

**STATE OF MISSOURI**  
**DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**MISSOURI CLEAN WATER COMMISSION**



**MISSOURI STATE OPERATING PERMIT**

In compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law (Chapter 644 RSMo, hereinafter, the Law), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Public Law 92-500, 92<sup>nd</sup> Congress) as amended,

Permit No.	MO-0116874
Owner:	The Empire District Electric Company
Address:	602 S. Joplin Street, Joplin, MO 64801
Continuing Authority:	Same as above
Address:	Same as above
Facility Name:	Empire – Energy Center – Sarcoxie
Facility Address:	2537 Fir Road, Sarcoxie, MO 64862
Legal Description:	SE ¼ , SW ¼, Sec 16, T28N, R29W; Jasper County
UTM Coordinates:	see page two
Receiving Stream:	see page two
First Classified Stream and ID:	see page two
USGS Basin & Sub-watershed No.:	11070207-0501 Cave Spring Branch

authorizes activities pursuant to the terms and conditions of this permit in accordance with the Missouri Clean Water Law and/or the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; it does not apply to other regulated activities.

**FACILITY DESCRIPTION**

SIC # 4911; NAICS # 221112. Power generation. The Empire District Electric Company is an investor owned utility engaged in the generation of electricity. The Energy Center plant consists of two simple-cycle combustion turbines with an electrical output capacity of 86 MW each, and two Twin Pac combustion turbine units consisting of two turbines coupled to a single electrical generator with an electrical capacity of 50 MW per Twin Pac. All units may be fired with either natural gas or distillate fuel (No. 1, No. 2 or Jet A). Two reverse osmosis units provide treated non-contact water injection to control NO<sub>x</sub> air emissions at each turbine unit. This facility does not require a certified wastewater operator per 10 CSR 20-9.030 as this facility is privately owned. 40 CFR 423 does not apply as there is no steam cycle at this facility. Domestic wastewater is managed in a sub-surface system <3000 gallons/day. Land application of wastewater to water vegetation. This permit has two permitted features.

May 1, 2023

Effective Date

April 30, 2028

Expiration Date

  
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John Hoke, Director, Water Protection Program

**OUTFALL #001** – Reverse osmosis reject water, incidental stormwater  
 UTM Coordinates: X = 402072, Y = 4111007  
 Receiving Stream: Tributary to Cave Spring Branch  
 First Classified Stream and ID: Cave Spring Branch (C) WBID # 3162  
 Design Flow: 0.415 MGD  
 Average Flow: 0.03 MGD

**PERMITTED FEATURE #004** – new, 2023 renewal. Land Application Field; land applied wastewater to provide hydraulic support to vegetation. Because discharge of the wastewater is allowed under outfall #001, there is no requirement to limit a basin via freeboard.  
 UTM Coordinates (Centroid): X = 401583, Y = 4110411  
 Adjacent Classified Stream and ID: Presumed Use Stream (C) WBID # 5079  
 Application Rate Basis: hydraulic loading, as necessary  
 Vegetation Type: any  
 Equipment Type: Sprinklers or other irrigation equipment. The irrigation equipment must not compact soil.  
 Field Slope, Maximum: 15%  
 Application Rates, Maximum: 0.5 inch/hour; 5 inch/day  
 Irrigation Area: 76 total available acres  
 Application Period, Maximum: 365 days per year

#### A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

OUTFALL #001 RO reject wastewater	TABLE A-1 FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS				
The facility is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) as specified. The final effluent limitations shall become effective on <b>May 1, 2023</b> and remain in effect until expiration of the permit. Discharges shall be controlled, limited, and monitored by the facility as specified below:					
EFFLUENT PARAMETERS	UNITS	FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		DAILY MAXIMUM	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MINIMUM MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
LIMIT SET: Q					
PHYSICAL					
Flow	MGD	*	*	once/quarter ◇	24 hr. total
CONVENTIONAL					
Chemical Oxygen Demand	mg/L	*	*	once/quarter ◇	grab ‡
Oil & Grease	mg/L	15	10	once/quarter ◇	grab ‡
pH †	SU	6.5 to 9.0	-	once/quarter ◇	grab ‡
Settleable Solids	mL/L/hr	3.0	1.5	once/quarter ◇	grab ‡
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	60	30	once/quarter ◇	grab ‡
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED QUARTERLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE JULY 28, 2023.					

\* Monitoring and reporting requirement only

‡ The facility shall grab a sample for the RO reject wastewater without the influence of stormwater. Stormwater is not regulated as industrial stormwater under this permit.

† pH: the facility will report the minimum and maximum values; pH is not to be averaged.

◇ Quarterly sampling

MINIMUM QUARTERLY SAMPLING REQUIREMENTS			
QUARTER	MONTHS	QUARTERLY EFFLUENT PARAMETERS	REPORT IS DUE
First	January, February, March	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	April 28 <sup>th</sup>
Second	April, May, June	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	July 28 <sup>th</sup>
Third	July, August, September	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	October 28 <sup>th</sup>
Fourth	October, November, December	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	January 28 <sup>th</sup>

## B. STANDARD CONDITIONS

In addition to specified conditions stated herein, this permit is subject to the attached Part I standard conditions dated August 1, 2014 and hereby incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

## C. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Spills, Overflows, and Other Unauthorized Discharges.
  - (a) Any spill, overflow, or other discharge(s) not specifically authorized are unauthorized discharges.
  - (b) If an unauthorized discharge cause or permit any contaminants to discharge or enter waters of the state, the unauthorized discharge must be reported to the regional office as soon as practicable but no more than 24 hours after the discovery of the discharge. If the spill or overflow needs to be reported after normal business hours or on the weekend, the facility must call the Department's 24 hour spill line at 573-634-2436.
2. Any discharge not meeting permitted limits may be pumped and hauled to an accepting wastewater treatment facility, or otherwise properly disposed.
3. Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) Submission System. The NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule, 40 CFR Part 127, reporting of effluent monitoring data and any report required by the permit (unless specifically directed otherwise by the permit), shall be submitted via an electronic system to ensure timely, complete, accurate, and nationally consistent set of data for the NPDES program. The eDMR system is currently the only Department-approved reporting method for this permit unless specified elsewhere in this permit, or a waiver is granted by the Department. The facility must register in the Department's eDMR system through the Missouri Gateway for Environmental Management (MoGEM) before the first report is due. All reports uploaded into the system shall be reasonably named so they are easily identifiable, such as "WET Test Chronic Outfall 002 Jan 2023", or "Outfall004-DailyData-Mar2025".
4. Site-wide minimum Best Management Practices (BMPs). At a minimum, the facility shall adhere to the following:
  - (a) Provide good housekeeping practices on the site to keep trash from entry into waters of the state. Dumpsters must remain closed when not in use.
  - (b) Prevent the spillage or loss of fluids, oil, grease, fuel, etc. from vehicle maintenance, equipment cleaning, warehouse activities, and other areas, to prevent the contamination of stormwater from these substances.
  - (c) Provide collection facilities and arrange for proper disposal of waste products including but not limited to petroleum waste products, and solvents.
  - (d) Store all paint, solvents, petroleum products, petroleum waste products (except fuels), and storage containers (such as drums, cans, or cartons) so these materials are not exposed to stormwater or provide other prescribed BMPs such as plastic lids and/or portable spill pans to prevent the commingling of stormwater with container contents. Commingled water may not be discharged under this permit. Provide spill prevention control, and/or management sufficient to prevent any spills of these pollutants from entering waters of the state. Any containment system used to implement this requirement shall be constructed of materials compatible with the substances contained and shall also prevent the contamination of groundwater. Spill records shall be retained on-site or readily accessible electronically.
  - (e) Provide sediment and erosion control sufficient to prevent or minimize sediment loss off of the property, and to protect embankments from erosion.
  - (f) Wash water for vehicles, building(s), or pavement must be handled in a no-discharge manner (infiltration, hauled off-site, etc.). Describe the no-discharge method used and include all pertinent information (quantity/frequency, soap use, effluent destination, BMPs, etc.) in the application for renewal. If wash water is not produced, note this instead.
  - (g) The facility shall not apply salt and sand (traction control) in excess of what is required to maintain safe roadways and walkways. This facility typically only applies snow-melt materials to employee areas. If the facility determines a more broad application area is required, the facility may attempt to eliminate chloride discharge by utilizing a non-chloride containing snow melt materials. At all times the facility shall use salt judiciously to minimize freshwater salinization.
  - (h) Salt and sand shall be stored in a manner minimizing mobilization in stormwater (for example: under roof, in covered container, under tarp, etc.).
5. Secondary Containment

The drainage area around the secondary containment area and the interior of the containment area shall be inspected quarterly. Solids, sludge, and soluble debris shall not be allowed to accumulate in the secondary containment.

  - (a) The interior of the secondary containment area shall be checked at least quarterly for signs of leaks, spills, or releases of petroleum.
  - (b) All petroleum captured in the secondary containment area shall be expeditiously removed and the source of the petroleum determined. Leaks or otherwise compromised equipment or appurtenances shall be promptly addressed/repaired.
  - (c) Before releasing water accumulated in petroleum secondary containment areas, the water and area must be examined for hydrocarbon odor and presence of sheen to protect the general criteria found at 10 CSR 20-7.031(4).

- (d) Unimpacted stormwater (i.e. free from hydrocarbon odor and presence of sheen), must be drained from the secondary containment as soon as reasonably possible after a precipitation event.
  - (e) If subparts (a) and (b) above were not followed, impacted stormwater shall not be discharged from the secondary containment and shall instead be managed in accordance with legally approved methods for disposal of process wastewater, such as being sent to an accepting wastewater treatment facility.
  - (f) If subparts (a) and (b) were followed, impacted stormwater can only be drained from the secondary containment after removal of all odor or sheen utilizing appropriate methods.
  - (g) The area surrounding the secondary containment must be free of signs of vegetative stress or other indicia of petroleum discharge.
  - (h) The area below the outlet of the secondary containment area must be maintained to minimize soil washout, such as with stabilized vegetation, rip rap, or by releasing accumulated water slowly.
  - (i) Records of all inspections, testing, and/or treatment of water accumulated in secondary containment shall be available on demand to the Department. Electronic records retention is acceptable.
6. Oil/Water Separators. This site is authorized to operate oil water separator tanks (if considered USTs) for the treatment of wastewater or stormwater and falls under 10 CSR 26-2.010(2)(B) if treating water with petroleum oils. OWS, serving this facility are hereby authorized and shall be operated per manufacturer's specifications. The specifications and operating records must be made accessible to Department staff upon request. Petroleum oil water separator sludge is considered used oil; sludge must be disposed of in accordance with 10 CSR 25-11.279. OWS treating animal, vegetable, or food grade oils are not required to be authorized under these regulations. All best management practices for all OWS systems must be adhered.
7. The full implementation of this operating permit, which includes implementation of any applicable schedules of compliance, shall constitute compliance with Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, and 403 of the federal Clean Water Act, except for standards imposed under Section 307 for toxic pollutants injurious to human health, and with equivalent provisions of the Missouri Clean Water Law, in accordance with Section 644.051.16 RSMo and CWA §402(k). This permit may be reopened and modified, or alternatively revoked and reissued to comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under CWA §§301(b)(2)(C) and (D), §304(b)(2), and §307(a)(2), if the effluent standard or limitation so issued or approved contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit, or controls any pollutant not already limited in the permit. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause, including determination new pollutants found in the discharge not identified in the application for the new or revised permit. The filing of a request by the facility for a permit modification, termination, notice of planned changes, or anticipated non-compliance does not stay any permit condition.
8. All outfalls must be clearly marked in the field.
9. Report no discharge when a discharge does not occur during the report period. It is a violation of this permit to report no-discharge when a discharge has occurred.
10. Reporting of Non-Detects.
- (a) Compliance analysis conducted by the facility or any contracted laboratory shall be conducted in such a way the precision and accuracy of the analyzed result can be enumerated. See sufficiently sensitive test method requirements in Standard Conditions Part I, §A, No. 4 regarding proper testing and detection limits used for sample analysis. For the purposes of this permit, the definitions in 40 CFR 136 apply; method detection limit (MDL) and laboratory-established reporting limit (RL) are used interchangeably in this permit. The reporting limits established by the laboratory must be below the lowest effluent limits established for the specified parameter (including any parameter's future limit after an SOC) in the permit unless the permit provides for an ML.
  - (b) The facility shall not report a sample result as "non-detect" without also reporting the MDL. Reporting "non-detect" without also including the MDL will be considered failure to report, which is a violation of this permit.
  - (c) For the daily maximum, the facility shall report the highest value; if the highest value was a non-detect, use the less than "<" symbol and the laboratory's highest method detection limit (MDL) or the highest reporting limit (RL); whichever is higher (e.g. <6).
  - (d) When calculating monthly averages, zero shall be used in place of any value(s) not detected. Where all data used in the average are below the MDL or RL, the highest MDL or RL shall be reported as "<#" for the average as indicated in item (c).
11. Failure to pay fees associated with this permit is a violation of the Missouri Clean Water Law (644.055 RSMo).
12. This permit does not cover land disturbance activities.
13. This permit does not apply to fertilizer products receiving a current exemption under the Missouri Clean Water Law and regulations in 10 CSR 20-6.015(3)(B)8, and are land applied in accordance with the exemption.

14. This permit does not allow stream channel or wetland alterations unless approved by Clean Water Act §404 permitting authorities.
15. This permit does not authorize in-stream treatment, the placement of fill materials in flood plains, placement of solid materials into any waterway, the obstruction of stream flow, or changing the channel of a defined drainage course.
16. All records required by this permit may be maintained electronically. These records can be maintained in a searchable format.
17. Changes in Discharges of Toxic Pollutant.  
In addition to the reporting requirements under 40 CFR 122.41, all existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Director per 40 CFR 122.42(a)(1) and (2) as soon as recognizing:
  - (a) An 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:
    - (1) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 µg/L);
    - (2) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 µg/L) for acrolein and acrylonitrile;
    - (3) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 µg/L) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4, 6-dinitrophenol;
    - (4) One milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
    - (5) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for the pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 CFR 122.21(g)(7); or
    - (6) The notification level established by the Department in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(f).
  - (b) 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":
    - (1) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 µg/L);
    - (2) One milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
    - (3) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for the pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 CFR 122.21(g)(7).
    - (4) The level established by the Director in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(f).
  - (c) Authorization of new or expanded pollutant discharges may be required under a permit modification or renewal, and may require an antidegradation review.
18. This permit does not authorize the facility to accept, treat, or discharge wastewater from other sources unless explicitly authorized herein. If the facility would like to accept, treat, or discharge wastewater from another activity or facility, the permit must be modified to include external wastewater pollutant sources in the permit.
19. Any discharges (or qualified activities such as land application) not expressly authorized in this permit, and not clearly disclosed in the permit application, cannot become authorized or shielded from liability under CWA section 402(k) or Section 644.051.16, RSMo, by disclosure to EPA, state, or local authorities after issuance of this permit via any means, including any other permit applications, funding applications, the SWPPP, discharge monitoring reporting, or during an inspection. Submit a permit modification application, as well as an antidegradation determination if appropriate, to request authorization of new or expanded discharges.

#### D. LAND APPLICATION CONDITIONS

1. Surficial land application of wastewater listed in the Facility Description of this permit is authorized and shall be conducted according to the following conditions. The minimum application requirements enumerated here, when followed, exempt stormwater runoff sampling requirements pursuant to 10 CSR 20-6.200(2)(B)3.B.
2. Land Application Equipment Minimum Requirements
  - (a) Spray application equipment shall minimize the formation of aerosols.
  - (b) Application equipment shall be visually inspected daily during land application to check for equipment malfunctions and leaks. The application system shall be operated so as to provide uniform distribution of water over the entire land application site.
  - (c) The facility shall ensure even distribution of water.
3. Land Application Field(s) Minimum Requirements
  - (a) No land application shall occur when the soil or ground is frosted, frozen, snow covered, or saturated. Daily observation of fields is required. Application activities shall cease if these conditions occur.
  - (b) There shall be no application during a precipitation event or if a precipitation event likely to create runoff is forecasted to occur within 24 hours of a planned application.
  - (c) Land application fields shall be checked daily during land application for runoff.

- (d) Sites utilizing spray irrigation shall monitor for the drifting of spray across property lines. Spray drift is not permissible.
  - (e) Setback distances from sensitive features per 10 CSR 20-8.200(6)(B). There shall be no land application within:
    - (1) The 10 year floodplain;
    - (2) 50 feet inside of the property line, public road, or drainage ditch;
    - (3) 100 feet of any classified or unclassified gaining perennial or intermittent stream, any wetland, or any public or privately owned pond or lake;
    - (4) 150 feet of any dwelling, residence, public building, or public use area (excluding roadways);
    - (5) 300 feet of any potable water supply well not located on the property, adequate protections shall be implemented and maintained for any potable water supply well located within the application area;
    - (6) 300 feet from any sinkhole, losing stream, or any other physiographic structure with a conduit to groundwater;
4. Application Rate(s) and Loading
- (a) This permit does not authorize application of materials in concentrations known to cause, or having the potential to cause, phytotoxicity in plants per 10 CSR 20-6.015(4)1. If plant stress is observed, the facility may need to reduce application of wastewater. If phytotoxicity is observed, the facility shall cease land application activities and evaluate the applied substances to determine the cause of phytotoxicity.
  - (b) Runoff and ponding is prohibited.
  - (c) This permit does not authorize land disposal or the application of hazardous waste.
5. Soil Monitoring for land application fields.
- (a) Composite soil samples shall be collected and submitted with the application for renewal.
  - (b) Soil sampling shall be in accordance with University of Missouri (MU) Guides G9215, Soil Sampling Pastures or G9217, Soil Sampling Hayfields and Row Crops or other methods approved by the Department. The recommendation of one composite sample per 20 acres in G9215 and G9217 is not required by this permit, however, this is a useful method to identify soil fertility fluctuations in large fields due to past management practices, soil type, and variability of crop yields. There shall be at least one composite sample per 80 acres.
  - (c) Testing shall conform to Recommended Chemical Soil Testing Procedures for North Central Region (North Central Regional Research Publication 221 Revised), or Soil Testing in Missouri (MU Extension Guide EC923), or other methods approved by the Department.
6. Record Keeping. The following record keeping shall occur, be maintained for at least five years, be made available to the Department upon request, and shall be submitted with the application for renewal.
- (a) Daily land application log showing, at a minimum: date(s) of application, field identified, acres used, volume applied, weather condition (sunny, overcast, air temperature, etc), soil moisture condition, days since last precipitation event, days since last application, and application method;
  - (b) Equipment inspections and calibrations;
  - (c) Land application field inspections, including runoff, saturation, and ponding;
  - (d) Record of maintenance and repairs;
  - (e) Description of any unusual operating conditions encountered, narrative summary of any problems or deficiencies identified, corrective action taken, or improvements planned;
  - (f) Annual summary for each field used for land application showing: number of days application occurred, crop grown and yield, and total amount of wastewater applied (gallons per acre). The annual report is due on or before January 28 for the preceding calendar year.

#### E. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO APPEAL

If you were adversely affected by this decision, you may be entitled to pursue an appeal before the administrative hearing commission (AHC) pursuant to 621.250 and 644.051.6 RSMo. To appeal, you must file a petition with the AHC within thirty days after the date this decision was mailed or the date it was delivered, whichever date was earlier. If any such petition is sent by registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is mailed; if it is sent by any method other than registered mail or certified mail, it will be deemed filed on the date it is received by the AHC. Any appeal shall be directed to:

Administrative Hearing Commission; U.S. Post Office Building, Third Floor  
131 West High Street, P.O. Box 1557  
Jefferson City, MO 65102-1557  
Phone: 573-751-2422; Fax: 573-751-5018; Website: <https://ahc.mo.gov>

**MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**  
**FACT SHEET**  
**FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWAL OF**  
**MO-0116874**  
**EMPIRE – ENERGY CENTER - SARCOXIE**

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Clean Water Act (CWA) §402 Public Law 92-500 as amended) established the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. This program regulates the discharge of pollutants from point sources into the waters of the United States, and the release of stormwater from certain point sources. All such discharges are unlawful without a permit (§301 of the Clean Water Act). After a permit is obtained, a discharge not in compliance with all permit terms and conditions is unlawful. Missouri State Operating Permits (MSOPs) are issued by the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Department) under an approved program, operating in accordance with federal and state laws (Federal Clean Water Act and Missouri Clean Water Law 644 RSMo as amended). MSOPs may also cover underground injection, non-discharging facilities, and land application facilities. Permits are issued for a period of five (5) years unless otherwise specified for less.

As per [40 CFR Part 124.8(a)] and [10 CSR 20-6.020(1)(A)2.] a factsheet shall be prepared to give pertinent information regarding applicable regulations, rationale for the development of limitations and conditions, and the public participation process for the Missouri State Operating Permit (MSOP or permit) listed below. A factsheet is not an enforceable part of a permit.

**PART I. FACILITY INFORMATION**

Facility Type: Industrial: Minor, Non-Categorical, <1 MGD  
SIC Code(s): 4911  
NAICS Code(s): 221112  
Application Date: 01/18/2022, 01/30/2023  
Expiration Date: 07/01/2022  
Last Inspection: 03/15/2021

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Land application of wastewater is authorized in this permit; this is new for the renewal. The facility submitted soil samples and Form I on January 30, 2023, in addition to the original application for discharge at outfall #001 which was submitted January 18, 2022. The facility has permission to utilize the wastewater to provide water for vegetation on the identified field. The requirements for land application and minimum controls are found in Part D of the permit.

Items listed in the facility (or outfall) description, applicable to the operation, maintenance, control, and resultant effluent quality are required to be enumerated in the facility description. The facility description ensures the facility continues to operate the wastewater (or stormwater) controls listed in the permit to preserve and maintain the effluent quality pursuant to 40 CFR 122.21(e). Any planned changes to the facility (which changes the facility or outfall description) are required to be reported to the Department pursuant to 40 CFR 122.41(l)(1)(ii). If the facility does not or cannot use all of their disclosed treatment devices, this is considered bypassing pursuant to 40 CFR 122.41(m) in the case of wastewater, and BMP disruption in the case of stormwater.

**PERMITTED FEATURES TABLE**

OUTFALL	AVERAGE FLOW	DESIGN FLOW	TREATMENT LEVEL	EFFLUENT TYPE
#001	0.03 MGD	0.415 MGD	none	reverse osmosis wastewater, incidental non-industrial stormwater
#004	n/a	n/a	land application	wastewater land application site



## FACILITY MAP

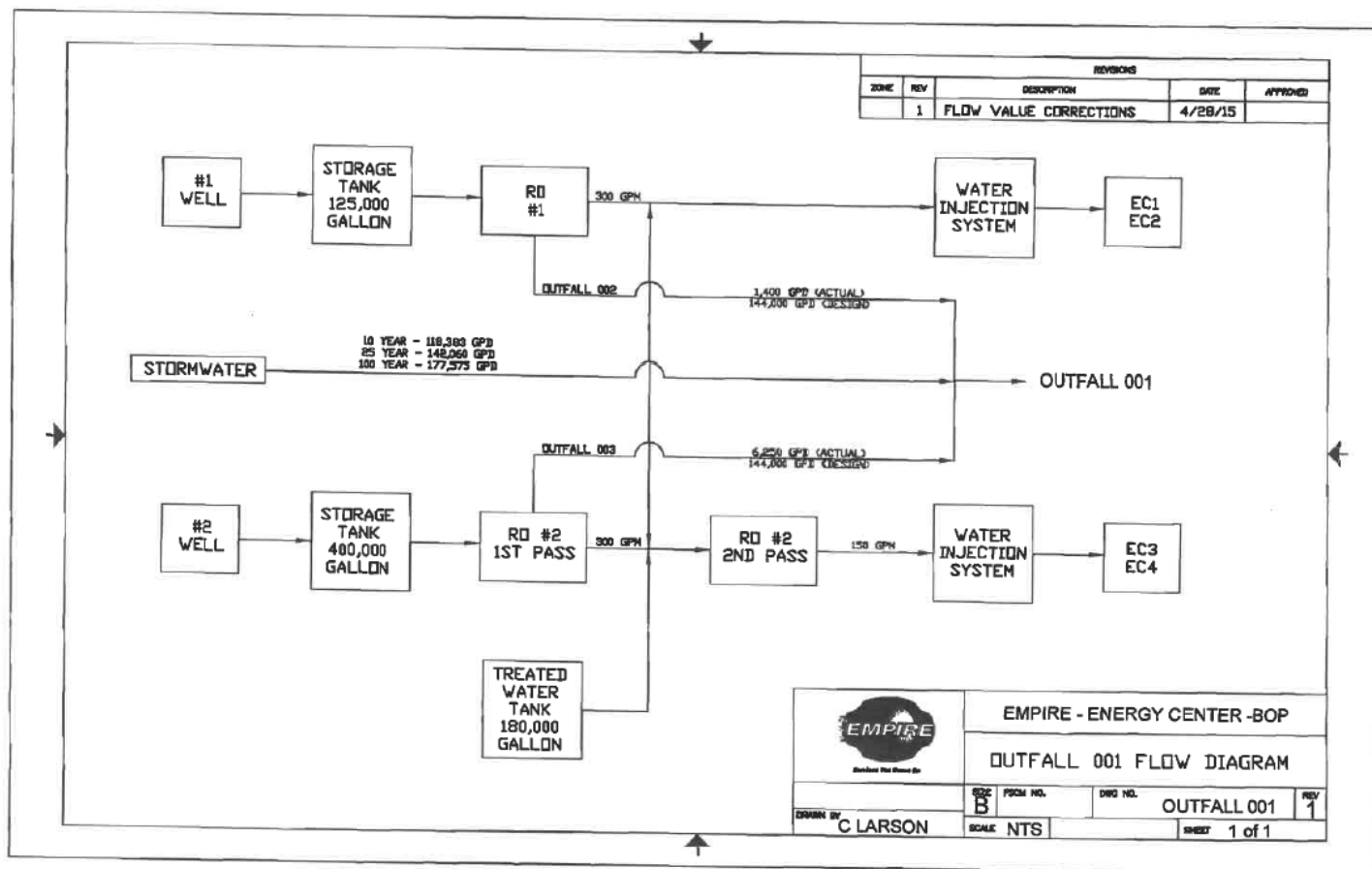


Blue triangle is outfall.

Red pin is land application field.

Blue line east of land application field is a classified stream.

## WATER BALANCE DIAGRAM





## FACILITY PERFORMANCE HISTORY & COMMENTS

The electronic discharge monitoring reports were reviewed for the last five years. One exceedance of oil and grease was reported; a resample returned a non-detect of this parameter. The last inspection indicated the facility was in compliance.

## CONTINUING AUTHORITY

Pursuant to 10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(A) and (E), the Department has received the appropriate continuing authority authorized signature from the facility. The Missouri Secretary of State continuing authority charter number for this facility is F00001872; this number was verified to be associated with the facility and precisely matches the continuing authority reported by the facility.

Pursuant to 10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(B)4, this facility is a Level 4 Authority.

- ✓ Pursuant to 10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(D), the facility demonstrated on November 14, 2022 the closest collection system was greater than 2000 feet from the property line per 10 CSR 20-6.010(2)(C)3.

## OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PERMITS

In accordance with 40 CFR 122.21(f)(6), the facility reported no other environmental permits are currently held by this facility. However, this facility has the following air permit: 112002-009 and 009A

## PART II. RECEIVING WATERBODY INFORMATION

### RECEIVING STREAMS TABLE:

OUTFALL	WATERBODY NAME	CLASS	WBID	DESIGNATED USES	DISTANCE TO SEGMENT	12-DIGIT HUC
#001	Tributary to Cave Spring Branch	n/a	n/a	n/a	0.0	11010207-0501 Cave Spring Branch
	Cave Spring Branch	C	3162	HHP, IRR, LWW, SCR, WBC-B, WWH (AQL)	0.5 miles	

n/a not applicable

Classes are representations of hydrologic flow volume or lake basin size as defined in 10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(F). L1: Lakes with drinking water supply - wastewater discharges are not permitted to occur to L1 watersheds per 10 CSR 20-7.015(3)(C); L2: major reservoirs; L3: all other public and private lakes; P: permanent streams; C: streams which may cease flow in dry periods but maintain pools supporting aquatic life; E: streams which do not maintain surface flow; and W: wetlands. Losing streams are defined in 10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(O) and are designated on the losing stream dataset or determined by the Department to lose 30% or more of flow to the subsurface.

WBID: Waterbody Identification Number: Missouri Use Designation Dataset per 10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(Q) and (S) as 100K Extent-Remaining Streams or newer; data can be found as an ArcGIS shapefile on MSDIS at [http://msdis.missouri.edu/pub/Inland\\_Water\\_Resources/MO\\_2014\\_WQS\\_Stream\\_Classifications\\_and\\_Use\\_shp.zip](http://msdis.missouri.edu/pub/Inland_Water_Resources/MO_2014_WQS_Stream_Classifications_and_Use_shp.zip); New C streams described on the dataset per 10 CSR 20-7.031(2)(A)3 as 100K Extent Remaining Streams.

HUC: Hydrologic Unit Code <https://water.usgs.gov/GIS/huc.html>

### Designated Uses:

10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(C)1: **ALP** – Aquatic Life Protection (formerly AQL); current uses are defined to ensure the protection and propagation of fish shellfish and wildlife, further subcategorized as: WWH – Warm Water Habitat; CLH – Cool Water Habitat; CDH – Cold Water Habitat; EAH – Ephemeral Aquatic Habitat; MAH – Modified Aquatic Habitat; LAH – Limited Aquatic Habitat. This permit uses ALP effluent limitations in 10 CSR 20-7.031 Table A1-B3 for all habitat designations unless otherwise specified.

10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(C)2: Recreation in and on the water

WBC is Whole Body Contact recreation where the entire body is capable of being submerged;

**WBC-A** – whole body contact recreation supporting swimming uses and has public access;

**WBC-B** – whole body contact recreation not included in WBC-A;

**SCR** = Secondary Contact Recreation (like fishing, wading, and boating)

10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(C)3 to 7:

**HHP** (formerly HHF) – Human Health Protection as it relates to the consumption of fish and drinking of water;

**IRR** – irrigation for use on crops utilized for human or livestock consumption, includes aquifers per 10 CSR 20-7.031(6)(A);

**LWW** – Livestock and Wildlife Watering (current narrative use is defined as LWP = Livestock and Wildlife Protection), includes aquifers per 10 CSR 20-7.031(6)(A);

**DWS** – Drinking Water Supply, includes aquifers per 10 CSR 20-7.031(6)(A);

**IND** – industrial water supply

10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(C)8 to 11: Wetlands (10 CSR 20-7.031 Tables A1-B3) do not have corresponding habitat use criteria for these defined uses: WSA – storm- and flood-water storage and attenuation; WHP – habitat for resident and migratory wildlife species; WRC – recreational, cultural, educational, scientific, and natural aesthetic values and uses; WHC – hydrologic cycle maintenance.

10 CSR 20-7.015(7) and 10 CSR 20-7.031(6): **GRW** = Groundwater

### Other Applicable Criteria:

10 CSR 20-7.031(4): **GEN** –; GEN may be assigned on a case by case basis if the NHD line is determined to be a water requiring protection by the Watershed Protection Section.

10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(N)6: **NNC** – lake numeric nutrient criteria apply

Water Quality Standards Search [https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis\\_public/waterQualityStandardsSearch.do](https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis_public/waterQualityStandardsSearch.do)

## **WATERS OF THE STATE DESIGNATIONS**

Waters of the state are divided into seven categories per 10 CSR 20-7.015(1)(B)1 through 7. The applicable water of the state category is listed below. Missouri's technology-based effluent regulations are found in [10 CSR 20-7.015] and are implemented in 10 CSR 20-7.015(2) through (8). When implementing technology regulations, considerations are made for the facility type, discharge type, and category of waters of the state. Stormwater discharges and land application sites are not subject to limitations found in 10 CSR 20-7.015. Effluent limitation derivations are discussed in PART IV: EFFLUENTS LIMITS DETERMINATIONS.

✓ All other waters; identified at 10 CSR 20-7.015(1)(B)7 and 10 CSR 20-7.015(8)

## **EXISTING WATER QUALITY & IMPAIRMENTS**

The receiving waterbody(s) segment(s), upstream, and downstream confluence water quality was reviewed. No relevant water quality data was available. The USGS <https://waterdata.usgs.gov/nwis/sw> or the Department's quality data database was reviewed.

[https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis\\_public/wqa/waterbodySearch.do](https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis_public/wqa/waterbodySearch.do) and <https://apps5.mo.gov/wqa/> The Department's quality data database was reviewed. [https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis\\_public/wqa/waterbodySearch.do](https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis_public/wqa/waterbodySearch.do) and <https://apps5.mo.gov/wqa/> Impaired waterbodies which may be impacted by discharges from this facility were determined. Impairments include waterbodies on the 305(b) or 303(d) list and those waterbodies or watersheds under a TMDL. <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/what-were-doing/water-planning/quality-standards-impaired-waters-total-maximum-daily-loads/tmdls> Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires each state identify waters not meeting water quality standards and for which adequate water pollution controls have not been required.

<https://dnr.mo.gov/water/what-were-doing/water-planning/quality-standards-impaired-waters-total-maximum-daily-loads/impaired-waters> Water quality standards protect such beneficial uses of water as whole body contact (such as swimming), maintaining fish and other aquatic life, and providing drinking water for people, livestock, and wildlife. The 303(d) list helps state and federal agencies keep track of impaired waters not addressed by normal water pollution control programs. A TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a given pollutant a water body can absorb before its water quality is affected; hence, the purpose of a TMDL is to determine the pollutant loading a specific waterbody can assimilate without exceeding water quality standards. If a water body is determined to be impaired as listed on the §303(d) list, then a watershed management plan or TMDL for that watershed may be developed. The TMDL shall include the WLA calculation.

✓ There are no upstream or downstream impairments near this facility.

## **WATERBODY MIXING CONSIDERATIONS**

For all wastewater outfalls, mixing zone and zone of initial dilution are not allowed per 10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(A)4.B.(I)(a) and (b), as the base stream flow does not provide dilution to the effluent. For information how this regulation is used in determining effluent limits with or without mixing, see WASTELOAD ALLOCATION in Part III. If the base stream flow is above 0.1 cfs, mixing may be applied if 1) zones of passage are present, 2) mixing velocities are sufficient and stream bank configuration allows, 3) the aquatic life support system is maintained, 4) mixing zones do not overlap, 5) there are no drinking water intakes in the vicinity downstream, 6) the stream or lake has available pollutant loading to be allocated, and 7) downstream uses are protected. If mixing was not allowed in this permit, the facility may submit information, such as modeling, as to why mixing may be afforded to the outfall.

## **PART III. RATIONALE AND DERIVATION OF PERMIT CONDITIONS**

### **ANTIBACKSLIDING**

Federal Regulations [CWA §303(d)(4); CWA §402(c); 40 CFR Part 122.44(l)] require a reissued permit to be as stringent as the previous permit with some exceptions. Backsliding (a less stringent permit limitation) is only allowed under certain conditions.

✓ All limits in this operating permit are at least as protective as those previously established; therefore, backsliding does not apply.

### **ANTIDEGRADATION REVIEW**

Wastewater discharges with new, altered, or expanding flows, the Department is to document, by means of antidegradation review, if the use of a water body's available assimilative capacity is justified. The facility must pay for the Department to complete the review. In accordance with Missouri's water quality regulations for antidegradation [10 CSR 20-7.031(3)], degradation may be justified by documenting the socio-economic importance of a discharge after determining the necessity of the discharge. Facilities must submit the antidegradation review request to the Department prior to establishing, altering, or expanding discharges. See <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/antidegradation-implementation-procedure> Per [10 CSR 20-7.015(4)(A)], new discharges to losing streams shall be permitted only after other alternatives including land application, discharges to a gaining stream, or connection to a regional wastewater treatment facility have been evaluated and determined to be unacceptable for environmental and/or economic reasons.

✓ Not applicable; the facility has not submitted information proposing expanded or altered process water discharge; no further degradation proposed therefore no further review necessary.

### **BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES**

Minimum site-wide best management practices are established in this permit to ensure all facilities are managing their sites equally to protect waters of the state from certain activities which could cause negative effects in receiving water bodies.

While not all sites require a SWPPP because the SIC codes are specifically exempted in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14), these best management practices are not specifically included for stormwater purposes. These practices are minimum requirements for all industrial sites to protect waters of the state. If the minimum best management practices are not followed, the facility may violate general criteria [10 CSR 20-7.031(4)]. Statutes are applicable to all permitted facilities in the state, therefore pollutants cannot be released unless in accordance with 644.011 and 644.016 (17) RSMo.

#### **CLOSURE**

To properly decontaminate and close a wastewater basin, the facility must draft a complete closure plan, and include the Closure Request Form #2512 <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/facility-closure-request-form-mo-780-2512> The publication, Wastewater Treatment Plant Closure - PUB2568 found at <https://dnr.mo.gov/print/document-search/pub2568> may be helpful to develop the closure plan. The regional office will then approve the closure plan, and provide authorization to begin the work. The regional office contact information can be found here: <https://dnr.mo.gov/about-us/division-environmental-quality/regional-office>

#### **COST ANALYSIS FOR COMPLIANCE (CAFCom)**

Pursuant to 644.145 RSMo, when incorporating a new requirement for discharges from publicly owned facilities, or when enforcing provisions of this chapter or the CWA, pertaining to any portion of a publicly owned facility, the Department shall make a finding of affordability on the costs to be incurred and the impact of any rate changes on ratepayers upon which to base such permits and decisions, to the extent allowable under this chapter and the CWA. This process is completed through a CAFCom. Permits not including new requirements may be deemed affordable.

✓ The Department is not required to complete a cost analysis for compliance because the facility is not publicly owned.

#### **CHANGES IN DISCHARGES OF TOXIC POLLUTANT**

This special condition reiterates the federal rules found in 40 CFR 122.44(f) for technology treatments and 122.42(a)(1) for all other toxic substances. In these rules, the facility is required to report changes in amounts of toxic substances discharged. Toxic substances are defined in 40 CFR 122.2 as "...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." Section 307 of the clean water act then refers to those parameters listed in 40 CFR 401.15 and any other toxic parameter the Department determines is applicable for reporting under these rules in the permit. The facility must also consider any other toxic pollutant in the discharge as reportable under this condition and must report all increases to the Department as soon as discovered in the effluent. The Department may open the permit to implement any required effluent limits pursuant to CWA §402(k) where sufficient data was not supplied within the application but was supplied at a later date by either the facility or other resource determined to be representative of the discharge, such as sampling by Department personnel.

#### **COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT**

Enforcement is the action taken by the Water Protection Program (WPP) to bring an entity into compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law, its implementing regulations, and/or any terms and conditions of an operating permit. The primary purpose of the enforcement activity in the WPP is to resolve violations and return the entity to compliance.

✓ Not applicable; the facility is not currently under Water Protection Program enforcement action.

#### **DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORTING – ELECTRONIC (eDMR) SUBMISSION SYSTEM**

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated a final rule on October 22, 2015, to modernize Clean Water Act reporting for municipalities, industries, and other facilities by requiring electronic data reporting. To comply with the federal rule, the Department is requiring all facilities to submit discharge monitoring data and reports online. To review historical data, the Department's database has a publically facing search engine, available at [https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis\\_public/dmrDisclaimer.do](https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis_public/dmrDisclaimer.do)

Registration and other information regarding MoGEM can be found at <https://dnr.mo.gov/mogem>. Information about the eDMR system can be found at <https://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/edmr.htm>. The first user shall register as an Organization Official and the association to the facility must be approved by the Department. To access the eDMR system, use:

<https://apps5.mo.gov/mogems/welcome.action> For assistance using the eDMR system, contact [edmr@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:edmr@dnr.mo.gov) or call 855-789-3889 or 573-526-2082. To assist the facility in entering data into the eDMR system, the permit describes limit sets designators in each table in Part A of the permit. Facility personnel will use these identifiers to ensure data entry is being completed appropriately. For example, M for monthly, Q for quarterly, A for annual, and others as identified.

#### **DOMESTIC WASTEWATER, SLUDGE, AND BIOSOLIDS**

Domestic wastewater is defined as wastewater originating primarily from the sanitary conveyances of bathrooms and kitchens.

Domestic wastewater excludes stormwater, wash water, animal waste, process and ancillary wastewater.

✓ Not applicable. In a phone call October 25, 2022, the facility disclosed less than 10 persons utilize the sub surface system. Therefore, this facility discharges domestic wastewater subsurface with flows of 3,000 gallons per day or less as calculated in accordance with 19 CSR 20-3.060(1)(E) and tables 2A and 2B. The domestic wastewater system is jurisdiction of the Missouri Department of Health and Senior Services or Local Public Health Agency. This permit does not authorize any industrial wastewater for introduction into the sub-surface system.

Sewage sludge is solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works; including but not limited to, domestic septage; scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment process; and material derived from sewage sludge. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or grit and screening generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Biosolids are solid materials resulting from domestic wastewater treatment meeting federal and state criteria for productive use (i.e. fertilizer) and after having pathogens removed.

- ✓ Not applicable; domestic wastewater at this site falls under the jurisdiction of the Department of Health and Senior Services; see above.

#### **EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS**

Two general types of effluent limitations, technology-based effluent limits (TBELs) and water quality based effluent limits (WQBELs) are reviewed. Permits are required to establish the most stringent or most protective limit. If the TBEL or WQBEL does not provide adequate protection for the receiving water, then the other must be used per 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(A) or 40 CFR 122.44(b)(1). See WASTELOAD ALLOCATION below which describes how WQBEL wasteload allowances are established under the permit. Effluent limitations derived and established for this permit are based on current operations of the facility. Any flow through the outfall is considered a discharge and must be sampled and reported as provided in the permit. Daily maximums and monthly averages are required per 40 CFR 122.45(d)(1) for continuous discharges (not from a POTW).

#### **EMERGENCY DISCHARGE**

For non-discharging permits, some permits may allow a small amount of wastewater discharge under very specific circumstances.

- ✓ Not applicable; this permit does not contain conditions allowing emergency discharges.

#### **FEDERAL EFFLUENT LIMITATION GUIDELINES**

Effluent Limitation Guidelines, or ELGs, are found at 40 CFR 400-499. <https://www.ecfr.gov/current/title-40/chapter-I/subchapter-N> These are limitations established by the EPA based on the SIC code and the type of work a facility is conducting. Most ELGs are for process wastewater and some address stormwater. Effluent guidelines are not always established for every pollutant present in a point source discharge. In many instances, EPA promulgates effluent guidelines for an indicator pollutant. Industrial facilities complying with the effluent guidelines for the indicator pollutant will also control other pollutants (e.g. pollutants with a similar chemical structure). For example, EPA may choose to regulate only one of several metals present in the effluent from an industrial category, and compliance with the effluent guidelines will ensure similar metals present in the discharge are adequately controlled. All are technology based limitations which must be met by the applicable facility at all times. If Reasonable Potential is established for any particular parameter, and water-quality based effluent limits are more protective of the receiving water's quality, the WQBEL will be used as the limiting factor in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(d) and 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(A).

- ✓ The facility does not have an associated ELG. While 40 CFR 423 addresses power plants, the ELG is limit to facilities with a steam cycle, this facility does not have a steam cycle.

#### **GENERAL CRITERIA CONSIDERATIONS**

In accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1), effluent limitations shall be placed into permits for pollutants determined to cause, have reasonable potential to cause, or to contribute to, an excursion above any water quality standard, including narrative water quality criteria. In order to comply with this regulation, permit decisions were made by completing a reasonable potential determination on whether discharges have reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an excursion of the general criteria listed in 10 CSR 20-7.031(4). See Part III REASONABLE POTENTIAL for more information. In instances where reasonable potential exists, the permit includes limitations to address the reasonable potential. In discharges where reasonable potential does not exist, the permit may include monitoring to later determine the discharge's potential to impact the narrative criteria. Additionally, 644.076.1 RSMo, as well as Part I §D – Administrative Requirements of Standard Conditions included in this permit state it shall be unlawful for any person to cause or allow any discharge of water contaminants from any water contaminant or point source located in Missouri in violation of §§644.006 to 644.141 of the Missouri Clean Water Law or any standard, rule, or regulation promulgated by the commission. See Part IV for specific determinations.

#### **GOOD HOUSEKEEPING PRACTICES**

Good housekeeping is a practical, cost-effective way to maintain a clean and orderly facility to prevent potential pollution sources from coming into contact with stormwater. It includes establishing protocols to reduce the possibility of mishandling materials or equipment and employee training. Common areas where good housekeeping practices should be followed include trash containers and adjacent areas, material storage areas, vehicle and equipment maintenance areas, and loading docks. Good housekeeping practices must include a schedule for regular pickup and disposal of garbage and waste materials and routine inspections of drums, tanks, and containers for leaks and structural conditions. Practices also include containing and covering garbage, waste materials, and debris. Involving employees in routine monitoring of housekeeping practices is an effective means of ensuring the continued implementation of these measures.

Specific good housekeeping may include:

- ◆ Spill and overflow protection under chemical or fuel connectors to contain spillage at liquid storage tanks

- ◆ Load covers on residue hauling vehicles and ensure gates on trucks are sealed and the truck body is in good condition
- ◆ Containment curbs around loading/unloading areas or tanks
- ◆ Techniques to reduce solids residue which may be tracked on to access roads traveled by residue trucks or residue handling vehicles.
- ◆ Techniques to reduce solid residue on exit roads leading into and out of residue handling areas

Industrial facilities may conduct activities that use, store, manufacture, transfer, and/or dispose of PFAS containing materials. Successful good housekeeping practices to minimize PFAS exposure to stormwater could include inventorying the location, quantity, and method of storage; using properly designed storage and transfer techniques; providing secondary containment around chemical storage areas; and using proper techniques for cleaning or replacement of production systems or equipment.

Where feasible, minimizing exposure of potential pollutant sources to precipitation is an important control option. Minimizing exposure prevents pollutants, including debris, from coming into contact with precipitation and can reduce the need for BMPs to treat contaminated stormwater runoff. It can also prevent debris from being picked up by stormwater and carried into drains and surface waters. Examples of BMPs for exposure minimization include covering materials or activities with temporary structures (e.g., tarps) when wet weather is expected or moving materials or activities to existing or new permanent structures (e.g., buildings, silos, sheds). Even the simple practice of keeping a dumpster lid closed can be a very effective pollution prevention measure. Another example could include locating PFAS-containing materials and residues away from drainage pathways and surface waters. For erosion and sediment control, BMPs must be selected and implemented to limit erosion on areas of your site that, due to topography, activities, soils, cover, materials, or other factors, are likely to experience erosion. Erosion control BMPs such as seeding, mulching, and sodding prevent soil from becoming dislodged and should be considered first. Sediment control BMPs such as silt fences, sediment ponds, and stabilized entrances trap sediment after it has eroded. Sediment control BMPs should be used to back-up erosion control BMPs.

The SWPPP (if required for this facility) must contain a narrative evaluation of the appropriateness of stormwater management practices that divert, infiltrate, reuse, or otherwise manage stormwater runoff so as to reduce the discharge of pollutants. Appropriate measures are highly site-specific, but may include, among others, vegetative swales, collection and reuse of stormwater, inlet controls, snow management, infiltration devices, and wet retention measures. A combination of preventive and treatment BMPs will yield the most effective stormwater management for minimizing the offsite discharge of pollutants via stormwater runoff. BMP schedules must also address preventive maintenance records or logbooks, regular facility inspections, spill prevention and response, and employee training.

#### **GROUNDWATER MONITORING**

Groundwater is a water of the state according to 644.016(27) RSMo, is subject to regulations at 10 CSR 20-7.015(7) and 10 CSR 20-7.031(6), and must be protected accordingly.

- ✓ This facility is not required to monitor groundwater for the water protection program.

#### **ICE-MELT PRODUCT REMOVAL**

The Department is authorized to require BMPs for stormwater facilities per 40 CFR 122.44(k)(2). The facility should, to the extent practicable, remove large pieces of salt as soon as possible. After winter weather has ceased for the year, the facility must inspect all low-lying areas for extra salt and sand, and remove these as soon as possible. Salt applied to large areas has the potential to cause freshwater salinization which could result in a fish kill of sensitive species. To reduce potential for solids entering a stream, sand or other traction control materials will need to be evaluated against the probability that these materials could cause general criteria violations of solids and bottom deposits per 10 CSR 20-7.031(4).

#### **LAND APPLICATION**

Land application, or surficial dispersion of wastewater and/or sludge, is performed by facilities as an alternative to discharging. Authority to regulate these activities is pursuant to 644.026 RSMo. The Department implements requirements for these types of operations pursuant to 10 CSR 20-6.015(4)(A)1 which instructs the Department to develop permit conditions containing limitations, monitoring, reporting, and other requirements to protect soils, crops, surface waters, groundwater, public health, and the environment.

- ✓ Applicable, the facility shall comply with all applicable land application requirements listed in this permit. These requirements incorporated into this permit pursuant to 10 CSR 20-6.015(4) ensure appropriate minimum operational controls of the land application systems. When operated correctly these permit conditions will prevent unauthorized and illicit discharges to waters of the state; and will protect soils, vegetation, surface water, groundwater, and public health. These requirements also ensure application activities fall within a productive use demonstration (agricultural use), prevent plant phytotoxicity, and prevent and protect soils loading of specified pollutants. The minimum requirements established in the permit are to meet, not only DNRs requirements, but to also ensure the exemptions for agricultural stormwater runoff in 10 CSR 20-6.200(1)(B)5 or 10 CSR 20-6.300(2)(D)2 continue to be met. When the facility follows all permit requirements, stormwater discharge monitoring requirements from land application sites found at 10 CSR 20-6.200(2)(B)3.B. are excused. The BMPs prescribed in the permit, such as not applying to saturated or frozen soil, or applying outside the setbacks, are specific BMPs appropriate for wastewater and stormwater management from land application areas.



- ✓ Pursuant to 10 CSR 20-8.200(6) Surface Irrigation of Wastewater. (B) Wetted Application Area. The wetted application area is the land area that is normally wetted by wastewater application. The wetted application area must be: 1. Located outside of flood-prone areas having a flood frequency greater than once every 10 years; 2. Established— A. At least one hundred fifty feet (150') from existing dwellings or public use areas, excluding roads or highways; B. At least fifty feet (50') inside the property line; C. At least three hundred feet (300') from any sinkhole, losing stream, or other structure or physiographic feature that may provide direct connection between the ground water table and the surface; D. At least three hundred feet (300') from any existing potable water supply well not located on the property. Adequate protection shall be provided for wells located on the application site; E. One hundred feet (100') to wetlands, ponds, gaining streams (classified or unclassified; perennial or intermittent); and F. If an established vegetated buffer or the wastewater is disinfected, the setbacks established in subsections (A)–(E) above may be decreased if the applicant demonstrates the risk is mitigated. 3. Fenced, or if not fenced, provide in the construction permit application or the facility plan, the— A. Method of disinfection being utilized; B. Suitable barriers in place, or C. Details on how public access is limited and not expected to be present. (C) Preapplication Treatment. At a minimum, treatment prior to irrigation shall provide performance equivalent to that obtained from a primary wastewater lagoon cell designed and constructed in accordance with sections (3) and (4) of this rule, except that the lagoon depth may be increased to include wastewater storage in addition to the primary volume.
- ✓ Following is a list of helpful publications; while generally geared to biosolids and domestic sludge, these documents can show operators and facilities specific best management practices which may be important to their own operations.
  - State and EPA Regulations for Domestic Wastewater Sludge and Biosolids <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/eq421>
  - Land Application of Septage <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/eq422>
  - Standards for Pathogens and Vectors <https://extension.missouri.edu/publications/wq424>
  - Interpretation of Laboratory Analysis of Samples <https://extension2.missouri.edu/wq429>
  - Biosolids Glossary of Terms <https://extension2.missouri.edu/eq449>
- ✓ Operations and Maintenance, and equipment resources:
  - Collection and Storage <https://extension2.missouri.edu/eq431>
  - Equipment for Off-Site Application <https://extension2.missouri.edu/wq432>
  - Equipment for On-Site Land Application <https://extension2.missouri.edu/wq433>
  - Operating Considerations for Equipment <https://extension2.missouri.edu/wq434>
- ✓ Land application of all pollutants must consider cumulative and average limits based on how the pollutant responds in the soil environment. Limits or monitoring requirements may reflect different monthly calculations based on pollutant behavior.
- ✓ The facility must follow the applicable application loading rates indicated in the permit's facility description and/or special conditions. The facility must follow the applicable loading rates in the permit's facility description for each land application area. This permit dictates the most conservative calculation will be used when determining application rates so that the most abundant pollutant is not over-applied.
- ✓ **Hydraulic Loading Rates** – wastewater must be land applied at rates to allow for proper soil absorption and plant uptake. In accordance with 10 CSR 20-8.200(6)(B), the hydraulic loading rate shall not exceed the soil permeability rate, or result in a discharge of wastewater from the land application field.
- ✓ This permit does not authorize land disposal or the application of hazardous waste.
- ✓ Soils testing. The permit's special conditions stipulate soil testing for this facility. Soil testing is performed to ensure soil accumulation rates of the specified parameters are below established soil loading rates. By adhering to the soil sampling methodology and frequency, the Department can determine reasonable potential to cause or contribute to plant toxicity required under 10 CSR 20-6.015(4).

#### LAND DISTURBANCE

Land disturbance, sometimes called construction activities, are actions which cause disturbance of the root layer or soil; these include clearing, grading, and excavating of the land. 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14) and 10 CSR 20-6.200(3) requires permit coverage for these activities. Coverage is not required for facilities when only providing maintenance of original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or to continue the original purpose of the facility.

- ✓ Not applicable; this permit does not provide coverage for land disturbance activities. The facility may obtain a separate land disturbance permit (MORA) online at <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/permits-certification-engineering-fees/stormwater/construction-land-disturbance> MORA permits do not cover disturbance of contaminated soils, however, site specific permits such as this one can be modified to include appropriate controls for land disturbance of contaminated soils by adding site-specific BMP requirements and additional outfalls.

#### MAJOR WATER USER

Any surface or groundwater user with a water source and the equipment necessary to withdraw or divert 100,000 gallons (or 70 gallons per minute) or more per day combined from all sources from any stream, river, lake, well, spring, or other water source is considered a major water user in Missouri. <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/reporting/major-water-users> All major water users are required by law to register water use annually (Missouri Revised Statutes Chapter 256.400 Geology, Water Resources and Geodetic Survey Section). <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/frequently-asked-major-water-user-questions-pub2236/pub2236>

- ✓ Applicable; this facility is a major water user and is registered with the state under registration number 69440839.

## **METALS**

Effluent limitations for total recoverable metals were developed using methods and procedures outlined in the *Technical Support Document For Water Quality-based Toxic Controls* (EPA/505/2-90-001) and *The Metals Translator: Guidance For Calculating a Total Recoverable Permit Limit From a Dissolved Criterion* (EPA 823-B-96-007). “Aquatic Life Protection” in 10 CSR 20-7.031 Tables A1 and A2, as well as general criteria protections in 10 CSR 20-7.031(4) apply to this discharge. The hardness value used for hardness-dependent metals calculations is typically based on the ecoregion’s 50<sup>th</sup> percentile (also known as the median) per 10 CSR 20-7.015(1)(CC), and is reported in the calculations below, unless site specific data was provided. Per a memorandum dated August 6, 2019, the Director has determined limit derivation must use the median of the Level III Ecoregion to calculate permit limits, or site specific data if applicable. Additional use criterion (HHP, DWS, GRW, IRR, or LWW) may also be used, as applicable, to determine the most protective effluent limit for the receiving waterbody’s class and uses. HHP, DWS, GRW, IRR, or LWW do not take hardness into account.

## **MODIFICATION REQUESTS**

Facilities have the option to request a permit modification from the Department at any time under RSMo 644.051.9. Requests must be submitted to the Water Protection Program with the appropriate forms and fees paid per 10 CSR 20-6.011. It is recommended facilities contact the program early so the correct forms and fees are submitted, and the modification request can be completed in a timely fashion. Minor modifications, found in 40 CFR 122.63, are processed without the need for a public comment period. Major modifications, those requests not explicitly fitting under 40 CFR 122.63, do require a public notice period. Modifications to permits must be completed when: a new pollutant is found in the discharge; operational or functional changes occur which affect the technology, function, or outcome of treatment; the facility desires alternate numeric benchmarks; or other changes are needed to the permit.

Modifications are not required when utilizing or changing additives in accordance with the publication <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/additive-usage-wastewater-treatment-facilities-pub2653/pub2653> nor are required when a temporary change or provisional discharge has been authorized by the regional office. While provisional discharges may be authorized by the regional office, they will not be granted for more than the time necessary for the facility to obtain an official modification from the Water Protection Program. Temporary provisional discharges due to weather events or other unforeseen circumstances may or may not necessitate a permit modification. The facility may ask for a Compliance Assistance Visit (CAV) from the regional office to assist in the decision-making process; CAVs are provided free to the permitted entity.

## **MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4)**

This permit allows discharge to waters of the state. The discharges this permit allows may flow into and through the city’s stormwater collection system. Regulated MS4s are managed by public entities, cities, municipalities, or counties. Phase I MS4s are Kansas City, Independence, and Springfield. Phase II MS4s are determined by population or location in an urbanized area. Regulated MS4s are required to develop and maintain a stormwater management program. These programs have requirements for developing and implementing a plan to detect and eliminate illicit discharges to the storm sewer system. Phase I MS4s also maintain oversight programs for industrial and high risk runoff. Regulated MS4s may keep a list of all of the other regulated dischargers (wastewater and stormwater) flowing through their system. If this facility discharges into a separate storm sewer system, the facility must make contact with the owner/operator of that system to coordinate with them. Regulated MS4 operators may request to inspect facilities discharging into their system; a list of regulated MS4s can be viewed at <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/missouris-regulated-municipal-separate-storm-sewer-systems-ms4s> or search by permit ID: MOR04 at [https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis\\_public/permitSearch.do](https://apps5.mo.gov/mocwis_public/permitSearch.do) to determine if this facility needs to contact a local stormwater authority.

## **NUTRIENT MONITORING**

Nutrient monitoring is required for facilities characteristically or expected to discharge nutrients (nitrogenous compounds and/or phosphorus) when the design flow is equal to or greater than 0.1 MGD per 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(D)8. This requirement is applicable to all Missouri waterways.

✓ Not applicable; the total design flow is less than 0.1 MGD for all wastewater outfalls.

Water quality standards per 10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(N) describe nutrient criteria requirements assigned to lakes (which include reservoirs) in Missouri, equal to or greater than 10 acres during normal pool conditions. The Department’s Nutrient Criteria Implementation Plan (NCIP) may be reviewed at: <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/nutrient-criteria-implementation-plan-july-27-2018> Discharges of wastewater in to lakes or lake watersheds designated as L1 (drinking water use) are prohibited per 10 CSR 20-7.015(3)(C).

✓ Not applicable; this facility does not discharge in a lake watershed.

✓ Not applicable; this facility does not discharge nutrients.

## **OIL/WATER SEPARATOR SYSTEMS AND USED OIL**

Oil water separator (OWS) systems are frequently found at industrial sites where process water, wastewater, or stormwater may contain oils, petroleum, greases, oily wastewaters, or other immiscible liquids requiring separation.



Food industry discharges typically require treatment prior to discharge to publically owned treatment works. Per 10 CSR 26-2.010(2)(B), all oil water separators classified as underground storage tanks (UST) which meet the volume requirements, must be operated according to manufacturer's specifications. OWS which are USTs may be authorized in NPDES permits per 10 CSR 26-2.010(2)(B) or otherwise will be regulated as a underground petroleum storage tank under tank rules. A facility may operate an OWS which is not considered a UST for the wastewater or stormwater at any facility without specific NPDES permit authorization. Alternatively, a facility is not required to cover a UST OWS under the NPDES permit if they desire to obtain alternative regulatory compliance. OWS treating animal, vegetable, or food grade oils are not required to be authorized under 10 CSR 20-26-2.020(2)(B). All best management practices for all OWS systems must be adhered. In 2017, field-poured concrete tanks, previously exempted from the tanks rules, lost their exempt status. Facilities must re-evaluate these concrete structures pursuant to these now relevant rules. Adjacent USTs are not covered by these regulations.

Any and all water treatment systems designed to remove floating immiscible oils are termed oil water separators. If a device is intended to capture oil and separate it from water which is to be discharged, this generally qualifies that oil as used oil (if it is petroleum-based in nature). Used oil and oily sludge must be disposed of in accordance with 10 CSR 25-11.279. Pursuant to 40 CFR 279.20(b)(2)(ii)(B), separating used petroleum-based oil from wastewater generated on-site (to make the wastewater acceptable for discharge or reuse pursuant to Federal or state regulations governing the management or discharge of wastewaters) are considered used oil generators and not processors under self-implementing 40 CFR 279 Standards For The Management Of Used Oil. Oily wastes generated by OWS are also generally subject to Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) regulations.

#### **OPERATOR CERTIFICATION REQUIREMENTS**

Operators or supervisors of operations at regulated domestic wastewater treatment facilities shall be certified in accordance with 10 CSR 20-9 and any other applicable state law or regulation.

- ✓ Not applicable; this facility is not required to have a certified operator. This permit does not cover domestic wastewater or the domestic wastewater population equivalent (PE) is less than two hundred (200) individuals. Additionally, this facility is not owned or operated by a municipality, public sewer district, county, public water supply district, or private sewer company regulated by the Public Service Commission, or operated by a state or federal agency. Private entities are exempted from the population equivalent requirement unless the Department has reason to believe a certified operator is necessary.

#### **PERMIT SHIELD**

The permit shield provision of the Clean Water Act (Section 402(k)) and Missouri Clean Water Law (644.051.16 RSMo) provides that when a permit holder is in compliance with its NPDES permit or MSOP, it is effectively in compliance with certain sections of the Clean Water Act, and equivalent sections of the Missouri Clean Water Law. In general, the permit shield is a legal defense against certain enforcement actions, but is only available when the facility is in compliance with its permit and satisfies other specific conditions, including having completely disclosed all discharges and all facility processes and activities to the Department at time of application. It is the facility's responsibility to ensure that all potential pollutants, waste streams, discharges, and activities, as well as wastewater land application, storage, and treatment areas, are all fully disclosed to the Department at the time of application or during the draft permit review process. Previous permit applications are not necessarily evaluated or considered during permit renewal actions. All relevant disclosures must be provided with each permit application, including renewal applications, even when the same information was previously disclosed in a past permit application. Subsequent requests for authorization to discharge additional pollutants, expanded or newly disclosed flows, or for authorization for previously unpermitted and undisclosed activities or discharges, will likely require an official permit modification, including another public participation process.

#### **PRETREATMENT**

This permit does not regulate pretreatment requirements for facilities discharging to an accepting permitted wastewater treatment facility. If applicable, the receiving entity (the publicly owned treatment works - POTW) is to ensure compliance with any effluent limitation guidelines for pretreatment listed in 40 CFR Subchapter N per 10 CSR 20-6.100. Pretreatment regulations per 644.016 RSMo are limitations on the introduction of pollutants or water contaminants into publicly owned treatment works or facilities.

- ✓ Not applicable, this facility does not discharge industrial wastewater to a POTW. Domestic wastewater is not subject to pretreatment requirements.

#### **REASONABLE POTENTIAL (RP)**

Regulations per 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(A)2 and 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(i) require effluent limitations for all pollutants which are (or may be) discharged at a level causing or have the reasonable potential to cause (or contribute to) an in-stream excursion above narrative or numeric water quality standards. Per 10 CSR 20-7.031(4), general criteria shall be applicable to all waters of the state at all times; however, acute toxicity criteria may be exceeded by permit allowance in zones of initial dilution, and chronic toxicity criteria may be exceeded by permit allowance in mixing zones. A reasonable potential analysis (RPA) is a numeric RP decision calculated using effluent data provided by the facility for parameters that have a numeric Water Quality Standard (WQS). If any given pollutant has the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above the WQS, the permit must contain a WQBEL for the pollutant per 40 CFR Part 122.44(d)(1)(iii) and the most stringent limits per 10 CSR 20-7.031(9)(A). The RPA is performed using the *Technical Support Document for Water Quality Based Toxics Control (TSD)* methods (EPA/505/2-90-001) for continuous discharges. See additional considerations under Part II WATERBODY MIXING CONSIDERATIONS and Part III WASTELOAD ALLOCATIONS.

Wasteload allocations are determined utilizing the same equations and statistical methodology. Absent sufficient effluent data, WQBELs are derived without consideration of effluent variability and is assumed to be present unless found to be absent to meet the requirements of antidegradation review found in 10 CSR 20-7.031(3) and reporting of toxic substances pursuant to 40 CFR 122.44(f). The Department's permit writer's manual (<https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/technical-assistance-guidance/wastewater-permit-writers-manual>), the EPA's permit writer's manual (<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/npdes-permit-writers-manual>), program policies, and best professional judgment guide each decision. Each parameter in each outfall is carefully considered; and all applicable information regarding: technology based effluent limitations, effluent limitation guidelines, water quality standards, inspection reports, stream water quality information, stream flows, uses assigned to each waterbody, and all applicable site specific information and data gathered by the facility through discharge monitoring reports and renewal (or new) application sampling.

Reasonable potential determinations (RPD) are based on physical conditions of the site as provided in Sections 3.1.2, 3.1.3, and 3.2 of the TSD using best professional judgement. An RPD consists of evaluating visual observations for compliance with narrative criteria, non-numeric information, or small amounts of numerical data (such as 1 data point supplied in the application). Narrative criteria with RP typically translate to a numeric WQS, so a parameter's establishment being based on narrative criteria does not necessarily make the decision an RPD vs RP—how the data is collected does, however. For example, a facility with orange discharge can have RP for narrative criteria like color, but a numeric iron limit is established to account for the violation of narrative criteria based on effluent data submitted by the facility. When insufficient data is received to make a determination on RP based on numeric effluent data, the RPD decisions are based on best professional judgment considering the type of effluent discharged, the current operational controls in place, and historical overall management of the site. In the case of iron causing excursions of narrative criteria for color, if a facility has not had iron monitoring in a previous permit, adding iron monitoring would be an RPD, since numeric data isn't being used in the determination, but observable, site-specific conditions are.

When the facility is performing surficial or subsurface land application, the volume of water, frequency of application, type of vegetation, soil type, land slopes, and general overall operating conditions are considered. 10 CSR 20-8 are regulations for the minimum operating conditions for land application; these regulations cannot be excused even if there is no RP. RP is reserved for discharging outfalls given that these outfalls are the only ones which water quality standards apply to, but the process is similar as the site conditions are compared to regulations, soil sampling, pollutant profile, and other site specific conditions. In the case of non-discharging outfalls, an RPD is instead used to determine monitoring requirements.

The TSD RPA method cannot be performed on stormwater as the flow is intermittent and highly variable. A stormwater RPD consists of reviewing application data and discharge monitoring data and comparing those data to narrative or numeric water quality criteria. For stormwater outfalls, considerations are required per 10 CSR 20-6.200(6)(B)2: A. application and other information supplied by the facility; B. effluent guidelines; C. best professional judgment; D. water quality; and E. BMPs.

RPDs are also performed for WET testing in wastewater. While no WET regulations specific to industrial wastewater exist, 40 CFR 122.21(j)(5) implies the following can be considered: 1) the variability of the pollutants; 2) the ratio of wastewater flow to receiving stream flow; and 3) current technology employed to remove toxic pollutants. Generally, sufficient data does not exist to mathematically determine RPA for WET, but instead compares the data for other toxic parameters in the wastewater with the necessity to implement WET testing with either monitoring or limits. When toxic parameters exhibit RP, WET testing is generally included in the permit as an RPD. However, if all toxic parameters are controlled via limitations or have exhibited no toxicity in the past, then WET testing may be waived. Only in instances where the wastewater is well characterized can WET testing be waived.

WET testing is typically not implemented for stormwater. Stormwater discharges do not adhere to the same principles of wastewater RPAs because stormwater discharges are not continuous, and at the time of precipitation discharge the receiving stream is also no longer at base (0) flow, meaning that using RP to develop WET testing requirements for stormwater is unrepresentative. The Department works with the Missouri Department of Conservation and has understanding of streams already exhibiting toxicity, even without the influence of industrial wastewater or stormwater. Facilities discharging to streams with historical toxicity are required to use laboratory water for dilution, instead of water from the receiving stream when performing WET tests.

TSD methods encountered may be § 3.3.2, § 5.7.3 for metals, and § 5.4.1 for chloride. Part IV EFFLUENT LIMIT DETERMINATIONS provides specific decisions related to this permit. In general, removal of a WQBEL if there is no RP is not considered backsliding, see ANTIBACKSLIDING for additional information.

- ✓ No statistical RPAs were performed for this permit.
- ✓ The previous permit indicated “There Shall Be No Discharge of Floating Solids or Visible Foam in Other Than Trace Amounts” under each table. The statement was not evaluated against actual site conditions therefore, this general criteria was re-assessed. It was determined that this facility has numeric limitations for the narrative criteria therefore the narration was removed.

#### **REGIONAL OFFICES (ROS)**

Regional Offices will provide a compliance assistance visit at a facility's request; a regional map with links to phone numbers can be found here: <https://dnr.mo.gov/about-us/division-environmental-quality/regional-office>. Or use <https://dnr.mo.gov/compliance-assistance-enforcement> to request assistance from the Region online.

## RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

The renewal special condition permit requirement is designed to guide the facility to prepare and include all relevant and applicable information in accordance with 10 CSR 20-6.010(7)(A)-(C), and if applicable, federal regulations. The special condition may not include all requirements and requests for additional information may be made at the time of permit renewal under 644.051.13(5) RSMo and 40 CFR 122.21(h). Prior to submittal, the facility must review the entire submittal to confirm all required information and data is provided; it is the facility's responsibility to discern if additional information is required. Failure to fully disclose applicable information with the application or application addendums may result in a permit revocation per 10 CSR 20-6.010(8)(A) and may result in the forfeiture of permit shield protection authorized in 644.051.16 RSMo. Forms are located at:

<https://dnr.mo.gov/water/business-industry-other-entities/permits-certification-engineering-fees/wastewater>

- ✓ This facility shall submit an appropriate and complete application to the Department no less than 180 days prior to the expiration date listed on page 1 of the permit.
- ✓ The facility may email [cleanwaterpermits@dnr.mo.gov](mailto:cleanwaterpermits@dnr.mo.gov) to submit the application to the Program. A paper copy is not necessary.
- ✓ Application materials shall include complete Form A, and Form C. If the form name has changed, then the facility should ensure they are submitting the correct forms as required by regulation.

## SAMPLING FREQUENCY JUSTIFICATION

Sampling and reporting frequency was generally retained from previous permit. 40 CFR 122.45(d)(1) indicates all continuous discharges, such as wastewater discharges, shall be permitted with daily maximum and monthly average limits. Minimum sampling frequency for all parameters is annually per 40 CFR 122.44(i)(2).

A reduction in monitoring frequency is not considered backsliding. A numeric or narrative limit established in the permit is applicable every hour of every day, not only during the day the monitoring occurs, therefore, a reduction in monitoring frequency has no bearing on the numeric limits applied in the permit. Both § 402(o)(1) and the safety clause in § 402(o)(3) prohibit renewed permits from containing effluent limitations that are less stringent. The Department does not read 402(o) to apply to any other non-limiting type of permit conditions.

## SAMPLING TYPE JUSTIFICATION

Sampling type was continued from the previous permit. The sampling types are representative of the discharges, and are protective of water quality. Discharges with altering effluent will consider implementing composite sampling; discharges with uniform effluent can have grab samples. Grab samples are usually appropriate for stormwater. Parameters which must have grab sampling are: pH, ammonia, *E. coli*, total residual chlorine, free available chlorine, hexavalent chromium, dissolved oxygen, total phosphorus, volatile organic compounds, and others. For further information on sampling and testing methods see 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(D)2.

## SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE (SOC)

A schedule of remedial measures included in a permit, including an enforceable sequence of interim requirements (actions, effluent limits, operations, or milestone events) leading to compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law, its implementing regulations, and the terms and conditions of an operating permit. SOC's are allowed under 40 CFR 122.47 and 10 CSR 20-7.031(11) providing certain conditions are met. An SOC is not allowed:

- For effluent limitations based on technology-based standards established in accordance with federal requirements, if the deadline for compliance established in federal regulations has passed in accordance with 40 CFR 125.3.
- For a newly constructed facility in most cases per 644.029 RSMo. Newly constructed facilities must meet all applicable effluent limitations (technology and water quality) when discharge begins. New facilities are required to install the appropriate control technologies as specified in a permit or antidegradation review. A SOC is allowed for a new water quality based effluent limit not included in a previously public noticed permit or antidegradation review, which may occur if a regulation changes during construction.
- To develop a TMDL, UAA, or other study associated with development of a site specific criterion. A facility is not prohibited from conducting these activities, but a SOC may not be specifically granted for conducting these activities.

In order to provide guidance in developing SOC's, and to attain a greater level of consistency, the Department issued a policy on development of SOC's on October 25, 2012. The policy provides guidance for standard time frames for schedules for common activities, and guidance on factors to modify the length of the schedule.

- ✓ Not applicable; this permit does not contain a SOC.

## SECONDARY CONTAINMENT:

The Department has established minimum requirements for secondary containment areas. These conditions are necessary to prevent contamination in stormwater before storm events, and before stormwater has a risk for contamination in these areas. By including dry inspection requirements, the Department can be confident in the site's operational controls.

By fixing all leaks and removing debris from the secondary containment areas prior to precipitation events, stormwater collected in the areas are unlikely to yield contamination or elicit sheen thereby allowing immediate removal of stormwater which is in compliance with SPCC plans.

The Department is establishing a permit requirement for visual inspection frequency commiserate with the potential for contamination for secondary containment(s) to protect waters of the state from petroleum contamination, oils and greases, or sheen pursuant to 10 CSR 20-7.031(4)(B); and other water contaminants as necessary. These conditions establish permissible allowances for the facility to discharge stormwater that was either free of sheen or has been cleaned of sheen, but only if the facility has demonstrated, through inspections, the facility has been effectively maintaining tanks and appurtenances in the secondary containment areas.

Historic petroleum secondary containment language required laboratory testing for benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, and xylene (BTEX) upon sheen observance; to have all laboratory testing completed prior to release of the contained stormwater; and to be below established numeric limits for BTEX prior to release. However, it was noted by commenters that when the Department requires facilities to keep the sheeny accumulated stormwater in the secondary containment for long periods of time (time needed to obtain laboratory results for BTEX, it is contrary to other relevant regulations, which state contaminated stormwater must be disposed of as quickly as possible. Facilities then developed alternative actions, such as tanking sheeny secondary containment stormwater until the expedited BTEX laboratory analysis was completed, then releasing the water from the tank. These alternative methods of tanking sheeny stormwater are both costly and resource-intensive, requiring worker time which needs to be directed to other facility activities. By shifting worker time from post-sheen-occurrence management to pre-contamination dry-inspections, the Department has alleviated several commenter's concerns regarding past secondary containment special conditions.

By allowing on-site sheen removal, then discharge, the Department is allowing expedited drainage of the secondary containment without delay. When a facility properly maintains tanks and appurtenances via these series of inspections and provides sheen removal prior to release, then the facility can maintain compliance with Missouri's requirements for the safe storage and handling of flammable and combustible liquids (2 CSR 90-30.050), storage tank secondary containment volume requirements (40 CFR 112), and Missouri's general water quality criteria 10 CSR 20-7.031(4)(B).

The Department revised petroleum secondary containment special conditions in permits based on National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) standards [mainly NFPA 30], enforceable under Missouri fire prevention codes [2 CSR 90-30.050], and Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) [40 CFR 112] requirements. 2 CSR 90-30.050(20) and (21) specifically reference the Department of Natural Resources' environmental regulations. To apply these referenced conditions, this permit requires periodic secondary containment inspections.

It is acceptable for the inspections this permit requires to contradict the facility's SPCC plan inspection frequency, as these two requirements have different goals; the frequencies designated in the SPCC plan are based on the facility's evaluation of a tankage system's potential for catastrophic failure, not small leaks that result in sheeny stormwater. The inspection frequency this permit identifies for secondary containments have the capability to identify small leaks from appurtenances which have the possibility to cause contamination in standing stormwater, not simply a catastrophic failure. SPCC requirements pursuant to 40 CFR 112.8(c)(3)(iv) and 40 CFR 112.12(c)(3)(iv) also dictate that release of contaminated stormwater is prohibited unless regulated under an NPDES permit which allows for bypassing pursuant to 40 CFR 122.41(m)(3). As this permit does not allow bypassing, the facility must follow the inspection steps listed in the special conditions of this permit.

Many facilities are subject to the requirements outlined by the EPA in 40 CFR 112.3, also known as the SPCC plan: detailing the equipment, workforce, procedures, and steps necessary to prevent, control, and provide adequate countermeasures to a discharge. These regulations minimally require secondary containment and diversion structures be maintained. Title 40 regulations are developed by the Environmental Protection Agency. The self-certified SPCC plan a facility designs, while aimed to protect waters of the state and United States (WOTS/WOTUS), may differ considerably from site to site. This permit's conditions serves to treat similar facilities similarly. The EPA did not establish minimum frequency container or containment inspections; this permit does establish a minimum frequency, and concurrent inspections for this permit and per the SPCC plan may occur. This permit does not require a professional engineer (PE) inspect the tankage systems.

#### **SPILLS, OVERFLOWS, AND OTHER UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE REPORTING**

Per 260.505 RSMo, any emergency involving a hazardous substance must be reported to the Department's 24 hour Environmental Emergency Response hotline at (573) 634-2436 at the earliest possible moment after discovery. The Department may require the submittal of a written report detailing measures taken to clean up a spill. These reporting requirements apply whether or not the spill results in chemicals or materials leaving the permitted property or reaching waters of the state. This requirement is in addition to the noncompliance reporting requirement found in Standard Conditions Part I.

<https://revisor.mo.gov/main/OneSection.aspx?section=260.500&bid=13989&hl=>

Any other spills, overflows, or unauthorized discharges reaching waters of the state must be reported to the regional office during normal business hours, or after normal business hours, to the Department's 24 hour Environmental Emergency Response spill line at 573-634-2436.

Certain industrial facilities are subject to the self-implementing regulations for Oil Pollution Prevention in 40 CFR 112, and are required to initiate and follow Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans. This permit, as issued, is not intended to

be a replacement for any SPCC plan, nor can this permit's conditions be automatically relaxed based on the SPCC plan if the permit is more stringent than the plan.

#### **SLUDGE – INDUSTRIAL**

Industrial sludge is solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of industrial process or non-process wastewater in a treatment works; including but not limited to, scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment process; scum and solids filtered from water supplies and backwashed; and any material derived from industrial sludge. Industrial sludge could also be derived from lagoon or basin dredging or other similar maintenance activities. Certain oil sludge, like those from oil water separators, are subject to self-implementing federal regulations under 40 CFR 279 for used oils.

✓ Not applicable; industrial sludge is not generated at this facility.

#### **STANDARD CONDITIONS**

The standard conditions Part I attached to this permit incorporate all sections of 10 CSR 20-6.010(8) and 40 CFR 122.41(a) through (n) by reference as required by law. These conditions, in addition to the conditions enumerated within the standard conditions must be reviewed by the facility to ascertain compliance with this permit, state regulations, state statutes, federal regulations, and the Clean Water Act. Standard Conditions Part III, if attached to this permit, incorporate requirements dealing with domestic wastewater, domestic sludge, and land application of domestic wastes.

#### **STORMWATER PERMITTING: LIMITATIONS AND BENCHMARKS**

Because of the fleeting nature of stormwater discharges, the Department, under the direction of EPA guidance, has determined monthly averages are capricious measures of stormwater-only discharges. The *Technical Support Document for Water Quality Based Toxics Control* (EPA/505/2-90-001; 1991) §3.1 indicates most procedures within the document apply only to water quality based approaches, not end-of-pipe technology-based controls. Hence, stormwater-only outfalls will generally only contain a maximum daily limit (MDL), a benchmark, or a monitoring requirement as dictated by site specific conditions, the BMPs in place, the BMPs proposed, past performance of the facility, and the receiving water's current quality.

When a permitted feature or outfall consists of only stormwater, a benchmark may be implemented if there is no RP for water quality excursions.

✓ Not applicable; this facility's SIC code does not require stormwater monitoring per 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14) or 10 CSR 20-6.200. Removal of the SWPPP requirement does not constitute a numeric requirement. Both § 402(o)(1) and the safety clause in § 402(o)(3) prohibit renewed permits from containing effluent limitations that are less stringent. The Department does not read 402(o) to apply to any other non-limiting type of permit conditions.

#### **STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP)**

A SWPPP must be prepared by the facility if the SIC code or facility description type is found in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14) and/or 10 CSR 20-6.200(2). A SWPPP may be required of other facilities where stormwater has been identified as necessitating better management. The purpose of a SWPPP is to comply with all applicable stormwater regulations by creating an adaptive management plan to control and mitigate stream pollution from stormwater runoff.

✓ Not applicable; this facility's SIC code does not require stormwater monitoring per 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14) or 10 CSR 20-6.200. Removal of the SWPPP requirement does not constitute a numeric requirement. Both § 402(o)(1) and the safety clause in § 402(o)(3) prohibit renewed permits from containing effluent limitations that are less stringent. The Department does not read 402(o) to apply to any other non-limiting type of permit conditions.

#### **SUFFICIENTLY SENSITIVE ANALYTICAL METHODS**

Please review Standard Conditions Part 1, §A, No. 4. The analytical and sampling methods used shall conform to the reference methods listed in 10 CSR 20-7.015 or 40 CFR 136 unless alternates are approved by the Department and incorporated within this permit. The facility shall use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods for detecting, identifying, and measuring the concentrations of pollutants. The facility shall ensure the selected methods are able to quantify the presence of pollutants in any given discharge at concentrations low enough to determine compliance with Water Quality Standards in 10 CSR 20-7.031 or effluent limitations unless provisions in the permit allow for other alternatives. The reporting limits established by the chosen laboratory must be below the lowest effluent limits established for the specified parameter (including any parameter's future limit after an SOC) in the permit unless the permit provides for an ML or if the facility provides a written rationale to the Department. It is the facility's responsibility to ensure the laboratory has adequate equipment and controls in place to quantify the pollutant. Inflated reporting limits will not be accepted by the Department if the reporting limit is above the parameter value stipulated in the permit.

A method is "sufficiently sensitive" when; 1) the method quantifies the pollutant below the level of the applicable water quality criterion or; 2) the method minimum level is above the applicable water quality criterion, but the amount of pollutant in a facility's discharge is high enough the method detects and quantifies the level of pollutant in the discharge, or 3) the method has the lowest minimum level of the analytical methods approved under 10 CSR 20-7.015 and or 40 CFR 136. These methods are also required for parameters listed as monitoring only, as the data collected may be used to determine if numeric limitations need to be established. A facility is responsible for working with their contractors to ensure the analysis performed is sufficiently sensitive.



### **UNDERGROUND INJECTION CONTROL (UIC)**

The UIC program for all classes of wells in the State of Missouri is administered by the Missouri Department of Natural Resources and approved by EPA pursuant to §§1422 and 1425 of the Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) and 40 CFR 147 Subpart AA. Injection wells are classified based on the liquids which are being injected. Class I wells are hazardous waste wells which are banned by 577.155 RSMo; Class II wells are established for oil and natural gas production; Class III wells are used to inject fluids to extract minerals; Class IV wells are also banned by Missouri in 577.155 RSMo; Class V wells are shallow injection wells; some examples are heat pump wells and groundwater remediation wells. Domestic wastewater being disposed of sub-surface is also considered a Class V well. In accordance with 40 CFR 144.82, construction, operation, maintenance, conversion, plugging, or closure of injection wells shall not cause movement of fluids containing any contaminant into Underground Sources of Drinking Water (USDW) if the presence of any contaminant may cause a violation of any drinking water standards or groundwater standards under 10 CSR 20-7.031, or other health based standards, or may otherwise adversely affect human health. If the director finds the injection activity may endanger USDWs, the Department may require closure of the injection wells, or other actions listed in 40 CFR 144.12(c), (d), or (e). In accordance with 40 CFR 144.26, the facility shall submit a Class V Well Inventory Form for each active or new underground injection well drilled, or when the status of a well changes, to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Geological Survey Program, P.O. Box 250, Rolla, Missouri 65402. The Class V Well Inventory Form can be requested from the Geological Survey Program or can be found at the following web address: <https://dnr.mo.gov/document-search/class-v-well-inventory-form-mo-780-1774> Single family residential septic systems and non-residential septic systems used solely for sanitary waste and having the capacity to serve fewer than 20 persons a day are excluded from the UIC requirements (40 CFR 144.81(9)). The Department implements additional requirements for these types of operations pursuant to 10 CSR 20-6.015(4)(A)1 which instructs the Department to develop permit conditions containing limitations, monitoring, reporting, and other requirements to protect soils, crops, surface waters, groundwater, public health, and the environment.

✓ Not applicable; the facility has not submitted materials indicating the facility is or will be performing UIC at this site.

### **VARIANCE**

Per the Missouri Clean Water Law §644.061.4, variances shall be granted for such period of time and under such terms and conditions as specified by the commission in its order. The variance may be extended by affirmative action of the commission. In no event shall the variance be granted for a period of time greater than is reasonably necessary for complying with the Missouri Clean Water Law §§644.006 to 644.141 or any standard, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to Missouri Clean Water Law §§644.006 to 644.141. Thermal variances are regulated separately and are found under 644.

✓ Not applicable; this permit is not drafted under premise of a petition for variance.

### **WASTELOAD ALLOCATIONS (WLA) FOR LIMITS**

As per [10 CSR 20-2.010; definitions], the WLA is the maximum amount of pollutant each discharger is allowed to discharge into the receiving stream without endangering water quality. Only streams with available load allocations can be granted discharge allowances. Outfalls afforded mixing allocations provide higher limits because the receiving stream is able to accept more pollutant loading without causing adverse impacts to the environment or aquatic life.

✓ Not applicable; wasteload allocations were not based on typical TSD methods. See Part IV for specific limit derivation and methods used to calculate effluent limits.

### **WASTELOAD ALLOCATION (WLA) MODELING**

Facilities may submit site specific studies to better determine the site specific wasteload allocations applied in permits.

✓ Not applicable; a WLA study was either not submitted or determined not applicable by Department staff.

### **WATER QUALITY STANDARD REVISION**

In accordance with 644.058 RSMo, the Department is required to utilize an evaluation of the environmental and economic impacts of modifications to water quality standards of twenty-five percent or more when making individual site-specific permit decisions.

✓ This operating permit does not contain requirements for a water quality standard changing twenty-five percent or more since the previous operating permit.

### **WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) TEST**

A WET test is a quantifiable method to conclusively determine if discharges from the facility cause toxicity to aquatic life by itself, in combination with, or through synergistic responses, typically when mixed with receiving stream water. Under the CWA §101(a)(3), requiring WET testing is reasonably appropriate for Missouri State Operating Permits to quantify toxicity. WET testing is also required by 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1) when RP is found.

WET testing ensures the provisions in 10 CSR 20-6 and Missouri's Water Quality Standards in 10 CSR 20-7 are being met; the acute WQS for WET is 0.3 TUa. Under 10 CSR 20-6.010(8)(A)4, the Department may require other terms and conditions it deems necessary to ensure compliance with the CWA and related regulations of the Missouri Clean Water Commission. Missouri Clean Water Law (MCWL) RSMo 644.051.3 requires the Department to set permit conditions complying with the MCWL and CWA. 644.051.4 RSMo specifically references toxicity as an item the Department must consider in permits (along with water quality-based effluent limits); and RSMo 644.051.5 is the basic authority to require testing conditions. Requirements found in the federal application requirements for POTWs (40 CFR 122.21(j)(5)) do not apply to industrial facilities, therefore WET testing can be implemented on a

case by case basis following the factors outlined below. Annual testing is the minimum testing frequency if reasonable potential is found; monitoring requirements promulgated in 40 CFR 122.44(i)(2) state “requirements to report monitoring results shall be established on a case-by-case basis with a frequency dependent on the nature and effect of the discharge, but in no case less than once per year.” To determine reasonable potential, factors considered are: 1) history of toxicity; 2) quantity and quality of substances (either limited or not) in the permit with aquatic life protections assigned; and 3) operational controls on toxic pollutants. See Part III under REASONABLE POTENTIAL for additional information. A facility does not have to be designated as a major facility to receive WET testing; and being a major facility does not automatically require WET testing. Additionally per 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(v), limits on whole effluent toxicity are not necessary where the permitting authority demonstrates in the fact sheet, using the procedures in 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(ii) of this section, that chemical-specific limits or specified operational controls are sufficient to attain and maintain applicable numeric and narrative water quality standards.

If WET limits are applied to this facility, follow up testing applies. When a facility exceeds the TU established in the permit, three additional follow-up tests are triggered. The follow up test results do not negate the initial testing result. If the facility is within the prescribed TU limit for all three follow up tests, then no further testing is required until the next regularly scheduled tests. If one or more additional tests exceed the TU limit, the facility may consider beginning the Toxicity Identification Evaluation (TIE) and Toxicity Identification Reduction (TRE) processes instead of waiting for three consecutive TU exceedances. The TIE and TRE process can take up to two years, especially when toxicity is variable or transient. We urge facilities to work closely with their WET testing laboratory to follow nationwide guidance for determining causes of toxicity and curative activities to remove toxicity. Additional wastewater controls may be necessary; and while, generally, no Construction Permit (CP) is required for adding treatment at industrial facilities, the facility may check with the Engineering Section to determine a plan of action.

If WET testing failures are from a known toxic parameter, and the facility is working with the Department to alleviate that pollutant’s toxicity in the discharge, please contact the Department prior to conducting follow-up WET testing. Under certain conditions, follow-up testing may be waived when the facility is already working to reduce and eliminate toxicity in the effluent. For the purposes of reporting, the laboratory may supply either the TU value, the LC<sub>50</sub>, or the NOEC. If the laboratory only supplied the LC<sub>50</sub> or the NOEC value, the toxic unit is calculated by 100/LC<sub>50</sub> for acute tests, or 100/NOEC for chronic tests. The TU value is entered in the eDMR system. Reports showing no toxicity are usually entered as <1.

✓ Not applicable; WET testing was not implemented in this permit because here are no pollutants identified as “toxic”, and there is no RP for WET.

## **PART IV. EFFLUENT LIMIT DETERMINATIONS**

### **OUTFALL #001 – RO REJECT**

#### **EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS TABLE:**

PARAMETERS	UNIT	DAILY MAX	MONTHLY AVG	PREVIOUS PERMIT LIMITS	MINIMUM SAMPLING FREQUENCY	MINIMUM REPORTING FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
PHYSICAL							
FLOW	MGD	*	*	SAME	ONCE/QUARTER	ONCE/QUARTER	24 HR. EST
CONVENTIONAL							
CHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND	mg/L	*	*	SAME	ONCE/QUARTER	ONCE/QUARTER	GRAB
OIL & GREASE	mg/L	15	10	SAME	ONCE/QUARTER	ONCE/QUARTER	GRAB
pH ‡	SU	6.5 TO 9.0		SAME	ONCE/QUARTER	ONCE/QUARTER	GRAB
SETTLEABLE SOLIDS	mL/L/hr	3.0	1.5	SAME	ONCE/QUARTER	ONCE/QUARTER	GRAB
TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS	mg/L	60	30	SAME	ONCE/QUARTER	ONCE/QUARTER	GRAB

\* monitoring and reporting requirement only

† report the minimum and maximum pH values; pH is not to be averaged

‡ The facility shall grab a sample for the RO reject wastewater without the influence of stormwater. Stormwater is not regulated as industrial stormwater under this permit.

#### **DERIVATION AND DISCUSSION OF LIMITS:**

##### **Flow**

In accordance with [40 CFR Part 122.44(i)(1)(ii)] the volume of effluent discharged from each outfall is needed to ensure compliance with permitted effluent limitations. If the facility is unable to obtain effluent flow, then it is the responsibility of the facility to inform the Department, which may require the submittal of an operating permit modification. The facility will report



the total flow in millions of gallons per day (MGD), quarterly monitoring continued from previous permit. The facility reported from 0.00765 to 0.144 MGD in the last permit term.

## **CONVENTIONAL:**

### **Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)**

Monitoring is included and continued from the previous permit using best professional judgment. There is no numeric water quality standard for COD; however, increased oxygen demand may impact instream water quality. COD is also a valuable indicator parameter. COD monitoring allows the facility to identify increases in COD causing an increase in oxygen demand. Increases in COD may indicate a need for maintenance or improvement of BMPs. The facility reported from non-detect to 61.5 mg/L in the last permit term. No effluent limits are being established at this time.

### **Oil & Grease**

15 mg/L daily maximum; 10 mg/L monthly average; continued from previous permit using RPD. The facility reported from non-detect to 18.1 mg/L in the last permit term and the application. Oil and grease is considered a conventional pollutant. Oil and grease is a comprehensive test which measures for gasoline, diesel, crude oil, creosote, kerosene, heating oils, heavy fuel oils, lubricating oils, waxes, and some asphalt and pitch. The test can also detect some volatile organics such as benzene, toluene, ethylbenzene, or xylene, but these constituents are often lost during testing due to their boiling points. An RPD on this parameter found RP based on DMR data and the type of facility. Oils and greases of different densities will possibly form sheen or unsightly bottom deposits at levels which vary from 10 mg/L. To protect the general criteria, it is the responsibility of the facility to visually observe the discharge and receiving waters for sheen or bottom deposits. The limit this permit applies does not allow the facility to violate general criteria pursuant to 10 CSR 20-7.015(4) even if data provided are below the numeric limit.

AQL Chronic: 10 mg/L per 10 CSR 20-7.031 Table A1

Set chronic standard equal to chronic WLA per TSD §5.4.2 (EPA/505/2-90-001); multiply by 1.5 to obtain acute limit.

10 mg/L \* 1.5 = 15 mg/L

### **pH**

6.5 to 9.0 SU – instantaneous grab sample. Water quality limits [10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(E)] are applicable to this outfall. pH is a fundamental water quality indicator. Additionally, metals leachability and ammonia availability in wastewater is dependent on pH. Limitations in this permit will protect against aquatic organism toxicity, downstream water quality issues, human health hazard contact, and negative physical changes in accordance with the general criteria at 10 CSR 20-7.031(4) and the Clean Water Act's (CWA) goal of 100% fishable and swimmable rivers and streams. This limit is continued from the previous permit. the facility reported from 7.2 to 8.2 SU.

### **Settleable Solids (SS)**

There is no water quality standard for SS; however, sediment discharges can negatively impact aquatic life habitat. Settleable solids are also a valuable indicator parameter. Solids monitoring allows the permittee to identify increases in sediment and solids that may indicate uncontrolled materials leaving the site. Previous permit limits were 3.0 mL/L/hr daily maximum and 1.5 mL/L/hr monthly average and are retained based on best professional judgment. These limitations have been reevaluated and determined to protect the receiving streams; limits retained. The facility reported from non-detects for this parameter. This parameter is retained based on the type of wastewater being discharged.

### **Total Suspended Solids (TSS)**

Effluent limitations have been retained from the previous state operating permit and moved to outfall #001. Daily maximum 60 mg/L, monthly average 30 mg/L. These limits are based on best professional judgment and are similar to other facilities discharging reverse osmosis wastewater. The facility reported from non-detect to 24.4 mg/L. This parameter is retained based on the type of wastewater being discharged.

## **PERMITTED FEATURE #004 – LAND APPLICATION**

The wastewater was evaluated for contaminants of concern and possibility to cause vegetative stress or harm in accordance with 10 CSR 20-6.015(4). While this is not a no-discharge facility, Missouri's requirements are still applicable to land application sites. The permit conditions established conform to the requirements set forth in 10 CSR 20-6.015(4)(A). There are no contaminants of concern in amounts expected to cause harm, vegetative stress, soil loss, crop harm, groundwater intrusion, harm public health, or harm the environment. However, the conditions stipulate that ponding, puddling, or runoff is not to occur. Water application may only occur if there is a need to water the vegetation. Application may not occur during precipitation events, or when the ground is frozen.

## **PART V. ADMINISTRATIVE REQUIREMENTS**

On the basis of preliminary staff review and the application of applicable standards and regulations, the Department, as administrative agent for the Missouri Clean Water Commission, proposes to issue a permit(s) subject to certain effluent limitations, schedules, and special conditions contained herein and within the operating permit. The proposed determinations are tentative pending public comment.

### **PERMIT SYNCHRONIZATION**

Permits are normally issued on a five-year term, but to achieve watershed synchronization some permits will need to be issued for less than the full five years as allowed by regulation. The intent is all permits within a watershed will move through the Watershed Based Management (WBM) cycle together will all expire in the same fiscal year. This will allow the Department to explore a watershed based permitting effort at some point in the future.

- ✓ This permit does not have nutrient trading, and is partially land application. This permit is not in a watershed where there are impairments and no TMDL is being developed. This permit will not be synchronized.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE**

The Department shall give public notice a draft permit has been prepared and its issuance is pending. Additionally, public notice will be issued if a public hearing is to be held because of a significant degree of interest in or with concerns related to a draft permit. No public notice is required when a request for a permit modification or termination is denied; however, the requester and facility must be notified of the denial in writing. <https://dnr.mo.gov/water/what-were-doing/public-notices> The Department must issue public notice of a pending operating permit. The public comment period is the length of time not less than 30 days following the date of the public notice which interested persons may submit written comments about the proposed permit.

For persons wishing to submit comments regarding this proposed operating permit, please refer to the Public Notice page located at the front of this draft operating permit. The Public Notice page gives direction on how and where to submit appropriate comments. All comments must be in written form.

- ✓ The Public Notice period for this operating permit started February 24, 2023 and ended March 27, 2023. No Comments were received. During issuance it was noted that a feature identifier was already used for #002. #002 was changed to #004 throughout the document (#003 was also already used in historical permits).

**DATE OF FACT SHEET:** MARCH 29, 2023

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These Standard Conditions incorporate permit conditions as required by 40 CFR 122.41 or other applicable state statutes or regulations. These minimum conditions apply unless superseded by requirements specified in the permit.

## Part I – General Conditions

### Section A – Sampling, Monitoring, and Recording

1. **Sampling Requirements.**
  - a. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
  - b. All samples shall be taken at the outfall(s) or Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Department) approved sampling location(s), and unless specified, before the effluent joins or is diluted by any other body of water or substance.
2. **Monitoring Requirements.**
  - a. 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.
  - b. If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit at the location specified in the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, or another method required for an industry-specific waste stream under 40 CFR subchapters N or O, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reported to the Department with the discharge monitoring report data (DMR) submitted to the Department pursuant to Section B, paragraph 7.
3. **Sample and Monitoring Calculations.** Calculations for all sample and monitoring results which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in the permit.
4. **Test Procedures.** The analytical and sampling methods used shall conform to the reference methods listed in 10 CSR 20-7.015 unless alternates are approved by the Department. The facility shall use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods for detecting, identifying, and measuring the concentrations of pollutants. The facility shall ensure that the selected methods are able to quantify the presence of pollutants in a given discharge at concentrations that are low enough to determine compliance with Water Quality Standards in 10 CSR 20-7.031 or effluent limitations unless provisions in the permit allow for other alternatives. A method is “sufficiently sensitive” when; 1) the method minimum level is at or below the level of the applicable water quality criterion for the pollutant or, 2) the method minimum level is above the applicable water quality criterion, but the amount of pollutant in a facility’s discharge is high enough that the method detects and quantifies the level of pollutant in the discharge, or 3) the method has the lowest minimum level of the analytical methods approved under 10 CSR 20-7.015. These methods are also required for parameters that are listed as monitoring only, as the data collected may be used to determine if limitations need to be established. A permittee is responsible for working with their contractors to ensure that the analysis performed is sufficiently sensitive.
5. **Record Retention.** Except for records of monitoring information required by the permit related to the permittee’s sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five (5) years (or longer as required by 40 CFR part 503), 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 the permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for the permit, for a period of at least three (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.

6. **Illegal Activities.**
  - a. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under the permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than four (4) years, or both.
  - b. The Missouri Clean Water Law provides that any person or who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both. Second and successive convictions for violation under this paragraph by any person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both.

### Section B – Reporting Requirements

1. **Planned Changes.**
  - a. The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility when:
    - 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 40 CFR 122.42;
    - 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;
    - iv. Any facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications which will result in a new or substantially different discharge or sludge characteristics must be reported to the Department 60 days before the facility or process modification begins. Notification may be accomplished by application for a new permit. If the discharge does not violate effluent limitations specified in the permit, the facility is to submit a notice to the Department of the changed discharge at least 30 days before such changes. The Department may require a construction permit and/or permit modification as a result of the proposed changes at the facility.
2. **Non-compliance Reporting.**
  - a. The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Relevant information shall be provided orally or via the current electronic method approved by the Department, within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances, and shall be reported to the appropriate Regional Office during normal business hours or the Environmental Emergency Response hotline at 573-634-2436 outside of normal business hours. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) business 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.



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- b. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.
    - i. Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
    - ii. Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
    - iii. Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit required to be reported within 24 hours.
  - c. The Department may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under paragraph 2. b. of this section if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.
3. **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. The notice shall be submitted to the Department 60 days prior to such changes or activity.
  4. **Compliance Schedules.** Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of the permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date. The report shall provide an explanation for the instance of noncompliance and a proposed schedule or anticipated date, for achieving compliance with the compliance schedule requirement.
  5. **Other Noncompliance.** The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs 2, 3, and 6 of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph 2. a. of this section.
  6. **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.
  7. **Discharge Monitoring Reports.**
    - a. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified in the permit.
    - b. Monitoring results must be reported to the Department via the current method approved by the Department, unless the permittee has been granted a waiver from using the method. If the permittee has been granted a waiver, the permittee must use forms provided by the Department.
    - c. Monitoring results shall be reported to the Department no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month following the end of the reporting period.
- b. 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 10 days before the date of the bypass.
    - ii. Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Section B – Reporting Requirements, paragraph 5 (24-hour notice).
  - c. Prohibition of bypass.
    - i. Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
      1. Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
      2. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate 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
      3. The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph 2. b. 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 (3) conditions listed above in paragraph 2. c. i. of this section.
3. **Upset Requirements.**
    - a. 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 3. b. 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.
    - b. 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 Section B – Reporting Requirements, paragraph 2. b. ii. (24-hour notice).
      - iv. The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Section D – Administrative Requirements, paragraph 4.
    - c. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

## Section C – Bypass/Upset Requirements

1. **Definitions.**
  - a. *Bypass*: the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility, except in the case of blending.
  - b. *Severe Property Damage*: substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
  - c. *Upset*: 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.
2. **Bypass Requirements.**
  - a. 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 2. b. and 2. c. of this section.

## Section D – Administrative Requirements

1. **Duty to Comply.** The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Missouri Clean Water Law and Federal 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 Federal Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under section 405(d) of the CWA within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
  - b. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who violates section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under sections 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$25,000 per day for each violation. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, or any requirement



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- imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to criminal penalties of \$2,500 to \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than two (2) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of \$5,000 to \$50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the CWA, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions.
- c. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the EPA Director for violating section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of this Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed \$25,000. Penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed \$125,000.
- d. It is unlawful for any person to cause or permit any discharge of water contaminants from any water contaminant or point source located in Missouri in violation of sections 644.006 to 644.141 of the Missouri Clean Water Law, or any standard, rule or regulation promulgated by the commission. In the event the commission or the director determines that any provision of sections 644.006 to 644.141 of the Missouri Clean Water Law or standard, rules, limitations or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, or permits issued by, or any final abatement order, other order, or determination made by the commission or the director, or any filing requirement pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141 of the Missouri Clean Water Law or any other provision which this state is required to enforce pursuant to any federal water pollution control act, is being, was, or is in imminent danger of being violated, the commission or director may cause to have instituted a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for the injunctive relief to prevent any such violation or further violation or for the assessment of a penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per day for each day, or part thereof, the violation occurred and continues to occur, or both, as the court deems proper. Any person who willfully or negligently commits any violation in this paragraph shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$25,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Second and successive convictions for violation of the same provision of this paragraph by any person shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both.
2. **Duty to Reapply.**
- a. 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.
- b. A permittee with a currently effective site-specific permit shall submit an application for renewal at least 180 days before the expiration date of the existing permit, unless permission for a later date has been granted by the Department. (The Department shall not grant permission for applications to be submitted later than the expiration date of the existing permit.)
- c. A permittee with currently effective general permit shall submit an application for renewal at least 30 days before the existing permit expires, unless the permittee has been notified by the Department that an earlier application must be made. The Department may grant permission for a later submission date. (The Department shall not grant permission for applications to be submitted later than the expiration date of the existing 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. **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.
6. **Permit Actions.**
- a. Subject to compliance with statutory requirements of the Law and Regulations and applicable Court Order, this permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following:
- i. Violations of any terms or conditions of this permit or the law;
- ii. Having obtained this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully any relevant facts;
- iii. A change in any circumstances or conditions that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge; or
- iv. Any reason set forth in the Law or Regulations.
- b. 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.
7. **Permit Transfer.**
- a. Subject to 10 CSR 20-6.010, an operating permit may be transferred upon submission to the Department of an application to transfer signed by the existing owner and the new owner, unless prohibited by the terms of the permit. Until such time the permit is officially transferred, the original permittee remains responsible for complying with the terms and conditions of the existing permit.
- b. The Department may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Missouri Clean Water Law or the Federal Clean Water Act.
- c. The Department, within 30 days of receipt of the application, shall notify the new permittee of its intent to revoke or reissue or transfer the permit.
8. **Toxic Pollutants.** The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Federal Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under section 405(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
9. **Property Rights.** This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.





STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR NPDES PERMITS  
ISSUED BY  
THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
MISSOURI CLEAN WATER COMMISSION  
REVISED  
AUGUST 1, 2014

10. **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.
11. **Inspection and Entry.** The permittee shall allow the Department, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the Department), 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 the 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 Federal Clean Water Act or Missouri Clean Water Law, any substances or parameters at any location.
12. **Closure of Treatment Facilities.**
  - a. Persons who cease operation or plan to cease operation of waste, wastewater, and sludge handling and treatment facilities shall close the facilities in accordance with a closure plan approved by the Department.
  - b. Operating Permits under 10 CSR 20-6.010 or under 10 CSR 20-6.015 are required until all waste, wastewater, and sludges have been disposed of in accordance with the closure plan approved by the Department and any disturbed areas have been properly stabilized. Disturbed areas will be considered stabilized when perennial vegetation, pavement, or structures using permanent materials cover all areas that have been disturbed. Vegetative cover, if used, shall be at least 70% plant density over 100% of the disturbed area.
13. **Signatory Requirement.**
  - a. All permit applications, reports required by the permit, or information requested by the Department shall be signed and certified. (See 40 CFR 122.22 and 10 CSR 20-6.010)
  - b. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or non-compliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months per violation, or by both.
  - c. The Missouri Clean Water 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 pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.
14. **Severability.** The provisions of the permit are severable, and if any provision of the permit, or the application of any provision of the permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of the permit, shall not be affected thereby.



MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM  
**FORM A – APPLICATION FOR NONDOMESTIC PERMIT UNDER MISSOURI  
CLEAN WATER LAW**

**FOR AGENCY USE ONLY**

CHECK NUMBER

DATE RECEIVED

FEE SUBMITTED

JET PAY CONFIRMATION NUMBER

**PLEASE READ ALL THE ACCOMPANYING INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE COMPLETING THIS FORM.  
SUBMITTAL OF AN INCOMPLETE APPLICATION MAY RESULT IN THE APPLICATION BEING RETURNED.**

**IF YOUR FACILITY IS ELIGIBLE FOR A NO EXPOSURE EXEMPTION:**

Fill out the No Exposure Certification Form (Mo 780-2828): <https://dnr.mo.gov/forms/780-2828-f.pdf>

**1. REASON FOR APPLICATION:**

- ☒ a. This facility is now in operation under Missouri State Operating Permit (permit) MO – 0116874, is submitting an application for renewal, and there is no proposed increase in design wastewater flow. Annual fees will be paid when invoiced and there is no additional permit fee required for renewal.
- ☐ b. This facility is now in operation under permit MO – \_\_\_\_\_, is submitting an application for renewal, and there is a proposed increase in design wastewater flow. Antidegradation Review may be required. Annual fees will be paid when invoiced and there is no additional permit fee required for renewal.
- ☐ c. This is a facility submitting an application for a new permit (for a new facility). Antidegradation Review may be required. New permit fee is required.
- ☐ d. This facility is now in operation under Missouri State Operating Permit (permit) MO – \_\_\_\_\_ and is requesting a modification to the permit. Antidegradation Review may be required. Modification fee is required.

**2. FACILITY**

NAME Empire - Energy Center - Sarcoxie		TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE (417) 548-7439	
ADDRESS (PHYSICAL) 2537 Fir Road	CITY Sarcoxie	STATE MO	ZIP CODE 64862

**3. OWNER**

NAME The Empire District Electric Company		TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE (417) 625-5100	
EMAIL ADDRESS customer.service@empiredistrict.com			
ADDRESS (MAILING) 602 S Joplin Street	CITY Joplin	STATE MO	ZIP CODE 64801

**4. CONTINUING AUTHORITY**

NAME The Empire District Electric Company		TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE (417) 625-5100	
EMAIL ADDRESS customer.service@empiredistrict.com			
ADDRESS (MAILING) 602 S Joplin Street	CITY Joplin	STATE MO	ZIP CODE 64801

**5. OPERATOR CERTIFICATION**

NAME Randy Richardson	CERTIFICATE NUMBER NA	TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE (417) 548-7439	
ADDRESS (MAILING) 2537 Fir Road	CITY Sarcoxie	STATE MO	ZIP CODE 64862

**6. FACILITY CONTACT**

NAME Randy Richardson	TITLE Plant Manager	TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE (417) 548-7439
E-MAIL ADDRESS Randy.Richardson@libertyutilities.com		

**7. DOWNSTREAM LANDOWNER(S)** Attach additional sheets as necessary.

NAME Durwood D & Gregory L Brown			
ADDRESS 2651 S State Highway N	CITY Republic	STATE MO	ZIP CODE 65738



**8. ADDITIONAL FACILITY INFORMATION****8.1 Legal Description of Outfalls. (Attach additional sheets if necessary.)***For Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM), use Zone 15 North referenced to North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)*

001 SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec 16 T 28N R 29W Jasper County  
UTM Coordinates Easting (X): 37.140458 Northing (Y): 94.102117

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UTM Coordinates Easting (X): Northing (Y):

003  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec T R County  
UTM Coordinates Easting (X): Northing (Y):

004  $\frac{1}{4}$   $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec T R County  
UTM Coordinates Easting (X): Northing (Y):

Include all subsurface discharges and underground injection systems for permit consideration.

**8.2 Primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) and Facility North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) Codes.**

Primary SIC 4911 and NAICS 221112 SIC and NAICS  
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**9. ADDITIONAL FORMS AND MAPS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE THIS APPLICATION**

- A. Is this permit for a manufacturing, commercial, mining, solid/hazardous waste, or silviculture facility? YES ☒ NO ☐  
If yes, complete Form C.
- B. Is the facility considered a "Primary Industry" under EPA guidelines (40 CFR Part 122, Appendix A) : YES ☐ NO ☒  
If yes, complete Forms C and D.
- C. Is wastewater land applied? YES ☐ NO ☒  
If yes, complete Form I.
- D. Are sludge, biosolids, ash, or residuals generated, treated, stored, or land applied? YES ☐ NO ☒  
If yes, complete Form R.
- E. Have you received or applied for any permit or construction approval under the CWA or any other environmental regulatory authority? YES ☐ NO ☒  
If yes, please include a list of all permits or approvals for this facility:  
Environmental Permits for this facility: \_\_\_\_\_
- F. Do you use cooling water in your operations at this facility? YES ☐ NO ☒  
If yes, please indicate the source of the water: \_\_\_\_\_
- G. Attach a map showing all outfalls and the receiving stream at 1" = 2,000' scale.

**10. ELECTRONIC DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORT (eDMR) SUBMISSION SYSTEM**

Per 40 CFR Part 127 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting Rule, reporting of effluent limits and monitoring shall be submitted by the permittee via an electronic system to ensure timely, complete, accurate, and nationally consistent set of data. **One of the following must be checked in order for this application to be considered complete.** Please visit <https://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/edmr.htm> for information on the Department's eDMR system and how to register.

☐ - I will register an account online to participate in the Department's eDMR system through the Missouri Gateway for Environmental Management (MoGEM) before any reporting is due, in compliance with the Electronic Reporting Rule.

☒ - I have already registered an account online to participate in the Department's eDMR system through MoGEM.

☐ - I have submitted a written request for a waiver from electronic reporting. See instructions for further information regarding waivers.

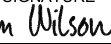
☐ - The permit I am applying for does not require the submission of discharge monitoring reports.

11. FEES

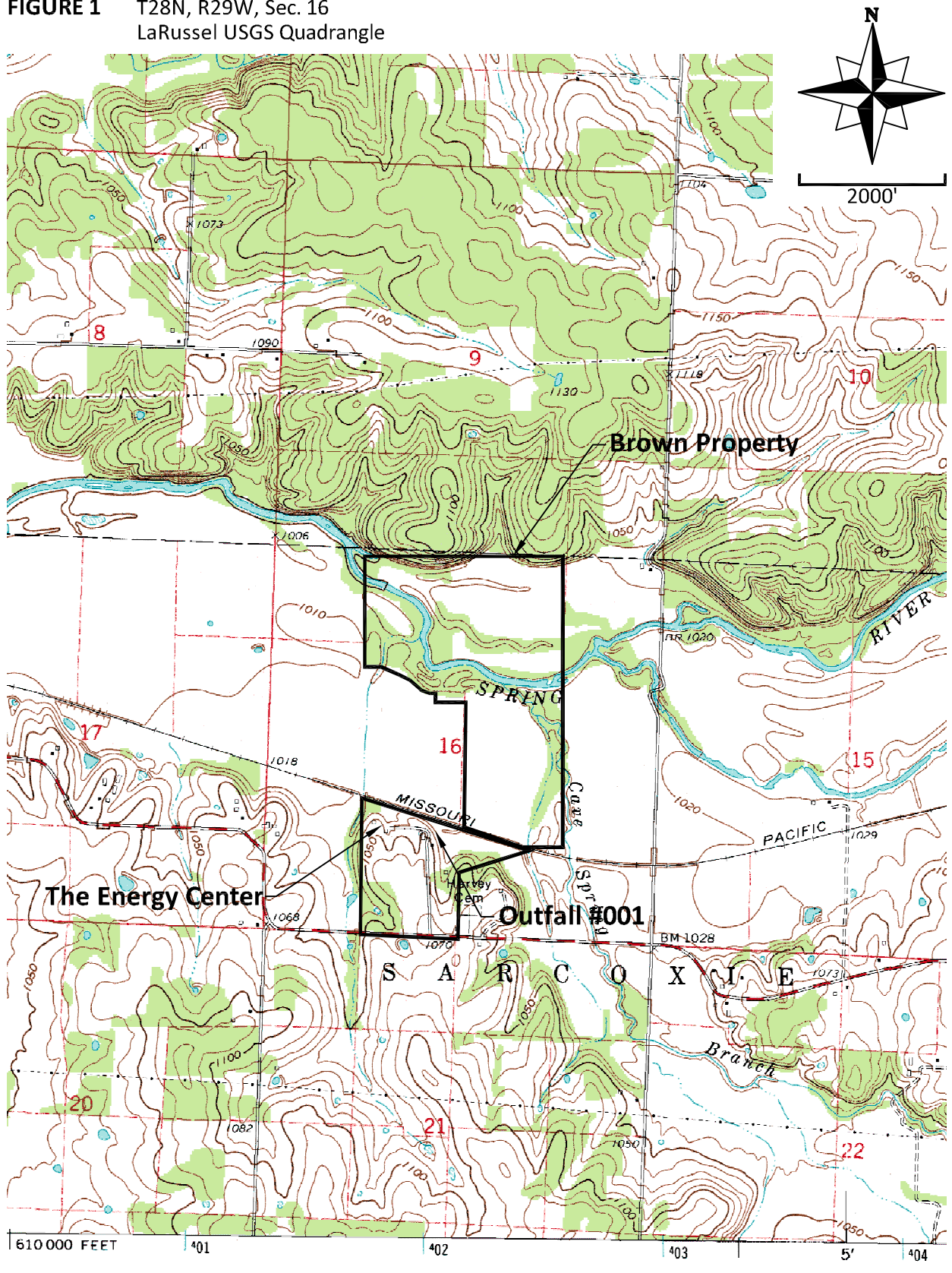
Permit fees may be paid by attaching a check, or online by credit card or eCheck through the JetPay system. Use the URL provided to access JetPay and make an online payment:  
For new permits: <https://magic.collectorsolutions.com/magic-ui/payments/mo-natural-resources/591>  
For modifications: <https://magic.collectorsolutions.com/magic-ui/payments/mo-natural-resources/596>

12. 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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Tim Wilson, Vice President, Strategic Projects & Energy Supply	417-652-5100
SIGNATURE	DATE SIGNED
	1/17/2022

**FIGURE 1** T28N, R29W, Sec. 16  
LaRussel USGS Quadrangle





MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
WATER PROTECTION PROGRAM, WATER POLLUTION CONTROL BRANCH  
**FORM C – APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE PERMIT – MANUFACTURING, COMMERCIAL,  
MINING, SILVICULTURE OPERATIONS, AND STORMWATER**

**GENERAL INFORMATION (PLEASE SEE INSTRUCTIONS)**

1.0 NAME OF FACILITY

Empire - Energy Center - Sarcoxie

1.1 THIS FACILITY IS OPERATING UNDER MISSOURI STATE OPERATING PERMIT (MSOP) NUMBER:

MO-0116874

1.2 IS THIS A NEW FACILITY? PROVIDE CONSTRUCTION PERMIT (CP) NUMBER IF APPLICABLE.

1.3 Describe the nature of the business, in detail. Identify the goods and services provided by the business. Include descriptions of all raw, intermediate, final products, byproducts, or waste products used in the production or manufacturing process, stored outdoors, loaded or transferred and any other pertinent information for potential sources of wastewater or stormwater discharges.

The Empire District Electric Company is an investor owned utility engaged in the generation of electricity. The Energy Center plant consists of two simple-cycle combustion turbines with an electrical output capacity of 86 MW each, and two Twin Pac combustion turbine units consisting of two turbines coupled to an single electrical generator with an electrical capacity of 50 MW per Twin Pac. All units may be fired with either natural gas or distillate fuel (No. 1, No. 2 or Jet A). Two reverse osmosis units provide treated non-contact water injection to control NOx air emissions at each turbine unit.

**FLOWS, TYPE, AND FREQUENCY**

2.0 Attach a line drawing showing the water flow through the facility. Indicate sources of intake water, operations contributing wastewater to the effluent, and treatment units labeled to correspond to the more detailed descriptions in item B. Construct a water balance on the line drawing by showing average and maximum flows between intakes, operations, treatment units, evaporation, public sewers, and outfalls. If a water balance cannot be determined (e.g., for certain mining activities), provide a pictorial description of the nature and amount of any sources of water and any collection or treatment measures.

2.1 For each outfall (1) below, provide: (2) a description of all operations contributing wastewater to the effluent, including process wastewater, sanitary wastewater, cooling water, stormwater runoff, and any other process or non-process wastewater, (3) the average flow and maximum flow (put max in parentheses) contributed by each operation and the sum of those operations, (4) the treatment received by the wastewater, and (5) the treatment type code. Continue on additional sheets if necessary.

1. OUTFALL NO.	2. OPERATION(S) CONTRIBUTING FLOW; INCLUDE ALL PROCESSES AND SUB PROCESSES AT EACH OUTFALL	3. AVERAGE FLOW AND (MAXIMUM FLOW), INCLUDE UNITS.	4. TREATMENT DESCRIPTION	5. TREATMENT CODES FROM TABLE A
001	Reverse osmosis reject water, stormwater	0.155 MGD avg flow	Retention Structure	1-U
		0.415 MGD design		

Attach additional pages if necessary.

**2.2 INTERMITTENT DISCHARGES**

Except for stormwater runoff, leaks, or spills, are any of the discharges described in items 2.0 or 2.1 intermittent or seasonal?

☐ Yes (complete the following table)

☒ No (go to section 2.3)

1. OUTFALL NUMBER	2. OPERATION(S) CONTRIBUTING FLOW	3. FREQUENCY		4. FLOW				C. DURATION <i>(in days)</i>
				A. FLOW RATE <i>(in mgd)</i>		B. TOTAL VOLUME <i>(specify with units)</i>		
		A. DAYS PER WEEK <i>(specify average)</i>	B. MONTHS PER YEAR <i>(specify average)</i>	1. MAXIMUM DAILY	2. LONG TERM AVERAGE	4. LONG TERM DAILY	3. MAXIMUM AVERAGE	

**2.3 PRODUCTION**

A. Does an effluent limitation guideline (ELG) promulgated by EPA under section 304 of the Clean Water Act apply to your facility? Indicate the part and subparts applicable.

☐ Yes 40 CFR \_\_\_\_\_ Subpart(s) \_\_\_\_\_ ☒ No (go to section 2.5)

B. Are the limitations in the effluent guideline(s) expressed in terms of production (or other measure of operation)? Describe in C below.

☐ Yes (complete C.) ☒ No (go to section 2.5)

C. If you answered "yes" to B, list the quantity representing an actual measurement of your maximum level of production, expressed in the terms and units used in the applicable effluent guideline and indicate the affected outfalls.

A. OUTFALL(S)	B. QUANTITY PER DAY	C. UNITS OF MEASURE	D. OPERATION, PRODUCT, MATERIAL, ETC. (specify)

**2.4 IMPROVEMENTS**

A. Are you required by any federal, state, or local authority to meet any implementation schedule for the construction, upgrading, or operation of wastewater treatment equipment or practices or any other environmental programs which may affect the discharges described in this application? This includes, but is not limited to, permit conditions, administrative or enforcement orders, enforcement compliance schedule letters, stipulations, court orders, and grant or loan conditions.

☐ Yes (complete the following table) ☒ No (go to 2.6)

1. IDENTIFICATION OF CONDITION, AGREEMENT, ETC.	2. AFFECTED OUTFALLS	3. BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT	4. FINAL COMPLIANCE DATE	
			A. REQUIRED	B. PROJECTED

B. Optional: provide below or attach additional sheets describing water pollution control programs or other environmental projects which may affect discharges. Indicate whether each program is underway or planned, and indicate actual or planned schedules for construction. This may include proposed bmp projects for stormwater.

## 2.5 SLUDGE MANAGEMENT

Describe the removal of any industrial or domestic biosolids or sludges generated at your facility. Include names and contact information for any haulers used. Note the frequency, volume, and methods (incineration, landfilling, composting, etc) used. See Form A for additional forms which may need to be completed.

## DATA COLLECTION AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS FOR APPLICANTS

### 3.0 EFFLUENT (AND INTAKE) CHARACTERISTICS (SEE INSTRUCTIONS)

A. & B. See instructions before continuing – complete one Table 1 for **each outfall** (and intake) – annotate the outfall (intake) number or designation in the space provided. The facility is not required to complete intake data unless required by the department or rule.

C. Use the space below to list any pollutants listed in the instructions section 3.0 C. Table B which you know or have reason to believe is discharged or may be discharged from any outfall not listed in parts 3.0 A or B on Table 1. For every pollutant listed, briefly describe the reasons you believe it to be present and report any analytical data in your possession.

1. POLLUTANT	2. SOURCE	3. OUTFALL(S)	4. ANALYTICAL RESULTS (INCLUDE UNITS)
NA			

#### 3.1 Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing

A. To your knowledge, have any Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests been performed on the facility discharges (or on receiving waters in relation to your discharge) within the last three years?

☐ Yes (go to 3.1 B)

☒ No (go to 3.2)

#### 3.1 B

Disclose wet testing conditions, including test duration (chronic or acute), the organisms tested, and the testing results. Provide any results of toxicity identification evaluations (TIE) or toxicity reduction evaluations (TRE) if applicable. Please indicate the conclusions of the test(s) including any pollutants identified as causing toxicity and steps the facility is taking to remedy the toxicity.

### 3.2 CONTRACT ANALYSIS INFORMATION

Were any of the analyses reported herein, above, or on Table 1 performed by a contract laboratory or consulting firm?

☒ Yes (list the name, address, telephone number, and pollutants analyzed by each laboratory or firm.) ☐ No (go to 4.0)

A. LAB NAME	B. ADDRESS	C. TELEPHONE (area code and number)	D. POLLUTANTS ANALYZED (list or group)
Pace Analytical Services, LLC	9608 Loiret Blvd Lenexa, KS 66219	913-599-5665	All

**4.0 STORMWATER****4.1**

Do you have industrial stormwater discharges from the site? If so, attach a site map outlining drainage areas served by each outfall. Indicate the following attributes within each drainage area: pavement or other impervious surfaces; buildings; outdoor storage areas; material loading and unloading areas; outdoor industrial activities; structural stormwater control measures; hazardous waste treatment, storage, and disposal units; and wells or springs in the area.


OUTFALL NUMBER	TOTAL AREA DRAINED (PROVIDE UNITS)	TYPES OF SURFACES (VEGETATED, STONE , PAVED, ETC)	BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES EMPLOYED; INCLUDE STRUCTURAL BMPS AND TREATMENT DESIGN FLOW FOR BMPS DESCRIBE HOW FLOW IS MEASURED
001	Entire site	Varies	Retention structure at the outfall

**4.2 STORMWATER FLOWS**

Provide the date of sampling with the flows, and how the flows were estimated.

**SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS****5.0 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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**SEE INSTRUCTIONS; PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE.**

 You may report some or all of this information on separate sheet (*use similar format*) instead of completing these pages.

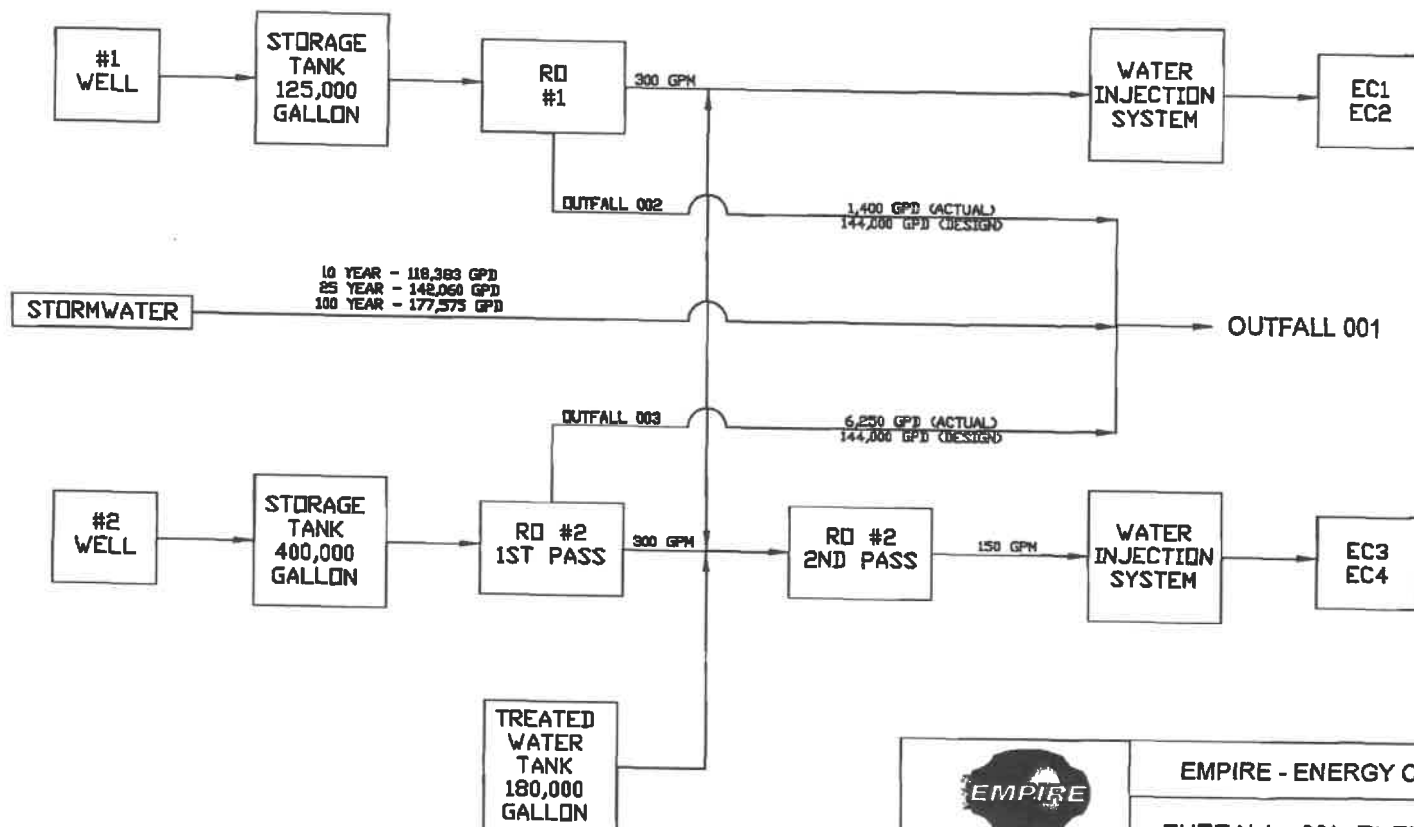
**FORM C TABLE 1 FOR 3.0 - ITEMS A AND B**


EFFLUENT (AND INTAKE) CHARACTERISTICS								THIS OUTFALL IS: Reverse osmosis reject water, stormwater		OUTFALL NO. 001	
3.0 PART A – You must provide the results of at least one analysis for every pollutant in Part A. Complete one table for each outfall or proposed outfall. See instructions.											
1. POLLUTANT	2. VALUES							3. UNITS ( <i>specify if blank</i> )			
	A. MAXIMUM DAILY VALUE		B. MAXIMUM 30 DAY VALUES		C. LONG TERM AVERAGE VALUES		D. NO. OF ANALYSES	A. CONCENTRATION	B. MASS		
	(1) CONCENTRATION	(2) MASS	(1) CONCENTRATION	(2) MASS	(1) CONCENTRATION	(2) MASS					
A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand, 5-day (BOD <sub>5</sub> )	NA										
B. Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD)	61.5				15.3		17	mg/L			
C. Total Organic Carbon (TOC)	NA										
D. Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	24.4				6.8		17	mg/L			
E. Ammonia as N	NA										
F. Flow	VALUE 0.1		VALUE		VALUE 0.1		17	MILLIONS OF GALLONS PER DAY (MGD)			
G. Temperature ( <i>winter</i> )	VALUE NT		VALUE		VALUE			°F			
H. Temperature ( <i>summer</i> )	VALUE NT		VALUE		VALUE			°F			
I. pH	MINIMUM 7.2		MAXIMUM 8.2		AVERAGE		17	STANDARD UNITS (SU)			
3.0 PART B – Mark “X” in column 2A for each pollutant you know or have reason to believe is present. Mark “X” in column 2B for each pollutant you believe to be absent. If you mark Column 2A for any pollutant, you must provide the results for at least one analysis for the pollutant. Complete one table for each outfall (intake). Provide results for additional parameters not listed here in Part 3.0 C.											
1. POLLUTANT AND CAS NUMBER ( <i>if available</i> )	2. MARK “X”		3. VALUES							4. UNITS	
	A. BELIEVED PRESENT	B. BELIEVED ABSENT	A. MAXIMUM DAILY VALUE		B. MAXIMUM 30 DAY VALUES		C. LONG TERM AVERAGE VALUES		D. NO. OF ANALYSES	A. CONCENTRATION	B. MASS
			CONCENTRATION	MASS	CONCENTRATION	MASS	CONCENTRATION	MASS			
Subpart 1 – Conventional and Non-Conventional Pollutants											
A. Alkalinity (CaCO <sub>3</sub> )		X	MINIMUM		MINIMUM		MINIMUM				
B. Bromide (24959-67-9)		X									
C. Chloride (16887-00-6)		X									
D. Chlorine, Total Residual		X									
E. Color		X									
F. Conductivity		X									
F. Cyanide, Amenable to Chlorination		X									

1. POLLUTANT AND CAS NUMBER <i>(if available)</i>	2. MARK "X"		3. VALUES							4. UNITS	
	A. BELIEVED PRESENT	B. BELIEVED ABSENT	A. MAXIMUM DAILY VALUE		B. MAXIMUM 30 DAY VALUE		C. LONG TERM AVERAGE VALUE		D. NO. OF ANALYSES	A. CONCENTRATION	B. MASS
			CONCENTRATION	MASS	CONCENTRATION	MASS	CONCENTRATION	MASS			
Subpart 1 – Conventional and Non-Conventional Pollutants (Continued)											
G. <i>E. coli</i>		X									
H. Fluoride (16984-48-8)		X									
I. Nitrate plus Nitrate <i>(as N)</i>		X									
J. Kjeldahl, Total <i>(as N)</i>		X									
K. Nitrogen, Total Organic <i>(as N)</i>		X									
L. Oil and Grease	X		18.1 (but ND	resample)			5.9		18	mg/L	
M. Phenols, Total		X									
N. Phosphorus <i>(as P)</i> , Total (7723-14-0)		X									
O. Sulfate <i>(as SO<sup>4</sup>)</i> (14808-79-8)		X									
P. Sulfide <i>(as S)</i>		X									
Q. Sulfite <i>(as SO<sup>3</sup>)</i> (14265-45-3)		X									
R. Surfactants		X									
S. Trihalomethanes, Total		X									
Subpart 2 – Metals											
1M. Aluminum, Total Recoverable (7429-90-5)		X									
2M. Antimony, Total Recoverable (7440-36-9)		X									
3M. Arsenic, Total Recoverable (7440-38-2)		X									
4M. Barium, Total Recoverable (7440-39-3)		X									
5M. Beryllium, Total Recoverable (7440-41-7)		X									
6M. Boron, Total Recoverable (7440-42-8)		X									
7M. Cadmium, Total Recoverable (7440-43-9)		X									
8M. Chromium III Total Recoverable (16065-83-1)		X									
9M. Chromium VI, Dissolved (18540-29-9)		X									
10M. Cobalt, Total Recoverable (7440-48-4)		X									

1. POLLUTANT AND CAS NUMBER <i>(if available)</i>	2. MARK "X"		3. VALUES							4. UNITS	
	A. BELIEVED PRESENT	B. BELIEVED ABSENT	A. MAXIMUM DAILY VALUE		B. MAXIMUM 30 DAY VALUE		C. LONG TERM AVERAGE VALUE		D. NO. OF ANALYSES	A. CONCEN- TRATION	B. MASS
			CONCENTRATION	MASS	CONCENTRATION	MASS	CONCENTRATION	MASS			
Subpart 2 – Metals (Continued)											
11M. Copper, Total Recoverable (7440-50-8)		X									
12M. Iron, Total Recoverable (7439-89-6)		X									
13M. Lead, Total Recoverable (7439-92-1)		X									
14M. Magnesium, Total Recoverable (7439-95-4)		X									
15M. Manganese, Total Recoverable (7439-96-5)		X									
16M. Mercury, Total Recoverable (7439-97-6)		X									
17M. Methylmercury (22967926)		X									
18M. Molybdenum, Total Recoverable (7439-98-7)		X									
19M. Nickel, Total Recoverable (7440-02-0)		X									
20M. Selenium, Total Recoverable (7782-49-2)		X									
21M. Silver, Total Recoverable (7440-22-4)		X									
22M. Thallium, Total Recoverable (7440-28-0)		X									
23M. Tin, Total Recoverable (7440-31-5)		X									
24M. Titanium, Total Recoverable (7440-32-6)		X									
25M. Zinc, Total Recoverable (7440-66-6)		X									
Subpart 3 – Radioactivity											
1R. Alpha Total		X									
2R. Beta Total		X									
3R. Radium Total		X									
4R. Radium 226 plus 228 Total		X									

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