quality.

#### e. MCM5 - Storm Water Management for New Development and Redevelopment:

This GP requires that permittees to promote strategies for stormwater runoff from areas of new development and redevelopment disturbing one (1) or more acres. One objective of this measure is to have the hydrology associated with new development closely mirror the pre-development hydrology and to improve the hydrology of redevelopment sites through required onsite retention/infiltration or treatment of stormwater. Another objective of this measure is to reduce the concentration and pollutant loadings found in stormwater prior to discharge of stormwater from new and re- development projects within the regulated area. Permittees must also conduct preconstruction plan review and approval for all new development and redevelopment projects; ensure proper operation and maintenance of permanent stormwater management controls; conduct site inspections; and enforce local requirements within their jurisdictional powers [See Part IV(C)(5) of the permit].

Post construction stormwater runoff may cause two types of impacts. One is an increase in the type and the quantity of pollutants. The alteration of the land by development can increase the discharge of pollutants such as oil and grease (hydrocarbons), heavy metals, solids and nutrients. Another impact occurs with an increase in the quantity of stormwater that is delivered to water bodies during storm events. Increases in impervious area decrease the amount of precipitation that naturally infiltrates into the ground, which provides for natural filtration of many pollutants found in stormwater. The lack of natural infiltration increases the volume of stormwater runoff into water bodies which causes increased flows and increase in sediment loadings in the stream that can cause stream bank scouring, impacts to aquatic habitat, and flooding. The increased pollutant loading associated with increased impervious area will further degrade the receiving waterbodies if new and redevelopment is allowed to continue unmitigated. Planning and design for the minimization of pollutants in post construction stormwater discharges is the most cost-effective approach to stormwater quality management.

The GP contains Appendix C, *Erosion and Sediment Control, Housekeeping and Inspections and Maintenance,* as well as guidance entitled *Maine Erosion and Sediment Control Practices Field Guide For Contractors,* found on the MDEP website to assist contractors and municipalities in developing BMPs for the ordinance or other regulatory mechanism.

#### f. MCM6 - Good Housekeeping/Operations and Maintenance Program for Municipal Operations:

The objective of this program is to mitigate or eliminate pollutant runoff from municipal operations on property that is owned or managed by the permittee and located within the UA. Permittees must properly operate and maintain their stormwater infrastructure to reduce discharges of pollutants. All permittees must ensure that catch basins do not become more than 50% full and sweep their streets a minimum of one time per year. Permittees must maintain Operation and Maintenance (O&M) programs for all properties exposed to stormwater runoff and enact programs to reduce stormwater pollutants through appropriate application of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers in all permittee areas, as well as enacting pollution prevention actions at material storage facilities, maintenance yards, and salt storage sites. Additional measures are required at waste handling facilities to reduce pollutants associated with those facilities. (See Part IV(C)(6) of the permit).

The GP includes more detailed requirements than the MS4-2013 permit for the implementation of this control measure. The permittee must develop an inventory of municipal buildings and facilities and update it annually. Permittees are required to develop an operations and maintenance plan for the following permittee-owned activities or facilities: parks and open spaces; buildings and facilities; vehicles and equipment maintenance; and infrastructure (roadways and storm sewer systems). While the 2013

GP did not require a written operation and maintenance plan for permittee-owned activities or facilities, it did require the development of a program to prevent/reduce pollutant runoff for the same activities or facilities identified above. Creating a written plan is intended to provide more clarity and responsibility for staff when dealing with stormwater runoff from permittee owned property. This GP is also more prescriptive of what certain operation and maintenance plans must contain based on the type of operation at the facility in order to be more protective of water quality than the MS4-2013 permit provisions.

The permittee must consider all buildings it owns for the evaluation of buildings and facilities. The permittee shall evaluate the use and storage of petroleum products, management of dumpsters, and other wastes at police and fire stations, schools, and other permittee owned buildings. In areas where permittee-owned vehicles are stored, the permittee must establish procedures to ensure that vehicles that are leaking or require maintenance are stored indoors to the extent practicable. Municipal fueling areas must be covered unless impracticable. Wash waters from permittee-owned vehicles must not be discharged to the MS4 or directly to a water of the state.

The GP requires the permittee to either establish or continue the implementation of a program to repair and rehabilitate its infrastructure in a timely manner. The GP requires the MS4 to maintain its streets, roads and rights of way in such manner as to minimize the discharge of pollutants from the MS4. Permittee's must develop and implement a program to inspect all catch basins and, if necessary, at least once every other year, clean catch basins and other stormwater structures that accumulate sediment and dispose of the removed sediments in accordance with current state law. The permittee must clean catch basins more frequently if inspections indicate excessive accumulation of sediment. Excessive accumulation is greater than or equal to 50 percent of the sump filled.

The GP requires street sweeping to occur at least once per year. More frequent sweeping, especially using a high efficiency vacuum sweeper, can have positive impacts on receiving water quality and many permittees may choose increased sweeping frequencies in heavy use areas.

In addition to the operation and maintenance plans required for permittee-owned operations, the permittee must develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for municipal maintenance garages, public works facilities, transfer stations, or other waste management facilities. Waste management facilities are those facilities that accept or store material accepted from public or private entities, including recycling facilities, compost areas, organic debris collection, hazardous waste collection areas, etc. These facilities are targeted in this GP because they can be large generators of stormwater pollution and may not be covered under another MEPDES permit. However, if a facility is already covered by Maine's Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP), the SWPPP required by the MSGP will satisfy this requirement. The SWPPP required by the MSGP shall be referenced in the MS4's SWMP.

The permittee must develop a SWPPP that consists of the following elements;

- 1. The SWPPP must identify the individuals (by name or title) who comprise the facility's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Team is responsible for assisting the facility manager in developing, implementing, maintaining and revising the facility's SWPPP. Responsibilities of each team member must be listed.
- 2. Nature of activities. The SWPPP must provide a description of the nature of the activities at the facility.
- 3. Maps. The SWPPP must contain a general location map with sufficient detail to identify the location of the facility and all receiving waters for all stormwater discharges. A site map depicting the following features must also be included with the SWPPP.
  - i. Boundaries of the property and the size of the property in acres;
  - ii. Location and extent of significant structures and impervious surfaces;
  - iii. Directions of stormwater flow (use arrows);
  - iv. Locations of all stormwater BMPs;
  - v. Locations of all receiving waters, including wetlands, in the immediate vicinity of the facility;
  - vi. Locations of all stormwater conveyances including catch basins, ditches, pipes, and swales;
  - vii. Locations of potential pollutant sources;
  - viii. The location of all above ground wastewater or process water containment tanks;
  - ix. For the purposes of the site map, identify areas of frequent spills (greater than three occurrences per year) and large spills (greater than 10 gallons) that have occurred in the last three years. All locations of fuel frequent/large spills must be documented within the SWPPP or applicable Spill Prevention Control & Counter Measure (SPCC) Plan;

- x. Locations of all stormwater monitoring points;
- xi. Locations of stormwater inlets, outlets, and outfalls, with a unique identification code for each outfall (*e.g.*, Outfall 001, 002) and an approximate outline of the areas draining to each outfall;
- xii. Locations of the following activities where such activities are exposed to precipitation:
  - fueling stations;
  - vehicle and equipment maintenance and/or cleaning areas;
  - loading/unloading areas;
  - locations used for the treatment, storage, or disposal of wastes;
  - liquid storage tanks;
  - processing and storage areas;
  - immediate access roads and rail lines used or traveled by carriers of raw materials, manufactured products, waste material, or by-products used or created by the facility;
  - transfer areas for substances in bulk;
  - machinery; and
  - locations and sources of run-on to the site from adjacent property that contains significant quantities of pollutants.

The permittee must have a signed copy of the SWMP available-at the municipal office and on the official municipal web site if there is a municipal website and must make a copy of the SWMP available to the general public and regulatory authorities. The permittee must keep the SWMP current. The permittee must allow the public the opportunity to comment on changes made to the SWMP at a minimum of once per year (1/Year). If there are no changes to the SWMP no opportunity for public comment is necessary. Posting the SWMP on the municipal website or at the municipal office for comment at any time is acceptable to meet the once per year (1/Year) requirement. The municipality does not need to publish a notice in a local newspaper to fulfill this requirement.

#### D. Impaired Waters & Total Maximum Daily Loads

The EPA has approved a number of Impervious Cover (IC) TMDLs in Maine in which waste load allocations (WLAs) have been developed. If the waterbody to which a point source discharge drains is impaired and has an EPA approved TMDL, then the point source discharge must be consistent with the TMDL WLA and any implementation plan. This GP does not authorize a direct discharge that is inconsistent with the WLA of an approved TMDL.

This GP is utilizing the adaptive management approach to address waterbody impairments. Appendix B of the GP contains a list of Urban Impaired Streams (UISs). This GP requires the permittee to fully implement at least three structural or non-structural BMPs to address the impairment. These proposed BMPs and other BMPs will be established in the final permittee specific MDEP Order.

For point source discharges to impaired waterbodies without an approved TMDL, the permittee must consult with the Department's Division of Environmental Assessment to identify the root cause(s) of the impairment and develop a strategy reduce the discharge of pollutants of concern if the permittee is causing or contributing to the impairment.

#### E. Record Keeping and Annual Reporting

1. Record Keeping

The permittee must keep all records required by this permit for a period of five years from the date the record is generated. The SWMP must be available to members of the public who request a copy.

2. Annual Compliance Reporting

The permittee must submit an annual report by September 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year. The reporting period will be a one-year period commencing on the permit effective date, and subsequent anniversaries thereof. The report must include a self-assessment regarding compliance with the terms of the GP, the appropriateness of selected BMPs, and the progress towards achieving the permittee identified measurable goals. The report must also contain a summary of any information that has been collected and analyzed. This includes all data. The permittee must also indicate what activities are planned for the next reporting cycle and discuss any changes to either BMPs or measurable goals. The report must indicate if any control measure or measurable goal is the responsibility of another entity. [See Part IV(G) of the GP]

#### PART III - DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

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

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#### PART IV - RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the period December 9, 2019 – January 9, 2020, the MDEP made the draft MS4 permit available for a formal 30-day public comment period, consistent with the MEPDES rules. The MDEP received comments from the following entities:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Maine Municipal Association (MMA) Conservation Law Foundation (CLF) Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG) Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group (SMSWG) Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA) CES Inc. (CES) Friends of Casco Bay Baykeeper (FOCB) Casco Bay Estuary Partnership (CEBP) City of Lewiston (Lewiston)

The MDEP provides the following responses to substantive comments received.

<u>Comment #1 (USEPA)</u>: Language throughout the draft permit must be revised to comply with 40 C.F.R §122.28(d)(2) and should include an explanation of the process MDEP will take to complete the two-step process.

<u>**Response #1**</u>: Special Condition Part II (A) of the final permit has been rewritten to include an explanation of the process MDEP will take to complete the two-step process.

*Comment #2 (USEPA):* Deadlines are missing for many of the plans (*e.g.* O&M plans, SWPPPs) and MDEP should add deadlines for completion for any plans or programs required by the GP.

<u>**Response #2:</u>** The final permit has been modified to require completion of the SWMP by the date of submission of the NOI for permit coverage and the O&M plan and SWPPP are to be completed/updated prior to the effective date of the permit.</u>

<u>Comment #3 (USEPA)</u>: The two-step process explained on page 6 of the Fact Sheet is not consistent with the two-step process approach which requires MDEP to post additional individualized permit requirements for each applicant consistent with 40 C.F.R. 122.28(d)(2).

**<u>Response #3:</u>** Page 6 of the Fact Sheet has be revised to clarify that in addition to the NOI being subject to a 30-day public comment period, the MDEP will be required to issue a draft permittee specific MDEP Order for a 30-day public comment period that establishes a list of required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance for a limited number of BMPs associated with the implementation of the GP. Following the 30-day comment period, the MDEP will issue a final permittee specific MDEP Order. A MS4 is not authorized to discharge until a final permittee specific MDEP Order is issued granting authorization to discharge.

<u>Comment #4 (USEPA)</u>: Part IV(C)(3) MCM3– Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program – The permit should require that every outfall exhibiting dry weather flow be sampled in order to fulfill the requirement of CWA 402(p)(3)(B)(ii).

*Response #4*: Part IV(C)(3)(iv) of the final permit has been revised accordingly.

<u>Comment #5 (USEPA)</u> – Part IV(C)(5) MCM5 – Post Construction Stormwater Management in Development and Redevelopment – This part must be revised as it does not contain clear, specific and measurable requirements of 40 C.F.R. §122.28 and 40 C.F.R. §122.34 or alternatively, the two-step process could be used to require the permittee to submit how they plan to regulate new development and redevelopment in the urbanized area and create clear, specific and measurable requirements in the two-step process.

<u>**Response #5**</u> – The MDEP will review the SWMP upon submission and will utilize the permittee specific MDEP Order to establish clear, specific and measurable goals to regulate new development and redevelopment in the urbanized area.

<u>Comment #6 (ISWG, SMSWG, MMA)</u> – All three parties object to following paragraph on the bottom of page 27 of the December 6, 2019 draft Fact Sheet:

For point source discharges to impaired waterbodies without an approved TMDL, the permittee must consult with the Department's Division of Environmental Assessment to identify the root cause(s) of the impairment and develop a strategy reduce the discharge of pollutants of concern if the permittee is causing or contributing to the impairment.

MMA s objects to the statement stating "By directing the MS4s to consult with the Department, these municipalities are now obligated to participate in identification of the root causes." "Permittee's are not responsible to address-let alone identify-root impairments on waters that do not carry an approved EPA TMDL." "Municipal officials are not environmental specialists and do not have a staff of scientists available to conduct these activities, nor should they be required to invest in such staffing simple because they require a stormwater permit. Additionally, determining TMDL is the role of the Department as directed by federal regulation and should be addressed from a whole systems view and not a municipal boundary view."

<u>**Response #6**</u> – 06-096 CMR Chapter 2, *Rules Concerning The Processing of Applications And Other Administrative Matters* (June 9, 2018) Section 11(F) *Burden of Proof and Governing Laws* states that "An applicant for a license has the burden of proof to affirmatively demonstrate to the Department that each of the licensing criteria in statute or rule has been met."

Maine law, 38 M.R.S. §414-A(1), *Conditions of Licenses*, states "The Department shall issue a license for the discharge of pollutants only if it finds that,"

A. The discharge either by itself or in combination with other discharges will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.

The Department disagrees with MMAs position that it is not the permittee's responsibility to address let alone identify-root impairments on waters that do not carry an approved EPA TMDL. This statement in the Fact Sheet does not require permittees to develop TMDLs for any impaired waterbodies. The Department agrees with the commenters statements that preparing TMDLs for approval by EPA is the Department's responsibility. However, permittees are responsible for affirmatively demonstrating their discharge is not causing or contributing to the impairment. By consulting with the Department on the severity of the impairment and the potential root cause(s), the Department and the permittees can work collaboratively to address the impairment and assist the permittee in demonstrating whether it is causing or contributing to the impairment.

It was agreed during the stakeholder process that working to address the impairments in the Urban Impaired Streams listed in Appendix B of the permit would be the priority for this five-year permit but that impaired waterbodies not in Appendix B still need to be addressed. Consultation with the Department would be the first step in addressing the impairments.

<u>**Comment #7 (ISWG, SMSWG)**</u> – The commenters have asked for clarification if the secondary containment requirements in Part IV(3)(e)(iv) are applicable to storage tanks for deicing fluids such magnesium chloride since these tanks do not have federal or state requirements for secondary containment.

<u>**Response**</u> #7 – The Department agrees there are no federal or state requirements for these types of storage tanks. Therefore, the first sentence of the above referenced section of the final permit has been revised to read as follows:

Any stationary above ground tank, container, or container storage area used for the storage of wastewater or process water (does not include deicing materials for winter road maintenance) that has the potential to discharge to surface waters or a stormwater conveyance during a malfunction must be held in a secondary containment device capable of containing 100% of the contents of the tank, plus precipitation.

<u>**Comment #8 (CES)**</u> – The commenter requests that the language in MCM Part IV(B)(3)(f) of the permit stating that permittees must update their written IDDE plan during the term of this permit to identify protocols, timing and frequency of wet weather monitoring to be completed during the next permit cycle be removed from the permit. The remainder of the permit requirements are related to activities completed within the terms of this permit and we feel it is inappropriate for permittees to identify how they will comply with future permits as a perquisite for compliance with this permit.

**Response #8** – During the stakeholder process, FOCB advocated for MS4 permittees to be required to conduct wet weather monitoring in this permit. The USEPA supported FOCB's position. The MS4 permittees acknowledge that federal regulations require each renewal of the MS4 permit advance the requirements of the previous permit. Permittees argued that conducting wet weather monitoring on top of the other new requirements in this permit renewal would not be doable from a planning or financial standpoint but they would be willing to begin the process of developing a wet weather monitoring program. Stakeholders agreed that advancing wet weather requirements could be started during the term of this permit by requiring the permittees to conduct a wet weather assessment for the potential for illicit discharges during wet weather events. The permit requires that if the wet weather assessment is completed during the term of the permit, wet weather monitoring shall be carried out accordingly and not wait until the issuance of the permit renewal in calendar year 2027. This compromise was acceptable to both the FOCB and the USEPA. Therefore, the final permit remains as drafted.

<u>Comment #9 (MMA):</u> The commenters objected to the following statement in paragraph #2 on page 18 of the Fact Sheet under the heading of Written Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program. "A second component is an assessment and ranking of the catchments within the MS4 for their potential to have illicit discharges." The commenter states this sentence on prioritizing catchments is inconsistent with the requires in paragraph #1 on page 25 of the GP under the heading of MCM3 - Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program, that states in part. "The program must address illicit discharges in the following four components: 1) Procedures for prioritizing waters, ……"

<u>**Response #9**</u> – The Department agrees with the commenter and the sentence on page 18 of the final Fact Sheet referencing catchments has been deleted.

<u>Comment #10 (MMA)</u> – The commenter objected to the following statement in paragraph #3 on page 20 of the Fact Sheet under Written Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program. *"In addition to detecting and removing illicit discharges, the permittee must also develop and implement mechanisms and procedures for preventing illicit discharges. This includes training to inform public employees, businesses, and the general public of the hazards associated with illegal discharges."* The commenter states that training of this nature is beyond the maximum extent practicable, not a permit requirement, and clearly the responsibility of the permit authority (MDEP) not the permittee. The Department needs to invest more of its own resources in robust and uniform statewide training for contractors, employees and the general public as these illicit discharges can occur unchecked in communities without a permit requirement. This is a statewide water quality need, not just a regulated community concern.

<u>**Response #10**</u> – The Department agrees with commenter that this training is not a permit requirement in MCM3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program, beginning on page 25 of the permit. However, the rest of the paragraph #3 on page 20 of the Fact Sheet reads as follows;

"The requirement to prevent illicit discharges can be incorporated into the public education and public participation control measures. Examples of mechanisms to prevent illicit discharges include identification of opportunities for pollution prevention or source control; distribution of information concerning car washing or swimming pool draining; routine maintenance activities; and inspections of facilities particularly municipal drains undergoing work by private parties."

The language of the Fact Sheet was simply pointing out that there are opportunities for the permittee to get the message out to members of their community and employees of the MS4 via public informational flyers, formal training, etc.

<u>Comment #11 (Lewiston)</u> – The commenter is concerned the last paragraph on Part IV(B)(3)(f) under the heading MCM3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program, on page 29 of the permit, appears to indicate that the EPA New England bacterial tracking source is the primary means of detecting illicit discharges. The commenter states there are other methods and protocols such as sandbagging, smoke testing, dye testing, CCTV/video inspections, optical brightener monitoring and IDDE canines are also tools that can be utilized as well to detect illicit discharges. The GP should not tie the permittees to a limited methodology in this complex and important task of identifying and eliminating illicit discharges.

<u>**Response** #11</u> – The Department agrees with the commenter. The paragraph in the draft permit cited by the commenter states in part,

"On or before the expiration date of this GP, the permittee must identify these wet weather outfalls in its written IDDE plan and identify the wet weather outfalls targeted for wet weather monitoring based on the EPA New England bacterial source tracking protocol or other acceptable protocol and specify the timing and frequency of wet weather monitoring to be completed during the term of the next permit cycle."

To address the commenter's concern the final permit has been revised to include the word methodologies as well and reads as follows:

On or before the expiration date of this GP, the permittee must identify these wet weather outfalls in its written IDDE plan and identify the wet weather outfalls targeted for wet weather monitoring based on the EPA New England bacterial source tracking protocol or other acceptable protocols or methodologies and specify the timing and frequency of wet weather monitoring to be completed during the term of the next permit cycle.

<u>Comment #12 (MTA)</u> – The commenter questions if all stormwater direct discharges to wetlands that are not surface waters (*i.e.* streams, rivers, brooks, ponds, lakes or other waters) are considered "outfalls" under this GP? In addition, the commenter questions if outlets from post-construction stormwater BMPs such as detention/retention BMPs, vegetative BMPs, infiltration BMPs, and underdrained soil filters that have provided treatment to stormwater runoff are still considered 'outfalls' or 'direct discharges' that are regulated under the MS4 GP?

<u>**Response #12**</u> – Any direct discharge to a surface water, including wetlands, is considered an outfall under this GP even if it is treated through a BMP before discharge. Discharges that are directed to infiltration galleries or other subsurface BMPs and do not discharge to surface waters are not considered outfalls under this GP.

<u>Comment #13 (FOCB)</u> – The FOCB states chlorides are a major source of pollutants to urban streams. MCM 6 should require that regulated communities establish and implement procedures for winter road maintenance that minimize the use of sodium chloride and other salts, evaluate opportunities for use of alternative materials, and ensure that snow disposal activities do not result in disposal of snow into waters of the United States.

<u>**Response** #13</u> – The Department concurs that chlorides are a major source of pollution as evidenced in the Long Creek watershed in Southern Maine. MCM6, Part IV(6)(d)(2)(b)(5) on page 37 of the final permit has been revised as follows:

v. Site and operate snow storage and disposal areas to prevent the discharge of snow directly into surface waters and minimize discharges of pollutants from snow maintenance activities. Permittees shall minimize the use of sodium chloride or other salts when possible and evaluate opportunities for use of alternative products.

<u>Comment #14 (FOCB)</u> – The FOCB suggests the Part I(D), Obtaining Coverage to Discharge, on page 5 of the December 6, 2019 Fact Sheet should more clearly state in the first paragraph that authorization to discharge is a two-step process under this permit cycle, and that the general permit in conjunction in the individual permit modification authorizes the discharge of stormwater from a regulated MS4.

<u>**Response** #14</u> – The Department agrees the paragraph should clarify that authorization to discharge will only be granted after both the GP and permittee specific MDEP Order are both issued as final agency actions. Therefore, paragraph #2 in Part I(B), *Permit Coverage*, of the final permit and paragraph #2 in Part I(D)(1), *Effective Date of this General Permit*, on page 6 of the Fact Sheet have both been modified to include the following sentence.

An applicant is authorized to discharge when the GP becomes effective and the applicable permittee specific DEP Order establishing a list of required actions and a corresponding schedule of compliance for the action items is issued as a final agency action.

<u>Comment #15 (ISWG, SMSWG)</u> – The commenter wanted clarification regarding language in Part IV(B)(2), *Keeping Plans Current*, on page 21 of the permit. The commenter requested language be incorporated into the Fact Sheet indicating that placing the SWMP on the permittee's website giving the public the opportunity to comment on the SWMP at any time satisfies the requirement to allow the public to comment on the SWMP at least 1/Year and that annually publishing a public notice in the newspaper is not required given the plan is available on the permittee's website.

**<u>Response</u> #15:** The Department agrees a clarification is necessary. The following paragraph has been added to page 27 of the Fact Sheet:

The permittee must have a signed copy of the SWMP available-at the municipal office and on the official municipal web site if there is a municipal website and must make a copy of the SWMP available to the general public and regulatory authorities. The permittee must keep the SWMP current. The permittee must allow the public the opportunity to comment on changes made to the SWMP at a minimum of once per year (1/Year). If there are no changes to the SWMP no opportunity for public comment is necessary. Posting the SWMP on the municipal website or at the municipal office for comment at any time is acceptable to meet the once per year (1/Year) requirement. The municipality does not need to publish a notice in a local newspaper to fulfill this requirement.



JANET L. MILLS GOVERNOR STATE OF MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



November 23, 2021

#### RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit MER041000 Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) W009170-5Y-E-M Municipal Separate Storm Water Sewer System – General Permit **Final General Permit Modification**

Dear Stakeholders:

Enclosed is the final MEPDES General Permit/WDL **modification**. The final permit modification is being issued by the Department to satisfy the appeal of the MS4 permit issued on October 15, 2020.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled "*Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision*."

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693. The Department's MS4 Stormwater Coordinator in the Bureau of Water Quality and the regional compliance inspectors have been copied on this final permit modification and can be utilized as a resource that can assist you with compliance. Please do not hesitate to contact them with any questions.

Thank you for your efforts to protect and improve the waters of the great state of Maine!

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Sincerely,

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Gregg Wood Division of Water Quality Management Bureau of Water Quality

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## **DEP INFORMATION SHEET** Appealing a Department Licensing Decision

#### Dated: November 2018

Contact: (207) 287-2452

#### **SUMMARY**

There are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner: (1) an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. An aggrieved person seeking review of a licensing decision over which the Board had original jurisdiction may seek judicial review in Maine's Superior Court.

A judicial appeal of final action by the Commissioner or the Board regarding an application for an expedited wind energy development (35-A M.R.S. § 3451(4)) or a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project (38 M.R.S. § 480-HH(1)) or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project (38 M.R.S. § 636-A) must be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court.

This information sheet, in conjunction with a review of the statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, can help a person to understand his or her rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal.

#### I. <u>Administrative Appeals to the Board</u>

#### LEGAL REFERENCES

The laws concerning the DEP's *Organization and Powers*, 38 M.R.S. §§ 341-D(4) & 346; the *Maine Administrative Procedure Act*, 5 M.R.S. § 11001; and the DEP's *Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters* ("Chapter 2"), 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2.

#### DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

The Board must receive a written appeal within 30 days of the date on which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board. Appeals filed more than 30 calendar days after the date on which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board will be dismissed unless notice of the Commissioner's license decision was required to be given to the person filing an appeal (appellant) and the notice was not given as required.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

Signed original appeal documents must be sent to: Chair, Board of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017. An appeal may be submitted by fax or e-mail if it contains a scanned original signature. It is recommended that a faxed or e-mailed appeal be followed by the submittal of mailed original paper documents. The complete appeal, including any attachments, must be received at DEP's offices in Augusta on or before 5:00 PM on the due date; materials received after 5:00 pm are not considered received until the following day. The risk of material not being received in a timely manner is on the sender, regardless of the method used. The appellant must also send a copy of the appeal documents to the Commissioner of the DEP; the applicant (if the appellant is not the applicant in the license proceeding at issue); and if a hearing was held on the application, any intervenor in that hearing process. All of the information listed in the next section of this information sheet must be submitted at the time the appeal is filed.

#### INFORMATION APPEAL PAPERWORK MUST CONTAIN

Appeal materials must contain the following information at the time the appeal is submitted:

- 1. *Aggrieved Status*. The appeal must explain how the appellant has standing to maintain an appeal. This requires an explanation of how the appellant may suffer a particularized injury as a result of the Commissioner's decision.
- 2. *The findings, conclusions, or conditions objected to or believed to be in error.* The appeal must identify the specific findings of fact, conclusions regarding compliance with the law, license conditions, or other aspects of the written license decision or of the license review process that the appellant objects to or believes to be in error.
- 3. *The basis of the objections or challenge.* For the objections identified in Item #2, the appeal must state why the appellant believes that the license decision is incorrect and should be modified or reversed. If possible, the appeal should cite specific evidence in the record or specific licensing requirements that the appellant believes were not properly considered or fully addressed.
- 4. *The remedy sought.* This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license or permit to changes in specific permit conditions.
- 5. *All the matters to be contested.* The Board will limit its consideration to those matters specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
- 6. *Request for hearing.* If the appellant wishes the Board to hold a public hearing on the appeal, a request for public hearing must be filed as part of the notice of appeal, and must include an offer of proof in accordance with Chapter 2. The Board will hear the arguments in favor of and in opposition to a hearing on the appeal and the presentations on the merits of an appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the Board decides to hold a public hearing on an appeal, that hearing will then be scheduled for a later date.
- 7. *New or additional evidence to be offered.* If an appellant wants to provide evidence not previously provided to DEP staff during the DEP's review of the application, the request and the proposed evidence must be submitted with the appeal. The Board may allow new or additional evidence, referred to as supplemental evidence, to be considered in an appeal only under very limited circumstances. The proposed evidence must be relevant and material, and (a) the person seeking to add information to the record must show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process; <u>or</u> (b) the evidence itself must be newly discovered and therefore unable to have been presented earlier in the process. Specific requirements for supplemental evidence are found in Chapter 2 § 24.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD

- 1. *Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record.* A license application file is public information, subject to any applicable statutory exceptions, and is made easily accessible by the DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make application materials available during normal working hours, provide space to review the file, and provide an opportunity for photocopying materials. There is a charge for copies or copying services.
- 2. *Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing your appeal.* DEP staff will provide this information on request and answer general questions regarding the appeal process.
- 3. *The filing of an appeal does not operate as a stay to any decision.* If a license has been granted and it has been appealed, the license normally remains in effect pending the processing of the appeal. Unless a stay of the decision is requested and granted, a license holder may proceed with a project pending the outcome of an appeal, but the license holder runs the risk of the decision being reversed or modified as a result of the appeal.

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#### WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD

The Board will formally acknowledge receipt of an appeal, and will provide the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal. The notice of appeal, any materials accepted by the Board Chair as supplementary evidence, any materials submitted in response to the appeal, and relevant excerpts from the DEP's application review file will be sent to Board members with a recommended decision from DEP staff. The appellant, the license holder if different from the appellant, and any interested persons are notified in advance of the date set for Board consideration of an appeal or request for public hearing. The appellant and the license holder will have an opportunity to address the Board at the Board meeting. With or without holding a public hearing, the Board may affirm, amend, or reverse a Commissioner decision or remand the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings. The Board will notify the appellant, the license holder, and interested persons of its decision.

#### II. JUDICIAL APPEALS

Maine law generally allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner or Board licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court (see 38 M.R.S. § 346(1); 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2; 5 M.R.S. § 11001; and M.R. Civ. P. 80C). A party's appeal must be filed with the Superior Court within 30 days of receipt of notice of the Board's or the Commissioner's decision. For any other person, an appeal must be filed within 40 days of the date the decision was rendered. An appeal to court of a license decision regarding an expedited wind energy development, a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project, or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project may only be taken directly to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. See 38 M.R.S. § 346(4).

Maine's Administrative Procedure Act, DEP statutes governing a particular matter, and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure must be consulted for the substantive and procedural details applicable to judicial appeals.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, for administrative appeals contact the Board's Executive Analyst at (207) 287-2452, or for judicial appeals contact the court clerk's office in which your appeal will be filed.

Note: The DEP provides this INFORMATION SHEET for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.

General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer



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

#### **DEPARTMENT ORDER**

#### **IN THE MATTER OF**

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTI	MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARG	E
GENERAL PERMIT	) ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT	l.
STATE OF MAINE	)	
MER041000	) MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LIC	ENSE
W009170-5Y-E-M APPROVAL	) MODIFICATION	

Pursuant to the provisions of Federal law Title 33 USC, §1251, and Maine Law 38 M.R.S., Section 414-A et seq., and applicable regulations, the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (Department/DEP) is initiating a modification to Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) General Permit (GP) #MER041000/Maine Waste Discharge License W009170-5Y-C-R. The GP was issued on October 15, 2020 for a five-year term with an effective date of July 1, 2022. With its supportive data, agency review comments and other related materials on file, the Department FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

#### **1. PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

On November 13, 2020, the Friends of Casco Bay (FOCB) filed a timely appeal of the GP with the Maine Board of Environmental Protection (BEP). On June 17, 2021, the BEP took up the appeal by the FOCB at its meeting and issued a Board Order on the appeal on the same date. See Attachment A of the Fact Sheet of this permit modification for a copy of the Board Order - Findings of Fact and Order of Appeal for an in-depth discussion on the appeal and the BEP's decision. The Board Order concluded and ordered as follows:

"In consideration of FOCB's arguments on appeal, responses from the EPA Region I, ISWG, SMSWG, BASWG and the CLF, information from the Commissioner, and review of applicable regulations, including the Remand Rule, the Board concludes that the Final Permit should be remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings to modify Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E of the Final Permit. The Board further concludes that the Response to Comments document accompanying the Final Permit must be modified to specify and give reasoned bases for the effective date of the Final Permit and the forthcoming modifications to Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E of the Final Permit.

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#### 1. PROCEDURAL HISTORY (cont'd)

Notwithstanding the Board's decision to remand the Final Permit and Response to Comments document for modification as described above, the Board affirms all other findings of fact and conclusions in the Final Permit and the associated Fact Sheet and Response to Comments document.

Therefore, the Board REMANDS to the Commissioner the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R for further proceedings on only Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E, and the Response to Comments document in accordance with this Order."

On September 14, 2021 the Department issued a proposed draft permit modification for a formal 30-day public comment period to satisfy the appeal of the MS4 permit issued on October 15, 2020. The proposed draft permit modification inadvertently included Table 10.2 in Appendix F. Appendix F was not intended to establish minimum numeric design standards as Table 10.2 does. The intent of Appendix F is to provide regulated entities with guidance regarding the minimum requirements of the ordinance, in that it must be "at least as stringent as" LID measures and techniques contained in Appendix F. The inclusion of the guidance responds to a concern raised by the municipalities on appeal and provides uniform guidance consistent with the order from the BEP and the Remand Rule. Appendix F was not intended to establish minimum numeric design standards as Table 10.2 does. Therefore, the Department modified Appendix F to remove Table 10.2 in the September 24, 2021 corrected proposed draft permit modification. All other terms and conditions of the proposed draft permit modification issued on September 14, 2021 for a 30-day public comment period remained the same.

#### 2. MODIFICATIONS

Based on the comments received from stakeholders on the September 14, 2021 proposed draft permit modification and the September 24, 2021 corrected proposed draft permit modification (see Section 4 - Response to Comments of the Fact Sheet attached to this permit modification), the language is being modified as follows (with modifications emphasized in italics):

#### A. Low Impact Development

# 5. MCM5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment.

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to address post construction stormwater runoff to the *maximum extent practicable* from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development that discharge into the MS4.

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#### 2. MODIFICATIONS (cont'd)

a. The permittee must *implement* strategies which include a combination of structural and/or non-structural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts as follows:

On or before September 1, 2022, each permittee must develop a Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures contained in Table 1 of Appendix F. The Model LID ordinance should, at a minimum, refer to Appendix F for guidance.

The Model LID Ordinance shall be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. DEP will post the model ordinance for public comments and approve it, with or without modifications, on or before November 1, 2022.

On or before July 1, 2024 each permittee shall adopt an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that is at least as stringent as the required elements of the Model LID Ordinance or incorporate all of its required elements into the permittee's code of ordinances or other enforceable regulatory mechanism.

B. Impaired Waters

To resolve the appeal, Part IV.E is being modified as follows (with modifications emphasized in italics):

- E. Discharges To Impaired Waters
  - 1. If the waterbody to which a point source discharge drains is impaired and has an EPA approved total maximum daily load (TMDL), then the SWMP must *propose clear, specific and measurable actions to comply* with the TMDL waste load allocation ("WLA") and any implementation plan. This GP does not authorize a direct discharge that is inconsistent with the WLA of an approved TMDL. EPA approved TMDLs prior to the issuance date of this permit, can be found at <u>https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-approved-tmdls-state#tmdl-me</u>. This GP does not authorize a new or increased discharge of storm water to an impaired waterbody that contributes to the impairment at a detectable level.

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#### C. <u>Response to Comments</u>

Part 4(B) on page 4 of the June 17, 2021 BEP Order on Appeal, the BEP stated that "the Response to Comments document accompanying the Final Permit did not comply with 40 C.F.R. § 124.17(a)(1) because it did not specify and give reasoned bases for the three changes from the Final Draft to the final MS4 General Permit." In accordance with the BEP Order on Appeal, the Response to Comments document accompanying this permit modification will comply with 40 C.F.R. § 124.17(a)(1). Additionally, the Fact Sheet accompanying this modification sets out the Department's reasoning for these three changes that occurred between the final draft GP dated June 23, 2020 and the final permit dated October 15, 2020 that were challenged in the FOCB appeal.

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#### CONCLUSIONS

Based on the findings in this modification, the Department makes the following CONCLUSIONS:

- 1. The discharge(s) covered under this GP, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, willnot lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.
- 2. The discharge(s) covered under this GP, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, willnot lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification which the Department expects to adopt in accordance with state law.
- 3. The provisions of the State's antidegradation policy, Maine law, 38 M.R.S. 464(4)(F), will be met in that:
  - (a) Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect andmaintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected,
  - (b) Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding natural resource, thatwater quality will be maintained and protected/
  - (c) Where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the dischargewill not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification,
  - (d) Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification that higher water quality will be maintained andprotected; and
  - (e) Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing water quality of any water body, theDepartment has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.
- 4. The discharge(s) covered under this GP will be subject to effluent limitations that require application of best practicable treatment as defined in 38 M.R.S. § 414-A(l)(D).

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#### ACTION

Based on the findings and conclusions as stated above, the Department APPROVES the modification of #MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R, *General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems,* issued by the Department on October 15, 2020, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, including:

- 1. The terms and conditions included in Part I-IV of #MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R, *General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems,* issued by the Department on October 15, 2020, not modified by this permit modification remain in effect and enforceable.
- 2. Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable To All Permits, revised July 1, 2002, attached to #MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R, General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020.
- 3. This permit modification becomes effective on July 1, 2022 and expires at midnight five (5) years after that date. If the GP is to be renewed, it will remain in force until the Department takes final action on the renewal.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS <u>23</u> DAY OF <u>November</u> 2021.

COMMISSIONER OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: CY

for Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of Public Notice September 14, 2021

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State of Maine Board of Environmental Protection

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITYMS4 Final Permit Modification11/23/2021

### **APPENDIX F**

### Guidance Low Impact Development (LID)

LID is a process of developing land that mimics the natural hydrologic regime. LID begins at the design phase of a new development or redevelopment, incorporating planning techniques that minimize site clearing and impervious surfaces to reduce impact and stormwater runoff generated from the site. By reducing the volume of water leaving a site, the pollutant loading is also reduced. Other techniques that will reduce the volume and peak flow rates of runoff from the development are then incorporated throughout the site. LID is an effective tool that reduces pollutant loading, thermal impacts, stream flows, and minimizes stream channel erosion.

LID is not a rigid set of standards, or a one size fits all approach and has many benefits:

- Benefits to the Developer: The owner and developer will see reduced costs for land clearing and grading, infrastructure, and stormwater management while seeing an increased aesthetic value in the development.
- Benefits to the Municipality: The local government and community will benefit from reduced infrastructure maintenance costs and reductions in property damage from flooding, while having more green space, protected natural resources, and increased water quality.
- Benefits to the Environment: The hydrologic cycle is preserved; streams are less prone to erosion, and stream flows are maintained which benefits fish and wildlife.

LID goals and objectives shall be incorporated into the site planning process as early as possible. The following steps serve as a guideline to use in the planning stage:

- Identify and preserve areas that will affect the hydrology of the site. Features that should be protected are sensitive areas and natural resources including down gradient waterways.
- Minimize site disturbance and impervious areas with an alternative layout for the development within the constraints of local development criteria.
- Minimize the impervious surfaces directly connected to drainage conveyance systems to reduce the time of concentration.
- Break the site into smaller drainage areas that can be handled using basic LID techniques.

#### PLANNING FOR LID

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**Minimize Site Clearing:** Development typically involves new impervious surfaces such as roads and buildings, and landscaped areas for lawns. Avoid developing soils with high permeability where possible. Protect-areas that are sensitive to disturbance and that will sustain groundwater recharge and reduce runoff. For example, developing a vegetated, tight clay soil area will have less impact on stormwater runoff than developing a forested area on sandy soils. Once the sensitive areas have been identified, the layout of the development should be aligned with the conservation of these areas.

**Minimize Impervious Areas:** The traffic distribution network (roadways, sidewalks, driveways, and parking areas) is generally the greatest source of site imperviousness and-should be the focus for reducing impervious area. The following techniques may be considered, where appropriate and permitted by local land use codes and/or ordinances:

<u>Alternative Roadway Layout</u>: Alternative roadway layouts can be used to reduce total pavement, while allowing for the same amount of development. Cluster development, in accordance with and as allowed by local ordinances can decrease imperviousness.

- <u>Narrow Road Sections</u>: The width of pavement can be reduced by including the primary driving surface, a pervious base for the shoulders, and ditch drainage swale in place of curb and gutter\_ as deemed appropriate. Use of this technique should be evaluated in accordance with sitespecific conditions.
- <u>Sidewalks</u>: Sidewalks can be reduced to one side of the road or eliminated. The use of pervious materials can reduce runoff.
- <u>On-Street Parking</u>: Reduction to one side or elimination of on-street parking has significant potential to reduce overall site imperviousness. On- street parking may be a desirable practice in highly urbanized areas to reduce on-site disturbance.
- <u>Rooftops</u>: The number and size of buildings dictates the impervious area associated with rooftops.
   Vertical construction and/or the use of green roofs can minimize imperviousness.
- <u>Driveways</u>: Minimizing paved or impervious driveway area can be accomplished through the design of narrower driveways or by reducing the length of driveways. Shared driveways can also reduce imperviousness, where appropriate. In addition, the use of pervious materials can minimize runoff.

**Minimize Connected Impervious Areas:** The impacts from impervious surfaces can be minimized by disconnecting these areas from piped drainage networks and by managing runoff at the source.

- Paved driveways and roads can be directed to stabilized, vegetated areas.
- Flows from large, paved surfaces can be broken up to facilitate on-site management of smaller flows.
   Breaking flows up allows the flows to be directed to vegetation as sheet flow.
- LID techniques can be dispersed throughout the development, such as at individual houselots to obtain the most benefit. They can be incorporated into the landscaping of the property to provide a natural treatment system.

**Maintain Time of Concentration:** When development occurs, the time of concentration (Tc) is often shortened due to the impervious area, causing greater flows over a shorter period of time. LID practices can maintain the pre-development Tc by:

- Minimizing land disturbance,
- Detaining flows on site,
- Increasing the flow length,
- Increasing the surface roughness of the flow path,
- Creating flatter slopes, and/or
- Disconnecting impervious areas, which will decrease their travel rates.

**Manage Stormwater at the Source:** The impact from a development can be mitigated at the source by reestablishing a more natural hydrologic cycle that sustains a clean stream base flow. Typically, the most economical and simplistic stormwater management strategy is achieved by controlling runoff at the source with a variety of small treatment structures that will result in the reduction of stormwater discharge and more flexibility in the site design.

#### **Soil Considerations:**

<u>Minimize Compaction</u>: Compaction reduces the natural infiltrating ability of soils; thus, avoiding disturbance by heavy equipment can benefit infiltration. Designing development to situate impervious surfaces and development disturbances on the more impermeable soils of a site can - leave more pervious soils to continue infiltrating runoff.

Increase Organic Content of Soils: When constructing many of the LID vegetated techniques, such as filtration Best Management Practices (BMP), a quality topsoil can optimize pollutant removal. In this case, the soil bed should consist of organic content as described in the relevant filtration BMP. This highly organic layer traps contaminants, absorbs more runoff and provides a medium for biological activity that helps break down pollutants. Planting soil provides a healthy growing medium for vegetation by encouraging strong root growth. In addition, microbes found in healthy soils transform nutrients for plant growth. Compost or other organic amendments can be added at the site preparation level, typically by the truckload. It is also available for little or no cost from many community leaf compost programs. For rain gardens and bioretention areas, organic content can also be valuable in absorbing and retaining moisture for plant life, filtering pollutants, and providing an active layer for microorganisms to reside and reproduce. A healthy microorganism population is key to the decomposition of many pollutants, whether in the home rain garden or in a parking lot.

<u>Avoid Pesticides/Herbicides:</u> Healthy soil is alive with microorganisms that decompose and inactivate pollutants, but these may be killed by excessive chemicals. Although the soil microorganisms are not typically the target of these chemicals, many of them may fall victim to the use of pesticides. \_- Additionally, insect species that prey on pests are also killed by pesticides. Since the predatory species tend to have slower reproduction than the pest species, a natural defense against insect pests may be lost.

#### LID TECHNIQUES

Many LID techniques rely on infiltration, retention, and evapotranspiration of stormwater to reduce runoff. When infiltration is not a possibility, the initial planning techniques described above should be the primary focus, followed by the use of small disconnected underdrained systems that rely on soil and vegetation to retain runoff. Examples of LID measures and techniques are shown on Table 1.

- <u>Filters (Bioretention Cells and Rain gardens)</u>: Bioretention areas or rain gardens are built with a specific soil filter media (containing organic material and planted with vegetation that can handle wet and dry conditions) that will reduce the volume of runoff through absorption and evapotranspiration. A slight depression allows the ponding of stormwater as it filtrates through the soil media and into the groundwater or to an underdrain for surface discharge.
- <u>Infiltration</u>: Infiltration reduces runoff and mimics the natural hydrologic cycle by redirecting water into the ground rather than to a piped system. Runoff can be reduced by using smaller infiltration basins that fit into the natural landscape.
- <u>Buffers</u>: Vegetated buffers use soils and vegetation to remove pollutants from stormwater. Buffers can be used as a stormwater BMP for small developments by minimizing the amount of runoff generated through infiltration and evapotranspiration. Filter strips are typically used as pretreatment devices for bioretention cells and other infiltration practices.
- <u>Collection Cisterns</u>: In a commercial setting, the collection of rain runoff can be put to use in the building to off-set the cost of water supply. Cisterns can be located either above or below ground, and in out-of-the-way places that can easily be incorporated into a site design. Commercially available systems are typically constructed of high-density plastics and can include pumps and filtration devices. Rain barrels are inexpensive, effective, and easily maintainable when used in residential applications to capture roof runoff for later watering of lawns and gardens.
- <u>Vegetated Rooftops:</u> Vegetated rooftops provide three primary benefits: attenuation of stormwater runoff and peak flows, reductions of the heat island effects with an increase in building insulation, and a longer life expectancy for the base roof material. The stormwater benefit is that the smaller more common storm events are absorbed, which minimizes\_peak runoff and the net volume of runoff typically produced by roofs.

- Porous Pavement: Porous pavement is a permeable surface (pervious asphalt, concrete or pavers), a granular base, and subbase materials which allow the penetration of runoff into the underlying soils. The efficiency of pavement alternative systems depends on whether the pavement is designed to store and infiltrate most runoff, or only limited volumes of runoff (e.g., "first-flush") with the remainder discharged to a storm drainage system or overland flow. Maintenance is essential for long-term use and effectiveness. Pavement alternatives vary in load bearing capacities but generally can be designed for low traffic areas such as sidewalks, parking lots, overflowparking and residential roads. It is important to choose a material appropriate for the desired use (light, moderate or heavy use).
- <u>Other Techniques</u>: LID is about creativity. Multiple practices can be implemented and adapted into various sites and situations. However, they are mostly dependent upon the layout of the development and the disconnection of its individual elements.

Table 1 – LID Measures and Techniques*						
LID Measure Example Technique		Design				
Minimize site clearing	<ul> <li>Promote compact development on the site</li> <li>Place parking underneath or inside structures</li> <li>Avoid developing in areas with high-permeable soils to retain natural infiltration</li> <li>Align development layout with conservation of sensitive areas</li> </ul>					
Protect natural drainage system	<ul> <li>Maintain a minimum 25 foot buffer on all natural water resources including intermittent channels</li> <li>Do not divert stormwater from its natural sub-watershed</li> </ul>					
Minimize the decrease in time of concentration	<ul> <li>Break up or disconnect the flow of runoff over impervious surfaces</li> <li>Sheet flow over pavement that is less than 100 feet</li> </ul>					
Minimize impervious area or the effect of impervious area	<ul> <li>Build vertically with multi story buildings and parking garages</li> <li>More than 25% of pavement area (overflow) in pervious pavement. All pedestrian walkways are pavers or pervious pavement.</li> <li>Runoff from paved surfaces should be directed to stabilized, vegetated areas</li> <li>Disperse LID techniques throughout development and incorporate into the landscaping</li> <li>Infiltrate as much roof runoff as standards allow</li> <li>Minimize the use of paved areas (sidewalks, driveways and streets)</li> <li>Minimize the use of hardscaped areas.</li> </ul>	Design practices developed at the planning phase that will help mitigate environmental impacts. Ideally, these are cost- effective and environmentally friendly.				

Table 1 – LID Measures and Techniques*					
LID Measure	Example Technique	Design			
Minimize soil compaction	<ul> <li>Minimize the construction window and target the development area</li> <li>Rototilling all areas to be revegetated</li> </ul>				
Minimize lawns and maximize landscaping that encourages runoff retention	<ul> <li>Low maintenance Maine native plants</li> <li>No invasive plants</li> <li>Limit the use of pesticides and biocides</li> <li>Fertilizer application only during initial planting and repair of damaged areas.</li> </ul>	Design practices developed at the planning phase that will help mitigate environmental impacts. Ideally, these are cost-			
Provide vegetated open-channel conveyance systems	<ul> <li>Evaluate road gutters and roof gutters to determine effective means to direct runoff to treatment BMPs</li> <li>Level spreaders to buffers where possible</li> <li>Underdrained swales</li> </ul>	effective and environmentally friendly.			
Rainwater is stored for later reuse for the building or landscape	Rain Collection Cisterns				
Stormwater Quality Treatment and Retention	Buffers	Design, size, install and maintain per the Maine			
Requirements	Infiltration (basins, trenches, dry wells, etc.)	recommended guidelines found in a document <i>entitled Maine Stormwater</i> <i>Management Design</i> <i>Manual, Technical Design</i> <i>Manual, Volume III, May</i> 2016			
	Underdrained grass filters				
	Underdrained filter bioretention	1			
	Roofline filtration	]			
	Roof Greening				
	Pervious Pavement				

\*LID measures, example techniques and design practices in this table are intended to be illustrative and shall be taken into consideration where applicable, practicable and allowable pursuant to applicable land use planning and development requirements.

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#### PERMIT MODIFICATION

#### FACT SHEET

#### 1. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On November 13, 2020, the Friends of Casco Bay (FOCB) filed a timely appeal of the GP with the Maine Board on Environmental Protection (BEP). On June 17, 2021, the BEP took up the appeal by the FOCB at its meeting and issued a Board Order on the appeal on the same date. See Attachment A of this Fact Sheet for a copy of the Board Order - Findings of Fact and Order of Appeal for an in-depth discussion on the appeal and the BEP's decision. The Board Order concluded and ordered as follows:

"In consideration of FOCB's arguments on appeal, responses from the EPA Region I, ISWG, SMSWG, BASWG and the CLF, information from the Commissioner, and review of applicable regulations, including the Remand Rule, the Board concludes that the Final Permit should be remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings to modify Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E of the Final Permit. The Board further concludes that the Response to Comments document accompanying the Final Permit must be modified to specify and give reasoned bases for the effective date of the Final Permit and the forthcoming modifications to Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E of the Final Permit.

Notwithstanding the Board's decision to remand the Final Permit and Response to Comments document for modification as described above, the Board affirms all other findings of fact and conclusions in the Final Permit and the associated Fact Sheet and Response to Comments document.

Therefore, the Board REMANDS to the Commissioner the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R for further proceedings on only Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E, and the Response to Comments document in accordance with this Order."

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#### 2. MODIFICATION SUMMARY

Part 4(B) on page 4 of the June 17, 2021 BEP Order on Appeal, the BEP stated that "the Response to Comments document accompanying the Final Permit did not comply with 40 C.F.R. § 124.17(a)(1) because it did not specify and give reasoned bases for the three changes from the Final Draft to the final MS4 General Permit." In accordance with the BEP Order on Appeal, the Response to Comments document accompanying this permit modification will comply with 40 C.F.R. § 124.17(a)(1). Additionally, the Fact Sheet accompanying this permit modification sets out the Department's reasoning for these three changes that occurred between the final draft GP dated June 23, 2020 and the final permit dated October 15, 2020 that were challenged in the FOCB appeal.

On September 14, 2021 the Department issued a proposed draft permit modification for a formal 30-day public comment period to satisfy the appeal of the MS4 permit issued on October 15, 2020. The proposed draft permit modification inadvertently included Table 10.2 in Appendix F. The intent of Appendix F was to provide regulated entities with guidance regarding the minimum requirements of the ordinance, in that it must be "at least as stringent as" LID measures and techniques contained in Appendix F. The inclusion of the guidance document responded to a concern raised by the municipalities on appeal and provided uniform guidance consistent with the order from the BEP and the Remand Rule. Appendix F was not intended to establish minimum numeric design standards as Table 10.2 set forth. Therefore, the Department modification. All other terms and conditions of the proposed draft permit modification issued on September 14, 2021 for a 30-day public comment period remained the same.

#### A. Low Impact Development

In the November 13, 2021 appeal, the Appellant argued that the LID requirement must be restored to the Final Permit because the Remand Rule requires MCM5 to contain clear, specific, and measurable terms designed to reduce pollution from new construction to the maximum extent practicable, and LID "is the very means by which new development can be designed and stormwater treated before it enters receiving waters." ISWG, SMSWG, and BASWG responded that the Remand Rule does not mandate the use of LID and that LID is not the only way to reduce stormwater runoff from new development to the maximum extent practicable. ISWG, SMSWG, and BASWG further stated that Department rule Chapter 500, *Stormwater Management*, already mandates the use of LID for developments that disturb one acre or more of land. They argued a statewide rule mandating LID provides more consistency than a patchwork of municipal ordinances that could be created by including the LID term in MCM5 of the MS4 General Permit. ISWG and SMSWG also submitted supplemental evidence suggesting that the Department will be amending Chapter 500, although the emails do not reveal a timeline for this rulemaking or details of how the rule might be amended.

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#### 2. MODIFICATION SUMMARY (cont'd)

In its comments on the June 23, 2020 Draft Permit and the October 15, 2020 Final Permit, EPA Region I stated that this part of MCM5 did not contain clear, specific, and measurable terms as required by the Remand Rule. EPA further commented that the Department could cure this defect by (1) restoring the LID term that appeared in the Final Draft, (2) referencing Chapter 500 in the permit, or (3) requiring each MS4 permittee to submit how it plans to regulate new development and redevelopment and create clear, specific, and measurable requirements in the second step of the two-step permitting process.

The Response to Comments section of the October 15, 2020 Final Permit should have addressed the lack of clear, specific and measurable terms placed into the Final Permit. At the time, the Department accepted ISWG's, SMSWG's and BASWG's position that LID is not required by the Remand Rule and the Final Permit condition stated "The permittee must implement a procedure for notifying site developers to consider Low Impact Development techniques" was sufficient. This explanation should have been included in the Response to Comments section of the Final Permit.

Applicable sections of Part IV.C.5 of the Final Permit issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 states in relevant part:

## 5. MCM5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment.

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to address post construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale, that discharge into the MS4.

- a. The permittee must promote strategies which include a combination of structural and nonstructural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts.
  - i. The permittee must implement a procedure for notifying site developers to consider Low Impact Development techniques.

In paragraph #4 of section 4(D) on page 6 of the June 17, 2021 BEP Order on Appeal, the BEP stated in relevant part:

"... the Board finds that, although LID best management practices (BMPs) are not specifically required by the Remand Rule or Department regulations (Chapter 500), incorporating clear, specific, and measurable LID BMPs into the permit would satisfy the Remand Rule and is also reasonable and appropriate given that the Department has historically endorsed the use of these BMPs in site development approvals."

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#### 2. MODIFICATION SUMMARY (cont'd)

Pursuant to the BEP Order on Appeal, the Department is modifying the language in Part IV.C.5.a.i to be consistent with the Remand Rule, 40 C.F.R. §122.34.b.5 which states in relevant part:

"At a minimum, the permit must require the permittee to;

- A. Develop and implement strategies which include a combination of structural and nonstructural best management practices (BMPs) appropriate for the community;
- B. Use an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to address post-construction runoff from new development and redevelopment projects to the extent allowable under State, federal or local law."

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) recently issued the small MS4 permits for the states of Massachusetts and New Hampshire as those states have not been granted the authority to administer the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit programs. Under MCM5 of both permits, the USEPA required LID site planning and design strategies be used to the maximum extent practicable and gave the permittees a two-year schedule of compliance beginning upon the effective date of the permit, to develop or modify an ordinance or other regulatory mechanism.

06-096 Code of Maine Regulations (CMR) Chapter 523.7 states in relevant part, "The permit may, when appropriate, specify a schedule of compliance leading to compliance with CWA and regulations."

During the June 17, 2021 BEP meeting on the appeal, permittees argued that developing or modifying local ordinances or a regulatory mechanism to require LID BMPs is a lengthy process and will likely not be able to be completed on or before the effective date of the permit, July 1, 2022. Therefore, to be consistent with recently issued small MS4 permits for the states of New Hampshire and Massachusetts, the September 14, 2021 proposed draft permit modification and September 24, 2021 corrected permit modification established a two-year schedule of compliance for permittees to develop or modify local ordinances or a regulatory mechanism to require LID BMPs for post construction stormwater management in new development and redevelopment. Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 was proposed to be modified as follows (with modifications emphasized in italics):

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#### 2. MODIFICATIONS (cont'd)

## 5. MCM5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment.

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to address post construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development that discharge into the MS4.`

- a. The permittee must *implement* strategies which include a combination of structural and/or non-structural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts.
  - *i.* On or before July 1, 2024, permittees must develop or update an enforceable ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to require that LID techniques be used to the maximum extent practicable for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites. The ordinance or regulatory mechanism must be at least as stringent as the LID techniques found in Appendix F of this permit, unless such techniques are infeasible on site.

During the period September 14, 2021 – October 25, 2021, the Department made the permit modifications available for a 30-day public comment period. The Department received comments from the Friends of Casco Bay (FOCB), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the City of Lewiston (Lewiston), the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG), Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group (SMSWG), and Bangor Area Stormwater working Group (BASWG). See Section 4, Response To Comments, of this Fact Sheet for the responses to substantive comments received. As a result of the comments received, the final language for MCM5 is as follows:

# 5. MCM5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment.

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to address post construction stormwater runoff to the *maximum extent practicable* from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development that discharge into the MS4.

a. The permittee must *implement* strategies which include a combination of structural and/or non-structural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts as follows:

On or before September 1, 2022, each permittee must develop a Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures contained in Table 1 of Appendix F. The Model LID ordinance should, at a minimum, refer to Appendix F for guidance.

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#### 2. MODIFICATIONS (cont'd)

The Model LID Ordinance shall be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. DEP will post the model ordinance for public comments and approve it, with or without modifications, on or before November 1, 2022.

On or before July 1, 2024 each permittee shall adopt an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that is at least as stringent as the required elements of the Model LID Ordinance or incorporate all of its required elements into the permittee's code of ordinances or other enforceable regulatory mechanism.

#### B. Impaired Waters

The provision for Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations (MCM 6) in the June 23, 2020 Final Draft provided that, if an MS4 discharges to impaired waters for which EPA has approved a TMDL, its SWMP "must propose clear, specific and measurable actions to comply with the TMDL waste load allocation, and any implementation plan." Final Draft, Part IV.E.l, p. 51. The October 15, 2020 Final Permit omits the words "clear, specific and measurable." Final Permit, Part IV.E.l, p. 51. Instead, the Final Permit required a permittee that discharges to an impaired water with an EPA approved TMDL to "address compliance" with the TMDL, the waste load allocation, and any implementation plan in its SWMP.

The Appellant states that this change removes the requirement to propose BMPs for discharges to impaired waters other than to urban impaired streams, for which permittees are required to propose and fully implement at least three structural or non-structural BMPs. FOCB argues that the change in language between the Final Draft and Final Permit fails to advise permittees of how they must address compliance with TMDL waste load allocations, and that it is insufficient to address this issue in the second step of the MS4 permitting process. ISWG and SMSWG responded that the Final Permit satisfies the Remand Rule because it includes clear, specific, and measurable actions to address stormwater runoff to impaired waters. Specifically, ISWG and SMSWG point to the following actions required by the Final Permit: (1) development of three BMPs for urban impaired streams, which account for most of the MS4 discharges to impaired waters, see Final Permit, Part IV.3, p. 26; (2) implementation of illicit discharge detection and elimination plans, see Final Permit, Part IV.E, p. 52; and (3) Department review and approval of SWMPs that include BMPs, see Final Permit, Part IV.A-B, pp. 20-22. They note that nothing in the Final Permit authorizes discharges to impaired waters that are inconsistent with a TMDL waste load allocation. EPA Region I and BASWG did not comment on this change, although BASWG indicated its general support for the arguments made by ISWG and SMSWG.

The Response to Comments section of the October 15, 2020 Final Permit should have addressed the language change from the June 23, 2020 Final Draft permit. At the time, the Department agreed with ISWG and the SWSWG that other provisions within the Final Permit were sufficient to address discharges impaired waterbodies and that including the terms clear, specific, and measurable actions in the paragraph may have been interpreted as additional BMPs above and beyond what was already included in other terms and conditions of the permit. This explanation should have been included in the Response to Comments section of the Final Permit.

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#### 2. MODIFICATION SUMMARY (cont'd)

Applicable sections of Part IV.E. of the final permit issued by the Department on October 15, 2020, states in relevant part as follows:

#### E. Discharges To Impaired Waters

1. If the waterbody to which a point source discharge drains is impaired and has an EPA approved total maximum daily load (TMDL), then the SWMP must address compliance with the TMDL waste load allocation ("WLA") and any implementation plan. This GP does not authorize a direct discharge that is inconsistent with the WLA of an approved TMDL. EPA approved TMDLs prior to the issuance date of this permit, can be found at <a href="https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-approved-tmdls-state#tmdl-me">https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-approved-tmdls-state#tmdl-me</a> .This GP does not authorize a new or increased discharge of storm water to an impaired waterbody that contributes to the impairment at a detectable level.

In paragraph #1 of section 4(E) on page 8 of the June 17, 2021 BEP Order on Appeal, the BEP stated in relevant part:

"Having considered these arguments and responses, the Board finds that actions to be taken by the permittee to address compliance with TMDL waste load allocations must be clear, specific and measurable to comply with the Remand Rule. Incorporating the words 'clear, specific, and measurable' into Part IV. E.l of the Final Permit as FOCB requests is therefore reasonable and appropriate."

Therefore, Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit MER041000/ W009170-5Y-C-R, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 is being modified as follows (with modifications emphasized in italics):

#### E. Discharges To Impaired Waters

 If the waterbody to which a point source discharge drains is impaired and has an EPA approved Total maximum daily load (TMDL), then the SWMP must *propose clear, specific and measurable actions to comply* with the TMDL waste load allocation ("WLA") and any implementation plan. This GP does not authorize a direct discharge that is inconsistent with the WLA of an approved TMDL. EPA approved TMDLs prior to the issuance date of this permit, can be found at <u>https://www.epa.gov/tmdl/region-1-approved-tmdls-state#tmdl-me</u>. This GP does not authorize a new or increased discharge of storm water to an impaired waterbody that contributes to the impairment at a detectable level.

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#### 2. MODIFICATION SUMMARY (cont'd)

#### C. Term of the permit

The June 23, 2020, Final Draft set an effective date of September 1, 2021, for the general permit. Final Draft, Part LB.I, p. 5. The Final Permit sets an effective date of July 1, 2022. Final Permit, Part LB.I p. 5. The Appellant argues that the Board must restore the effective date that appeared in the Final Draft in the Final Permit because the extended effective date "fails to meet the tenets of the Remand Rule and reduce stormwater pollution to the [maximum extent practicable]." ISWG and SMSWG responded that the Remand Rule does not specify what the effective date of the new MS4 General Permit must be and that the Department may use its best professional judgment in setting the effective date.

The second step of the MS4 general permitting process requires the Department to review NOIs and SWMPs submitted by thirty regulated entities and issue final permittee-specific orders for those entities. Although the Department has temporarily reallocated resources to assist in the reviews and issuance of orders necessary for coverage under the MS4 General Permit, the Department would nevertheless be unable to complete these reviews and issue these orders by the effective date of September 1, 2021, that appeared in the Final Draft. This would mean that some regulated entities would not have coverage under the MS4 General Permit by that effective date. Therefore, shortly before issuing the Final Permit, the Department reevaluated the permitting timeline and concluded that an effective date of July 1, 2022, was the earliest possible effective date that the Department could set for the MS4 General Permit. Although the change was not identified in the Response to Comments document, Department staff informed FOCB of this change before issuing the final permit. Regardless, the October 15, 2020 should have formally responded to the comment submitted by the Appellant.

The June 17, 2021 BEP Order of Appeal states "Based on the arguments of the participants and the information provided by the Commissioner, the Board finds that the effective date that appears in the Final Permit is reasonable and necessary and not prohibited by the Remand Rule. The Department would be unable to complete the second step of the MS4 permitting process by the effective date of September 1, 2021, that appeared in the Final Draft. In contrast, the effective date of July 1, 2022, provides the Department with the time necessary to properly review the required NOIs and SWMPs and issue permittee-specific orders in the second step of the MS4 permitting process. The effective date in the Final Permit is both reasonable under the circumstances and within the Commissioner's discretion. The Board is satisfied that the Remand Rule does not mandate a particular effective date and that the Commissioner and Department staff have used their best judgment in setting the earliest possible effective date for the Final Permit. Accordingly, the Board affirms that portion of the Commissioner's decision."

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#### **3. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS**

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

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#### 4. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the period September 14, 2021 – October 25, 2021, the Department made this permit modification to settle the appeal by the Friends of Casco Bay (FOCB) available for a formal 30-day public comment period. The Department received comments from the FOCB, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA), the City of Lewiston (Lewiston), the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG), Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group (SMSWG), and Bangor Area Stormwater Working Group (BASWG). Response to substantive comments are as follows:

**Comment #1 (City of Lewiston and BASWG)**: The commenters stated that MCM5 as written in the September 24, 2021 draft permit modification is not consistent with the Maine Administrative Procedures Act (APA; Maine Revised Statute §8001 – 11008) and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) MS4 General Permit Remand Rule (Remand Rule). The commenter cited the language "The ordinance <u>must be at least as stringent as the LID techniques found in Attachment F (emphasis added)</u> of the permit unless such techniques are infeasible on site." The use of the term "at least as stringent as" in the proposed draft modification for the MS4 Permit establishes Attachment F as a regulatory benchmark, performance standard and enforceable requirement that is subject to the requirements of the Maine APA and Remand Rule. Attachment F does not meet the Maine APA requirements because it does not establish specific requirements by which a determination of compliance can be made and therefore lacks the specificity necessary to render it judicially enforceable. The commenter also states Attachment F does not meet the Remand Rule requirements because it provides generalized guidance rather than clear, specific and measurable performance standards. Without clear, specific and measurable performance standards, Attachment F is likely to yield inconsistent interpretations from the permittee, the public and the permitting authority.

**Response #1:** The first italicized paragraph in the final language in MCM 5 of the permit modification (*On* or before September 1, 2022, each permittee must develop a Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures contained in Table 1 of Appendix F. The Model LID ordinance should, at a minimum, refer to Appendix F for guidance.) requires the permittee to develop an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that establishes specific performance standards taking into consideration the LID measures included in the guidance document in Appendix F.

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#### 4. **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (cont'd)**

In addition, the second italicized paragraph in the final language in MCM 5 of the permit modification (*The Model LID Ordinance shall be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. DEP will post the model ordinance for public comments and approve it, with or without modifications, on or before November 1, 2022.*) provides individual permittees the flexibility to tailor the LID ordinance or regulatory mechanism to their specific city or town. These requirements are consistent with the Maine APA and Remand Rule as they are requiring the permittees to propose clear, specific and measurable performance standards for their ordinances/regulatory mechanism.

**Comment #2 (City of Lewiston and BASWG):** The commenters stated the underlined language below in MCM 5 as written in the September 24, 2021corrected proposed draft permit modification is inconsistent the Maine APA and Remand Rule.

 ii. On or before July 1, 2024, permittees must develop or update an enforceable ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to require that LID techniques be used to the <u>maximum extent</u> <u>practicable</u> (emphasis added) for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites. The ordinance or regulatory mechanism must be at least as stringent as the LID techniques found in Appendix F of this permit, <u>unless such techniques are infeasible on site</u>. (emphasis added)

The commenters stated the Maine APA and Remand Rule require that the MS4 Permit contain requirements that are clear, specific, and measurable. In the September 24, 2021 corrected proposed draft permit modification, the Department does not establish clear, specific, and measurable criteria by which permittees shall make determinations of maximum practicability or infeasibility. As such, the draft MS4 Permit does not comply with the Maine APA or Remand Rule.

**<u>Response #2:</u>** See Response #1. The final language in MCM 5 requires the permittee to develop an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that establishes specific performance standards taking into consideration the LID measures included in the guidance document in Appendix F.

During the preliminary drafting of the original MS4 permit that was issued as a final order on October 15, 2020, the Department included a definition for maximum extent practicable. The USEPA objected to the inclusion of the definition because the definition proposed was a "one size fits all " approach. The USEPA suggested deleting the definition and have each permittee propose what is maximum extent practicable and feasible for their particular town or city and not the permitting authority.

**Comment #3 (USEPA):** The commenter stated "The proposed modification to the Final Permit dated September 14, 2021 included a provision for Post Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment that required permit holders to develop a regulatory mechanism that adopted Low Impact Development (LID) techniques with specific performance standards that are found in the proposed Attachment F to the Final Permit. This approach is consistent with 40 C.F.R. §122.28 and 40 C.F.R. §122.34 and includes clear, specific, and measurable goals for permit holders. However,

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#### 4. **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (cont'd)**

the updated modification dated September 24, 2021 removed the performance standards for the LID practices and the proposed modification is no longer consistent with 40 C.F.R. §122.28 or 40 C.F.R. §122.34. To remedy this situation EPA offers the following two potential options:

- 1. Issue the Final Permit modification consistent with the proposed modification language dated September 14, 2021 including all performance standards for LID measures to be incorporated into each permittee's regulatory mechanism.
- 2. Update the Final Permit modification language to include a requirement that each permittee submit proposed performance standards to be included in their regulatory mechanism for each LID measure in Attachment F. This can be done as part of each permittee's permit application, consistent with the two-step permitting process found in 40 C.F.R. §122.28, or during the permit term provided MDEP allows for public comment on each permittee's proposed regulatory mechanism for post-construction stormwater management."

<u>**Response #3:**</u> The language in the final permit modification is remedied by USEPA's suggestion in number two above of their comments. The final language in this permit modification states;

The Model LID Ordinance shall be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. DEP will post the model ordinance for public comments and approve it, with or without modifications, on or before November 1, 2022.

<u>Comment #4 (FOCB, CLF)</u>: The commenter stated "Overall, Friends of Casco Bay supports the Permit Modification. We do, however, recommend editing the language related to Part IV.C.5 or Minimum Control Measure (MCM) 5. The language requires that each permittee: "*must develop or update an enforceable ordinance or other regulatory mechanism to require that LID techniques be used to the maximum extent practicable for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites. The ordinance or regulatory mechanism must be at least as stringent as the LID techniques found in Attachment F of this permit, unless such techniques are infeasible on site.*"

This language conforms to the BEP Order but creates two potential issues, one related to who determines the "maximum extent practicable" and the other related to Attachment F. Attachment F should be relabeled as Appendix F to be consistent with the remainder of the Final Permit. It incorporates Chapter 10 of Maine's Stormwater Best Management Practices Manual as guidance. Appendix F includes Table 1 but not Table 2 of Chapter 10. Without Table 2, Appendix F does not include performance standards to set the clear, specific and measurable targets for reducing stormwater pollution from new development and redevelopment.

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#### 4. **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (cont'd)**

To address both issues, Friends of Casco Bay requests that DEP revise this section of the Permit Modification as follows:

5. *MCM5 - Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment* 

Each permittee must implement and enforce a program to address post construction stormwater runoff to the maximum extent practicable from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development that discharge into the MS4.

a. The permittee must implement strategies which include a combination of structural and/or nonstructural BMPs appropriate to prevent or minimize water quality impacts, as follows:

On or before September 1, 2022, each permittee must develop a Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures contained in Table 1 of Appendix F. The Model LID ordinance should, at a minimum, refer to Appendix F for guidance.

The Model LID Ordinance shall be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. DEP will post the model ordinance for public comments and approve it, with or without modifications, on or before November 1, 2022.

On or before July 1, 2024 each permittee shall adopt an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that is at least as stringent as the required elements of the Model LID Ordinance or incorporate all of its required elements into the permittee's code of ordinances or other enforceable regulatory mechanism.

In addition, the FOCB stated "We further request that DEP modify Table 1 in Appendix F. *See* attachment and comments of ISWG/SMSWG."

**<u>Response #4:</u>** The final permit language proposed by the FOCB and modifications to Appendix F as suggested by ISWG/SMSWG the CLF and the City of Lewiston have been incorporated into the final permit modification.

**Comment #5 (BASWG):** The commenter stated "The BASWG members plan to participate in the model ordinance development as indicated by Ms. Rabasca. The timeline and proposed process for the model ordinance as summarized by Ms. Rabasca (on behalf of ISWG/SMSWG) will help to streamline the process of adopting ordinances in individual communities. However, some of our members have concerns that coming to an agreement statewide on how that model ordinance should be written may be difficult. Please ensure that the final language allows for individual permittees to craft model ordinance language to be submitted to and approved by Maine DEP."

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#### 4. **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS (cont'd)**

<u>**Response** #5</u> – The final language in the permit modification does allow individual permittees to craft model ordinance language to be submitted and approved by the Department. The final language states in relevant part as follows:

On or before September 1, 2022, each permittee must develop a Model LID Ordinance for stormwater management on new and redevelopment sites which establishes performance standards for each of the LID Measures contained in Table 1 of Appendix F. The Model LID ordinance should, at a minimum, refer to Appendix F for guidance.

The Model LID Ordinance shall be submitted to the Maine DEP for review by September 1, 2022. DEP will post the model ordinance for public comments and approve it, with or without modifications, on or before November 1, 2022.

On or before July 1, 2024 each permittee shall adopt an ordinance or regulatory mechanism that is at least as stringent as the required elements of the Model LID Ordinance or incorporate all of its required elements into the permittee's code of ordinances or other enforceable regulatory mechanism.

## ATTACHMENT A

#### STATE OF MAINE BOARD OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION



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RE: Municipal Storm Sewer System General Permit, MS4 General Permit #MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R Appeal by Friends of Casco Bay Board Findings of Fact and Order on Appeal

**Dear Participants:** 

Attached, please find a copy of the Board of Environmental Protection's June 17, 2021, decision on the appeal of Friends of Casco Bay of Department Order #MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R, the MS4 General Permit.

Maine law generally allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Board licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court. A party's appeal must be filed with the Superior Court within 30 days

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of receipt of notice of the Board's decision. For any other person, an appeal must be filed within 40 days of the date the decision was rendered. A copy of the DEP Information Sheet "Appealing a Department Licensing Decision" (November 2018) is enclosed.

If you have any questions regarding the Board's decision, you may contact Board Executive Analyst William Hinkel (<u>bill.hinkel@maine.gov</u> or 207-314-1458) or Assistant Attorney General Laura Jensen (207-626-8868).

Sincerely,

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Attachments: Board Decision on Appeal DEP Information Sheet Appealing a Department Licensing Decision

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

BOARD ORDER

#### IN THE MATTER OF

MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM	)	BOARD ORDER
SEWER SYSTEM GENERAL PERMIT	)	
STATE OF MAINE	)	FINDINGS OF FACT AND
MER041000	)	ORDER ON APPEAL
W009170-5Y-D-Z	)	

Pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 341-D(4) and 06-096 C.M.R., ch. 2, *Rule Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters* (Chapter 2), the Board of Environmental Protection (Board) has considered the appeal of Friends of Casco Bay (FOCB or Appellant) of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit (MS4 General Permit or Final Permit) issued by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection (Department). Based upon materials filed in support of the appeals, the responses to the appeals, comments received, and other related materials in the Department's file, the Board FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

#### 1. PROCEDURAL HISTORY

On December 6, 2019, the Department initiated the formal process to renew the MS4 General Permit, last issued by the Department on July 1, 2013, for a five-year term. The MS4 General Permit regulates discharges of stormwater from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s)<sup>1</sup> to surface waters of the State. It sets forth permit coverage and limitations, definitions, authorization and notice requirements, stormwater program management plan (SWMP) requirements, and standard conditions for covered municipalities and other MS4s entities.

Between March 2017 and December 2019, the Department held stakeholder meetings regarding the renewal of the MS4 General Permit. On December 6, 2019, Department staff released a draft MS4 General Permit and associated draft fact sheet (Draft) for a formal 30-day public comment period in accordance with Chapter 2, § 18 and 06-096 C.M.R., ch. 522, *Application Processing Procedures for Waste Discharge Licenses*. The Department received comments from interested persons between December 6, 2019, and January 5, 2020, when the comment staff released a revised draft MS4 General Permit on June 23, 2020 (Final Draft) for additional public comment. The Department received comments on the Final Draft from interested persons between June 23, 2020, and July 10, 2020, when the additional comment period closed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Generally, the definition of small MS4 includes those MS4s that serve less than 100,000 persons and are located within the urbanized area boundary as determined by the latest U.S. Census and construction sites that disturb one to five acres. *See* 40 C.F.R. § 122.26(b)(16).

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On October 15, 2020, the Commissioner of the Department issued combined Waste Discharge License W009170-5Y-C-R and Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit MER041000, thereby renewing for a period of five years the July 1, 2013, MS4 General Permit. Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.28(d)(2), the Department incorporated a two-step permitting process for MS4s in Maine into the renewed MS4 General Permit. Issuance of the MS4 General Permit is the first step in the process; the second step is granting coverage for individual dischargers under the MS4 General Permit. Each entity seeking coverage under the MS4 General Permit (NOI) and a SWMP. In granting coverage under the MS4 General Permit, the Department issues an Order that may or may not establish additional required actions and corresponding schedules of compliance based upon the circumstances and the Department's review of each NOI.

On November 13, 2020, FOCB filed with the Board a timely appeal of the MS4 General Permit pursuant to 38 M.R.S. § 341-D(4)(A) and Chapter 2, § 24. The Appellant argues that certain terms that had been included in the Final Draft were changed or omitted from the Final Permit without explanation. Specifically, FOCB argued that the following terms from the Final Draft must be restored in the Final Permit in order for it to comply with the federal Clean Water Act (CWA):

- 1) an effective date of September 1, 2021;
- 2) a requirement that municipalities mandate the use of Low Impact Development (LID) site planning and design strategies to the maximum extent feasible; and
- 3) for municipalities that discharge to an impaired water body, a requirement that SWMPs contain clear, specific, and measurable actions to comply with the total maximum daily load (TMDL), waste load allocation, and any implementation plan.

The United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region 1; the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group and the Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group, jointly, (ISWG and SMSWG); and the Bangor Area Stormwater Group (BASWG) each filed timely responses to FOCB's appeal. ISWG and SMSWG proposed as supplemental evidence Department emails "regarding Chapter 500 Updates." The Appellant objected to this proposed supplemental evidence, arguing that it was not relevant and was not the type of evidence on which reasonable persons would rely. In a procedural order dated March 2, 2021, the Presiding Officer admitted the proposed supplemental evidence pursuant to Chapter 2, § 24(D)(2).

Additionally, FOCB requested a hearing on the appeal pursuant to Chapter 2, § 24(A).

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Pursuant to Chapter 2, § 24(G) the Board is not bound by the Commissioner's findings of fact or conclusions of law. The Board shall affirm all or part, affirm with conditions, order a hearing to be held as expeditiously as possible, reverse all or part of the decision of the Commissioner, or remand the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings. The Board's decision is based on the administrative record on appeal, including any supplemental evidence admitted into the record and any evidence admitted during the course of a hearing on the appeal. The decision to hold a hearing is discretionary with the Board.

#### 3. STANDING

The Appellant states that it is a nonprofit organization with more than 3,000 members that works to improve and protect the environmental health of Casco Bay and its watershed. FOCB states that its members depend on clean and healthy water in the Bay and that it has identified stormwater pollution as one of the most serious threats to the Bay. FOCB further states that it will be negatively affected if stormwater pollution is not adequately controlled. The Appellant participated in the MS4 permitting process before the Department by filing comments and attending stakeholder meetings. No Respondent challenged FOCB's standing on appeal.

The Board finds that the Appellant may suffer particularized injury as a result of the Department's MS4 permitting decision and that FOCB therefore is an aggrieved person and has standing to bring this appeal pursuant to Chapter 2, §§ 1(B) and 24.

#### 4. DISCUSSION AND FINDINGS OF FACT

#### A. Background

Municipal and industrial stormwater discharges are subject to regulation pursuant to section 402(p) of the CWA. 33 U.S.C. § 1342(p). In 1999, EPA promulgated a rule requiring National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for discharges from small MS4s (the Phase II Rule). 64 Fed. Reg. 68722, Dec. 8, 1999. The Phase II Rule requires small MS4s to develop and implement SWMPs designed to reduce pollutants discharged from the MS4 "to the maximum extent practicable (MEP), to protect water quality, and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act," and requires that the SWMPs include six "minimum control measures" (MCMs). 40 C.F.R. § 122.34. Small MS4s may seek coverage under an applicable general permit or may apply for an individual NPDES permit.

In 2001, the Department received authorization from the EPA to administer the NPDES permit program for most of the State of Maine,<sup>2</sup> commonly referred to as the Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit program. Department rule, 06-096 C.M.R., ch. 529, *General Permits for Certain Wastewater Discharges*, authorizes the Department to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> EPA took no action at that time regarding Maine's implementation of the NPDES program in Indian country in Maine. *See Maine v. Johnson*, 498 F.3d 37, 40 (1st Cir. 2007).

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issue general permits for certain wastewater discharges, including discharges from MS4s. The Department issued the first MS4 General Permit for the State of Maine on July 1, 2013.

In 2003, petitions for review of the Phase II Rule were filed in federal court. The reviewing court partially remanded the rule to EPA because it lacked adequate procedures for permitting authority review and public notice and the opportunity to request a hearing on NOIs. *Environmental Defense Center v. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency*, 344 F.3d. 832 (9th Cir. 2003). To remedy these defects, EPA promulgated an amended rule, *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit Remand Rule*, 81 Fed. Reg. 89320-01 (Dec. 9, 2016) (the Remand Rule). The Remand Rule requires state permitting authorities to select either a "Comprehensive General Permit" or "Two-Step General Permit." *See* 40 C.F.R. § 122.28(d). It also clarifies that the terms and conditions of the general permit "must be expressed in terms that are 'clear, specific, and measurable'" and that "the permit requirements must be enforceable, and must provide a set of performance expectations and schedules that are readily understood by the permittee, the public, and the [state] permitting authority alike." 81 Fed. Reg. at 89326.

Because the permit was due to expire on July 1, 2018, Maine initiated the renewal permitting process for the MS4 General Permit in March 2017. The Department was aware of the Remand Rule and incorporated its requirements into the permit renewal process.

B. Response to Comments (Part IV of the Fact Sheet)

Pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 124.17(a)(1), upon issuing a MEPDES permit, the Department must also issue a response to comments that "[specifies] which provisions, if any, of the draft permit have been changed in the final permit decision, and the reasons for the change." In the Response to Comments document that accompanied the Final Permit, the Department failed to specify or explain the rationale for the three changes it made to the Final Draft challenged by the Appellant. In its comments on the MS4 General Permit, EPA Region 1 noted that the Response to Comments document issued by the Department does "not address or justify" two of those three changes—the change in the effective date and the change to Part IV.C.5 of the Final Permit. See Sections 4(C) and (D) below.

The Board finds that the Response to Comments document accompanying the Final Permit did not comply with 40 C.F.R. § 124.17(a)(1) because it did not specify and give reasoned bases for the three changes from the Final Draft to the final MS4 General Permit. Specifically, the Response to Comments document should have noted and explained the changes to (1) the effective date; (2) the LID term component of the required municipal post construction ordinance or other regulatory mechanism; and (3) the requirement to propose clear, specific, and measurable actions to comply with the TMDL waste load allocation and any implementation plan for discharges to impaired waters.

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C. Effective Date (Part I.B.1 of the Final Permit)

The Final Draft set an effective date of September 1, 2021, for the general permit. Final Draft, Part I.B.1, p. 5. The Final Permit sets an effective date of July 1, 2022. Final Permit, Part I.B.1, p. 5. The Appellant argues that the Board must restore the effective date that appeared in the Final Draft in the Final Permit because the extended effective date "fails to meet the tenets of the Remand Rule and reduce stormwater pollution to the [maximum extent practicable]." ISWG and SMSWG respond that the Remand Rule does not specify what the effective date of the new MS4 General Permit must be and that the Department may use its best professional judgment in setting the effective date.

The second step of the MS4 general permitting process requires the Department to review NOIs and SWMPs submitted by thirty regulated entities and issue final permittee-specific orders for those entities. Although the Department has temporarily reallocated resources to assist in the reviews and issuance of orders necessary for coverage under the MS4 General Permit, the Department would nevertheless be unable to complete these reviews and issue these orders by the effective date of September 1, 2021, that appeared in the Final Draft. This would mean that some regulated entities would not have coverage under the MS4 General Permit by that effective date. Therefore, shortly before issuing the Final Permit, the Department reevaluated the permitting timeline and concluded that an effective date of July 1, 2022, was the earliest possible effective date that the Department could set for the MS4 General Permit. Although the change was not identified in the Response to Comments document, Department staff informed FOCB of this change before issuing the final permit.

Based on the arguments of the participants and the information provided by the Commissioner, the Board finds that the effective date that appears in the Final Permit is reasonable and necessary and not prohibited by the Remand Rule. The Department would be unable to complete the second step of the MS4 permitting process by the effective date of September 1, 2021, that appeared in the Final Draft. In contrast, the effective date of July 1, 2022, provides the Department with the time necessary to properly review the required NOIs and SWMPs and issue permittee-specific orders in the second step of the MS4 permitting process. The effective date in the Final Permit is both reasonable under the circumstances and within the Commissioner's discretion. The Board is satisfied that the Remand Rule does not mandate a particular effective date and that the Commissioner and Department staff have used their best judgment in setting the earliest possible effective date for the Final Permit. Accordingly, the Board affirms that portion of the Commissioner's decision.

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D. Low Impact Development (LID) (Part IV.C.5.b of the Final Permit)

In accordance with the Remand Rule, the MS4 General Permit requires regulated entities to implement and enforce a program to address post-construction stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment projects that disturb greater than or equal to one acre, including projects less than one acre that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale. Minimum Control Measure (MCM) 5 (Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment) of the Final Draft required permittees to have and implement a post-construction discharge ordinance or other regulatory mechanism that contains "Low Impact Development site planning and design strategies must be used to the maximum extent feasible." Final Draft, Part IV.C.5.b.1, p. 34. The Final Permit omits this LID requirement. Final Permit, Part IV.C.5.b, p. 34.

The Appellant argues that the LID requirement must be restored to the Final Permit because the Remand Rule requires MCM 5 to contain clear, specific, and measurable terms designed to reduce pollution from new construction to the maximum extent practicable, and LID "is the very means by which new development can be designed and stormwater treated before it enters receiving waters." ISWG, SMSWG, and BASWG respond that the Remand Rule does not mandate the use of LID and that LID is not the only way to reduce stormwater runoff from new development to the maximum extent practicable. ISWG, SMSWG, and BASWG further state that Department rule Chapter 500, *Stormwater Management*, already mandates the use of LID for developments that disturb one acre or more of land. They argue a statewide rule mandating LID provides more consistency than a patchwork of municipal ordinances that could be created by including the LID term in MCM 5 of the MS4 General Permit. ISWG and SMSWG also submitted supplemental evidence suggesting that the Department will be amending Chapter 500, although the emails do not reveal a timeline for this rulemaking or details of how the rule might be amended.

In its comments on the Draft and the Final Permit, EPA Region 1 stated that this part of MCM 5 did not contain clear, specific, and measurable terms as required by the Remand Rule. EPA further commented that the Department could cure this defect by (1) restoring the LID term that appeared in the Final Draft, (2) referencing Chapter 500 in the permit, or (3) requiring each MS4 permittee to submit how it plans to regulate new development and redevelopment and create clear, specific, and measurable requirements in the second step of the two-step permitting process.

Having considered these arguments, responses, and comments, the Board finds that, although LID best management practices (BMPs) are not specifically required by the Remand Rule or Department regulations (Chapter 500), incorporating clear, specific, and measurable LID BMPs into the permit would satisfy the Remand Rule and is also reasonable and appropriate given that the Department has historically endorsed the use of these BMPs in site development approvals. Chapter 10 of the Department's publication *Maine Stormwater Management Design Manual, Stormwater Management Manual Volume I (March 2016)* contains a list of specific

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measures and techniques to reduce the impacts of stormwater runoff from new development and redevelopment. Rather than referencing Chapter 500 as suggested by EPA Region 1, the measures and techniques in Chapter 10 should be incorporated into the MS4 General Permit as an appendix. The Department and members of the stakeholders that participated in the draft of the permit were in agreement that simply referencing the Chapter 500 rules would be cumbersome and confusing to permittees as there are numerous provisions in the rule that are not applicable to the GP. All parties agreed that rather than referencing to other Department rules or documents, the GP should be a stand-alone document with all of the requirements incorporated within. Incorporating the LID measures and techniques into the GP will satisfy the Remand Rule by giving permittees clear, specific, and measurable BMPs to be utilized to the maximum extent practicable for stormwater management unless the BMPs are infeasible for a particular site.

E. Discharges to Impaired Waters (Part IV.E.1 of the Final Permit)

The provision for Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations (MCM 6) in the Final Draft provided that, if an MS4 discharges to impaired waters for which EPA has approved a TMDL, its SWMP "must propose clear, specific and measurable actions to comply with the TMDL waste load allocation, and any implementation plan." Final Draft, Part IV.E.1, p. 51. The Final Permit omits the words "clear, specific and measurable." Final Permit, Part IV.E.1, p. 51. Instead, the Final Permit requires a permittee that discharges to an impaired water with an EPA approved TMDL to "address compliance" with the TMDL, the waste load allocation, and any implementation plan.

The Appellant states that this change removes the requirement to propose BMPs for discharges to impaired waters other than to urban impaired streams, for which permittees are required to propose and fully implement at least three structural or non-structural BMPs. FOCB argues that the change in language between the Final Draft and Final Permit fails to advise permittees of how they must address compliance with TMDL waste load allocations, and that it is insufficient to address this issue in the second step of the MS4 permitting process. ISWG and SMSWG respond that the Final Permit satisfies the Remand Rule because it includes clear, specific, and measurable actions to address stormwater runoff to impaired waters. Specifically, ISWG and SMSWG point to the following actions required by the Final Permit: (1) development of three BMPs for urban impaired streams, which account for most of the MS4 discharges to impaired waters, see Final Permit, Part IV.3, p. 26; (2) implementation of illicit discharge detection and elimination plans, see Final Permit, Part IV.E, p. 52; and (3) Department review and approval of SWMPs that include BMPs, see Final Permit, Part IV.A-B, pp. 20-22. They note that nothing in the Final Permit authorizes discharges to impaired waters that are inconsistent with a TMDL waste load allocation. EPA Region 1 and BASWG did not comment on this change, although BASWG indicated its general support for the arguments made by ISWG and SMSWG.

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Having considered these arguments and responses, the Board finds that actions to be taken by the permittee to address compliance with TMDL waste load allocations must be clear, specific and measurable to comply with the Remand Rule. Incorporating the words "clear, specific, and measurable" into Part IV. E.1 of the Final Permit as FOCB requests is therefore reasonable and appropriate.

#### CONCLUSIONS

In consideration of FOCB's arguments on appeal, responses from the EPA Region I, ISWG, SMSWG, BASWG and the CLF, information from the Commissioner, and review of applicable regulations, including the Remand Rule, the Board concludes that the Final Permit should be remanded to the Commissioner for further proceedings to modify Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E of the Final Permit. The Board further concludes that the Response to Comments document accompanying the Final Permit must be modified to specify and give reasoned bases for the effective date of the Final Permit and the forthcoming modifications to Part IV.C.5 and Part IV.E of the Final Permit.<sup>3</sup>

Notwithstanding the Board's decision to remand the Final Permit and Response to Comments document for modification as described above, the Board affirms all other findings of fact and conclusions in the Final Permit and the associated Fact Sheet and Response to Comments document.

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Therefore, the Board REMANDS to the Commissioner the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit MER041000/W009170-5Y-C-R for further proceedings on only Part IV.C.5, Part IV.E, and the Response to Comments document in accordance with this Order.

DONE AND DATED IN AUGUSTA, MAINE THIS	17th	DAY OF	JUNE	, 2021.
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BY:

PRESIDING OFFICER

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Although the Board has discretion to modify the Final Permit itself, the Board concludes that the Commissioner is in a better position to do so on remand in this particular instance where the CWA imposes specific requirements for notice and comment. *See* 38 M.R.S. § 414-A(5); 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 522, § 4; 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 529, § 2(b)(1).

Every document or communication filed with the Board in this matter must be served on all parties on this service list.

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Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG) is comprised of Biddeford, Cape Elizabeth, Cumberland, Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District, Falmouth, Freeport, Gorham, Old Orchard Beach, Portland, Saco, Scarborough, South Portland, Southern Maine Community College, University of Southern Maine, Westbrook, Windham, and Yarmouth jointly with

Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group (SMSWG) is comprised of Berwick, Eliot, Kittery, South Berwick, and York

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Respondents (cont'd)

#### **Bangor Area Stormwater Group**

(BASWG) is comprised of City of Bangor, City of Brewer, Town of Hampden, Town of Milford, City of Old Town, Town of Orono, Town of Veazie, Dorothea Dix Psychiatric Center, Eastern Maine Community College, Maine Air National Guard, University of Maine Augusta at Bangor, and University of Maine

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### **DEP INFORMATION SHEET** Appealing a Department Licensing Decision

Dated: November 2018

Contact: (207) 314-1458

#### **SUMMARY**

There are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner: (1) an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. An aggrieved person seeking review of a licensing decision over which the Board had original jurisdiction may seek judicial review in Maine's Superior Court.

A judicial appeal of final action by the Commissioner or the Board regarding an application for an expedited wind energy development (35-A M.R.S. § 3451(4)) or a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project (38 M.R.S. § 480-HH(1)) or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project (38 M.R.S. § 636-A) must be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court.

This information sheet, in conjunction with a review of the statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, can help a person to understand his or her rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal.

#### I. ADMINISTRATIVE APPEALS TO THE BOARD

#### LEGAL REFERENCES

The laws concerning the DEP's Organization and Powers, 38 M.R.S. §§ 341-D(4) & 346; the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. § 11001; and the DEP's Rules Concerning the Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters ("Chapter 2"), 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2.

#### DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

The Board must receive a written appeal within 30 days of the date on which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board. Appeals filed more than 30 calendar days after the date on which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board will be dismissed unless notice of the Commissioner's license decision was required to be given to the person filing an appeal (appellant) and the notice was not given as required.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

Signed original appeal documents must be sent to: Chair, Board of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0017. An appeal may be submitted by fax or e-mail if it contains a scanned original signature. It is recommended that a faxed or e-mailed appeal be followed by the submittal of mailed original paper documents. The complete appeal, including any attachments, must be received at DEP's offices in Augusta on or before 5:00 PM on the due date; materials received after 5:00 pm are not considered received until the following day. The risk of material not being received in a timely manner is on the sender, regardless of the method used. The appellant must also send a copy of the appeal documents to the Commissioner of the DEP; the applicant (if the appellant is not the applicant in the license proceeding at issue); and if a hearing was held on the application, any intervenor in that hearing process. All of the information listed in the next section of this information sheet must be submitted at the time the appeal is filed.

#### INFORMATION APPEAL PAPERWORK MUST CONTAIN

Appeal materials must contain the following information at the time the appeal is submitted:

- 1. *Aggrieved Status*. The appeal must explain how the appellant has standing to maintain an appeal. This requires an explanation of how the appellant may suffer a particularized injury as a result of the Commissioner's decision.
- 2. The findings, conclusions, or conditions objected to or believed to be in error. The appeal must identify the specific findings of fact, conclusions regarding compliance with the law, license conditions, or other aspects of the written license decision or of the license review process that the appellant objects to or believes to be in error.
- 3. *The basis of the objections or challenge.* For the objections identified in Item #2, the appeal must state why the appellant believes that the license decision is incorrect and should be modified or reversed. If possible, the appeal should cite specific evidence in the record or specific licensing requirements that the appellant believes were not properly considered or fully addressed.
- 4. *The remedy sought.* This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license or permit to changes in specific permit conditions.
- 5. *All the matters to be contested*. The Board will limit its consideration to those matters specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
- 6. *Request for hearing.* If the appellant wishes the Board to hold a public hearing on the appeal, a request for public hearing must be filed as part of the notice of appeal, and must include an offer of proof in accordance with Chapter 2. The Board will hear the arguments in favor of and in opposition to a hearing on the appeal and the presentations on the merits of an appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the Board decides to hold a public hearing on an appeal, that hearing will then be scheduled for a later date.
- 7. New or additional evidence to be offered. If an appellant wants to provide evidence not previously provided to DEP staff during the DEP's review of the application, the request and the proposed evidence must be submitted with the appeal. The Board may allow new or additional evidence, referred to as supplemental evidence, to be considered in an appeal only under very limited circumstances. The proposed evidence must be relevant and material, and (a) the person seeking to add information to the record must show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process; or (b) the evidence itself must be newly discovered and therefore unable to have been presented earlier in the process. Specific requirements for supplemental evidence are found in Chapter 2 § 24.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD

- 1. Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record. A license application file is public information, subject to any applicable statutory exceptions, and is made easily accessible by the DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make application materials available during normal working hours, provide space to review the file, and provide an opportunity for photocopying materials. There is a charge for copies or copying services.
- 2. Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing your appeal. DEP staff will provide this information on request and answer general questions regarding the appeal process.
- 3. *The filing of an appeal does not operate as a stay to any decision.* If a license has been granted and it has been appealed, the license normally remains in effect pending the processing of the appeal. Unless a stay of the decision is requested and granted, a license holder may proceed with a project pending the outcome of an appeal, but the license holder runs the risk of the decision being reversed or modified as a result of the appeal.

#### WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD

The Board will formally acknowledge receipt of an appeal, and will provide the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal. The notice of appeal, any materials accepted by the Board Chair as supplementary evidence, any materials submitted in response to the appeal, and relevant excerpts from the DEP's application review file will be sent to Board members with a recommended decision from DEP staff. The appellant, the license holder if different from the appeal or request for public hearing. The appellant and the license holder will have an opportunity to address the Board at the Board meeting. With or without holding a public hearing, the Board may affirm, amend, or reverse a Commissioner decision or remand the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings. The Board will notify the appellant, the license holder, and interested persons of its decision.

#### **II. JUDICIAL APPEALS**

Maine law generally allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner or Board licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court (see 38 M.R.S. § 346(1); 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2; 5 M.R.S. § 11001; and M.R. Civ. P. 80C). A party's appeal must be filed with the Superior Court within 30 days of receipt of notice of the Board's or the Commissioner's decision. For any other person, an appeal must be filed within 40 days of the date the decision was rendered. An appeal to court of a license decision regarding an expedited wind energy development, a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project, or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project may only be taken directly to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. See 38 M.R.S. § 346(4).

Maine's Administrative Procedure Act, DEP statutes governing a particular matter, and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure must be consulted for the substantive and procedural details applicable to judicial appeals.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, for administrative appeals contact the Board's Executive Analyst at (207) 314-1458, or for judicial appeals contact the court clerk's office in which your appeal will be filed.

Note: The DEP provides this INFORMATION SHEET for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.



STATE OF MAINE **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION** 



**MELANIE LOYZIM** COMMISSIONER

JANET T. MILLS **GOVERNOR** 

May 17, 2022

Ms. Heather Hunter City Manager 27 Pine Street Lewiston, Maine 04240 e-mail: hhunter@lewistonmaine.gov

#### RE: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit #MER041000 Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) **Final - MER041012**

Dear Ms. Hunter:

Enclosed please find a copy of your final MEPDES permit and Maine WDL which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Please read this permit/license and its attached conditions carefully. Compliance with this permit/license will protect water quality.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled "Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision."

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693. Your Department compliance inspector copied below is also a resource that can assist you with compliance. Please do not hesitate to contact them with any questions.

Thank you for your efforts to protect and improve the waters of the great state of Maine!

Sincerely,

Gregg Wood Division of Water Quality Management Bureau of Water Quality

Enc.

Stacia Hoover, DEP/CMRO cc: Irene Saumur, DEP/CMRO Richard Carvalho, USEPA

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

**APPROVAL** 

#### DEPARTMENT ORDER IN THE MATTER OF

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CITY OF LEWISTON LEWISTON, ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY, MAINE MER041012 MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEM MER041000 GENERAL PERMIT COVERAGE RENEWAL

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department/DEP) has considered the Notice of Intent submitted by the CITY OF LEWISTON (City/permittee), with supportive data, agency review comments and other related materials on file for coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS.

The permittee submitted a Notice of Intent (NOI) with an initial Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) to the Department on March 26, 2021 that were made available for a 30-day public comment period on the Department's website at <u>https://www.maine.gov/dep/comment/comment.html?id=4463193</u>. No public comments were received on the NOI or the initial SWMP. The Department has reviewed the initial SWMP document and made the determination that the document is consistent with and fully articulates what is required to meet the MS4 GP standard. Pursuant to Part IV(B) of MS4 GP issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, the permittee must update the initial SWMP within 60 days of the effective date of this DEP permittee specific order or within 60 days of the final resolution to an appeal of this DEP permittee specific order. The final plan must be submitted to the Department and will be posted on the Department's website.

The permittee must fully implement the Best Management Practices (BMPs) in Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) MCM1- MCM6 in accordance with their associated schedules of compliance, as established in the Modified Stormwater Management Plan that is in effect at the time any schedule for compliance is due.

#### **Impaired Waters**

The City's regulated MS4 has discharges to Hart Brook and Jepson Brook, which are classified as Urban Impaired Streams in Maine DEP Rule Chapter 502 and both are subject to Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) prepared by the Department and approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. To meet the standards of the MS4 GP for impaired waters, the permittee must fully implement the following BMPs in accordance with their associated schedules of compliance, or schedules established in the Modified Stormwater Management Plan that is in effect at the time any schedule for compliance is due.

#### PERMIT

#### <u>Hart Brook</u>

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and each year thereafter**, the permittee must conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the negative impact of pet waste on water quality. This will involve posting information on social media platform(s) and distributing informational flyers to residents when they annually register their pets with the City.

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and lasting through June 30, 2023**, the City must develop a plan that identifies high priority street sweeping areas within the Hart Brook watershed.

**Beginning July 1, 2023 and each year thereafter**, the City must increase street sweeping activities on high traffic streets (collector streets and above) in the Hart Brook watershed. These streets will be swept once per month from the months of April to October after Citywide sweeping has been completed.

**Beginning July 1, 2023 and each year thereafter**, the City must conduct education and outreach efforts to inform owners and/or property managers of industrial facilities located within the Lewiston Industrial Park of the positive impact of sweeping activities on water quality by distributing flyers annually each Spring.

#### Jepson Brook

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and each year thereafter**, the permittee must conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the negative impact of pet waste on water quality. This will involve posting information on social media platform(s) and distribute informational flyers to residents when they annually register their pets with the City.

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and lasting through June 30, 2023**, the City must develop a plan that identifies high priority street sweeping areas within the Jepson Brook watershed.

**Beginning July 1, 2023 and each year thereafter**, the City must increase street sweeping activities on high traffic streets (collector streets and above) in the Jepson Brook watershed. These streets will be swept once per month from the months of April to October after Citywide sweeping has been completed.

**Beginning July 1, 2022 and each year thereafter**, the permittee must conduct education and outreach to inform the public of the positive impact of yardscaping on water quality. This will involve distributing informational flyers to approximately 500 residences annually **beginning July 1, 2023**.

Modifications to the Initial Stormwater Management Plan required as a result of this Order, if any, must be provided to the Department in accordance with Part IV.B of the MS4 GP, and the Department will notify the permittee if further changes are required in accordance with Part IV.B.2.

The permittee has agreed to comply with all terms and conditions of the MS4 General Permit, #MER041000, dated October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021. Operated in accordance with the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, the discharges identified by the permittee will not have a significant adverse effect on water quality or cause or contribute to the violation of the water quality standards of the receiving water.

#### PERMIT

THEREFORE, the Department GRANTS the CITY OF LEWISTON, coverage under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit, #MER041000, issued by the Department on October 15, 2020 and revised on November 23, 2021, subject to the terms and conditions therein.

This DEP permittee specific order becomes effective on July 1, 2022 and expires at midnight five (5) years after that date. If the GP is to be renewed, this DEP permittee specific order will remain in effect and enforceable until the Department takes final action on the renewal.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS <u>17</u> DAY OF <u>May</u>, 2022.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

a s BY:

for Melanie Loyzim, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

The Notice of Intent was received by the Department on \_\_\_\_\_\_ March 26 2021 \_\_\_\_\_.

The Notice of Intent was accepted by the Department on \_\_\_\_\_\_ April 2, 2021

FILED

MAY 17, 2022

State of Maine Board of Environmental Protection

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection:

This Order prepared by GREGG WOOD, BUREAU OF WATER QUALITY

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#### **RESPONSE TO COMMENTS**

During the period of March 16, 2022 through the effective date of this final agency action, the Department solicited comments on the draft MEPDES permit. The Department did not receive any comments that resulted in any substantive changes to the draft permit. Therefore, the final permit is being issued as drafted.



# **DEP INFORMATION SHEET** Appealing a Department Licensing Decision

Dated: August 2021

Contact: (207) 314-1458

#### **SUMMARY**

This document provides information regarding a person's rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal of a licensing decision made by the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) Commissioner.

Except as provided below, there are two methods available to an aggrieved person seeking to appeal a licensing decision made by the DEP Commissioner: (1) an administrative process before the Board of Environmental Protection (Board); or (2) a judicial process before Maine's Superior Court. An aggrieved person seeking review of a licensing decision over which the Board had original jurisdiction may seek judicial review in Maine's Superior Court.

A judicial appeal of final action by the Commissioner or the Board regarding an application for an expedited wind energy development (<u>35-A M.R.S. § 3451(4)</u>) or a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project (<u>38 M.R.S. § 480-HH(1)</u>) or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project (<u>38 M.R.S. § 636-A</u>) must be taken to the Supreme Judicial Court sitting as the Law Court.

#### I. <u>Administrative Appeals to the Board</u>

#### LEGAL REFERENCES

A person filing an appeal with the Board should review Organization and Powers, <u>38 M.R.S. §§ 341-D(4)</u> and <u>346</u>; the Maine Administrative Procedure Act, 5 M.R.S. § <u>11001</u>; and the DEP's <u>Rule Concerning the</u> <u>Processing of Applications and Other Administrative Matters (Chapter 2), 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2</u>.

#### DEADLINE TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

Not more than 30 days following the filing of a license decision by the Commissioner with the Board, an aggrieved person may appeal to the Board for review of the Commissioner's decision. The filing of an appeal with the Board, in care of the Board Clerk, is complete when the Board receives the submission by the close of business on the due date (5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day from which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board, as determined by the received time stamp on the document or electronic mail). Appeals filed after 5:00 p.m. on the 30<sup>th</sup> calendar day from which the Commissioner's decision was filed with the Board as untimely, absent a showing of good cause.

#### HOW TO SUBMIT AN APPEAL TO THE BOARD

An appeal to the Board may be submitted via postal mail or electronic mail and must contain all signatures and required appeal contents. An electronic filing must contain the scanned original signature of the appellant(s). The appeal documents must be sent to the following address.

Chair, Board of Environmental Protection c/o Board Clerk 17 State House Station Augusta, ME 04333-0017 ruth.a.burke@maine.gov The DEP may also request the submittal of the original signed paper appeal documents when the appeal is filed electronically. The risk of material not being received in a timely manner is on the sender, regardless of the method used.

At the time an appeal is filed with the Board, the appellant must send a copy of the appeal to: (1) the Commissioner of the DEP (Maine Department of Environmental Protection, 17 State House Station, Augusta, Maine 04333-0017); (2) the licensee; and if a hearing was held on the application, (3) any intervenors in that hearing proceeding. Please contact the DEP at 207-287-7688 with questions or for contact information regarding a specific licensing decision.

#### **REQUIRED APPEAL CONTENTS**

A complete appeal must contain the following information at the time the appeal is submitted.

- 1. *Aggrieved status*. The appeal must explain how the appellant has standing to bring the appeal. This requires an explanation of how the appellant may suffer a particularized injury as a result of the Commissioner's decision.
- 2. *The findings, conclusions, or conditions objected to or believed to be in error.* The appeal must identify the specific findings of fact, conclusions of law, license conditions, or other aspects of the written license decision or of the license review process that the appellant objects to or believes to be in error.
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- 4. *The remedy sought.* This can range from reversal of the Commissioner's decision on the license to changes in specific license conditions.
- 5. *All the matters to be contested.* The Board will limit its consideration to those matters specifically raised in the written notice of appeal.
- 6. *Request for hearing.* If the appellant wishes the Board to hold a public hearing on the appeal, a request for hearing must be filed as part of the notice of appeal, and it must include an offer of proof regarding the testimony and other evidence that would be presented at the hearing. The offer of proof must consist of a statement of the substance of the evidence, its relevance to the issues on appeal, and whether any witnesses would testify. The Board will hear the arguments in favor of and in opposition to a hearing on the appeal and the presentations on the merits of an appeal at a regularly scheduled meeting. If the Board decides to hold a public hearing on an appeal, that hearing will then be scheduled for a later date.
- 7. New or additional evidence to be offered. If an appellant wants to provide evidence not previously provided to DEP staff during the DEP's review of the application, the request and the proposed supplemental evidence must be submitted with the appeal. The Board may allow new or additional evidence to be considered in an appeal only under limited circumstances. The proposed supplemental evidence must be relevant and material, and (a) the person seeking to add information to the record must show due diligence in bringing the evidence to the DEP's attention at the earliest possible time in the licensing process; or (b) the evidence itself must be newly discovered and therefore unable to have been presented earlier in the process. Requirements for supplemental evidence are set forth in <u>Chapter 2 § 24</u>.

#### OTHER CONSIDERATIONS IN APPEALING A DECISION TO THE BOARD

1. *Be familiar with all relevant material in the DEP record.* A license application file is public information, subject to any applicable statutory exceptions, and is made accessible by the DEP. Upon request, the DEP will make application materials available to review and photocopy during normal working hours. There may be a charge for copies or copying services.

- 2. *Be familiar with the regulations and laws under which the application was processed, and the procedural rules governing the appeal.* DEP staff will provide this information upon request and answer general questions regarding the appeal process.
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#### WHAT TO EXPECT ONCE YOU FILE A TIMELY APPEAL WITH THE BOARD

The Board will acknowledge receipt of an appeal, and it will provide the name of the DEP project manager assigned to the specific appeal. The notice of appeal, any materials admitted by the Board as supplementary evidence, any materials admitted in response to the appeal, relevant excerpts from the DEP's administrative record for the application, and the DEP staff's recommendation, in the form of a proposed Board Order, will be provided to Board members. The appellant, the licensee, and parties of record are notified in advance of the date set for the Board's consideration of an appeal or request for a hearing. The appellant and the licensee will have an opportunity to address the Board at the Board meeting. The Board will decide whether to hold a hearing on appeal when one is requested before deciding the merits of the appeal. The Board's decision on appeal may be to affirm all or part, affirm with conditions, order a hearing to be held as expeditiously as possible, reverse all or part of the decision of the Commissioner, or remand the matter to the Commissioner for further proceedings. The Board will notify the appellant, the licensee, and parties of record of its decision on appeal.

#### II. JUDICIAL APPEALS

Maine law generally allows aggrieved persons to appeal final Commissioner or Board licensing decisions to Maine's Superior Court (see <u>38 M.R.S. § 346(1)</u>; 06-096 C.M.R. ch. 2; <u>5 M.R.S. § 11001</u>; and M.R. Civ. P. 80C). A party's appeal must be filed with the Superior Court within 30 days of receipt of notice of the Board's or the Commissioner's decision. For any other person, an appeal must be filed within 40 days of the date the decision was rendered. An appeal to court of a license decision regarding an expedited wind energy development, a general permit for an offshore wind energy demonstration project, or a general permit for a tidal energy demonstration project may only be taken directly to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court. See 38 M.R.S. § 346(4).

Maine's Administrative Procedure Act, DEP statutes governing a particular matter, and the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure must be consulted for the substantive and procedural details applicable to judicial appeals.

#### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

If you have questions or need additional information on the appeal process, for administrative appeals contact the Board Clerk at 207-287-2811 or the Board Executive Analyst at 207-314-1458 <u>bill.hinkel@maine.gov</u>, or for judicial appeals contact the court clerk's office in which the appeal will be filed.

Note: This information sheet, in conjunction with a review of the statutory and regulatory provisions referred to herein, is provided to help a person to understand their rights and obligations in filing an administrative or judicial appeal. The DEP provides this information sheet for general guidance only; it is not intended for use as a legal reference. Maine law governs an appellant's rights.





#### **APPENDIX D**

**STORMWATER AWARENESS PLAN** 

#### Stormwater Awareness Plan

The 2022 MS4 General Permit requires the permittee to raise awareness of the public as well as one of the following groups: municipal, commercial, development/construction, or institutions. This Stormwater Awareness Plan<sup>1</sup> describes the reasoning and measurable goals for the public audience.

**Background**: The Think Blue Maine campaign began in 2003 as a statewide effort to raise awareness of common stormwater pollutants and ways to prevent those pollutants. The Think Blue Maine campaign has been historically successful in increasing awareness of stormwater issues. The Interlocal Stormwater Working Group (ISWG), Androscoggin Valley Stormwater Working Group (AVSWG)<sup>2</sup>, and Southern Maine Stormwater Working Group (SMSWG) coordinate their Think Blue Maine messaging and education efforts to provide consistent messaging in Southern Maine. In addition, the Massachusetts and New Hampshire small MS4s are using similar Think Blue campaigns, so there is some regionally consistent messaging in circulation.

In 2018, the ISWG executed a statewide survey around public awareness of stormwater issues and behaviors that impact stormwater. Ninety-four percent of survey respondents in the ISWG region ages 25 to 34 stated it was "very important to have clean water in the lakes and streams in [their] community", and 86% of ISWG respondents ages 25 to 34 believe that stormwater runoff has a major impact or somewhat impacts water quality, but only 46% of ISWG respondents ages 25 to 34 were able to correctly describe what happens to stormwater at their residence. Because this age group has not been targeted before for education and has the potential to impact stormwater for many years into the future, the ISWG, AVSWG, and SMSWG communities will cooperatively use the Think Blue Maine campaign to raise awareness of the target audience to be more aware of stormwater issues and be more willing to change their behavior in the future.

**Measurable Goal** – The City of Lewiston, through its partnership with the ISWG, will raise 15%<sup>3</sup> of the target audience's awareness of what happens to stormwater at their residence or place of work.

Target Audience: People 25 to 34 in the AVSWG region

**Overarching Message:** "Water that lands on our roads, roofs, and other hard surfaces picks up pollutants and carries them to our local waterbodies without being treated." This message will be presented with variations based on target audience interests and outreach tools used.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This Stormwater Awareness Plan is presented here as an excerpt of the Interlocal Stormwater Working Group's (ISWG) Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP). Edits to this portion of the SWMP have been made by the City of Lewiston to reflect applicable requirements of measurable goal 1.1a of the ISWG SWMP and to update references for applicability to the AVSWG region but are not intended to change the intent or goals of the ISWG awareness plan.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> AVSWG consists of the City of Lewiston, City of Auburn, Town of Sabattus, and Town of Lisbon.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> As recommended in the EPA's "Getting in Step: A guide for conducting watershed outreach campaigns" (2003), when 15 to 20 percent of an audience adopts a new idea or behavior, it will be able to permeate to the rest of the audience.

**Outreach Tools:** A minimum of three outreach tools will be selected from Table 1 each year. Each tool will be assessed and customized based on the target audience's receptiveness to the method. Any tool used in a given year will be tailored to the message for the relevant target audience subset based on common characteristics and/or demographics.

Table 1 below includes a list of outreach tools with their corresponding minimum level of effort and effectiveness benchmark that will be selected from each year.

Outreach Tool	Minimum Level of Effort	Effectiveness Benchmark
Think Blue Maine Website Content	Semiannual updates to website content	Number of visitors to website
Social Media Post (each platform counts as separate tool)	12 posts	Amount of post engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, etc.)
Social Media Ad (each platform counts as separate tool)Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)		Amount of ad engagement (e.g., reactions, comments, shares, link clicks, etc.) Number of people reached with ad
Social Media Video (each platform counts as separate tool)	3 videos	Amount of video engagement (e.g., views, reactions, comments, shares, etc.)
Online ad	Ad(s) run 90 days (multiple ads may be run for shorter durations to total 90 days)	Number of people reached with ad Amount of ad engagement (e.g., link clicks)
Outreach Tabling	3 events	Number of interactions
Outreach partnership with local organization	3 content shares by partner organization	Number of people reached
Other DEP-approved tools	Minimum level of effort will be determined based on the tool	Effectiveness benchmark will be determined based on the tool

 TABLE 1

 Education & Outreach Tools, Levels of Effort, and Effectiveness Benchmarks

**Implementation schedule:** A minimum of three of the tools from Table 1 will be implemented each year for the duration of the permit.

**Evaluation:** Effectiveness will be evaluated annually by tracking process indicators<sup>4</sup> for each tool implemented that year and by tracking impact indicators<sup>5</sup> where available (see Table 1).

**Effectiveness Evaluation:** The City of Lewiston, through its participation in ISWG, will submit an annual report each year of the 2022 MS4 General Permit term documenting the implementation of each BMP. The annual report will include the message for the audience, the methods of distribution, the outreach tools used, the measures/methods used to determine on-going effectiveness of the campaigns, and any changes planned based on the measures of effectiveness.

In Permit Year 5 of the 2022 MS4 General Permit the City of Lewiston, through its partnership with ISWG, will conduct an evaluation of the overall effectiveness of this Stormwater Awareness Plan. The evaluation will be a review of the annually reported benchmark values for the Stormwater Awareness Plan as well as documentation of overall changes during the permit term. The evaluation will identify recommendations for future awareness target audiences, messages, tools, and benchmarks. A survey will be conducted to evaluate the impact of the awareness campaign.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Indicators related to the execution of the outreach program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Indicators related to the achievement of the goals or objectives of the program.





#### **APPENDIX E**

MUNICIPAL CHLORIDE AWARENESS PLAN





#### City of Lewiston Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan

Responsible Party: John Kuchinski, Environmental Services Superintendent

Objective: As a result of the implementation of the Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan, at the end of the permit cycle, at least 50% of Public Works leadership and staff will demonstrate increased awareness of the outreach goals. Public Works leadership and staff targeted by this awareness plan include those that are relevant to the City Snow and Ice Control Plan.

TARGET AUDIENCE	OUTREACH TOOL(S) TO BE USED <sup>1</sup>	MESSAGE	BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO BE ADDRESSED <sup>2</sup>	OUTREACH GOAL
Public Works Leadership and Staff	<ol> <li>Staff to attend a training provided by the Maine Local Roads (or other applicable winter maintenance training)</li> <li>Prepare and provide annual winter operations training.</li> <li>Make Snow and Ice Control Plan available on the City webpage.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>The application of winter sand and salt can negatively impact waterways, infrastructure and drinking water supplies.</li> <li>The use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) will reduce these impacts, save money, and preserve infrastructure.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Pre-treating roads with dry or wetted rock salt to reduce the amount of salt necessary.</li> <li>Pre-wet road salt to increase effectiveness and reduce amount required to be applied.</li> <li>Annually calibrate ground speed control material spreaders on crew chief vehicles and plow trucks, where available, to ensure that the minimal amount of material is applied, while still being effective.</li> <li>Annually calibrate and utilize ground temperature sensors on crew chief vehicles and plow trucks, where available.<sup>3</sup></li> </ol>	For staff to understand winter snow operations best management practices and available tools.

<sup>1</sup> The City will annually use at least three of the outreach tools identified to implement the Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan.

<sup>2</sup> The City of Lewiston BMP Implementation Schedule maintained by the City identifies other Best Management Practices that may also be addressed, as determined appropriate by the City. That document was developed using the Maine Environmental Best Management Practices Manual for Snow and Ice Control (Version 1.0).

<sup>3</sup> New trucks are equipped with temperature sensors. Additional deployment may be phased in, as equipment is added or replaced.





#### City of Lewiston Municipal Chloride Awareness Plan, Implementation and Evaluation Protocol

#### Responsible Party: John Kuchinski, Environmental Services Superintendent

	IMPLEMENT	ATION AND EVAL	UATION SCHEDUL	E	
Outreach Tool/ BMP	Permit Year 1	Permit Year 2	Permit Year 3	Permit Year 4	Permit Year 5
Public Works Department leadership and staff attendance at winter maintenance training. <sup>1</sup>	<ol> <li>Prior to winter maintenance training, meet with leadership and staff and implement baseline evaluation.<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>Implement winter maintenance training.<sup>1</sup></li> </ol>	Implement winter maintenance training. <sup>1</sup>	Implement winter maintenance training. <sup>1</sup>	Implement winter maintenance training. <sup>1</sup>	<ol> <li>Implement winter maintenance training.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>After winter maintenance training, meet with leadership and staff and implement evaluation.<sup>2,3</sup></li> </ol>
Public Works Department leadership and staff attendance at annual winter operations meeting. <sup>1</sup>	<ol> <li>Prior to meeting, meet with leadership and staff and implement baseline evaluation.<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>Implement annual winter operations meeting.</li> </ol>	Implement annual winter operations meeting.1	Implement annual winter operations meeting. <sup>1</sup>	Implement annual winter operations meeting.1	<ol> <li>Implement annual winter operations meeting.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>After meeting, meet with leadership and staff and implement evaluation.<sup>2,3</sup></li> </ol>
Make Snow and Ice Control Plan available on the City webpage. <sup>1</sup>	<ol> <li>Meet with Department of Public Works leadership and staff and implement baseline evaluation.<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>Make Snow and Ice Control Plan available on City webpage.<sup>1</sup></li> </ol>	Maintain Plan on City webpage.1	Maintain Plan on City webpage.1	Maintain Plan on City webpage.1	<ol> <li>Maintain Snow and Ice Control Plan available on City webpage.<sup>1</sup></li> <li>Meet with Department of Public Works leadership and staff and implement evaluation.<sup>2,3</sup></li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> The event will occur prior to the onset of each winter maintenance season.

<sup>2</sup> The baseline and final evaluations for each target group must only be implemented once.

<sup>3</sup> Refer to Attachment 1 for a template Municipal Chloride Awareness baseline and final evaluation questionnaire. Evaluation will occur soon after the event and/or prior to the onset of the winter maintenance season.





Attachment 1

City of Lewiston Municipal Chloride Awareness Questionnaire Template





#### **City of Lewiston**

#### Municipal Chloride Awareness Questionnaire Template\*

Department: \_\_\_\_\_

Date:

Question: How does the application of winter sand and salt impact the quality of water in adjacent waterbodies, drinking water supplies, and infrastructure?

Question: What Best Management Practices does the City implement to reduce the impacts associated with the use of winter sand and salt?

\* Actual awareness questionnaire content to be determined.





#### **APPENDIX F**

YARDSCAPING BEHAVIOR CHANGE PLAN



#### City of Lewiston Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan

Responsible Party: John Kuchinski, Environmental Services Superintendent

Objective: As a result of the implementation of the Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan, at the end of the permit cycle, at least 50% of Parks and Recreation (Division of Department of Public Works) staff and 10% of targeted homeowners will report a change in behavior that reduces fertilizer, herbicide, pesticide, and/or landscaping water use.

TARGET AUDIENCE	OUTREACH TOOL(S) TO BE USED <sup>1</sup>	MESSAGE	BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES TO BE ADDRESSED	OUTREACH GOAL
<ol> <li>Parks and Recreation Division of the Department of Public Works</li> <li>Homeowners within the City between the ages of 35 and 55.</li> </ol>	<ol> <li>Conduct storm drain stenciling projects. This will be coordinated by the City of Lewiston and/or with AVSWG (Target Audiences: Parks and Recreation Division; Homeowners).</li> <li>Accompany storm drain stenciling projects with direct mailings or door hanger distribution within target audiences to convey educational information and resources (Target Audience: Homeowners).</li> <li>Posters will be hung in City municipal offices, libraries, and/or other public spaces (Target Audience: Homeowners).</li> <li>Posters will be hung in Parks and Recreation Division office and workspaces (Target Audience: Parks and Recreation Division).</li> <li>Conduct a municipal training event (Target Audiences: Parks and Recreation Division).</li> </ol>	Protect the health and safety of our children, pets, and water by reducing the use of fertilizer and weed and bug killers on your lawn. Instead, mow high and let the clippings lie.	<ol> <li>Reduce and/or eliminate the use of fertilizer. Let clippings lie, test soil, and time fertilizer applications.</li> <li>Reduce herbicide use.</li> <li>Annually aerate, power rake, and overseed to reduce weeds.</li> <li>Reduce pesticide use.</li> <li>Reduce pesticide use.</li> <li>Use State of Maine "Got Pests?" webpage for alternative management of pests.</li> <li>Water wisely. Mow high and time watering to align with need and to minimize evaporation.</li> </ol>	For target audiences to indicate reduced use of fertilizer, herbicides, pesticides, and/or water.

<sup>1</sup> Media coverage will be coordinated for outreach tools, as appropriate, to broaden the distribution of the message.





#### City of Lewiston Yardscaping Behavior Change, Plan, Implementation and Evaluation Protocol

Responsible Party: John Kuchinski, Environmental Services Superintendent

	IMPLEMEN	TATION AND EV	ALUATION SCHEE	DULE	
Tool	Permit Year 1	Permit Year 2	Permit Year 3	Permit Year 4	Permit Year 5
Storm drain stenciling projects	<ol> <li>Utilize results of previously conducted yardscaping evaluation(s) as public baseline. Administer survey to municipal target audience before the Permit Year 1 stenciling event.<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>Implement stenciling event.</li> </ol>	Implement stenciling event.	Implement stenciling event.	Implement stenciling event.	<ol> <li>Implement stenciling event.</li> <li>After stenciling event, evaluate behavior change in target audiences by administering survey.<sup>1,2</sup></li> </ol>
Direct mailings/ door hangers	<ol> <li>Utilize results of previously conducted yardscaping evaluation(s) as public baseline.</li> <li>Distribute direct mailings/door hangers.</li> </ol>	Distribute direct mailings/door hangers.	Distribute direct mailings/door hangers.	Distribute direct mailings/door hangers.	<ol> <li>Distribute direct mailings/door hangers.</li> <li>After distribution, evaluate behavior change in target audience by administering survey.</li> <li>1,2,3</li> </ol>
Posters	<ol> <li>Utilize results of previously conducted yardscaping evaluation(s) as public baseline. Administer survey to municipal target audience before posters are hung.<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>Distribute/hang posters.</li> </ol>	Distribute/ hang posters.	Distribute/ hang posters.	Distribute/ hang posters.	<ol> <li>Distribute/hang posters.</li> <li>After distribution/hang of posters, evaluate behavior change in target audiences by administering survey.<sup>1,2,3</sup></li> </ol>
Training Event	<ol> <li>Administer survey to municipal target audience prior to training event.<sup>1,2</sup></li> <li>Implement training event.</li> </ol>	Implement training event.	Implement training event.	Implement training event.	<ol> <li>Implement training event.</li> <li>After training event, evaluate behavior change in target audience by administering survey.<sup>1,2,3</sup></li> </ol>

<sup>1</sup> The baseline and final evaluations for each target group, as applicable, must only be implemented once.

<sup>2</sup> Refer to Attachment 1 for a sample Yardscaping Behavior Change Plan baseline and final evaluation questionnaire.

<sup>3</sup> Survey will be administered soon after implementation of tool.





#### **City of Lewiston**

Sample	<b>Behavior</b>	Chanae	<b>Questionnaire*</b>
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Department:	
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Date:

- Question: What Yardscaping outreach activities did you participate in, receive, or see (i.e., catch basin stenciling, mailings, door hangers, posters, and/or trainings)
- Question: Did participation in the Yardscaping outreach activity change the way that you fertilize your yard and/or the amount of fertilizer that you use in your yard? If so, how and/or by how much?

Question: Did participation in the Yardscaping outreach activity change the way that you use herbicides in your yard and/or the amount of herbicide that you use in your yard? If so, how and/or by how much?





- Question: Did participation in the Yardscaping outreach activity change the way that you use pesticides in your yard and/or the amount of pesticide that you use in your yard? If so, how and/or by how much?
- Question: Did participation in the Yardscaping outreach activity change the way that you water your yard and/or the amount of water you use in your yard? If so, how and/or by how much?

 $^{\ast}$  Actual behavior change questionnaire content to be determined.





#### **APPENDIX G**

ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION PLAN



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#### AUTHORITY

The City of Lewiston's authority to implement this Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan is drawn from the "City of Lewiston Code of Ordinances," Chapter 74, "Utilities," Article III, "Non-Stormwater Discharge."



#### DEFINITIONS

Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharge: Non-stormwater discharges are authorized by the Permit, provided they do not contribute to a violation of water quality standards as determined by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP). Allowable non-stormwater discharges include landscape irrigation, diverted stream flows, rising groundwater, uncontaminated groundwater infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20)), uncontaminated pumped groundwater, uncontaminated flows from foundation drains, air conditioning and compressor condensate, irrigation water, flows from uncontaminated springs, uncontaminated water from crawl space pumps, uncontaminated flows from footing drains, lawn watering runoff, flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, residual street wash water (where spills/leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred, unless all spilled material has been removed and detergents are not used), hydrant flushing, firefighting activity runoff, water line flushing, discharges from potable water sources, individual residential car washing, and dechlorinated swimming pool discharges. (MDEP, 2020).

<u>Generating Site</u>: The source area or operation where a stormwater, non-stormwater (illicit), or allowable non-stormwater discharge is produced or originated. (Pitt, 2004).

<u>**Grab Sample**</u>: A single sample or collection of stormwater taken during a qualifying storm event from a single location. The sample may be collected manually or with an automatic sampler.

**Illicit Connection**: Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface that allows an illegal discharge to enter the storm drain system. Such connections include, but may not be limited to:

- Conveyances that allow non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the storm drain system.
- Any connections to the storm drain system from indoor drains and sinks, regardless of whether the drain or connection had been previously allowed, permitted, or approved by an authorized enforcement agency.
- Any drain or conveyance connected from a commercial or industrial land use to the storm drain system that has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by an authorized enforcement agency. (Pitt, 2004).

**Illicit Discharge**: Any discharge to a regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) system that is not composed entirely of stormwater other than discharges authorized pursuant to another permit issued pursuant to 38 M.R.S. Section 413, uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource (such as a wetland), or other Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharge identified in Part IV(C)(3)(h) of the Permit and summarized above. (MDEP, 2020).



<u>Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)</u>: A conveyance or system of conveyances designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater (other than a publicly owned treatment works (POTW), as defined at 40 CFR 122.2, or a combined sewer), including, but not limited to, roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, human-made channels or storm drains owned or operated by any municipality, sewer or sewage district, Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT), Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA), State agency or Federal agency, or other public entity that discharges to waters of the State other than groundwater. (MDEP, 2020)

**Non-Stormwater Discharge**: Any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of stormwater. See also Illicit Discharge.

**<u>Permit</u>**: MDEP General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), effective July 1, 2022.

**Stormwater**: The part of precipitation including runoff from rain or melting ice and snow that flows across the surface as sheet flow, shallow concentrated flow, or in drainage ways. (MDEP, 2020).





#### ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION PLAN

#### SECTION 1.0 | INTRODUCTION

#### 1.1 Overview of Regulatory Program

The General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4; Permit) is issued by the Maine Department of Environmental Protection (MDEP). The Permit authorizes the direct discharge of stormwater from or associated with the City of Lewiston (City) MS4 to an MS4 or waters of the State other than groundwater. Discharges must meet the requirements of the Permit and applicable provisions of Maine waste discharge and water classification statutes and rules.<sup>1</sup>

The MS4 Permit requires the City to implement six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) within its urbanized area (UA). Each MCM is designed to protect water quality by reducing the discharge of pollutants within the UA to the maximum extent practicable (MEP; **Section 1.3**). This Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan satisfies the MCM 3 requirement that the City implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit and non-stormwater discharges.<sup>2</sup>

#### 1.2 Unauthorized Discharges

The City adopted a Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance (**Attachment 1**) to establish methods of enforcing the prohibition of unauthorized (illicit) discharges to the stormwater system and to detail the City's legal authority to conduct inspections, monitoring, and enforcement activities (**Section 6**). Illicit discharges and/or unauthorized non-stormwater discharges referenced within this document include, but may not be limited to, the following types of discharges that are not authorized by the Permit:

- Discharges that are mixed with sources of non-stormwater (other than allowable non-stormwater sources).
- Discharges of hazardous substances, chemicals, or oil.
- Discharges that cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards.

#### 1.3 IDDE Compliance

The City of Lewiston Department of Public Works (DPW) has primary responsibility for implementing the IDDE Plan and will take all reasonable steps to investigate, track, and eliminate illicit discharges to their stormwater system to the MEP. The DPW is supported by project engineers, other municipal staff, and a consulting engineer. Refer to **Sections 2** through **6** for a specific delineation of responsibilities regarding illicit discharge identification, reporting, investigation, cleanup, addressment, and enforcement.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Compliance with the Permit authorizes a person to discharge stormwater, pursuant to 38 M.R.S. §413. The Permit authorizes direct discharges in those parts of Maine for which the MDEP has received delegated Federal authority under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> MEP means available and feasible considering cost, existing technology, and logistics based on overall purpose of the project.



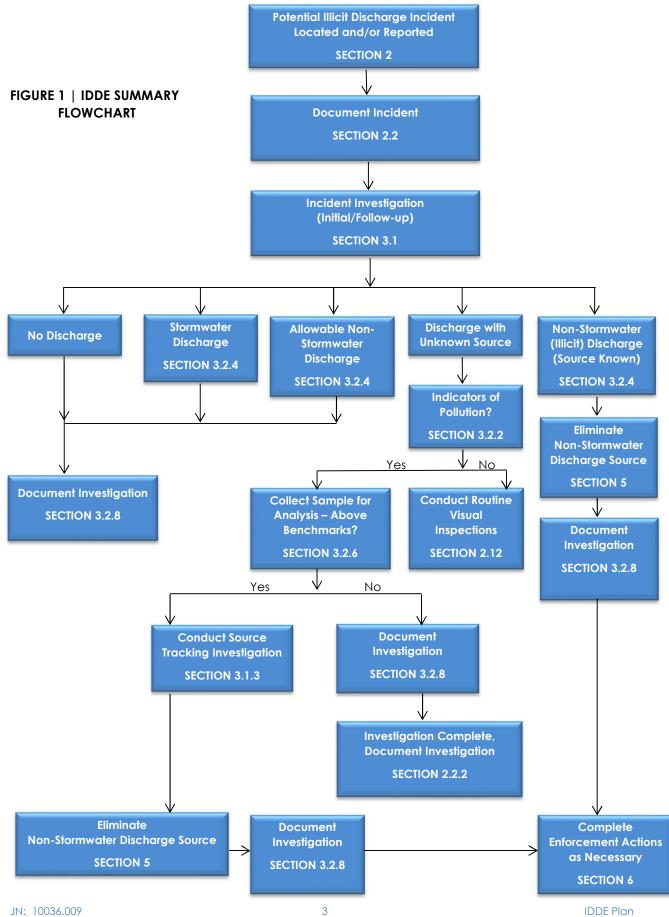
The City utilizes Beehive public asset management software to maintain data and records that document Permit and IDDE compliance. Categories of data and records that are maintained in this software include, but are not limited to:

- Stormwater infrastructure
- Sanitary sewer infrastructure
- Municipal facilities
- Construction sites
- Post-construction sites
- Investigations
- Assessments
- Inspections
- Documents identified in the IDDE Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP; Attachment 4).

#### 1.4 Summary of IDDE Process

Figure 1, below, summarizes the steps involved in the City's IDDE process. Additional information for each step of the process is included in **Sections 2** through **6** of this document.







#### SECTION 2.0 | ILLICIT DISCHARGE IDENTIFICATION AND REPORTING

It is important to identify and track each potential illicit discharge and complete follow up investigations, as needed and practicable, to determine the generating site, potential pollutants discharged, cleanup procedures required, and whether corrective actions are needed.

An illicit discharge can be identified and reported to the municipality as a result of citizen complaints by calling the City or walking into the municipal office, citizen electronic complaints, infrastructure inspections, internal reporting, accidents/spills, infrastructure failures, construction and post-construction projects, interconnections between other MS4s including the Maine Department of Transportation (MDOT) or Maine Turnpike Authority (MTA).<sup>3</sup>

#### 2.1 Report Types

#### 2.1.1 Citizen Complaint

Citizen complaints regarding potential illicit discharges may come from residents, nonresidents, business owners, students, or could be made by an anonymous source. Complaints can be made to the municipality using the "Report a Concern" form on the internet, by calling the Planning and Code Enforcement Office or DPW during normal business hours, or by walking into either the Planning and Code Enforcement Office or DPW during normal business hours. A summary of the investigation findings should be made available to the complainant if requested. Contact information for the complainant should be collected at the time the complaint is reported. Complainants may also make anonymous complaints and should not be required to submit their name or contact information.

#### Telephone/Electronic Reporting

Concerns regarding illicit discharges are received via the "Report a Concern" form 24-hours per day, or via phone during normal office hours with the Planning and Code Enforcement Office or DPW. All concerns regarding illicit discharges are reported to the DPW.

Report a Concern Form: http://www.lewistonmaine.gov/forms.aspx?FID=93 Planning and Code Enforcement Office: 207-513-3125 DPW: 207-513-3003

After hours reporting of emergencies should be reported to 911.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Separate procedures direct Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) event reporting. The occurrence and results of an SSO event and investigation will be reported in the annual report, as required by the Permit.





#### Walk-in Reporting

Potential illicit discharge incidents can be reported to the municipality by walking into Planning and Code Enforcement or DPW. All concerns regarding illicit discharges are directed to the DPW.

Planning and Code Enforcement 27 Pine Street, Floor 3 Lewiston, ME 04240 DPW 103 Adams Avenue Lewiston, ME 04240

#### 2.1.2 Infrastructure Inspections

The infrastructure operated by the City is inspected on a regular basis to assess functionality and maintenance requirements. Infrastructure inspections may include the potable water system, sanitary sewer system, or stormwater system.

#### Sanitary Sewer System

The sanitary sewer system is maintained by the DPW in accordance with a Collection System Management, Operation, and Maintenance Plan (CMOM). Routine inspections and flushing are conducted per the CMOM.

#### Stormwater System

Dry weather outfall and catch basin inspections are routinely completed by the DPW (**Attachment 4**). Discharges at outfalls and flows within catch basins may be caused by:

- Dumping
- Spills
- Illicit connections
- Groundwater intrusion
- Surface water discharges
- Allowable non-stormwater discharges

If dry weather flow or other indicators of pollution are observed during a dry weather inspection, the inspector will report the potential illicit discharge to the DPW immediately. If dry weather flow is observed during a dry weather outfall inspection, discharge sampling will be conducted in accordance with **Section 3.2.6** and the QAPP (**Attachment 4**).

Discharges or steady flows with no obvious indicators of pollution will be investigated by the DPW or designated staff based on sample results and a prioritized schedule, giving areas with industrial or commercial land uses priority over less developed areas.

Outfalls that are inaccessible due to safety concerns are not required to be inspected; however, a substitute inspection must be conducted at the first (i.e., closest) accessible inspection location within the stormwater system (e.g., catch





basin, manhole, pipe, etc.) that drains to the inaccessible outfall. Accordingly, if a dry weather flow is present at the closest accessible inspection location, it must be sampled.

The City's Beehive asset management system is used to document inspection results. If an inspection indicates the need for follow up and/or corrective action, Beehive is also used to track the status of such actions.

#### 2.1.3 Accidents/Spills

All potential illicit discharge incidents involving accidents or spills of hazardous products or petroleum products where there is the potential concern for health and safety of the public must be reported to the municipal police and fire department. The City of Lewiston Operation and Maintenance Manual Master Plan (**Attachment 3**) identifies response procedures for spills and hazardous materials emergencies within the City. Generally, small spills will be cleaned up by City staff and large spills will be cleaned up by the MDEP HazMat Team.

#### 2.1.4 Infrastructure Failure

Stormwater conveyance systems are often co-located with other infrastructure below grade or within close proximity of other municipal infrastructure systems. If a failure of any of these systems occurs, discharges of pollutants to the stormwater conveyance system are possible. Infrastructure failures should be reported to the DPW immediately upon identification. These infrastructure systems could include:

- Potable water
- Sewer
- Stormwater

#### 2.1.5 Construction/Post-construction Projects

Construction projects within the municipality have the potential to discharge pollutants to the stormwater conveyance system during construction as well post-construction.

The City Code Enforcement Officer (CEO) conducts periodic inspections of construction projects greater than one acre. If illicit discharges are observed during an inspection, the CEO will address the contractors on the site immediately and notify the DPW immediately. Sites subject to the City Zoning and Land Use Code are inspected by the owner annually and the findings are reported to the CEO. If illicit discharges are identified in these reports, the DPW will be notified.

#### 2.1.6 Interconnections between MS4s

Regulated municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) from the MTA and MDOT have the potential to discharge into the City of Lewiston regulated MS4. If an illicit discharge occurs in an interconnected MS4 that has the potential of entering the City MS4, it should be reported to the DPW immediately.



The City will notify interconnected MS4s of the illicit discharge reporting procedures. Refer to **Attachment 2** for notifications sent to interconnected MS4s.

#### 2.2 Steps of Reporting

The City will utilize Beehive public asset management software to maintain records of potential illicit discharges that are reported to the municipality. Any such records will be tracked as infrastructure-specific events. This section generally identifies information that will be collected and stored in the Beehive software that is used to track a potential illicit discharge event from reporting to closure.

#### 2.2.1 Event Tracking

If a potential illicit discharge is reported or discovered, the City will create an event in Beehive asset management software that is specific to the piece of infrastructure where the inflow and/or discharge was identified. If follow up action is required, the City will check the "Follow Up Required" box in the software and create additional events, as necessary within the infrastructure-specific Beehive profile to document the incident from reporting through investigating, cleanup, and enforcement.

#### 2.2.2 Event Reporting

The following incident reporting details may be collected by the City and documented in the Beehive asset management software at the time a potential incident is reported either directly, or by attaching a document to the event profile:

- Report Date
- Report Time
- Report Taken By
- Precipitation in Past 72 Hours
- Incident Date
- Incident Time
- Complainant Name
- Complainant Phone
- Complainant Contact Information

Report Date is the date that a City employee is made aware of the potential illicit discharge.

*Report Time* is the time on the Report Date that a City employee is made aware of the potential illicit discharge.

*Report Taken By* is the municipal employee who was made aware of the potential illicit discharge and is completing the Potential Illicit Discharge Report.

*Precipitation (in) in Past 72 Hours is the total precipitation, measured in inches, which has been received in the municipality within the last 72 hours prior to the incident being reported to the City.* 



Incident Date is the date or dates that the potential illicit discharge incident occurred. The Incident Date and the Report Date may not always be the same. For example, a citizen complaint may be reported on Monday stating that they observed someone dumping waste oil into a catch basin on the previous Friday.

Incident Time is the time on the Incident Date that the potential illicit discharge incident occurred.

Complainant Name is the name of the individual making the report to the municipality. The Complainant may be a citizen, City employee, or may wish to remain anonymous.

Complainant Phone is the contact phone number for the complainant. The contact phone for the complainant is needed in case they request additional information on the findings of the incident investigation, or if additional details are needed by the municipality in order to investigate, cleanup, or enforce the potential illicit discharge incident.

Complainant Contact Information is the best form of contact for the complainant and may be a street address, mailing address, or email address. The contact information for the complainant is needed in case they request additional information on the findings of the incident investigation, or if additional details are needed by the City in order to investigate, cleanup, or enforce the potential illicit discharge incident.

#### 2.2.3 Response

Once the incident is documented, the person completing the incident report will notify the proper responder based on the severity and type of report. Relevant information may be documented in the Beehive asset management software either directly, or by attaching documentation to the event profile:

- Notification Date
- Notification Time

#### Immediate Response

Immediate responses are required for any potential discharges that pose an immediate risk to health and safety.

#### Delayed Response

Delayed responses may occur when there is delayed reporting or when there is not an immediate risk to human health or the environment.



#### 2.2.4 Notification

Notification to local emergency responders must be made for all potential discharges that pose an immediate risk to health and safety. Depending on the source, type of discharge, and cleanup requirements the appropriate regulatory agency may also need to be notified of the discharge. Also see **Section 2.1.3**.

Emergency Response: 911

Portions of the City MS4 are owned and operated by other regulated small MS4 entities. These other entities include the MTA and the MDOT. For emergency spills with the potential to discharge into the MDOT MS4, notification should be made to 911 and the MDOT radio room at 207-624-3339. For emergency spills with the potential to discharge into the MTA MS4, notification should be made to 911 and 207-871-7771.

#### Non-Emergency

Non-emergency situations include those that do not have the potential to have a detrimental effect on human health and the environment.

During business hours, for any non-emergency, notification of potential illicit discharges to the MTA or MDOT MS4 should be made to the MTA Office at 207-871-7771 and the MDOT Regional Environmental Office at 207-624-3100.



### SECTION 3.0 | INVESTIGATION

### 3.1 Types of Investigations

#### 3.1.1 Initial Investigation

An initial investigation is the first time that the City DPW personnel visit a potential discharge location to gather information and potentially aid in spill response procedures. Beehive asset management software will be used to document the details of the investigation completed, pertinent documentation attached, and the necessity of additional steps identified. Refer to **Section 3.2.8**.

Initial investigations may result in the determination that no discharge to the stormwater system occurred as a result of the incident reported. If it is determined that a discharge to the stormwater system has occurred or is continuing to occur as a result of the incident reported, then a full investigation must be completed to identify and stop the source of the discharge.

#### 3.1.2 Follow-up Investigations

Follow up investigations may be needed to gather additional information, make visual observations, collect samples, assess damage to infrastructure, or to track sources of illicit discharges. Beehive asset management software will be used to document the details of the investigation completed, pertinent documentation attached, and the necessity of additional steps identified. Refer to **Section 3.2.8**.

### 3.1.3 Source Tracking Investigations

Source tracking investigations are a type of follow up investigation used to determine the source of a discharge. Sampling and analysis should be used as necessary to aid in determining the type of the discharge. Refer to **Section 3.2.6** for additional information on sampling procedures.

When the source of the discharge is anticipated to be wastewater, the DPW will coordinate internally with the Water and Sewer Department to conduct a source tracking investigation.

When the source of the discharge is anticipated to be drinking water, the DPW City will coordinate internally with the Water and Sewer Department to conduct a source tracking investigation. The DPW will follow their standard practices to track the source of the discharge.

When the source of the discharge is unknown, visual observations of the drainage area and stormwater system draining to the outfall will be conducted to identify any natural sources or illicit connections contributing to the discharge. If visual observations of the system are not sufficient to determine the source, the DPW will conduct a video line inspection of the stormwater system that drains to the discharge outfall. Once a source is determined, it may be necessary to conduct dye testing to confirm the source of the discharge.



Investigations can be informed by existing data from City dry weather outfall inspections and existing information (i.e., infrastructure maps, etc.) that is maintained by the City (i.e., Beehive asset management software).

# 3.2 Steps of Investigating

# 3.2.1 Visual Observations

The responder from the City will document their visual observations at the time of the investigation. The responder should include as much information as necessary at the time of the initial investigation. Observations should include whether a discharge to the stormwater system has occurred or if there was no discharge to the stormwater system based on the report made to the City. If a discharge has occurred and is observed at the time of the investigation, the responder must gather additional information from the discharge location. Refer to **Section 3.2.8**.

# 3.2.2 Indicators of Pollution

Indicators of pollution will be reported during the initial and any follow up investigations. Indicators of pollution will aid the City in determining whether additional investigations or sampling of discharges are necessary. Responders completing an investigation should identify any odors near the point of the discharge, as well as any color, turbidity, floatable materials, sheen, or foam in the discharge. If the responder is uncertain of how to proceed based on the indicators observed, the responder should contact their stormwater consultant. Refer to **Section 3.2.8**.

# 3.2.3 Generating Site and Source of Discharge

If it is determined that a discharge to the stormwater system occurred, steps will be taken to identify the source of the discharge, as practicable. This determination may not be able to be made at the time of the initial investigation if a discharge is found to have been an isolated incident. Understanding the generating sites in the watershed will aid in prioritizing investigations to those land uses that have the highest risk of stormwater pollution. The generating site is the source area or operation where a stormwater, nonstormwater (illicit), or allowable non-stormwater discharge is produced or originated. Generating sites are defined by the land use or activity at the source of the discharge and may include residential, commercial, industrial, institutional, agricultural, municipal, construction, or unknown. Defining the generating site may be helpful in determining the type of discharge and ultimately eliminating the discharge from the stormwater system.

# 3.2.4 Types of Discharge

The culmination of a potential illicit discharge investigation is the determination as to the type of discharge or whether a discharge to the system even occurred. The types of discharge could be stormwater, allowable non-stormwater, or non-stormwater (illicit). This determination may not be able to be made at the time of the initial investigation and follow-up investigations or sampling may be required before the type of discharge can be determined. It may also be determined after the completion of the investigations that the discharge was an isolated occurrence, or that a discharge to the stormwater system did not occur.



Stormwater discharges include rainwater or ice and snow melt that run off the land and do not infiltrate into the ground.

Allowable non-stormwater discharges are non-stormwater discharges authorized by the Permit provided they do not contribute to a violation of water quality standards as determined by the Department. Refer to the "Definitions" section of this IDDE Plan for the definition of a non-stormwater discharge. Non-stormwater or illicit discharges include any direct or indirect non-stormwater discharge to the storm drain system, except for the allowable non-stormwater discharges, as defined.

If the discharge is determined to be stormwater or an allowable non-stormwater discharge, it will be noted as part of the investigation and no further actions by the City are required. If the type of discharge is determined to be a non-stormwater (illicit) discharge then the source of the discharge needs to be identified and eliminated. At the City's discretion, the Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance may be implemented to aid in the elimination of the discharge, implementation of cleanup activities, or issuance of violations. Refer to **Section 6** for additional information on enforcement.

### 3.2.5 Photo Documentation

Photos of the discharge area and the upland areas draining to the stormwater system may be helpful in determining the source and type of discharge. All photos should include a timestamp and associated with the appropriate stormwater structure.

### 3.2.6 Sampling and Analysis

Sampling and analysis of a discharge from the stormwater system may be required to determine the source and type of discharge.

- The City will use its discretion to determine when citizen complaints should be sampled based on the type, nature, and location of the complaint.
- Sampling and analysis are required where dry weather flow is present for E.coli, enterococci, total fecal coliform, or human bacteroids; ammonia, total residual chlorine, temperature and conductivity; and optical enhancers or surfactants (MDEP, 2020). Generally, non-bacterial analyses can be performed with field test kits or field instrumentation and bacterial analyses must be performed in a laboratory.

Sampling must be completed in a consistent and thorough manner to ensure data quality. The most likely types of samples to be collected will be grab samples from an outfall location or from within the stormwater system (catch basins or pipes).

Refer to **Attachment 4** for a QAPP that establishes written sampling and quality assurance/quality control procedures to ensure that sample results collected by City during dry weather inspections can be used to confidently determine the nature of any such flows. Sampling results should be compared to the sampling parameter action levels in **Table 1**, as applicable, to aid in determining whether the discharge may be illicit and the potential source of the discharge.





#### TABLE 1 | SAMPLING PARAMETER ACTION LEVELS\*

PARAMETER** BENCHMARK CONCENTRATIO		COMMENTS
Ammonia	≥ 0.5 mg/L	Likely source to be wastewater
Chlorine	≥ 0.05 mg/L	Typical drinking water is 1.0 – 1.3 ppm
Conductivity	≥ 2,000 µ\$/cm	Potential industrial source or dumping activity
Fluoride	>0.5 mg/L	Likely source to be drinking water. Typical drinking water is 0.7 ppm.
рН	6 - 9 s.u.	Likely source to be industrial if outside of this typical range of values.
Surfactants/Detergents	≥ 0.25 mg/L	Likely source to be wash water
Optical Brighteners	Any Detected Values	Likely source to be wash water
Turbidity	>1,000 NTU	Likely source to be a significant sediment discharge.
E. coli	≥ 236 cfr/100 mL	Likely source to be wastewater
Enterococcus	≥ 61 cfu/100 mL	Likely source to be wastewater
Fecal Coliform	≥ 54 cfu/100 mL	Likely source to be wastewater
Human Bacteroides	Any Detected Values	Likely source to be wastewater

\*Information provided in Table 1 is informed by EPA 2012, Pitt 2004, and State surface water classification requirements. \*\*Dry weather flow must be analyzed for some parameters identified in this table (see **Attachment 4**). Other parameters identified may be analyzed as part of an illicit discharge investigation, as appropriate.



# 3.2.7 Notification to Proper City Official

If the type of discharge is found to be a non-stormwater (illicit) discharge from a residential, industrial, agricultural, construction, commercial, or institutional source, notification must be made to the CEO. At the City's discretion, violations may be issued in accordance with the Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance. Refer to **Section 6** for additional information on enforcement actions.

If the type of discharge is found to be a non-stormwater (illicit) discharge from a municipal source, the DPW is responsible for directing cleanup and/or repairs.

### 3.2.8 Illicit Discharge Incident Investigation Report(s)

The City will use Beehive to document IDDE incident reports and investigation reports. When an incident is evaluated, the following details should be documented:

- Incident Reporting Details
- Incident Location
- Incident Description
- Incident Response

Incident Reporting Details include the date and time of the report, who the report was taken by, the name and contact information of the complainant, how the report was made, the time of the incident, and the amount of precipitation within 72 hours prior to the incident.

*Incident Location* includes the street address, latitude and longitude of the incident, the catch basin or outfall in question, and a general description of the location.

*Incident Description* includes information provided about the incident to identify whether it was illicit. This will identify whether a discharge is illicit, or that further investigation should be completed.

*Incident Response* includes whether an immediate response is required, the responder notified, the contact information of the responder, and the time and date of notification.

When an investigation is completed, the following details should also be documented:

- Type of Investigation
- Investigation Date
- Investigation Time
- Responder Name
- Investigation Location
- Investigation Observations

Type of Investigation indicates whether this is the initial investigation of the incident or whether this is a follow up investigation.



Investigation Date is the date that the investigation being documented was conducted.

Investigation Time is the time that the investigation being documented was conducted.

Responder Name is the name of the individual conducting the investigation.

Investigation Location is the location or locations where the investigation occurred. The location could include the street address, latitude and longitude, or catch basin/outfall ID. A description of the location should be included to accurately define the areas of the City that were investigated by the responder.

Investigation Observations are the visual observations made by the responder during the investigation. The observations should be as descriptive as possible. If indicators of pollution (odor, color, turbidity, floatables, sheen, or foam) are observed, a description of these observations should be included. The observations may result in the determination of the generating site (source) or type of discharge.



### SECTION 4.0 | CLEANUP

Stormwater pollutants can be broken into their basic categories: natural pollutants, chemical pollutants, and trash/litter. When a discharge of pollutants occurs from the stormwater system, cleanup activities may be necessary to ensure that additional pollutants are not discharged from the source. This could include good housekeeping activities, spill response, or site remediation.

### 4.1 Natural Pollutants

Natural pollutants include sediment, leaves, or other natural sources that can deplete the water quality of the stormwater discharge. If sediment tracking is observed on construction sites, the City will notify the contractor of the need to cleanup the sediment immediately. If sediment tracking is observed and the contractor is unable to address the discharge source, the DPW will coordinate cleanup of the sediment by using a street sweeper or other equipment.

As part of the City's routine visual inspections of the stormwater system, the sediment accumulation within catch basin sumps is quantified. The City cleans excess sediment accumulation from within their catch basin system annually, or as needed, and utilizes the sediment as daily cover at the municipal landfill.

# 4.2 Chemical Pollutants

Potential illicit discharge incidents that involve spills of oil and/or hazardous products will either be cleaned up by the City or the MDEP HazMat Team, dependent on the size of the spill and characteristics of the material spilled. Refer to **Section 2.1.3** for a description of the City's spill response measures.

If the source of the discharge is determined to be the sanitary sewer system or the drinking water system, cleanup activities will be coordinated by the DPW Water and Sewer Division. If the source of the discharge is determined to be a contaminated groundwater source, the investigation findings regarding the contaminated groundwater source should be referred to the MDEP.

### 4.3 Trash/Litter

The DPW will remove trash and litter from the stormwater system.





# SECTION 5.0 | CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

When an incident report or an investigation identify the source of an illicit discharge to be infrastructure failures or illicit connections, corrective actions must be completed to eliminate the source of the discharge to the stormwater system.

#### 5.1 Infrastructure Upgrades

When the source of the discharge is determined to be the sanitary sewer system or the drinking water system, the source will be eliminated by the DPW Water and Sewer Division.

The City prioritizes infrastructure maintenance and investment, and maintains an annual budget for stormwater system repairs. Illicit discharges will take the highest priority practicable.

#### 5.2 Illicit Connection Disconnection

Illicit connections should be disconnected from the stormwater system as soon as possible upon identification. The City may choose to enforce their Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance to require the elimination of the connection from the stormwater system.

Where elimination of an illicit discharge within 60 calendar days of its identification and verification as an illicit discharge is not possible, the City will establish an expeditious schedule for its elimination and report the dates of identification and schedules for removal in annual reports, as required by the Permit. In the interim, the City will take all reasonable and prudent measures to minimize the discharge of pollutants to and from the MS4, including follow up screening and inspection to confirm permanent elimination of the discharge.





#### SECTION 6.0 | ENFORCEMENT

The City adopted a Non-Stormwater Discharge Ordinance (**Attachment 1**) to establish methods of enforcing the prohibition of non-stormwater (illicit) discharges to the stormwater system and to detail the City's legal authority to conduct inspections, monitoring, and enforcement activities to ensure compliance with this Ordinance.

The City has also adopted the Chapter 50, "Offenses and Miscellaneous Provisions" Ordinance and Policy 81, "City Department Miscellaneous Fees and Penalties." These controlling documents will be used by the City to inform the addressment of noncompliance events, including illicit discharges, and assignment of penalties, fines, and/or injunctive relief relative non-compliance events. These documents are available on the City webpage.





#### SECTION 7.0 | REFERENCES

EPA, January 2012, New England Bacterial Source Tracking Protocol – Draft.

Pitt, Robert and Center for Watershed Protection, October 2004. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: A Guidance Manual for Program Development and Technical Assessments.

MDEP, Bureau of Land and Water Quality Division of Watershed Management, June 2017. Standard Operating Procedures and Visual Monitoring Guidelines for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Industrial Activities.

MDEP, Bureau of Land and Water Quality, October 2020. General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4).





# ATTACHMENT 1

**CITY OF LEWISTON NON-STORMWATER DISCHARGE ORDINANCE** 

#### CITY OF LEWISTON CODE OF ORDINANCES

### CHAPTER 74

#### UTILITIES

#### ARTICLE III. NON-STORM WATER DISCHARGE

#### Sec. 74-200 Purpose.

The purpose of this article is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Lewiston through the regulation of non-storm water discharges to the municipality's storm drainage system as required by federal and state law. This article establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the City's storm drainage system in order to comply with requirements of the federal Clean Water Act and state law.

#### Sec. 74-201 Objectives.

The objectives of this article are:

- (1) To prohibit un-permitted or un-allowed non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system; and
- (2) To set forth the legal authority and procedures to carry out all inspection, monitoring and enforcement activities necessary to ensure compliance with this article.

#### Sec. 74-203 Definitions.

For the purposes of this article, the following shall mean:

- (1) *Clean Water Act.* The federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. sec. 1251 et seq., also known as the "Clean Water Act"), and any subsequent amendments thereto.
- (2) *Discharge.* "Discharge" means any spilling, leaking, pumping, pouring, emptying, dumping, disposing or other addition of pollutants to "waters of the State", "direct discharge" or "point source" means any discernible, confined and discrete conveyance, including, but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation or vessel or other floating craft, from which pollutants are or may be discharged.
- (3) *Enforcement Authority*. The person(s) or department authorized under Section 74-204 of this article shall administer and enforce this article.
- (4) *Exempt Person or Discharge*. Means any person who is subject to a Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities, a General Permit for Construction Activity, a General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from the Maine Department of Transportation and

the Maine Turnpike Authority Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, or a General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from State or Federally Owned Authority Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Facilities; and any Non-Storm Water Discharge permitted under a NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge license or order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA") or the Maine Department of Environmental Protection ("DEP").

- (5) *Illicit Discharge*. Any direct or indirect discharge to the municipal storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater, except as exempted in this article. The term does not include a discharge in compliance with an NPDES Storm Water Discharge Permit or a Surface Water Discharge Permit, or resulting from fire fighting activities exempted pursuant to this article.
- (6) *Industrial Activity*. Activity or activities subject to NPDES Industrial Permits as defined in 40 CFR, Section 122.26 (b)(14).
- (7) Municipality. The City of Lewiston, Maine
- (8) *Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or MS4.* "Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System" or ("MS4") means conveyances for storm water, including, but not limited to, roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, human-made channels or storm drains (other than publicly owned treatment works and combined sewers) owned or operated by any municipality, sewer or sewage district, fire district, State agency or Federal agency or other public entity that discharges directly to surface waters of the State.
- (9) *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Discharge Permit.* This means a permit issued by the EPA or by the DEP that authorizes the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States, whether the permit is applicable on an individual, group, or general area-wide basis.
- (10) *Non-Storm Water Discharge*. Means any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of storm water.
- (11) *Person*. Means any individual, firm, corporation, municipality, quasi-municipal corporation, State agency or Federal agency or other legal entity which creates, initiates, originates or maintains a discharge of storm water or a non-storm water discharge.
- (12) *Pollutant*. Means dredged spoil, solid waste, junk, incinerator residue, sewage, refuse, effluent, garbage, sewage sludge, munitions, chemicals, biological or radiological materials, oil, petroleum products or by-products, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, dirt and industrial, municipal, domestic, commercial or agricultural wastes of any kind.
- (13) *Premises*. Means any building, lot, parcel of land, or portion of land, whether improved or unimproved, including adjacent sidewalks and parking strips, located within the

municipality from which discharges into the storm drainage system are or may be created, initiated, originated or maintained.

- (14) Regulated Small MS4. "Regulated Small MS4" means any small MS4 regulated by the State of Maine "General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems", dated June 3, 2003 ("General Permit"), including all those located partially or entirely within an Urbanized Area (UA) and those additional small MS4s located outside a UA that as of the issuance of the General Permit have been designated by the DEP as Regulated Small MS4s.
- (15) Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System, or Small MS4, means any MS4 that is not already covered by the Phase I MS4 stormwater program including municipally owned or operated storm sewer systems, State or federally-owned systems, such as colleges, universities, prisons, Maine Department of Transportation and Maine Turnpike Authority road systems and facilities, and military bases and facilities.
- (16) *Storm Drainage System.* The municipality's Regulated Small MS4 and areas outside the UA that drain into the Regulated MS4 and all premises.
- (17) *Storm Water*. Any storm water runoff, snowmelt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage; "Stormwater" has the same meaning as "Storm Water".
- (18) *Urbanized Area ("UA")*. "Urbanized Area" or "UA" means the areas of the State of Maine so defined by the latest decennial census by the U.S. Bureau of the Census.

#### Sec. 74-203 Applicability.

This article shall apply to all persons discharging storm water and/or non-storm water discharges from any premises into the storm drainage system.

#### Sec. 74-204 Responsibility for Administration.

The City Administrator or his/her designee is the enforcement authority who shall administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this article.

#### Sec. 74-205 Prohibition of Non-Storm Water Discharges.

- (1) General Prohibition. Except as allowed or exempted herein, no person shall create, initiate, originate or maintain a non-storm water discharge to the storm drainage system. Such non-storm water discharges are prohibited notwithstanding the fact that the municipality may have approved the connections, drains or conveyances by which a person discharges un-allowed non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system.
- (2) Allowed Non-Storm Water Discharges. The creation, initiation, origination or maintenance of the following non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system is allowed:

- a. Landscape irrigation; diverted stream flows; rising ground waters; uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR 35.2005(20)); uncontaminated pumped ground water; uncontaminated flows from foundation drains; air conditioning and compressor condensate; irrigation water; flows from uncontaminated springs; uncontaminated water from crawl space pumps; uncontaminated flows from footing drains; lawn watering runoff; flows from riparian habitats and wetlands; residual street wash water (where spills/leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred, unless all spilled material has been removed and detergents are not used); hydrant flushing and fire fighting activity runoff; water line flushing and discharges from potable water sources; and individual residential car washing;
- b. Discharges specified in writing by the enforcement authority as being necessary to protect public health and safety; and
- c. Dye testing, with verbal notification to the enforcement authority prior to the time of the test.
- (3) Exempt Person or Discharge. This article shall not apply to an exempt person or discharge, except that the enforcement authority may request from exempt persons and persons with exempt discharges copies of permits, notices of intent, licenses and orders from the EPA or DEP that authorize the discharge(s).

#### Sec. 74-206 Suspension of Access to the Municipality's Small MS4.

The enforcement authority may, without prior notice, physically suspend discharge access to the storm drainage system to a person when such suspension is necessary to stop an actual or threatened non-storm water discharge(s) to the storm drainage system which present or may present imminent and substantial danger to the environment, or to the health or welfare of persons, or to the storm drainage system, or which may cause the municipality to violate the terms of its environmental permits. Such suspension may include, but is not limited to, blocking pipes, constructing dams or taking other measures, on public ways or public property, to physically block the discharge to prevent or minimize non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system. If the person fails to comply with a suspension order issued in an emergency, the enforcement authority may take such steps as deemed necessary to prevent or minimize damage to the storm drainage system, or to minimize danger to persons, provided, however, that in taking such steps the enforcement authority may only enter upon the premises that is the source of the actual or threatened non-storm water discharge to the storm drainage system with the consent of the premises' owner, occupant or agent.

#### Sec. 74-207 Monitoring of Discharges.

In order to determine compliance with this article, the enforcement authority may enter upon and inspect premises subject to this article at reasonable hours with the consent of the premises' owner, occupant or agent; to inspect the premises and connections thereon to the storm drainage system; and to conduct monitoring sampling and testing of the discharge to the storm drainage system.

#### Sec. 74-208 Enforcement.

It shall be unlawful for any person to violate any provision of or to fail to comply with any of the requirements of this article. Whenever the enforcement authority believes that a person has violated this article, the enforcement authority may enforce this article in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. sec. 4452.

- (1) Notice of Violation. Whenever the enforcement authority believes that a person has violated this article, the enforcement authority may order compliance with this article by written notice of violation to that person indicating the nature of the violation and ordering the action necessary to correct it, including, without limitation:
  - a. The elimination of non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system;
  - b. The cessation of discharges, practices, or operations in violation of this article;
  - c. At the person's expense, the abatement or remediation (in accordance with best management practices in DEP rules and regulations) of non-storm water discharges to the storm drainage system and the restoration of any affected property; and/or
  - d. The payment of fines, of the municipality's remediation costs and of the municipality's reasonable administrative costs and attorneys' fees and costs.

If abatement of a violation and/or restoration of affected property is required, the notice shall set forth a deadline within which such abatement or restoration must be completed.

- (2) Penalties/Fines/Injunctive Relief. Any person who violates this article shall be subject to fines, penalties and orders for injunctive relief and shall be responsible for the municipality's attorney's fees and costs, all in accordance with 30-A M.R.S.A. sec. 4452. Each day such violations continues shall constitute a separate violation. Moreover, any person who violates this article also shall be responsible for any and all fines, penalties, damages and costs, including, but not limited to attorneys' fees and costs, incurred by the municipality for violation of federal and State environmental laws and regulations caused by or related to that person's violation of this article; this responsibility shall be in addition to any penalties, fines or injunctive relief imposed under this Section.
- (3) Consent Agreement. The enforcement authority may, with the approval of the municipal officers, enter into a written consent agreement with the violator to address timely abatement of the violation(s) of this article for the purposes of eliminating violations of this article and of recovering fines, costs and fees without court action.
- (4) Appeal of Notice of Violation. Any person receiving a Notice of Violation or suspension notice may appeal the determination of the enforcement authority to the board of appeals

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in accordance with the City's Code of Ordinances. The notice of appeal must be received within 30 days from the date of the Notice of Violation. The board of appeals shall hold a de novo hearing on the appeal within 30 days from the date of receipt of the notice of appeal. The board of appeals may affirm, reverse or modify the decision of the enforcement authority. A suspension under Section 74-206 of this article remains in place unless or until lifted by the board of appeals or by a reviewing court. A party aggrieved by the decision of the board of appeals may appeal that decision to the Maine Superior Court within 45 days of the date of the board of appeals decision pursuant to Rule 80B of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.

- (5) Enforcement Measures. If the violation has not been corrected pursuant to the requirements set forth in the Notice of Violation, or, in the event of an appeal, within 45 days of the decision of the municipal board of appeals upholding the decision of the enforcement authority, then the enforcement authority may recommend to the municipal officers that the town attorney file an enforcement action in a Maine court of competent jurisdiction under Rule 80K of the Maine Rules of Civil Procedure.
- (6) Ultimate Responsibility of Discharger. The standards set forth herein are minimum standards; therefore this article does not intend nor imply that compliance by any person will ensure that there will be no contamination, pollution, nor unauthorized discharge of pollutants into waters of the U.S. caused by said person. This article shall not create liability on the part of the municipality, or any agent or employee thereof for any damages that result from any person's reliance on this article or any administrative decision lawfully made hereunder.

#### Sec. 74-209 Severability.

The provisions of this article are hereby declared to be severable. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this article or the application thereof to any person, establishment, or circumstances shall be held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the other provisions, clauses, sentences, or paragraphs or application of this article.

#### Sec. 74-210 Basis.

The City of Lewiston enacts this article pursuant to 30-A M.R.S.A. sec. 3001 (municipal home rule ordinance authority), 38 M.R.S.A. sec. 413 (the "Wastewater Discharge Law"), 33 U.S.C. Sec.1251 et seq. (the "Clean Water Act"), and 40 CFR Part 122 (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's regulations governing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES")). The Maine Department of Environmental Protection, through its promulgation of the "General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems", dated June 3, 2003, has listed the City of Lewiston as having a Regulated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("Small MS4"); under this General Permit, listing as a Regulated Small MS4 necessitates enactment of this article as part of the Municipality's Storm Water Management Program.





# ATTACHMENT 2

**NOTIFICATIONS TO INTERCONNECTED MS4S** 

#### Template for Use

[Email to Interconnected MS4]

Re: MS4 Permit; Notice of Illicit Discharge Reporting Directions

If there is an illicit discharge event in your MS4 that has the potential to discharge into the City of Lewiston's MS4, please call the Department of Public Works at 207-513-3003, or Planning and Code Enforcement Office at 207-513-3125.

If there is an emergency and you need an immediate response, please call 911.

Please let me know if you have any questions. Thank you for your help!

[Name] [Title] City of Lewiston





# **ATTACHMENT 3**

# CITY OF LEWISTON OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE MANUAL MASTER PLAN

(Excerpt: Spill Prevention and Cleanup)

#### SPILL PREVENTION AND CLEANUP

Facilities Impacted	Watershed Impacted
All municipal facilities	All watersheds

Spill Prevention Recommended Procedures:

- Train all municipal employees (including new/seasonal employees) on proper spill prevention, cleanup, and record keeping and conduct annual refresher trainings.
- Place a stockpile of spill cleanup materials in a location where they are readily available.
- Check the spill kits on a monthly basis and keep them stocked with supplies.
- Label all containers so that they are easily identifiable.
- Check containers often to ensure that leaks or spills have not occurred.
- Relocate material managing to an indoor location. If this is not possible keep all materials that are outside under cover, or away from storm drains and water bodies.
- Keep rain off of materials in outside storage areas by installing either a permanent structure over these areas or by covering them with a tarp.
- Berm material storage areas so that if a leak or spill takes place it will be easily contained within the berm.
- Use absorbent materials beneath all mounted taps and at all potential drip and spill locations during the filling and unloading of containers. Any collected liquids or used absorbent materials should be reused/recycled or properly disposed of.
- Install a spill control device in any catch basins that collect runoff from any storage areas if the materials stored are oil, gas, or other materials that separate from and float on water.
- Develop and implement standardized reporting procedures, containment, storage, and disposal activities, documentation, and follow-up procedures.
- Follow the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans for the <u>Public</u> <u>Works (Adams Ave.)</u> and <u>Operations Center (River Road)</u> if spills or leaks occur at these facilities.
- Document spills and leaks in the SPCC Plans and/or Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) for the Public Works, Operation Center and Lewiston Landfill, as applicable.

#### Spill Cleanup Recommended Procedures:

For small non-hazardous spills:

- Stop the source of the spill.
- Contact immediate supervisor and department head to report the spill.
- Use an absorbent material for general cleanup of liquids. Do not hose down the spill.
- Use brooms or shovels for the general cleanup of dry materials. Never hose down or bury dry material spills.
- Clean or dispose of the cleanup equipment properly.

For large non-hazardous spills:

- Stop the source of the spill.
- Contact immediate supervisor and department head to report the spill.
- Department head should contact Public Works Director if a spill occurs.
  - Public Works Director: 513-3003 ext, 3400
- Deploy containment booms if the spill could potentially reach a storm drain or nearby water body.
- Contact the Water Pollution Control Facility if the spill enters the sanitary sewer system.

# Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority: 782-0917

- Use an absorbent material for general cleanup of liquids.
- Use brooms or shovels for the general cleanup of dry materials.
- Use as little water as possible during the cleanup.
- Collect any water that is used in the cleanup and properly dispose of it. The cleanup water cannot be allowed to enter the storm water system.
- Clean or dispose of the cleanup water/equipment properly with a licensed contractor.
  - Clean Harbors (South Portland): 772-2201
  - Environmental Projects Inc. (Auburn): 786-7390
- After the spill has been cleaned, a detailed report about the incident should be completed and filed in the appropriate locations (e.g., department files, SPCC, SWPPP).

For hazardous spills:

- Assess health risks.
- Stop the source of the spill.
- Deploy containment booms if the spill could potentially reach a storm drain or nearby water body.
- Contact the Public Works Director is a spill occurs.
  - Public Works Director: 513-3003 ext, 3400
- Contact the MDEP to report any size spill.
  - MDEP Emergency and Spill Response: <u>Hazardous Material 1-800-452-4664</u>
     <u>Petroleum Products 1-800-482-0777</u>
- Contact the Water Pollution Control Facility if the spill enters the sanitary sewer system.
  - Lewiston Auburn Water Pollution Control Authority: 782-0917
- Clean or dispose of the cleanup equipment properly with a licensed contractor.
  - Clean Harbors (South Portland): 772-2201
  - Environmental Projects Inc. (Auburn): <u>786-7390</u>
- After the spill has been cleaned, a detailed report about the incident should be completed and filed in the appropriate locations (e.g., department files, SPCC, SWPPP).





# **ATTACHMENT 4**

**QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN** 



ENGINEERING | ENVIRONMENTAL | SURVEYING

# ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION PLAN QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN

FOR

**CITY OF LEWISTON** 

# LEWISTON 😁 ME

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# QUALITY ASSURANCE PROJECT PLAN REVIEW AND CERTIFICATION

DATE OF CHANGE/ REVIEW	SECTION AFFECTED	CHANGE	SIGNATURE





### SECTION 1 | QAPP DISTRIBUTION

#### 1.1 Distribution List

The City of Lewiston (City) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) and any subsequent revisions, addenda, and/or amendments shall be distributed to the Stormwater Management Committee identified in the City Stormwater Management Plan. The method of distribution shall include hard copies and electronic submission via email as detailed in **Table 1**.

### TABLE 1 | DISTRIBUTION LIST

QAPP RECIPIENT	TITLE	ORG.	EMAIL ADDRESS	DISTRIB. METHOD
John Kuchinski	Project Engineer	Lewiston	jkuchinski@lewistonmaine.gov	Hard Copy (1) Electronic
Andrea Dickinson	Consultant	Haley Ward	adickinson@haleyward.com	Electronic

A hard copy of the IDDE QAPP and any updates shall be maintained by the City Public Works Director in a clearly labeled binder at the City office.

#### 1.2 Project Organization/Responsibilities

The following table, **Table 2**, identifies personnel involved in the oversight and/or implementation of the IDDE QAPP.

### TABLE 2 | IDDE QAPP PERSONNEL

NAME	TITLE	ORGANIZATIONAL AFFILIATION	RESPONSIBILITIES
John Kuchinski	Project Engineer	Lewiston	Program oversight and implementation
Andrea Dickinson	Consultant	Haley Ward	Plan development, compliance, quality assurance, and other tasks, as requested.



### SECTION 2 | BACKGROUND

### 2.1 Background

The City is subject to the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) (Permit). The Permit requires regulated MS4s to develop an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Plan to identify and eliminate illicit discharges. The term "illicit discharge" means any discharge to a regulated MS4 system that is not composed entirely of stormwater other than: discharges authorized pursuant to another permit issued pursuant to 38 M.R.S. 413, uncontaminated groundwater, water from a natural resource, or other allowable non-stormwater discharges identified in Part IV(C)(3)(h) of the Permit. The Permit requires that the IDDE Plan include a Quality Assurance Project Plan (QAPP) that describes the procedures to be used during the investigation and monitoring of outfalls identified during a dry weather outfall inspection as flowing.

In accordance with the requirements of the Permit, this QAPP establishes written sampling and quality assurance and quality control (QA/QC) procedures to ensure that sample results collected by City during dry weather inspections can be used to confidently determine the nature of any such flows. Section 3 of the QAPP establishes sampling procedures, Section 4 of the QAPP identifies analytical methods and reporting requirements, Section 5 of the QAPP identifies QA/QC procedures and documentation requirements, Section 6 of the QAPP identifies sampling documentation that will be maintained by the City.

#### 2.2 Sampling Requirements

The Permit requires dry weather inspections to be conducted on 100% of identified outfalls during the effective term of the Permit. A list of outfalls that are required to be inspected and a copy of the inspection form are included in **Appendices A and B**. Per Permit Part IV(C)(3)(e)(iv), flow that is present at an outfall during a dry weather inspection must be sampled and analyzed for the following parameters:

- E. coli, enterococci, total fecal coliform <u>or</u> human bacteroides;
- Ammonia, total residual chlorine, temperature <u>and</u> conductivity; and
- Optical enhancers or surfactants.

Sampling for ammonia and surfactants must use sufficiently sensitive methods to detect said parameters at or below the minimum reporting concentrations as follows:

- Ammonia (0.5 mg/L);
- Surfactants (0.25 mg/L);
- Total residual chlorine (0.05 mg/L);
- E. coli bacteria (4 cfu/100 ml); and
- Enterococcus (10 cfu/100 ml).



Outfalls that are flowing during a dry weather inspection may be exempted from the dry weather investigation sampling required in Part IV(C)(3)(e)(iv) under any of the following conditions:

- The outfall is associated with roadway drainage in undeveloped areas with no dwellings and no sanitary sewers.
- The outfall is associated with only subsurface drainage for any of the following: an athletic field, a park or undeveloped green space and associated parking without services.
- The outfall is from cross-country drainage that neither cross nor are in proximity to sanitary sewer alignments through undeveloped land.
- The contributing pipes to the outfall have been televised in a previous permit cycle and determined to be structurally sound with no illicit connections or connections from structures that could contribute an illicit discharge, and no new construction or redevelopment has occurred in the outfall drainage area since the screening.
- The outfall was screened in accordance with Permit requirement IV(C)(3)(e)(iv) in a previous permit cycle and no new construction or redevelopment has occurred in the outfall drainage area since the screening.





#### SECTION 3 | SAMPLING PROCEDURES

Dry weather inspections will be conducted only on pre-scheduled days when there has not been measurable precipitation greater than 1/4 of an inch, or ice or snow melt within the previous 72 hours. Refer to **Appendices A and B** for a list of all outfalls that will be inspected during the permit term and a copy of the outfall inspection form.

If flow is observed at an outfall during a dry weather inspection, that outfall will be sampled in accordance with this QAPP to identify whether the discharge may be illicit.

#### 3.1 Sampling Procedures

Dry weather flow may be transient and/or intermittent. Therefore, dry weather flow must be sampled by inspection personnel at the time of inspection. **Table 3** identifies typical field equipment that should be available to use for sampling during all inspection events.

EQUIPMENT	USE/NOTES		
Clipboard	For organization of field sheets and writing surface		
Field Sheets	Field sheets for both dry weather inspection and Dry weather sampling should be available with extras		
Chain of Custody Forms	To ensure proper handling of all samples		
Pens/Pencils/Permanent Markers	For proper labeling		
Nitrile Gloves	To protect the sampler as well as the sample from contamination		
Flashlight/headlamp w/batteries	For looking in outfalls or manholes, helpful in early mornings as well		
Cooler with Ice	For transporting samples to the laboratory		
Digital Camera	For documenting field conditions at time of inspection		
Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)	Reflective vest, Safety glasses and boots at a minimum		
GPS Receiver	For taking spatial location data		
Water Quality Sonde	If needed, for sampling conductivity, temperature, pH		
Water Quality Meter	Handheld meter, if available, for testing for various water quality parameters such as ammonia, surfactants and total residual chlorine		
Test Kits	Have extra kits on hand to sample more outfalls than are anticipated to be screened in a single day		
Label Tape	For labeling sample containers		
Sample Containers	Make sure all sample containers are clean. Keep extra sample containers on hand at all times. Make sure there are proper sample containers for what is being sampled for (i.e., bacteria requires sterile containers).		

#### TABLE 3 | TYPICAL FIELD EQUIPMENT REQUIRED FOR SAMPLING



EQUIPMENT	USE/NOTES
Pry Bar or Pick	For opening catch basins and manholes when necessary
Small Mallet or Hammer	Helping to free stuck manhole and catch basin covers
Utility Knife	Multiple uses
Measuring Tape	Measuring distances and depth of flow
Safety Cones	Safety
Hand Sanitizer	Disinfectant/decontaminant
Zip Ties/Duct Tape	For making field repairs
Rubber Boots/Waders	For accessing shallow streams/areas
Sampling Pole/Dipper/Sampling Cage	For accessing hard to reach outfalls and manholes

If dry weather flow is determined to be present during a dry weather outfall inspection:

- A grab sample of the dry weather flow will be collected. Grab samples should be taken from the vertical and horizontal center of flow directly into the sample container. Grab samples should be collected by inserting a container under or downstream of a discharge with the container opening facing upstream, and with the opening of the container completely immersed under water, whenever possible. Take the grab sample from the horizontal and vertical center of the flow. If sampling in a channel, avoid stirring up bottom sediments. Avoid touching the inside of the container to prevent contamination.
- Any field measurements will be taken at the same time as the grab sample is collected using the equipment specified in **Table 3** and/or **Table 4**. Field parameters should be allowed to stabilize prior to documentation (i.e., temperature/conductivity, etc.).
- Attention should be given to the time of day that sampling is conducted if there is the potential for the source of the discharge to be the sanitary sewer infrastructure.

Outfalls that are inaccessible due to safety concerns are not required to be inspected but a substitute inspection must be conducted of the first (i.e., closest) accessible inspection location within the stormwater system (e.g., catch basin, manhole, pipe, etc.) that drains to the inaccessible outfall. Accordingly, if a dry weather flow is present at the closest accessible inspection location, it must be sampled.



The following general procedure will be used if dry weather flow samples are collected:

1. Complete a field data sheet (Appendix B).

The field data sheet is used to document the date, time, and location of sample collection; field conditions (temperature, precipitation, weather, etc.); name of sampler; observations relevant to the sample taken; and the results of any sampling results collected in the field.

2. Label sample bottles.

All samples collected in the field for laboratory analysis will be affixed with a label that includes the project name, sample location, date and time of sample, sampler's initials, analytical parameters, and sample preservation method. If analytical testing will be conducted by a third-party laboratory, the sample bottles should be provided by the laboratory prior to the sampling event. The sampler should coordinate with the off-site and/or third-party laboratory to ensure compliance with holding time and preservation requirements (**Table 4**).

- 3. Put on clean protective gloves (nitrile/latex/other) before sampling.
- 4. If using a pole/dipper/sampling cage to collect the sample, triple rinse the device with distilled water and then in water to be sampled (not for bacteria sampling).
- 5. Collect sample with pole/dipper/sampling cage or directly in sample containers. Avoid touching the inside or lip of the sample container or container lid. The sampler should coordinate with the off-site and/or third-party laboratory to ensure that minimum sample volumes are to perform required testing.
- 6. Use test strips, test kits, and field meters to sample in-field parameters, as applicable. Field equipment, such as field meters should be triple rinsed in accordance with Step 4, above. Field equipment must be maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. Each meter will have a maintenance log which will be kept in accordance with the documentation standards outlined in Section 5.
- 7. Place laboratory samples on ice for analysis of contaminants of concern. All samples will be placed in a cooler immediately after sample collection. The sampler should coordinate with the off-site and/or third-party laboratory to ensure compliance with preservation requirements (**Table 4**).
- 8. Fill out chain-of-custody form for samples to be transported to a laboratory (Section 3.2).
- 9. Transport samples to the laboratory within 24-hours of sample collection.





See **Section 3.2**. The sampler should coordinate with the off-site and/or third-party laboratory to ensure compliance with holding time requirements (**Table 4**).

- 10. Dispose of used test strips and test kit ampules properly. Any disposable equipment (intended for one-time use) will require proper disposal.
- 11. Decontaminate all reusable testing personnel and equipment.

The decontamination process requires the rinsing of sampling equipment that is expected to be reused using deionized or distilled water. Each piece of equipment will be rinsed twice after each use and before the next use.

When dry weather flow is sampled and analyzed, any deviations from the procedures identified in this QAPP, along with justification for why the changes were made, will be documented by the MS4 on the field data sheet and described in the annual report.

#### 3.2 Sample Handling and Custody

The following procedures will be observed for transporting samples to a laboratory:

- Samples will be closed tightly.
- Bubble wrap will be used on all containers with the potential to break (i.e., glass).
- Samples will be iced during transport.

If a sample will be shipped to a third-party laboratory:

- Fill any empty space or voids within the cooler with bubble wrap or other material.
- Place completed chain of custody in a sealed plastic bag and place in cooler (Appendix C). A copy of the completed chain of custody should be maintained by the sampler. Prior to shipment, the information provided on the sample label should be compared to the information recorded on the chain of custody for accuracy and consistency. If multiple coolers are being shipped, a chain of custody must be included with each cooler for the specific samples within the cooler.
- Tape cooler lid shut with packing tape.
- Affix custody seal to cooler lid lip to ensure samples are not tampered with during transport.

An affixed custody seal will be placed on each sample cooler prepared for shipment. The custody seal will be signed and dated and placed on the cooler in a way to determine if the cooler has been tampered with during sample transport.



# SECTION 4 | ANALYTICAL METHODS

The Permit does not require sample analytical methods to comply with the analytical methods codified at 40 CFR Part 136. However, it is recommended that samples requiring laboratory analysis be analyzed by Maine Accredited Laboratories<sup>1</sup>, where practicable. These actions are expected to improve the quality of sample results, such that they can be used to confidently determine the nature of any dry weather flows. A municipal wastewater treatment plant may also be used for some laboratory analyses.

Dry weather flows must be analyzed for:

- E. coli, enterococci, total fecal coliform, <u>or</u> human bacteroides;
- Ammonia, total residual chlorine, temperature and conductivity; and
- Optical enhancers or surfactants.

**Table 4** identifies these and other parameters that may be analyzed as part of anillicit discharge investigation, as well as acceptable field and/or analyticalmethods, sample preservation requirements, and sample holding time requirements.

PARAMETER	METHOD OR FIELD EQUIPMENT*	PRESERVATION	HOLDING TIME	SAMPLE CONTAINER
E. Coli	SM 9221B.2, SM 9223B, or EPA 1603	lce	6 hours to lab; Lab analysis within 2 hours (8 hours total)	From Laboratory
Enterococcus	SM 9230 B, C, or D, or EPA 1603	lce	6 hours to lab; Lab analysis within 2 hours (8 hours total)	From Laboratory
Fecal Coliform	SM 9221 C E or SM9222D	lce	6 hours to lab; Lab analysis within 2 hours (8 hours total)	From Laboratory
Human Bacteroids	EMSL Analytical, Inc.; Source Molecular; or EnviroBiomics, Inc.	lce	N/A; (Recommended: Ship within 24 hours, analysis within 48 hours)	From Laboratory (w/ sodium thiosulfate)

# TABLE 4 | PARAMETER SPECIFICATIONS

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> A list of accredited laboratories is available at: https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/environmental-health/dwp/professionals/labCert.shtml.



PARAMETER	METHOD OR FIELD EQUIPMENT*	PRESERVATION	HOLDING TIME	SAMPLE CONTAINER
Ammonia (laboratory)	EPA 350.1	lce	28 days	From Laboratory (w/ sulfuric acid)
Ammonia (field)	Hach DR300 Pocket Colorimeter	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container
Total Residual Chlorine	Hach DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Low Range	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container
Temperature	Temperature/ Conductivity Probe (YSI)	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container
Conductivity	Conductivity Probe (YSI)	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container
Fluoride	Hach Colorimeter Test Kit	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container
рН	Test Strips	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container
Optical Enhancers	Sterile chlorine- free cotton pad; VWR handheld UV lamp (89131- 488)	None	Cotton pad must be dried	Field Container; Light-proof storage
Optical Enhancers	Fluorometer	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container; Light-proof storage
Surfactants (laboratory)	SM 5540 C	lce	24 hours to lab; Lab analysis within 24 hours (48 hours total)	From Laboratory
Surfactants (field)	CHEMetrics K- 9400	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container
Turbidity	Temperature/ Conductivity Probe (YSI)	None	Immediate (within 15 minutes)	Field Container

\* The methods and field equipment identified in this table may be substituted with similar equipment or methods.





Sampling for ammonia and surfactants must use sufficiently sensitive methods to detect said parameters at or below the minimum reporting concentrations as follows: ammonia (0.5 mg/L), surfactants (0.25 mg/L), total residual chlorine (0.05 mg/L), E. coli bacteria (4 cfu/100 ml), enterococcus (10 cfu/100 ml) (**Section 2.2**). Use of the analytical methods in **Table 4** will ensure compliance with these requirements.

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### SECTION 5 | QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALITY CONTROL

Quality Control is a critical part of this sampling and analytical program and is used to allow assessment of the adequacy of results for their intended use. Sample handling quality control measures are discussed in **Section 3.2**.

### 5.1 Instrument/Equipment Inspection, Maintenance, and Calibration

Field instruments and equipment will be inspected, maintained, and calibrated in accordance with manufacturer recommendations prior to any sampling events. The municipality will maintain a log of all instrument and sampling equipment inspections and any maintenance performed (**Appendix D**). Expired or damaged field equipment or test kits will not be used for dry weather flow sampling activities. Refer to **Appendix E** for specifications and Safety Data Sheets for field equipment; noting that similar types of field equipment and/or sampling materials may also be used.

If a laboratory is used to conduct an analysis (bacteria), inspection and maintenance of the laboratory equipment will be the responsibility of the laboratory and shall be made available upon request.

### 5.2 Data Review

All field data and sample results will be reviewed by the municipality after each sampling event. This includes reviewing calibration records, recordkeeping, data completeness, observation of appropriate holding times, etc. All records may be reviewed by the MDEP or the EPA upon request. Any deficiencies identified will be documented and corrective actions identified. Any required corrective action identified will be addressed immediately and discussed in the annual report.

#### 5.3 Data Reports

All data reports will be reviewed by the municipality upon receipt against the Action Level Criteria identified in the IDDE Plan. If Action Level Criteria (see IDDE Plan) are met or exceeded, the municipality will exact steps outlined in the IDDE Plan to further investigate and eliminate any potential illicit discharges.

Draft reports will not be released without a complete review by the municipality.

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### SECTION 6 | DOCUMENTATION

Documents and records for this IDDE QAPP are generated through field activities, laboratory processes, and data reviews. Any such documents and will be maintained in accordance with documentation practices identified in the City of Lewiston Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and IDDE Plan.

- List of Outfalls;
- Field Data Sheets;
- Chains of Custody;
- Instrument/Equipment Testing, Inspection, and Maintenance Log; and
- Analytical Reports.

Laboratories used for analysis will keep a sample receipt log, and all completed chain of custody documentation submitted with the samples. The laboratory will also keep records of all analyses performed, as well as associated quality control information, including laboratory blanks, matrix spikes, laboratory control samples, and laboratory duplicates.

Any data generated by the laboratory for a sampling event will be compiled into individual data reports. All laboratory reports will be reviewed by the laboratory's Quality Assurance (QA) Officer before report submittal. Any problems identified during the QA Officer review must be documented in the narrative section of the laboratory report. Laboratory reports associated with outfall monitoring under the IDDE program will be saved in an electronic format by the municipality.





### **APPENDIX A**



City of Lewiston, List of Stormwater Outfalls	
Infrastructure Identification Number	Description
stO-1128	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1130	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1133	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1134	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1135	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1137	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1138	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1139	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1140	Stormwater Outfall
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stO-1169	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1170	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1171	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1172	Stormwater Outfall



City of Lewiston, List of Stormwater Outfalls	
Infrastructure Identification Number	Description
stO-1174	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1175	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1176	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1177	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1178	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1179	Stormwater Outfall
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stO-1215	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1216	Stormwater Outfall



City of Lewiston, List of Stormwater Outfalls	
Infrastructure Identification Number	Description
stO-1217	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1218	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1222	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1227	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1232	Stormwater Outfall
stO-1233	Stormwater Outfall
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stO-1877	Stormwater Outfall	



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Infrastructure Identification Number	Description	
stO-1878	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1879	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-1892	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1900	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1902	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1905	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-1932	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1933	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1934	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1935	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1936	Stormwater Outfall	



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Infrastructure Identification Number	Description	
stO-1937	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1938	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1939	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1940	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-1975	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-1976	Stormwater Outfall	



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stO-1977	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-1979	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-2012	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-2016	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2017	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2018	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2019	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2020	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2021	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2022	Stormwater Outfall	



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stO-2023	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2024	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2025	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2026	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2027	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2028	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-2060	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2061	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2062	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2072	Stormwater Outfall	



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stO-2078	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2081	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2084	Stormwater Outfall	
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stO-2096	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2097	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2099	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-2100	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-773	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-775	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-778	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-779	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-781	Stormwater Outfall	
stO-784	Stormwater Outfall	





#### **APPENDIX B**

**EXAMPLE FIELD DATA SHEET** 

# Dry Weather Outfall Inspection Form

stO-1933 Stormwater Outfall

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Current Air Temperature (F*)	80		Debris Pollution Present		•
Precipitation Last 3 Days			Odor Present	None/ Natural	•
If Yes - How Much (Inches)			Odor Present - Other		
nd Use Type In Drainage Area	Commercial	•	Damage Present		•
Land Use Type Other			Damage Present - Other		
Outfall Material	RCP	•	Deposits Stains		•
Outfall Material - Other			Deposits Stains - Other		
Outfall Shape	Circular	•	Abnormal Vegetation	Excessive	-
Outfall Shape - Other			Trash / Litter Present		
Number of Pipes	Single	• P	Percentage of Pipe Blocked	25%	•
Number of Pipes - Other			Inaccessible Outfall		
Water Flow Present			Not a true outfall		
Water Flow Description		•	Follow Up Required		
Water Color		•	Follow Up Required - Type		-
Water Color - Other			Inspection Type	Dry Weather Inspection	•
Water Clarity		•			

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### Sample Collection Form

F stO-1933 Stormwater Out	fall	23
95516 Collect Liquid Sample		
EVENT DETAILS DOCUMENT	TS MATERIALS	
Ammonia Sample Result (0.05 mg/L) Chlorine Sample Result (0.05 mg/L) Surfactants Sample Result (0.25 mg/L) E. Coli Bacteria Sample Result (4 cfu /100 ml) Enterococcus Sample Result (10cfu/100ml)		
New Save Cancel Delete	e Camera Clos	se





#### **APPENDIX C**

**EXAMPLE CHAIN OF CUSTODY** 

# **CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

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CLIENT:	
CLILINI.	

\_\_\_\_ ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

TEL #:\_\_\_\_\_

JOB NAME/NUMBER:

LOCATION:\_\_\_\_\_

COLLECTOR:

PO #:\_\_\_\_\_

FIELD IDENTIFICATION	DATE	TIME	SAMPLE MATRIX	CONTAINER VOL/TYPE				ANALYSIS REQUESTED
RELINQUISHED BY:	DATE:	TIMI	E:		RECE	IVED B	BY:	DATE: TIME:





#### **APPENDIX D**

EXAMPLE INSTRUMENT/EQUIPMENT TESTING, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE LOG

### EQUIPMENT TESTING, INSPECTION, AND MAINTENANCE LOG

Equipment Description: \_\_\_\_\_

Serial # \_\_\_\_\_ Model # \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Action Taken/Comment	Initials





### **APPENDIX E**

FIELD EQUIPMENT SPECIFICATIONS AND SAFETY DATA SHEETS



# **Technical Data Sheet**

# Detergents (Anionic Surfactants, MBAS) Methylene Blue Method

Applications and Industries: Stormwater, glassware rinsate, drinking water, pharmaceutical cleaning validation

**References:** APHA Standard Methods, 22<sup>nd</sup> ed., Method 5540 C - 2000. EPA Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Method 425.1 (1983). ASTM D 2330-02, Methylene Blue Active Substances.

**Chemistry:** Methylene blue active substances (MBAS) bring about the transfer of methylene blue, a cationic dye, from an aqueous solution into an immiscible organic solvent. This occurs through ion pair formation by the MBAS anion and the methylene blue cation. The intensity of the blue color in the organic solvent is directly related to the concentration of MBAS in the sample. Anionic surfactants commonly used in commercially available detergent formulations are prominent methylene blue active substances, and are strongly responsive to this chemistry. Test results are expressed as ppm (mg/L) linear alkylbenzene sulfonate (LAS).

#### Interference Information:

This test is designed for the measurement of anionic surfactants. Positive interferences result from all other MBAS species.

The test does not measure cationic or non-ionic surfactants; however, cationic detergents and other cationic compounds (e.g. amines) may cause a negative interference by competing with methylene blue in the formation of ion pairs. Organic sulfonates, sulfates, carboxylates, phosphates, and phenols as well as inorganic cyanates and thiocyanates may interfere.

Sulfides may interfere negatively.

Nitrate interferes positively; 10 ppm NO<sub>3</sub>-N may read as approximately 0.2 ppm.

Isopropanol at up to 0.1% does not interfere.

Chloride at up to 100 ppm does not interfere significantly. However, because higher chloride levels will interfere positively, this test kit is not recommended for the analysis of brine or seawater samples unless additional sample manipulation is performed. CHEMetrics' Technical Services staff can provide additional information upon request.

*NOTE*: It is recommended that only the components contained in each kit be used to perform these tests. The reaction tube contained in the visual colorimetric CHEMets® test kit is made of polypropylene and the dropper bottle contained in the Instrumental test kit is low-density polyethylene. Use of tubes or bottles made of various other polymers (including polystyrene) is discouraged, as the chloroform in the test reagents may react with these containers.

**Safety Information:** Safety Data Sheets (SDS) are available upon request and at www.chemetrics.com. Read SDS before using these products. Breaking the tip of a CHEMet<sup>™</sup> ampoule in air rather than liquid may cause the glass ampoule to shatter. Wear safety glasses and protective gloves.

Available Analysis Systems: <u>Visual colorimetric</u>: CHEMets® Kits. <u>Instrumental colorimetric</u>: Single Analyte Photometer (SAM) Kit.

**Storage Requirements:** Products should be stored in the dark and at room temperature.

**Shelf Life:** When stored in the dark and at room temperature: <u>Visual colorimetric</u>: The R-9400 CHEMets refill has a shelf life of 5 months. The R-9404 CHEMets refill has a shelf life of 8 months. The color comparators have 2-year shelf lives. <u>Instrumental colorimetric</u>: The Instrumental refill has a shelf life of 8 months.

Accuracy: <u>CHEMets kits</u>: + 1 color standard increment; <u>Single Analyte Photometer kit</u>: + 30% error at 0.25 ppm, 0.63 ppm, and 1.88 ppm.

# **Detergents CHEMets Kit**

K-9400/R-9400: 0 - 3 ppm

#### **Test Procedure**

- 1. Rinse the reaction tube with the sample to be tested, and then fill it to the 5 mL mark with the sample.
- 2. While holding the double-tipped ampoule in a vertical position, snap the upper tip using the tip breaking tool (fig. 1).
- 3. Invert the ampoule and position the open end over the reaction tube. Snap the upper tip and allow the contents to drain into the reaction tube (fig. 1).
- 4. Cap the reaction tube and shake it vigorously for **30 seconds**. Allow the tube to stand undisturbed for **1 minute**.
- 5. Make sure that the flexible tubing is firmly attached to the CHEMet ampoule tip.
- 6. Insert the CHEMet assembly (tubing first) into the reaction tube making sure that the end of the flexible tubing is at the bottom of the tube. Break the tip of the CHEMet ampoule by gently pressing it against the side of the reaction tube (fig. 2). The ampoule should draw in fluid only from the organic phase (bottom layer).
- 7. When filling is complete, remove the CHEMet assembly from the reaction tube.
- Remove the flexible tubing from the CHEMet ampoule and wipe all liquid from the exterior of the ampoule. Place an ampoule cap firmly onto the tip of the CHEMet ampoule. Invert the ampoule several times, allowing the bubble to travel from end to end.

9. Obtain a test result by placing the ampoule, flat end first, into the comparator. Hold the comparator up toward a source of light and view from the bottom. Rotate the comparator until the best color match is found (fig. 3).



#### Tip Breaker

The tip breaker opens for easy disposal of the glass tips (pull lever away from body of tip breaker or pull open the side wall). The tip breaker will work most effectively if the tips are emptied out frequently.

#### **Test Method**

The Detergents CHEMets<sup>®1</sup> test kit employs the methylene blue extraction method<sup>2,3,4</sup>. Anionic detergents react with methylene blue to form a blue complex that is extracted into an immiscible organic solvent. The intensity of the blue color is directly related to the concentration of "methylene blue active substances (MBAS)" in the sample. Anionic detergents are one of the most prominent methylene blue active substances. Test results are expressed in ppm (mg/Liter) linear alkylbenzene sulfonate (equivalent weight 325).

1. CHEMets is a registered trademark of CHEMetrics, Inc. U.S. Patent No. 3,634,038 2. APHA Standard Methods, 22nd ed., Method 5540 C - 2000

3. EPA Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes, Method 425.1 (1983) 4. ASTM D 2330-02, Methylene Blue Active Substances

#### **Safety Information**

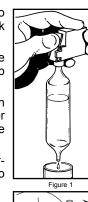
Read SDS (available at www.chemetrics.com) before performing this test procedure. Wear safety glasses and protective gloves.



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Scroll down for all Safety Data Sheets (SDS) for this product.

Total Enclosures: 2



Simplicity in Water Analysis

## Cover Page for Safety Data Sheet

Thank you for choosing CHEMetrics, Inc. We appreciate your business. In order to best serve your needs for accurate and complete Safety Data, we offer the following information as supplemental to the attached SDS.

## SDS No.: R9402

## Version No.: 3.6

**Product Name:** Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets® Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test

**Components of water analysis reagent sets:** Refills R-9400, R-9423; and Kits I-2017, K-9400

## **Product Descriptions:**

*Double-Tipped Ampoules:* Glass ampoules with dual tapered tips. Each double-tipped ampoule in K-9400 and R-9400 contains approximately 4 mL of liquid reagent. Each double-tipped ampoule in R-9423 contains approximately 9.5 mL of liquid reagent. Refills and test kits contain 20 double-tipped ampoules.

## Addendum to Section 14 Transport Information:

Shipping container markings and labels for this product, as received, may vary from the contents of section 14 of the SDS for one or both of the following reasons:

- CHEMetrics has packaged this product as Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities according to IATA, US DOT, and IMDG regulations.
- CHEMetrics has packaged this product as part of a test kit or reagent set composed of various chemical reagents and elected to ship as UN 3316 Chemical Kit, Hazard Class 9, Packing Group II or III.

In case of reshipment, it is the responsibility of the shipper to determine appropriate labels and markings in accordance with applicable transportation regulations.

## Additional Information:

- "Print Date" = Revision Date (expressed as DD/MM/YYY)
- Test kits and reagents sets may contain additional chemical reagents. See separate SDS(s).

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## Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test

CHEMetrics, Inc.

Chemwatch: 9-87557 SDS No: R9402 Version No: 3.6 Safety Data Sheet according to OSHA HazCom Standard (2012) requirements Chemwatch Hazard Alert Code:

Issue Date: 03/02/2018 Print Date: 03/02/2018 Initial Date: 03/02/2018 S.GHS.USA.EN

#### SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

Product Identifier		
Product name	Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test	
Synonyms	Not Available	
Proper shipping name	Chemical kits; First aid kits	
Chemical formula	Not Applicable	
Other means of identification	Not Available	
CAS number	Not Applicable	
Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against		
Relevant identified uses	Component of water analysis reagent sets: Refills R-9400, R-9423 and Kits I-2017, K-9400	
Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet		
Registered company name	CHEMetrics, Inc.	
Address	4295 Catlett Road, Midland VA 22728 - United States	
Telephone	1-540-788-9026	
Fax	1-540-788-4856	
Website	www.chemetrics.com	
Email	technical@chemetrics.com	
Emergency telephone numbe	Emergency telephone number	
Association / Organisation	ChemTel, Inc.	
Emergency telephone numbers	1-800-255-3924	
Other emergency telephone numbers	+01-813-248-0585	

#### SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

Classification	Acute Toxicity (Oral) Category 4, Acute Toxicity (Inhalation) Category 3, Skin Corrosion/Irritation Category 2, Serious Eye Damage Category 1, Carcinogenicity Category 2, Reproductive Toxicity Category 2, Specific target organ toxicity - repeated exposure Category 2
Label elements	
Hazard pictogram(s)	
SIGNAL WORD	DANGER
Hazard statement(s)	
H302	Harmful if swallowed.
H331	Toxic if inhaled.
H315	Causes skin irritation.
H318	Causes serious eye damage.
H351	Suspected of causing cancer.
H361	Suspected of damaging fertility or the unborn child.
H373	May cause damage to organs through prolonged or repeated exposure.

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#### Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents **Instrumental Test**

#### Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

P201	Obtain special instructions before use.
P260 Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.	
P271	Use in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P281	Use personal protective equipment as required.
P270	Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Response

P305+P351+P338	IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.
P308+P313	IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician.
P362	Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing.
P301+P312	IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell.
P302+P352	IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water.
P330	Rinse mouth.
P332+P313	If skin irritation occurs: Get medical advice/attention.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.
P405	Store locked up.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

P501 Dispose of contents/container in accordance with local regulations.

## SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

#### Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
67-66-3	71	chloroform
7732-18-5	26	water
13472-35-0	2	sodium phosphate, monobasic, dihydrate
7664-93-9	1	sulfuric acid
61-73-4	<0.1	methylene blue
Not Available	<0.1	Proprietary ingredient

#### SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES

**A** 

#### Description of first aid measures

General	
Eye Contact	<ul> <li>If this product comes in contact with the eyes:</li> <li>Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water.</li> <li>Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids.</li> <li>Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes.</li> <li>Transport to hospital or doctor without delay.</li> <li>Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.</li> </ul>
Skin Contact	<ul> <li>If skin contact occurs:</li> <li>Immediately remove all contaminated clothing, including footwear.</li> <li>Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).</li> <li>Seek medical attention in event of irritation.</li> </ul>
Inhalation	<ul> <li>If fumes or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Lay patient down. Keep warm and rested.</li> <li>Prostheses such as false teeth, which may block airway, should be removed, where possible, prior to initiating first aid procedures.</li> <li>Apply artificial respiration if not breathing, preferably with a demand valve resuscitator, bag-valve mask device, or pocket mask as trained. Perform CPR if necessary.</li> <li>Transport to hospital, or doctor, without delay.</li> </ul>
Ingestion	<ul> <li>NOTE: IN massive chloroform overdose, DO NOT INDUCE EMESIS because of the rapid onset of CNS depression and the risk of aspiration If poisoning occurs, contact a doctor or Poisons Information Centre.</li> <li>Avoid giving milk or oils.</li> <li>Avoid giving alcohol.</li> <li>If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomitus.</li> </ul>

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	<ul> <li>If swallowed do NOT induce vomiting.</li> <li>If vomiting occurs, lean patient forward or place on left side (head-down position, if possible) to maintain open airway and prevent aspiration.</li> <li>Observe the patient carefully.</li> <li>Never give liquid to a person showing signs of being sleepy or with reduced awareness; i.e. becoming unconscious.</li> <li>Give water to rinse out mouth, then provide liquid slowly and as much as casualty can comfortably drink.</li> </ul>
	► Seek medical advice.
Most important symptom	s and effects, both acute and delayed
	See Section 11
Indication of any immedia	ate medical attention and special treatment needed
For chloroform intoxications:	
Chloroform concentrations may	be determined in blood.
Treat irritation symptomatically. Oral Management:	
Chloroform is radiopaque and >	<-rays confirm ingestion.
DO NOT INDUCE EMESIS bec	ause of the rapid onset of CNS depression and the risk of aspiration.
	hour of ingestion because of very rapid absorption of chloroform (use cuffed ET tube to protect airway) ervice for further guidance on gut decontamination.
Systematic Management.	since for fortuner goldance on gol decontamination.
	ast 24 hours observation with ECG monitoring.
	lete bed rest, the use of stimulants (including adrenaline and noradrenaline) should be avoided because of the risk of sensitisation of the myocardium. atic and renal function should be monitored for at least 3-days post-exposure.
	to monitor development of respiratory complications.
	stores; N-acetylcysteine (used in the treatment of paracetamol overdose) has been suggested as a possible antidote for hepatotoxic organic solvents (success in
carbon tetrachloride intoxication	
for intoxication due to Freons/ H A: Emergency and Supportive M	
	id assist ventilation if necessary
	s if they occur. Avoid (adrenaline) epinephrine or other sympathomimetic amines that may precipitate ventricular arrhythmias. Tachyarrhythmias caused by increased
<ul> <li>Monitor the ECG for 4-6 ho</li> </ul>	ay be treated with propranolol, 1-2 mg IV or esmolol 25-100 microgm/kg/min IV.
B: Specific drugs and antidotes:	
There is no specific antidot	9
C: Decontamination Inhalation: remove victim from	m exposure, and give supplemental oxygen if available.
	Administer activated charcoal, if available. <b>DO NOT</b> induce vomiting because of rapid absorption and the risk of abrupt onset CNS depression. (b) Hospital:
	pal, although the efficacy of charcoal is unknown. Perform gastric lavage only if the ingestion was very large and recent (less than 30 minutes)
D: Enhanced elimination:	ficacy for diversis, bacmadialy size, bacmaparturian, ar report does abarraal
	ficacy for diuresis, haemodialysis, haemoperfusion, or repeat-dose charcoal. RDOSE, Californian Poison Control System Ed. Kent R Olson; 3rd Edition
	omimetic drugs unless absolutely necessary as material may increase myocardial irritability.
<ul> <li>No specific antidote.</li> </ul>	
	nay occur through lungs if aspirated and cause systematic effects, the decision of whether to induce vomiting or not should be made by an attending physician. gest endotracheal and/or esophageal control.
	n must be weighed against toxicity when considering emptying the stomach.
	ent of the physician in response to reactions of the patient
For acute or short term repeated	d exposures to strong acids: from laryngeal edema and inhalation exposure. Treat with 100% oxygen initially.
•••	equire cricothyroidotomy if endotracheal intubation is contraindicated by excessive swelling
	established immediately in all cases where there is evidence of circulatory compromise.
<ul> <li>Strong acids produce a coa INGESTION:</li> </ul>	agulation necrosis characterised by formation of a coagulum (eschar) as a result of the dessicating action of the acid on proteins in specific tissues.
	water) within 30 minutes post ingestion is recommended.
	ise the acid since exothermic reaction may extend the corrosive injury.
<ul> <li>Be careful to avoid further</li> <li>Charcoal has no place in ad</li> </ul>	vomit since re-exposure of the mucosa to the acid is harmful. Limit fluids to one or two glasses in an adult.
	use of lavage within 1 hour of ingestion.
SKIN:	
	s saline irrigation. Treat chemical burns as thermal burns with non-adherent gauze and wrapping.
EYE:	s may benefit from topical silver sulfadiazine.
Eye injuries require retraction	on of the eyelids to ensure thorough irrigation of the conjuctival cul-de-sacs. Irrigation should last at least 20-30 minutes. DO NOT use neutralising agents or any
other additives. Several litr	
severity of the injury.	lopentolate for short-term use or 5% homatropine for longer term use) antibiotic drops, vasoconstrictive agents or artificial tears may be indicated dependent on the
	nly be administered with the approval of a consulting ophthalmologist).
	[Ellenhorn and Barceloux: Medical Toxicology]
SECTION 5 FIREFIGHTI	NG MEASURES
Extinguishing media	
	► Water spray or fog.
	<ul> <li>Foam.</li> <li>Dry chemical powder.</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>BCF (where regulations permit).</li> </ul>
	Carbon dioxide.

### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility + Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result Catalogue number: R9402

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Fire Fighting	<ul> <li>Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.</li> <li>Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>Use fire fighting procedures suitable for surrounding area.</li> <li>DO NOT approach containers suspected to be hot.</li> <li>Cool fire exposed containers with water spray from a protected location.</li> <li>If safe to do so, remove containers from path of fire.</li> <li>Equipment should be thoroughly decontaminated after use.</li> </ul>
Fire/Explosion Hazard	<ul> <li>Non combustible.</li> <li>Not considered to be a significant fire risk.</li> <li>Acids may react with metals to produce hydrogen, a highly flammable and explosive gas.</li> <li>Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.</li> <li>May emit corrosive, poisonous fumes. May emit acrid smoke.</li> <li>carbon dioxide (CO2)</li> <li>hydrogen chloride</li> <li>phosgene</li> <li>other pyrolysis products typical of burning organic material.</li> <li>May emit poisonous fumes.</li> </ul>

#### SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Minor Spills	<ul> <li>Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.</li> <li>Contain and absorb spill with sand, earth, inert material or vermiculite.</li> <li>Wipe up.</li> <li>Place in a suitable, labelled container for waste disposal.</li> </ul>
Major Spills	<ul> <li>Clear area of personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.</li> <li>Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water courses.</li> <li>No smoking, naked lights or ignition sources.</li> <li>Increase ventilation.</li> <li>Stop leak if safe to do so.</li> <li>Water spray or fog may be used to disperse / absorb vapour.</li> <li>Contain or absorb spill with sand, earth or vermiculite.</li> <li>Collect recoverable product into labelled containers for recycling.</li> <li>Collect solid residues and seal in labelled drums for disposal.</li> <li>Wash area and prevent runoff into drains.</li> <li>After clean up operations, decontaminate and launder all protective clothing and equipment before storing and re-using.</li> <li>If contamination of drains or waterways occurs, advise emergency services.</li> </ul>
	Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the SDS.

#### SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling	3
Safe handling	<ul> <li>Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.</li> <li>Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.</li> <li>Use in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.</li> <li>DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.</li> <li>DO NOT allow material to contact humans, exposed food or food utensils.</li> <li>Avoid contact with incompatible materials.</li> <li>When handling, DO NOT eat, drink or smoke.</li> <li>Keep containers securely sealed when not in use.</li> <li>Avoid physical damage to containers.</li> <li>Always wash hands with soap and water after handling.</li> <li>Work clothes should be laundered separately. Launder contaminated clothing before re-use.</li> <li>Use good occupational work practice.</li> <li>Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> <li>Atmosphere should be regularly checked against established exposure standards to ensure safe working conditions are maintained.</li> <li>Wear impact- and splash-resistant eyewear.</li> </ul>
Other information	<ul> <li>Store in original containers.</li> <li>Keep containers securely sealed.</li> <li>Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.</li> <li>Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> <li>Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.</li> <li>Observe manufacturer's storage and handling recommendations contained within this SDS.</li> <li>For optimum analyical performance, store in the dark and at room temperature.</li> </ul>

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	<ul> <li>DO NOT use aluminium or galvanised containers</li> <li>Lined metal can, lined metal pail/ can.</li> <li>Plastic pail.</li> <li>Polyliner drum.</li> <li>Poksing as recommended by manufacturer.</li> <li>Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.</li> </ul>
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	For low viscosity materials <ul> <li>Drums and jerricans must be of the non-removable head type.</li> <li>Where a can is to be used as an inner package, the can must have a screwed enclosure.</li> </ul> For materials with a viscosity of at least 2680 cSt. (23 deg. C) and solids (between 15 C deg. and 40 deg C.): <ul> <li>Removable head packaging;</li> <li>Cans with friction closures and</li> <li>low pressure tubes and cartridges</li> <li>may be used.</li> <li>-</li> </ul> Where combination packages are used, and the inner packages are of glass, there must be sufficient inert cushioning material in contacuter packages *. <ul> <li>In addition, where inner packagings are glass and contain liquids of packing group I and II there must be sufficient inert absorbent to a sufficient inert absorbent in a sufficient inert absorbent to a sufficient inert absorbent in a sufficient inert absorbent inert absorben</li></ul>	
	<ul> <li>* unless the outer packaging is a close fitting moulded plastic box and the substances are not incompatible with the plastic.</li> <li>All inner and sole packagings for substances that have been assigned to Packaging Groups I or II on the basis of inhalation toxicity crit hermetically sealed.</li> </ul>	eria, must be
Storage incompatibilit	<ul> <li>Chloroform <ul> <li>decomposes in the presence of excess water, high temperature, including hot surfaces, evolving phosgene and hydrogen chloride</li> <li>on contact with warm water may form hydrogen chloride</li> <li>decomposes at ordinary temperatures in sunlight, in the absence of air, and in the dark in the presence of air</li> <li>may form explosive materials when mixed with strong bases, alkali metals, lithium, sodium, potassium, sodium-potassium alloys; the friction-, and/or impact sensitive</li> <li>reacts violently with light metals, aluminium, magnesium or titanium powder, disilane, potassium tert-butoxide, methylates (methox acetylene-1,2-clioxide, sodium amide, uranium(III) hydride</li> <li>reacts violently with (acetone + a base), (perchloric acid + phosphorous pentoxide), (KOH + methanol) and (NaOH + methanol).</li> <li>is incompatible with acetone, beryllium, decaborane, methanol, nitrogen tetroxide, strong oxidisers, fluorine, oxygen, potassium, so acids, trisopropylphosphine, chemically active metals (Li, NaK alloy), zinc</li> <li>attacks many plastics and rubber</li> <li>attacks iron and other metals in the presence of moisture and elevated temperatures</li> <li>may generate electrostatic charges due to low conductivity</li> </ul> </li> <li>Haloalkanes: <ul> <li>may practive:some of the more lightly substituted lower members are highly flammable; the more highly substituted may be u suppressants, not always with the anticipated results.</li> <li>may practo contact with potassium or its alloys - although apparently stable on contact with wide rege of halocarbons, reaction shock-sensitive and may explode with geat violence on light impact; severity generally increases with the degree of halocarbon su potassium-sodium alloys give extremely sensitive mixtures.</li> </ul> </li> <li>BRETHERICK L: Handbook of Reactive Chemical Hazards</li> <li>react with metal halides and active metals, eg, sodium (Na), potassium (K), lithium (Li), calcium (Ca), zinc (Zn), powdered alumin alloys, magnesium (</li></ul>	ese may be heat-, ides), potassium odium, strong mineral sed as fire products may be bstitution and

#### PACKAGE MATERIAL INCOMPATIBILITIES

Not Available

## SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

## **Control parameters**

#### OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS (OEL)

INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	chloroform	Methane trichloride, Trichloromethane	Not Available	9.78 mg/m3 / 2 ppm	Not Available	Ca See Appendix A
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	chloroform	Chloroform	10 ppm	Not Available	Not Available	TLV® Basis: Liver & embryo/fetal dam; CNS impair
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	chloroform	Chloroform (Trichloromethane)	Not Available	Not Available	240 mg/m3 / 50 ppm	Not Available
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	sulfuric acid	Battery acid, Hydrogen sulfate, Oil of vitriol, Sulfuric acid (aqueous)	1 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	sulfuric acid	Sulfuric acid	0.2 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	TLV® Basis: Pulm func
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	sulfuric acid	Sulfuric acid	1 mg/m3	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

#### EMERGENCY LIMITS

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
chloroform	Chloroform	2 ppm	Not Available	Not Available
sulfuric acid	Sulfuric acid	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
Ingredient	Original IDLH		Revised IDLH	
chloroform	500 ppm		Not Available	
water	Not Available		Not Available	

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sodium phosphate, monobasic, dihydrate	Not Available	Not Available
sulfuric acid	15 mg/m3	Not Available
methylene blue	Not Available	Not Available
Proprietary ingredient	Not Available	Not Available

#### Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to pro The basic types of engineering controls are: Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the ris Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away fro "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if desig match the particular process and chemical or contaminant in use. Employers may need to use multiple types of controls to prevent employee overexposure. Local exhaust ventilation usually required. If risk of overexposure exists, wear approved respirator Supplied-air type respirator may be required in special circumstances. Correct fit is essential to e An approved self contained breathing apparatus (SCBA) may be required in some situations. Provide adequate ventilation in warehouse or closed storage area. Air contaminants generated in in turn, determine the "capture velocities" of fresh circulating air required to effectively remove the Type of Contaminant: solvent, vapours, degreasing etc., evaporating from tank (in still air). aerosols, fumes from pouring operations, intermittent container filling, low speed conveyer trans acid fumes, pickling (released at low velocity into zone of active generation) direct spray, spray painting in shallow booths, drum filling, conveyer loading, crusher dusts, gas into zone of rapid air motion) grinding, abrasive blasting, tumbling, high speed wheel generated dusts (released at high initial rapid air motion).	vide this high level of protection. sk. om the worker and ventilation that ned properly. The design of a vent . Correct fit is essential to obtain a insure adequate protection. the workplace possess varying "e contaminant. fers, welding, spray drift, plating idischarge (active generation velocity into zone of very high Upper end of the range 1: Disturbing room air currents 2: Contaminants of high toxicity 3: High production, heavy use 4: Small hood-local control only extraction pipe. Velocity generally iction point should be adjusted, ac apple, should be a minimum of 1-2 nical considerations, producing pe	strategically "adds" and ilation system must dequate protection. scape" velocities which, Air Speed: 0.25-0.5 m/s (50-100 f/min.) 0.5-1 m/s (100-200 f/min.) 1-2.5 m/s (200-500 f/min.) 2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.) 2.5-10 m/s (500-2000 f/min.)
Personal protection			
Eye and face protection	<ul> <li>Safety glasses with side shields.</li> <li>Chemical goggles.</li> <li>Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience. Medical and first-aid personnel should be trained in their removal and suitable equipment should be removed at the first signs of eye redness or irritation - lens should be removed in a clean environment only after workers have washed hands thoroughly. [CDC NIOSH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1336 or national equivalent]</li> </ul>		
	thoroughly. [CDC NICOH Current Intelligence Bulletin 59], [AS/NZS 1556 of hational equival	long	
Skin protection	See Hand protection below		
Skin protection Hands/feet protection			
	See Hand protection below  Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC.		
Hands/feet protection	See Hand protection below  Wear chemical protective gloves, e.g. PVC. Wear safety footwear or safety gumboots, e.g. Rubber		

#### Recommended material(s)

GLOVE SELECTION INDEX

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

"Forsberg Clothing Performance Index".

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the *computer-generated* selection:

**Respiratory protection** 

Type AB-P Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required.

Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection

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Material	CPI
BUTYL	С
NATURAL RUBBER	С
NATURAL+NEOPRENE	С
NEOPRENE	С
NEOPRENE/NATURAL	С
NITRILE	С
PE	С
PE/EVAL/PE	С
PVA	С
PVC	С
SARANEX-23	С
TEFLON	С
VITON	С

varies with Type of filter.

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	AB-AUS P2	-	AB-PAPR-AUS / Class 1 P2
up to 50 x ES	-	AB-AUS / Class 1 P2	-
up to 100 x ES	-	AB-2 P2	AB-PAPR-2 P2 ^

#### ^ - Full-face

 $\begin{array}{l} \mathsf{A}(\mathsf{All \ classes}) = \mathsf{Organic \ vapours, \ B \ AUS \ or \ B1} = \mathsf{Acid \ gasses, \ B2} = \mathsf{Acid \ gas \ or \ hydrogen \ cyanide(HCN), \ B3} = \mathsf{Acid \ gas \ or \ hydrogen \ cyanide(HCN), \ E3 = \mathsf{Acid \ gas \ or \ hydrogen \ cyanide(HCN), \ E3 = \mathsf{Acid \ gas \ or \ hydrogen \ cyanide(HCN), \ B3 = \mathsf{Acid \ hydrogen \ cyanide(HCN), \ B3 = \mathsf{Acid \ hydrogen \ hydrogen \ cyanide(HCN), \ B3 = \mathsf{Acid \ hydrogen \ hydrogen \ cyanide(HCN), \ B3 = \mathsf{Acid \ hydrogen \ hydrogen\$ 

\* CPI - Chemwatch Performance Index

A: Best Selection

B: Satisfactory; may degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion

C: Poor to Dangerous Choice for other than short term immersion

**NOTE:** As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. -

\* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

#### SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	Two phase: Blue / Colorless		
Physical state	Liquid	Relative density (Water = 1)	1.49 (chloroform layer)
Odour	Characteristic	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	Not Available
pH (as supplied)	1.35 (aqueous layer)	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	Not Available	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	Not Available	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Available
Flash point (°C)	Not Applicable	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Not Applicable	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	Not Available	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water (g/L)	Partly miscible	pH as a solution	Not Available
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available

#### SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity	See section 7
Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

#### SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

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	Inhaled	Inhalation of vapours or aerosols (mists, fumes), generated by the material dur The material is not thought to produce respiratory irritation (as classified by EC furnes or aerosols, especially for prolonged periods, may produce respiratory of Exposure to vapours of some rare earth salts can cause sensitivity to heat, itch inflamed airways and lung, emphysema, regional narrowing of terminal airways Chloroform concentrations of 1000-2000 parts per million (ppm) may cause diz vomiting, serious disorientation and a fainting feeling. 14000-16000 ppm may c breathing failure, heart rhythm disturbances and death. If death does not immer liver and kidney damage. Corrosive acids can cause irritation of the respiratory tract, with coughing, chok nausea and weakness. Acute intoxication by halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbons appears to take place and in the second stage signs of injury to organs may become evident, a single Depression of the central nervous system is the most outstanding effect of mos narcosis, is a typical reaction. In severe acute exposures there is always a dan make the heart more susceptible to catecholamines (adrenalin)	C Directives using animal models). Nevertheless inhalation of vapours, discomfort and occasionally, distress. ing, and increased sensitivity of smell and taste. Other effects include s and cell changes. ziness, headache, fatigue, salivation and nausea. 4000 ppm may cause ause rapid loss of consciousness. More than 20000 ppm may cause diately occur from stoppage of breathing or heart beat, it may occur later from king and mucous membrane damage. There may be dizziness, headache, e over two stages. Signs of a reversible narcosis are evident in the first stage e organ alone is (almost) never involved. st halogenated aliphatic hydrocarbons. Inebriation and excitation, passing into	
h	ngestion	The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects following ingestic adverse systemic effects have been produced following exposure of animals by kept to a minimum. Symptoms of chloroform ingestion include burning of the mouth, throat, guilet a blueness of the extremities and face, muscle cramps, dilated pupils, low blood respiratory failure, unconsciousness and liver damage. Ingestion of acidic corrosives may produce burns around and in the mouth, the speaking may also be evident.	y at least one other route and good hygiene practice requires that exposure be ind stomach; diarrhoea and abdominal/lower chest pain; cold, clammy skin, pressure, blood vessel dilatation on the periphery, irregular breathing,	
Skin	Contact	The material may accentuate any pre-existing dermatitis condition Skin contact with acidic corrosives may result in pain and burns; these may be deep with distinct edges and may heal slowly with the formation of scar tissue. Open cuts, abraded or irritated skin should not be exposed to this material Entry into the blood-stream, through, for example, cuts, abrasions or lesions, may produce systemic injury with harmful effects. Examine the skin prior to the use of the material and ensure that any external damage is suitably protected. The material may cause mild but significant inflammation of the skin either following direct contact or after a delay of some time. Repeated exposure can cause contact dermatitis which is characterised by redness, swelling and blistering.		
	Eye	If applied to the eyes, this material causes severe eye damage. Direct eye contact with acid corrosives may produce pain, tears, sensitivity to li completely.	ight and burns. Mild burns of the epithelia generally recover rapidly and	
	Chronic	Repeated or long-term occupational exposure is likely to produce cumulative health effects involving organs or biochemical systems. There has been concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations, but there is not enough data to make an assessment. Ample evidence from experiments exists that there is a suspicion this material directly reduces fertility. Repeated or prolonged exposure to acids may result in the erosion of teeth, swelling and/or ulceration of mouth lining. Irritation of airways to lung, with cough, and inflammation of lung tissue often occurs. Long term exposure to chloroform may produce dizziness, fatigue, drowsiness, memory impairment, increased dreams, loss of appetite, palpitations, liver and kidney damage. There may be depression, confusion, negative changes in behaviour and passive mood states. Chronic abuse of chloroform may cause psychotic behaviour. Repeated exposure may also cause dullness, urinary frequency, gastrointestinal disturbances, dry mouth, thirst, headache, general unwellness, blurred vision, � pins and needles �, loss of sense of balance, tremors, memory and anaemia. It may be dangerous to the foetus (unborn baby). It has been shown to induce liver, kidney, intestinal and urinary bladder tumours, including cancer.		
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CHLOROFORM	The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles, scaling and thickening of the skin. <b>WARNING:</b> This substance has been classified by the IARC as Group 2B: Possibly Carcinogenic to Humans. Tenth Annual Report on Carcinogens: Substance anticipated to be Carcinogen [ <i>National Toxicology Program: U.S. Dep. of Health &amp; Human Services 2002</i> ]
WATER	No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search.
SODIUM PHOSPHATE, MONOBASIC, DIHYDRATE	Data for anhydride
SULFURIC ACID	Asthma-like symptoms may continue for months or even years after exposure to the material ends. This may be due to a non-allergic condition known as reactive airways dysfunction syndrome (RADS) which can occur after exposure to high levels of highly irritating compound. Main criteria for diagnosing RADS include the absence of previous airways disease in a non-atopic individual, with sudden onset of persistent asthma-like symptoms within minutes to hours of a documented exposure to the irritant. Other criteria for diagnosis of RADS include a reversible airflow pattern on lung function tests, moderate to severe bronchial hyperreactivity on methacholine challenge testing, and the lack of minimal lymphocytic inflammation, without eosinophilia. RADS (or asthma) following an irritating inhalation is an infrequent disorder with rates related to the concentration of and duration of exposure to the irritating substance. On the other hand, industrial bronchitis is a disorder that occurs as a result of exposure due to high concentrations of irritating substance (often particles) and is completely reversible after exposure ceases. The disorder is characterized by difficulty breathing, cough and mucus production.

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	WARNING: For inhalation exposure ONLY: This substance has been classified by the IARC a	s Group 1: CARCINOGENIC TO HUMANS					
	Occupational exposures to strong inorganic acid mists of sulfuric acid:	Occupational exposures to strong inorganic acid mists of sulfuric acid:					
METHYLENE BLUE       The substance is classified by IARC as Group 3: NOT classifiable as to its carcinogenicity to humans. Evidence of carcinogenicity may be inadequate or limited in animal testing. After i.v. administration Methylene Blue may cause nauseaux, womiting, abdominal and chest pain, headache, dizziness, mental confusion, profuse sweating, and hypertension; with very high doses methaemoglobinemia and ahemolysis may occur. Methylene Blue activates a normally dormant reductase enzyme system which reduces the methylene blue to leucomethylene blue, which in turn is able to reduce methaemoglobin. Methylene Blue is absorbed from the gastrointestinal tract. It is believed to be reduced in the tissues to the leuco form which is slowly excreted, mainly in the urine together with some unchanged drug. Methylene Blue imparts a blue color to urine and faeces. In large doses Methylene Blue can produce methaemoglobinaemia. Although intra-amniotic injection of Methylene Blue has been used to diagnose premature rupture of fetal membranes or to identify separate amniotic sacs in twin pregnancies, there have been several reports of hemolylic anemia (Heinz-body anemia) and hyperbilirubinemia in neonates exposed to Methylene Blue in the amniotic cavity. In most cases, exchange transfusions and/or phototherapy are required to control the jaundice. Methylene Blue should be used with caution in the treatment of toxic methemoglobinemia, high doses can cause hemolytic anemias and patients with glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) deficiencies are particularly susceptible. A rapid disappearance of cyanosis on so the thylene Blue endmistration but results of a study in animals and of a patient with aniline poisoning indicated that an increased dosage of Methylene Blue administration but results of a study in animals and of a patient with aniline poisoning indicated that an increased dosage of Methylene Blue endipt be of no additional benefit and could be potentially dangerous in that							
Acute Toxicity	✓ Carcinogenicity	✓					
Skin Irritation/Corrosion	✓ Reproductivity	✓					
Serious Eye Damage/Irritation	✓ STOT - Single Exposure	$\otimes$					
Respiratory or Skin sensitisation	STOT - Repeated Exposure	✓					
Mutagenicity	S Aspiration Hazard	$\otimes$					
		Data available to make classification Data available but does not fill the criteria for classification					

N - Data Not Available to make classification

#### **CMR STATUS** Not Applicable

Not Applicable	-
REPROTOXIN	Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test Not Available Not Available
CARCINOGEN	Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test Not Available Not Available
MUTAGEN	Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test Not Available Not Available
EYE	Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test Not Available Not Available
RESPIRATORY	Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test Not Available Not Available
SKIN	Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test Not Available Not Available

#### **SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### Toxicity

#### NOT AVAILABLE

Ingredient	Endpoint	Test Duration (hr)	Effect	Value	Species	BCF
Double-Tipped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
chloroform	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
water	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
sodium phosphate, monobasic, dihydrate	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
sulfuric acid	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
methylene blue	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available

#### For Haloalkanes:

Atmospheric Fate: Fully, or partially, fluorinated haloalkanes released to the air can restrict heat loss from the Earth's atmosphere by absorbing infrared emissions from the surface. The major fate of haloalkanes in the atmosphere is via breakdown by hydroxyl radicals. These substances react with atmospheric ozone and nitrates, which also causes them to change, (transform). Chlorofluorocarbons, (CFC), haloalkanes can break down into chlorine atoms in the air, which also contribute to ozone destruction.

Terrestrial Fate: Biological breakdown of these substances is expected to be faster than non-biological breakdown, provided that there are sufficient substrates, nutrients and microbial populations. However, because haloalkane-degrading microorganisms are not easily found, biological breakdown of these substances is rare. Several methane-utilizing bacteria have been identified that may use haloalkanes. Biological breakdown may occur through various pathways.

Aquatic Fate: Haloalkanes do not easily break down in water. Biological breakdown of these substances is expected to be faster than non-biological breakdown, provided that there are sufficient substrates, nutrients and microbial populations. In general, alpha- and alpha, omega-chlorinated haloalkanes are de-halogenated by water. Alpha- and alpha, omega-haloalkanes with longer chains, may be de-halogenated by the addition of oxygen, (oxidized). Haloalkanes may break down in water, if certain sulfur ions are present, such as bisulfide ions.

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Ecotoxicity: Haloparaffins C12 to C18 may be incorporated into fatty acids in bacteria, yeasts, and fungi, resulting in their build up in the food chain. Haloalkanes are persistent and toxic to fish and wildlife.

#### Ecotoxicity:

The tolerance of water organisms towards pH margin and variation is diverse. Recommended pH values for test species listed in OECD guidelines are between 6.0 and almost 9. Acute testing with fish showed 96h-LC50 at about pH 3.5 For Chloroform:

log Kow: 1.97; Koc: 34; Half-life (hr) air: 1920; Half-life (hr) H2O surface water: 28 744; Henry's atm m3/mol: 4.35E-03; BOD 5: 0.02; ThOD: 0.33, 1.346; BCF: 1.9-10.35. Drinking Water Standard - Hydrocarbon total: 10 ug/l (UK max.); Chloroform: 200 ug/l (WHO guideline); Soil Guidelines - Dutch criteria: 0.001 mg/kg.

Atmospheric Fate: Chloroform will generally evaporate to atmosphere; however, transportation may occur over long distances and photo-oxidization will occur (half-life 80 days). Chloroform is expected to exist almost entirely in the vapor phase in the atmosphere. Large amounts of chloroform in the atmosphere may be removed during precipitation; however, most chloroform removed in precipitation is likely to re-enter the atmosphere by volatilization. Long-range atmospheric transport of chloroform is possible. The major degradation process in the air involves reactions with free radicals such as hydroxyl groups. Breakdown products include phosgene and hydrogen chloride. Chloroform is more reactive in photochemical smog conditions where the approximate half-life is 11 days.

Aquatic Fate: Direct photolysis of chloroform will not be a significant degradation process in surface waters and the dominant fate process for chloroform in surface waters is volatilization. Chloroform present in surface water is expected to volatilize rapidly to the atmosphere. A half-life of 44 hours for volatilization has been estimated.

Terrestrial Fate: Spills and releases on land will evaporate quickly or leach into groundwater where they persist for long periods. Chloroform is not expected to adsorb significantly to sediment or suspended organic matter in surface waters. In soil, the dominant transport mechanism for chloroform near the surface will probably be volatilization with relatively constant rates over a wide variety of soil types.

Ecotoxicity: Chloroform is not expected to concentrate in the food chain. Chloroform does not appear to bioconcentrate in higher aquatic organisms including bluegill sunfish but, has a moderate tendency to concentrate in nonvascular aquatic plants such as green algae. Significant degradation of chloroform under aerobic conditions has been reported in tests. Under the proper conditions, chloroform appears to be much more susceptible to anaerobic biodegradation. Above certain dosage levels, chloroform becomes toxic to anaerobic and aerobic microorganisms. This is especially noticeable for biological treatment facilities that use anaerobic digestion systems, where sustained inputs with chloroform concentrations approaching 100 mg/L can all but eliminate methane fermenting bacteria.

For Cerium:

Environmental Fate: Despite their name, rare earth elements are relatively plentiful in the Earth's crust, with cerium being the 25th most abundant element. Cerium compounds include cerium oxide, cerium carbonate, and cerium chloride.

Atmospheric Fate: Cerium oxidizes very readily at room temperature, especially in moist air. Except for europium, cerium is the most reactive of the rare-earth metals.

Terrestrial Fate: Soil 🕏 Cerium is found in minerals including allanite, monazite, cerite, and bastnaesite. Plants 🕏 Crops can take up cerium.

Aquatic Fate: Cerium oxide and cerium carbonate are insoluble in water, while cerium chloride is soluble in water. Cerium has affinity for humic substances, which may alter its availability in aquatic systems. The substance slowly decomposes in cold water, and rapidly decomposes in hot water. Alkali solutions and dilute/concentrated acids attack the metal rapidly. Ecotoxicity: Current fate and transport studies are limited and may not adequately address long term environmental exposure risks to both humans and other living organisms. Although cerium has low acute toxicity, long term health and environmental effects are less well understood. The form cerium takes can also influence its biological and environmental fate. Oxides and hydroxides of cerium are poorly soluble in body fluids thus are slow to clear from the organism. Cerium can affect the respiratory tract and associated lymph nodes, (inhalation exposure), and, once in the circulatory system, can partition to the skeleton, liver, kidney and spleen. Studies subjecting animals to large dosages of cerium show evidence of neurological effects, possibly due to cerium competing with calcium binding sites in the brain. Long term human expose to cerium is correlated with rare earth pneumoconicsis, but, the precise role of cerium in this disease is not well characterized.

#### DO NOT discharge into sewer or waterways.

#### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air	
chloroform	HIGH (Half-life = 1800 days)	HIGH (Half-life = 259.63 days)	
water	LOW	LOW	

#### **Bioaccumulative potential**

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
chloroform	LOW (BCF = 13)
water	LOW (LogKOW = -1.38)

#### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
chloroform	LOW (KOC = 35.04)
water	LOW (KOC = 14.3)

#### SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Waste treatment methods

Product / Packaging disposal Dispose of according to federal, state, and local regulations.
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#### SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION

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#### Labels Required

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#### Land transport (DOT)

UN number	3316
Packing group	II
UN proper shipping name	Chemical kits; First aid kits
Environmental hazard	No relevant data
Transport hazard class(es)	Class 9
Special precautions for user	Hazard Label     9       Special provisions     15

#### Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	3316			
Packing group	II			
UN proper shipping name	Chemical kit; First aid kit			
Environmental hazard	No relevant data			
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class ICAO / IATA Subrisk ERG Code	9 Not Applicable 9L		
Special precautions for user		Qty / Pack Packing Instructions	A44 A163 960 10 kg 960 10 kg Y960 1 kg	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·

#### Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

UN number	3316
Packing group	I
UN proper shipping name	CHEMICAL KIT or FIRST AID KIT
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class     9       IMDG Subrisk     Not Applicable
Special precautions for user	EMS NumberF-A , S-PSpecial provisions251 340Limited QuantitiesSee SP251

#### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL and the IBC code

Source	Ingredient	Pollution Category
	Double-Tinped Ampoules for Detergents CHEMets Kit and Refill and for Detergents Instrumental Test	

#### SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

chloroform(67-66-3) is found on the following regulatory lists	"International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs", "US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - California - Proposition 65 - Priority List for the Development of MADLs for Chemicals Causing Reproductive Toxicity", "US - California OEHHA/ARB - Acute Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (RELs)", "US - California OEHHA/ARB - Chronic Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (RELs)", "US - California Proposition 65 - Carcinogens", "US - California Proposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for Carcinogens", "US - California Proposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for Carcinogens", "US - California Proposition 65 - No Significant Risk Levels (NSRLs) for Carcinogens", "US - Massachusets - Right To Know Listed Chemicals", "US - Hawaii Air Contaminants", "US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELS)", "US - New Jersey Right to Know - Special Health Hazard Substance List (SHHSL): Carcinogens", "US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (PELS)", "US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List", "US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List", "US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits For Air Contaminants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Carcinogens", "US - Worming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Wayning Toxic and Hazardous Substances Substances (RLLs)", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens", "US ATSDR Minimal Risk Levels for Hazardous Substances (MRLs)", "US Clean Air Act - Hazardous Air Pollutants", "US EPA Carcinogens Listing", "US EPCRA Section 313 Chemical List", "US List of Active Substances Exempt from the TSCA Inventory Notifications (Active-Inactive) Rule ","US National Toxicology Program (NTP) 14th Report Part B. Reasonably Anticipated to be a Human Carcinogen", "US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)", "U

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	OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1","US SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances","US Spacecraft Maximum Allowable Concentrations (SMACs) for Airborne Contaminants","US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory","US TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory - Interim List of Active Substances","US TSCA New Chemical Exposure Limits (NCEL)"
water(7732-18-5) is found on the following regulatory lists	"US List of Active Substances Exempt from the TSCA Inventory Notifications (Active-Inactive) Rule", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory", "US TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory - Interim List of Active Substances"
sodium phosphate, monobasic, dihydrate(13472-35-0) is found on the following regulatory lists	"US List of Active Substances Exempt from the TSCA Inventory Notifications (Active-Inactive) Rule", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory", "US TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory - Interim List of Active Substances"
sulfuric acid(7664-93-9) is found on the following regulatory lists	"International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs", "International Air Transport Association (IATA) Dangerous Goods Regulations - Prohibited List Passenger and Cargo Aircraft", "US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - California OEHHA/ARB - Acute Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (RELs)", "US - California OEHHA/ARB - Chronic Reference Exposure Levels and Target Organs (CRELs)", "US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants", "US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits", "US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Massachusetts - Right To Know Listed Chemicals", "US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Minesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)", "US - New Jersey Right to Know - Special Health Hazard Substance List (SHHSL): Carcinogens", "US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)", "US - Pennsylvania - Hazardous Substance List", "US - Rhode Island Hazardous Substance List", "US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits (Z-1)", "US - Nemonariants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants", "US - Washington Toxic air pollutants and their ASIL, SQER and de minimis emission values", "US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV), "US CAGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens", "US CWA (Clean Water Act) - List of Hazardous Substances", "US Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) List 1 and II Regulated Chemicals", "US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1", "US SARA Section 302 Extremely Hazardous Substances", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory,", "US TSCA Chemical Substance Inventory - Interim List of Active Substances"
methylene blue(61-73-4) is found on the following regulatory lists	"International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - Agents Classified by the IARC Monographs", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory"
Proprietary ingredient() is found on the following regulatory lists	"Not Applicable"

#### **SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Other information

#### Ingredients with multiple cas numbers

Not Available Not Available	Name	CAS No	
	Not Available	Not Available	

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chernwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

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## Cover Page for Safety Data Sheet

Thank you for choosing CHEMetrics, Inc. We appreciate your business. In order to best serve your needs for accurate and complete Safety Data, we offer the following information as supplemental to the attached SDS.

SDS No.: R1001

Version No.: 2.2

**Product Name:** CHEMets® Ampoules for Filming Amines CHEMets® Kit & Refill (R-1001) and for Detergents CHEMets® Kit & Refill (R-9401)

Component of water analysis reagent sets: Refills R-1000, R-1000E, R-9400, R-9404 and Test Kits K-1001, K-1001E, K-9400, K-9404

## **Product Descriptions:**

*CHEMets Ampoules:* Sealed glass ampoules, 7 mm OD, for visual colorimetric water analysis. Each CHEMet<sup>™</sup> ampoule contains approximately 0.25 mL of liquid reagent sealed under vacuum. The refills and kits contain 20 CHEMets ampoules.

## Addendum to Section 14 Transport Information:

Shipping container markings and labels for this product, as received, may vary from the contents of section 14 of the SDS for one or both of the following reasons:

- CHEMetrics has packaged this product as Dangerous Goods in Excepted Quantities according to IATA, US DOT, and IMDG regulations.
- CHEMetrics has packaged this product as part of a test kit or reagent set composed of various chemical reagents and elected to ship as UN 3316 Chemical Kit, Hazard Class 9, Packing Group II or III.

In case of reshipment, it is the responsibility of the shipper to determine appropriate labels and markings in accordance with applicable transportation regulations.

## Additional Information:

- "Print Date" = Revision Date (expressed as DD/MM/YYY)
- Test kits and reagents sets may contain additional chemical reagents. See separate SDS(s).

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# CHEMets Ampoules for Filming Amines CHEMets Kit & Refill (R-1001) and for Detergents CHEMets Kit & Refill (R-9401)

#### CHEMetrics, Inc.

Chemwatch: 9-92655 SDS No: R1001 Version No: 2.2 Safety Data Sheet according to OSHA HazCom Standard (2012) requirements

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#### SECTION 1 IDENTIFICATION OF THE SUBSTANCE / MIXTURE AND OF THE COMPANY / UNDERTAKING

#### **Product Identifier**

Product name	CHEMets Ampoules for Filming Amines CHEMets Kit & Refill (R-1001) and for Detergents CHEMets Kit & Refill (R-9401)
Synonyms	Not Available
Proper shipping name	Chemical kits First aid kits
Chemical formula	Not Applicable
Other means of identification	Not Available
CAS number	Not Applicable
Relevant identified uses of the substance or mixture and uses advised against	

## Relevant identified uses Component of water analysis reagent sets: refills R-1000, R-1000E, R-9400, R-9404 and test kits K-1001, K-1001E, K-9400, K-9404

#### Details of the manufacturer/importer

Registered company name	CHEMetrics, Inc.
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#### Emergency telephone number

Association / Organisation	ChemTel Inc.
Emergency telephone numbers	1-800-255-3924
Other emergency telephone numbers	+01-813-248-0585

#### **SECTION 2 HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION**

#### Classification of the substance or mixture

GHS Classification	Flammable Liquid Category 3, Serious Eye Damage Category 1, STOT - SE (Narcosis) Category 3
Label elements	
GHS label elements	
SIGNAL WORD	DANGER
Hazard statement(s)	
H226	Flammable liquid and vapour
H318	Causes serious eye damage
H336	May cause drowsiness or dizziness

Precautionary statement(s) Prevention

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P101	If medical advice is needed, have product container or label at hand.
P102	Keep out of reach of children.
P103	Read label before use.
P210	Keep away from heat, hot surfaces, sparks, open flames and other ignition sources. No smoking.
P271	Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area.
P280	Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection.
P261	Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapours/spray.
P240	Ground/bond container and receiving equipment.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Response

P305+P351+P338 IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing.	
P310	Immediately call a POISON CENTER/doctor/physician/first aider
P370+P378	In case of fire: Use alcohol resistant foam or fine spray/water fog for extinction.
P303+P361+P353	IF ON SKIN (or hair): Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower.
P304+P340	IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Storage

P403+P235	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep cool.
P405	Store locked up.
P403+P233	Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed.

#### Precautionary statement(s) Disposal

P501 D

Dispose of contents/container to authorised chemical landfill or if organic to high temperature incineration

#### SECTION 3 COMPOSITION / INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Substances

See section below for composition of Mixtures

#### Mixtures

CAS No	%[weight]	Name
71-23-8	98	n-propanol
7732-18-5	2	water

#### **SECTION 4 FIRST AID MEASURES**

#### Description of first aid measures

Eye Contact	If this product comes in contact with the eyes: Immediately hold eyelids apart and flush the eye continuously with running water. Ensure complete irrigation of the eye by keeping eyelids apart and away from eye and moving the eyelids by occasionally lifting the upper and lower lids. Continue flushing until advised to stop by the Poisons Information Centre or a doctor, or for at least 15 minutes. Transport to hospital or doctor without delay. Removal of contact lenses after an eye injury should only be undertaken by skilled personnel.
Skin Contact	If skin or hair contact occurs: <ul> <li>Flush skin and hair with running water (and soap if available).</li> <li>Seek medical attention in event of irritation.</li> </ul>
Inhalation	<ul> <li>If fumes, aerosols or combustion products are inhaled remove from contaminated area.</li> <li>Other measures are usually unnecessary.</li> </ul>
Ingestion	<ul> <li>Immediately give a glass of water.</li> <li>First aid is not generally required. If in doubt, contact a Poisons Information Centre or a doctor.</li> <li>If spontaneous vomiting appears imminent or occurs, hold patient's head down, lower than their hips to help avoid possible aspiration of vomitus.</li> </ul>

#### Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed

To treat poisoning by the higher aliphatic alcohols (up to C7):

- Gastric lavage with copious amounts of water
- It may be beneficial to instill 60 ml of mineral oil into the stomach.
- Oxygen and artificial respiration as needed.
- Electrolyte balance: it may be useful to start 500 ml. M/6 sodium bicarbonate intravenously but maintain a cautious and conservative attitude toward electrolyte replacement unless shock or severe acidosis threatens.
- To protect the liver, maintain carbohydrate intake by intravenous infusions of glucose.
- Haemodialysis if coma is deep and persistent. [GOSSELIN, SMITH HODGE: Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products, Ed 5)

BASIC TREATMENT

- Establish a patent airway with suction where necessary.
- Watch for signs of respiratory insufficiency and assist ventilation as necessary.
- Administer oxygen by non-rebreather mask at 10 to 15 l/min.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for shock.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for pulmonary oedema.
- Anticipate and treat, where necessary, for seizures.

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- DO NOT use emetics. Where ingestion is suspected rinse mouth and give up to 200 ml water (5 ml/kg recommended) for dilution where patient is able to swallow, has a strong gag reflex and does not drool.
- Give activated charcoal.

ADVANCED TREATMENT

- · Consider orotracheal or nasotracheal intubation for airway control in unconscious patient or where respiratory arrest has occurred.
- Positive-pressure ventilation using a bag-valve mask might be of use.
- Monitor and treat, where necessary, for arrhythmias.
- Start an IV D5W TKO. If signs of hypovolaemia are present use lactated Ringers solution. Fluid overload might create complications.
- If the patient is hypoglycaemic (decreased or loss of consciousness, tachycardia, pallor, dilated pupils, diaphoresis and/or dextrose strip or glucometer readings below 50 mg), give 50% dextrose.
- + Hypotension with signs of hypovolaemia requires the cautious administration of fluids. Fluid overload might create complications.
- Drug therapy should be considered for pulmonary oedema.
- Treat seizures with diazepam.
- Proparacaine hydrochloride should be used to assist eye irrigation.

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#### EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT

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- Laboratory analysis of complete blood count, serum electrolytes, BUN, creatinine, glucose, urinalysis, baseline for serum aminotransferases (ALT and AST), calcium, phosphorus and magnesium, may assist in establishing a treatment regime. Other useful analyses include anion and osmolar gaps, arterial blood gases (ABGs), chest radiographs and electrocardiograph.
- Positive end-expiratory pressure (PEEP)-assisted ventilation may be required for acute parenchymal injury or adult respiratory distress syndrome.
- Acidosis may respond to hyperventilation and bicarbonate therapy.
- Haemodialysis might be considered in patients with severe intoxication.
- Consult a toxicologist as necessary. BRONSTEIN, A.C. and CURRANCE, PL. EMERGENCY CARE FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS EXPOSURE: 2nd Ed. 1994

#### For C8 alcohols and above.

Symptomatic and supportive therapy is advised in managing patients.

#### **SECTION 5 FIREFIGHTING MEASURES**

#### Extinguishing media

<ul> <li>Alcohol stable foam.</li> <li>Dry chemical powder.</li> <li>BCF (where regulations permit).</li> </ul>
Carbon dioxide.      Water spray or fog - Large fires only.

#### Special hazards arising from the substrate or mixture

Fire Incompatibility	Avoid contamination with oxidising agents i.e. nitrates, oxidising acids, chlorine bleaches, pool chlorine etc. as ignition may result			
Advice for firefighters				
	Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.			
	Wear full body protective clothing with breathing apparatus.			
Fire Fighting	Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.			
	Lice water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area			

	<ul> <li>Use water delivered as a fine spray to control fire and cool adjacent area.</li> <li>Avoid spraying water onto liquid pools.</li> </ul>
Fire/Explosion Hazard	<ul> <li>Combustible.</li> <li>Slight fire hazard when exposed to heat or flame.</li> <li>Heating may cause expansion or decomposition leading to violent rupture of containers.</li> <li>On combustion, may emit toxic fumes of carbon monoxide (CO).</li> <li>May emit acrid smoke.</li> </ul>

#### SECTION 6 ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Minor Spills	<ul> <li>Remove all ignition sources.</li> <li>Clean up all spills immediately.</li> <li>Avoid breathing vapours and contact with skin and eyes.</li> <li>Control personal contact with the substance, by using protective equipment.</li> <li>Contain and absorb small quantities with vermiculite or other absorbent material.</li> </ul>
Major Spills	<ul> <li>Moderate hazard.</li> <li>Clear area of personnel and move upwind.</li> <li>Alert Fire Brigade and tell them location and nature of hazard.</li> <li>Wear breathing apparatus plus protective gloves.</li> <li>Prevent, by any means available, spillage from entering drains or water course.</li> </ul>
	Personal Protective Equipment advice is contained in Section 8 of the MSDS.

#### SECTION 7 HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

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Safe handling	<ul> <li>DO NOT allow clothing wet with material to stay in contact with skin</li> <li>Avoid all personal contact, including inhalation.</li> <li>Wear protective clothing when risk of exposure occurs.</li> <li>Use in a well-ventilated area.</li> <li>Prevent concentration in hollows and sumps.</li> <li>DO NOT enter confined spaces until atmosphere has been checked.</li> </ul>

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	Wear impact- and splash-resistant eyewear. Break the ampoule tip only when it is completely immersed in sample. Breaking the tip in air may cause the glass ampoule to shatter.
Other information	<ul> <li>Store in original containers.</li> <li>Keep containers securely sealed.</li> <li>Store in a cool, dry, well-ventilated area.</li> <li>Store away from incompatible materials and foodstuff containers.</li> <li>Protect containers against physical damage and check regularly for leaks.</li> <li>For optimum analytical performance, store in the dark and at room temperature.</li> </ul>

#### Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilities

Suitable container	<ul> <li>Metal can or drum</li> <li>Packaging as recommended by manufacturer.</li> <li>Check all containers are clearly labelled and free from leaks.</li> </ul>
Storage incompatibility	<ul> <li>Alcohols</li> <li>are incompatible with strong acids, acid chlorides, acid anhydrides, oxidising and reducing agents.</li> <li>reacts, possibly violently, with alkaline metals and alkaline earth metals to produce hydrogen</li> <li>react with strong acids, strong caustics, aliphatic amines, isocyanates, acetaldehyde, benzoyl peroxide, chromic acid, chromium oxide, dialkylzincs, dichlorine oxide, ethylene oxide, hypochlorous acid, isopropyl chlorocarbonate, lithium tetrahydroaluminate, nitrogen dioxide, pentafluoroguanidine, phosphorus halides, phosphorus pentasulfide, targerine oil, triethylaluminium, triisobutylaluminium</li> <li>should not be heated above 49 deg. C. when in contact with aluminium equipment</li> </ul>

#### PACKAGE MATERIAL INCOMPATIBILITIES

Not Available

#### SECTION 8 EXPOSURE CONTROLS / PERSONAL PROTECTION

#### **Control parameters**

#### OCCUPATIONAL EXPOSURE LIMITS (OEL)

#### INGREDIENT DATA

Source	Ingredient	Material name	TWA	STEL	Peak	Notes
US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1	n-propanol	n-Propyl alcohol	500 mg/m3 / 200 ppm	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available
US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)	n-propanol	n-Propanol (n-Propyl alcohol)	100 ppm	Not Available	Not Available	TLV® Basis: Eye & URT irr
US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)	n-propanol	Ethyl carbinol, 1-Propanol, n-Propanol, Propyl alcohol	500 mg/m3 / 200 ppm	625 mg/m3 / 250 ppm	Not Available	[skin]

#### EMERGENCY LIMITS

Ingredient	Material name	TEEL-1	TEEL-2	TEEL-3
n-propanol	Propyl alcohol, n-; (n-Propanol)	250 ppm		4000 ppm
Ingredient	Original IDLH	Revised IDLH		
n-propanol	4,000 ppm	800 ppm	800 ppm	
water	Not Available	Not Available	Not Available	

#### Exposure controls

Appropriate engineering controls	Engineering controls are used to remove a hazard or place a barrier between the worker and the hazard. Well-designed engineering controls can be highly effective in protecting workers and will typically be independent of worker interactions to provide this high level of protection. The basic types of engineering controls are: Process controls which involve changing the way a job activity or process is done to reduce the risk. Enclosure and/or isolation of emission source which keeps a selected hazard "physically" away from the worker and ventilation that strategically "adds" and "removes" air in the work environment. Ventilation can remove or dilute an air contaminant if designed property.
Personal protection	
Eye and face protection	<ul> <li>Safety glasses with side shields.</li> <li>Chemical goggles.</li> <li>Contact lenses may pose a special hazard; soft contact lenses may absorb and concentrate irritants. A written policy document, describing the wearing of lenses or restrictions on use, should be created for each workplace or task. This should include a review of lens absorption and adsorption for the class of chemicals in use and an account of injury experience.</li> </ul>
Skin protection	See Hand protection below
Hands/feet protection	The selection of suitable gloves does not only depend on the material, but also on further marks of quality which vary from manufacturer to manufacturer. Where the chemical is a preparation of several substances, the resistance of the glove material can not be calculated in advance and has therefore to be checked prior to the application. The exact break through time for substances has to be obtained from the manufacturer of the protective gloves and has to be observed when making a final choice. Suitability and durability of glove type is dependent on usage. Important factors in the selection of gloves include: frequency and duration of contact, chemical resistance of glove material, glove thickness and dexterity

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e Other protection below			
<ul> <li>Overalls.</li> <li>P.V.C. apron.</li> <li>Barrier cream.</li> <li>Skin cleansing cream.</li> </ul>			
Not Available			

#### Recommended material(s)

GLOVE SELECTION INDEX

Glove selection is based on a modified presentation of the:

"Forsberg Clothing Performance Index".

The effect(s) of the following substance(s) are taken into account in the computergenerated selection:

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Material	СРІ
NEOPRENE	A
VITON	В
BUTYL	С
NATURAL RUBBER	C
NATURAL+NEOPRENE	С
NEOPRENE/NATURAL	С
NITRILE	С
NITRILE+PVC	С
PVA	C
PVC	С
TEFLON	С

\* CPI - Chemwatch Performance Index

A: Best Selection

B: Satisfactory; may degrade after 4 hours continuous immersion

C: Poor to Dangerous Choice for other than short term immersion

NOTE: As a series of factors will influence the actual performance of the glove, a final selection must be based on detailed observation. -

\* Where the glove is to be used on a short term, casual or infrequent basis, factors such as "feel" or convenience (e.g. disposability), may dictate a choice of gloves which might otherwise be unsuitable following long-term or frequent use. A qualified practitioner should be consulted.

#### SECTION 9 PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Appearance	colorless, may contain black particles		
Physical state	Liquid	Relative density (Water = 1)	0.8
Odour	Characteristic	Partition coefficient n-octanol / water	Not Available
Odour threshold	Not Available	Auto-ignition temperature (°C)	413
pH (as supplied)	Not Available	Decomposition temperature	Not Available
Melting point / freezing point (°C)	-127	Viscosity (cSt)	Not Available
Initial boiling point and boiling range (°C)	97	Molecular weight (g/mol)	Not Available
Flash point (°C)	23	Taste	Not Available
Evaporation rate	Not Available	Explosive properties	Not Available
Flammability	Flammable.	Oxidising properties	Not Available
Upper Explosive Limit (%)	13.5	Surface Tension (dyn/cm or mN/m)	Not Available
Lower Explosive Limit (%)	2.1	Volatile Component (%vol)	Not Available
Vapour pressure (kPa)	Not Available	Gas group	Not Available
Solubility in water (g/L)	Miscible	pH as a solution	8.5
Vapour density (Air = 1)	Not Available	VOC g/L	Not Available

#### SECTION 10 STABILITY AND REACTIVITY

Reactivity See section 7

#### **Respiratory protection**

Type A Filter of sufficient capacity. (AS/NZS 1716 & 1715, EN 143:2000 & 149:2001, ANSI Z88 or national equivalent)

Where the concentration of gas/particulates in the breathing zone, approaches or exceeds the "Exposure Standard" (or ES), respiratory protection is required. Degree of protection varies with both face-piece and Class of filter; the nature of protection

varies with Type of filter.

Required Minimum Protection Factor	Half-Face Respirator	Full-Face Respirator	Powered Air Respirator
up to 10 x ES	Air-line*	A-2	A-PAPR-2 ^
up to 20 x ES	-	A-3	-
20+ x ES	-	Air-line**	-

\* - Continuous-flow; \*\* - Continuous-flow or positive pressure demand

^ - Full-face

A(All classes) = Organic vapours, B AUS or B1 = Acid gasses, B2 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), B3 = Acid gas or hydrogen cyanide(HCN), E = Sulfur dioxide(SO2), G = Agricultural chemicals, K = Ammonia(NH3), Hg = Mercury, NO = Oxides of nitrogen, MB = Methyl bromide, AX = Low boiling point organic compounds(below 65 degC)

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Chemical stability	<ul> <li>Unstable in the presence of incompatible materials.</li> <li>Product is considered stable.</li> <li>Hazardous polymerisation will not occur.</li> </ul>
Possibility of hazardous reactions	See section 7
Conditions to avoid	See section 7
Incompatible materials	See section 7
Hazardous decomposition products	See section 5

### SECTION 11 TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION

#### Information on toxicological effects

		ted or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce	
Refill (R-9401)	scaling and thickening of the skin. The material may produce severe irritation to the eye causing pronounced inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis.		
CHEMets Ampoules for Filming Amines CHEMets Kit & Refill (R-1001) and for Detergents CHEMets Kit &	No significant acute toxicological data identified in literature search. The material may produce severe irritation to the eye causing pronounced inflammation. Repeated or prolonged exposure to irritants may produce conjunctivitis. The material may cause skin irritation after prolonged or repeated exposure and may produce on contact skin redness, swelling, the production of vesicles,		
Kit & Refill (R-1001) and for Detergents CHEMets Kit & Refill (R-9401)	TOXICITY		
Refill (R-9401) CHEMets Ampoules for Filming Amines CHEMets			
CHEMets Ampoules for Filming Amines CHEMets Kit & Refill (R-1001) and for Detergents CHEMets Kit & Refill (R 0404)	TOXICITY		
	There has been some concern that this material can cause cancer or mutations but there is not en		
Eye Chronic	If applied to the eyes, this material causes severe eye damage. Long-term exposure to the product is not thought to produce chronic effects adverse to the health (as classified by EC Directives using animal models); nevertheless exposure by all routes should be minimised as a matter of course. N-propanol is shown to cause dose dependent severe liver injury, malignant turnours (blood and liver cancers) and benign turnours in rats.		
Skin Contact	The calculated human skin permeability coefficient for n-propanol by the U.S. Environment Protection Agency is 1.3 x 10-3 cm/hr. Most liquid alcohols appear to act as primary skin irritants in humans. Significant percutaneous absorption occurs in rabbits but not apparently in man.		
Ingestion	<ul> <li>delirium and coma.</li> <li>The material has NOT been classified by EC Directives or other classification systems as "harmful by ingestion". This is because of the lack of corroborating animal or human evidence.</li> <li>The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or skin irritation following contact (as classified by EC Directives using animal models).</li> <li>Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable gloves be used in an occupational setting.</li> </ul>		
	Subjects unacclimatised to n-propanol exposure experienced mild irritation of the eyes, nose and to Overexposure to non-ring alcohols causes nervous system symptoms. These include headache, r		
Inhaled	The material is not thought to produce adverse health effects or irritation of the respiratory tract (as classified by EC Directives using animal models). Nevertheless, good hygiene practice requires that exposure be kept to a minimum and that suitable control measures be used in an occupational setting. Inhalation of vapours may cause drowsiness and dizziness. This may be accompanied by sleepiness, reduced alertness, loss of reflexes, lack of co-ordination, and vertigo.		

SKIN       N-propanol       US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits - Skin Designation US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs) - Skin US -         SKIN       n-propanol       Washington Permissible exposure limits of air contaminants - Skin US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for         Chemical Contaminants - Skin       Skin
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#### **SECTION 12 ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### Toxicity

For n-Propanol: log Kow: 0.25-0.34; Half-life (hr) air: 6.7; Half-life (hr) H2O surface water: 6.5; Henry's atm m3 /mol: 6.85E-06; BOD 5: 1.43-1.6 g O2/g; BOD 20: <2 g O2/g; COD : 91%; ThOD : 1.8 g; O2/gBCF: 0.7. Aquatic Fate: High biochemical oxygen der

Aquatic Fate: High biochemical oxygen demand and a potential to cause oxygen depletion in aqueous systems, a low potential to affect aquatic organisms, a low potential to affect secondary waste treatment microbial metabolism. n-Propanol is expected to biodegrade and is not expected to persist for long periods in aquatic environments. When diluted with a large amount of water, n-propanol is not expected to have a significant impact. **DO NOT** discharge into sewer or waterways.

#### Do Not discharge into sewer of waterway.

#### Persistence and degradability

Ingredient	Persistence: Water/Soil	Persistence: Air
n-propanol	LOW	LOW
water	LOW	LOW

#### **Bioaccumulative potential**

Ingredient	Bioaccumulation
n-propanol	LOW (LogKOW = 0.25)
water	LOW (LogKOW = -1.38)

#### Mobility in soil

Ingredient	Mobility
n-propanol	HIGH (KOC = 1.325)
water	LOW (KOC = 14.3)

#### SECTION 13 DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

#### Waste treatment methods

#### **SECTION 14 TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

#### Labels Required



#### Marine Pollutant

#### Land transport (DOT)

UN number	3316
Packing group	ll
UN proper shipping name	Chemical kits; First aid kits
Environmental hazard	No relevant data
Transport hazard class(es)	Class 9
Special precautions for user	Special provisions 15

#### Air transport (ICAO-IATA / DGR)

UN number	3316
Packing group	П
UN proper shipping name	Chemical kit †; First aid kit †
Environmental hazard	No relevant data
Transport hazard class(es)	ICAO/IATA Class 9 ICAO / IATA Subrisk Not Applicable ERG Code 9L

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	Special provisions	A44 A163
	Cargo Only Packing Instructions	960
	Cargo Only Maximum Qty / Pack	10 kg
Special precautions for user	Passenger and Cargo Packing Instructions	960
	Passenger and Cargo Maximum Qty / Pack	10 kg
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Quantity Packing Instructions	Y960
	Passenger and Cargo Limited Maximum Qty / Pack	1 kg

#### Sea transport (IMDG-Code / GGVSee)

UN number	3316
Packing group	ll
UN proper shipping name	CHEMICAL KIT or FIRST AID KIT
Environmental hazard	Not Applicable
Transport hazard class(es)	IMDG Class     9       IMDG Subrisk     Not Applicable
Special precautions for user	EMS NumberF-A , S-PSpecial provisions251 340Limited QuantitiesSee SP251

#### Transport in bulk according to Annex II of MARPOL 73 / 78 and the IBC code

Source	Ingredient	Pollution Category
IMO MARPOL 73/78 (Annex II) - List of Noxious Liquid Substances Carried in Bulk	n-propanol	Y

#### SECTION 15 REGULATORY INFORMATION

#### Safety, health and environmental regulations / legislation specific for the substance or mixture

n-propanol(71-23-8) is found on the following regulatory lists	"US - Tennessee Occupational Exposure Limits - Limits For Air Contaminants", "US - Idaho - Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Hawaii Air Contaminant Limits", "US - California Permissible Exposure Limits for Chemical Contaminants", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV) - Carcinogens", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Final Rule Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Oregon Permissible Exposure Limits (Z-1)", "US - Michigan Exposure Limits for Air Contaminants", "US NIOSH Recommended Exposure Limits (RELs)", "US - Alaska Limits for Air Contaminants", "US - Washington Permissible exposure Limits of air contaminants", "US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)", "US - Washington Permissible Exposure Limits for Air contaminants", "US - Minnesota Permissible Exposure Limits (PELs)", "US ACGIH Threshold Limit Values (TLV)", "US - Vermont Permissible Exposure Limits Table Z-1-A Transitional Limits for Air Contaminants", "US Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory", "US - Wyoming Toxic and Hazardous Substances Table Z1 Limits for Air Contaminants", "US OSHA Permissible Exposure Levels (PELs) - Table Z1"	
water(7732-18-5) is found on the following regulatory lists	IS Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA) - Chemical Substance Inventory"	

#### **SECTION 16 OTHER INFORMATION**

#### Other information

Classification of the preparation and its individual components has drawn on official and authoritative sources as well as independent review by the Chemwatch Classification committee using available literature references.

A list of reference resources used to assist the committee may be found at:

www.chemwatch.net/references

The (M)SDS is a Hazard Communication tool and should be used to assist in the Risk Assessment. Many factors determine whether the reported Hazards are Risks in the workplace or other settings. Risks may be determined by reference to Exposures Scenarios. Scale of use, frequency of use and current or available engineering controls must be considered.

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## **DR300 Pocket Colorimeter**



## **Applications**

- Drinking Water
- WastewaterPower
- PowerIndustrial Water
- Field Use
- Beverage
- Food QC Lab

## **Proven past. Innovative future.**

The DR300 maintains the Pocket Colorimeter legacy of reliability while providing state-of-the-art data transfer capability and connection to Claros\*. Reduce data collection hassles, eliminate transcription errors, and ensure stronger compliance traceability.

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Optional Bluetooth connectivity allows you to safely transfer measurement data to Claros – Hach<sup>®</sup>'s Water Intelligence System – reducing errors and saving time by eliminating manual data entry.

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Rugged, waterproof (IP67) design withstands whatever conditions you encounter in the field (drops, extreme temperatures, rain and dirt) and still delivers years of dependable, accurate measurements.

## Simple

Simple, intuitive operation reduces potential manual error, ensuring accurate measurement data you can trust, time after time. Larger display with improved backlight makes reading measurements in all conditions even easier.

\*Claros connectivity currently available only in US, Canada and EU.



## **Technical Data\***

Source Lamp	Light emitting diode (LED)
Detector	Silicon photodiode
Enclosure Rating	IP67, waterproof at 1 m for 30 minutes
Wavelength	As specified by model, ±2 nm
Spectral Bandwidth	15 nm filter bandwidth
Absorbance	0 - 2.5 Abs
Sample Cell Compatibility	1 cm (10 mL), 25 mm (10 mL)

Operating Conditions	0 - 50 °C (32 - 122 °F); 0 - 90% relative humidity (non-condensing)
Display	LCD with backlight
Power Supply	Four AAA alkaline batteries; approximate life is 5000 tests
Data Logger	Last 50 measurements
Weight	0.25 kg (0.55 lbs.)
Dimensions (H x W x D)	34 mm x 69 mm x 157 mm

\*Subject to change without notice.

## **Parameters**

Parameter	Range	Measurement Method
Aluminum	0.02 - 0.80 mg/L Al	Aluminon
Ammonia	0.01 - 0.80 mg/L NH <sub>3</sub> -N	Salicylate
Bromine	0.05 - 4.50 mg/L Br <sub>2</sub> 0.2 - 10.0 mg/L Br <sub>2</sub>	DPD
Chlorine, free <sup>1)</sup> + total <sup>1), 2)</sup>	0.02 - 2.00 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub> 0.1 - 8.0 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub>	DPD
Chlorine, free <sup>1)</sup> + total <sup>1), 2)</sup> , MR	0.05 - 4.00 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub> 0.1 - 10.0 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub>	DPD
Chlorine, pH	0.1 - 10.0 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub> 6.0 - 8.5 pH	DPD Phenol Red
Chlorine dioxide	0.05 - 5.00 mg/L ClO <sub>2</sub>	DPD/Glycine
Iron, Ferrover <sup>2)</sup>	0.02 - 5.00 mg/L Fe	Ferrover
ron, TPTZ	0.01 - 1.70 mg/L Fe	TPTZ
Manganese, HR <sup>2)</sup>	nese, HR <sup>2)</sup> 0.2-20.0 mg/L Mn Perioda	
Nolybdenum	0.02 - 3.00 mg/L Mo 0.1 - 12.0 mg/L Mo	Ternary Complex
Monochlor/Free Ammonia	0.04 - 4.50 mg/L Monochloramine as Cl <sub>2</sub> 0.02 - 0.50 mg/L Free Ammonia as NH <sub>3</sub> -N	Indophenol
Nitrate	0.4 - 30.0 mg/L NO <sub>3</sub> -N	Cadmium Reduction
Oxygen, dissolved	0.2 - 10.0 mg/L O <sub>2</sub>	HRDO
Ozone	0.01 - 0.25 mg/L O <sub>3</sub> 0.01 - 0.75 mg/L O <sub>3</sub>	Indigo Trisulfonate
Phosphate <sup>1), 2)</sup>	0.02 - 3.00 mg/L PO <sub>4</sub>	Phosver 3
Zinc <sup>2)</sup>	0.02 - 3.00 mg/L Zn	Zincon

<sup>1)</sup>Method is USEPA accepted or approved for drinking water (additional steps may be required) <sup>2)</sup>Method is USEPA accepted or approved for wastewater (additional steps may be required)

Note: Phenol Red colorimetric pH measurement is not accepted for regulatory reporting

## **Order Information**

## **DR300 Pocket Colorimeters**

The DR300 Pocket Colorimeter includes manual, sample cells, and a carrying case. Reagents can be purchased by contacting Hach or your Hach distributor.

LPV445.97.00110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Chlorine, Free + Total
LPV445.97.01110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Bromine
LPV445.97.02110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Nitrate
LPV445.97.03110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Dissolved Oxygen
LPV445.97.04110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Ozone
LPV445.97.06110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Phosphate
LPV445.97.09110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Zinc
LPV445.97.10110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Molybdenum, LR/HR
LPV445.97.12110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Chlorine & pH
LPV445.97.15110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Manganese, HR
LPV445.97.16110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Iron, TPTZ
LPV445.97.22110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Iron, Ferrover
LPV445.97.25110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Aluminium
LPV445.97.26110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Monochloramine/Free Ammonium
LPV445.97.40110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Ammonium
LPV445.97.51110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Chlorine Dioxide
LPV445.97.62110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, Chlorine, Free + Total, MR

## Wavelength-specific DR300 Pocket Colorimeters

Program custom methods and calibrations on two channels.

LPV445.97.50110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, 500 nm
LPV445.97.52110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, 528 nm
LPV445.97.60110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, 600 nm
LPV445.97.65110	DR300 Pocket Colorimeter, 655 nm







## **Order Information**

## **Accessories**

2635300	SpecCheck secondary gel standard kit, LR Chlorine, DPD, 0-2.0 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub>
2893300	SpecCheck secondary gel standard kit, Chlorine, DPD, 0-8.0 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub>
2507500	SpecCheck secondary gel standard kit, Monochloramine/Free Ammonia, 0-4.50 mg/L $Cl_2$ , 0-0.50 mg/L $NH_3$ -N
2708000	SpecCheck secondary gel standard kit, Ozone, 0-0.75 mg/L O <sub>3</sub>
4674300	Batteries, AAA, Alkaline, 1.5 V, pk/4
4660200	Multitest kit case (22 x 17 x 15 cm), blue polypropylene
2427606	Sample cell, 1 inch round glass, 6 pcs
4864302	Sample cell, 1 inch round polystyrene, 2 pcs
2126102	Sample cell, 1cm round, pk/2 (unmatched, caps not included)

SpecCheck Ampule Standards are colored gels that simulate the color produced by the analytical procedure, for simple checks on instrument response. Each set includes a blank and three concentrations.

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## SAFETY DATA SHEET

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## **1. IDENTIFICATION**

<u>Product identifier</u> Product Name	Ammonia Cyanurate
Other means of identification Product Code(s)	2653199
Safety data sheet number	M00128
UN/ID no	UN2680
Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on useRecommended UseLaboratory Use. Reagent for ammorUses advised againstConsumer use.Restrictions on useFor Laboratory Use Only.	

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

#### Manufacturer Address

Hach Company P.O.Box 389 Loveland, CO 80539 USA +1(970) 669-3050

## Emergency telephone number

+1(303) 623-5716 - 24 Hour Service

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

#### **Classification**

#### **Regulatory Status**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Chronic aquatic toxicity	Category 3

#### Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

#### Label elements

Signal word Danger Product Code(s) 2653199 Issue Date 12-Apr-2019 Version 6.3 Product Name Ammonia Cyanurate Revision Date 31-Dec-2019 Page 2 / 15



#### Hazard statements

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

H412 - Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects

#### **Precautionary statements**

P260 - Do not breathe dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray
P280 - Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
P301 + P330 + P331 - IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting
P303 + P361 + P353 - IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician
P363 - Wash contaminated clothing before reuse
P405 - Store locked up
P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant
P273 - Avoid release to the environment

#### Other Hazards Known

May be harmful if swallowed Harmful to aquatic life

## **3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

Substance

Not applicable

#### <u>Mixture</u>

Chemical Family Chemical nature Mixture. Mixture of inorganic salts.

#### Percent ranges are used where confidential product information is applicable.

Chemical name	CAS No.	Percent Range	HMRIC #
Lithium hydroxide monohydrate	1310-66-3	1 - 5%	-
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt	2893-78-9	1 - 5%	-

## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

#### **Description of first aid measures**

General advice	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical

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	advice/attention.			
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.			
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical advice/attention.			
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical advice/attention.			
Self-protection of the first aider	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.			
Most important symptoms and effe	cts, both acute and delayed			
Symptoms	Burning sensation.			
Indication of any immediate medica	al attention and special treatment needed			
Note to physicians	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure.			
	5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES			

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Caution: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.
Hazardous combustion products	May emit toxic and corrosive fumes.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

U.S. Notice	Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance. Outside of the US, only persons properly qualified according to state or local regulations should respond to a spill involving chemicals.

#### Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions Attention! Corrosive material. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

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Other Information	Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.
Environmental precautions	
Environmental precautions	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil. Prevent product from entering drains.
Methods and material for containm	ent and cleaning up
Methods for containment	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Methods for cleaning up	Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.
Prevention of secondary hazards	Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.
Reference to other sections	See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

Precautions for safe handling	
Advice on safe handling	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
Conditions for safe storage, includi	ng any incompatibilities
Storage Conditions	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from moisture. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from other materials.
Flammability class	Not applicable

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters	
Exposure Guidelines	This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies
Appropriate engineering controls Engineering Controls	Showers Eyewash stations Ventilation systems.
Individual protection measures, suc Respiratory protection	th as personal protective equipment
	exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.
Hand Protection	Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves.
Eye/face protection	Face protection shield.
Skin and body protection	Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing. Chemical resistant apron.

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General Hygiene Considerations	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Remove and wash contaminated clothing and gloves, including the inside, before re-use. Contaminated work clothing should not be allowed out of the workplace. Regular cleaning of equipment, work area and clothing is recommended. Wash hands before breaks and immediately after handling the product.
Environmental exposure controls	Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any body of water.
Thermal hazards	None under normal processing.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

## Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Appearance Odor	powder Chlorine	Solid		Color Odor threshold	white No data ava	ilable
Property_			Values			Remarks • Method
Molecular weight	t		Not applicable			
рН			12.33			5% Solution
Melting point/free	ezing point		> 240 °C /	464 °F		
Boiling point / bo	oiling range		No data availa	ble		
Evaporation rate			Not applicable			
Vapor pressure			Not applicable			
Vapor density (ai	ir = 1)		Not applicable			
Specific gravity (	water = 1 / air = 1)		1.783			
Partition Coeffici	ent (n-octanol/wate	er)	No data availa	ble		
Soil Organic Car Coefficient	bon-Water Partition	า	No data availa	ble		
Autoignition tem	perature		No data availa	ble		
Decomposition t	emperature		No data availa	ble		
Dynamic viscosi	ty		Not applicable			
Kinematic viscos	sity		Not applicable			
Solubility(ies)						

## Water solubility

Water solubility classification	Water solubility	Water Solubility Temperature
Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

## Solubility in other solvents

Chemical Name	Solubility classification	Solubility	Solubility Temperature
Acid	Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

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#### **Other Information**

#### Metal Corrosivity

Not applicable

Classified as corrosive to metal according to GHS criteria Steel Corrosion Rate Aluminum Corrosion Rate

Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Content

Not applicable Not applicable

Chemical name	CAS No.	Volatile organic compounds (VOC) content	CAA (Clean Air Act)
Lithium hydroxide monohydrate	1310-66-3	No data available	-
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt	2893-78-9	No data available	-

#### **Explosive properties**

Upper explosion limit Lower explosion limit	No data available No data available
Flammable properties	
Flash point	Not applicable
Flammability Limit in Air Upper flammability limit Lower flammability limit	No data available No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available.
Bulk density	No data available

## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

#### Reactivity Not applicable.

<u>Chemical stability</u> Stable under normal conditions.

#### Explosion data

Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None. Sensitivity to Static Discharge None.

Possibility of Hazardous Reactions None under normal processing.

<u>Hazardous polymerization</u> Hazardous polymerization does not occur.

#### Conditions to avoid

Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.

#### Incompatible materials

Acids. Bases. Oxidizing agent.

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#### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating and toxic gases and vapors.

### **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### Information on Likely Routes of Exposure

#### **Product Information**

Inhalation	Corrosive by inhalation. Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal.
Eye contact	Causes burns. Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Causes serious eye damage. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
Skin contact	Corrosive. Causes severe burns. Avoid contact with skin and clothing.
Ingestion	Causes burns. Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
Symptoms	Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing.

#### Acute toxicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

#### **Product Acute Toxicity Data**

Test data reported below.

#### **Oral Exposure Route**

Rat     3613 mg/kg     None reported     None reported     and sources for data       LD <sub>50</sub> Outside testing
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#### Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

#### Ingredient Acute Toxicity Data

Test data reported below.

#### **Oral Exposure Route**

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Lithium hydroxide monohydrate (1 - 5%) CAS#: 1310-66-3	Rat LD₅o	225 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt (1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9	Rat LD₅o	750 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	ERMA (New Zealands Environmental Risk Management Authority) HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank)

## Dermal Exposure Route

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt (1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9	Rabbit LD₅₀	> 10000 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	No information available

#### Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Lithium hydroxide monohydrate (1 - 5%) CAS#: 1310-66-3	Rat LC₅₀	0.96 mg/L	4 hours	None reported	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt (1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9	Rat LC₅₀	1.17 mg/L	4 hours	None reported	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)

#### **Unknown Acute Toxicity**

0% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity.

#### **Acute Toxicity Estimations (ATE)**

#### The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

ATEmix (oral)	No information available
ATEmix (dermal)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	26.66 mg/L
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	No information available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Causes severe burns.

#### **Product Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data**

No data available.

#### Ingredient Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data

Test data reported below.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Lithium hydroxide monohydrate (1 - 5%) CAS#: 1310-66-3	Existing human experience	Human	None reported	None reported	Corrosive to skin	ERMA (New Zealands Environmental Risk Management Authority)
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt (1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9	Existing human experience	Human	None reported	None reported	Skin irritant	HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank)

<u>Serious eye damage/irritation</u> Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.

#### Product Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

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No data available.

#### Ingredient Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

Test data reported below.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt (1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9	Existing human experience	Human	None reported	None reported	Corrosive to eyes	HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank)

#### Respiratory or skin sensitization

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Product Sensitization Data**

No data available.

#### **Ingredient Sensitization Data**

No data available.

#### STOT - single exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Product Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data** No data available.

#### Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data No data available.

## STOT - repeated exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Product Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Dose Data No data available.

Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Exposure Data No data available.

#### **Carcinogenicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Product Carcinogenicity Data**

No data available.

#### Ingredient Carcinogenicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	CAS No.	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Lithium hydroxide monohydrate	1310-66-3	-	-	-	-
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt	2893-78-9	-	-	-	-

#### Legend

ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)	Does not apply
IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)	Does not apply
NTP (National Toxicology Program)	Does not apply

OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of	Does not apply
Labor)	

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity invitro Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invitro Data

No data available.

### Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data

No data available.

#### Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data

No data available.

#### Reproductive toxicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Product Reproductive Toxicity Data**

No data available.

#### Ingredient Reproductive Toxicity Data

Test data reported below.

#### **Oral Exposure Route**

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt (1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9	Mouse TD⊾₀	4000 mg/kg	9 days	Effects on Newborn Growth statistics (e.g. % reduced weight gain) Physical Specific Developmental Abnormalities Musculoskeletal system	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

#### Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Ecotoxicity	Harmful to aquatic life with long lasting effects.		
Unknown aquatic toxicity	0% of the mixture consists of components(s) of unknown hazards to the aquatic environment.		
Product Ecological Data			
Aquatic Acute Toxicity No data available.			
Aquatic Chronic Toxicity No data available.			
Ingredient Ecological Data			
Aquatic Acute Toxicity			

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Test data reported below.

#### Fish

Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt (1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9	96 hours	Oncorhynchus mykiss	LC <sub>50</sub>	0.25 mg/L	PEEN (Pan European Ecological Network)

#### Crustacea

Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt	48 Hours	Daphnia magna	LC <sub>50</sub>	0.28 mg/L	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)
(1 - 5%) CAS#: 2893-78-9					PEEN (Pan European Ecological Network)

# Aquatic Chronic Toxicity

No data available.

#### Persistence and degradability

#### **Product Biodegradability Data** No data available.

#### **Bioaccumulation**

#### **Product Bioaccumulation Data** No data available.

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

## Mobility

## Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient

# Other adverse effects

Contains a substance with an endocrine-disrupting potential.

Chemical name	EU - Endocrine Disrupters Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances	Endocrine disrupting potential
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt	Group III Chemical	-	-
(1 - 5%)			
CAS#: 2893-78-9			

No data available

No data available

# **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods	
Waste from residues/unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.
Contaminated packaging	Do not reuse empty containers.
US EPA Waste Number	D002

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**Special instructions for disposal** Dilute to 3 to 5 times the volume with cold water. Adjust to a pH between 6 and 9 with an acid, such as sulfuric or citric. Open cold water tap completely, slowly pour the reacted material to the drain. Flush system with plenty of water.

# **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

DOT UN/ID no Proper shipping name Hazard Class Packing Group Emergency Response Guide Number	UN2680 Lithium Hydroxide 8 II 154
TDG UN/ID no Proper shipping name TDG Technical Name Hazard Class Packing Group Description	UN2680 Lithium hydroxide Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt 8 II UN2680, Lithium hydroxide, 8, II
IATA UN/ID no Proper shipping name Hazard Class Packing Group ERG Code	UN2680 Lithium hydroxide 8 II 8L
IMDG UN/ID no Proper shipping name Hazard Class Packing Group EmS-No	UN2680 Lithium hydroxide 8 II F-A, S-B
Note:	No special precautions necessary.

#### Additional information

There is a possibility that this product could be contained in a reagent set or kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods. If the item is not in a reagent set or kit, the classification given above applies. If the item is part of a reagent set or kit the classification would change to the following: UN3316 Chemical Kit, Hazard Class 9, Packing Group II or III. If the item is not regulated, the Chemical Kit classification does not apply.

# **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

National Inventories	
TSCA	Complies
DSL/NDSL	Complies

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory **DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

International Inventories	
EINECS/ELINCS	Does not comply
ENCS	Complies
IECSC	Complies
KECL	Complies
PICCS	Complies

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TCSI	Complies
AICS	Complies
NZIoC	Complies

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substances Inventory

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

NZIOC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

## **US Federal Regulations**

## SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute health hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

## CERCLA

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material

## US State Regulations

## **California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

**IMERC:** Not applicable

#### U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

This product may contain substances regulated by state right-to-know regulations.

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Lithium hydroxide monohydrate	Х	-	-
1310-66-3			
Dichloroisocyanuric acid,	Х	Х	Х
sodium salt			
2893-78-9			

## U.S. EPA Label Information

Chemical name	FIFRA	FDA
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt	180.0940	-

# 16. OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OF THE LAST REVISION

# Special Comments

None

## Additional information

## Global Automotive Declarable Substance List (GADSL)

Chemical name	Global Automotive Declarable Substance List Classifications	Global Automotive Declarable Substance List Thersholds	
Dichloroisocyanuric acid, sodium salt 2893-78-9	Declarable Substance (LR) Prohibited Substance (LR)	0 %	

# **NFPA and HMIS Classifications**

NFPA	Health hazards - 3	Flammability - 0	Instability - 0	Physical and chemical properties -
HMIS	Health hazards - 3	Flammability - 0	Physical hazards - 0	Personal protection - X

# Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

NIOSH IDLH ACGIH NDF		Immediately Dangerous ACGIH (American Confe no data		ental Industrial Hygienists)
Legend - Sectio	n 8: EXPOSURE C	ONTROLS/PERSONAL P	ROTECTION	
TWA	TWA (time-weight	ed average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
MAC	Maximum Allowat	ble Concentration	Ceiling	Ceiling Limit Value
х	Listed		Vacated	These values have no official status. The only binding levels of contaminants are those listed in the final OSHA PEL. These lists are for reference purposes only. Please note that some reference state regulations of these "liberated" exposure limits in their state regulations.
SKN* RSP+ C M	Skin designation Respiratory sensi Carcinogen mutagen	tization	SKN+ ** R	Skin sensitization Hazard Designation Reproductive toxicant
Prepared By		Hach Product Complian	ce Department	
Issue Date		12-Apr-2019		
Revision Date		31-Dec-2019		
Revision Note		SDS sections updated 2		
<u>Disclaimer</u>				

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USER RESPONSIBILITY: Each user should read and understand this information and incorporate it in individual site safety programs in accordance with applicable hazard communication standards and regulations.

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End of Safety Data Sheet



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# **1. IDENTIFICATION**

Product identifier Product Name	Ammonia Salicylate Reagent
Other means of identification Product Code(s)	2653299

Safety data sheet number

#### Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use Recommended Use Laboratory Use. Reagent for a

M00127

Uses advised against No Restrictions on use No

Laboratory Use. Reagent for ammonia test. None. None.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

## Manufacturer Address

Hach Company P.O.Box 389 Loveland, CO 80539 USA +1(970) 669-3050

# Emergency telephone number

+1(303) 623-5716 - 24 Hour Service

# 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## **Classification**

## **Regulatory Status**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Acute toxicity - Oral	Category 4
Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Specific target organ toxicity (single exposure)	Category 3

# Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

## Label elements

Signal word Danger

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### Hazard statements

H302 - Harmful if swallowed

H315 - Causes skin irritation

H318 - Causes serious eye damage

H335 - May cause respiratory irritation

#### **Precautionary statements**

P270 - Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product

P301 + P312 - IF SWALLOWED: Call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician if you feel unwell

P330 - Rinse mouth

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, and face protection

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water

P332 + P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention

P362 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

P261 - Avoid breathing dust/fume/gas/mist/vapors/spray

P271 - Use only outdoors or in a well-ventilated area

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove person to fresh air and keep comfortable for breathing

P403 + P233 - Store in a well-ventilated place. Keep container tightly closed

P405 - Store locked up

### Other Hazards Known

None

# 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

#### Substance

Not applicable

#### <u>Mixture</u>

Chemical Family

Mixture.

Percent ranges are used where confidential product information is applicable.

Chemical name	CAS No.	Percent	HMRIC #
		Range	
Sodium salicylate	54-21-7	40 - 50%	-
Sodium tartrate dihydrate	6106-24-7	7 - 13%	-
Ferrate(2-), pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl-, disodium, dihydrate, (OC-6-22)-	13755-38-9	<1%	-
m-Nitrophenol	554-84-7	<1%	-

# 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

## **Description of first aid measures**

**General advice** 

Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance. Immediate medical attention is required.

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Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur. IF exposed or concerned: Get medical advice/attention.	
Eye contact	Get immediate medical advice/attention. Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area.	
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.	
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Call a physician.	
Self-protection of the first aider	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.	
Most important symptoms and effe	cts, both acute and delayed	
Symptoms	Burning sensation.	
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed		
Note to physicians	Treat symptomatically.	
	5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES	

Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Caution: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No information available.
Hazardous combustion products	May emit acrid smoke and fumes.
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.

	6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES
U.S. Notice	Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance. Outside of the US, only persons properly qualified according to state or local regulations should respond to a spill involving chemicals.
Personal precautions, protectiv	e equipment and emergency procedures
Personal precautions	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Use personal protective equipment as required. Ensure adequate ventilation. Evacuate personnel to safe areas.
Other Information	Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.
Environmental precautions	
Environmental precautions	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.

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## Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Methods for cleaning up	Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.
Prevention of secondary hazards	Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.
Reference to other sections	See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

# 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

#### Precautions for safe handling

Advice on safe handling	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse. Ensure adequate ventilation. Avoid breathing vapors or mists. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory equipment.
Conditions for safe storage, includi	ng any incompatibilities
Storage Conditions	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Keep out of the reach of children. Store locked up.
Flammability class	Not applicable

# 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

## Control parameters

#### **Exposure Guidelines**

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH
Ferrate(2-), pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl-	, TWA: 1 mg/m³ Fe	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> CN
disodium, dihydrate, (OC-6-22)- CAS#: 13755-38-9		(vacated) TWA: T mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 1 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Fe
		(vacated) 1 w/t. 5 mg/m	
Appropriate engineering controls			
Engineering Controls	Showers		
	Eyewash stations		
	Ventilation systems.		
Individual protection measures, suc			
Respiratory protection	No protective equipment is nee		•
	exceeded or irritation is experie	enced, ventilation and evacuation	on may be required.
Hand Protection	Wear suitable gloves. Impervio	us gloves.	
	5	5	
Eye/face protection	Tight sealing safety goggles.		
Skin and body protection	Wear suitable protective clothin	a Long sleeved clothing	
okin and body protection		ig. Long sleeved clothing.	
General Hygiene Considerations	Avoid contact with skin, eyes o	r clothing. Wear suitable glove	s and eye/face protection. Do
	not eat, drink or smoke when u	5	· ·

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Environmental exposure controls	Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Do not
	allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any body of water.

Thermal hazards

None under normal processing.

# 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

#### Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Appearance Odor	powder Odorless	Solid		Color Odor threshold	Tan No data ava	ilable
Property			Values			Remarks • Method
Molecular weigh	t		No data availa	ble		
рН			7.84			5% Solution
Melting point/fre	ezing point		97 °C / 207	°F		
Boiling point / bo	oiling range		No data availa	ble		
Evaporation rate			Not applicable			
Vapor pressure			Not applicable			
Vapor density (a	ir = 1)		Not applicable			
Specific gravity (	water = 1 / air = 1)		1.689			
Partition Coeffici	ent (n-octanol/wat	er)	log K <sub>ow</sub> ~ -0.6			
Soil Organic Car Coefficient	bon-Water Partitio	n	log K <sub>oc</sub> ~ -0.84			
Autoignition tem	perature		No data availa	ble		
Decomposition t	emperature		No data availa	ble		
Dynamic viscosi	ty		Not applicable			
Kinematic viscos	sity		Not applicable			
Solubility(ies)						

# Solubility(ies)

## Water solubility

Water solubility classification	Water solubility	Water Solubility Temperature
Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

## Solubility in other solvents

Chemical Name	Solubility classification	<u>Solubility</u>	Solubility Temperature
Acid	Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

## **Other Information**

# **Metal Corrosivity**

Steel Corrosion Rate	Not applicable
Aluminum Corrosion Rate	Not applicable

# Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Content

Not applicable

Chemical name CAS No.		Volatile organic compounds (VOC) content	CAA (Clean Air Act)
Sodium salicylate	54-21-7	No data available	-
Sodium tartrate dihydrate	6106-24-7	No data available	-
Ferrate(2-), pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl-, disodium, dihydrate, (OC-6-22)-	13755-38-9	No data available	-
m-Nitrophenol	554-84-7	No data available	-

#### **Explosive properties**

Upper explosion limit Lower explosion limit	No data available No data available
Flammable properties	
Flash point	Not applicable
Flammability Limit in Air Upper flammability limit Lower flammability limit	No data available No data available
Oxidizing properties	No data available.
Bulk density	No data available

# **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

# Reactivity

Not applicable.

#### <u>Chemical stability</u> Stable under normal conditions.

Explosion data Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None. Sensitivity to Static Discharge None.

## Possibility of Hazardous Reactions

None under normal processing.

## Hazardous polymerization

None under normal processing.

# Conditions to avoid

None known based on information supplied.

## Incompatible materials

Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents.

#### Hazardous Decomposition Products

Cyanide. Nitrogen oxides. Sodium oxides.

# **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### Information on Likely Routes of Exposure

Product Information	
Inhalation	May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
Eye contact	Severely irritating to eyes. Causes serious eye damage. May cause burns. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
Skin contact	Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea. Harmful if swallowed.
Symptoms	Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes.

#### Acute toxicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

# Product Acute Toxicity Data

No data available.

# Ingredient Acute Toxicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	Rat LD <sub>50</sub>	930 mg/kg	None reported	Behavioral Convulsions or effect on seizure threshold Muscle contraction or spasticity	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
Sodium tartrate dihydrate (7 - 13%) CAS#: 6106-24-7	Mouse LD50	4360 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	EPA (United States Environmental Protection Agency)
Ferrate(2-), pentakis(cyano-C)nitr osyl-, disodium, dihydrate, (OC-6-22)- (<1%) CAS#: 13755-38-9	Rat LD₅₀	99 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	LOLI
m-Nitrophenol (<1%) CAS#: 554-84-7	Rat LD <sub>50</sub>	328 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	Vendor SDS

Unknown Acute Toxicity

0% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity.

## Acute Toxicity Estimations (ATE)

## The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

ATEmix (oral)	1,666.00 mg/kg
ATEmix (dermal)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	No information available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Classification based on data available for ingredients. Irritating to skin.

#### **Product Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data**

No data available.

# Ingredient Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	OECD Test 404: Acute Dermal Corrosion/Irritation	Rabbit	500 mg	4 hours	Not corrosive or irritating to skin	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)
m-Nitrophenol (<1%) CAS#: 554-84-7	Standard Draize Test	Rabbit	20 mg	24 hours	Skin irritant	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

#### Serious eye damage/irritation

Classification based on data available for ingredients. Causes burns. Risk of serious damage to eyes.

# Product Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

No data available.

# Ingredient Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	OECD Test 439: In Vitro Skin Irritation: Reconstructed Human Epidermis (Rhe) Test Method	Human	50 mg	6 hours	Eye irritant	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)
Sodium tartrate dihydrate (7 - 13%) CAS#: 6106-24-7	None reported	Human	None reported	None reported	Not corrosive or irritating to eyes	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)
m-Nitrophenol (<1%) CAS#: 554-84-7	Standard Draize Test	Rabbit	5 mg	24 hours	Corrosive to eyes	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

#### **Respiratory or skin sensitization**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

# **Product Sensitization Data**

No data available.

#### Ingredient Sensitization Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	Based on human experience	Human	Not confirmed to be a skin sensitizer	Vendor SDS
Sodium tartrate dihydrate (7 - 13%)	None reported	Human	Not confirmed to be a skin sensitizer	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)

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CAS#: 6106-24-7 Chemical name	Test method	Species	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	Based on human experience	Human	Not confirmed to be a respiratory sensitizer	Vendor SDS
Sodium tartrate dihydrate (7 - 13%) CAS#: 6106-24-7	None reported	Human	Not confirmed to be a skin sensitizer	ECHA (The European Chemicals Agency)

STOT - single exposure

May cause respiratory irritation.

#### Product Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data No data available.

#### Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data No data available.

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	Human LD⊾	700 mg/kg	None reported	Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration Dyspnea	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

## STOT - repeated exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### Product Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Dose Data No data available.

# Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Exposure Data

No data available.

## **Carcinogenicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## **Product Carcinogenicity Data**

No data available.

# **Ingredient Carcinogenicity Data**

No data available.

Chemical name	CAS No.	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Sodium salicylate	54-21-7	-	-	-	-
Sodium tartrate dihydrate	6106-24-7	-	-	-	-
Ferrate(2-),	13755-38-9	-	-	-	-
pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl-,					
disodium, dihydrate,					
(OC-6-22)-					
m-Nitrophenol	554-84-7	-	-	-	-

#### Legend

ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)	Does not apply
IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)	Does not apply
NTP (National Toxicology Program)	Does not apply
OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of	Does not apply
Labor)	

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

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Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity** invitro **Data** No data available.

# Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invitro Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test	Cell Strain	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	OECD 471	Salmonella typhimurium	0.158 mg/plate	48 hours	Negative test result for mutagenicity	No information available
m-Nitrophenol (<1%) CAS#: 554-84-7	Mutation in microorganisms	Salmonella typhimurium	1 mg/plate	None reported	Positive test result for mutagenicity	CCRIS (Chemical Carcinogenesis Research Information System)

Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data No data available.

# Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Test	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	DNA damage	Rat	30 mg/L	None reported	Positive test result for mutagenicity	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

## **Reproductive toxicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Product Reproductive Toxicity Data**

No data available.

#### Ingredient Reproductive Toxicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate	Rat	40 mg/kg	1 days	Effects on Newborn	RTECS (Registry of Toxic
(40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	TDLo			Stillbirth	Effects of Chemical Substances)

#### Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

# 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity
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Unknown aquatic toxicity

0% of the mixture consists of components(s) of unknown hazards to the aquatic environment.

## Product Ecological Data

#### Aquatic Acute Toxicity No data available.

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#### Aquatic Chronic Toxicity No data available.

no data available.

## Ingredient Ecological Data

# **Aquatic Acute Toxicity**

No data available.

Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium salicylate (40 - 50%) CAS#: 54-21-7	96 hours	Pimephales promelas	LC <sub>50</sub>	1370 mg/L	GESTIS (Information System on Hazardous Substances of the German Social Accident Insurance)
Sodium tartrate dihydrate (7 - 13%) CAS#: 6106-24-7	96 hours	None reported	LC <sub>50</sub>	612000 mg/L	Estimation through ECOSARS v1.11 part of the Estimation Programs Interface (EPI) Suite™
Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium tartrate dihydrate (7 - 13%) CAS#: 6106-24-7	48 Hours	None reported	LC <sub>50</sub>	263000 mg/L	Estimation through ECOSARS v1.11 part of the Estimation Programs Interface (EPI) Suite™
Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Sodium tartrate dihydrate (7 - 13%) CAS#: 6106-24-7	96 hours	None reported	EC <sub>50</sub>	623770 mg/L	Estimation through ECOSARS v1.11 part of the Estimation Programs Interface (EPI) Suite™

Aquatic Chronic Toxicity No data available.

# Persistence and degradability

#### **Product Biodegradability Data** No data available.

# **Bioaccumulation**

#### **Product Bioaccumulation Data** No data available.

Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

# **Mobility**

# Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient

Other adverse effects

Contains a substance with an endocrine-disrupting potential.

Chemical name	EU - Endocrine Disrupters Candidate List	EU - Endocrine Disruptors - Evaluated Substances	Endocrine disrupting potential
Ferrate(2-), pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl-, disodium, dihydrate, (OC-6-22)- (<1%)	Group III Chemical	-	-
CAS#: 13755-38-9			

log Kow ~ -0.6

log Koc ~ -0.84

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# 13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS

Waste treatment methods	
Waste from residues/unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.
Contaminated packaging	Do not reuse empty containers.
Special instructions for disposal	Dilute to 3 to 5 times the volume with cold water. Flush system with plenty of water. If permitted by regulation. Open cold water tap completely, slowly pour the material to the drain. Check with national, local municipal and state authorities and waste contractors for pertinent local information on the disposal of this article.

	14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION
DOT	Not regulated
TDG	Not regulated
IATA	Not regulated
IMDG	Not regulated
Note:	No special precautions necessary.

#### Additional information

There is a possibility that this product could be contained in a reagent set or kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods. If the item is not in a reagent set or kit, the classification given above applies.

If the item is part of a reagent set or kit the classification would change to the following:

UN3316 Chemical Kit, Hazard Class 9, Packing Group II or III.

If the item is not regulated, the Chemical Kit classification does not apply.

# **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

National Inventories	
TSCA	Complies
DSL/NDSL	Complies

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory **DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

International Inventories	
EINECS/ELINCS	Does not comply
ENCS	Complies
IECSC	Complies
Existing substances	Complies
PICCS	Complies
TCSI	Complies
AICS	Complies
NZIoC	Complies

**EINECS/ELINCS** - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances **ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

**PICCS** - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**TCSI** - Taiwan Chemical Substances Inventory **AICS** - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances **NZIOC** - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

# **US Federal Regulations**

#### SARA 313

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Chemical name	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %
Ferrate(2-), pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl-, disodium, dihydrate,	1.0
(OC-6-22)- (CAS #: 13755-38-9)	
SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories	
Acute health hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

### **CWA (Clean Water Act)**

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Ferrate(2-),	-	Х	Х	-
pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl				
-, disodium, dihydrate,				
(OC-6-22)-				
13755-38-9				
m-Nitrophenol	-	-	-	Х
554-84-7				

## **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
m-Nitrophenol	100 lb	-	RQ 100 lb final RQ
554-84-7			RQ 45.4 kg final RQ

## US State Regulations

## **California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

## U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

This product does not contain any substances regulated by state right-to-know regulations.

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Ferrate(2-), pentakis(cyano-C)nitrosyl-, disodium, dihydrate, (OC-6-22)- 13755-38-9	X	-	X
m-Nitrophenol 554-84-7	Х	X	Х

## U.S. EPA Label Information

# **16. OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OF THE LAST REVISION**

**Special Comments** None

#### Additional information

#### Global Automotive Declarable Substance List (GADSL) Not applicable **NFPA and HMIS Classifications**

NFPA	Health hazards - 3	Flammability - 0	Instability - 0	Physical and chemical properties -
HMIS	Health hazards - 3	Flammability - 0	Physical hazards - 0	Personal protection - X

## Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

NIOSH IDLH ACGIH NDF		Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists) no data		
Legend - Section	n 8: EXPOSURE CO	ONTROLS/PERSONAL P	ROTECTION	
TWA	TWA (time-weight	ed average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
MAC	Maximum Allowat	le Concentration	Ceiling	Ceiling Limit Value
Х	Listed		Vacated	These values have no official status. The only binding levels of contaminants are those listed in the final OSHA PEL. These lists are for reference purposes only. Please note that some reference state regulations of these "liberated" exposure limits in their state regulations.
SKN* RSP+ C M	Skin designation Respiratory sensit Carcinogen mutagen	ization	SKN+ ** R	Skin sensitization Hazard Designation Reproductive toxicant
Prepared By		Hach Product Compliand	ce Department	
Issue Date		31-12-2019		
Revision Date		05-Aug-2020		
<b>Revision Note</b>		None		

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# Nitrogen, Ammonia

# 0.01 to 0.80 mg/L NH<sub>3</sub>-N

Scope and application: For water, wastewater and seawater.

<sup>1</sup> Adapted from Clin. Chim. Acta., 14, 403 (1966).



# Test preparation

# Before starting

The reagents that are used in this test contain sodium nitroferricyanide. Keep cyanide solutions at pH > 11 to prevent exposure to hydrogen cyanide gas. Collect the reacted samples for safe disposal.

Keep the samples sealed at all times to prevent ammonia contamination from the air.

Always do tests in sample cells. Do not put the instrument in the sample or pour the sample into the cell holder.

Make sure that the sample cells are clean and there are no scratches where the light passes through them.

Rinse the sample cell and cap with the sample three times before the sample cell is filled.

Make sure that there are no fingerprints or liquid on the external surface of the sample cells. Wipe with a lint-free cloth before measurement.

Cold waters can cause condensation on the sample cell or bubbles in the sample cell during color development. Examine the sample cell for condensation or bubbles. Remove condensation with a lint-free cloth. Invert the sample cell to remove bubbles.

Install the instrument cap over the cell holder before ZERO or READ is pushed.

After the test, immediately empty and rinse the sample cell. Rinse the sample cell and cap three times with deionized water.

If the test result is over-range, dilute the sample with high quality, ammonia-free deionized water and repeat the test. Multiply the result by the dilution factor. Refer to Sample dilution on page 2.

Review the Safety Data Sheets (MSDS/SDS) for the chemicals that are used. Use the recommended personal protective equipment.

Dispose of reacted solutions according to local, state and federal regulations. Refer to the Safety Data Sheets for disposal information for unused reagents. Refer to the environmental, health and safety staff for your facility and/or local regulatory agencies for further disposal information.

# Items to collect

Description	Quantity
Ammonia Cyanurate Reagent Powder Pillow, 10-mL	2
Ammonia Salicylate Reagent Powder Pillow, 10-mL	2
Sample cells, 25-mm (10 mL)	2

Refer to Consumables and replacement items on page 6 for order information.

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**Powder Pillows** 

# Sample collection and storage

- Collect samples in clean glass or plastic bottles.
- If the sample contains chlorine, add 1 drop of 0.1 N sodium thiosulfate to 1 liter of sample to remove each 0.3 mg/L of chlorine.
- To preserve samples for later analysis, adjust the sample pH to less than 2 with concentrated sulfuric acid (approximately 2 mL per liter). No acid addition is necessary if the sample is tested immediately.
- Keep the preserved samples at or below 6 °C (43 °F) for a maximum of 28 days.
- Let the sample temperature increase to room temperature before analysis.
- Before analysis, adjust the pH to 7 with 5 N sodium hydroxide solution.
- Correct the test result for the dilution caused by the volume additions.

# Sample dilution

Select the applicable sample volume from Table 1. The sample volume depends on the starting concentration of the sample. Put the sample in a graduated mixing cylinder, then dilute the sample to 25 mL with deionized water and mix fully.

Starting concentration (mg/L NH <sub>3</sub> -N)	Sample volume (mL)	Dilution factor		
≤ 0.8	Dilution is not necessary.	—		
≤ 2	10.0 mL	2.5		
≤ 4	5.0 mL	5.0		
≤ 8	2.5 mL	10.0		
≤ 20	1.0 mL	25.0		

# Table 1 Sample volumes for dilution

# Powder pillow procedure



**1.** Set the instrument to  $NH_3$ –N.

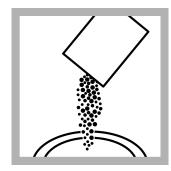
For DR300, push the up arrow button. For PCII, push the menu button, checkmark button, then the menu button again.



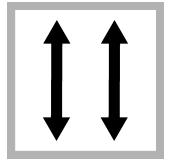
**2. Prepare the blank:** Fill a sample cell to the 10-mL mark with deionized water.



**3. Prepare the sample:** Fill a sample cell to the 10-mL mark with sample or diluted sample. Refer to Sample dilution on page 2.



**4.** Add the contents of one Ammonia Salicylate Powder Pillow to each sample cell.



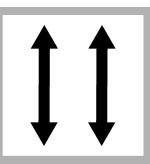
**5.** Put the stopper on the sample cell. Shake to dissolve the reagent.



**6.** Set and start a timer for 3 minutes. A 3-minute reaction time starts.



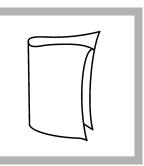
**7.** After the timer expires, add the contents of one Ammonia Cyanurate Powder Pillow to each sample cell.



**8.** Put the stopper on the sample cell. Shake to dissolve the reagent.



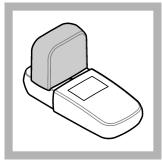
**9.** Set and start a timer for 15 minutes. A 15-minute reaction time starts.



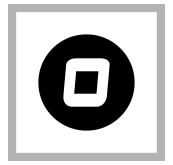
**10.** When the timer expires, clean the blank sample cell.



**11.** Insert the blank into the cell holder. Point the diamond mark on the sample cell toward the keypad.



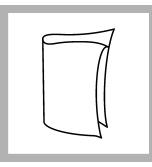
**12.** Install the instrument cap over the cell holder.



**13.** Push **ZERO**. The display shows "0.00".



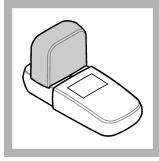
**14.** Remove the sample cell from the cell holder.



**15.** Clean the prepared sample cell.



**16.** Insert the prepared sample into the cell holder. Point the diamond mark on the sample cell toward the keypad.



**17.** Install the instrument cap over the cell holder.



18. Push READ. Results

show in mg/L ammonia as

nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>–N).

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**19.** If the sample was diluted, multiply the result by the applicable dilution factor from Table 1 on page 2.

**Note:** To change the results to mg/L ammonia (NH<sub>3</sub>), multiply the result by 1.22. To change the results to mg/L ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>), multiply the result by 1.29.

# Interferences

Interfering substance	Interference level
Calcium	1000 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Iron	All levels. Correct for iron interference as follows:
	<ol> <li>Use one of the Iron, Total procedures to measure the iron concentration of the sample.</li> <li>Use an iron standard solution to add iron to the deionized water blank so that the blank has the same iron concentration as the sample. The iron interference will be zeroed out from the test result.</li> </ol>
Magnesium	6000 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Monochloramine	Monochloramine that is in chloraminated drinking water interferes directly at all levels and gives high results. Use a Free Ammonia and Monochloramine method to determine free ammonia in these sample matrices.
Nitrate	100 mg/L as NO <sub>3</sub> <sup>-</sup> –N
Nitrite	12 mg/L as NO₂ <sup>−</sup> –N
рН	Adjust acidic or basic samples to approximately pH 7. Use 1 N sodium hydroxide standard solution for acidic samples and 1 N hydrochloric acid standard solution for basic samples.
Phosphate	100 mg/L as PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3–</sup> –P
Sulfate	300 mg/L as SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2–</sup>
Sulfide	Sulfide will intensify the color. Remove sulfide interference as follows:
	<ol> <li>Measure approximately 350 mL of sample in a 500-mL Erlenmeyer flask.</li> <li>Add the contents of one Sulfide Inhibitor Reagent Powder Pillow. Swirl to mix.</li> <li>Filter the sample through a folded filter paper and filter funnel.</li> <li>Use the filtered sample in the test procedure.</li> </ol>
Other substances	Less common interferences such as hydrazine and glycine cause intensified colors in the prepared sample. Turbidity and color will give incorrect high values. Samples with severe interferences require distillation. Use the distillation procedure that is supplied with the distillation set.

# Pollution prevention and waste management

The ammonia salicylate reagent contains sodium nitroferricyanide and must be disposed of as a hazardous waste. Dispose of reacted solutions according to local, state and federal regulations.

# Accuracy check

# Standard additions method

Use the standard additions method to validate the test procedure, reagents and instrument and to find if there is an interference in the sample. Items to collect:

- Ammonia Nitrogen Standard Solution, 10 mg/L as NH<sub>3</sub>–N
- Mixing cylinders, 25-mL (3)
- Pipet, TenSette<sup>®</sup>, 0.1–1.0 mL and tips
- Prepare three spiked samples: use the TenSette pipet to add 0.2 mL, 0.4 mL and 0.6 mL of the standard solution, respectively, to three 25-mL portions of fresh sample. Mix well.
- 2. Use the test procedure to measure the concentration of each of the spiked samples. Start with the smallest sample spike. Measure each of the spiked samples in the instrument.
- Compare the expected result to the actual result. The expected ammonia nitrogen concentration increase is 0.08 mg/L for each 0.2 mL of standard that is added (with no sample dilution).

# Standard solution method

Use the standard solution method to validate the test procedure, the reagents and the instrument.

Items to collect:

- Ammonia Nitrogen Standard Solution, 10 mg/L as NH<sub>3</sub>–N
- 100-mL volumetric flask, Class A
- 4-mL volumetric pipet, Class A and pipet filler
- Deionized water
- 1. Prepare a 0.40 mg/L ammonia nitrogen standard solution as follows:
  - **a.** Use a pipet to add 4.0 mL of 10 mg/L ammonia nitrogen standard solution into the volumetric flask.
  - b. Dilute to the mark with deionized water. Mix well. Prepare this solution daily.
- **2.** Use the test procedure to measure the concentration of the prepared standard solution.
- 3. Compare the expected result to the actual result.

**Note:** The factory calibration can be adjusted slightly with the standard calibration adjust option so that the instrument shows the expected value of the standard solution. The adjusted calibration is then used for all test results. This adjustment can increase the test accuracy when there are small variations in the reagents or instruments.

# Method performance

The method performance data that follows was derived from laboratory tests that were measured on a DR300 and a Pocket Colorimeter II during ideal test conditions. Users can get different results under different test conditions.

# Precision (95% confidence interval)

# $0.60 \pm 0.05 \text{ mg/L NH}_3-N$

# Summary of method

Ammonia compounds combine with chlorine to form monochloramine. Monochloramine reacts with salicylate to form 5-aminosalicylate. The 5-aminosalicylate is oxidized in the presence of a sodium nitroprusside catalyst to form a blue-colored compound. The blue color is masked by the yellow color from the excess reagent to give a final green-colored solution.

# **Consumables and replacement items**

# **Required reagents**

Description	Quantity/Test	Unit	ltem no.
Nitrogen Ammonia Reagent Set, 10 mL, includes:	—	100 tests	2668000
Ammonia Cyanurate Reagent Powder Pillow, 10 mL	2	100/pkg	2653199
Ammonia Salicylate Reagent Powder Pillow, 10 mL	2	100/pkg	2653299

# **Required apparatus**

Description	Quantity/test	Unit	ltem no.
Sample cells, 10-mL round, 25 mm x 60 mm	2	6/pkg	2427606

# **Recommended standards and apparatus**

Description	Unit	Item no.
Flask, volumetric, Class A, 100 mL, glass	each	1457442
Nitrogen Ammonia Standard Solution, 10-mg/L NH <sub>3</sub> -N	500 mL	15349
Nitrogen Ammonia Standard Solution, 10-mL Voluette <sup>®</sup> Ampule, 50-mg/L NH $_3$ –N	16/pkg	1479110
Pipet, TenSette <sup>®</sup> , 0.1–1.0 mL	each	1970001
Pipet tips for TenSette <sup>®</sup> Pipet, 0.1–1.0 mL	50/pkg	2185696
Pipet tips for TenSette <sup>®</sup> Pipet, 0.1–1.0 mL	1000/pkg	2185628
Pipet, volumetric, Class A, 4.00 mL	each	1451504
Wastewater Effluent Standard Solution, Mixed Parameter, for NH <sub>3</sub> -N, NO <sub>3</sub> -N, PO <sub>4</sub> <sup>3–</sup> , COD, SO <sub>4</sub> <sup>2–</sup> , TOC	500 mL	2833249
Water, deionized	4 L	27256

# **Optional reagents and apparatus**

Description	Unit	ltem no.
Ampule Breaker, 10-mL Voluette <sup>®</sup> Ampules	each	2196800
Mixing cylinder, graduated, 25-mL	each	2088640
Distillation heater and support for apparatus set, 115 VAC option	each	2274400
Distillation apparatus set, general purpose	each	2265300
Flask, Erlenmeyer, 500 mL	each	50549
Funnel, poly, 65 mm	each	108367
Distillation heater and support for apparatus set, 230 VAC option	each	2274402

# Optional reagents and apparatus (continued)

Description	Unit	Item no.
Filter Paper, folded, 2–3-micron, pleated, 12.5-cm	100/pkg	189457
Pipet, serological, 2 mL	each	53236
Sodium Hydroxide Solution, 5 N	50 mL	245026
Sodium Thiosulfate, 0.1 N	100 mL	32332
Sulfide Inhibitor Reagent Powder Pillows	100/pkg	241899
Sulfuric Acid, concentrated, ACS	500 mL	97949
Sulfuric Acid Standard Solution, 1 N	100 mL MDB	127032



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# Chlorine, Free and Total, Low Range

# USEPA DPD Method<sup>1</sup>

# 0.02 to 2.00 mg/L Cl<sub>2</sub> (LR)

# Method 8021 (Free) 8167 (Total) Powder Pillows or AccuVac<sup>®</sup> Ampuls

**Scope and application:** For testing residual chlorine and chloramines in water, wastewater, estuary water and seawater; USEPA-accepted for reporting for drinking and wastewater analyses.<sup>2</sup> This product has not been evaluated to test for chlorine and chloramines in medical applications in the United States.

- <sup>1</sup> Adapted from Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater.
- <sup>2</sup> Procedure is equivalent to USEPA and Standard Method 4500-CI G for drinking water and wastewater analysis.

# └│ Test preparation

# Before starting

Analyze the samples immediately. The samples cannot be preserved for later analysis.

Always do tests in sample cells or AccuVac<sup>©</sup> Ampuls. Do not put the instrument in the sample or pour the sample into the cell holder.

Make sure that the sample cells are clean and there are no scratches where the light passes through them.

Rinse the sample cell and cap with the sample three times before the sample cell is filled.

Make sure that there are no fingerprints or liquid on the external surface of the sample cells or AccuVac<sup>®</sup> Ampuls. Wipe with a lint-free cloth before measurement.

Cold waters can cause condensation on the sample cell or bubbles in the sample cell during color development. Examine the sample cell for condensation or bubbles. Remove condensation with a lint-free cloth. Invert the sample cell to remove bubbles.

Install the instrument cap over the cell holder before ZERO or READ is pushed.

After the test, immediately empty and rinse the sample cell. Rinse the sample cell and cap three times with deionized water.

Do not use the same sample cells for free and total chlorine. If trace iodide from the total chlorine reagent is carried over into the free chlorine determination, monochloramine will interfere. It is best to use separate, dedicated sample cells for free and total chlorine measurements.

If the test result is over-range, or if the sample temporarily turns yellow after the reagent addition, dilute the sample with a known volume of high quality, chlorine demand-free water and do the test again. Some loss of chlorine may occur due to the dilution. Multiply the result by the dilution factor. Additional methods are available to measure chlorine without dilution.

For the best results, measure the reagent blank value for each new lot of reagent. Replace the sample with deionized water in the test procedure to determine the reagent blank value. Subtract the reagent blank value from the sample results.

The AccuVac Ampul Snapper makes AccuVac Ampul tests easier to do. The AccuVac Ampul Snapper keeps the broken tip of the ampul, prevents exposure to the sample and provides controlled conditions for filling the ampule.

An AccuVac Ampul for Blanks can be used to zero the instrument in the AccuVac test procedure.

The SwifTest Dispenser for Free Chlorine or Total Chlorine can be used in place of the powder pillow in the test procedures. One dispensation equals one powder pillow for 10-mL samples.

Review the Safety Data Sheets (MSDS/SDS) for the chemicals that are used. Use the recommended personal protective equipment.

Dispose of reacted solutions according to local, state and federal regulations. Refer to the Safety Data Sheets for disposal information for unused reagents. Refer to the environmental, health and safety staff for your facility and/or local regulatory agencies for further disposal information.

# Items to collect

# **Powder pillows**

Description	Quantity
Chlorine, Free: DPD Free Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillows, 10-mL	1
Chlorine, Total: DPD Total Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillows, 10-mL	1
Sample cells, 25-mm (10 mL)	2

Refer to Consumables and replacement items on page 7 for order information.

# AccuVac Ampuls

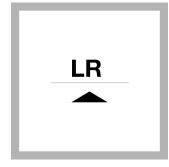
Description	Quantity
Chlorine, Free: DPD Free Chlorine Reagent AccuVac Ampuls	1
Chlorine, Total: DPD Total Chlorine Reagent AccuVac Ampuls	1
Beaker, 50-mL	1
Stopper for 18-mm tubes and AccuVac Ampuls	1
Sample cells, 25-mm (10 mL)	1

Refer to Consumables and replacement items on page 7 for order information.

# Sample collection

- Analyze the samples immediately. The samples cannot be preserved for later analysis.
- Chlorine is a strong oxidizing agent and is unstable in natural waters. Chlorine reacts quickly with various inorganic compounds and more slowly with organic compounds. Many factors, including reactant concentrations, sunlight, pH, temperature and salinity influence the decomposition of chlorine in water.
- Collect samples in clean glass bottles. Do not use plastic containers because these can have a large chlorine demand.
- Pretreat glass sample containers to remove chlorine demand. Soak the containers in a weak bleach solution (1 mL commercial bleach to 1 liter of deionized water) for at least 1 hour. Rinse fully with deionized or distilled water. If sample containers are rinsed fully with deionized or distilled water after use, only occasional pretreatment is necessary.
- Make sure to get a representative sample. If the sample is taken from a spigot or faucet, let the water flow for at least 5 minutes. Let the container overflow with the sample several times and then put the cap on the sample container so that there is no headspace (air) above the sample.

# Powder pillow procedure

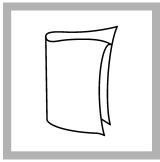


**1.** Set the instrument to low range (LR).

For DR300, push the up arrow button. For PCII, push the menu button, checkmark button, then the menu button again.



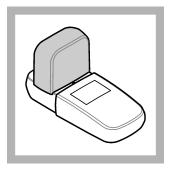
2. Prepare the blank: Rinse a sample cell and cap three times with sample. Fill the sample cell to the 10-mL mark with sample. Close the sample cell.



**3.** Clean the blank sample cell.



**4.** Insert the blank into the cell holder. Point the diamond mark on the sample cell toward the keypad.



**5.** Install the instrument cap over the cell holder.



**6.** Push **ZERO**. The display shows "0.00".



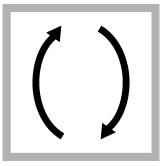
**7.** Remove the sample cell from the cell holder.



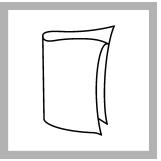
8. Prepare the sample: Rinse a second sample cell and cap three times with sample. Fill the sample cell to the 10-mL mark with sample.



**9.** Add one 10-mL DPD Free Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillow or one 10-mL DPD Total Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillow to the second sample cell.



10. Close the sample cell.
Invert the sample cell for about 20 seconds to dissolve the reagent.
Undissolved power will not affect accuracy.
A pink color will show if chlorine is in the sample.



**11.** Clean the prepared sample cell.



**12. Free chlorine measurement:** Within 1 minute of the reagent addition, insert the prepared sample into the cell holder. Point the diamond mark on the sample cell toward the keypad.

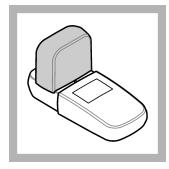
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**13.** Set and start a timer for 3 minutes. A 3-minute reaction time starts.



**14. Total chlorine measurement:** After 3 minutes and within 6 minutes of the reagent addition, insert the prepared sample into the cell holder. Point the diamond mark on the sample cell toward the keypad.



**15.** Install the instrument cap over the cell holder.

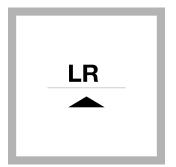


**16.** Push **READ**. Results show in mg/L Cl<sub>2</sub>.



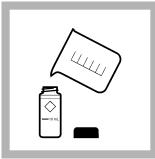
**17.** Immediately empty the sample cell. Rinse the sample cell and cap three times with deionized water.

# AccuVac<sup>®</sup> Ampul procedure

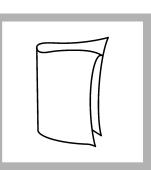


**1.** Set the instrument to low range (LR).

For DR300, push the up arrow button. For PCII, push the menu button, checkmark button, then the menu button again.



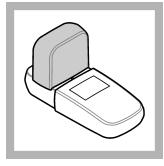
2. Prepare the blank: Rinse a sample cell and cap three times with sample. Fill the sample cell to the 10-mL mark with sample. Close the sample cell.



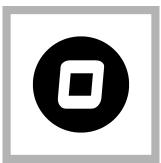
**3.** Clean the blank sample cell.



**4.** Insert the blank into the cell holder. Point the diamond mark on the sample cell toward the keypad.



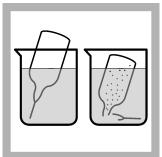
**5.** Install the instrument cap over the cell holder.



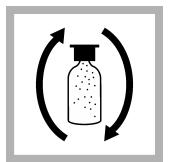
**6.** Push **ZERO**. The display shows "0.00".



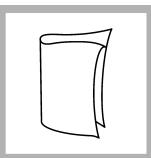
**7.** Remove the sample cell from the cell holder.



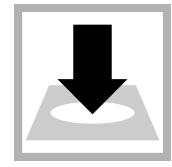
8. Prepare the sample: Collect at least 40 mL of sample in a 50-mL beaker. Fill a DPD Free Chlorine Reagent AccuVac Ampul or a DPD Total Chlorine Reagent AccuVac Ampul with sample. Keep the tip immersed while the AccuVac Ampul fills completely.



**9.** Quickly invert the AccuVac Ampul several times to mix.



**10.** Clean the AccuVac Ampul.

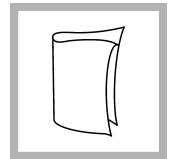


**11. Free chlorine measurement:** Within 1 minute of the reagent addition, insert the prepared sample AccuVac Ampul into the cell holder.

Go to step 15.



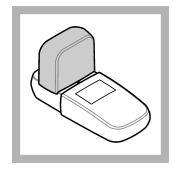
**12.** Set and start a timer for 3 minutes. A 3-minute reaction time starts.



**13.** When the timer expires, clean the prepared sample cell.



**14. Total chlorine measurement:** Within 6 minutes of the reagent addition, insert the prepared sample AccuVac Ampul into the cell holder.



**15.** Install the instrument cap over the cell holder.



**16.** Push **READ**. Results show in mg/L Cl<sub>2</sub>.

# Interferences

Interfering substance	Interference level
Acidity	More than 150 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> . The full color may not develop or the color may fade instantly. Adjust to pH 6–7 with 1 N Sodium Hydroxide. Measure the amount to add on a separate sample aliquot, then add the same amount to the sample that is tested. Correct the test result for the dilution from the volume addition.
Alkalinity	More than 250 mg/L CaCO <sub>3</sub> . The full color may not develop or the color may fade instantly. Adjust to pH 6–7 with 1 N Sulfuric Acid. Measure the amount to add on a separate sample aliquot, then add the same amount to the sample that is tested. Correct the test result for the dilution from the volume addition.
Bromine, Br <sub>2</sub>	Positive interference at all levels
Chlorine Dioxide, ClO <sub>2</sub>	Positive interference at all levels
Inorganic chloramines	Positive interference at all levels
Chloramines, organic	May interfere in the result for total chlorine analysis
Hardness	No effect at less than 1000 mg/L as CaCO <sub>3</sub>
Manganese, Oxidized (Mn <sup>4+</sup> , Mn <sup>7+</sup> ) or Chromium, Oxidized (Cr <sup>6+</sup> )	<ol> <li>Pre-treat the sample as follows:</li> <li>Adjust the sample pH to 6–7.</li> <li>Add 3 drops of Potassium lodide (30-g/L) to 10 mL of sample.</li> <li>Mix and wait 1 minute.</li> <li>Add 3 drops of Sodium Arsenite (5-g/L) and mix.</li> <li>Use the test procedure to measure the concentration of the treated sample.</li> <li>Subtract this result from the result without the treatment to obtain the correct chlorine concentration.</li> </ol>
Monochloramine	Causes a gradual drift to higher readings. When read within 1 minute after reagent addition, 3 mg/L monochloramine causes less than a 0.1 mg/L increase in the reading.
Ozone	Positive interference at all levels
Peroxides	May interfere
Highly buffered samples or extreme sample pH	Can prevent the correct pH adjustment (of the sample) by the reagents. Sample pretreatment may be necessary. Adjust to pH 6–7 with acid (Sulfuric Acid, 1 N) or base (Sodium Hydroxide, 1 N). Correct the test result for the dilution caused by the volume additions.

# Pollution prevention and waste management

If sodium arsenite was added to the sample for manganese or chromium interferences, the reacted samples will contain arsenic and must be disposed of as a hazardous waste. Dispose of reacted solutions according to local, state and federal regulations. must be disposed of as a hazardous waste. Dispose of reacted solutions according to local, state and federal regulations.

# Accuracy check

# Standard additions method

Use the standard additions method to validate the test procedure, reagents and instrument and to find if there is an interference in the sample. Items to collect:

- Chlorine Standard Solution, 2-mL PourRite<sup>®</sup> Ampule, 25–30 mg/L (use mg/L on label)
- Ampule breaker
- Pipet, TenSette<sup>®</sup>, 0.1–1.0 mL and tips

 Prepare three spiked samples: use the TenSette pipet to add 0.1 mL, 0.2 mL and 0.3 mL of the standard solution, respectively, to three 10-mL portions of fresh sample. Mix well.

**Note:** For AccuVac<sup>®</sup> Ampuls, add 0.4 mL, 0.8 mL and 1.2 mL of the standard solution to three 50-mL portions of fresh sample.

- **2.** Use the test procedure to measure the concentration of each of the spiked samples. Start with the smallest sample spike. Measure each of the spiked samples in the instrument.
- Compare the expected result to the actual result. The expected increase in the chlorine concentration is the Cl<sub>2</sub> mg/L concentration from the label of the standard solution multiplied by 0.1 mL for every 10 mL of standard solution added.

# Standard solution method

If the Standard Calibration Adjust feature is used to adjust the calibration curve of the DR300 or Pocket Colorimeter II, the concentration of the chlorine standard must be between 0.50 and 1.50 mg/L chlorine for the LR procedure.

# Verification of on-line analyzers

This procedure can be used to meet the requirements of USEPA Method 334.0 -Determination of Residual Chlorine in Drinking Water Using an On-line Chlorine Analyzer. The procedure and requirements for compliance with EPA Method 334.0 can be downloaded directly from http://www.hach.com/method334.

# Method performance

The method performance data that follows was derived from laboratory tests that were measured on a DR300 and a Pocket Colorimeter II during ideal test conditions. Users can get different results under different test conditions.

	Precision (95% confidence interval)	
1.00 ± 0.05 mg/L Cl <sub>2</sub>		

# Summary of method

Chlorine can be in water as free chlorine and as combined chlorine. Both forms can be in the same solution and can be determined together as total chlorine. Free chlorine is in a solution as hypochlorous acid or hypochlorite ion. Combined chlorine represents a combination of chlorine-containing compounds, including monochloramine, dichloramine, nitrogen trichloride and other chloro derivatives. The combined chlorine oxidizes iodide ( $I^-$ ) to iodine ( $I_2$ ). The iodine and free chlorine reacts with DPD (N,N-diethyl-p-phenylenediamine) to form a red solution. The color intensity is proportional to the chlorine concentration. To determine the concentration of combined chlorine, complete a free chlorine test and a total chlorine test. Subtract the results of the free chlorine test from the total chlorine test to get the combined chlorine concentration.

# Consumables and replacement items

# **Required reagents**

Description	Quantity/test	Unit	Item no.
DPD Free Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillow, 10 mL	1	100/pkg	2105569
DPD Total Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillow, 10 mL	1	100/pkg	2105669
OR			
DPD Free Chlorine Reagent AccuVac <sup>®</sup> Ampul	1	25/pkg	2502025
DPD Total Chlorine Reagent AccuVac <sup>®</sup> Ampul	1	25/pkg	2503025

# Required apparatus (powder pillows)

Description	Quantity/test	Unit	ltem no.
Sample cells, 10-mL round, 25 mm x 60 mm	2	6/pkg	2427606

# Required apparatus (AccuVac Ampul)

Description	Quantity/Test	Unit	ltem no.
Sample cell, 10-mL round, 25 mm x 60 mm	1	6/pkg	2427606
Beaker, 50 mL	1	each	50041H
Stoppers for 18-mm tubes and AccuVac Ampuls	2	6/pkg	173106

# Recommended standards and apparatus

Description	Unit	ltem no.
Chlorine Standard Solution, 2-mL PourRite <sup>®</sup> Ampules, 25–30 mg/L	20/pkg	2630020
PourRite <sup>®</sup> Ampule Breaker, 2-mL	each	2484600

# **Optional reagents and apparatus**

Description	Unit	ltem no.
AccuVac <sup>®</sup> Ampul Snapper	each	2405200
Mixing cylinder, graduated, 25-mL	each	2088640
Potassium Iodide, 30-g/L	100 mL	34332
Sodium Arsenite, 5-g/L	100 mL	104732
Sodium Hydroxide Standard Solution, 1.0 N	100 mL MDB	104532
Sulfuric Acid Standard Solution, 1 N	100 mL MDB	127032
Pipet, TenSette <sup>®</sup> , 0.1–1.0 mL	each	1970001
Pipet tips for TenSette <sup>®</sup> Pipet, 0.1–1.0 mL	50/pkg	2185696
Pipet tips for TenSette <sup>®</sup> Pipet, 0.1–1.0 mL	1000/pkg	2185628
Paper, pH, 0–14 pH range	100/pkg	2601300
DPD Free Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillows, 10 mL	1000/pkg	2105528
DPD Total Chlorine Reagent Powder Pillows, 10 mL	1000/pkg	2105628
SwifTest <sup>™</sup> dispenser for free chlorine <sup>1</sup>	each	2802300
SwifTest <sup>™</sup> dispenser for total chlorine <sup>2</sup>	each	2802400
DPD Free Chlorine Reagent, 10-mL, SwifTest <sup>™</sup> Dispenser refill vial	250 tests	2105560
DPD Total Chlorine Reagent, 10-mL, SwifTest™ Dispenser refill vial	250 tests	2105660
SpecCheck <sup>™</sup> Secondary Standard Kit, Chlorine DPD, 0–2.0 mg/L Set	each	2635300
Water, organic-free	500 mL	2641549

<sup>1</sup> Includes one vial of 2105560 for 250 tests.

<sup>2</sup> Includes one vial of 2105660 for 250 tests.



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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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1. IDENTIFICATION		
Product identifier Product Name	DPD Free Chlorine Reagent	
Other means of identification Product Code(s)	2105569	
Safety data sheet number	M00109	
HMRIC #	HMIRA Registry Number 9935 Filed 2016-04-11	
Recommended use of the chemi Recommended Use Uses advised against	cal and restrictions on use Water Analysis. Determination of chlorine. Consumer use.	
Restrictions on use	Please refer to the product labeling and packaging for information about appropriate use.	

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

## Manufacturer Address

Hach Company P.O.Box 389 Loveland, CO 80539 USA +1(970) 669-3050

## Emergency telephone number

+1(303) 623-5716 - 24 Hour Service

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## **Classification**

## **Regulatory Status**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 2
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 2A

## Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC) Not applicable

Label elements

Signal word Warning

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#### Hazard statements

H315 - Causes skin irritation H319 - Causes serious eye irritation

## **Precautionary statements**

P302 + P352 - IF ON SKIN: Wash with plenty of soap and water
P332 + P313 - If skin irritation occurs: Get medical attention
P362 - Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse
P280 - Wear protective gloves, protective clothing, eye protection, and face protection
P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing
P337 + P313 - If eye irritation persists: Get medical attention

## Other Hazards Known

None

## 3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS

## Substance

Not applicable

## <u>Mixture</u>

Chemical Family Chemical nature Mixture. No information available.

Chemical name	CAS No	Percent Range	HMRIC #
Carboxylate Salt	-	60 - 70%	-
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt	7558-79-4	30 - 40%	-
Salt of N,N-Diethyl-p-Phenylenediamine	-	1 - 5%	-

## **4. FIRST AID MEASURES**

## **Description of first aid measures**

General advice	Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. Get medical attention immediately if symptoms occur.
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists. Do not rub affected area.
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water for at least 15 minutes. Get medical attention if irritation develops and persists.
Ingestion	Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Do NOT induce vomiting. Call a physician.
Self-protection of the first aider	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.

Most important symptoms and effects, both acute and delayed			
Symptoms	Burning sensation.		
Indication of any immediate medical attention and special treatment needed			
Note to physicians	Treat symptomatically.		
	5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES		
Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.		
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Caution: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.		
Specific hazards arising from the chemical	No information available.		
Hazardous combustion products	Carbon monoxide, Carbon dioxide. Phosphorus oxides. Nitrogen oxides.		
Special protective equipment for fire-fighters	Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear. Use personal protection equipment.		
	6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES		
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U.S. Notice	Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance. Outside of the US, only persons properly qualified according to state or local regulations should respond to a spill involving chemicals.		
Personal precautions, protective ec	quipment and emergency procedures		
Personal precautions	Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required.		
Other Information	Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.		
Environmental precautions			
Environmental precautions	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.		
Methods and material for containm	ent and cleaning up		
Methods for containment	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.		
Methods for cleaning up	Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.		
Prevention of secondary hazards	Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.		
Reference to other sections	See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.		

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

## Precautions for safe handling

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Advice on safe handling	Handle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated clothing and wash before reuse.
Conditions for safe storage, inc	uding any incompatibilities
Storage Conditions	Keep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place.

Flammability class Not applicable

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

Control parameters	
Exposure Guidelines	This product, as supplied, does not contain any hazardous materials with occupational exposure limits established by the region specific regulatory bodies
Appropriate engineering controls Engineering Controls	Showers Eyewash stations Ventilation systems. Technical measures and appropriate working operations should be given priority over the use of personal protective equipment.
Individual protection measures, su Respiratory protection	<u>ch as personal protective equipment</u> No protective equipment is needed under normal use conditions. If exposure limits are exceeded or irritation is experienced, ventilation and evacuation may be required.
Hand Protection	Wear suitable gloves. Impervious gloves. Gloves must be inspected prior to use. The selected protective gloves have to satisfy the specifications of EU Directive 2016/425 and the standard EN 374 derived from it. Chemical resistant gloves made of butyl rubber or nitrile rubber category III according to EN 374-1:2016.
Eye/face protection	If splashes are likely to occur, wear safety glasses with side-shields.
Skin and body protection	Wear suitable protective clothing. Long sleeved clothing.
General Hygiene Considerations	Wear suitable gloves and eye/face protection. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing.
Environmental exposure controls	Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any body of water.
Thermal hazards	None under normal processing.

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

## Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Appearance Odor	powder Odorless	Solid		Color Odor threshold	White to light pink No data available
Property_			Values		Remarks • Method
Molecular weigh	t		No data availat	ble	

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рН	6.3	1% @ 20°C
Melting point/freezing point	110 °C / 230 °F	
Boiling point / boiling range	No data available	
Evaporation rate	Not applicable	
Vapor pressure	Not applicable	
Relative vapor density	No data available	
Specific gravity (water = 1 / air = 1)	1.76	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)	log Kow ~ 0	
Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient	log K <sub>oc</sub> ~ 0	
Autoignition temperature	No data available	
Decomposition temperature	110 °C / 230 °F	
Dynamic viscosity	Not applicable	
Kinematic viscosity	Not applicable	
Solubility/icc)		

## Solubility(ies)

## Water solubility

Water solubility classification	Water solubility	Water Solubility Temperature	
Completely soluble	> 10000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F	

## Solubility in other solvents

Chemical Name	Solubility classification	<u>Solubility</u>	Solubility Temperature
Acid	Soluble	> 1000 mg/L	25 °C / 77 °F

## **Other information**

## **Metal Corrosivity**

## Steel Corrosion Rate Aluminum Corrosion Rate

No data available No data available

## Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Content Not applicable

Chemical name	CAS No	Volatile organic compounds (VOC) content	CAA (Clean Air Act)
Carboxylate Salt	-	No data available	-
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt	7558-79-4	No data available	-
Salt of	-	Not applicable	-
N,N-Diethyl-p-Phenylenediamine			

## **Explosive properties**

Upper explosion limit	No data available
Lower explosion limit	No data available

## Flammable properties

Flash point

Flammability Limit in Air Upper flammability limit: Lower flammability limit:

**Oxidizing properties** 

**Bulk density** 

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Not applicable

No data available No data available

No data available.

No data available

## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

Reactivity Not applicable.

<u>Chemical stability</u> Stable under normal conditions.

Explosion data Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact None. Sensitivity to Static Discharge None.

Possibility of hazardous reactions None under normal processing.

Hazardous polymerization None under normal processing.

<u>Conditions to avoid</u> None known based on information supplied.

#### Incompatible materials

Strong acids. Strong bases. Strong oxidizing agents.

## Hazardous decomposition products

Carbon dioxide. Carbon monoxide. Phosphorus oxides. Nitrogen oxides.

## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

#### Information on likely routes of exposure

## **Product Information**

Inhalation	May cause irritation of respiratory tract.
Eye contact	Irritating to eyes. Causes serious eye irritation.
Skin contact	Causes skin irritation.
Ingestion	Ingestion may cause gastrointestinal irritation, nausea, vomiting and diarrhea.
Symptoms	Redness. May cause redness and tearing of the eyes.

#### Acute toxicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met

## Product Acute Toxicity Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Acute Toxicity Data

Test data reported below.

## Oral Exposure Route

Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Salt of N,N-Diethyl-p-Phenyl enediamine (1 - 5%) CAS#: -	Rat LD <sub>50</sub>	695 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	Outside testing

Chemical name	Endpoint	Reported	Exposure	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and
	type	dose	time		sources for data
Salt of N,N-Diethyl-p-Phenyl enediamine (1 - 5%) CAS#: -	None reported	None reported	None reported	None reported	No information available

## **Unknown Acute Toxicity**

0% of the mixture consists of ingredient(s) of unknown toxicity.

## Acute Toxicity Estimations (ATE)

## The following values are calculated based on chapter 3.1 of the GHS document

ATEmix (oral)	19,881.00 mg/kg
ATEmix (dermal)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	No information available

#### Skin corrosion/irritation

Classification based on data available for ingredients. Irritating to skin.

## **Product Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data**

No data available.

## Ingredient Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data

Test data reported below.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt (30 - 40%) CAS#: 7558-79-4	Standard Draize Test	Rabbit	500 mg	24 hours	Skin irritant	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

## Serious eye damage/irritation

Classification based on data available for ingredients. Irritating to eyes.

## Product Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

Test data reported below.

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt (30 - 40%) CAS#: 7558-79-4	Standard Draize Test	Rabbit	500 mg	24 hours	Eye irritant	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

## Respiratory or skin sensitization

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## Product Sensitization Data

No data available.

#### Ingredient Sensitization Data

No data available.

#### STOT - single exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

#### **Product Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data** No data available.

Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data No data available.

#### STOT - repeated exposure

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## Product Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Dose Data

No data available.

#### Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Repeat Exposure Data No data available.

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## **Carcinogenicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## Product Carcinogenicity Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Carcinogenicity Data

No data available.

Chemical name	CAS No	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Carboxylate Salt	-	-	-	-	-
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt	7558-79-4	-	-	-	-
Salt of N,N-Diethyl-p-Phenylenedi amine	-	-	-	-	-

## Legend

ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists)	Does not apply
IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)	Does not apply

EN / AGHS

NTP (National Toxicology Program)	Does not apply
OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration of the US Department of	Does not apply
Labor)	

#### Germ cell mutagenicity

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity invitro Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invitro Data

Test data reported below.

## Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data

No data available.

#### **Reproductive toxicity**

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## Product Reproductive Toxicity Data No data available.

## Ingredient Reproductive Toxicity Data

No data available.

## Aspiration hazard

Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.

## **12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

Ecotoxicity	Based on available data, the classification criteria are not met.
Unknown aquatic toxicity	0 % of the mixture consists of component(s) of unknown hazards to the aquatic environment.

Product Ecological Data

Aquatic Acute Toxicity No data available.

Aquatic Chronic Toxicity No data available.

## Ingredient Ecological Data

Aquatic Acute Toxicity Test data reported below.

Fish

## Crustacea

Chemical name	Exposure time	Species	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Key literature references and sources for data
Salt of	48 Hours	Daphina magna	EC50	10.8 mg/L	Internal Data

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N,N-Diethyl-p-Phenyl			
enediamine			
(1 - 5%)			
CAS#: -			

## Algae

## Aquatic Chronic Toxicity No data available.

## Persistence and degradability

## Product Biodegradability Data No data available.

Bioaccumulation MATERIAL DOES NOT BIOACCUMULATE Product Bioaccumulation Data No data available.	
Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)	log K <sub>ow</sub> ~ 0
Mobility	
Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient	log K <sub>oc</sub> ~ 0

## Other adverse effects

No information available

## **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

## Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.
Contaminated packaging	Do not reuse empty containers.
US EPA Waste Number	Not applicable

## 14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION

DOT	Not regulated
TDG	Not regulated
IATA	Not regulated
IMDG	Not regulated
Note:	No special precautions necessary.

Additional information

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## **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

National Inventories	
TSCA	
DSL/NDSL	

Complies Complies

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory **DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

## International Inventories

EINECS/ELINCS	Complies
ENCS	Complies
IECSC	Complies
Existing substances	Complies
PICCS	Complies
TCSI	Complies
AICS	Complies
NZIOC	Complies

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

**ENCS** - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

**IECSC** - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

KECL - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

**TCSI** - Taiwan Chemical Substances Inventory

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

NZIOC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

## **US Federal Regulations**

#### **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product does not contain any chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

#### SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute health hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	No
Fire hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

## CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product contains the following substances which are regulated pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt 7558-79-4	5000 lb	-	-	Х

## **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, contains one or more substances regulated as a hazardous substance under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302)

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt	5000 lb	-	RQ 5000 lb final RQ
7558-79-4			RQ 2270 kg final RQ

## US State Regulations

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## **California Proposition 65**

This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

## **IMERC:** Not applicable

New Jersey Trade Secret Registry Number 80100131-5001 (Carboxylate Salt) New Jersey Trade Secret Registry Number 80100131-5002 (DPD Salt) New York Trade Secret Registry Number 478 (DPD Salt) New York Trade Secret Registry Number 479 (Carboxylate Salt) This product complies with Pennsylvania Trade Secret Regulations. This product is registered as a trade secret in the state of Illinois. This product is registered as a trade secret in the state of Massachusetts. This product is registered as a trade secret in the state of Secret Registered as a trade secret in the state of Massachusetts. This product is registered as a trade secret in the state of New York.

## U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

This product may contain substances regulated by state right-to-know regulations.

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt	Х	Х	Х
7558-79-4			

## U.S. EPA Label Information

Chemical name	FIFRA	FDA
Phosphoric acid, disodium salt	180.0910	21 CFR 182.1778,21 CFR 182.6290,21
		CFR 182.6778,21 CFR 182.8778

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OF THE LAST REVISION

## Special Comments

None

## Additional information

#### Global Automotive Declarable Substance List (GADSL) Not applicable NFPA and HMIS Classifications

NFPA	Health hazards - 2	Flammability - 0	Instability - 0	Physical and chemical properties -
HMIS	Health hazards - 2	Flammability - 0	Physical hazards - 0	Personal protection - X - I

## Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

NIOSH IDLH ACGIH NDF		Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists) no data		
Legend - Section	8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PER	SONAL PROTECTION		
TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)	STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)	
MAC	Maximum Allowable Concentratio	n Ceiling	Ceiling Limit Value	

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Х	Listed		Vacated	These values have no official status. The only binding levels of contaminants are those listed in the final OSHA PEL. These lists are for reference purposes only. Please note that some reference state regulations of these "liberated" exposure limits in their state regulations.
SKN*	Skin designation		SKN+	Skin sensitization
RSP+ C M	Respiratory sensit Carcinogen mutagen	Ization	R	Hazard Designation Reproductive toxicant
Prepared By		Hach Product Compliance	e Department	
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Revision Note		None		

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## VWR® UV Hand Lamps

## Supplier: VWR International



Ultraviolet Lamps are used for many uses depending on wavelength of emitted UV light.

►UV-A Hand Lamp - 365nm UV
 ►UV-AC Hand Lamp - 365/254nm UV
 ►UV-AB Hand Lamp - 365/302nm UV

Applications for 365nm UV include water testing, quality control inspection, nondestructive testing and sanitation

The lamps use 6-watt tubes and are manufactured of lightweight, rugged aluminum design with a scratch-resistant powder paint.

The UV-A Hand Lamp features two 365nm longwave UV tubes for brilliant fluorescence.

The UV-AC and UV-AB are Dual UV lamps. The UV-AC model has one tube each of 254nm and 365nm wavelengths. The UV-AB lamp has one tube each of 302nm and 365nm wavelengths.

## ORDER

VWR Catalog Number	Unit	Price	Quantity	Description	Electrical	Wavelength
89131-488	Each	\$476.03		UV-A	115V	365 nm
MWBE GSA						
89131-490	Each	\$476.03		UV-A	230V	365 nm
MWBE GSA						
89131-498	Each	\$600.43		UV-AB	230V	302/365 nm
MWBE GSA						
89131-496	Each	\$587.72		UV-AB	115V	302/365 nm
MWBE GSA						
89131-492	Each	\$568.41		UV-AC	115V	254/365 nm
MWBE GSA						

## **SPECIFICATIONS**







Parameters: **Dissolved Oxygen (Optical)** Turbidity pН **ORP/Redox** Conductivity Specific Conductance Salinity Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) Resistivity Seawater Density Total Suspended Solids (TSS) Depth Ammonium Ammonia Chloride Nitrate Temperature

## **YSI ProDSS Multiparameter Sampling Instrument**

Portable <u>d</u>igital <u>sampling system</u> for the measurement of pH, ORP, dissolved oxygen (optical-based sensor), conductivity, turbidity, temperature, depth and more.

Designed for use in applications such as surface water, groundwater, coastal waters, and aquaculture, the rugged and reliable ProDSS allows for measurement of up to 17 parameters. The ProDSS features user-replaceable digital smart sensors that are automatically recognized by the instrument when connected. A backlit color display, large memory, convenient calibration procedures, rechargeable battery, and powerful PC data management program (KorDSS) make the ProDSS user friendly. The optional GPS function, wide range of sensors, and varying cable lengths allow for complete customization of the ProDSS. Mil-spec (military spec) connectors and a waterproof (IP-67), rubber over-molded case ensures durability to provide years of sampling even in the harshest field conditions.

- Single cable design features universal ports which can accept any 4 sensors plus depth
- Long-life rechargeable lithium-ion battery to power handheld and sensors
- Color display and backlit keypad allow for sampling in all lighting conditions
- Digital smart sensors are automatically recognized by the instrument and store calibration data
- User-replaceable cables and sensors provide versatility, reduce down time and reduce overall cost of ownership
- Large memory (> 100,000 data sets) with extensive site list and Data ID tag capabilities
- KorDSS, a powerful data management software with geo-mapping capability, is included with the instrument
- USB On-The-Go connector for PC connection, recharging/powering the ProDSS and connecting directly to a USB stick
- Global Positioning System (GPS) (optional)
- Cable lengths up to 100 meters available with or without a depth sensor
- Rugged, waterproof case (IP-67 rated) with rubber over-mold and metal, military-spec (MS) cable connectors as well as rugged titanium sensors
- Multiple languages in handheld and KorDSS: English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, and Chinese (simplified and traditional)
- Warranty: 3-year instrument; 2-year cable assembly and sensors; 1-year pH and pH/ORP sensor modules; 6-months ammonium, nitrate and chloride sensor modules.

<b>ProDSS General Specificat</b>	ions		
Size	Instrument:8.3 cm width x 21.6 cm length x 5.6 cm depth (3.27 in x 8.5 in x 2.21 in)Bulkhead with sensors, without depth (no guard):33.3 cm (13.11 in) length - the length with the ISE sensors is 34.04 cm (13.4 in)Bulkhead with guard, without depth:35.84 cm (14.11 in) length - the length with the ISE sensors is 36.58 cm (14.4 in)Bulkhead with guard, without depth:42.82 cm (16.86 in) length and 4.75 cm (1.87 in) outer diameterBulkhead with guard, with depth:45.36 cm (17.86 in) length and 4.75 cm (1.87 in) outer diameter		
Weight with batteries	567 grams (1.25 lbs)		
Power	Rechargeable lithium-ion battery pack provides ~48 hours with the handheld only and ~20 hours with the handheld, cable and four sensors; battery recharge time is ~9 hours with the AC power adapter The instrument can also be powered via AC or external power pack through the USB port		
Instrument operating temperature	0 to 50 °C (32 to 122 °F)		
Instrument storage temperature	0 to 45 °C (32 to 113 °F) with battery installed; 0 to 60 °C (32 to 140 °F) without battery installed		
Display	Color, LCD graphic display; 3.9 cm width x 6.5 cm height		
USB port	Built-in micro USB On-The-Go port for PC connection, recharging/powering the ProDSS and connecting directly to a USB stick		
Cables	Available with or without depth sensor in 1, 4, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 70, 80, 90, and 100-meters		
Sensor ports	4 universal sensor ports on each cable; can accept any ProDSS sensor		
Warranty	3-year instrument; 2-year bulkhead, cable assembly, and sensors; 1-year pH and pH/ORP sensor modules, ODO sensor caps, and Li-ion battery pack; 6-months ammonium, nitrate, and chloride sensor modules		
Memory	> 100000 data sets		
Logging modes	Single point or continuous with autostable feature		
GLP compliance	Yes; 400 detailed GLP records can be stored and are available to view, download, and print.		
Languages	English, Spanish, Portuguese, French, German, Italian, Japanese, Norwegian, Simplified Chinese, Traditional Chinese		
Certifications	CEC, CE; RoHS; IP-67; WEEE; FCC; UN Part III, Section 38.3, Test methods for lithium-ion batteries (Class 9)		
GPS	Optional internal GPS; coordinates are stored with measurement data and site lists		
Sites and data ID	100 user-defined sites and 100 user-defined data ID tags		

## ProDSS System Specifications (Instrument, Sensor, and Cable)

Sensor/Parameter	Range	Accuracy	Resolution	Units
Temperature	-5 to 70 $^\circ\text{C}$ (temperature compensation range for DO mg/L measurement: -5 to 50 $^\circ\text{C}$ )	±0.2 °C	0.1 °C or 0.1 °F (user selectable)	°C, °F, K
рН	0 to 14 pH units	±0.2 pH units	0.01 pH units	pH, pH mV
ORP	-1999 to 1999 mV	±20 mV	0.1 mV	mV
Dissolved Oxygen	0 to 500%, 0 to 50 mg/L	0 to 200%: $\pm$ 1% of reading or 1% saturation, whichever is greater 200 to 500%: $\pm$ 8% of reading 0 to 20 mg/L: $\pm$ 0.1 mg/L or 1% of reading, whichever is greater 20 to 50 mg/L: $\pm$ 8% of reading	0.01 mg/L and 0.1%, or 0.1 mg/L and 1% (user selectable)	% saturation, % saturation local, mg/L, ppm
Barometer	375 to 825 mmHg	±1.5 mmHg from 0 to 50 °C	0.1 mmHg	mmHg, inHg, mbar, psi, kPa, atm
Conductivity	0 to 200 mS/cm	0 - 100 mS/cm: ±0.5% of reading or .001 mS/cm, whichever is greater 100 - 200 mS/cm: ±1.0% of reading	0.001, 0.01 or 0.1 µS/ cm (range dependent)	μS/cm, mS/cm
Specific Conductance*	0 to 200 mS/cm	$0$ - 100 mS/cm: $\pm 0.5\%$ of reading or .001 mS/cm, whichever is greater 100 - 200 mS/cm: $\pm 1.0\%$ of reading. User selectable reference temperature (15 to 25 °C; default 25 °C) and compensation coefficient (0 to 4%/°C; default 1.91%)	0.001, 0.01, 0.1 mS/cm	μS/cm or mS/cm
Salinity*	0 to 70 ppt	$\pm 1.0\%$ of reading or $\pm 0.1$ ppt, whichever is greater	0.01 ppt	ppt or PSU
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)*	0 to 100 g/L	Calculated from specific conductance and a user-selectable TDS multiplier (0.30 to 1.00; default 0.65)	0.001, 0.01, 0.1 g/L	mg/L, g/L, kg/L
Resistivity*	0 to 2 Mohms	±0.1% Full Scale	0.001, 0.01, 0.1 ohms	ohm-cm, kohm-cm, Mohm-cm
Seawater Density*	0.0 to 50.0 sigma, sigma T	-	0.1 sigma or sigma T	Sigma, Sigma T
Turbidity	0 to 4000 FNU	0 to 999 FNU: 0.3 FNU or $\pm 2\%$ of reading, whichever is greater 1000 to 4000 FNU: $\pm 5\%$ of reading	0.1 FNU	FNU, NTU
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)*	-	User correlated from turbidity field measurements and lab TSS measurements from grab samples	0.01, 0.1 mg/L	mg/L
Ammonium**	0 to 200 mg/L NH $_4$ -N	$\pm 10\%$ of reading or 2 mg/L, whichever is greater	0.01 mg/L	NH <sub>4</sub> -N mg/L, NH <sub>4</sub> -N mV
Ammonia*	0 to 200 mg/L NH <sub>3</sub> -N	-	0.01 mg/L	NH <sub>3</sub> -N mg/L
Chloride**	0 to 18000 mg/L Cl	$\pm 15\%$ of reading or 5 mg/L, whichever is greater	0.01 mg/L	Cl mg/L, Cl mV
Nitrate**	0 to 200 mg/L NO <sub>3</sub> -N	$\pm 10\%$ of reading or 2 mg/L, whichever is greater	0.01 mg/L	NO <sub>3</sub> -N mg/L, NO <sub>3</sub> -N mV
Depth	0 to 328 feet (0 to 100 m)	$\pm 0.013$ ft ( $\pm 0.004$ m) for 1, 4, and 10 m cables $\pm 0.13$ ft ( $\pm 0.04$ m) for cables 20 m and longer	0.001 m or 0.01 ft	m, ft

\*Derived/calculated parameter \*\*ISEs for freshwater only; 20 meter maximum depth

Sensor/Parameter	Sensor Type/Measurement Method	Calibration	Maximum Depth	Warranty
Temperature	Thermistor, installed on conductivity sensor	Not available	100 m	2 years for conductivity/temperature sensor
рН	Combination glass bulb electrode, Ag/AgCl reference electrode with gelled electrolyte	1, 2, or 3 point	100 m	2 years for pH and pH/ORP sensors 1 year for pH and pH/ORP sensor modules
ORP	Platinum button with Ag/AgCl reference	1 point	100 m	2 years for pH/ORP sensor 1 year for pH/ORP sensor module
Dissolved Oxygen	Optical luminescence - lifetime method	1 or 2 point	100 m	2 years for optical DO sensor 1 year for optical DO sensor cap
Barometer	-	1 point	-	3 years, integrated into ProDSS handheld
Conductivity	Four nickel electrode cell	1 point	100 m	2 years for conductivity/temperature sensor
Specific Conductance*	Calculated from conductivity and temperature	1 point	-	-
Salinity*	Calculated from conductivity and temperature	1 point	-	-
Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)*	Calculated from specific conductance and a user- selectable TDS multiplier (0.30 to 1.00; default 0.65)		-	-
Resistivity*	Calculated from conductivity and temperature		-	-
Seawater Density*	Sigma is calculated from salinity, temperature, and pressure (depth) Sigma T is calculated from salinity and temperature		-	-
Turbidity	Nephelometric - Optical, 90° scatter Meets ISO 7027	1, 2, or 3 point	-	2 years for turbidity sensor
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)*	User correlated from turbidity field measurements and lab TSS measurements from grab samples	-	-	-
Ammonium**	Ion selective electrode	1, 2, or 3 point	20 m	2 years for ammonium sensor 6 months for ammonium sensor module
Ammonia*	Calculated from ammonium, temperature, salinity, and pH	-	-	-
Chloride**	Ion selective electrode	1, 2, or 3 point	20 m	2 years for chloride sensor 6 months for chloride sensor module
Nitrate**	Ion selective electrode	1, 2, or 3 point	20 m	2 years for nitrate sensor 6 months for nitrate sensor module
Depth	Pressure transducer	1 point	_	2 years, integrated into cable assembly

\*Derived/calculated parameter

\*\*ISEs for freshwater only ; 20 meter maximum depth

# **Pro**DSS Order Guide

## Step 1: Order Instrument

All instruments include a rechargeable lithium-ion battery (pre-installed), hand strap, USB cable for charging the ProDSS battery and for connection to a PC, universal AC charger, cable for connection to a USB memory stick, ProDSS quick start guide, and USB memory stick containing KorDSS software and digital copy of the comprehensive manual.

**626870-1**: Handheld without GPS

**626870-2**: Handheld with GPS

## Step 2: Order Cable

Cables do not include an integrated temperature sensor. All cables include 4 universal sensor ports and a maintenance kit (3 port plugs, tube of Krytox<sup>®</sup> lubricant, brush for conductivity probe, syringe for depth sensor, and sensor installation/removal tool). A 1 lb. weight is included with all cables 10 meters and longer while 10, 20, and 30 meter cables include a cable management kit.

**626909**: No depth sensor integrated in **1**, **4**, **10**, **20**, **30**, **40**, **50**, **60**, **70**, **80**, **90**, or **100** meter cable.

**626910**: Depth sensor integrated in **1**, **4**, or **10** meter cable.

**626911**: Depth sensor integrated in **20**, **30**, **40**, **50**, **60**, **70**, **80**, **90**, or **100** meter cable.

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## Step 3: Order Smart Sensor(s)

A conductivity/temperature sensor <u>must</u> be installed in a ProDSS cable for accurate measurement of <u>all</u> parameters. All sensors, including conductivity/temperature, must be ordered separately. Please visit ysi.com/ProDSS for replacement module ordering information.

<b>626900</b> : Optical dissolved oxygen (ODO)	<b>626904</b> : pH/ORP sensor with module
<b>626901</b> : Turbidity	<b>626905</b> : Nitrate sensor with module
<b>626902</b> : Conductivity and temperature	$\Box$ 626906: Ammonium sensor with module
<b>626903</b> : pH sensor with module	<b>626907</b> : Chloride sensor with module

## **Step 4: Order Standards**

<b>065270</b> : Conductivity standard, 1000 umhos/cm (quart)	<b>003841</b> : 1 mg/L ammonium standard (500 mL)
<b>065272</b> : Conductivity standard, 10000 umhos/cm (quart)	<b>003842</b> : 10 mg/L ammonium standard (500 mL)
<b>065274</b> : Conductivity standard, 100000 umhos/cm (quart)	<b>003843</b> : 100 mg/L ammonium standard (500 mL)
<b>603824</b> : 2 pints each of 4, 7, and 10 pH buffers	<b>003885</b> : 1 mg/L nitrate standard (500 mL)
<b>061320</b> : Zobell standard for ORP (mV) calibration, 125 mL	<b>003886</b> : 10 mg/L nitrate standard (500 mL)
<b>608000</b> : Turbidity standard, 0 FNU (1 gallon)	<b>003887</b> : 100 mg/L nitrate standard (500 mL)
<b>607200</b> : Turbidity standard, 12.4 FNU (1 gallon)	
<b>607300</b> : Turbidity standard, 124 FNU (1 gallon)	
<b>607400</b> : Turbidity standard, 1010 FNU (1 gallon)	
$\Box$ 005580: Confidence Solution <sup>®</sup> to verify pH. ORP and conduc	ctivity data (not for calibration)

**1005580**: Confidence Solution<sup>®</sup> to verify pH, ORP and conductivity data (not for calibration)

## Step 5: Order Accessories

<b>626946</b> : Large, hard-sided carrying case	<b>626846</b> : Replacement Li-ion battery pack	
<b>603075</b> : Large, soft-sided carrying case	<b>626969*</b> : ProDSS USB flash drive	
<b>626945</b> : Small, hard-sided carrying case (1 and 4 meter)	<b>626991*</b> : USB cable for charging and PC connection	
<b>599080</b> : Flow cell	<b>626992*</b> : Cable for connection to USB stick	
<b>603056</b> : Flow cell mounting spike	<b>626990**</b> : Cable maintenance kit	
<b>063507</b> : Tripod	<b>626919**</b> : Probe guard kit	
<b>063517</b> : Ultra clamp	<b>599786**</b> : Calibration/storage cup	
<b>603070</b> : Shoulder strap	<b>603062***</b> : Cable management kit	
<b>603069</b> : Belt clip	<b>626918****</b> : 1 lb weight	
□626942: USB car charger	□ <b>605978</b> : 4.9 oz weight	
$\Box$ 626943: Small external battery pack. Will typically recharge battery to ~50% when completely discharged		

**626944**: Large external battery pack. Will typically recharge battery and charge second battery to ~20%

**626940\***: AC charger (USA). Includes power supply and USB cable (626991)

**626941\***: AC charger (International). Includes power supply, USB cable and outlet adapters

\*Included with new ProDSS. Only one (1) AC charger is included based on region \*\*Included with all cables

\*\*\*Included with all 10, 20, and 30 meter cables \*\*\*\*Included with all cables 10 meters and longer

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# SAFETY DATA SHEET

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Issue Date 19-Jun-2017 Revision Date 29-Jan-2018 Version 1.1 Page 1/16 **1. IDENTIFICATION** Product identifier **Product Name** Fluoride Vial Test Other means of identification **TNT878** Product Code(s) M03316 Safety data sheet number UN/ID no 3316 Recommended use of the chemical and restrictions on use **Recommended Use** Laboratory reagent.

#### Uses advised against None.

**Restrictions on use** None.

Details of the supplier of the safety data sheet

## Manufacturer Address

Hach Company P.O.Box 389 Loveland, CO 80539 USA +1(970) 669-3050

## Emergency telephone number

+1(303) 623-5716 - 24 Hour Service +1(515)232-2533 - 8am - 4pm CST

## 2. HAZARDS IDENTIFICATION

## Classification

## **Regulatory Status**

This chemical is considered hazardous by the 2012 OSHA Hazard Communication Standard (29 CFR 1910.1200)

Skin corrosion/irritation	Category 1
Serious eye damage/eye irritation	Category 1
Respiratory sensitization	
Skin sensitization	
Mutagenicity	
Carcinogenicity	
Reproductive toxicity	
Specific target organ toxicity (repeated exposure)	

## Hazards not otherwise classified (HNOC)

Not applicable

## Label elements

Signal word - Danger

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## Hazard statements

H314 - Causes severe skin burns and eye damage

## **Precautionary statements**

P260 - Do not breathe dusts or mists

- P264 Wash face, hands and any exposed skin thoroughly after handling
- P280 Wear protective gloves/protective clothing/eye protection/face protection
- P301 + P330 + P331 IF SWALLOWED: rinse mouth. Do NOT induce vomiting
- P303 + P361 + P353 IF ON SKIN (or hair): Remove/Take off immediately all contaminated clothing. Rinse skin with water/shower
- P363 Wash contaminated clothing before reuse

P304 + P340 - IF INHALED: Remove victim to fresh air and keep at rest in a position comfortable for breathing

P405 - Store locked up

P501 - Dispose of contents/ container to an approved waste disposal plant

P280 - Wear eye protection/ face protection

P305 + P351 + P338 - IF IN EYES: Rinse cautiously with water for several minutes. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing

P310 - Immediately call a POISON CENTER or doctor/physician

## Other Hazards Known

Not applicable

## **3. COMPOSITION/INFORMATION ON INGREDIENTS**

## Substance

Not applicable

## <u>Mixture</u>

Percent ranges are used where confidential product information is applicable.

Chemical name	CAS No.	Percent Range	HMRIC #
Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	5 - 10%	-
Zirconium oxychloride	7699-43-6	<0.01%	-

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## 4. FIRST AID MEASURES

**Description of first aid measures** 

General advice	Immediate medical attention is required. Show this safety data sheet to the doctor in attendance.
Inhalation	Remove to fresh air. If breathing has stopped, give artificial respiration. Get medical attention immediately. Do not use mouth-to-mouth method if victim ingested or inhaled the substance; give artificial respiration with the aid of a pocket mask equipped with a one-way valve or other proper respiratory medical device. If breathing is difficult, (trained personnel should) give oxygen. Delayed pulmonary edema may occur. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Eye contact	Rinse immediately with plenty of water, also under the eyelids, for at least 15 minutes. Keep eye wide open while rinsing. Do not rub affected area. Remove contact lenses, if present and easy to do. Continue rinsing. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Skin contact	Wash off immediately with soap and plenty of water while removing all contaminated clothes and shoes. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Ingestion	Do NOT induce vomiting. Clean mouth with water and drink afterwards plenty of water. Never give anything by mouth to an unconscious person. Get immediate medical advice/attention.
Self-protection of the first aider	Ensure that medical personnel are aware of the material(s) involved, take precautions to protect themselves and prevent spread of contamination. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Avoid direct contact with skin. Use barrier to give mouth-to-mouth resuscitation.
Most important symptoms and effe	ects, both acute and delayed
Symptoms	Burning sensation.
Indication of any immediate medicate	al attention and special treatment needed
Note to physicians	Product is a corrosive material. Use of gastric lavage or emesis is contraindicated. Possible perforation of stomach or esophagus should be investigated. Do not give chemical antidotes. Asphyxia from glottal edema may occur. Marked decrease in blood pressure may occur with moist rales, frothy sputum, and high pulse pressure.
	5. FIRE-FIGHTING MEASURES
Suitable Extinguishing Media	Use extinguishing measures that are appropriate to local circumstances and the surrounding environment.
Unsuitable Extinguishing Media	Caution: Use of water spray when fighting fire may be inefficient.
Specific hazards arising from the	The product causes burns of eyes, skin and mucous membranes. Thermal decomposition

Hazardous combustion products No information available.

**Special protective equipment for fire-fighters** Firefighters should wear self-contained breathing apparatus and full firefighting turnout gear.

can lead to release of irritating gases and vapors.

## 6. ACCIDENTAL RELEASE MEASURES

**U.S. Notice** 

chemical

Only persons properly qualified to respond to an emergency involving hazardous

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substances may respond to a spill according to federal regulations (OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120(a)(v)) and per your company's emergency response plan and guidelines/procedures. See Section 13, Special Instructions for disposal assistance. Outside of the US, only persons properly qualified according to state or local regulations should respond to a spill involving chemicals.

Personal precautions, protective equipment and emergency procedures

Personal precautions	Attention! Corrosive material. Avoid contact with skin, eyes or clothing. Ensure adequate ventilation. Use personal protective equipment as required. Evacuate personnel to safe areas. Keep people away from and upwind of spill/leak.

Other Information Refer to protective measures listed in Sections 7 and 8.

Environmental precautions

**Environmental precautions** Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so. Should not be released into the environment. Do not allow to enter into soil/subsoil. Prevent product from entering drains.

Methods and material for containment and cleaning up

Methods for containment	Prevent further leakage or spillage if safe to do so.
Methods for cleaning up	Pick up and transfer to properly labeled containers.
Prevention of secondary hazards	Clean contaminated objects and areas thoroughly observing environmental regulations.
Reference to other sections	See section 8 for more information. See section 13 for more information.

## 7. HANDLING AND STORAGE

# Precautions for safe handlingAdvice on safe handlingHandle in accordance with good industrial hygiene and safety practice. Avoid contact with<br/>skin, eyes or clothing. In case of insufficient ventilation, wear suitable respiratory<br/>equipment. Handle product only in closed system or provide appropriate exhaust<br/>ventilation. Do not eat, drink or smoke when using this product. Take off contaminated<br/>clothing and wash before reuse.Conditions for safe storage, including any incompatibilitiesStorage ConditionsKeep containers tightly closed in a dry, cool and well-ventilated place. Protect from<br/>moisture. Store locked up. Keep out of the reach of children. Store away from other<br/>materials.

Flammability class

Not applicable

## 8. EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION

## Control parameters

## **Exposure Guidelines**

Chemical name	ACGIH TLV	OSHA PEL	NIOSH IDLH
Hydrochloric acid CAS#: 7647-01-0	Ceiling: 2 ppm	(vacated) Ceiling: 5 ppm (vacated) Ceiling: 7 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Ceiling: 5 ppm Ceiling: 7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 50 ppm Ceiling: 5 ppm Ceiling: 7 mg/m <sup>3</sup>

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Zirconium oxychloride CAS#: 7699-43-6	STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> (vacated) STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup>	IDLH: 25 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Zr TWA: 5 mg/m <sup>3</sup> except Zirconium tetrachloride Zr STEL: 10 mg/m <sup>3</sup> Zr
<u>Appropriate engineering controls</u> Engineering Controls	Showers Eyewash stations Ventilation systems.		
Individual protection measures, su	ch as personal protective equi	ipment	
Respiratory protection	No protective equipment is need	eded under normal use condition enced, ventilation and evacuation	
Hand Protection	Wear suitable gloves. Impervic	ous gloves.	
Eye/face protection	Face protection shield.		
Skin and body protection	Wear suitable protective clothi	ng. Long sleeved clothing. Che	mical resistant apron.
General Hygiene Considerations	not eat, drink or smoke when u and gloves, including the insid allowed out of the workplace.	or clothing. Wear suitable glove using this product. Remove and e, before re-use. Contaminated Regular cleaning of equipment, efore breaks and immediately a	wash contaminated clothing work clothing should not be work area and clothing is
Environmental exposure controls	Local authorities should be advised if significant spillages cannot be contained. Do not allow into any sewer, on the ground or into any body of water.		
Thermal hazards	None under normal processing	g.	

## 9. PHYSICAL AND CHEMICAL PROPERTIES

## Information on basic physical and chemical properties

Physical state Appearance Odor	aqueous solution No information ava	No informati Iable	on available	Color Odor threshold	No information ava	ilable
Property_		Va	lues		Rema	arks • Method
Molecular weight	:	No	o data availat	ble		
рН		< (	0.5			
Melting point/free	ezing point	No	o data availat	ble		
Boiling point / bo	iling range	No	o data availat	ble		
Evaporation rate		No	o data availat	ble		
Vapor pressure		No	o data availat	ble		
Vapor density (ai	r = 1)	No	o data availat	ble		
Specific gravity (	water = 1 / air = 1)	No	o data availat	ble		
Partition Coeffici	ent (n-octanol/wate	<b>r)</b> No	o data availat	ble		
Soil Organic Carl	bon-Water Partition	No	o data availat	ble		

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## Coefficient

Autoignition temperature	No data available
Decomposition temperature	No data available
Dynamic viscosity	No data available
Kinematic viscosity	No data available

## Solubility(ies)

## Water solubility

Water solubility classification	Water solubility	Water Solubility Temperature
No information available	No data available	No information available

## Solubility in other solvents

Chemical Name	Solubility classification	Solubility	Solubility Temperature
None reported	No information available	No data available	No information available

## Other Information

## **Metal Corrosivity**

Steel Corrosion Rate	No data available
Aluminum Corrosion Rate	No data available

## Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Content

Chemical name	CAS No.	Volatile organic compounds (VOC) content	CAA (Clean Air Act)
Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	Not applicable	-
Zirconium oxychloride	7699-43-6	No data available	-

## **Explosive properties**

Upper explosion limit Lower explosion limit		No data available No data available
Flammable properties		
Flash point		No data available
Flammability Limit in Air Upper flammability limit: Lower flammability limit:		No data available No data available
Oxidizing properties		No data available.
Bulk density		No data available
Particle Size	No information available	
Particle Size Distribution	No information available	

## **10. STABILITY AND REACTIVITY**

## Reactivity

Not applicable.

<u>Chemical stability</u> Stability	Stable under normal conditions.
Explosion data Sensitivity to Mechanical Impact Sensitivity to Static Discharge	None None.
Possibility of Hazardous Reactions Possibility of Hazardous Reactions	None under normal processing.
Hazardous polymerization None under normal processing.	
Conditions to avoid Conditions to avoid	Exposure to air or moisture over prolonged periods.
Incompatible materials Incompatible materials	Acids. Bases. Oxidizing agent.
Hazardous Decomposition Products	<u> </u>

Thermal decomposition can lead to release of irritating and toxic gases and vapors.

## **11. TOXICOLOGICAL INFORMATION**

## Information on Likely Routes of Exposure Product Information

Inhalation	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Corrosive by inhalation. (based on components). Inhalation of corrosive fumes/gases may cause coughing, choking, headache, dizziness, and weakness for several hours. Pulmonary edema may occur with tightness in the chest, shortness of breath, bluish skin, decreased blood pressure, and increased heart rate. Inhaled corrosive substances can lead to a toxic edema of the lungs. Pulmonary edema can be fatal.
Eye contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Corrosive to the eyes and may cause severe damage including blindness. Causes serious eye damage. May cause irreversible damage to eyes.
Skin contact	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. May cause irritation.
Ingestion	Specific test data for the substance or mixture is not available. Causes burns. (based on components). Ingestion causes burns of the upper digestive and respiratory tracts. May cause severe burning pain in the mouth and stomach with vomiting and diarrhea of dark blood. Blood pressure may decrease. Brownish or yellowish stains may be seen around the mouth. Swelling of the throat may cause shortness of breath and choking. May cause lung damage if swallowed. May be fatal if swallowed and enters airways.
Symptoms	Redness. Burning. May cause blindness. Coughing and/ or wheezing.
Aggravated Medical Conditions Toxicologically synergistic products	Eye disorders. Skin disorders. Respiratory disorders. None known.
-	See ingredients information below.

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Chemical name	Toxicokinetics, metabolism and distribution
	Low concentrations of hydrochloric acid solution do not seem to cause adverse effects to animals and its corrosivity may be greatly attributed to any acute deaths, therefore it is not classified for acute toxicity.

## Product Acute Toxicity Data Oral Exposure Route Dermal Exposure Route Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route Inhalation (Vapor) Exposure Route Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

No data available No data available No data available No data available No data available

**Acute Toxicity Estimations (ATE)** 

ATEmix (oral)	No information available
ATEmix (dermal)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-dust/mist)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-vapor)	No information available
ATEmix (inhalation-gas)	No information available

## Ingredient Acute Toxicity Data

Oral Exposure Route	)			If available, see data below	
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Zirconium oxychloride (<0.01%) CAS#: 7699-43-6	Rat LD50	2950 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Rat LD₅₀	234 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)
Dermal Exposure Route				If available, see data below	
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Rabbit LD₅₀	> 5010 mg/kg	None reported	None reported	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)
Inhalation (Dust/Mist	) Exposure R	oute		If available, see data below	
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	None reported	None reported	None reported	None reported	No information available
Inhalation (Vapor) Ex	posure Route	e		If available, see data below	
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Rat LC₅₀	16.8 mg/L	4 hours	None reported	IUCLID (The International Uniform Chemical Information Database)
Inhalation (Gas) Exp	osure Route			If available, see data below	

Product Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data

Oral Exposure Route	No data available
Dermal Exposure Route	No data available
Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route	No data available

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Inhalation (Vapor) Exposure Route Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route Product Name Fluoride Vial Test Revision Date 29-Jan-2018 Page 9 / 16

No data available No data available

## Ingredient Specific Target Organ Toxicity Single Exposure Data

Oral Exposure Route		· · ·		If available, see data below			
Chemical name	Chemical name         Endpoint         Reported         Exposure           type         dose         time		•	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data		
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	ydrochloric acid Man (5 - 10%) 2.857 mg/kg None Vascular reported BP lowering not characterized ir		RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)				
<b>Dermal Exposure Ro</b>	ute			If available, see data below			
Inhalation (Dust/Mist)	) Exposure Ro	oute		If available, see data below			
Inhalation (Vapor) Ex	posure Route	9		If available, see data below			
Chemical name Endpoint Reported Exposure To type dose time		Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data				
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Human TC⊾₀	0.05 mg/L	None reported	Lungs, Thorax, or Respiration Cough	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)		

Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

If available, see data below

## Aspiration toxicity

No data available

## Product Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Skin Corrosion/Irritation Data

If available, see data below

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Existing human experience	Human	None reported	None reported	Corrosive to skin	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

## Product Serious Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

No data available.

## Ingredient Eye Damage/Eye Irritation Data

If available, see data below

Chemical name	Test method	Species	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Existing human experience	Human	None reported	None reported	Corrosive to eyes	No information available

## Sensitization Information

## Product Sensitization Data

## Skin Sensitization Exposure Route Respiratory Sensitization Exposure Route

## Ingredient Sensitization Data

Skin Sensitization Exposure Route

No data available. No data available.

If available, see data below.

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Respiratory Sensitiza	ation Exposur	e Route		If available, see data below.			
Chronic Toxicity Info	rmation						
Product Specific Tar	get Organ To	cicity Repeat	Dose Data				
Oral Exposure Route				No data available.			
<b>Dermal Exposure Ro</b>	ute			No data available.			
Inhalation (Dust/Mist				No data available.			
Inhalation (Vapor) Ex	•	9		No data available.			
Inhalation (Gas) Expo	osure Route			No data available.			
Ingredient Specific T	arget Organ T	oxicity Repea	at Exposure [	Data			
Oral Exposure Route				If available, see data below			
<b>Dermal Exposure Ro</b>				If available, see data below			
Inhalation (Dust/Mist				If available, see data below			
Inhalation (Vapor) Ex				If available, see data below			
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data		
Hydrochloric acid	Rat	0.000685	84 days	Behavioral	RTECS (Registry of Toxic		
(5 - 10%)	TCLo	mg/L		Muscle contraction or spasticity	Effects of Chemical		
CAS#: 7647-01-0				Biochemical	Substances)		
				Enzyme inhibition, induction, or			
				change in blood or tissue levels			
				(true cholinesterase)			
				Kidney, Ureter, or Bladder			
				Other changes in urine composition			
Inhalation (Gas) Expo	osuro Pouto			If available, see data below			
				ii available, see data below			
Product Carcinogeni							
Oral Exposure Route				No data available			
Dermal Exposure Ro				No data available			
Inhalation (Dust/Mist				No data available			
Inhalation (Vapor) Ex		;		No data available			
Inhalation (Gas) Expe	osure Route			No data available			

## Ingredient Carcinogenicity Data

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	Chemical name	CAS No.	ACGIH	IARC	NTP	OSHA
Γ	Hydrochloric acid	7647-01-0	-	Group 3	-	Х
	Zirconium oxychloride	7699-43-6	-	-	-	-

## Legend

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ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industria	al Hygienists)	Does not apply
IARC (International Agency for Research on Cancer)		Group 3 - Not classifiable as a human
		carcinogen
NTP (National Toxicology Program)		Does not apply
OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Administration o	f the US Department of	X - Present
Labor)		
Oral Exposure Route	If available, see data	h - Leve

Oral Exposure Route Dermal Exposure Route Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route Inhalation (Vapor) Exposure Route Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity *invitro* Data No data available.

Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invitro Data If available, see data below

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Chemical name	Test	Cell Strain	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Cytogenetic analysis	Hamster lung	30 mmol/L	None reported	Positive test result for mutagenicity	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
Zirconium oxychloride (<0.01%) CAS#: 7699-43-6	Mutation in microorganisms	Salmonella typhimurium	None reported	None reported	Negative test result for mutagenicity	HSDB (Hazardous Substances Data Bank)
Chemical name	Test	Cell Strain	Reported dose	Exposure time	Results	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Cytogenetic analysis	Hamster ovary	8 mmol/L	None reported	Positive test result for mutagenicity	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)

Product Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data Oral Exposure Route Dermal Exposure Route Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route Inhalation (Vapor) Exposure Route Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

Ingredient Germ Cell Mutagenicity invivo Data Oral Exposure Route Dermal Exposure Route Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route Inhalation (Vapor) Exposure Route Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

Product Reproductive Toxicity Data Oral Exposure Route Dermal Exposure Route Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route Inhalation (Vapor) Exposure Route Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

#### Ingredient Reproductive Toxicity Data Oral Exposure Route Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route

No data available No data available No data available No data available No data available

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If available, see data below

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Inhalation (Dust/Mist) Exposure Route If available, see data below			If available, see data below		
Chemical name	Endpoint type	Reported dose	Exposure time	Toxicological effects	Key literature references and sources for data
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Rat TC∟₀	0.450 mg/L	1 hours	Effects on Embryo or Fetus Fetotoxicity (except death e.g. stunted fetus) Specific Developmental Abnormalities Homeostasis	RTECS (Registry of Toxic Effects of Chemical Substances)
Inhalation (Vapor) Ex	posure Route	9		If available, see data below	

Inhalation (Vapor) Exposure Route Inhalation (Gas) Exposure Route

## 12. ECOLOGICAL INFORMATION

Ecotoxicity

Product Ecological Data

Aquatic toxicity

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Fish Crustacea Algae

## **Ingredient Ecological Data**

Aquatic toxicity

Fish Crustacea Algae

#### **Other Information**

#### Persistence and degradability

## **Product Biodegradability Data**

If available, see ingredient data below.

## Ingredient Biodegradability Data

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Chemical name	Test method	Biodegradation	Exposure	Results
		_	time	
Hydrochloric acid	None reported	None reported	None	Readily
(5 - 10%)			reported	biodegradable
CAS#: 7647-01-0				-

## **Bioaccumulation**

## **Product Bioaccumulation Data**

If available, see ingredient data below.

## Partition Coefficient (n-octanol/water)

No data available

## **Ingredient Bioaccumulation Data**

Chemical name	Test method	Exposure time	Species	Bioconcentrat ion factor (BCF)	Results
Zirconium oxychloride (<0.01%) CAS#: 7699-43-6	None reported	None reported	None reported	None reported	Does not have the potential to bioaccumula te

## Mobility

## Soil Organic Carbon-Water Partition Coefficient

No data available

#### Water solubility

Water solubility classification	Water solubility	Water Solubility Temperature
No information available	No data available	No information available

## Other adverse effects

No information available.

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No data available No data available No data available

If available, see ingredient data below If available, see ingredient data below No data available

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## **13. DISPOSAL CONSIDERATIONS**

Waste treatment methods

Waste from residues/unused products	Dispose of in accordance with local regulations. Dispose of waste in accordance with environmental legislation.
Contaminated packaging	Do not reuse empty containers.
US EPA Waste Number	D002

## **14. TRANSPORT INFORMATION**

U.S. DOT UN/ID no Proper shipping name Hazard Class Packing Group Emergency Response Guide Number	3316 Chemical kits 9 II 171
<u>TDG</u> UN/ID no Proper shipping name Hazard Class Packing Group	3316 Chemical kits 9 II
IATA UN/ID no Proper shipping name Hazard Class Packing Group ERG Code	3316 Chemical kits 9 II 171
IMDG UN/ID no Proper shipping name Hazard Class Packing Group	3316 Chemical kits 9 II

#### Additional information

There is a possibility that this product could be contained in a reagent set or kit composed of various compatible dangerous goods. If the item is not in a reagent set or kit, the classification given above applies. If the item is part of a reagent set or kit the classification would change to the following: UN3316 Chemical Kit, Hazard Class 9, Packing Group II or III. If the item is not regulated, the Chemical Kit classification does not apply.

## **15. REGULATORY INFORMATION**

National Inventories	
TSCA	Complies
DSL/NDSL	Complies

**TSCA** - United States Toxic Substances Control Act Section 8(b) Inventory **DSL/NDSL** - Canadian Domestic Substances List/Non-Domestic Substances List

## International Inventories

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EINECS/ELINCS	Complies
ENCS IECSC	Does not comply Complies
KECL	Does not comply
PICCS	Complies
TCSI	Complies
AICS	Complies
NZIoC	Does not comply

EINECS/ELINCS - European Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances/European List of Notified Chemical Substances

ENCS - Japan Existing and New Chemical Substances

IECSC - China Inventory of Existing Chemical Substances

**KECL** - Korean Existing and Evaluated Chemical Substances

PICCS - Philippines Inventory of Chemicals and Chemical Substances

TCSI - Taiwan Chemical Substances Inventory

AICS - Australian Inventory of Chemical Substances

NZIOC - New Zealand Inventory of Chemicals

## **US Federal Regulations**

## **SARA 313**

Section 313 of Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA). This product contains a chemical or chemicals which are subject to the reporting requirements of the Act and Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations, Part 372

Chemical name	SARA 313 - Threshold Values %	
Hydrochloric acid (CAS #: 7647-01-0)	1.0	

## SARA 311/312 Hazard Categories

Acute health hazard	Yes
Chronic Health Hazard	Yes
Fire hazard	No
Sudden release of pressure hazard	No
Reactive Hazard	No

#### CWA (Clean Water Act)

This product does not contain any substances regulated as pollutants pursuant to the Clean Water Act (40 CFR 122.21 and 40 CFR 122.42)

Chemical name	CWA - Reportable Quantities	CWA - Toxic Pollutants	CWA - Priority Pollutants	CWA - Hazardous Substances
Hydrochloric acid 7647-01-0	5000 lb	-	-	Х

## **CERCLA**

This material, as supplied, does not contain any substances regulated as hazardous substances under the Comprehensive Environmental Response Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) (40 CFR 302) or the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA) (40 CFR 355). There may be specific reporting requirements at the local, regional, or state level pertaining to releases of this material

Chemical name	Hazardous Substances RQs	CERCLA/SARA RQ	Reportable Quantity (RQ)
Hydrochloric acid	5000 lb	5000 lb	RQ 5000 lb final RQ
7647-01-0			RQ 2270 kg final RQ

## U.S. - Department of Homeland Security - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) - Security Issues

Chemical name	U.S Department of Homeland Security - Chemical Facility Anti-Terrorism Standards (CFATS) - Security Issues
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%)	Release - Toxic (concentration >=37%); Release - Toxic (anhydrous); Theft - Weapons of Mass Effect (anhydrous)

## CAS#: 7647-01-0

## U.S. - DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) List I & List II

Chemical name	U.S DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) - List I or Precursor Chemicals	U.S DEA (Drug Enforcement Administration) - List II or Essential Chemicals
Hydrochloric acid (5 - 10%) CAS#: 7647-01-0	Not Listed	0.0 kg Domestic Sales Weight (listed under anhydrous Hydrogen chloride); 50 gallon Export Volume (exports, transshipments and international transactions to designated countries); 27 kg Export Weight (exports, transshipments and international transactions to designated countries, listed under anhydrous Hydrogen chloride)

## US State Regulations

<u>California Proposition 65</u> This product does not contain any Proposition 65 chemicals

## U.S. State Right-to-Know Regulations

Chemical name	New Jersey	Massachusetts	Pennsylvania
Hydrochloric acid 7647-01-0	X	X	Х
Zirconium oxychloride 7699-43-6	-	Х	-

#### U.S. EPA Label Information

Chemical name	FIFRA	FDA
Hydrochloric acid	180.0910	21 CFR 182.1057

## 16. OTHER INFORMATION, INCLUDING DATE OF PREPARATION OF THE LAST REVISION

#### **Special Comments** None

#### Additional information

Global Automotive Declarable Substance List (GADSL) Not applicable

## **NFPA and HMIS Classifications**

NFPA	Health hazards - 3	Flammability - 0	Instability - 0	Physical and Chemical Properties -
HMIS	Health hazards - 3	Flammability - 0	Physical Hazards - 0	Personal protection - X - See section 8 for more information

## Key or legend to abbreviations and acronyms used in the safety data sheet

NIOSH IDLH ACGIH NDF		Immediately Dangerous to Life or Health ACGIH (American Conference of Governmental Industrial Hygienists) no data		
Legend - Section 8: EXPOSURE CONTROLS/PERSONAL PROTECTION				
TWA	TWA (time-weighted average)		STEL	STEL (Short Term Exposure Limit)
MAC	Maximum Allowable Concentration		Ceiling	Ceiling Limit Value
Х	Listed		Vacated	These values have no official status. The only binding levels of contaminants are those listed in the final OSHA PEL. These lists are for reference purposes only. Please note that some reference state regulations of these "liberated" exposure limits in their state regulations.
SKN* RSP+ C M	Skin designation Respiratory sensitization Carcinogen mutagen		SKN+ ** R	Skin sensitization Hazard Designation Reproductive toxicant
Prepared By	Prepared By Hach Product Complianc		ce Department	
Issue Date		19-Jun-2017		
Revision Date 29-Jan-2018		29-Jan-2018		
<b>Revision Note</b>		None		

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