

NPDES Permit No. IL0002429
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Public Notice Beginning Date: **February 16, 2012**

Public Notice Ending Date: **March 19, 2012**

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permit Program

Draft Reissued NPDES Permit to Discharge into Waters of the State

Public Notice/Fact Sheet Issued By:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Division of Water Pollution Control
Permit Section
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217/782-0610

Name and Address of Discharger:

City of Chicago
Department of Water
Bureau of Water Treatment
1000 East Ohio Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Name and Address of Facility:

City of Chicago
South Water Purification Plant
3300 East Cheltenham Place
Chicago, Illinois 60611
(Cook 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 discharger. The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice/Fact Sheet. The last day comments will be received will be on the Public Notice period ending date unless a commentor demonstrating the need for additional time requests an extension to this comment period and the request is granted by the IEPA. 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 number(s) 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 Mark E. Liska at 217/782-0610.

The applicant is engaged in the production of potable water for southern Chicago and 52 other suburban communities (SIC 4941). Waste water is generated from the discharge of backflow waters for zebra mussel control. Plant operation results in an average discharge of 0.075 MGD of backflow water for zebra mussel control from outfall 001.

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

<u>Outfall</u>	<u>Receiving Stream</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Stream Classification</u>	<u>Integrity Rating</u>
001	Lake Michigan	41° 47' 00" North	87° 31' 25" West	Lake Michigan Basin	Not Rated

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

The stream segment QS-03 receiving the discharge from outfall(s) 001 is on the 2010 303(d) list of impaired waters and is not a biologically significant stream on the 2008 Illinois Department of Natural Resources Publication – *Integrating Multiple Taxa in a Biological Stream Rating System*.

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

<u>Designated Use</u>	<u>Potential Cause</u>
Mercury, PCBs	Fish Consumption
Escherichia Coli	Primary Contact - Recreation

The discharge(s) from the facility shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

Outfall: 001

PARAMETER	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)			CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/L		
	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	REGULATION	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	REGULATION
Flow						35 IAC 309.146
pH				7.0-9.0		35 IAC 302.503
Total Residual Chlorine		0.031	40 CFR 125.3		0.05	40 CFR 125.3

Load Limit Calculations:

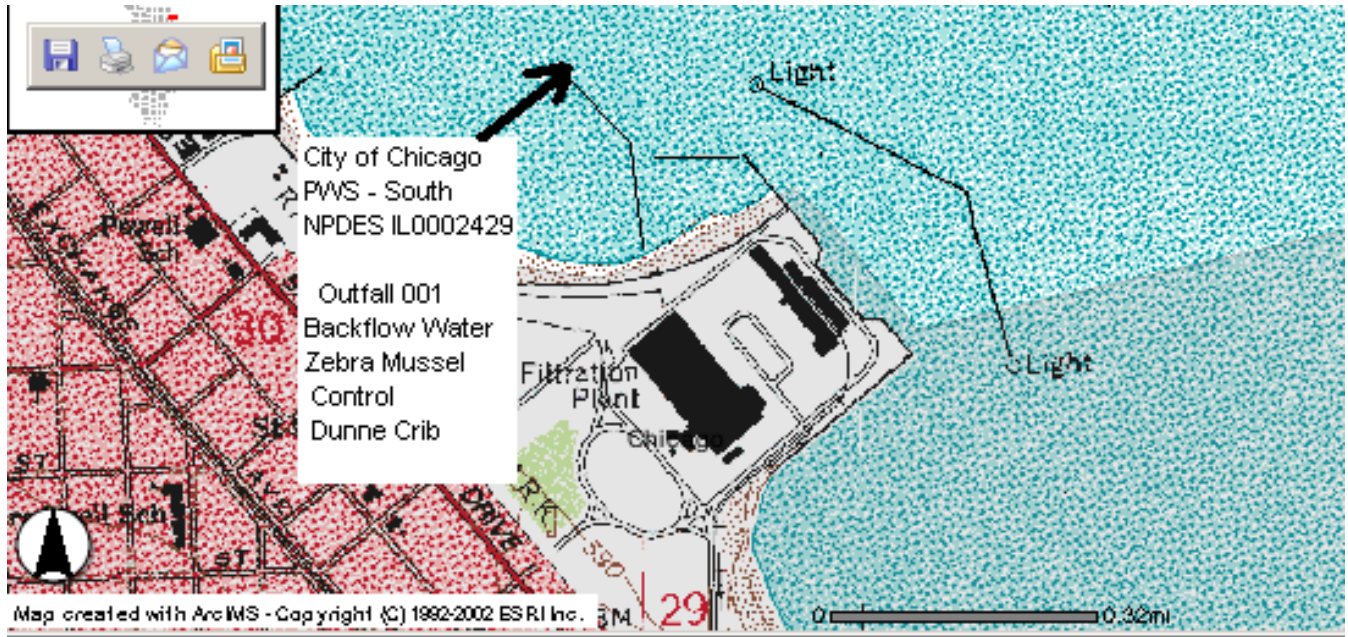
- A. Load limit calculations for the following pollutant parameters were based on an average flow of 0.075 MGD and using the formula of average or maximum flow (MGD) X concentration limit (mg/l) X 8.34 = the average or maximum load limit (lbs/day): Total Residual Chlorine.

The following sample calculation shows the methodology utilized to determine production based load limitations:

$$0.05 \text{ mg/L} \times 8.34 \times 0.075 \text{ MGD} = 0.031 \text{ lb/day of Total Residual Chlorine}$$

The following explain the conditions of the proposed permit:

Special Conditions will require monthly DMR submission, explain pH limits, and explain total residual chlorine testing procedures.



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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

Reissued (NPDES) Permit

Expiration Date:

Issue Date:

Effective Date:

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Department of Water
Bureau of Water Treatment
1000 East Ohio Street
Chicago, Illinois 60611

Facility Name and Address:

City of Chicago
South Water Purification Plant
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(Cook County)

Discharge Number and Name:

001 – Backflow Water/Zebra Mussel Control

Receiving Waters:

Lake Michigan

In compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, Title 35 of Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C and/or Subtitle D, Chapter 1, 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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Division of Water Pollution Control

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Effluent Limitations and Monitoring

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

Outfall(s): 001 - Backflow Water/Zebra Mussel Control (DAF = 0.075 MGD)

PARAMETER	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)		CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/L		SAMPLE FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM		
Flow	See Special Condition 1				Continuous	Measure
pH	See Special Condition 2				Daily When Discharging	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine		0.031		0.05	Daily When Discharging	Grab

Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 1. Flow shall be measured in units of Million Gallons per Day (MGD) and reported as a monthly average and a daily maximum on the monthly Discharge Monitoring Report.

SPECIAL CONDITION 2. The pH shall be in the range 7.0 to 9.0. The monthly minimum and monthly maximum values shall be reported on the DMR form.

SPECIAL CONDITION 3. All samples for Total Residual Chlorine shall be analyzed by an applicable method contained in 40 CFR 136, equivalent in accuracy to low-level amperometric titration. Any analytical variability of the method used shall be considered when determining the accuracy and precision of the results obtained.

SPECIAL CONDITION 4. 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 (eDMRs) instead of mailing paper DMRs to the IEPA. More information, including registration information for the eDMR program, can be obtained on the IEPA website, <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/edmr/index.html>.

The completed Discharge Monitoring Report forms shall be submitted to IEPA no later than the 15th day of the following month, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.

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

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Attention: Compliance Assurance Section, Mail Code # 19

SPECIAL CONDITION 5. 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 6. If an applicable effluent standard or limitation is promulgated under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a)(2) of the Clean Water Act and that effluent standard or limitation is more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit or controls a pollutant not limited in the NPDES Permit, the Agency shall revise or modify the permit in accordance with the more stringent standard or prohibition and shall so notify the permittee.

SPECIAL CONDITION 7. For the purpose of this permit, this discharge is limited to backflow water for zebra mussel control, free from process and other wastewater discharges. In the event that the permittee shall require the use of water treatment additives, the permittee must request a change in this permit in accordance with the Standard Conditions – Attachment H.