

NPDES Permit No. IL0036889
Notice No. BWC:11112802.bah

Public Notice Beginning Date: **February 8, 2012**

Public Notice Ending Date: **March 9, 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
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276
217/782-0610

Name and Address of Discharger:

Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc.
470 Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Name and Address of Facility:

350 W. Mart Center (Apparel Center)
350 North Orleans Street
Chicago, Illinois 60654
(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 Brian Cox at 217/782-0610.

The applicant is engaged in the operation of a commercial building containing a hotel, offices, and ancillary retail (SIC 6500). Water is drawn from the Chicago River (North Branch) to provide condenser water to the facility's chiller units and discharged as once-through non-contact cooling water back into the Chicago River (North Branch). Plant operation results in an average discharge of 0.196 MGD of non-contact cooling water from outfall 001.

The following modification is proposed:

The name of the Permittee and facility have changed.

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:

Outfall	Receiving Stream	Latitude	Longitude	Stream Classification	Integrity Rating
001	Chicago River (North Branch)	41° 53' 16" North	87° 37' 58" West	Primary Contact Recreation Uses	D

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

The stream segment HCC-08 receiving the discharge from outfall(s) 001 is on the draft 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:

Designated Use	Potential Cause
Mercury, PCBs, Iron, Oil and Grease, Dissolved Oxygen, Phosphorus, and other flow regime alterations	Fish Consumption and indigenous aquatic life

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

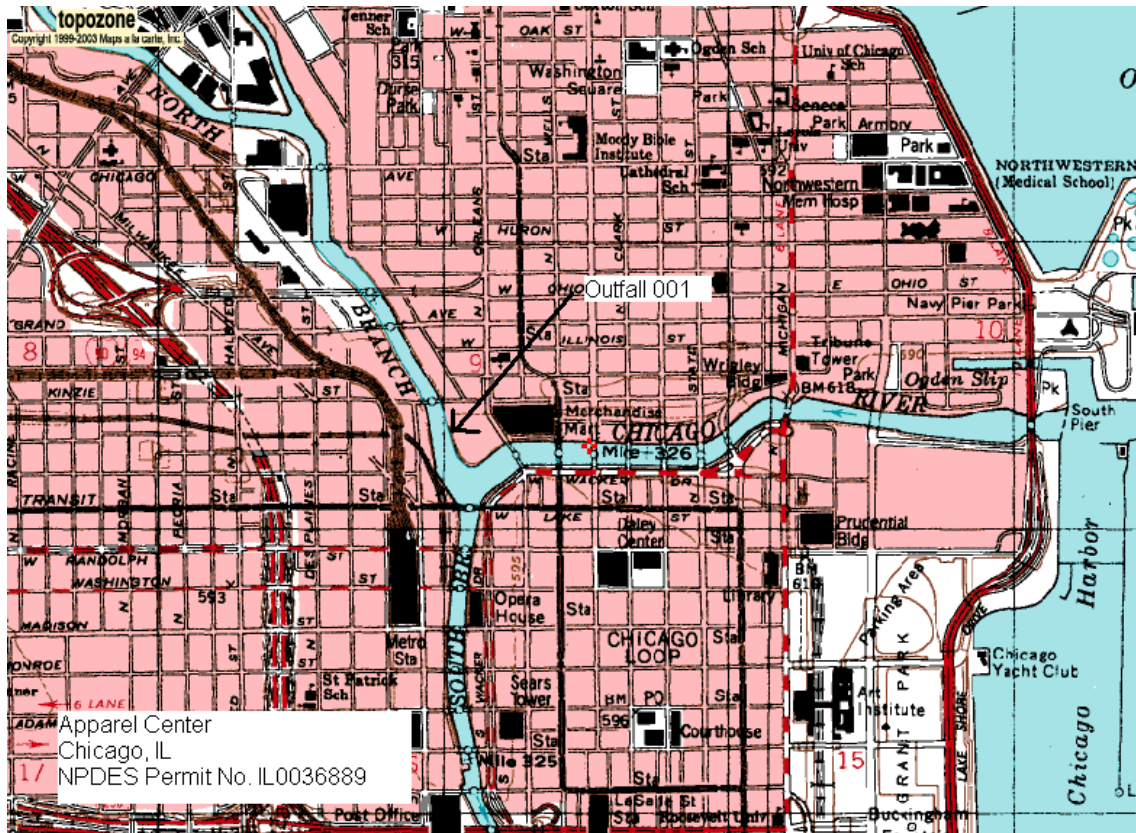
Outfall: 001

PARAMETER	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)		REGULATION	CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/L		REGULATION
	30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM		30 DAY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	
Flow				Monitor Only		35 IAC 309.146
Temperature						35 IAC 302.408

The load limits appearing in the permit will be the more stringent of the State and Federal Guidelines.

The following explain the conditions of the proposed permit:

Special Conditions will require monthly DMR submission, explain the monitoring locations, outline temperature requirements and clarify other limitations and requirements.



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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

Reissued (NPDES) Permit

Expiration Date:

Issue Date:

Effective Date:

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Merchandise Mart Properties, Inc.
470 Merchandise Mart
Chicago, Illinois 60654

Facility Name and Address:

350 W. Mart Center (Apparel Center)
350 North Orleans Street
Chicago, Illinois 60654
(Cook County)

Discharge Number and Name:

001 Non-Contact Cooling Water

Receiving Waters:

Chicago River (North Branch)

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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Manager, Permit Section
Division of Water Pollution Control

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Effluent Limitations and Monitoring

- 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 Non-Contact Cooling Water
(DAF=0.196 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				1/Month	Single Reading
Temperature	See Special Condition 2				1/Month	Single Reading

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 receiving waters are designated as Secondary Contact and Indigenous Aquatic Life Waters by Title 35 of Ill. Adm. Code, Chapter 1, Subtitle C, Section 302.408 as amended. This facility is not allowed any mixing with the receiving stream in order to meet applicable water quality thermal limitations. Therefore, discharge of wastewater from this facility must meet the following thermal limitations prior to discharge into the receiving stream.

- A. The discharge shall not exceed 93° F (34° C) more than 5% of the time or 100° F (37.8° C) at anytime.
- B. The monthly maximum value shall be reported on the DMR form.

SPECIAL CONDITION 3. 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 4. 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 5. 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 6. For the purpose of this permit, this discharge is limited to non-contact cooling water, 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.