

NPDES Permit No. IL0028177

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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 Discharger:

City of Colchester
500 East Roberts
Colchester, Illinois 62326

Name and Address of Facility:

City of Colchester STP
10367 East 650th Street
Colchester, Illinois
(McDonough 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. 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 Colchester.

The length of the Permit is approximately 5 years.

The main discharge number is 001 for the existing facility (002 for the new facility). The seven day once in ten year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving stream, unnamed tributary of East Fork of the Lamoine River is 0 cfs.

The design average flow (DAF) for the facility is 0.17 million gallons per day (MGD) and the design maximum flow (DMF) for the facility is 0.47 MGD. Treatment consists of stabilization ponds and a rock filter for the existing facility. For the new facility: Treatment consists of screening, 2 cell covered lagoons followed by a reactor polisher.

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 January 26, 1990 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 numbers(s) 001 for the existing facility and 002 for the new facility. The unnamed tributary of the East Fork LaMoine River, from the facility discharge in Section 7, TSN, R3W, to a point 100 yards downstream of the discharge 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 McDonough County, Illinois. The following information identifies the discharge point, receiving stream and stream classifications:

<u>Discharge Number</u>	<u>Receiving Stream</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Stream Classification</u>	<u>Integrity Rating</u>
001	Unnamed tributary of East Fork of the Lamoine River	40° 26' 10" North	90° 46' 38" West	General Use	Not Rated
002	Unnamed tributary of East Fork of the Lamoine River	40° 26' 08" North	90° 46' 45" West	General Use	Not Rated

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

Unnamed tributary (No Segment Code) of the East Fork LaMoine River (Waterbody Segment DGL-03) is not listed as impaired on the draft 2014 Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List since it has not been assessed.

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 (For the existing facility) and 002 STP Outfall for the proposed facility

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.17 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 0.47 MGD).

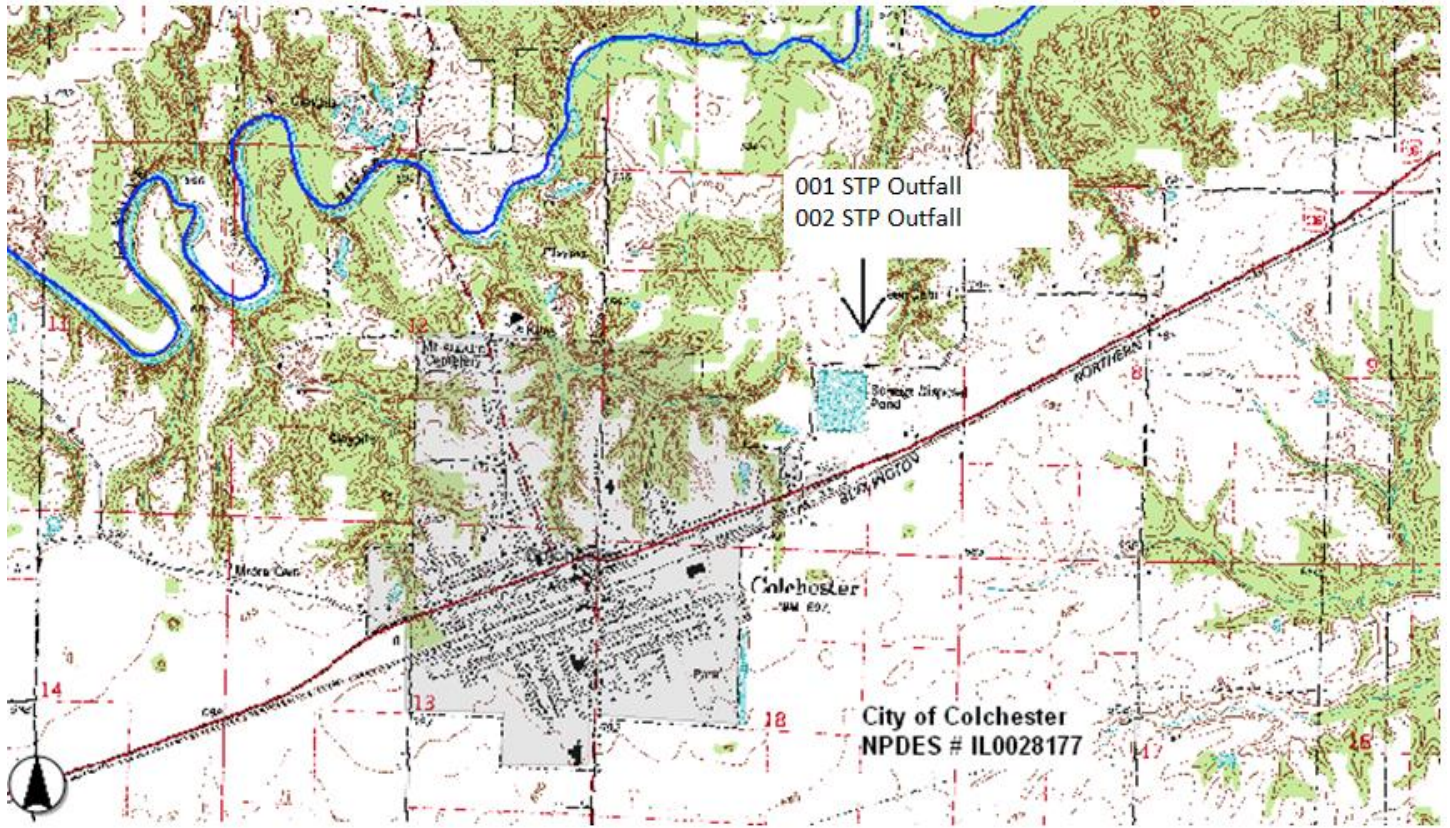
The effluent of the above discharge(s) shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

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	35 (98)	57 (157)		25	40		35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102
Suspended Solids	52 (145)	64 (176)		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				--	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 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 CBOD₅ 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. Submission of annual fiscal data.
13. Conditional authorization to discharge from high level emergency bypass(es) based on 40 CFR.
14. Reopening of this Permit to include revised effluent limitations based on a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other water quality study.
15. A requirement to notify the IEPA for the treatment plant modification.



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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 Colchester
500 East Roberts
Colchester, Illinois 62326

Facility Name and Address:

City of Colchester STP
10367 East 650th Street
Colchester, Illinois
(McDonough County)

Receiving Waters: Unnamed tributary of East Fork of the Lamoine 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 Effluent Limitations, Monitoring, and Reporting requirements; Special Conditions and Attachment H Standard Conditions attached 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, Monitoring, and Reporting

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 STP Outfall (For the existing facility) and 002 STP Outfall for the proposed facility

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.17 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 0.47 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 ****	35 (98)	57 (157)		25	40		1 Day/Month	Grab
Suspended Solids***	52 (145)	64 (176)		37	45		1 Day/Month	Grab
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	Grab
				Monthly Average not less than	Weekly Average not less than	Daily Minimum		
Dissolved Oxygen March-July				--	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 BOD₅ (CBOD₅) testing shall be in accordance with 40 CFR 136.

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

****See Special Condition 11.

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

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

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

Fecal Coliform monitoring shall be performed May through October with sample results reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.

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

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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 ₅	1 Day/Month	Composite
Suspended Solids	1 Day/Month	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.

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 4 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: BOD₅ and Suspended Solids (85% removal required) For Discharge No. 001 and B01: 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 CBOD₅ concentration to determine the effluent BOD₅ 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. Consistent with permit modification procedures in 40 CFR 122.62 and 63, 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 (for the existing facility) and 002 (for the new facility), 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. 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

Special Conditions

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 13. Discharge Number 002 (for existing facility only) and 004 is an emergency high level overflow discharge. Discharges from this outfall are prohibited. Permittee shall maintain continuous electronic monitors capable of detecting all discharges from each prohibited discharge outfall or shall inspect each listed prohibited discharge outfall listed above within 24 hours of receiving .25 inches of precipitation or greater within a 24 hour period as recorded at the nearest National Weather Service Reporting Station. Permittee shall utilize chalk or block devices or other discharge confirming devices approved by the Department to enhance visual monitoring. These prohibited discharges, if they occur, are subject to conditions A-E listed below.

- A. Definitions
"Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a discharge. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
- B. Notice
 1. Anticipated discharge. If the Permittee knows in advance of the need for a prohibited discharge from Discharge Number 002 (for the existing facility only) and 004 it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the discharge.
 2. Unanticipated discharge. The Permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated discharge as required in Standard Condition 12(f) of this Permit (24-hour notice).
- C. Limitation on IEPA enforcement discretion. The IEPA may take enforcement action against a Permittee for prohibited discharges from discharge number 004, unless:
 1. Discharge was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 2. There was no feasible alternatives to the discharge, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a discharge which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
 3. The Permittee submitted notices as required under Standard Condition 12(f) of this Permit.
- D. Emergency discharges when discharging, shall be monitored daily by grab sample for BOD₅, Suspended Solids and Fecal Coliform. The Permittee shall submit the monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report forms using one such form for each month in which discharging occurs. The Permittee shall specify the number of discharges per month that occur and shall report this number in the quantity daily maximum column. The Permittee shall report the highest concentration value of BOD₅ and Suspended Solids and Fecal Coliform discharged in the concentration daily maximum column.
- E. The above limitations on enforcement discretion apply only with respect to IEPA. They do not serve as a limitation on the ability of any other governmental agency or person to bring an enforcement action in accordance with the Federal Clean Water Act.

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 upon completion of an alternate Water Quality Study.

SPECIAL CONDITION 15. The Permittee shall notify the IEPA in writing once the treatment plant upgrade has been completed. A letter stating the date that the upgrade was completed shall be sent to the following address within fourteen (14) days of the upgrade becoming operational:

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