

NPDES Permit No. IL0037818

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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:

City of Minonk  
670 Chestnut Street  
Minonk, Illinois 61760

Name and Address of Facility:

City of Minonk STP  
North Oak Street  
Minonk, Illinois  
(Woodford 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 Surinder Tandon 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 City of Minonk.

The length of the Permit is approximately 5 years.

The main discharge number is B01. The seven day once in ten year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving stream, Long Point Creek to Vermillion River is 0 cfs.

The design average flow (DAF) for the facility is 0.34 million gallons per day (MGD) and the design maximum flow (DMF) for the facility is 0.85 MGD. Treatment consists of screening, grit removal, primary sedimentation, trickling rock filter, final sedimentation tank. This effluent and wet weather flow is pumped to aerated lagoon system consisting of aerated primary cell, aerated secondary cell and intermittent sand filters. Excessive CSO flow may be discharged from the primary cell and chlorinated prior to discharge. Sludge is treated by aerobic digester, dewatered on three drying beds and land applied.

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

Pursuant to the waiver provisions authorized by 40 CFR § 123.24, this draft permit is within the class, type, and size for which the Regional Administrator, Region V, has waived his right to review, object, or comment on this draft permit action.

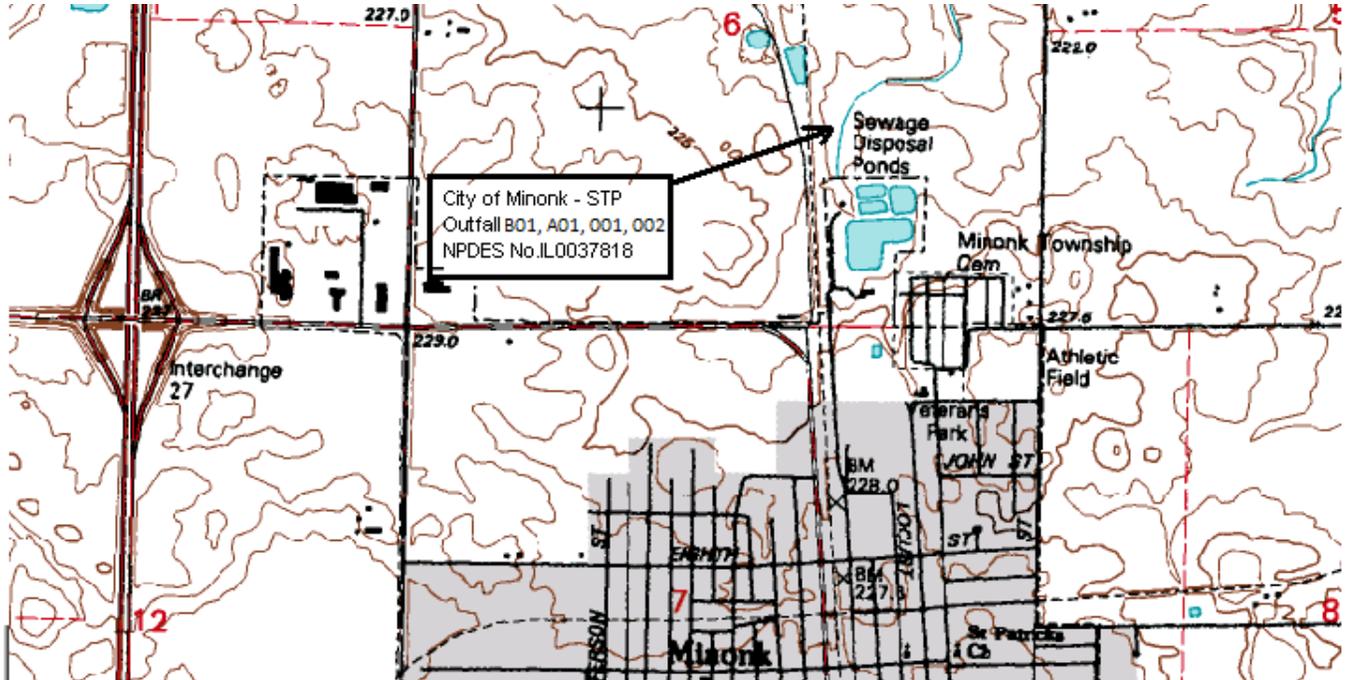
This Permit recognizes and continues the year-round disinfection exemption approved by the IEPA on April 28, 1989 and included in past NPDES permit actions since that date. It is the IEPA's tentative decision that under Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations, the following reach of waterbody is not classified for primary contact use activities and is not subject to the fecal coliform water quality standard of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.209.

This draft permit does not contain requirements for disinfection of the discharge from discharge number(s) B01. The unnamed tributary of Long Point Creek, from the facility discharge to the county bridge in Section 6, T28N, R2E has been determined to be unsuited to support primary contact activities (swimming) due to physical, hydrologic or geographic configuration. Anyone knowing of primary contact activities occurring within this water segment is invited to submit comments to the IEPA. Comments should give the nature of the activities (i.e swimming, fishing, canoeing, etc.), the location and months of the year when these activities have been observed. The IEPA is also interested in obtaining information on the proximity of residential dwellings and the accessibility of the public to this water segment. Anyone with such information is asked to submit comments to the IEPA on this draft permit action. Instructions for submitting comments are contained earlier in this document.

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

Discharge Number	Receiving Stream	Latitude	Longitude	Stream Classification	Integrity Rating
B01	Long Point Creek to Vermillion River	40° 55' 49" North	89° 01' 23" West	General Use	Not Rated
A01	Long Point Creek to Vermillion River	40° 55' 49" North	89° 01' 23" West	General Use	Not Rated
001	Long Point Creek to Vermillion River	40° 55' 49" North	89° 01' 23" West	General Use	Not Rated
002	Long Point Creek to Vermillion River	40° 55' 49" North	89° 01' 23" West	General Use	Not Rated

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



Long Point Creek, waterbody segment, DSF-01, is not listed as impaired on the draft 2012 Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303 (d) list.

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): B01 STP Outfall

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.34 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 0.85 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 <sub>5</sub>	71 (177)	113 (284)		25	40		35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102
Suspended Solids	105 (262)	128 (319)		37	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	Monitor Only (May through October)						35 IAC 309.146
Chlorine Residual						0.05	35 IAC 302.208
Ammonia Nitrogen: (as N)	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:  $8.34 \times (\text{Design Average and/or Maximum Flow in MGD}) \times (\text{Applicable Concentration in mg/L})$ .

This Permit contains an approval to treat and discharge excess flow as follows:

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): A01 Excess Flow Treated Discharge (Flow over 590 gpm and up to 2951 gpm from Lagoon #1)

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>CONCENTRATION LIMITS (mg/L)</u>			<u>Regulation</u>
	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Weekly Average</u>	<u>Daily Maximum</u>	
BOD <sub>5</sub>	Monitor Only			40 CFR 133.102
Suspended Solids	Monitor Only			40 CFR 133.102
pH	Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units			35 IAC 304.125

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 Combined Discharge from Outfalls A01 and B01

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>CONCENTRATION LIMITS (mg/L)</u>			<u>Regulation</u>
	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Weekly Average</u>	<u>Daily Maximum</u>	
Total Flow (MG)				
BOD <sub>5</sub> **	30	45		35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102
Suspended Solids**	30	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 100 ml			35 IAC 304.121
Chlorine Residual			0.75	35 IAC 302.208
Ammonia Nitrogen (as N)	Monitor Only			35 IAC 309.146
Dissolved Oxygen	Monitor Only			35 IAC 309.146

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. At minimum of 85% removal of CBOD<sub>5</sub> and suspended solids.
10. Controlling the sources of infiltration and inflow into the sewer system.
11. A requirement to monitor and a limit of 0.05 mg/L for residual chlorine when it is used.
12. Burden reduction.
13. Submission of annual fiscal data.
14. Submission of semi annual reports indicating the quantities of sludge generated and disposed.
15. An authorization of combined sewer and treatment plant discharges.
16. Capacity, Management, Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) requirements.
17. Reasonable potential analysis and mixing study plan.

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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

Reissued (NPDES) Permit

Expiration Date:

Issue Date:

Effective Date:

Name and Address of Permittee:

City of Minonk  
670 Chestnut Street  
Minonk, Illinois 61760

Facility Name and Address:

City of Minonk STP  
North Oak Street  
Minonk, Illinois  
(Woodford County)

Receiving Waters: Long Point Creek to Vermillion 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): B01 STP Outfall

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.34 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 0.85 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 <sub>5</sub> ****	71 (177)	113 (284)		25	40		1 Day/Month	Composite
Suspended Solids***	105 (262)	128 (319)		37	45		1 Day/Month	Composite
pH	Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units						1 Day/Month	Grab
Fecal Coliform	Monitor Only (May through October)						1 Day/Month	Grab
Chlorine Residual						0.05	****	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen: as (N)	Monitor Only						1 Day/Month	Composite
				Monthly Average not less than	Weekly Average not less than	Daily Minimum		
Dissolved Oxygen March-July				N/A	6.0	5.0	1 Day/Month	Grab
August-February				5.5	4.0	3.5	1 Day/Month	Grab

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

\*\*Carbonaceous BOD<sub>5</sub> (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) testing shall be in accordance with 40 CFR 136.

\*\*\*The 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent. See Special Condition 9.

\*\*\*\* See Special Condition 11.

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.

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

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

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Effluent Limitations, Monitoring, and Reporting

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Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): A01 Excess Flow Treated Discharge

These facilities shall not be utilized until the main treatment facility is receiving its maximum design flow\*(Flow over 590 gpm and up to 2951 gpm from Lagoon #1).

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:

CONCENTRATION  
LIMITS mg/L

Parameter	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum	Sample Frequency	Sample Type
Total Flow (MG)	See Below			Daily When Discharging	Continuous
BOD <sub>5</sub>	Monitor Only			Daily When Discharging	Grab
Suspended Solids	Monitor Only			Daily When Discharging	Grab
pH	Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units			Daily When Discharging	Grab

Total flow in million gallons shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) in the quantity maximum column.

Report the number of days of discharge in the comments section of the DMR.

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

BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids shall be reported on the DMR as a monthly average concentration.

The permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall A01 provided the following conditions are met:

1. The maximum flow possible, but at least ten times DAF ( $10 \times 0.34 = 3.4$  MGD) and First Flush shall be captured and returned to process for complete treatment.
2. Permittee must provide optimum operation and maintenance at the lagoons and return them (drain) to their lowest operating depth in between storm events.

\*An explanation shall be provided in the comment section of the DMR should these facilities be used when the main treatment facility is not receiving Design Maximum Flow (DMF). The explanation shall identify the reasons the main facility is at a diminished treatment capacity. Additionally, the Permittee shall comply with the provisions of Special Condition 7.

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Effluent Limitations, Monitoring, and Reporting

FINAL

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 Combined Discharge from Outfalls A01 and B01

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:

<u>Parameter</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>		
Total Flow (MG)				Daily When A01 is Discharging	Continuous
BOD <sub>5</sub> *	30	45		Daily When A01 is Discharging	Grab
Suspended Solids*	30	45		Daily When A01 is Discharging	Grab
pH	Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units			Daily When A01 is Discharging	Grab
Fecal Coliform	Daily Maximum Shall not Exceed 400 per 100 mL			Daily When A01 is Discharging	Grab
Chlorine Residual			0.75	Daily When A01 is Discharging	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen (as N)**	Monitor Only			Daily When A01 is Discharging	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen**	Monitor Only			Daily When A01 is Discharging	Grab

\*The 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent. See Special Condition 9.

\*\* See Special Condition 17.

Total flow in million gallons shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) in the quantity maximum column.

Report the number of days of discharge in the comments section of the DMR.

BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids shall be reported on the DMR as a monthly average concentration.

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

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

Chlorine Residual shall be reported on the DMR as daily maximum..

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

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

A Monthly Average value for Ammonia shall be computed for each month that A01 discharges beginning one month after the effective date of the permit. A Monthly Average concentrations shall be determined by combining data collected from 001 and B01 (only B01 data from days when A01 is not discharging) for the reporting period. These monitoring results shall be submitted to the Agency on the DMR.

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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	
BOD <sub>5</sub>	1 Day/Month <u>And daily when A01 is discharging</u>	Composite
Suspended Solids	1 Day/Month <u>And daily when A01 is discharging</u>	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.

BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids shall be reported on the DMR as a monthly average concentration.

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 3 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 Net-DMRs 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:

- A. For Outfall Number B01: Samples for all effluent limitations and monitoring parameters applicable to Outfall B01 shall be taken at a point representative of the flows from Outfall B01 but prior to entry into the receiving stream. On days when there are discharges from Outfall A01, samples for all effluent limitations and monitoring parameters applicable to Outfall B01 shall be representative of discharges from B01 and shall be taken at a point prior to admixture with discharges from Outfall A01. If Fecal Coliform limits are different for Discharge Numbers B01 and A01, sampling shall occur at a point representative of the discharge and prior to admixture, if hardware allows.
- B. For Outfall Number A01: Samples for all effluent limitations and monitoring parameters applicable to Outfall A01 shall be taken at a point representative of the discharge from Outfall A01 and shall be taken at a point prior to admixture with discharges from Outfall B01.
- C. For Outfall Number 001: Samples for all effluent limitations and monitoring parameters applicable to Outfall 001 shall be taken at a point representative of the discharge from Outfall 001 but prior to admixture with 002 and prior to entry into the receiving stream and shall include all flow from Outfalls A01 and B01. On days when there are no discharges through Outfall A01, samples for discharges through Outfall 001 can be taken at the location of sampling for Outfall B01. When there are discharges from Outfall A01, samples for all effluent limitations and monitoring parameters applicable to Outfall 001 shall be representative of the discharge from Outfall 001 and shall be taken at a point after flows from Outfalls A01 and B01 are mixed.

Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 9: BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids (85% removal required) For Discharge No. 001: 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 DMRs 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 CBOD<sub>5</sub> concentration to determine the effluent BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration.

Percent removal is a percentage expression of the removal efficiency across a treatment plant for a given pollutant parameter, as determined from the 30-day average values of the raw wastewater influent concentrations to the facility and the 30-day average values of the effluent pollutant concentrations for a given time period.

SPECIAL CONDITION 10. 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 11. 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 12. The Permittee has undergone a Monitoring Reduction review and the influent and effluent sample frequency has been reduced for parameters due to sustained compliance. The IEPA may require that the influent and effluent sampling frequency for these parameters be increased without Public Notice. This provision does not limit EPA's authority to require additional monitoring, information or studies pursuant to Section 308 of the CWA.

SPECIAL CONDITION 13. 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 14. 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.

The Permittee shall retain records of all sludge monitoring, and reports required by the Sludge Permit as referenced in Standard Condition 25 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.

Special Conditions

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 15.

AUTHORIZATION OF  
 COMBINED SEWER AND TREATMENT PLANT DISCHARGES

The IEPA has determined that at least a portion of the collection system consists of combined sewers. References to the collection system and the sewer system refer only to those parts of the system which are owned and operated by the Permittee unless otherwise indicated. The Permittee is authorized to discharge from the overflow(s)/bypass(es) listed below provided the diversion structure is located on a combined sewer and the following terms and conditions are met:

<u>Discharge Number</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Receiving Water</u>
002	STP Bypass	Long Point Creek
003	Millenium Park-CSO	Long Point Creek

A. CSO Monitoring, Reporting and Notification Requirements

- The Permittee shall monitor the frequency of discharge (number of discharges per month) and estimate the duration (in hours) of each discharge from each outfall listed in this Special Condition. Estimates of storm duration and total rainfall shall be provided for each storm event.

<u>Start Date</u>	<u>Rainfall Duration (hrs.)</u>	<u>Rainfall Amount (in.)</u>	<u>CSO Outfall #</u>	<u>Outfall Description</u>	<u>Estimated Duration of CSO Discharge (hrs.)</u>	<u>Estimated Volume of CSO Discharge (MG)</u>

For frequency reporting, all discharges from the same storm, or occurring within 24 hours, shall be reported as one. The date that a discharge commences shall be recorded for each outfall. Reports shall be in the form specified by the IEPA and on forms provided by the IEPA (e.g., Form IL 532-2471, or updated form of same). These forms shall be submitted to the IEPA monthly with the DMRs and covering the same reporting period as the DMRs. Parameters (other than flow frequency and volume), if required in this Permit, shall be sampled and reported as indicated in the transmittal letter for such report forms.

- All Submittals listed in this Special Condition can be mailed to the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
 Division of Water Pollution Control  
 1021 North Grand Avenue East  
 Post Office Box 19276  
 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Attention: CSO Coordinator, Compliance Assurance Section

All submittals hand carried shall be delivered to 1021 North Grand Avenue East

B. CSO Treatment Requirements

- All combined sewer overflows and treatment plant bypasses shall be given sufficient treatment to prevent pollution and the violation of applicable water quality standards and to the extent required by the federal Clean Water Act, the 1994 CSO Control Policy including any amendments made by the Wet Weather Water Quality Act of 2000. Sufficient treatment consists of the following:

Special Conditions

- a. All dry weather flows and the first flush of storm flows shall meet all applicable effluent standards and the effluent limitations as required for the main STP outfall; and,
  - b. Additional flows, but not less than ten times the average dry weather flow for the design year, shall receive a minimum of primary treatment and disinfection with adequate retention time.
4. All CSO discharges authorized by this Permit shall be treated, in whole or in part, to the extent necessary to prevent accumulations of sludge deposits, floating debris and solids in accordance with 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.203 and to prevent depression of oxygen levels below the applicable water quality standards.
  5. Overflows during dry weather are prohibited. Dry weather overflows shall be reported to the IEPA pursuant to Standard Condition 12(f) of this Permit (24 hour notice).
  6. The collection system shall be operated to optimize transport of wastewater flows and to minimize CSO discharges and the treatment system shall be operated to maximize treatment of wastewater flows.

C. CSO Nine Minimum Controls

7. The Permittee shall comply with the nine minimum controls contained in the National CSO Control Policy published in the Federal Register on April 19, 1994. The nine minimum controls are:
  - a. Proper operation and maintenance programs for the sewer system and the CSOs;
  - b. Maximum use of the collection system for storage;
  - c. Review and modification of pretreatment requirements to assure CSO impacts are minimized;
  - d. Maximization of flow to the POTW for treatment;
  - e. Prohibition of CSOs during dry weather;
  - f. Control of solids and floatable materials in CSOs;
  - g. Pollution prevention programs which focus on source control activities;
  - h. Public notification to ensure that citizens receive adequate information regarding CSO occurrences and CSO impacts; and,
  - i. Monitoring to characterize impacts and efficiency of CSO controls.

A CSO pollution prevention plan (PPP) shall be developed by the Permittee unless one has already been prepared for this collection system. Any previously-prepared PPP shall be reviewed, and revised if necessary, by the Permittee to address the items contained in Chapter 8 of the U.S. EPA guidance document, Combined Sewer Overflows, Guidance For Nine Minimum Controls, and any items contained in previously-sent review documents from the IEPA concerning the PPP. Combined Sewer Overflows, Guidance For Nine Minimum Controls is available on line at <http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/owm0030.pdf>. The PPP (or revised PPP) shall be presented to the general public at a public information meeting conducted by the Permittee annually during the term of the effective date of this Permit. The Permittee shall submit documentation that the pollution prevention plan complies with the requirements of this Permit and that the public information meeting was held. Such documentation shall be submitted to the IEPA within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Permit and shall include a summary of all significant issues raised by the public, the Permittee's response to each issue, and two (2) copies of the "CSO Pollution Prevention Plan Certification" one (1) with original signatures. This certification form is available online at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/waste-water/forms/cso-pol-prev.pdf>. Following the public meeting, the Permittee shall implement the pollution prevention plan and shall maintain a current pollution prevention plan, updated to reflect system modifications, on file at the sewage treatment works or other acceptable location and made available to the public. The pollution prevention plan revisions shall be submitted to the IEPA one (1) month from the revision date.

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8. Pursuant to Section II.C.3 of the federal CSO Control Policy of 1994, sensitive areas are any water likely to be impacted by a CSO discharge which meet one or more of the following criteria: (1) designated as an Outstanding National Resource Water; (2) found to contain shellfish beds; (3) found to contain threatened or endangered aquatic species or their habitat; (4) used for primary contact recreation; or, (5) within the protection area for a drinking water intake structure.

The IEPA has tentatively determined that none of the outfalls listed in this Special Condition discharge to sensitive areas. However, if information becomes available that causes the IEPA to reverse this determination, the IEPA will notify the Permittee in writing. Within three (3) months of the date of notification, or such other date contained in the notification letter, the Permittee shall submit two (2) copies of either a schedule to relocate, control, or treat discharges from these outfalls. If none of these options are possible, the Permittee shall submit adequate justification at that time as to why these options are not possible. Such justification shall be in accordance with Section II.C.3 of the National CSO Control Policy.

E. CSO Operational and Maintenance Plans

9. The IEPA reviewed and accepted a CSO operational and maintenance plan "CSO O&M plan" on April 18, 1997 prepared for this sewerage system. The Permittee shall fully implement the approved plan and review and revise, if needed, the CSO O&M plan to reflect system changes.

The CSO O&M plan shall be presented to the general public at a public information meeting conducted by the Permittee within nine (9) months of the effective date of this Permit or within nine (9) months of the CSO system being modified. The Permittee shall submit documentation that the CSO O&M plan complies with the requirements of this Permit and that the public information meeting was held. Such documentation shall be submitted to the IEPA within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Permit and shall include a summary of all significant issues raised by the public, the Permittee's response to each issue, and two (2) copies of the "CSO Operational Plan Checklist and Certification", one (1) with original signatures. Copies of the "CSO Operational Plan Checklist and Certification" are available online at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/waste-water/forms/cso-checklist.pdf>. Following the public meeting, the Permittee shall maintain a current CSO O&M plan, updated to reflect system modifications, on file at the sewage treatment works and made available to the public. The CSO O&M plan revisions shall be submitted to the IEPA one (1) month from the revision date.

The objectives of the CSO O&M plan are to reduce the total loading of pollutants and floatables entering the receiving stream and to ensure that the Permittee ultimately achieves compliance with water quality standards. These plans, tailored to the local government's collection and waste treatment systems, shall include mechanisms and specific procedures where applicable to ensure:

- a. Collection system inspection on a scheduled basis;
- b. Sewer, catch basin, and regulator cleaning and maintenance on a scheduled basis;
- c. Inspections are made and preventive maintenance is performed on all pump/lift stations;
- d. Collection system replacement, where necessary;
- e. Detection and elimination of illegal connections;
- f. Detection, prevention, and elimination of dry weather overflows;
- g. The collection system is operated to maximize storage capacity and the combined sewer portions of the collection system are operated to delay storm entry into the system; and,
- h. The treatment and collection systems are operated to maximize treatment.

F. Sewer Use Ordinances

10. The Permittee, within six (6) months of the effective date of this Permit, shall review and where necessary, modify its existing sewer use ordinance to ensure it contains provisions addressing the conditions below. If no ordinance exists, such ordinance shall be developed and implemented within six (6) months from the effective date of this Permit. Upon completion of the review of the sewer use ordinance(s), the Permittee shall submit two (2) copies of a completed "Certification of Sewer Use Ordinance Review", one (1) with original signatures. Copies of the certification form can be obtained on line at <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/waste-water/forms/sewer-use.pdf>. The Permittee shall submit copies of the sewer use ordinance(s) to the IEPA one (1) month from the revision date. Sewer use ordinances are to contain specific provisions to:

- a. Prohibit introduction of new inflow sources to the sanitary sewer system;

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- b. Require that new construction tributary to the combined sewer system be designed to minimize and/or delay inflow contribution to the combined sewer system;
- c. Require that inflow sources on the combined sewer system be connected to a storm sewer, within a reasonable period of time, if a storm sewer becomes available;
- d. Provide that any new building domestic waste connection shall be distinct from the building inflow connection, to facilitate disconnection if a storm sewer becomes available;
- e. Assure that CSO impacts from non-domestic sources are minimized by determining which non-domestic discharges, if any, are tributary to CSOs and reviewing, and, if necessary, modifying the sewer use ordinance to control pollutants in these discharges; and,
- f. Assure that the owners of all publicly owned systems with combined sewers tributary to the Permittee's collection system have procedures in place adequate to ensure that the objectives, mechanisms, and specific procedures given in Paragraph 8 of this Special Condition are achieved.

The Permittee shall enforce the applicable sewer use ordinances.

G. Long-Term Control Planning and Compliance with Water Quality Standards

- 11. a. Pursuant to Section 301 of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1311 and 40 CFR § 122.4, discharges from the CSOs, including the outfalls listed in this Special Condition and any other outfall listed as a "Treated Combined Sewage Outfall", shall not cause or contribute to violations of applicable water quality standards or cause use impairment in the receiving waters. In addition, discharges from CSOs shall comply with all applicable parts of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 306.305(a), (b), (c), and (d).
- b. Based on the number of CSO events reported over the past 5 years, the Permittee experiences not more than 4 CSO events per year. Based on this frequency, Section II.C.4.a.i of the federal CSO Control Policy of 1994 (Policy) infers that with not more than four overflow events per year, one is presumed to meet the water quality-based requirements of the federal Clean Water Act. Pursuant to Section I.C.1 and Section II.C.9 of the Policy, the Permittee shall develop and implement a post-construction water quality monitoring program adequate to verify compliance with water quality standards and to verify protection of designated uses in the receiving water(s) and to ascertain the effectiveness of CSO controls. Guidance on post construction monitoring plans is available at: [http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/final\\_cso\\_pccm\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/final_cso_pccm_guidance.pdf). This program shall contain a plan that details the monitoring protocols to be followed, including any necessary effluent and ambient monitoring, and if appropriate, other monitoring protocols such as biological assessments, whole effluent toxicity testing, and sediment sampling. This plan shall be submitted to the IEPA and be presented to the public at an informational meeting within nine (9) months of the effective date of this Permit. Within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Permit, the Permittee shall submit to IEPA a summary of all significant issues raised by the public, the Permittee's response to each issue, and three (3) copies of the proposed plan (revised following the public meeting, if necessary). The Permittee shall respond to an IEPA review letter in writing within ninety (90) days of the date of such an initial review letter and within thirty (30) days of any subsequent review letter(s), if any. The post-construction monitoring plan shall be implemented within six (6) months of the date of IEPA approval. Within thirty (30) months of the approval of the plan, the results shall be submitted to the IEPA along with recommendations and conclusions as to whether or not the discharges from any of the CSOs (treated or untreated) authorized by this Permit are causing or contributing to violations of applicable water quality standards or causing use impairment in the receiving water(s).
- c. Should the results of the post-construction water quality monitoring plan or if information becomes available that causes IEPA to conclude that the discharges from any of the CSOs (treated or untreated) authorized to discharge under this Permit are causing or contributing to violations of water quality standards or are causing use impairment in the receiving water(s), the IEPA will notify the Permittee in writing. Upon receiving such notification, the Permittee shall develop and implement a CSO Long-Term Control Plan (LTCP) for assuring that the discharges from the CSOs (treated or untreated) authorized in this Permit comply with the provisions of Paragraph 11.a above. The LTCP shall contain all applicable elements of Paragraph 11.d below including a schedule for implementation and provisions for re-evaluating compliance with applicable standards and regulations after complete implementation. Three (3) copies of the LTCP shall be submitted to the IEPA within twelve (12) months of receiving the IEPA written notice. The LTCP shall be:
  - 1. Consistent with Section II.C.4.a.i of the Policy; or,
  - 2. Consistent with either Section II.C.4.a.ii, Section II.C.4.a.iii, or Section II.C.4.b of the Policy and be accompanied by data sufficient to demonstrate that the LTCP, when completely implemented, will be sufficient to meet water quality standards.

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- d. Pursuant to the Policy, the required components of the LTCP include the following:
1. Characterization, monitoring, and modeling of the Combined Sewer System (CSS);
  2. Consideration of Sensitive Areas;
  3. Evaluation of alternatives;
  4. Cost/Performance considerations;
  5. Revised CSO Operational Plan;
  6. Maximizing treatment at the treatment plant;
  7. Implementation schedule;
  8. Post-Construction compliance monitoring program; and
  9. Public participation.

Following submittal of the LTCP, the Permittee shall respond to any initial IEPA review letter in writing within ninety (90) days of the date of such a review letter, and within thirty (30) days of any subsequent review letter(s), if any. Implementation of the LTCP shall be as indicated by IEPA in writing or other enforceable mechanism.

12. A public notification program in accordance with Section II.B.8 of the federal CSO Control Policy of 1994 shall be developed employing a process that actively informs the affected public. The program shall include at a minimum public notification of CSO occurrences and CSO impacts, with consideration given to including mass media and/or Internet notification. The Permittee shall also consider posting signs in waters likely to be impacted by CSO discharges at the point of discharge and at points where these waters are used for primary contact recreation. Provisions shall be made to include modifications of the program when necessary and notification to any additional member of the affected public. The program shall be presented to the general public at a public information meeting conducted by the Permittee. The Permittee shall conduct the public information meeting within nine (9) months of the effective date of this Permit. The Permittee shall submit documentation that the public information meeting was held, shall submit a summary of all significant issues raised by the public and the Permittee's response to each issue and shall identify any modifications to the program as a result of the public information meeting. The Permittee shall submit the public information meeting documentation to the IEPA and implement the public notification program within twelve (12) months of the effective date of this Permit. The Permittee shall submit copies of the public notification program to the IEPA upon written request.13. If any of the CSO discharge points listed in this Special Condition are eliminated, or if additional CSO discharge points, not listed in this Special Condition, are discovered, the Permittee shall notify the IEPA in writing within one (1) month of the respective outfall elimination or discovery. Such notification shall be in the form of a request for the appropriate modification of this NPDES Permit.

H. Summary of Compliance Dates in this CSO Special Condition

14. The following summarizes the dates that submittals contained in this Special Condition are due at the IEPA (unless otherwise indicated):
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| Submission of CSO Monitoring Data (Paragraph 1)   | 25th of every month                              |
| Submission of Revised CSO O&M Plan (Paragraph 9)  | 1 month from revision date                       |
| Implement Post-Construction Monitoring Plan (Paragraph 11)<br>No Submittal Due with this Milestone  | 12 months from the date of IEPA plan approval    |
| Submit Post Construction Monitoring Plan  | 9 months from the effective date of this permit  |
| Conduct OMP and Post-Construction Monitoring Plan<br>Public Information Meeting<br>(Paragraphs 9 and 11)<br><b>No Submittal Due with this Milestone</b> | 9 months from the effective date of this Permit  |
| Submit Pollution Prevention Certification, OMP Certification, and<br>Post-Construction Monitoring Plan (Paragraphs 7, 9 and 11)                         | 12 months from the effective date of this Permit |
| Submit PN Information Meeting Summary (Paragraph 12)  | 60 days after the public meeting                 |
| Submit CSO Long-Term Control Plan (Paragraph 11)  | 12 months from the date of IEPA notification     |
| Submit Results of Post-Construction Monitoring Plan<br>(Paragraph 11)   | 36 months from the date of IEPA plan approval    |

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All submittals listed in this Special Condition can be mailed to the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
 Division of Water Pollution Control  
 1021 North Grand Avenue East  
 Post Office Box 19276  
 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Attention: CSO Coordinator, Compliance Assurance Section

All submittals hand carried shall be delivered to 1021 North Grand Avenue East.

I. Reopening and Modifying this Permit

15. The IEPA may initiate a modification for this Permit at any time to include requirements and compliance dates which have been submitted in writing by the Permittee and approved by the IEPA, or other requirements and dates which are necessary to carry out the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Clean Water Act, or regulations promulgated under those Acts. Public Notice of such modifications and opportunity for public hearing shall be provided.

**SPECIAL CONDITION 16.** The Permittee shall work towards the goals of achieving no discharges from sanitary sewer overflows or basement back-ups and ensuring that overflows or back-ups, when they do occur do not cause or contribute to violations of applicable standards or cause impairment in any adjacent receiving water. Overflows from sanitary sewers are expressly prohibited by this permit and by Ill. Adm. Code 306.304. In order to accomplish these goals of complying with this prohibition and mitigating the adverse impacts of such overflows if they do occur the Permittee shall (A) identify and report to IEPA all SSOs that do occur, and (B) develop, implement and submit to the IEPA a Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance (CMOM) plan which includes an Asset Management strategy within 12 months of the effective date of this Permit or review and revise any existing plan accordingly. The Permittee shall modify the Plan to incorporate any comments that it receives from IEPA and shall implement the modified plan as soon as possible. The Permittee should work as appropriate, in consultation with affected authorities at the local, county, and/or state level to develop the plan components involving third party notification of overflow events. The Permittee may be required to construct additional sewage transport and/or treatment facilities in future permits or other enforceable documents should the implemented CMOM plan indicate that the Permittee's facilities are not capable of conveying and treating the flow for which they are designed.

The CMOM plan shall include the following elements: Measures and Activities:

1. A complete map and system inventory for the collection system owned and operated by the Permittee;
2. Organizational structure; budgeting; training of personnel; legal authorities; schedules for maintenance, sewer system cleaning, and preventative rehabilitation; checklists, and mechanisms to ensure that preventative maintenance is performed on equipment owned and operated by the Permittee;
3. Documentation of unplanned maintenance;
4. An assessment of the capacity of the collection and treatment system owned and operated by the Permittee at critical junctions and immediately upstream of locations where overflows and backups occur or are likely to occur; use flow monitoring as necessary;
5. Identification and prioritization of structural deficiencies in the system owned and operated by the Permittee;
6. Operational control, including documented system control procedures, scheduled inspections and testing;
7. The Permittee shall develop and implement an Asset Management strategy to ensure the long-term sustainability of the collection system. Asset Management shall be used to assist the Permittee in making decisions on when it is most appropriate to repair, replace or rehabilitate particular assets and develop long-term funding strategies; and
8. Asset Management shall include but is not limited to the following elements:
  - a. Asset Inventory and State of the Asset;
  - b. Level of Service;
  - c. Critical Asset Identification;
  - d. Life Cycle Cost; and
  - e. Long-Term Funding Strategy.

A. Design and Performance Provisions:

1. Monitor the effectiveness of CMOM;
2. Upgrade the elements of the CMOM plan as necessary; and
3. Maintain a summary of CMOM activities.

B. Overflow Response Plan:

1. Know where overflows and back-ups within the facilities owned and operated by the Permittee occur;
2. Respond to each overflow or back-up to determine additional actions such as clean up; and
3. Locations where basement back-ups and/or sanitary sewer overflows occur shall be evaluated as soon as practicable for excessive inflow/infiltration, obstructions or other causes of overflows or back-ups as set forth in the System Evaluation Plan.

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C. System Evaluation Plan:

1. Summary of existing SSO and Excessive I/I areas in the system and sources of contribution;
2. Evaluate plans to reduce I/I and eliminate SSOs;
3. Special provisions for Pump Stations and force mains and other unique system components; and
4. Construction plans and schedules for correction.

D. Reporting and Monitoring Requirements:

1. Program for SSO detection and reporting; and
2. Program for tracking and reporting basement back-ups, including general public complaints.

E. Third Party Notice Plan:

1. Describes how, under various overflow scenarios, the public, as well as other entities, would be notified of overflows within the Permittee's system that may endanger public health, safety or welfare;
2. Identifies overflows within the Permittee's system that would be reported, giving consideration to various types of events including events with potential widespread impacts;
3. Identifies who shall receive the notification;
4. Identifies the specific information that would be reported including actions that will be taken to respond to the overflow;
5. Includes a description of the lines of communication; and
6. Includes the identities and contact information of responsible POTW officials and local, county, and/or state level officials.

For additional information concerning USEPA CMOM guidance and Asset Management please refer to the following web site addresses.

[http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cmom\\_guide\\_for\\_collection\\_systems.pdf](http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/cmom_guide_for_collection_systems.pdf) and

[http://water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/wastewater/upload/guide\\_smallsystems\\_assetmanagement\\_bestpractices.pdf](http://water.epa.gov/type/watersheds/wastewater/upload/guide_smallsystems_assetmanagement_bestpractices.pdf)

**SPECIAL CONDITION 17.** The Agency shall consider all monitoring data submitted by the discharger in accordance with the monitoring requirements of this permit for all parameters, including but not limited to data pertaining to ammonia and dissolved oxygen for discharges from Discharge Number 001, to determine whether the discharges are at levels which cause, have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to exceedances of water quality standards. If the data indicate that the discharges are at levels which cause, have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to exceedances of water quality standards, then the Agency shall reopen the permit to include water quality based effluent limitations within 30 months of the effective date of this permit. If the discharger wants the Agency to consider mixing when determining the need for and establishment of water quality based effluent limitations, the discharger shall submit a study plan on mixing to the Agency for the Agency's review and comment within 2 months of the effective date of this permit.