

NPDES Permit No. IL0031160

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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 Sparta
114 West Jackson Street
Sparta, Illinois 62286

Name and Address of Facility:

City of Sparta-Southeast-STP
East of Burns Avenue
Sparta, Illinois 62286
(Randolph 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 Todd Lamm 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 Sparta.

The length of the Permit is approximately 5 years.

The main discharge number is 001. The seven day once in ten year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving stream, Maxwell Creek is 0 cfs.

The design average flow (DAF) for the existing facility is 0.65 million gallons per day (MGD) and the design maximum flow (DMF) for the facility is 1.2 MGD. Treatment consists of screening, grit removal, grinding (comminutors), primary sedimentation (settling or clarifiers), contact stabilization, trickling filtration, rapid sand filtration, final sedimentation (settling) and discharge to surface water.

The design average flow (DAF) for the proposed facility is 0.90 million gallons per day (MGD) and the design maximum flow (DMF) for the facility is 2.1 MGD. Treatment consists of screening, grit removal, activated sludge, final sedimentation (settling), disinfection and discharge to surface water.

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 Section 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 May 22, 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. Maxwell Creek from the point of discharge in Section 6, T5S, R5W, to its confluence with Mary's River 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 which is located in Randolph 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	Maxwell Creek	38° 7' 8" North	89° 41' 20" West	General Use	Not Rated

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

The stream segment, IIK-SP-C1, receiving the discharge from outfall 001 is on the Draft 2014 303(d) list of impaired waters.

<u>Uses Impaired</u>	<u>Potential Causes</u>
aquatic life	other flow regime alterations (non-pollutant), dissolved oxygen (non-pollutant), and phosphorus (total).

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): STP Outfall 001 (Existing)

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.65 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 1.2 MGD).

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

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>LOAD LIMITS lbs/day</u> <u>DAF (DMF)*</u>			<u>CONCENTRATION</u> <u>LIMITS mg/L</u>			<u>Regulation</u>
	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Weekly Average</u>	<u>Daily Maximum</u>	<u>Monthly Average</u>	<u>Weekly Average</u>	<u>Daily Maximum</u>	
CBOD ₅	54 (100)		108 (200)	10		20	35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102
Suspended Solids	65 (120)		130 (240)	12		24	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 and Report (May through October)						35 IAC 309.146
Chlorine Residual						0.05	35 IAC 302.208
Ammonia Nitrogen: March	15 (28)	35 (64)	37 (68)	2.8	6.4	6.8	35 IAC 355 and
Apr, May, Sep, Oct.	8.1 (15)	39 (71)	54 (100)	1.5	7.0	10	35 IAC 302
June-August	8.1 (15)	27 (50)	54 (100)	1.5	4.3	10	
November-February	22 (40)	--	37 (68)	4.0		6.8	

Total Phosphorus	Monitor Only						35 IAC 309.146
Total Nitrogen	Monitor Only						35 IAC 309.146
				Monthly Avg. not less than	Weekly Avg. not less than	Daily Minimum	
Dissolved Oxygen March-July				NA	6.0	5.0	35 IAC 302.206
August-February				5.5	4.0	3.5	

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

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.90 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 2.1 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	75 (175)		180 (350)	10		20	35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102
Suspended Solids	90 (210)		180 (420)	12		24	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 and Report (May through October)						35 IAC 309.146
Chlorine Residual						0.05	35 IAC 302.208
Ammonia Nitrogen: March	21 (49)	48 (112)	51 (119)	2.8	6.4	6.8	35 IAC 355 and
Apr, May, Sep, Oct.	11 (26)	53 (123)	75 (175)	1.5	7.0	10	35 IAC 302
June-August	11 (26)	32 (75)	75 (175)	1.5	4.3	10	
November-February	30 (70)	--	51 (119)	4.0		6.8	
Total Phosphorus	7.5 (18)			1.0			35 IAC 304.123
Total Nitrogen							35 IAC 309.146
				Monthly Avg. not less than	Weekly Avg. not less than	Daily Minimum	
Dissolved Oxygen March-July				NA	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.

Antidegradation Assessment
NPDES Permit No. IL0031160

The subject facility has applied for an NPDES permit for a new treatment plant to treat largely domestic wastewater. The City currently has two treatment plants, one on the NW side of town (DAF = 0.25 MGD) and the other on the SE side of town (DAF = 0.65 MGD). The discharges are to two separate watersheds. The proposal is to terminate the NW Plant and build a new plant at the site of the existing SW Plant with a DAF of 0.9 MGD. The chosen plant design is an oxidation ditch capable of biological nutrient removal.

Identification and Characterization of the Affected Water Body.

Maxwell Creek (segment code IIK-SP-C1) has a 7Q10 flow of zero at this location and is a General Use water. The stream is assessed as impaired for aquatic life use on the draft 2014 Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List. The listed causes of impairment are other flow regime alterations (non-pollutant), total phosphorus and dissolved oxygen. Maxwell Creek is not listed as a biologically significant stream in the 2008 Illinois Department of Natural Resources Publication *Integrating Multiple Taxa in a Biological Stream Rating System*, nor is it given an integrity rating. Maxwell Creek is not designated as an enhanced water pursuant to the dissolved oxygen water quality standard.

Identification of Proposed Pollutant Load Increases or Potential Impacts on Uses.

The new facility's discharge to Maxwell Creek will result in an increase in pollutant loading of CBOD, TSS and ammonia. However, since the new plant will be designed to meet the most stringent BOD and TSS standards prescribed by the IL Pollution Control Board effluent standards, increases will be minimal. Loading of CBOD is expected to increase 21 pounds per day over existing levels of 54 pounds per day. Loading of TSS is expected to increase 25 pounds per day over existing levels of 65 pounds per day. The oxidation ditch design proposed for this treatment plant has nutrient removal capabilities. Phosphorus loading will decrease to 7.5 pounds per day from the existing estimated 16 pounds per day. The permit for the new facility will have a 1.0 mg/L limit for phosphorus. A total nitrogen goal of 10 mg/L will be placed in the permit. Total nitrogen loading will decrease from existing levels. Given that the new plant will consistently produce a high quality effluent, no adverse impacts are anticipated to Maxwell Creek. Since the NW Plant will close, pollutant loading to Sparta Creek will be eliminated.

Fate and Effect of Parameters Proposed for Increased Loading.

The BOD and ammonia discharged by this facility will decay into simpler and harmless byproducts by naturally occurring organisms in the receiving stream. Some of the nitrogen originating in the ammonia will remain in the stream in the form of nitrates or organic nitrogen although the total amount of nitrogen in the stream will decrease. Ammonia and dissolved oxygen standards will not be exceeded by this discharge. No adverse impacts to Maxwell Creek are anticipated.

Purpose and Social & Economic Benefits of the Proposed Activity.

The existing treatment plant is at the end of its useful life. The new and expanded plant will accommodate the small amount of community growth potential as well as maintaining a facility that will handle wastewater in an efficient manner. The project will allow the City to terminate one facility and concentrate on the operation of one modern facility.

Assessments of Alternatives for Less Increase in Loading or Minimal Environmental Degradation.

The plans for construction of a nitrifying treatment plant with nutrient removal capabilities are consistent with appropriate technology for this size and type of project. Several alternate treatment plant designs were considered. Treatment plant specifications have been selected to avoid or minimize environmental impacts. They also represent an economically reasonable design taking into consideration both initial capital costs and ongoing maintenance expenses. Viable alternatives to the selected treatment process do not exist for this project.

Land application was also considered. Transporting the effluent to an area of suitable land would be required and this system would mean that a large storage lagoon would also be needed. Land application was rejected due to cost. No golf courses or other opportunities for seasonal irrigation exist in the vicinity of the treatment plant.

Summary Comments of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Regional Planning Commissions, Zoning Boards or Other Entities

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources was consulted regarding threatened and endangered species issues via the EcoCAT system on September 9, 2014. It was immediately determined that no threatened or endangered species are found in Maxwell Creek near the proposed sewage treatment plant and consultation was terminated.

Agency Conclusion.

This preliminary assessment was conducted pursuant to the Illinois Pollution Control Board regulation for Antidegradation found at 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.105 (antidegradation standard) and was based on the information available to the Agency at the time the draft permit was written. We tentatively find that the proposed activity will result in the attainment of water quality standards; that all existing uses of the receiving stream will be maintained; that all technically and economically reasonable measures to avoid or minimize the extent of the proposed increase in pollutant loading have been incorporated into the proposed activity; and that this activity will benefit the community at large by providing adequate sewage treatment for the future. Comments received during the NPDES permit public notice period will be evaluated before a final decision is made by the Agency.

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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 Sparta
114 West Jackson Street
Sparta, Illinois 62286

Facility Name and Address:

City of Sparta-Southeast-STP
East of Burns Avenue
Sparta, Illinois 62286
(Randolph County)

Receiving Waters: Maxwell Creek

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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Manager, Permit Section
Division of Water Pollution Control

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Effluent Limitations, Monitoring, and Reporting

FINAL

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

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From the effective date of this Permit until operational attainment of the proposed facility, 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 ***	54 (100)		108 (200)	10		20	1 Day/Week	Composite
Suspended Solids***	65 (120)		130 (240)	12		24	1 Day/Week	Composite
pH	Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units						1 Day/Week	Grab
Fecal Coliform	Monitor and Report (May through October)						1 Day/Week	Grab
Chlorine Residual						0.05	****	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen: As (N)								
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Total Phosphorus (as P)	Monitor Only						1 Day/Month	Composite
Total Nitrogen	Monitor Only						1 Day/Month	Composite
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Dissolved Oxygen March-July				NA	6.0	5.0	1 Day/Week	Grab
August-February				5.5	4.0	3.5	1 Day/Week	Grab

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

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

*** The 30-day average percent removal shall be no less than 85 percent. See Special Condition 14.

****See Special Condition 9.

Flow shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) as monthly average and daily maximum.
 Fecal Coliform shall be monitored May through October and reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.
 pH shall be reported on the DMR as minimum and maximum value.
 Chlorine residual shall be reported on the DMR as daily maximum value.
 Dissolved oxygen shall be reported on the DMR as a minimum value.
 Total phosphorus (as) and total nitrogen shall be reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.

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FINAL

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Suspended Solids***	90 (210)		180 (420)	12		24	1 Day/Week	Composite
pH	Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units						1 Day/Week	Grab
Fecal Coliform*****	Monitor and Report (May through October)						1 Day/Week	Grab
Chlorine Residual						0.05	****	Grab
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****See Special Condition 9.

*****See Special Condition 13.

*****See Special Condition 15

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

Fecal Coliform shall be monitored May through October and reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.

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

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

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

Total phosphorus (as P) and total nitrogen shall be reported on the DMR as a daily maximum 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/Week	Composite
Suspended Solids	1 Day/Week	Composite

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

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

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

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 2 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 Section 122.63 and Without Public Notice in the event of operational, maintenance or other problems resulting in possible effluent deterioration.

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: 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 8: 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 9: 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 10: 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 11: 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.

Special Conditions

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.

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 12: 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 Maxwell Creek Water Quality Study.

SPECIAL CONDITION 13: The Permittee shall notify the IEPA in writing of any operational deficiencies and corrective measures to be taken if the expanded treatment plant exceeds a daily maximum concentration value of 10 mg/l of Total Nitrogen in the effluent. Correspondence shall be directed to:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Compliance Assurance Section, Mail Code #19
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
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SPECIAL CONDITION 14: Final Conditions - For Discharge No. 001 BOD₅ and Suspended Solids (85% removal required): In accordance with 40 CFR 133, the 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent except as provided in Sections 133.103 and 133.105. The percent removal need not be reported to the IEPA on 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.

SPECIAL CONDITION 15: For Discharge No. 001, the Permittee shall initiate sampling for fecal coliform after the upgraded facility has reached stable operation, but not later than six (6) months after start up. Sampling shall be a minimum of four (4) grab samples, at a minimum of seven (7) day intervals in order to verify the original assumptions made in the modeling used to grant the disinfection exemption. The four (4) results, expressed in terms of fecal coliform per 100 mL of sample ("too numerous to count" results cannot be accepted), shall be reported to the IEPA within seven (7) days of the final sample being analyzed and submitted to the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Water Pollution Control, Water Quality Standards Unit
1021 North Grand Avenue East
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Special Conditions

SPECIAL CONDITION 16. The Permittee shall notify the IEPA in writing once the treatment plant expansion has been completed. A letter stating the date that the expansion was completed shall be sent to the following address within fourteen (14) days of the expansion becoming operational:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Bureau of Water
Compliance Assurance Section, Mail Code #19
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