

NPDES Permit No. IL0020583

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National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permit Program

PUBLIC NOTICE/FACT SHEET
of
Draft Reissued NPDES Permit to Discharge into Waters of the State

Public Notice/Fact Sheet Issued By:

Illinois EPA
Division of Water Pollution Control
Permit Section
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
217/782-0610

Name and Address of Permittee:

Village of Fox River Grove
305 Illinois Street
Fox River Grove, Illinois 60021

Name and Address of Facility:

Fox River Grove WWTP
1215 Hillcrest
Fox River Grove, Illinois 60021
(McHenry County)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has made a tentative determination to issue a NPDES Permit to discharge into the waters of the state and has prepared a draft Permit and associated fact sheet for the above named Permittee. The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice/Fact Sheet. All comments on the draft Permit and requests for hearing must be received by the IEPA by U.S. Mail, carrier mail or hand delivered by the Public Notice Ending Date. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft Permit to the IEPA at the above address. Commentors shall provide his or her name and address and the nature of the issues proposed to be raised and the evidence proposed to be presented with regards to those issues. Commentors may include a request for public hearing. Persons submitting comments and/or requests for public hearing shall also send a copy of such comments or requests to the Permit applicant. The NPDES Permit and notice numbers must appear on each comment page.

The application, engineer's review notes including load limit calculations, Public Notice/Fact Sheet, draft Permit, comments received, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the IEPA between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when scheduled by the interested person.

If written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in the draft Permit, the permitting authority may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 45 days before any public hearing. Response to comments will be provided when the final Permit is issued. For further information, please call Jamie Cowles at 217/782-0610.

The following water quality and effluent standards and limitations were applied to the discharge:

Title 35: Environmental Protection, Subtitle C: Water Pollution, Chapter I: Pollution Control Board and the Clean Water Act were applied in determining the applicable standards, limitations and conditions contained in the draft Permit.

The applicant is engaged in treating domestic wastewater for the Village of Fox River Grove service area.

The length of the Permit is approximately 3 years.

The main discharge number is 001. The seven day once in ten year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving stream, Fox River is 108 cfs.

The design average flow (DAF) for the facility is 1.25 million gallons per day (MGD) and the design maximum flow (DMF) for the facility is 3.5 MGD. Treatment consists of grinding, screening, grit removal, primary clarification, rotating biological contactors, secondary clarification, ultraviolet disinfection, and aerobic digesting and dewatering for sludge handling.

This reissued Permit does not increase the facility's DAF, DMF, concentration limits, and/or load limits.

Application is made for the existing discharge(s) which are located in McHenry County, Illinois. The following information identifies the discharge point, receiving stream and stream classifications:

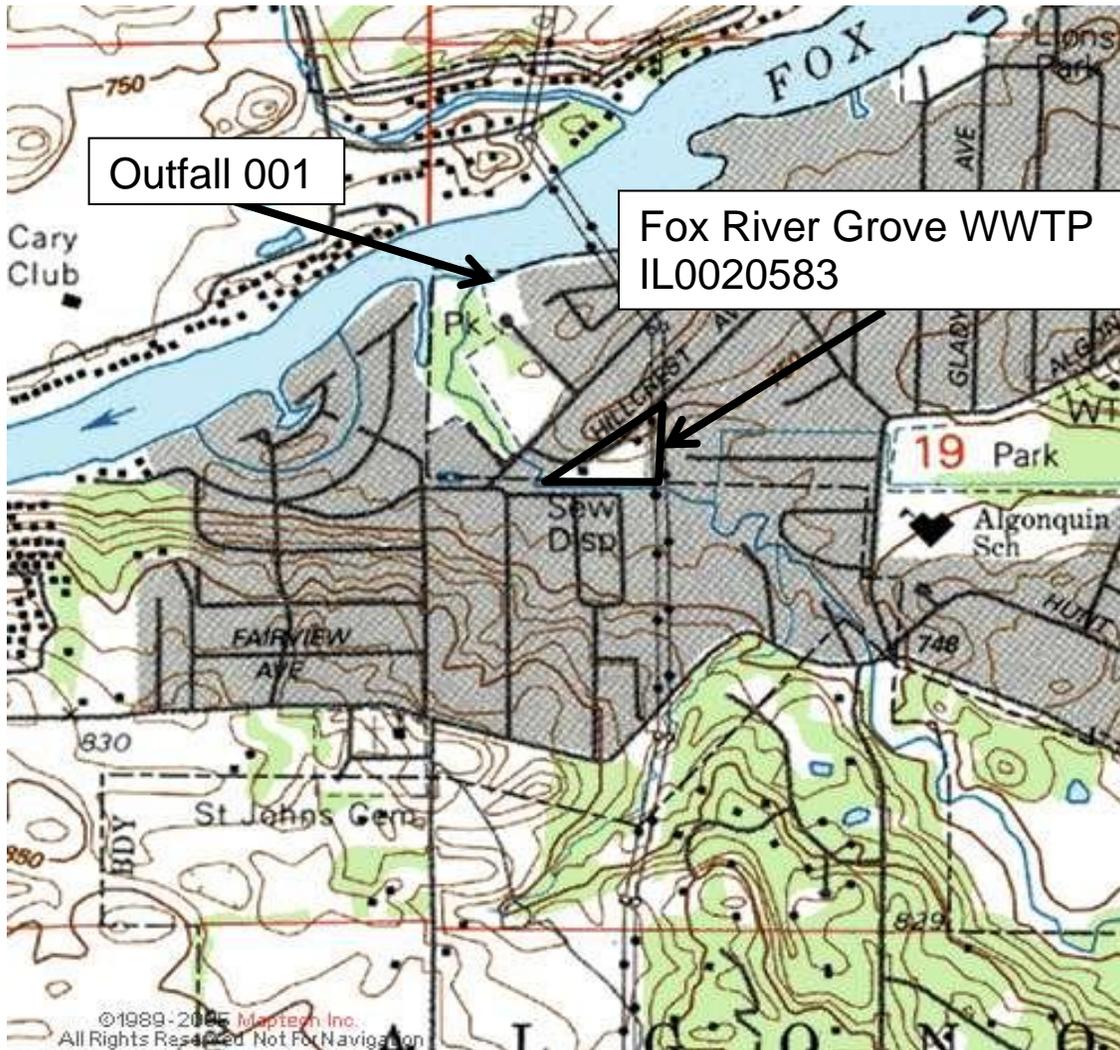
| Discharge Number | Receiving Stream | Latitude | Longitude | Stream Classification | Integrity Rating |
|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|------------------|
| 001 | Fox River | 42° 11' 38" North | 88° 14' 12" West | General Use | C |

The stream segment(s) (segment code DT-06) receiving the discharge from outfall(s) 001 is on the 303(d) list of impaired waters.

The following parameters have been identified as the pollutants causing impairment:

| Potential Causes | Uses Impaired |
|--|------------------|
| Alteration of stream-side vegetative cover (non-pollutant), other flow regime alterations (non-pollutant), aquatic algae (non-pollutant), dissolved oxygen | Aquatic Life |
| PCBs | Fish Consumption |

To assist you further in identifying the location of the discharge(s) please see the attached map.



The discharge(s) from the facility is (are) proposed to be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 STP Outfall

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 1.25 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 3.5 MGD).

The effluent of the above discharge(s) shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

| Parameter | LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)* | | | CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/L | | | Regulation |
|--------------------------------|--|-------------------|----------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|----------------------------------|
| | Monthly Average | Weekly Average | Daily Maximum | Monthly Average | Weekly Average | Daily Maximum | |
| CBOD ₅ ** | 209 (584) | 417 (1168) | | 20 | 40 | | 35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102 |
| Suspended Solids** | 261 (730) | 469 (1314) | | 25 | 45 | | 35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102 |
| pH | Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units | | | | | | 35 IAC 304.125 |
| Fecal Coliform | Daily Maximum shall not exceed 400 per 100mL. | | | | | | 35 IAC 304.121 |
| Ammonia Nitrogen (N) | | | | | | | 35 IAC 355 and 35 IAC 302.212 |
| April-Oct. | 50 (140) | | 53 (149) | 4.8 | | 5.1 | |
| Nov.-Feb. | | | 107 (301) | | | 10.3 | |
| March | | | 92 (257) | | | 8.8 | |
| | | | Annual Average | | | Annual Average | |
| Total Phosphorus (as P)**** | | | 10 (29) | | | 1.0 | 35 IAC 309.146 |
| Mercury*** | | | 0.00013 (0.00035) | | | 12 ng/L | 35 IAC 302.208 |
| Dissolved Phosphorus | Monitor Only | | | | | | 35 IAC 309.146 |
| Total Nitrogen | Monitor Only | | | | | | 35 IAC 309.146 |
| Nitrate/Nitrite | Monitor Only | | | | | | 35 IAC 309.146 |
| Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) | Monitor Only | | | | | | 35 IAC 309.146 |
| Alkalinity | Monitor Only | | | | | | 35 IAC 309.146 |
| Temperature | Monitor Only | | | | | | 35 IAC 309.146 |
| | | | | Monthly Avg. not less than | Weekly Avg. not less than | Daily Minimum | |
| Dissolved Oxygen March-July | | | | N.A. | 6.0 | 5.0 | 35 IAC 302.206 |
| August-February | | | | 5.5 | 4.0 | 3.5 | |

*Load Limits are calculated by using the formula: 8.34 x (Design Average and/or Maximum Flow in MGD) x (Applicable Concentration in mg/L).

**BOD₅ and Suspended Solids (85% removal required): In accordance with 40 CFR 133, the 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent except as provided in Sections 133.103 and 133.105.

***A compliance schedule to provide the facility additional time to comply with the Mercury effluent limit has been included in this draft Permit.

****The annual phosphorus limit has been included in the permit pending completion of the Fox River Implementation Plan (FRIP). A compliance schedule for meeting the phosphorus effluent limit has been included in this Permit. The proposed compliance schedule includes time to evaluate the recommendations of the FRIP and then make necessary modifications to the existing treatment facilities.

This draft Permit also contains the following requirements as special conditions:

1. Reopening of this Permit to include different final effluent limitations.
2. Operation of the facility by or under the supervision of a certified operator.
3. Submission of the operational data in a specified form and at a required frequency at any time during the effective term of this Permit.
4. More frequent monitoring requirement without Public Notice in the event of operational, maintenance or other problems resulting in possible effluent deterioration.
5. Prohibition against causing or contributing to violations of water quality standards.
6. Recording the monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report Forms using one such form for each outfall each month and submitting the forms to IEPA each month.
7. The provisions of 40 CFR Section 122.41(m) & (n) are incorporated herein by reference.
8. Effluent sampling point location.
9. A requirement for participation in the Fox River Study Group.
10. Monitoring for arsenic, barium, cadmium, hexavalent chromium, total chromium, copper, weak acid dissociable cyanide, total cyanide, fluoride, dissolved iron, total iron, lead, manganese, mercury, nickel, oil, phenols, selenium, silver and zinc is required to be conducted semi-annually beginning 3 months from the effective date.
11. Submission of annual fiscal data.
12. Submission of semi annual reports indicating the quantities of sludge generated and disposed.
13. Requirement to monitor and limit residual chlorine (0.05 mg/L) when used to control slime growth.
14. Reopening of this Permit to include revised effluent limitations based on a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or an approved Fox River Water Quality Study.
15. The Permittee is required to perform biomonitoring tests in the 18th, 15th, 12th and 9th months prior to the expiration date of the permit, and to submit the results of such tests to the IEPA within one week of receiving the results from the laboratory.
16. Controlling the sources of infiltration and inflow into the sewer system.
17. Monitoring for total phosphorus, dissolved phosphorus, nitrate/nitrite, total kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), ammonia, total nitrogen (calculated), alkalinity and temperature once a month.
18. Compliance schedule for meeting phosphorus limits.
19. Mixing Zone and Zone of Initial Dilution.
20. Compliance schedule for meeting mercury limits.

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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

Reissued (NPDES) Permit

Expiration Date:

Issue Date:

Effective Date:

Name and Address of Permittee:

Village of Fox River Grove
305 Illinois Street
Fox River Grove, Illinois 60021

Facility Name and Address:

Fox River Grove WWTP
1215 Hillcrest
Fox River Grove, Illinois 60021
(McHenry County)

Receiving Waters: Fox River

In compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, Title 35 of the Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C, Chapter I, and the Clean Water Act (CWA), the above-named Permittee is hereby authorized to discharge at the above location to the above-named receiving stream in accordance with the standard conditions and attachments herein.

Permittee is not authorized to discharge after the above expiration date. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the expiration date, the Permittee shall submit the proper application as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) not later than 180 days prior to the expiration date.

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Effluent Limitations, Monitoring, and Reporting

FINAL

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 STP Outfall

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 1.25 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 3.5 MGD).

From the effective date of this Permit until the expiration date, the effluent of the above discharge(s) shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

| Parameter | LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)* | | | CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/L | | | Sample Frequency | Sample Type |
|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------|----------------------|------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|----------------|
| | Monthly Average | Weekly Average | Daily Maximum | Monthly Average | Weekly Average | Daily Maximum | | |
| Flow (MGD) | | | | | | | Continuous | |
| CBOD ₅ ** ⁽¹⁾ | 209 (584) | 417 (1168) | | 20 | 40 | | 3 Days/Week | Composite |
| Suspended Solids ⁽¹⁾ | 261 (730) | 469 (1314) | | 25 | 45 | | 3 Days/Week | Composite |
| pH | Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units. | | | | | | 3 Days/Week | Grab |
| Fecal Coliform | Daily Maximum shall not exceed 400 per 100mL. | | | | | | 3 Days/Week | Grab |
| Ammonia Nitrogen as (N) | | | | | | | | |
| April-October | 50 (140) | | 53 (149) | 4.8 | | 5.1 | 3 Days/Week | Composite |
| Nov.-Feb. | | | 107 (301) | | | 10.3 | 3 Days/Week | Composite |
| March | | | 92 (257) | | | 8.8 | 3 Days/Week | Composite |
| | | | Annual Average | | | Annual Average | | |
| Total Phosphorus (as P)*** | | | 10 (29) | | | 1.0 | 1 Day/Week | Composite |
| Mercury**** | | | 0.00013 (0.00035) | | | 12 ng/L | 1 Day/Week | Grab |
| Dissolved Phosphorus | Monitor Only | | | | | | 1 Day/Month | Composite |
| Total Nitrogen | Monitor Only | | | | | | 1 Day/Month | Composite |
| Nitrate/Nitrite | Monitor Only | | | | | | 1 Day/Month | Grab |
| Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) | Monitor Only | | | | | | 1 Day/Month | Grab |
| Alkalinity | Monitor Only | | | | | | 1 Day/Month | Grab |
| Temperature | Monitor Only | | | | | | 1 Day/Month | Grab |

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Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 STP Outfall (continued)

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)*</u> | | | <u>CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/L</u> | | | <u>Sample Frequency</u> | <u>Sample Type</u> |
|--------------------------------|---|---------------------------|--------------------------|--|---|--------------------------|-----------------------------|------------------------|
| | <u>Monthly Average</u> | <u>Weekly Average</u> | <u>Daily Maximum</u> | <u>Monthly Average not less than</u> | <u>Weekly Average not less than</u> | <u>Daily Minimum</u> | | |
| Dissolved Oxygen March-July | | | | N.A. | 6.0 | 5.0 | 3 Days/Week | Grab |
| August-February | | | | 5.5 | 4.0 | 3.5 | 3 Days/Week | Grab |

*Load limits based on design maximum flow shall apply only when flow exceeds design average flow.

**Carbonaceous BOD₅ (CBOD₅) testing shall be in accordance with 40 CFR 136.

***See Special Condition 18. The annual phosphorus limit has been included in the permit pending completion of the Fox River Implementation Plan (FRIP).

****See Special Condition 20 for Mercury Compliance Schedule.

The annual average mercury value shall be computed monthly beginning 12 months after the effective date of the permit. The annual average, monthly average and daily maximum value shall be reported on the DMR.

Flow shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) as monthly average and daily maximum.

Fecal Coliform shall be reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.

Dissolved oxygen shall be reported on the DMR as a minimum value.

Total Nitrogen shall be reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.

pH shall be reported on the DMR as a minimum and a maximum.

The rolling annual monthly average total phosphorus values shall be computed monthly beginning twelve months after the effective date of this permit and shall include the previous 12 months of data. The rolling annual monthly average, monthly average, and daily maximum values for total phosphorus shall be reported on the DMR. The rolling annual monthly average shall be calculated by adding the sum of the total phosphorus monitoring values from the previous 12 months of data expressed in milligrams/liter and divided by the number of samples collected.

⁽¹⁾ BOD₅ and Suspended Solids (85% removal required): In accordance with 40 CFR 133, the 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent except as provided in Sections 133.103 and 133.105. The percent removal need not be reported to the IEPA on DMR's but influent and effluent data must be available, as required elsewhere in this Permit, for IEPA inspection and review. For measuring compliance with this requirement, 5 mg/L shall be added to the effluent CBOD₅ concentration to determine the effluent BOD₅ concentration.

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Influent Monitoring, and Reporting

The influent to the plant shall be monitored as follows:

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Sample Frequency</u> | <u>Sample Type</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| Flow (MGD) | Continuous | IRT* |
| BOD ₅ | 3 Days/Week | Composite |
| Suspended Solids | 3 Days/Week | Composite |

Influent samples shall be taken at a point representative of the influent.

Flow (MGD) shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) as monthly average and daily maximum.

BOD₅ and Suspended Solids shall be reported on the DMR as a monthly average concentration.

*Indicating, Recording, Totalizing.

Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 1. This Permit may be modified to include different final effluent limitations or requirements which are consistent with applicable laws and regulations. The IEPA will public notice the permit modification.

SPECIAL CONDITION 2. The use or operation of this facility shall be by or under the supervision of a Certified Class 1 operator.

SPECIAL CONDITION 3. The IEPA may request in writing submittal of operational information in a specified form and at a required frequency at any time during the effective period of this Permit.

SPECIAL CONDITION 4. The IEPA may request more frequent monitoring by permit modification pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.63 and Without Public Notice.

SPECIAL CONDITION 5. The effluent, alone or in combination with other sources, shall not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standard outlined in 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.

SPECIAL CONDITION 6. The Permittee shall record monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Forms using one such form for each outfall each month.

In the event that an outfall does not discharge during a monthly reporting period, the DMR Form shall be submitted with no discharge indicated.

The Permittee may choose to submit electronic DMRs (NetDMRs) instead of mailing paper DMRs to the IEPA. More information, including registration information for the NetDMR program, can be obtained on the IEPA website, <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/net-dmr/index.html>.

The completed Discharge Monitoring Report forms shall be submitted to IEPA no later than the 25th day of the following month, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.

Permittees not using NetDMRs shall mail Discharge Monitoring Reports with an original signature to the IEPA at the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Water Pollution Control
Attention: Compliance Assurance Section, Mail Code # 19
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

SPECIAL CONDITION 7. The provisions of 40 CFR Section 122.41(m) & (n) are incorporated herein by reference.

SPECIAL CONDITION 8. Samples taken in compliance with the effluent monitoring requirements shall be taken at a point representative of the discharge, but prior to entry into the receiving stream.

SPECIAL CONDITION 9. The Permittee shall participate in the Fox River Study Group (FRSG). The Permittee shall work with other watershed members of the FRSG to determine the most cost effective means to remove dissolved oxygen (DO) and offensive condition impairments in the Fox River. This Permit may be modified to include additional conditions and effluent limitations to include implementation measures based on the Fox River Implementation Plan (Implementation Plan). The following tasks will be completed during the life of this permit:

- A. The Permittee shall prepare a phosphorus removal feasibility report specific to its plant(s) on the method, time frame and costs for reducing its loading of phosphorus to levels equivalent to monthly average discharges of 1 mg/L and 0.5 mg/L on a seasonal basis and on a year round basis. The feasibility report shall be submitted to the IEPA eighteen (18) months from the effective date of the Permit. The feasibility report shall also be shared with the FRSG.
- B. The Permittee shall submit the Fox River Study Group Watershed Investigation Phase III Report, which includes stream modeling, to the IEPA within 1 month of the effective date of this Permit.
- C. The FRSG will complete an Implementation Plan that identifies phosphorus input reductions by point source discharges, non-point source discharges and other measures necessary to remove DO and offensive condition impairments in the Fox River. The Implementation Plan shall be submitted to the IEPA by December 31, 2015. The Permittee shall initiate the recommendations of the Implementation Plan that are applicable to said Permittee during the remaining term of this Permit. This Permit may be modified to include additional pollutant reduction activities necessary to implement the Implementation Plan.
- D. In its application for renewal of this permit, the Permittee shall consider and incorporate recommended FRSG phosphorus input reduction implementation projects that the Permittee will implement during the next permit term.
- E. The Permittee shall operate the existing facilities to optimize the removal of phosphorus.

Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 10. The Permittee shall conduct semi-annual monitoring of the effluent and report concentrations (in mg/l) of the following listed parameters. Monitoring shall begin three (3) months from the effective date of this permit. The sample shall be a 24-hour effluent composite except as otherwise specifically provided below and the results shall be submitted on Discharge Monitoring Report Forms to IEPA unless otherwise specified by the IEPA. The parameters to be sampled and the minimum reporting limits to be attained are as follows:

| <u>STORET CODE</u> | <u>PARAMETER</u> | <u>Minimum reporting limit</u> |
|------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| 01002 | Arsenic | 0.05 mg/L |
| 01007 | Barium | 0.5 mg/L |
| 01027 | Cadmium | 0.001 mg/L |
| 01032 | Chromium (hex) (grab not to exceed 24 hours)* | 0.01 mg/L |
| 01034 | Chromium (total) | 0.05 mg/L |
| 01042 | Copper | 0.005 mg/L |
| 00718 | Cyanide (grab) (available *** or amenable to chlorination) | 5.0 ug/L |
| 00720 | Cyanide (total) (grab) | 5.0 ug/L |
| 00951 | Fluoride | 0.1 mg/L |
| 01045 | Iron (total) | 0.5 mg/L |
| 01046 | Iron (Dissolved) | 0.5 mg/L |
| 01051 | Lead | 0.05 mg/L |
| 01055 | Manganese | 0.5 mg/L |
| 71900 | Mercury (effluent grab)** | 1.0 ng/L* |
| 01067 | Nickel | 0.005 mg/L |
| 00556 | Oil (hexane soluble or equivalent) (Grab Sample only) | 5.0 mg/L |
| 32730 | Phenols (grab) | 0.005 mg/L |
| 01147 | Selenium | 0.005 mg/L |
| 01077 | Silver (total) | 0.003 mg/L |
| 01092 | Zinc | 0.025 mg/L |

Minimum reporting limits are defined as - (1) The minimum value below which data are documented as non-detects. (2) Three to ten times the method detection limit. (3) The minimum value of the calibration range.

All sample containers, preservatives, holding times, analyses, method detection limit determinations and quality assurance/quality control requirements shall be in accordance with 40 CFR 136.

Unless otherwise indicated, concentrations refer to the total amount of the constituent present in all phases, whether solid, suspended or dissolved, elemental or combined, including all oxidation states.

*1.0 ng/L = 1 part per trillion.

**Utilize USEPA Method 1631E and the digestion procedure described in Section 11.1.1.2 of 1631E.

***USEPA Method OIA-1677.

SPECIAL CONDITION 11. During January of each year the Permittee shall submit annual fiscal data regarding sewerage system operations to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency/Division of Water Pollution Control/Compliance Assurance Section. The Permittee may use any fiscal year period provided the period ends within twelve (12) months of the submission date.

Submission shall be on forms provided by IEPA titled "Fiscal Report Form For NPDES Permittees".

SPECIAL CONDITION 12. For the duration of this Permit, the Permittee shall determine the quantity of sludge produced by the treatment facility in dry tons or gallons with average percent total solids analysis. The Permittee shall maintain adequate records of the quantities of sludge produced and have said records available for IEPA inspection. The Permittee shall submit to the IEPA, at a minimum, a semi-annual summary report of the quantities of sludge generated and disposed of, in units of dry tons or gallons (average total percent solids) by different disposal methods including but not limited to application on farmland, application on reclamation land, landfilling, public distribution, dedicated land disposal, sod farms, storage lagoons or any other specified disposal method. Said reports shall be submitted to the IEPA by January 31 and July 31 of each year reporting the preceding January thru June and July thru December interval of sludge disposal operations.

Duty to Mitigate. The Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any sludge use or disposal in violation of this Permit.

Sludge monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136 unless otherwise specified in 40 CFR 503, unless other test procedures have been specified in this Permit.

Planned Changes. The Permittee shall give notice to the IEPA on the semi-annual report of any changes in sludge use and disposal.

Special Conditions

The Permittee shall retain records of all sludge monitoring, and reports required by the Sludge Permit as referenced in Standard Condition 23 for a period of at least five (5) years from the date of this Permit.

If the Permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the Sludge Permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the reporting of data submitted to the IEPA.

The Permittee shall comply with existing federal regulations governing sewage sludge use or disposal and shall comply with all existing applicable regulations in any jurisdiction in which the sewage sludge is actually used or disposed.

The Permittee shall comply 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 the standards for sewage sludge use or disposal even if the permit has not been modified to incorporate the requirement.

The Permittee shall ensure that the applicable requirements in 40 CFR Part 503 are met when the sewage sludge is applied to the land, placed on a surface disposal site, or fired in a sewage sludge incinerator.

Monitoring reports for sludge shall be reported on the form titled "Sludge Management Reports" to the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Compliance Assurance Section
Mail Code #19
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

SPECIAL CONDITION 13. For Discharge No. 001 any use of chlorine to control slime growths, odors, or as an operational control, etc. shall not exceed the limit of 0.05 mg/L (daily maximum) total residual chlorine in the effluent. Sampling is required on a daily grab basis during the chlorination process. Reporting shall be submitted on the DMR's on a monthly basis.

SPECIAL CONDITION 14. This Permit may be modified to include alternative or additional final effluent limitations pursuant to an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study or an approved Fox River Implementation Plan.

SPECIAL CONDITION 15. The Permittee shall conduct biomonitoring of the effluent from Discharge Number(s) 001.

Biomonitoring

- A. Acute Toxicity - Standard definitive acute toxicity tests shall be run on at least two trophic levels of aquatic species (fish, invertebrate) representative of the aquatic community of the receiving stream. Testing must be consistent with Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms (Fifth Ed.) EPA/821-R-02-012. Unless substitute tests are pre-approved; the following tests are required:
1. Fish - 96 hour static LC₅₀ Bioassay using fathead minnows (*Pimephales promelas*).
 2. Invertebrate 48-hour static LC₅₀ Bioassay using *Ceriodaphnia*.
- B. Testing Frequency - The above tests shall be conducted using 24-hour composite samples unless otherwise authorized by the IEPA. Samples must be collected in the 18th, 15th, 12th, and 9th month prior to the expiration date of this Permit.
- C. Reporting - Results shall be reported according to EPA/821-R-02-012, Section 12, Report Preparation, and shall be submitted to IEPA, Bureau of Water, Compliance Assurance Section within one week of receipt from the laboratory. Reports are due to the IEPA no later than the 16th, 13th, 10th, and 7th month prior to the expiration date of this Permit.
- D. Toxicity - Should a bioassay result in toxicity to >20% of organisms test in the 100% effluent treatment, the IEPA may require, upon notification, six (6) additional rounds of monthly testing on the affected organism(s) to be initiated within 30 days of the toxic bioassay. Results shall be submitted to IEPA within (1) week of becoming available to the Permittee. Should any of the additional bioassays result in toxicity to ≥50% of organisms tested in the 100% effluent treatments, the Permittee shall immediately notify IEPA in writing of the test results.
- E. Toxicity Reduction Evaluation and Identification - Should the biomonitoring program identify toxicity and result in notification by IEPA, the permittee shall develop a plan for toxicity reduction evaluation and identification. The plan shall be developed and implemented in accordance with Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Guidance for Municipal Wastewater Treatment Plants, EPA/833B-99/002, and shall include an evaluation to determine which chemicals have a potential for being discharged in the plant wastewater, a monitoring program to determine their presence or absence and to identify other compounds which are not being removed by treatment, and other measures as appropriate. The Permittee shall submit to the IEPA its plan within ninety (90) days following notification by the IEPA. The Permittee shall implement the plan within ninety (90) days of notification of the permittee above or other such date as is received by IEPA.

Special Conditions

The IEPA may modify this Permit during its term to incorporate additional requirements or limitations based on the results of the biomonitoring. In addition, after review of the monitoring results and toxicity reduction evaluation, the IEPA may modify this Permit to include numerical limitations for specific toxic pollutants and additional whole effluent toxicity monitoring to confirm the results of the evaluation. Modifications under this condition shall follow public notice and opportunity for hearing.

SPECIAL CONDITION 16. This Permit may be modified to include requirements for the Permittee on a continuing basis to evaluate and detail its efforts to effectively control sources of infiltration and inflow into the sewer system and to submit reports to the IEPA if necessary.

SPECIAL CONDITION 17. The Permittee shall monitor the wastewater effluent for Total Phosphorus, Dissolved Phosphorus, Nitrate/Nitrite, Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN), Ammonia, Total Nitrogen (calculated), Alkalinity and Temperature at least once a month beginning on the effective date of this permit. The results shall be submitted on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Forms or NetDMRs to IEPA unless otherwise specified by the IEPA.

SPECIAL CONDITION 18. A phosphorus limit of 1.0 mg/L (Annual Average) shall become effective four and one-half (4 1/2) years from the effective date of this Permit.

In order for the Permittee to achieve the above limit, it will be necessary to modify existing treatment facilities to include phosphorus removal, reduce phosphorus sources or explore other ways to prevent discharges that exceed the limit. The Permittee must implement the following compliance measures consistent with the schedule below:

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| A. Interim report on Phosphorus Removal Feasibility Report | 6 months from the effective date of this permit |
| B. Interim report on Phosphorus Removal Feasibility Report | 12 months from the effective date of this Permit |
| C. Phosphorus Removal Feasibility Report submitted | 18 Months from the effective date of this Permit |
| D. Progress report on recommendations of Implementation Plan | 24 months from the effective date of this Permit |
| E. Plans and specifications submitted | 30 months from the effective date of this Permit |
| F. Progress report on construction | 36 months from the effective date of this Permit |
| G. Complete construction | 42 months from the effective date of this Permit |
| H. Progress report on optimizing treatment system | 48 months from the effective date of this Permit |
| I. Achieve annual concentration and loading effluent limitations for Total Phosphorus | 54 months from the effective date of this Permit |

Compliance dates may be modified based on the results of the Phosphorus Removal Feasibility Report required by Special Condition 9 of this Permit. All modifications of this Permit must be in accordance with 40 CFR 122.62 or 40 CFR 122.63.

Reporting shall be submitted on the DMR's on a monthly basis.

REPORTING

The Permittee shall submit progress reports for items A, B, C, D, F, G, H and I of the compliance schedule indicating: a) the date the item was completed, or b) that the item was not completed, the reasons for non-completion and the anticipated completion date to the Agency Compliance Section.

SPECIAL CONDITION 19. A zone of initial dilution (ZID) is recognized with the dimensions of 11.75 feet across the width of the river from the end-of-pipe and 28.9 feet downstream from this point. Within the ZID, 7.1:1 dilution is afforded. A mixing zone is recognized with dimensions extending 77 feet across the width of the river and 179 feet downstream. Within the mixing zone, 13.5:1 dilution is afforded.

Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 20. Project Description: Compliance with Mercury Water Quality Effluent Standards

Forty Eight (48) months from the effective date of this Permit the Mercury limits on page two of this permit shall become effective.

The Permittee shall comply with the following schedule:

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| A. | Submit to Agency Mercury Reduction and Source Identification Plans | 6 months from effective date of this permit |
| B. | Complete and Implement Mercury Reduction Plan and Complete Source Identification Plan | 12 months from effective date of this permit |
| C. | Interim report on Mercury Reduction Plan and/or Preliminary Construction Plans | 18 months from effective date of this permit |
| D. | Preliminary engineering report submitted | 24 months from effective date of this permit |
| E. | Final plans and specifications submitted | 30 months from effective date of this permit |
| F. | Progress Report on construction | 36 months from effective date of this permit |
| G. | Complete construction | 42 months from effective date of this permit |
| H. | Permittee Achieves Compliance with Final Mercury Effluent Limitations | 48 months from effective date of this permit |

This Permit may be modified, with Public Notice, to include revised compliance dates.

REPORTING

The Permittee shall submit progress reports for items A, B, C, D, F, G, and H of the compliance schedule indicating: a) the date the item was completed, or b) that the item was not completed, the reasons for non-completion and the anticipated completion date to the Agency Compliance Section.