STATE OF MISSOURI

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

MISSOURI CLEAN WATER COMMISSION

MISSOURI STATE OPERATING PERMIT

In compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law, (Chapter 644 R.S. Mo. as amended, hereinafter, the Law), and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Public Law 92-500, 92nd Congress) as amended,

Permit No.	MO-0045837
Owner:	City of Liberal
Address:	209 South Main Street, P.O. Box 67, Liberal, MO 64762
Continuing Authority:	Same as above
Address:	Same as above
Facility Name:	Liberal Wastewater Treatment Facility
Facility Address:	West K Highway & 120th Lane, Liberal, MO 64762
Legal Description:	NE ¼, SE ¼, Sec. 35, T33N, R33W, Barton County
UTM Coordinates:	X= 366259, Y= 4159079
Receiving Stream:	Tributary to Bitter Creek
First Classified Stream and ID:	8-20-13 MUDD V1.0 (C) (3960)
USGS Basin & Sub-watershed No.:	(10290104-0201)

is authorized to discharge from the facility described herein, in accordance with the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements as set forth herein:

FACILITY DESCRIPTION

Outfall #001 – POTW – SIC #4952
The use or operation of this facility shall be by or under the supervision of a Certified "D" Operator.
Single cell lagoon / overland flow / sludge is retained in lagoon.
Design population equivalent is 1,200.
Design flow is 100,000 gallons per day.
Actual flow is 72,000 gallons per day.
Design sludge production is 14.4 dry tons/year.

This permit authorizes only wastewater discharges under the Missouri Clean Water Law and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System; it does not apply to other regulated areas. This permit may be appealed in accordance with Section 621.250 RSMo, Section 640.013 RSMo and Section 644.051.6 of the Law.

April 1, 2016
Effective Date

Sara Parker Pauley, Director, Department of Natural Resources

June 30, 2017
Expiration Date

John Madras, Director, Water Protection Program

OUTFALL #001	TABLE A-1 INTERIM EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS					
The permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) with serial number(s) as specified in the application for this permit. The interim effluent limitations shall become effective on **April 1, 2016**, and remain in effect through **March 31, 2021**. Such discharges shall be controlled, limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:						
EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	INTERIM EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		DAILY MAXIMUM	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	MGD	*		*	once/week	24 hr. estimate
Biochemical Oxygen Demand$_5$	mg/L		65	45	once/month	grab
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L		110	70	once/month	grab
E. coli (Note 1, Page 3)	#/100mL		*	*	once/week	grab
Ammonia as N	mg/L	*		*	once/month	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE MAY 28, 2016. THERE SHALL BE NO DISCHARGE OF FLOATING SOLIDS OR VISIBLE FOAM IN OTHER THAN TRACE AMOUNTS.						
Oil & Grease	mg/L	15		10	once/quarter***	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED QUARTERLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE JULY 28, 2016.						
EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	MINIMUM		MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
pH – Units **	SU	6.5			once/month	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE MAY 28, 2016.						

* Monitoring requirement only.
** pH is measured in pH units and is not to be averaged.
*** See table below for quarterly sampling requirements.

Minimum Sampling Requirements			
Quarter	**Months**	**Oil & Grease, Total Phosphorus, and Total Nitrogen**	**Report is Due**
First	January, February, March	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	April 28th
Second	April, May, June	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	July 28th
Third	July, August, September	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	October 28th
Fourth	October, November, December	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	January 28th

OUTFALL #001	TABLE A-2 FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) with serial number(s) as specified in the application for this permit. The final effluent limitations shall become effective on **April 1, 2021.** Such discharges shall be controlled, limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		DAILY MAXIMUM	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	MGD	*		*	once/week	24 hr. estimate
Biochemical Oxygen Demand$_5$	mg/L		65	45	once/month	grab
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L		110	70	once/month	grab
E. coli (Note 1, Page 3)	#/100mL		1030	206	once/week	grab
Ammonia as N (Apr 1 – Sep 30) (Oct 1 – Mar 31)	mg/L	4.1 8.1		1.4 2.8	once/month	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE MAY 28, 2021. THERE SHALL BE NO DISCHARGE OF FLOATING SOLIDS OR VISIBLE FOAM IN OTHER THAN TRACE AMOUNTS.						
Oil & Grease	mg/L	15		10	once/quarter***	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED QUARTERLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE JULY 28, 2021.						
EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	MINIMUM		MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
pH – Units **	SU	6.5			once/month	grab
MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE MAY 28, 2021.						

* Monitoring requirement only.
** pH is measured in pH units and is not to be averaged.
*** See table below for quarterly sampling requirements.

Minimum Sampling Requirements			
Quarter	**Months**	**Oil & Grease, Total Phosphorus, and Total Nitrogen**	**Report is Due**
First	January, February, March	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	April 28th
Second	April, May, June	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	July 28th
Third	July, August, September	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	October 28th
Fourth	October, November, December	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	January 28th

Note 1 - Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for *E. coli* are applicable only during the recreational season from April 1 through October 31. The Monthly Average Limit for *E. coli* is expressed as a geometric mean. The Weekly Average for *E. coli* will be expressed as a geometric mean if more than one (1) sample is collected during a calendar week (Sunday through Saturday).

OUTFALL #001	TABLE A-3 WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall(s) with serial number(s) as specified in the application for this permit. The final effluent limitations shall become effective on **April 1, 2016**, and remain in effect until expiration of the permit. Such discharges shall be controlled, limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

EFFLUENT PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		DAILY MAXIMUM	WEEKLY AVERAGE	MONTHLY AVERAGE	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity (See Special Condition #22)	TU_a	*			once/permit cycle	grab

MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED ONCE PER PERMIT CYCLE; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE JANUARY 28, 2017.

TABLE B
INFLUENT MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

The facility is required to meet a removal efficiency of 65% or more as a monthly average. The monitoring requirements shall become effective on **April 1, 2016**, and remain in effect until expiration of the permit. To determine removal efficiencies, the influent wastewater shall be monitored by the permittee as specified below:

SAMPLING LOCATION AND PARAMETER(S)	UNITS	MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Biochemical Oxygen Demand$_5$	mg/L	once/quarter***	grab
Total Suspended Solids	mg/L	once/quarter***	grab

MONITORING REPORTS SHALL BE SUBMITTED QUARTERLY; THE FIRST REPORT IS DUE JULY 28, 2016.

* Monitoring requirement only.
*** See table below for quarterly sampling requirements.

Minimum Sampling Requirements			
Quarter	**Months**	**Influent Parameters**	**Report is Due**
First	January, February, March	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	April 28th
Second	April, May, June	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	July 28th
Third	July, August, September	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	October 28th
Fourth	October, November, December	Sample at least once during any month of the quarter	January 28th

C. STANDARD CONDITIONS

In addition to specified conditions stated herein, this permit is subject to the attached Parts I, II, & III standard conditions dated August 1, 2014, May 1, 2013, and March 1, 2015, and hereby incorporated as though fully set forth herein.

D. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. This permit establishes final ammonia limitations based on Missouri's current Water Quality Standard. On August 22, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published a notice in the Federal Register announcing of the final national recommended ambient water quality criteria for protection of aquatic life from the effects of ammonia in freshwater. The EPA's guidance, Final Aquatic Life Ambient Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia – Fresh Water 2013, is not a rule, nor automatically part of a state's water quality standards. States must adopt new ammonia criteria consistent with EPA's published ammonia criteria into their water quality standards that protect the designated uses of the water bodies. The Department of Natural Resources has initiated stakeholder discussions on how to best incorporate these new criteria into the State's rules. A date for when this rule change will occur has not been determined. Also, refer to Section VI of this permit's factsheet for further information including estimated future effluent limits for this facility. It is recommended the permittee view the Department's 2013 EPA criteria Factsheet located at http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2481.htm.

2. This permit may be reopened and modified, or alternatively revoked and reissued, to:
   (a) Comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 304(b)(2), and 307(a) (2) of the Clean Water Act, if the effluent standard or limitation so issued or approved:
      (1) contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any effluent limitation in the permit; or
      (2) controls any pollutant not limited in the permit.
   (b) Incorporate new or modified effluent limitations or other conditions, if the result of a waste load allocation study, toxicity test including acute and chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests, or other information indicates changes are necessary to assure compliance with Missouri's Water Quality Standards.
   (c) Incorporate new or modified effluent limitations or other conditions if, as the result of a watershed analysis, a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) limitation is developed for the receiving waters which are currently included in Missouri's list of waters of the state not fully achieving the state's water quality standards, also called the 303(d) list.
   (d) Incorporate the requirement to develop a pretreatment program pursuant to 40 CFR 403.8(a) when the Director of the Water Protection Program determines that a pretreatment program is necessary due to any new introduction of pollutants into the Publically Owned Treatment Works or any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced.

   The permit as modified or reissued under this paragraph shall also contain any other requirements of the Clean Water Act then applicable.

3. All outfalls must be clearly marked in the field.

4. Permittee will cease discharge by connection to a facility with an area-wide management plan per 10 CSR 20-6.010(3)(B) within 90 days of notice of its availability.

5. Report as no-discharge when a discharge does not occur during the report period.

6. Water Quality Standards
   (a) To the extent required by law, discharges to waters of the state shall not cause a violation of water quality standards rule under 10 CSR 20-7.031, including both specific and general criteria.
   (b) General Criteria. The following general water quality criteria shall be applicable to all waters of the state at all times including mixing zones. No water contaminant, by itself or in combination with other substances, shall prevent the waters of the state from meeting the following conditions:
      (1) Waters shall be free from substances in sufficient amounts to cause the formation of putrescent, unsightly or harmful bottom deposits or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
      (2) Waters shall be free from oil, scum and floating debris in sufficient amounts to be unsightly or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
      (3) Waters shall be free from substances in sufficient amounts to cause unsightly color or turbidity, offensive odor or prevent full maintenance of beneficial uses;
      (4) Waters shall be free from substances or conditions in sufficient amounts to result in toxicity to human, animal or aquatic life;
      (5) There shall be no significant human health hazard from incidental contact with the water;
      (6) There shall be no acute toxicity to livestock or wildlife watering;
      (7) Waters shall be free from physical, chemical or hydrologic changes that would impair the natural biological community;
      (8) Waters shall be free from used tires, car bodies, appliances, demolition debris, used vehicles or equipment and solid waste as defined in Missouri's Solid Waste Law, section 260.200, RSMo, except as the use of such materials is specifically permitted pursuant to section 260.200-260.247.

D. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

7. Changes in existing pollutants or the addition of new pollutants to the treatment facility

   The permittee must provide adequate notice to the Director of the following:
   (a) Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA if it were directly discharging those pollutants; and
   (b) Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
   (c) For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on;
      (1) the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and
      (2) any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.

8. Reporting of Non-Detects:
   (a) An analysis conducted by the permittee or their contracted laboratory shall be conducted in such a way that the precision and accuracy of the analyzed result can be enumerated.
   (b) The permittee shall not report a sample result as "Non-Detect" without also reporting the detection limit of the test. Reporting as "Non Detect" without also including the detection limit will be considered failure to report, which is a violation of this permit.
   (c) The permittee shall provide the "Non-Detect" sample result using the less than sign and the minimum detection limit (e.g. <10).
   (d) The permittee shall use one-half of the detection limit for the non-detect result when calculating monthly averages.
   (e) See Standard Conditions Part I, Section A, #4 regarding proper detection limits used for sample analysis.

9. It is a violation of the Missouri Clean Water Law to fail to pay fees associated with this permit (644.055 RSMo).

10. The permittee shall comply with any applicable requirements listed in 10 CSR 20-9, unless the facility has received written notification that the Department has approved a modification to the requirements. The monitoring frequencies contained in this permit shall not be construed by the permittee as a modification of the monitoring frequencies listed in 10 CSR 20-9. If a modification of the monitoring frequencies listed in 10 CSR 20-9 is needed, the permittee shall submit a written request to the Department for review and, if deemed necessary, approval.

11. The permittee shall develop and implement a program for maintenance and repair of the collection system. The recommended guidance is the US EPA's Guide For Evaluating Capacity, Management, Operation, And Maintenance (CMOM) Programs At Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems (Document number EPA 305-B-05-002) or the Departments' CMOM Model located at http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/permits/docs/cmom-template.doc. For additional information regarding the Departments' CMOM Model, see the CMOM Plan Model Guidance document at http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2574.htm.

    The permittee shall also submit a report to the Southwest Regional Office annually, by January 28th, for the previous calendar year. The report shall contain the following information:
    (a) A summary of the efforts to locate and eliminate sources of excessive infiltration and inflow into the collection system serving the facility for the previous year.
    (b) A summary of the general maintenance and repairs to the collection system serving the facility for the previous year.
    (c) A summary of any planned maintenance and repairs to the collection system serving the facility for the upcoming calendar year. This list shall include locations (GPS, 911 address, manhole number, etc.) and actions to be taken.

12. Bypasses are not authorized at this facility unless they meet the criteria in 40 CFR 122.41(m). If a bypass occurs, the permittee shall report in accordance to 40 CFR 122.41(m)(3), and with Standard Condition Part I, Section B, subsection 2.b. Bypasses are to be reported to the Southwest Regional Office or by using the online Sanitary Sewer Overflow/Facility Bypass Application, located at: http://dnr.mo.gov/modnrcag/ during normal business hours or the Environmental Emergency Response hotline at 573-634-2436 outside of normal business hours. Blending, which is the practice of combining a partially-treated wastewater process stream with a fully-treated wastewater process stream prior to discharge, is not considered a form of bypass. If the permittee wishes to utilize blending, the permittee shall file an application to modify this permit to facilitate the inclusion of appropriate monitoring conditions.

13. The facility must be sufficiently secured to restrict entry by children, livestock and unauthorized persons as well as to protect the facility from vandalism.

14. At least one gate must be provided to access the wastewater treatment facility and provide for maintenance and mowing. The gate shall remain closed except when temporarily opened by; the permittee to access the facility, perform operational monitoring, sampling, maintenance, mowing, or for inspections by the Department. The gate shall be closed and locked when the facility is not staffed.

D. SPECIAL CONDITIONS (continued)

15. At least one (1) warning sign shall be placed on each side of the facility enclosure in such positions as to be clearly visible from all directions of approach. There shall also be one (1) sign placed for every five hundred feet (500') (150 m) of the perimeter fence. A sign shall also be placed on each gate. Minimum wording shall be SEWAGE TREATMENT FACILITY—KEEP OUT. Signs shall be made of durable materials with characters at least two inches (2") high and shall be securely fastened to the fence, equipment or other suitable locations.

16. An Operation and Maintenance (O & M) manual shall be maintained by the permittee and made available to the operator. The O & M manual shall include key operating procedures and a brief summary of the operation of the facility.

17. An all-weather access road shall be provided to the treatment facility.

18. The discharge from the wastewater treatment facility shall be conveyed to the receiving stream via a closed pipe or a paved or rip-rapped open channel. Sheet or meandering drainage is not acceptable. The outfall sewer shall be protected against the effects of floodwater, ice or other hazards as to reasonably insure its structural stability and freedom from stoppage. The outfall shall be maintained so that a sample of the effluent can be obtained at a point after the final treatment process and before the discharge mixes with the receiving waters.

19. A minimum of two (2) feet freeboard must be maintained in each lagoon cell. A lagoon level gauge, which clearly marks the minimum freeboard level, shall be provided in each lagoon cell.

20. The berms of the lagoon shall be mowed and kept free of any deep-rooted vegetation, animal dens, or other potential sources of damage to the berms.

21. The facility shall ensure that adequate provisions are provided to prevent surface water intrusion into the lagoon and to divert stormwater runoff around the lagoon and protect embankments from erosion.

22. Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) tests shall be conducted as follows:
    (a) Freshwater Species and Test Methods: Species and short-term test methods for estimating the acute toxicity of NPDES effluents are found in the most recent edition of *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms* (EPA/821/R-02/012; Table IA, 40 CFR Part 136). The permittee shall concurrently conduct 48-hour, static, non-renewal toxicity tests with the following species:
        - The fathead minnow, *Pimephales promelas* (Acute Toxicity EPA Test Method 2000.0).
        - The daphnid, *Ceriodaphnia dubia* (Acute Toxicity EPA Test Method 2002.0).
    (b) Chemical and physical analysis of the upstream control sample and effluent sample shall occur immediately upon being received by the laboratory, prior to any manipulation of the effluent sample beyond preservation methods consistent with federal guidelines for WET testing that are required to stabilize the sample during shipping. Where upstream receiving water is not available or known to be toxic, other approved control water may be used.
    (c) Test conditions must meet all test acceptability criteria required by the EPA Method used in the analysis.
    (d) The Allowable Effluent Concentration (AEC) for this facility is 100% with the dilution series being: 100%, 50%, 25%, 12.5%, and 6.25%.
    (e) All chemical and physical analysis of the effluent sample performed in conjunction with the WET test shall be performed at the 100% effluent concentration.
    (f) All chemical analyses shall be performed and results shall be recorded in the appropriate field of the report form. The parameters for chemical analysis include Temperature (°F), pH (SU), Conductivity (µmohs/cm), Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L), Total Residual Chlorine (mg/L), Un-ionized Ammonia (mg/L), Total Alkalinity (mg/L), and Total Hardness (mg/L).
    (g) The facility must submit a full laboratory report for all toxicity testing. The report must include a quantification of acute toxic units ($TU_a = 100/LC_{50}$) reported according to the test methods manual chapter on report preparation and test review. The Lethal Concentration 50 Percent (LC_{50}) is the effluent concentration that would cause death in 50 percent of the test organisms at a specific time.

E. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

The facility shall attain compliance with final effluent limitations as soon as reasonably achievable or no later than **5 years** of the effective date of this permit.

1. The permittee shall submit interim progress reports detailing progress made in attaining compliance with the final effluent limits every 12 months from effective date.

2. Within **5 years** of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall attain compliance with the final effluent limits.

Please submit progress reports to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Southwest Regional Office, 2040 West Woodland, Springfield, MO 65807.

MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
FACT SHEET
FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWAL
OF
MO-0045837
LIBERAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY

The Federal Water Pollution Control Act ("Clean Water Act" Section 402 Public Law 92-500 as amended) established the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program. This program regulates the discharge of pollutants from point sources into the waters of the United States, and the release of stormwater from certain point sources. All such discharges are unlawful without a permit (Section 301 of the "Clean Water Act"). After a permit is obtained, a discharge not in compliance with all permit terms and conditions is unlawful. Missouri State Operating Permits (MSOPs) are issued by the Director of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Department) under an approved program, operating in accordance with federal and state laws (Federal "Clean Water Act" and "Missouri Clean Water Law" Section 644 as amended). MSOPs are issued for a period of five (5) years unless otherwise specified.

As per [40 CFR Part 124.8(a)] and [10 CSR 20-6.020(1)2.] a Factsheet shall be prepared to give pertinent information regarding the applicable regulations, rationale for the development of effluent limitations and conditions, and the public participation process for the Missouri State Operating Permit (operating permit) listed below.

A Factsheet is not an enforceable part of an operating permit.

This Factsheet is for a Minor.

Part I – Facility Information

Facility Type: POTW - SIC #4952

Facility Description:
Single cell lagoon / overland flow / sludge is retained in lagoon.

Application Date: 06/23/15
Expiration Date: 12/22/15

OUTFALL(S) TABLE:

OUTFALL	DESIGN FLOW (CFS)	TREATMENT LEVEL	EFFLUENT TYPE
#001	0.155	Equivalent to Secondary	Domestic

Facility Performance History:
This facility was last inspected on July 8, 2014. The inspection showed the following unsatisfactory features; failure to comply with permit conditions, operation and maintenance problems, and failure to submit reports in a timely manner.

Comments:
Changes in this permit include the addition of ammonia and *E. coli* limits and the removal of temperature and dissolved oxygen monitoring. See Part VII of the Fact Sheet for further information regarding the addition and removal of effluent parameters. Special conditions were updated to include the addition of reporting of Non-detects requirements and bypass reporting requirements.

Part II – Operator Certification Requirements

As per [10 CSR 20-6.010(8) Terms and Conditions of a Permit], the permittee shall operate and maintain facilities to comply with the Missouri Clean Water Law and applicable permit conditions and regulations. Operators or supervisors of operations at regulated wastewater treatment facilities shall be certified in accordance with [10 CSR 20-9.020(2)] and any other applicable state law or regulation. As per [10 CSR 20-9.020(2)(A)], requirements for operation by certified personnel shall apply to all wastewater treatment systems, if applicable, as listed below:

Owned or operated by or for a

- ☒ - Municipalities
- ☐ - State agency
- ☐ - Federal agency
- ☐ - Public Sewer District
- ☐ - County
- ☐ - Public Water Supply Districts
- ☐ - Private Sewer Company regulated by the Public Service Commission
- ☐ - State agency
- ☐ - Federal agency

Each of the above entities are only applicable if they have a Population Equivalent greater than two hundred (200) or fifty (50) or more service connections.

This facility currently requires an operator with a D Certification Level. Please see **Appendix - Classification Worksheet**. Modifications made to the wastewater treatment facility may cause the classification to be modified.

Operator's Name: Glen Polnack
Certification Number: 12906
Certification Level: D

The listing of the operator above only signifies that staff drafting this operating permit have reviewed appropriate Department records and determined that the name listed on the operating permit application has the correct and applicable Certification Level.

Part III– Operational Monitoring

☒ - As per [10 CSR 20-9.010(4))], the facility is required to conduct operational monitoring.

Part IV – Receiving Stream Information

10 CSR 20-7.031 Missouri Water Quality Standards, the Department defines the Clean Water Commission water quality objectives in terms of "water uses to be maintained and the criteria to protect those uses." The receiving stream and/or 1st classified receiving stream's beneficial water uses to be maintained are located in the Receiving Stream Table located below in accordance with [10 CSR 20-7.031(4)].

RECEIVING STREAM(S) TABLE: OUTFALL #001

WATER-BODY NAME	CLASS	WBID	DESIGNATED USES*	12-DIGIT HUC	DISTANCE TO CLASSIFIED SEGMENT (MI)
Tributary to Bitter Creek	NA	NA	General Criteria	(10290104-0201)	0.04
8-20-13 MUDD V1.0	C	3960	IRR, LWW, AQL, HHP, WBC-B, SCR		

* - Irrigation (IRR), Livestock & Wildlife Watering (LWW), Protection of Warm Water Aquatic Life (AQL), Human Health Protection (HHP), Cool Water Fishery (CLF), Cold Water Fishery (CDF), Whole Body Contact Recreation – Category A (WBC-A), Whole Body Contact Recreation – Category B (WBC-B), Secondary Contact Recreation (SCR), Drinking Water Supply (DWS), Industrial (IND), Groundwater (GRW).

RECEIVING STREAM(S) LOW-FLOW VALUES:

RECEIVING STREAM (C, E, P, P1)	LOW-FLOW VALUES (CFS)		
	1Q10	7Q10	30Q10
8-20-13 MUDD V1.0 (C)	0.0	0.0	0.0

MIXING CONSIDERATIONS
Mixing Zone: Not Allowed [10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(A)4.B.(I)(a)].
Zone of Initial Dilution: Not Allowed [10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(A)4.B.(I)(b)].

RECEIVING STREAM MONITORING REQUIREMENTS:
No receiving water monitoring requirements recommended at this time.

Receiving Water Body's Water Quality
A stream survey was conducted near the facility on October 3, 2008. It was determined that the stream was impacted due to TSS caused by suspended algae and high turbidity. A schedule of compliance was established in the previous permit to perform an engineering evaluation.

This facility discharges into the Marmaton River (P) (1308) watershed which has a 2010 EPA approved TMDL for low dissolved oxygen. The TMDL states, "…the sum of all remaining non-stormwater permitted design flows is very small in comparison to the Nevada WWTF. As a result, these remaining permits will not be revised at this time to facilitate TMDL implementation. However, all permitted facilities within the Missouri portion of the impaired watershed will be inspected prior to next permit renewal to determine if best management practices or permit conditions are needed to ensure the facilities are not contributing nutrients or oxygen demanding pollutants to the Marmaton River. The inspections will include an assessment of the condition of the facilities and whether upgrades or additional measures are necessary."

A stream survey was submitted to the Department by Geosyntec dated December 5, 2011 titled "Bitter Creek Stream Assessment Report" that addresses both the 2008 stream survey and the 2010 TMDL. It concludes that it is unlikely the flows from the facility reach the Marmaton River given that during low flow conditions treated wastewater effluent did not reach East Drywood Creek which is 1.8 miles from the Liberal WWTF outfall. The Marmaton River is over 20 miles from Liberal's outfall. It further states that effluent monitoring data suggest this facility is operating within or better than expectations for a lagoon system.

Part V – Rationale and Derivation of Effluent Limitations & Permit Conditions

ALTERNATIVE EVALUATIONS FOR NEW FACILITIES:
As per [10 CSR 20-7.015(4)(A)], discharges to losing streams shall be permitted only after other alternatives including land application, discharges to a gaining stream and connection to a regional wastewater treatment facility have been evaluated and determined to be unacceptable for environmental and/or economic reasons.

☒ - The facility does not discharge to a Losing Stream as defined by [10 CSR 20-2.010(36)] & [10 CSR 20-7.031(1)(N)], or is an existing facility.

ANTI-BACKSLIDING:
A provision in the Federal Regulations [CWA §303(d)(4); CWA §402(o); 40 CFR Part 122.44(l)] that requires a reissued permit to be as stringent as the previous permit with some exceptions. Limitations in this operating permit for the reissuance of this permit conform to the anti-backsliding provisions of Section 402(o) of the Clean Water Act, and 40 CFR Part 122.44.

☒ - The Department determines that technical mistakes or mistaken interpretations of law were made in issuing the permit under section 402(a)(1)(b).

- This permit changes WET test requirements for the facility from a pass/fail requirement to monitoring only for toxic units. This change reflects modifications to Missouri's Effluent Regulation found at 10 CSR 20-7.015. 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(ii) requires the Department to establish effluent limitations that control all parameters which have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an excursion above any state water quality standard, including state narrative criteria. The previous permit imposed a pass/fail limitation without collecting sufficient data to make a reasonable potential determination. Furthermore, the method of reporting associated with the pass/fail limitation prevented the Department from gathering the data necessary to make a finding of reasonable potential. Implementation of the toxic unit monitoring requirement will allow the Department to implement numeric acute criteria in accordance with water quality standards established under §303 of the CWA.

ANTIDEGRADATION:
In accordance with Missouri's Water Quality Standard [10 CSR 20-7.031(3)], the Department is to document by means of Antidegradation Review that the use of a water body's available assimilative capacity is justified. Degradation is justified by documenting the socio-economic importance of a discharging activity after determining the necessity of the discharge.

☒ - This permit contains new and/or expanded discharge; please see **APPENDIX FOR ANTIDEGRADATION ANALYSIS.**

AREA-WIDE WASTE TREATMENT MANAGEMENT & CONTINUING AUTHORITY:
As per [10 CSR 20-6.010(3)(B)], …An applicant may utilize a lower preference continuing authority by submitting, as part of the application, a statement waiving preferential status from each existing higher preference authority, providing the waiver does not conflict with any area-wide management plan approved under section 208 of the Federal Clean Water Act or any other regional sewage service and treatment plan approved for higher preference authority by the Department.

BIOSOLIDS & SEWAGE SLUDGE:
Biosolids are solid materials resulting from domestic wastewater treatment that meet federal and state criteria for beneficial uses (i.e. fertilizer). Sewage sludge is solids, semi-solids, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works; including but not limited to, domestic septage; scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment process; and a material derived from sewage sludge. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or grit and screening generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Additional information regarding biosolids and sludge is located at the following web address: http://extension.missouri.edu/main/DisplayCategory.aspx?C=74, items WQ422 through WQ449.

☒ - Permittee is not authorized to land apply biosolids. Sludge/biosolids are stored in the lagoon. The permittee must submit a sludge management plan for approval that details removal and disposal plans when sludge is to be removed from lagoons.

COMPLIANCE AND ENFORCEMENT:
Enforcement is the action taken by the Water Protection Program (WPP) to bring an entity into compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law, its implementing regulations, and/or any terms and conditions of an operating permit. The primary purpose of the enforcement activity in the WPP is to resolve violations and return the entity to compliance.

☒ - The facility is not currently under Water Protection Program enforcement action.

DISCHARGE MONITORING REPORTS:
On July 30, 2013, EPA proposed the Clean Water Act National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Electronic Reporting Rule, which requires electronic reporting of NPDES information rather than the currently-required paper-based reports from permitted facilities. To comply with the upcoming federal rule, the Department is asking all permittees to begin submitting discharge monitoring data online. For permittees already using the Department's eDMR data reporting system, those permittees will be required to exclusively use the eDMR data reporting system.

☒ - The permittee/facility is not currently using the eDMR data reporting system. To sign up for the eDMR system, visit the Department's eDMR page at http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/edmr.htm.

PRETREATMENT PROGRAM:
The reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into a Publicly Owned Treatment Works [40 CFR Part 403.3(q)].

Pretreatment programs are required at any POTW (or combination of POTW operated by the same authority) and/or municipality with a total design flow greater than 5.0 MGD and receiving industrial wastes that interfere with or pass through the treatment works or are otherwise subject to the pretreatment standards. Pretreatment programs can also be required at POTWs/municipals with a design flow less than 5.0 MGD if needed to prevent interference with operations or pass through.

Several special conditions pertaining to the permittee's pretreatment program may be included in the permit, and are as follows:
- Implementation and enforcement of the program,
- Annual pretreatment report submittal,
- Submittal of list of industrial users,
- Technical evaluation of need to establish local limitations, and
- Submittal of the results of the evaluation

☒ - The permittee, at this time, is not required to have a Pretreatment Program or does not have an approved pretreatment program.

REASONABLE POTENTIAL ANALYSIS (RPA):
Federal regulation [40 CFR Part 122.44(d)(1)(i)] requires effluent limitations for all pollutants that are or may be discharged at a level that will cause or have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an in-stream excursion above narrative or numeric water quality standard.

In accordance with [40 CFR Part 122.44(d)(1)(iii)] if the permit writer determines that any given pollutant has the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to an in-stream excursion above the WQS, the permit must contain effluent limits for that pollutant.

☒ - A RPA was conducted on appropriate parameters. Please see **APPENDIX – RPA RESULTS.**

REMOVAL EFFICIENCY:
Removal efficiency is a method by which the Federal Regulations define Secondary Treatment and Equivalent to Secondary Treatment, which applies to Biochemical Oxygen Demand 5-day (BOD_5) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) for Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs)/municipals.

☒ - Equivalent to Secondary Treatment is 65% removal [40 CFR Part 133.105(a)(3) & (b)(3)].

SANITARY SEWER OVERFLOWS (SSO) AND INFLOW AND INFILTRATION (I&I):
Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) are defined as untreated sewage releases and are considered bypassing under state regulation [10 CSR 20-2.010(11)] and should not be confused with the federal definition of bypass. SSOs result from a variety of causes including blockages, line breaks, and sewer defects that can either allow wastewater to backup within the collection system during dry weather conditions or allow excess stormwater and groundwater to enter and overload the collection system during wet weather conditions. SSOs can also result from lapses in sewer system operation and maintenance, inadequate sewer design and construction, power failures, and vandalism. SSOs include overflows out of manholes, cleanouts, broken pipes, and other into waters of the state and onto city streets, sidewalks, and other terrestrial locations.

Inflow and Infiltration (I&I) is defined as unwanted intrusion of stormwater or groundwater into a collection system. This can occur from points of direct connection such as sump pumps, roof drain downspouts, foundation drains, and storm drain cross-connections or through cracks, holes, joint failures, faulty line connections, damaged manholes, and other openings in the collection system itself. I&I results from a variety of causes including line breaks, improperly sealed connections, cracks caused by soil erosion/settling, penetration of vegetative roots, and other sewer defects. In addition, excess stormwater and groundwater entering the collection system from line breaks and sewer defects have the potential to negatively impact the treatment facility.

Missouri RSMo §644.026.1.(13) mandates that the Department issue permits for discharges of water contaminants into the waters of this state, and also for the operation of sewer systems. Such permit conditions shall ensure compliance with all requirements as established by sections 644.006 to 644.141. Standard Conditions Part I, referenced in the permit, contains provisions requiring proper operation and maintenance of all facilities and systems of treatment and control. Missouri RSMo §644.026.1.(15) instructs the Department to require proper maintenance and operation of treatment facilities and sewer systems and proper disposal of residual waste from all such facilities. To ensure that public health and the environment are protected, any noncompliance which may endanger public health or the environment must be reported to the Department within 24 hours of the time the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. Standard Conditions Part I, referenced in the permit, contains the reporting requirements for the permittee when bypasses and upsets occur. The permit also contains requirements for permittees to develop and implement a program for maintenance and repair of the collection system. The permit requires that the permittee submit an annual report to the Department for the previous calendar year that contains a summary of efforts taken by the permittee to locate and eliminate sources of excess I & I, a summary of general maintenance and repairs to the collection system, and a summary of any planned maintenance and repairs to the collection system for the upcoming calendar year.

☒ - At this time, the Department recommends the US EPA's Guide for Evaluating Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) Programs At Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems (Document # EPA 305-B-05-002) or the Departments' CMOM Model located at http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/permits/docs/cmom-template.doc. For additional information regarding the Departments' CMOM Model, see the CMOM Plan Model Guidance document at http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2574.htm. The CMOM identifies some of the criteria used to evaluate a collection system's management, operation, and maintenance and was intended for use by the EPA, state, regulated community, and/or third party entities. The CMOM is applicable to small, medium, and large systems; both public and privately owned; and both regional and satellite collection systems. The CMOM does not substitute for the Clean Water Act, the Missouri Clean Water Law, and both federal and state regulations, as it is not a regulation.

SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE (SOC):
Per 644.051.4 RSMo, a permit may be issued with a Schedule of Compliance (SOC) to provide time for a facility to come into compliance with new state or federal effluent regulations, water quality standards, or other requirements. Such a schedule is not allowed if the facility is already in compliance with the new requirement, or if prohibited by other statute or regulation. A SOC includes an enforceable sequence of interim requirements (actions, operations, or milestone events) leading to compliance with the Missouri Clean Water Law, its implementing regulations, and/or the terms and conditions of an operating permit. *See also* Section 502(17) of the Clean Water Act, and 40 CFR §122.2. For new effluent limitations, the permit includes interim monitoring for the specific parameter to demonstrate the facility is not already in compliance with the new requirement. Per 40 CFR § 122.47(a)(1) and 10 CSR 20-7.031(11), compliance must occur as soon as possible. If the permit provides a schedule for meeting new water quality based effluent limits, a SOC must include an enforceable, final effluent limitation in the permit even if the SOC extends beyond the life of the permit.

A SOC is not allowed:

- For effluent limitations based on technology-based standards established in accordance with federal requirements, if the deadline for compliance established in federal regulations has passed. 40 CFR § 125.3.
- For a newly constructed facility in most cases. Newly constructed facilities must meet applicable effluent limitations when discharge begins, because the facility has installed the appropriate control technology as specified in a permit or antidegradation review. A SOC is allowed for a new water quality based effluent limit that was not included in a previously public noticed permit or antidegradation review, which may occur if a regulation changes during construction.
- To develop a TMDL, UAA, or other study associated with development of a site specific criterion. A facility is not prohibited from conducting these activities, but a SOC may not be granted for conducting these activities.

In order to provide guidance to Permit Writers in developing SOCs, and attain a greater level of consistency, on April 9, 2015 the Department issued an updated policy on development of SOCs. This policy provides guidance to Permit Writers on the standard time frames for schedules for common activities, and guidance on factors that may modify the length of the schedule such as a Cost Analysis for Compliance.

☒ - The time given for effluent limitations of this permit listed under Interim Effluent Limitation and Final Effluent Limitations were established in accordance with [10 CSR 20-7.031(11)]. The facility has been given a schedule of compliance to meet final effluent limits for *E. coli* and ammonia. The five year schedule of compliance allowed for this facility should provide adequate time to evaluate operations, obtain an engineering report, hold a bond election, obtain a construction permit and implement upgrades required to meet effluent limits. The schedule has been established at 5 years in accordance with the Department's "Schedule of Compliance, Policy for Staff Drafting Operating Permits". Please see the Cost Analysis for Compliance attached as an appendix to the permit for further detail on how the socio-economic status of the community has impacted this SOC.

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP):
In accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(k) *Best Management Practices (BMPs)* to control or abate the discharge of pollutants when: (1) Authorized under section 304(e) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) for the control of toxic pollutants and hazardous substances from ancillary industrial activities: (2) Authorized under section 402(p) of the CWA for the control of stormwater discharges; (3) Numeric effluent limitations are infeasible; or (4) the practices are reasonably necessary to achieve effluent limitations and standards or to carry out the purposes and intent of the CWA.

In accordance with the EPA's *Developing Your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, A Guide for Industrial Operators*, (Document number EPA 833-B-09-002) [published by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) in February 2009], BMPs are measures or practices used to reduce the amount of pollution entering (regarding this operating permit) waters of the state. BMPs may take the form of a process, activity, or physical structure.

Additionally in accordance with the Stormwater Management, a SWPPP is a series of steps and activities to (1) identify sources of pollution or contamination, and (2) select and carry out actions which prevent or control the pollution of stormwater discharges.

☒ - At this time, the permittee is not required to develop and implement a SWPPP.

VARIANCE:
As per the Missouri Clean Water Law § 644.061.4, variances shall be granted for such period of time and under such terms and conditions as shall be specified by the commission in its order. The variance may be extended by affirmative action of the commission. In no event shall the variance be granted for a period of time greater than is reasonably necessary for complying with the Missouri Clean Water Law §§644.006 to 644.141 or any standard, rule or regulation promulgated pursuant to Missouri Clean Water Law §§644.006 to 644.141.

☒ - This operating permit is not drafted under premises of a petition for variance.

WASTELOAD ALLOCATIONS (WLA) FOR LIMITS:
As per [10 CSR 20-2.010(78)], the amount of pollutant each discharger is allowed by the Department to release into a given stream after the Department has determined total amount of pollutant that may be discharged into that stream without endangering its water quality.

☒ - Wasteload allocations were calculated where applicable using water quality criteria or water quality model results and the dilution equation below:

$$Ce = \frac{(Qe + Qs)C - (Qs \times Cs)}{(Qe)}$$ (EPA/505/2-90-001, Section 4.5.5)

Where C = downstream concentration Ce = effluent concentration
Cs = upstream concentration Qe = effluent flow
Qs = upstream flow

Chronic wasteload allocations were determined using applicable chronic water quality criteria (CCC: criteria continuous concentration) and stream volume of flow at the edge of the mixing zone (MZ). Acute wasteload allocations were determined using applicable water quality criteria (CMC: criteria maximum concentration) and stream volume of flow at the edge of the zone of initial dilution (ZID).

Water quality based maximum daily and average monthly effluent limitations were calculated using methods and procedures outlined in USEPA's "Technical Support Document For Water Quality-based Toxics Control" (EPA/505/2-90-001).

Number of Samples "n":
Additionally, in accordance with the TSD for water quality-based permitting, effluent quality is determined by the underlying distribution of daily values, which is determined by the Long Term Average (LTA) associated with a particular Wasteload Allocation (WLA) and by the Coefficient of Variation (CV) of the effluent concentrations. Increasing or decreasing the monitoring frequency does not affect this underlying distribution or treatment performance, which should be, at a minimum, be targeted to comply with the values dictated by the WLA. Therefore, it is recommended that the actual planned frequency of monitoring normally be used to determine the value of "n" for calculating the AML. However, in situations where monitoring frequency is once per month or less, a higher value for "n" must be assumed for AML derivation purposes. Thus, the statistical procedure being employed using an assumed number of samples is "n = 4" at a minimum. For Total Ammonia as Nitrogen, "n = 30" is used

WLA MODELING:
There are two general types of effluent limitations, technology-based effluent limits (TBELs) and water quality based effluent limits (WQBELs). If TBELs do not provide adequate protection for the receiving waters, then WQBEL must be used.

☒ - A WLA study was either not submitted or determined not applicable by Department staff.

WATER QUALITY STANDARDS:
Per [10 CSR 20-7.031(4)], General Criteria shall be applicable to all waters of the state at all times including mixing zones. Additionally, [40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)] directs the Department to establish in each NPDES permit to include conditions to achieve water quality established under Section 303 of the Clean Water Act, including State narrative criteria for water quality.

WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) TEST:
A WET test is a quantifiable method of determining if a discharge from a facility may be causing toxicity to aquatic life by itself, in combination with or through synergistic responses when mixed with receiving stream water.

Under the federal Clean Water Act (CWA) §101(a)(3), requiring WET testing is reasonably appropriate for site-specific Missouri State Operating Permits for discharges to waters of the state issued under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). WET testing is also required by 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1). WET testing ensures that the provisions in the 10 CSR 20-6.010(8)(A)7. and the Water Quality Standards 10 CSR 20-7.031(4)(D),(F),(G),(I)2.A & B are being met. Under [10 CSR 20-6.010(8)(A)4], the Department may require other terms and conditions that it deems necessary to assure compliance with the Clean Water Act and related regulations of the Missouri Clean Water Commission. In addition the following MCWL apply: §§§644.051.3 requires the Department to set permit conditions that comply with the MCWL and CWA; 644.051.4 specifically references toxicity as an item we must consider in writing permits (along with water quality-based effluent limits, pretreatment, etc…); and 644.051.5 is the basic authority to require testing conditions. WET test will be required by facilities meeting the following criteria:

- ☐ Facility is a designated Major.
- ☐ Facility continuously or routinely exceeds its design flow.
- ☐ Facility that exceeds its design population equivalent (PE) for BOD_5 whether or not its design flow is being exceeded.
- ☐ Facility (whether primarily domestic or industrial) that alters its production process throughout the year.
- ☐ Facility handles large quantities of toxic substances, or substances that are toxic in large amounts.
- ☐ Facility has Water Quality-based Effluent Limitations for toxic substances (other than NH_3)
- ☒ Facility is a municipality with a Design Flow ≥ 22,500 gpd.
- ☐ Other – please justify.

40 CFR 122.41(M) - BYPASSES:
The federal Clean Water Act (CWA), Section 402 prohibits wastewater dischargers from "bypassing" untreated or partially treated sewage (wastewater) beyond the headworks. A bypass is defined as an intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility, [40 CFR 122.41(m)(1)(i)]. Additionally, Missouri regulation 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(G) states a bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility, except in the case of blending, to waters of the state. Only under exceptional and specified limitations do the federal regulations allow for a facility to bypass some or all of the flow from its treatment process. Bypasses are prohibited by the CWA unless a permittee can meet all of the criteria listed in 40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i)(A), (B), & (C). Any bypasses from this facility are subject to the reporting required in 40 CFR 122.41(l)(6) and per Missouri's Standard Conditions I, Section B, part 2.b. Additionally, Anticipated Bypasses include bypasses from peak flow basins or similar devices designed for peak wet weather flows.

☒ - This facility does not anticipate bypassing.

303(d) LIST & TOTAL MAXIMUM DAILY LOAD (TMDL):
Section 303(d) of the federal Clean Water Act requires that each state identify waters that are not meeting water quality standards and for which adequate water pollution controls have not been required. Water quality standards protect such beneficial uses of water as whole body contact (such as swimming), maintaining fish and other aquatic life, and providing drinking water for people, livestock and wildlife. The 303(d) list helps state and federal agencies keep track of waters that are impaired but not addressed by normal water pollution control programs.

A TMDL is a calculation of the maximum amount of a given pollutant that a body of water can absorb before its water quality is affected. If a water body is determined to be impaired as listed on the 303(d) list, then a watershed management plan will be developed that shall include the TMDL calculation

☒ - This facility discharges into the Marmaton River (P) (1308) watershed which has a 2010 EPA approved TMDL for low dissolved oxygen. The TMDL states, "…the sum of all remaining non-stormwater permitted design flows is very small in comparison to the Nevada WWTF. As a result, these remaining permits will not be revised at this time to facilitate TMDL implementation. However, all permitted facilities within the Missouri portion of the impaired watershed will be inspected prior to next permit renewal to determine if best management practices or permit conditions are needed to ensure the facilities are not contributing nutrients or oxygen demanding pollutants to the Marmaton River. The inspections will include an assessment of the condition of the facilities and whether upgrades or additional measures are necessary."

Part VI –2013 Water Quality Criteria for Ammonia

Upcoming changes to the Water Quality Standard for ammonia may require significant upgrades to wastewater treatment facilities.

On August 22, 2013, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) finalized new water quality criteria for ammonia, based on toxicity studies of mussels and gill breathing snails. Missouri's current ammonia criteria are based on toxicity testing of several species, but did not include data from mussels or gill breathing snails. Missouri is home to 69 of North America's mussel species, which are spread across the state. According to the Missouri Department of Conservation nearly two-thirds of the mussel species in Missouri are considered to be "of conservation concern". Nine species are listed as federally endangered, with an additional species currently proposed as endangered and another species proposed as threatened.

The adult forms of mussels that are seen in rivers, lakes, and streams are sensitive to pollutants because they are sedentary filter feeders. They vacuum up many pollutants with the food they bring in and cannot escape to new habitats, so they can accumulate toxins in their bodies and die. But very young mussels, called glochidia, are exceptionally sensitive to ammonia in water. As a result of a citizen suit, the EPA was compelled to conduct toxicity testing and develop ammonia water quality criteria that would be protective if young mussels may be present in a waterbody. These new criteria will apply to any discharge with ammonia levels that may pose a reasonable potential to violate the standards. Nearly all discharging domestic wastewater treatment facilities (cities, subdivisions, mobile home parks, etc.), as well as certain industrial and stormwater dischargers with ammonia in their effluent, will be affected by this change in the regulations.

When new water quality criteria are established by the EPA, states must adopt them into their regulations in order to keep their authorization to issue permits under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). States are required to review their water quality standards every three years, and if new criteria have been developed they must be adopted. States may be more protective than the Federal requirements, but not less protective. Missouri does not have the resources to conduct the studies necessary for developing new water quality standards, and therefore our standards mirror those developed by the EPA; however, we will utilize any available flexibility based on actual species of mussels that are native to Missouri and their sensitivity to ammonia.

Many treatment facilities in Missouri are currently scheduled to be upgraded to comply with the current water quality standards. But these new ammonia standards may require a different treatment technology than the one being considered by the permittee. It is important that permittees discuss any new and upcoming requirements with their consulting engineers to ensure that their treatment systems are capable of complying with the new requirements. The Department encourages permittees to construct treatment technologies that can attain effluent quality that supports the EPA ammonia criteria.

Ammonia toxicity varies by temperature and by pH of the water. Assuming a stable pH value, but taking into account winter and summer temperatures, Missouri includes two seasons of ammonia effluent limitations. Current effluent limitations in this permit are:

Summer – 4.1 mg/L daily maximum, 1.4 mg/L monthly average.
Winter – 8.1 mg/L daily maximum, 2.8 mg/L monthly average.

Under the new EPA criteria, where mussels of the family Unionidae are present or expected to be present, the <u>estimated</u> effluent limitations for a facility in a location such as this that discharges to a receiving stream with no mixing will be:

Summer – 1.9 mg/L daily maximum, 0.6 mg/L monthly average.
Winter – 6.0 mg/L daily maximum, 2.1 mg/L monthly average.

These estimated limits above are based in part on the actual performance of the plant at the time of the drafting of this permit and should not be construed as future effluent limitations. Future effluent limits, based on the EPA's 2013 water quality criteria for ammonia, will depend in part on the actual performance of the facility at the time the permit is renewed.

Operating permits for facilities in Missouri must be written based on current statutes and regulations. Therefore permits will be written with the existing effluent limitations until the new standards are adopted. To aid permittees in decision making, an advisory will be added to permit Fact Sheets notifying permittees of the expected effluent limitations for ammonia. When setting schedules of compliance for ammonia effluent limitations, consideration will be given to facilities that have recently constructed upgraded facilities to meet the current ammonia limitations.

For more information on this topic feel free to contact the Missouri Department of Natural Resources, Water Protection Program, Water Pollution Control Branch, Operating Permits Section at (573) 751-1300.

Part VII – Effluent Limits Determination

APPLICABLE DESIGNATIONS OF WATERS OF THE STATE:
As per Missouri's Effluent Regulations [10 CSR 20-7.015], the waters of the state are divided into the below listed seven (7) categories. Each category lists effluent limitations for specific parameters, which are presented in each outfall's Effluent Limitation Table and further discussed in the Derivation & Discussion of Limits section.

- ☐ Missouri or Mississippi River [10 CSR 20-7.015(2)]
- ☐ Lake or Reservoir [10 CSR 20-7.015(3)]
- ☐ Losing [10 CSR 20-7.015(4)]
- ☐ Metropolitan No-Discharge [10 CSR 20-7.015(5)]
- ☐ Subsurface Water [10 CSR 20-7.015(7)]
- ☒ All Other Waters [10 CSR 20-7.015(8)]

OUTFALL #001 – MAIN FACILITY OUTFALL

Effluent limitations derived and established in the below Effluent Limitations Table are based on current operations of the facility. Future permit action due to facility modification may contain new operating permit terms and conditions that supersede the terms and conditions, including effluent limitations, of this operating permit.

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS TABLE:

PARAMETER	Unit	Basis for Limits	Daily Maximum	Weekly Average	Monthly Average	Previous Permit Limit	Sampling Frequency	Reporting Frequency	Sample Type ****
Flow	MGD	1	*		*	*/*	Weekly	Monthly	E
BOD_5	mg/L	1		65	45	65/45	Monthly	Monthly	G
TSS	mg/L	1		110	70	110/70	Monthly	Monthly	G
Escherichia coli **	#/100mL	1, 3		1030	206	***	Weekly	Monthly	G
Ammonia as N (Apr 1 –Sep 30)	mg/L	2, 3	4.1		1.4	*/*	Monthly	Monthly	G
Ammonia as N (Oct 1 – Mar 31)	mg/L	2, 3	8.1		2.8	*/*	Monthly	Monthly	G
Oil & Grease	mg/L	1, 3	15		10	15/10	Quarterly	Quarterly	G
Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity	TUa	1, 9	*			Pass/Fail	Once/permit cycle	Once/permit cycle	G
PARAMETER	Unit	Basis for Limits	Minimum		Maximum	Previous Permit Limit	Sampling Frequency	Reporting Frequency	Sample Type
pH	SU	1	6.5			≥ 6.5	Monthly	Monthly	G

* - Monitoring requirement only.
** - #/100mL; the Monthly Average for *E. coli* is a geometric mean.
*** - Parameter was not previously established in previous state operating permit.

**** - E = 24-hr. estimate
G = Grab
T = 24-hr. total

Basis for Limitations Codes:
1. State or Federal Regulation/Law
2. Water Quality Standard (includes RPA)
3. Water Quality Based Effluent Limits
4. Antidegradation Review
5. Antidegradation Policy
6. Water Quality Model
7. Best Professional Judgment
8. TMDL or Permit in lieu of TMDL
9. WET Test Policy

OUTFALL #001 – DERIVATION AND DISCUSSION OF LIMITS:

- **Flow**. In accordance with [40 CFR Part 122.44(i)(1)(ii)] the volume of effluent discharged from each outfall is needed to assure compliance with permitted effluent limitations. If the permittee is unable to obtain effluent flow, then it is the responsibility of the permittee to inform the Department, which may require the submittal of an operating permit modification.

- **Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD_5).** Effluent limitations have been retained from previous state operating permit, please see the **APPLICABLE DESIGNATION OF WATERS OF THE STATE** sub-section of the **Effluent Limits Determination.**

- **Total Suspended Solids (TSS).** Effluent limitations have been retained from previous state operating permit, please see the **APPLICABLE DESIGNATION OF WATERS OF THE STATE** sub-section of the **Effluent Limits Determination.**

Please note that the final effluent limits for BOD and TSS contained in the permit are Equivalent to Secondary limits as per 10 CSR 20-7.015. Any changes made to the lagoon system that modifies it such that it no longer functions as a typical lagoon will result in the facility no longer qualifying for Equivalent to Secondary limitations. The facility may be required to also to follow the Missouri Antidegradation Rule and Implementation Procedure if the discharge is expanded.

- ***Escherichia coli (E. coli)***. Monthly average of 206 per 100 mL as a geometric mean and Weekly Average of 1030 per 100 mL as a geometric mean during the recreational season (April 1 – October 31), to protect Whole Body Contact Recreation (B) designated use of the receiving stream, as per 10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(C). An effluent limit for both monthly average and weekly average is required by 40 CFR 122.45(d). The Geometric Mean is calculated by multiplying all of the data points and then taking the nth root of this product, where n = # of samples collected. For example: Five E. coli samples were collected with results of 1, 4, 6, 10, and 5 (#/100mL). Geometric Mean = 5th root of (1)(4)(6)(10)(5) = 5th root of 1,200 = 4.1 #/100mL.

- **Total Ammonia Nitrogen**. Early Life Stages Present Total Ammonia Nitrogen criteria apply [10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(B)7.C. & Table B3]. Background total ammonia nitrogen = 0.01 mg/L. No mixing considerations allowed; therefore, WLA = appropriate criterion.

Season	Temp (°C)	pH (SU)	Total Ammonia Nitrogen CCC (mg/L)	Total Ammonia Nitrogen CMC (mg/L)
Summer	26	7.8	1.5	12.1
Winter	6	7.8	3.1	12.1

Summer: April 1 – September 30

Chronic WLA: $C_e = ((0.155 + 0.0)1.5 – (0.0 * 0.01))/0.155$
$C_e = 1.5$ mg/L

Acute WLA: $C_e = ((0.155 + 0.0)12.1 – (0.0 * 0.01))/0.155$
$C_e = 12.1$ mg/L

LTA_c = 1.5 mg/L (0.737) = 1.11 mg/L [CV = 0.74, 99th Percentile, 30 day avg.]
LTA_a = 12.1 mg/L (0.267) = 3.23 mg/L [CV = 0.74, 99th Percentile]

Use most protective number of LTA_c or LTA_a.

MDL = 1.11 mg/L (3.75) = **4.1 mg/L** [CV = 0.74, 99th Percentile]
AML = 1.11 mg/L (1.24) = **1.4 mg/L** [CV = 0.74, 95th Percentile, n =30]

Winter: October 1 – March 31

Chronic WLA: $C_e = ((0.155 + 0.0)3.1 – (0.0 * 0.01))/0.155$
$C_e = 3.1$ mg/L

Acute WLA: $C_e = ((0.155 + 0.0)12.1 – (0.0 * 0.01))/0.155$
$C_e = 12.1$ mg/L

LTA_c = 3.1 mg/L (0.756) = 2.34 mg/L [CV = 0.68, 99th Percentile, 30 day avg.]
LTA_a = 12.1 mg/L (0.288) = 3.48 mg/L [CV = 0.68, 99th Percentile]

Use most protective number of LTA_c or LTA_a.

MDL = 2.34 mg/L (3.47) = **8.1 mg/L** [CV = 0.68, 99th Percentile]
AML = 2.34 mg/L (1.22) = **2.8 mg/L** [CV = 0.68, 95th Percentile, n =30]

- **Oil & Grease**. Conventional pollutant, effluent limitation for protection of aquatic life; 10 mg/L monthly average, 15 mg/L daily maximum.

- **pH**. ≥ 6.5 SU. Technology based effluent limitations of 6.0-9.0 SU [10 CSR 20-7.015] are not protective of the Water Quality Standard, which states that water contaminants shall not cause pH to be outside the range of 6.5-9.0 SU. 10 CSR 20-7.015 allows pH for lagoons to be maintained above 6.0 SU. With no mixing zone, the water quality standard, ≥ 6.5 SU, must be met at the outfall.

- **Acute Whole Effluent Toxicity**. Monitoring requirement only. Monitoring is required to determine if reasonable potential exists for this facility's discharge to exceed water quality standards

  Acute and/or Chronic Allowable Effluent Concentrations (AECs) for facilities that discharge to Waters of the State lacking designated uses, Class C, Class P (with default Mixing Considerations), or Lakes [10 CSR 20-7.031(5)(A)4.B.(IV)(b)] are 100%, 50%, 25%, 12.5%, & 6.25%.

- **Parameters Removed**. Temperature and Dissolved Oxygen monitoring were removed as there is no reasonable potential for either to cause or contribute to an instream excursion of water quality standards.

Sampling Frequency Justification:
Oil & Grease sampling frequency has been reduced to quarterly. Weekly sampling is required for *E. coli*, per 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(D)6.A. Acute WET Tests shall be conducted no less than once per permit cycle for municipalities with a design flow ≥ 22,500 gpd, but less than 1.0 MGD. Otherwise, sampling and reporting frequency was determined to be appropriate and was retained from previous permit.

Sampling Type Justification:
As per 10 CSR 20-7.015, BOD_5, TSS and WET test samples collected for lagoons may be grab samples. Grab samples must be collected for pH, Ammonia as N, *E. coli*, Oil & Grease, Total Nitrogen, and Total Phosphorus. This is due to the holding time restriction for *E. coli*, the volatility of Ammonia, and the fact that pH cannot be preserved and must be sampled in the field. As Ammonia, Oil & Grease, Total Nitrogen, and Total Phosphorus samples must be immediately preserved; these samples are to be collected as a grab. For further information on sampling and testing methods please review 10 CSR 20-7.015(9)(D) 2.

Part VIII – Cost Analysis for Compliance

Pursuant to Section 644.145, RSMo, when issuing permits under this chapter that incorporate a new requirement for discharges from publicly owned combined or separate sanitary or storm sewer systems or publicly owned treatment works, or when enforcing provisions of this chapter or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq., pertaining to any portion of a publicly owned combined or separate sanitary or storm sewer system or [publicly owned] treatment works, the Department of Natural Resources shall make a "finding of affordability" on the costs to be incurred and the impact of any rate changes on ratepayers upon which to base such permits and decisions, to the extent allowable under this chapter and the Federal Water Pollution Control Act. This process is completed through a cost analysis for compliance. Permits that do not include new requirements may be deemed affordable.

☒ - The Department is required to determine "findings of affordability" because the permit applies to a combined or separate sanitary sewer system for a publically-owned treatment works.

Cost Analysis for Compliance - The Department has made a reasonable search for empirical data indicating the permit is affordable. The search consisted of a review of Department records that might contain economic data on the community, a review of information provided by the applicant as part of the application, and public comments received in response to public notices of this draft permit. If the empirical cost data was used by the permit writer, this data may consist of median household income, any other ongoing projects that the Department has knowledge, and other demographic financial information that the community provided as contemplated by Section 644. 145.3. See **Appendix – Cost Analysis for Compliance**

Part IX – Administrative Requirements

On the basis of preliminary staff review and the application of applicable standards and regulations, the Department, as administrative agent for the Missouri Clean Water Commission, proposes to issue a permit(s) subject to certain effluent limitations, schedules, and special conditions contained herein and within the operating permit. The proposed determinations are tentative pending public comment.

PERMIT SYNCHRONIZATION:
The Department of Natural Resources is currently undergoing a synchronization process for operating permits. Permits are normally issued on a five-year term, but to achieve synchronization many permits will need to be issued for less than the full five years allowed by regulation. The intent is that all permits within a watershed will move through the Watershed Based Management (WBM) cycle together will all expire in the same fiscal year. This will allow further streamlining by placing multiple permits within a smaller geographic area on public notice simultaneously, thereby reducing repeated administrative efforts. This will also allow the Department to explore a watershed based permitting effort at some point in the future. Renewal applications must continue to be submitted within 180 days of expiration, however, in instances where effluent data from the previous renewal is less than 4 years old, that data may be re-submitted to meet the requirements of the renewal application. If the permit provides a schedule of compliance for meeting new water quality based effluent limits beyond the expiration date of the permit, the time remaining in the schedule of compliance will be allotted in the renewed permit. This permit will expire in the 2nd Quarter of calendar year 2017.

PUBLIC NOTICE:
The Department shall give public notice that a draft permit has been prepared and its issuance is pending. Additionally, public notice will be issued if a public hearing is to be held because of a significant degree of interest in and water quality concerns related to a draft permit. No public notice is required when a request for a permit modification or termination is denied; however, the requester and permittee must be notified of the denial in writing. The Department must issue public notice of a pending operating permit or of a new or reissued statewide general permit. The public comment period is the length of time not less than 30 days following the date of the public notice which interested persons may submit written comments about the proposed permit. For persons wanting to submit comments regarding this proposed operating permit, then please refer to the Public Notice page located at the front of this draft operating permit. The Public Notice page gives direction on how and where to submit appropriate comments.

☒ - The Public Notice period for this operating permit was from February 5, 2016 – March 7, 2016. No comments were received.

DATE OF FACT SHEET: DECEMBER 30, 2015

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Appendices

APPENDIX - CLASSIFICATION WORKSHEET:

ITEM	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS ASSIGNED
Maximum Population Equivalent (P.E.) served (Max 10 pts.)	1 pt./10,000 PE or major fraction thereof.	-
Maximum: 10 pt Design Flow (avg. day) or peak month; use greater (Max 10 pts.)	1 pt. / MGD or major fraction thereof.	-
EFFLUENT DISCHARGE RECEIVING WATER SENSITIVITY:		
Missouri or Mississippi River	0	-
All other stream discharges except to losing streams and stream reaches supporting whole body contact	1	1
Discharge to lake or reservoir outside of designated whole body contact recreational area	2	-
Discharge to losing stream, or stream, lake or reservoir area supporting whole body contact recreation	3	-
PRELIMINARY TREATMENT - Headworks		
Screening and/or comminution	3	-
Grit removal	3	-
Plant pumping of main flow (lift station at the headworks)	3	-
PRIMARY TREATMENT		
Primary clarifiers	5	-
Combined sedimentation/digestion	5	-
Chemical addition (except chlorine, enzymes)	4	-
REQUIRED LABORATORY CONTROL – performed by plant personnel (highest level only)		
Push – button or visual methods for simple test such as pH, Settleable solids	3	3
Additional procedures such as DO, COD, BOD, titrations, solids, volatile content	5	-
More advanced determinations such as BOD seeding procedures, fecal coliform, nutrients, total oils, phenols, etc.	7	-
Highly sophisticated instrumentation, such as atomic absorption and gas chromatograph	10	-
ALTERNATIVE FATE OF EFFLUENT		
Direct reuse or recycle of effluent	6	-
Land Disposal – low rate	3	-
High rate	5	-
Overland flow	4	4
Total from page **ONE (1)**	----	8

APPENDIX - CLASSIFICATION WORKSHEET (CONTINUED):

ITEM	POINTS POSSIBLE	POINTS ASSIGNED
VARIATION IN RAW WASTE (highest level only) (DMR exceedances and Design Flow exceedances)		
Variation do not exceed those normally or typically expected	0	-
Recurring deviations or excessive variations of 100 to 200 % in strength and/or flow	2	2
Recurring deviations or excessive variations of more than 200 % in strength and/or flow	4	-
Raw wastes subject to toxic waste discharge	6	-
SECONDARY TREATMENT		
Trickling filter and other fixed film media with secondary clarifiers	10	-
Activated sludge with secondary clarifiers (including extended aeration and oxidation ditches)	15	-
Stabilization ponds without aeration	5	5
Aerated lagoon	8	-
Advanced Waste Treatment Polishing Pond	2	-
Chemical/physical – without secondary	15	-
Chemical/physical – following secondary	10	-
Biological or chemical/biological	12	-
Carbon regeneration	4	-
DISINFECTION		
Chlorination or comparable	5	-
Dechlorination	2	-
On-site generation of disinfectant (except UV light)	5	-
UV light	4	-
SOLIDS HANDLING - SLUDGE		
Solids Handling Thickening	5	-
Anaerobic digestion	10	-
Aerobic digestion	6	-
Evaporative sludge drying	2	-
Mechanical dewatering	8	-
Solids reduction (incineration, wet oxidation)	12	-
Land application	6	-
Total from page **TWO (2)**	----	7
Total from page **ONE (1)**	---	8
Grand Total	---	15

☐ - A: 71 points and greater
☐ - B: 51 points – 70 points
☐ - C: 26 points – 50 points
☒ - D: 0 points – 25 points

APPENDIX – RPA RESULTS:

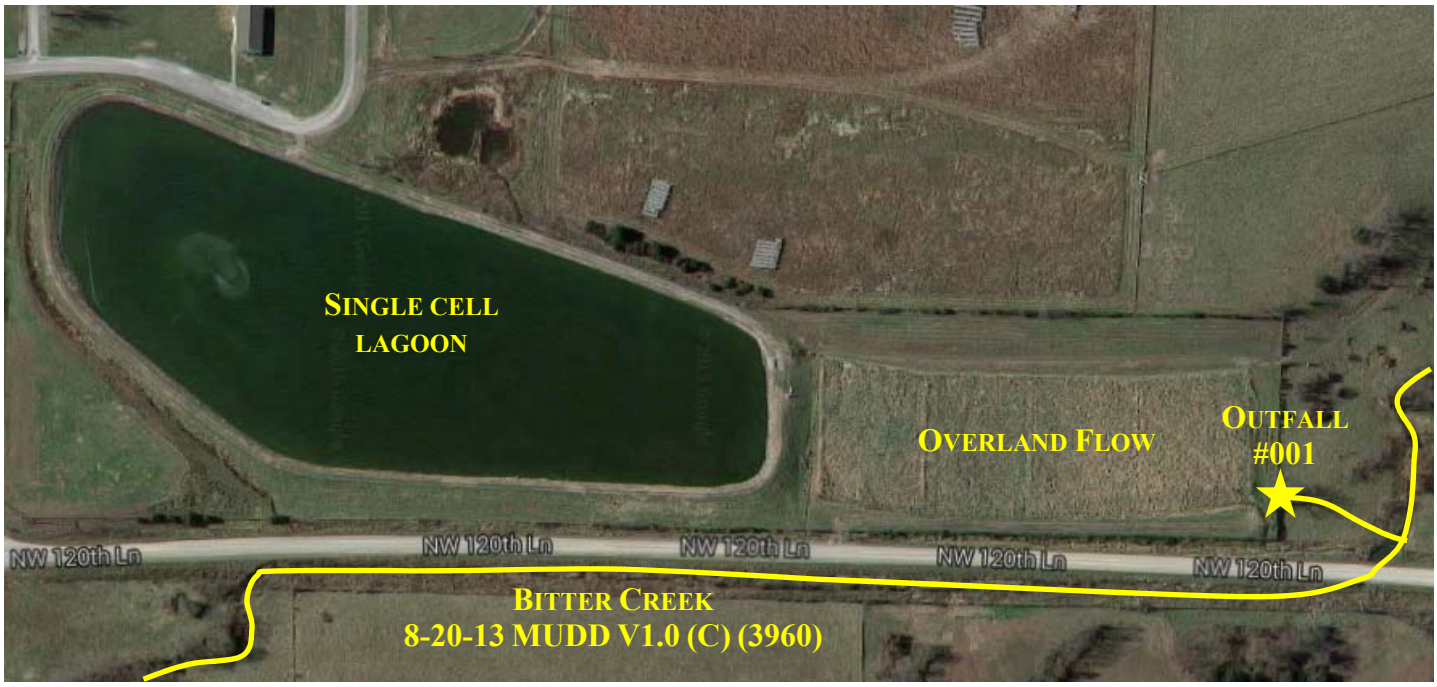
Parameter	CMC*	RWC Acute*	CCC*	RWC Chronic*	n**	Range max/min	CV***	MF	RP Yes/No
Total Ammonia as Nitrogen (Summer) mg/L	12.1	19.08	1.5	19.08	25.00	7.8/0.29	0.74	2.45	YES
Total Ammonia as Nitrogen (Winter) mg/L	12.1	9.47	3.1	9.47	24.00	4.1/0	0.68	2.31	YES
Total Ammonia as Nitrogen (Summer) mg/L *(future)*	3.4	19.08	0.7	19.08	25.00	7.8/0.29	0.74	2.45	YES
Total Ammonia as Nitrogen (Winter) mg/L *(future)*	8.1	9.47	2.3	9.47	24.00	4.1/0	0.68	2.31	YES

N/A – Not Applicable
* - Units are (µg/L) unless otherwise noted.
** - If the number of samples is 10 or greater, then the CV value must be used in the WQBEL for the applicable constituent. If the number of samples is < 10, then the default CV value must be used in the WQBEL for the applicable constituent.
*** - Coefficient of Variation (CV) is calculated by dividing the Standard Deviation of the sample set by the Mean of the same sample set.

RWC – Receiving Water Concentration. It is the concentration of a toxicant or the parameter toxicity in the receiving water after mixing (if applicable).
n – Is the number of samples.
MF – Multiplying Factor. 99% Confidence Level and 99% Probability Basis.
RP – Reasonable Potential. It is where an effluent is projected or calculated to cause an excursion above a water quality standard based on a number of factors including, as a minimum, the four factors listed in 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(ii).

Reasonable Potential Analysis is conducted as per (TSD, EPA/505/2-90-001, Section 3.3.2). A more detailed version including calculations of this RPA is available upon request.

APPENDIX – FACILITY LAYOUT:



APPENDIX – COST ANALYSIS FOR COMPLIANCE:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Water Protection Program
Cost Analysis for Compliance
(In accordance with RSMo 644.145)

Liberal Wastewater Treatment Facility, Permit Renewal
City of Liberal
Missouri State Operating Permit #MO-0045837

Section 644.145 RSMo requires the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to make a "finding of affordability" when "issuing permits under" or "enforcing provisions of" state or federal clean water laws "pertaining to any portion of a combined or separate sanitary sewer system for publicly-owned treatment works."

This cost analysis is based on data available to the Department as provided by the permittee and data obtained from readily available sources. For the most accurate analysis, it is essential that the permittee provides the Department with current information about the City's financial and socioeconomic situation. The financial questionnaire available to permittees on the DNR website (http://dnr.mo.gov/forms/780-2511-f.pdf) should have been submitted with the permit renewal application. If it was not received with the renewal application, the Department sent a request to complete it with the welcome letter. The Department currently uses software to estimate the cost for reconstruction of a treatment plant titled CAPDETWORKS (CapDet). CapDet is a preliminary design and costing software program from Hydromantis[1] for wastewater treatment plants that uses national indices, such as the Marshall and Swift Index and Engineering News Records Cost Index for pricing in development of capital, operating, maintenance, material, and energy costs for each treatment technology. As the program works from national indices and each community is unique in its budget commitments and treatment design, the estimated costs are expected to be higher than actual costs. The cost estimates located within this document are for the construction of a brand new treatment facility or system that is the most practical to facilitate compliance with new requirements. For the most accurate analysis, it is essential that the permittee provides the Department with current information about the City's financial and socioeconomic situation.

The Department is required to issue a permit with final effluent limits in accordance with 644.051.1.(1) RSMo, 644.051.1.(2) RSMo, and the Clean Water Act. The table below summarizes the results of this cost analysis for the City of Liberal. The practical result of this analysis is to incorporate a long compliance schedule into the permit in order to mitigate adverse impact to distressed populations resulting from the costs of upgrading the wastewater treatment facility.

Cost Analysis for Compliance Summary Table

Estimated present worth to upgrade to an oxidation ditch	Median Household Income (MHI) for the City of Liberal	Estimated monthly cost per user as a percent of MHI
$1,917,974	$33,304	0.92%

Current Facility Description: Single cell lagoon / overland flow / sludge is retained in lagoon.

Flow evaluated: 100,000 gallons per day

Residential Connections:	334
Commercial Connections:	25
Industrial Connections:	0
Total Connections for this facility:	359

New Permit Requirements:

The permit requires compliance with new effluent limitations for ammonia and *E. coli*, which may require the design, construction and operation of different treatment technology. The cost assumptions in this cost analysis anticipate complete replacement of the existing treatment facility. To calculate the estimated user cost per 5,000 gallons, the Department used the equations currently being used in the Financial Assistance Center's rate calculator. The equations account for replacement of equipment during the life of the treatment facility, debt retirement, capital costs, and an inflation factor. The calculator evaluates multiple technologies through CapDet at a range of flows, then, using a linear interpolation, develops a spreadsheet outlining high and low costs for treatment plants. For this analysis the Department has selected the mechanical treatment technology that could be the most practical solution to meet the new requirements for the community as well as cost estimation to install a land application system. Because the methods used to derive the analysis estimate costs that are greater than actual costs associated with an upgrade, it reflects a conservative estimate anticipated for a community. An overestimation of costs is due to the fact that it is not possible for the permit writer to determine what existing equipment and structures will be reused in the upgraded facility before an engineer completes a facility design.

The size of the facility evaluated for upgrades was chosen based on the permitted design flow. If significant population growth is expected in the community, or if a significant portion of the flow is due to I&I, the flows used in the Facility Plan prepared by a consulting engineer may be different than this flow.

Anticipated Costs Associated with Complying with the New Requirements:

Costs associated with land application:
The total present worth estimated to purchase land and install a land application system is between $1,917,974 and $2,578,799 (*CAPDETWORKS cost estimator was used*). The user costs over a thirty year period are estimated to be between $25.41 and $33.50 per household per month. The low cost estimate for land application assumes that the community will not have to construct a new storage basin and the high cost estimate assumes the construction of a storage basin which will also require more land. The estimation includes the purchase of a minimum of 51.06 acres and a maximum of 56.06 acres. Four regions divided by highways have been established to estimate the minimum storage time required and the amount of land necessary for land application within the State. The cost of land has been estimated based on county averages. The regions are north of Highway 36, between Highways 36 and 50, between Highways 50 and 60, and south of Highway 60. For communities that are divided by highways, the region selected is where the majority of the county resides. The acreage estimated through CapDet does not reflect site-specific conditions and more or less land may be required based on site-specific considerations, such as streams, sinkholes, severe slopes, or roads. A no discharge facility, of which land application is the most common form, is required to be demonstrated as infeasible before a discharging system may be constructed per [10 CSR 20-6.010(4)(D).] When land is available, it is the Department's stance that land application is an important treatment option to be considered because of the expected lower cost associated with construction and operation and maintenance over a longer term. Also, the no discharge system is of value to the permittee when considering additional costs associated with possible future changes to Water Quality Standards.

Cost associated with mechanical treatment:
The total present worth to add UV disinfection treatment is estimated at $182,958 (*CAPDETWORKS cost estimator was used*). This cost, if financed through user fees, might cost each household approximately $3.02 per month. Due to the design limitations in the CapDet cost estimator, the costs for disinfection have been over estimated. For any flows less than 100,000 gpd, CapDet assumes a flow of 100,000 gpd when estimating the cost for UV disinfection. The assumptions for chlorine disinfection are that the chlorine used will either be in the liquid or gas phase and not the tablets which are used by many smaller facilities.

The costs estimated in CAPDETWORKS are associated with a complete reconstruction of a new treatment plant. The total present worth for complete replacement of the existing treatment facility in order to meet new ammonia effluent limits is estimated at $2,373,366 (*CAPDETWORKS cost estimator was used*). This cost, if financed through user fees, might cost each household approximately $36.32 per month. The Department has estimated the construction and treatment costs for an extended aeration oxidation ditch. The treatment type has been set to meet effluent ammonia limits of less than 1.0 mg/L and losing stream criteria for BOD_5 and TSS. Sludge handling and sludge treatment were not included in the capital, operations, maintenance, and present worth cost estimations as there are multiple ways for sludge handling to occur, including reuse of existing sludge equipment. Disinfection is not represented in the present worth listed in this paragraph, as it was discussed in the previous paragraph. It is the Department's opinion that an oxidation ditch is the most practical treatment technology for your community based on the current design flow. A more detailed engineering and design report conducted for your specific facility will be completed by your hired engineer. This may reflect a different type of treatment option than what is described within this analysis and may include additional collection system work or additional upgrades at the treatment plant.

The total present worth over a 20 year period of adding both ammonia and disinfection treatment has been estimated to cost approximately $2,556,324. The total capital cost to construct both treatment upgrades may cost approximately $1,472,000. These costs if financed through user fees, might cost each household in the community approximately $39.34 per month. These costs will be used to complete this analysis.

This cost analysis does not dictate that a permittee will upgrade their facility, or how they will comply with the new permit requirements. For any questions associated with the *CAPDETWORKS cost estimator*, please contact the Engineering Section at (573) 751-6621.

(1) A community's financial capability and ability to raise or secure necessary funding;

Current User Rates:	$13.60
Rate Capacity or Pay as You Go Option:	Pay as You Go
Municipal Bond Rating (if applicable):	not provided by permittee
Bonding Capacity: *(General Obligation Bond capacity allowed by constitution:* *cities=up to 20% of taxable tangible property* *sewer districts or villages=up to 5% of taxable tangible property)*	not provided by permittee
Current outstanding debt for the City:	$0.00
Amount within the current user rate used toward payments on outstanding debt related to the current wastewater infrastructure:	permittee reported no debt

(2) Affordability of pollution control options for the individuals or households at or below the median household income level of the community;

A Current Costs

Current operating costs (exclude depreciation):	$88,517
Current user rate:	$13.60

B-1 Estimated Costs for Mechanical Plant Pollution Control Option

Estimated total present worth of pollution control*:	$2,556,324
Estimated capital cost of pollution control**:	$1,472,000
Annual cost of operation and maintenance***:	$87,009
Estimated resulting user cost per household per month****:	$39.34
Estimated resulting user cost per household per month plus the amount within the current user rate used toward payments on outstanding debt:	permittee reported no debt
Median household income(MHI)[2]:	$33,304
Cost per household as a percent of median household income[3]:	1.42%
Estimated cost per household per month plus the amount within the current user rate used toward payments on outstanding debt as a percent of median household income:	permittee reported no debt

CAPDET estimates the total present worth to finance a new mechanical treatment facility with disinfection to be approximately $2,556,324. If financed through user costs, the future user costs have the potential to be estimated at $39.34 per month. These costs assume a 5% interest rate over 20 years for mechanical treatment. It is the Department's opinion that the oxidation ditch is the most practical mechanical treatment option for design flow of this facility. All treatment technologies were set to meet effluent ammonia limits of less than 1.0 mg/L and losing stream criteria for BOD_5 and TSS. Sludge handling, sludge treatment, and disinfection have not been included in the capital, operations and maintenance, and present worth cost estimations.

B-2 Estimated Costs for Land Application Pollution Control Options

Estimated total present worth of pollution control*:	$1,917,974 - $2,578,799
Estimated capital cost of pollution control**:	$1,476,651 - $1,846,158
Land required:	51.06 acres to 56.06 acres
Annual cost of operation and maintenance***:	$37,368 - $57,167
Estimated resulting user cost per household per month****:	$25.41 - $33.50
Estimated resulting user cost per household per month plus the amount within the current user rate used toward payments on outstanding debt:	permittee reported no debt
Median household income(MHI)[2]:	$33,304
Cost per household as a percent of median household income[4]:	0.92% - 1.21%
Estimated cost per household per month plus the amount within the current user rate used toward payments on outstanding debt as a percent of median household income:	permittee reported no debt

CAPDET estimates the total present worth to finance a land application system to be between $1,917,974 and $2,578,799. If the cost of the upgrade is financed through the user cost, the future user cost is estimated to be between $25.41 and $33.50 per month. The low cost for land application assumes the existing lagoon or storage basin has sufficient storage capacity for conversion to land application. The high cost estimates that a new lagoon or storage basin will need constructed, either at the existing facility or at the land application fields to comply with the storage requirements for land application. All estimated costs for land application assume a 5% interest rate over 30 years. The estimated capital cost assumes the City must purchase the land. If the City already owns the land, the resulting costs will be less than what is described in Table B-2.

* Total Present Worth includes a five percent interest rate to construct and perform annual operation and maintenance of the new treatment plant over the term of the loan.
** Capital Cost includes project costs from CapDet with design, inspection and contingency costs.
*** O&M cost shown in Tables B-1 and B-2 is includes operations, maintenance, materials, chemical and electrical costs for the facility on an annual basis. It includes items that are expected to replace during operations, such as pumps. O&M is estimated between 15% and 45% of the user cost.
**** The Estimated User Cost shown in Tables B-1 and B-2 is composed of two factors, Operation & Maintenance (O&M), and Debt Retirement Costs.

(3) An evaluation of the overall costs and environmental benefits of the control technologies;

The investment in wastewater treatment will provide several social, environmental and economic benefits. Improved wastewater provides benefits such as avoided health costs due to water-related illness, enhanced environmental ecosystem quality, and improved natural resources. The preservation of natural resources has been proven to increase the economic value and sustainability of the surrounding communities. Maintaining Missouri's water quality standards fulfill the goals of restoring and maintaining the chemical, physical and biological integrity of the receiving stream; and, where attainable, to achieves a level of water quality that provides for the protection and propagation of fish, shellfish, wildlife and recreation in and on the water.

Total Ammonia Nitrogen Treatment
The technologies evaluated by CapDet are a sequencing batch reactor, extended aeration mechanical plant with triangular basin, and an extended aeration oxidation ditch. All treatment technologies were designed to meet effluent ammonia of less than 1.0 mg/L and losing stream criteria for BOD_5 and TSS of less than 10 mg/L and have demonstrated the capability of meeting the 2013 ammonia criteria when operated and maintained at a proper level. Please see the Water Protection Program fact sheet titled "Changes to the Water Quality Standard for Ammonia" at http://dnr.mo.gov/pubs/pub2481.htm.

The construction and installation of land application is another option that has been evaluated within this document. The Missouri State Operating Permit for a land application system does not contain discharge effluent limits as there is no potential to cause an excursion of water quality standards. Therefore, a land application system is of value to the permittee when considering costs associated with operation and maintenance, and future regulatory changes.

Disinfection
E. coli is a species of bacteria that normally live in the intestines of humans and warm-blooded animals. While some strains of *E. coli* are harmless, there are several strains that can cause severe diarrhea, abdominal cramps, and severe kidney failure. The people most susceptible to these consequences are young children, the elderly and those with weakened immune systems. The receiving stream that your facility discharges to contains the WBC-B designated use to protect human health in accordance with Water Quality Standards (10 CSR 20-7.031) and the Clean Water Act. The disinfection of wastewater effluent benefits human health by reducing exposure to disease-causing bacteria, such as *E.coli*, and viruses and reducing health care costs to those infected by contaminated water. The City of Liberal should construct and install a disinfection system at the treatment facility in order to protect human health as well as meet water quality standards.

(4) Inclusion of ongoing costs of operating and maintaining the existing wastewater collection and treatment system, including payments on outstanding debts for wastewater collection and treatment systems when calculating projected rates:

The community has reported that they have no outstanding debts for the current wastewater collection and treatment systems.

(5) An inclusion of ways to reduce economic impacts on distressed populations in the community, including but not limited to low and fixed income populations. This requirement includes but is not limited to:

(a) Allowing adequate time in implementation schedules to mitigate potential adverse impacts on distressed populations resulting from the costs of the improvements and taking into consideration local community economic considerations.
(b) Allowing for reasonable accommodations for regulated entities when inflexible standards and fines would impose a disproportionate financial hardship in light of the environmental benefits to be gained.

Socioeconomic Data[5-7]:

Potentially Distressed Populations – City of Liberal	
Unemployment	4.6%
Adjusted Median Household Income (MHI)	$33,304
Percent Change in MHI (1990-2012)	+36.6%
Percent Population Growth/Decline (1990-2012)	-6.8%
Change in Median Age in Years (1990-2012)	-0.6
Percent of Households in Poverty	12.4%
Percent of Households Relying on Food Stamps	26.3%

Opportunity for cost savings or cost avoidance:

- If available, connection to a larger centralized sewer system in the area may be more cost effective for the community.
- An opportunity may exist for the relocation of the point of discharge to a receiving stream capable of a greater mixing zone.
- The permittee may apply for State Revolving Fund (SRF) financial support in order to help fund a Capital Improvements Plan. Other loans and grants also exist for which the facility may be eligible. Contact information for the Department's Financial Assistance Center (FAC) and more information can be found on the Department's website at http://dnr.mo.gov/env/wpp/srf/wastewater-assistance.htm.

Opportunity for changes to implementation/compliance schedule, new technology, site specific criteria, use attainability analysis:

- The facility may propose changes to the schedule of compliance based on their own cost estimate or financial information.
- An integrated plan may be an appropriate option if they community needs to meet other environmental obligations as well as the new requirements within this permit. The integrated plan needs to be well thought out with specific timeframes built into the management plan that the municipality can reasonably commit to. The plan should be designed that will allow each municipality to meet their Clean Water Act obligations by maximizing their infrastructure improvement dollars through the appropriate sequencing of work.
- If the permittee can demonstrate that the proposed pollution controls result in substantial and widespread economic and social impact, the permittee may use Factor 6 of the Use Attainability Analysis (UAA) 40 CFR 131.10(g)(6) in the form of a variance. This process is completed by determining the treatment type with the highest attainable effluent quality that would not result in a socio-economic hardship. This process could potentially become expensive in itself.

(6) An assessment of other community investments and operating costs relating to environmental improvements and public health protection;

The community reported that they are working with an engineering firm to continue to find ways to manage inflow and infiltration as well as to examine ways for the lagoon to maintain compliance.

(7) An assessment of factors set forth in the United States Environmental Protection Agency's guidance, including but not limited to the "Combined Sewer Overflow Guidance for Financial Capability Assessment and Schedule Development" that may ease the cost burdens of implementing wet weather control plans, including but not limited to small system considerations, the attainability of water quality standards, and the development of wet weather standards;

Secondary indicators for consideration:

Indicators	Strong (3 points)	Mid-Range (2 points)	Weak (1 point)	Score
Bond Rating Indicator	Above BBB or Baa	BBB or Baa	Below BBB or Baa	not provided
Overall Net Debt as a % of Full Market Property Value	Below 2%	2% - 5%	Above 5%	not provided
Unemployment Rate	>1% below Missouri average of 4.1%	± 1% of Missouri average of 4.1%	>1% above Missouri average of 4.1%	2
Median Household Income	More than 25% above Missouri MHI ($49,008)	± 25% of Missouri MHI ($49,008)	More than 25% below Missouri MHI ($49,008)	1
Percent of Households in Poverty*	>10% below Missouri average of 11.7%	± 10% of Missouri average of 11.7%	>10% above Missouri average of 11.7%	2
Percent of Households Relying on Food Stamps*	>5% below Missouri average of 10.6%	± 5% of Missouri average of 10.6%	>5% above Missouri average of 10.6%	1
Property Tax Revenues as a % of Full Market Property Value	Below 2%	2% - 4%	Above 4%	2
Property Tax Collection Rate	Above 98%	94% - 98%	Below 94%	2

* Financial Capability Indicators are specific to the State of Missouri

Financial Capability (FCI) Indicators Average Score: 1.67
Mechanical Plant Residential Indicator (RI, from Criteria #2 above): 1.42%
Land Application Residential Indicator (RI, from Criteria #2 above): 0.92%-1.21%

Financial Capability Matrix:

Financial Capability Indicators Score from above ↓	**Residential Indicator (User cost as a % of MHI)**		
	Low (Below 1%)	Mid-Range (Between 1.0% and 2.0%	High (Above 2.0%)
Weak (below 1.5)	Medium Burden	High Burden	High Burden
Mid-Range (1.5 – 2.5)	Low Burden	Medium Burden	High Burden
Strong (above 2.5)	Low Burden	Medium Burden	High Burden

Estimated Financial Burden for Mechanical Plant: Medium Burden
Estimated Financial Burden for Land Application: Low to Medium Burden

The resulting financial burden has been determined by comparing the Financial Capability Indicator score (FCI) with the Residential Indicator (RI) stated in Criteria #2. The cost associated with a mechanical plant could result in a Medium financial burden placed on the community due to the Low FCI paired with the Mid-Range RI. The cost associated with a land application system could result in a Low to Medium financial burden placed on the community due to the Mid-Range FCI paired with the Low and Mid-Range RI. Please see Criteria #2 for more information on the costs specific to each treatment technology.

(8) An assessment of any other relevant local community economic condition.

The community did not report any other relevant local economic conditions.

The Department contracted with Wichita State University to complete an assessment tool that would allow for predictions on rural Missouri community populations and future sustainability. The purpose of the study is to use a statistical modeling analysis in order to determine factors associated with each rural Missouri community that would predict the future population changes that could occur in each community. A stepwise regression model was applied to 19 factors which were determined as predictors of rural population change in Missouri. The model established a hierarchy of the predicting factors which allowed the model to place a weighted value on each of the factors. A total of 745 rural towns and villages in Missouri received a weighted value for each of the predicting factors. The weighted values for each town / village were then added together to determine an overall decision score. The overall decision scores were then divided into five categories and each town was assigned to a different categorical group based on the overall decision score.

The categorical groups were developed from the range of overall scores across all rural towns and villages within Missouri. The range covers 1,191 score points (-245 to 946).

Based on the assessment tool, the City of Liberal has been determined as a category 4 community. This means that the City of Liberal is predicted to be stable over time.

Conclusion and Finding:

As a result of new regulations, the Department is proposing modifications to the current operating permit that may require the permittee to upgrade the facility and construct new control technologies.

The Department considered the eight (8) criteria presented in subsection 644.145.3 when evaluating the cost associated with the relevant actions. The Department estimates the resulting monthly user costs for complete replacement of the existing treatment facility in order to meet new ammonia and *E.coli* effluent limits could be between $25.41 and $33.50 for land application and $39.34 for mechanical treatment. Using this analysis, the Department finds that a <u>land application system is the most practical and affordable option</u> for your community. The construction and operation of a land application system will ensure that the individuals within the community will not be required to make unreasonable sacrifices in their essential lifestyle or spending patterns or undergo hardships in order to make the projected monthly payments for sewer connections. Also, a land application treatment system has the potential to generate agricultural revenues that could offset cost. This can include but is not limited to revenue from the sale of a forage or grain crop as well as rent from livestock grazing.

The estimated cost for land application in the state is divided into four regions, based on the minimum storage time, rainfall amounts, and land required for land application to occur. The regions are north of Highway 36, between Highways 36 and 50, between Highways 50 and 60, and south of Highway 60. For communities that are divided by highways, the region selected is where the majority of the county resides. The low cost estimate for land application assumes that the community will not have to construct a new storage basin and the high cost estimate assumes the construction of a storage basin.

The Department also estimated the costs of three mechanical treatment options appropriate to the design flow of the facility. After estimating the costs associated with an extended aeration plant, oxidation ditch, and sequencing batch reactor the Department finds that an oxidation ditch is the most practical mechanical treatment plant option, though it may require user costs to be as high as 1.42% of the community's MHI (shown in Criteria #2).

In accordance with 40 CFR § 122.47(a)(1) and 10 CSR 20-7.031(11), compliance must occur as soon as possible. Therefore, based on this analysis including the Rural Population Sustainability Assessment Tool the City of Liberal has received a five (5) year schedule of compliance for the design and construction of a land application system with the assumption that land is attainable for the purpose of land application of effluent.

Suggested milestones to meet within each year:

Year 1. Hire an engineer, evaluate rate structure and treatment plant, and submit an application for renewal of the existing operating permit
Year 2. Hold a bond election, apply for State Revolving Fund loans and/or grants
Year 3. Submit facility plan, apply for construction permit, and close on loan
Year 4. Construction
Year 5. Complete construction

The schedule of compliance allows the community the first three years to hire an engineer, evaluate operations and rate structure, obtain an engineering report, hold a bond election, and close on a loan. At this time the community will know what the user rates will be based on the present worth of the chosen treatment type decided on by the community and the design engineer hired by the community. It is anticipated by the Department that rates will be increased at the end of the first permit cycle to mitigate the cost of compliance of the new requirements. The Department is committed to reassessing the Cost Analysis for Compliance at renewal to determine if the initial schedule of compliance will accommodate the socioeconomic data and financial capability of the community at that time.

The remaining two years of the schedule give the community ample time to construct the facility and complete the project. If the community wishes to seek funding from the Department, please contact the Financial Assistance Center for more information. http://www.dnr.mo.gov/env/Wpp/srf/index.html

The Department is committed to reassessing the cost analysis for compliance at renewal to determine if the initial schedule of compliance will accommodate the socioeconomic data and financial capability of the community at that time. By working more closely with your community, the Department and permittees will be able to identify opportunities to extend the schedule of compliance, if appropriate. Because each community is unique, we want to make sure that you have the opportunity to consider all your options and tailor solutions to best meet your community's needs. The Department understands the economic challenges associated with achieving compliance, and is committed to using all available tools to make an accurate and practical finding of affordability for the communities in the State.

This determination is based on readily available data and may overestimate the financial impact on the community. The community's facility plan that is submitted as a part of the construction permit process includes a discussion of community details, what the community can afford, existing obligations, future growth potential, an evaluation of options available to the community with cost information, and a discussion on no-discharge alternatives. The cost information provided through the facility plan process, which is developed by the community and their engineer, is more comprehensive of the community's individual factors in relation to selected treatment technology and costing information.

References:

1. http://www.hydromantis.com/
2. The Median Household Income was found using the American Community Survey by the U.S. Census Bureau
3. (39.34/(33,304/12))100 = 1.42% (mechanical)
4. (25.41/(33,304/12))100 = 0.92% and (33.50/(33,304/12))100 = 1.21% (land application)
5. Unemployment data was obtained from Missouri Department of Economic Development (June 2015) – http://www.missourieconomy.org/pdfs/urel1506.pdf
6. Population trend data was obtained from online at: 2012 Census Bureau Population Data - http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/tableservices/jsf/pages/productview.xhtml?fpt=table, 2000 Census Bureau Population Data - http://www.census.gov/popest/data/cities/totals/2009/tables/SUB-EST2009-04-29.xls, 1990 Census Bureau Population Data - http://www.census.gov/prod/cen1990/cp1/cp-1-27.pdf
7. Poverty data – American Community Survey- http://factfinder2.census.gov/faces/nav/jsf/pages/searchresults.xhtml?refresh=t

STANDARD CONDITIONS FOR NPDES PERMITS
ISSUED BY
THE MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
MISSOURI CLEAN WATER COMMISSION
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These Standard Conditions incorporate permit conditions as required by 40 CFR 122.41 or other applicable state statutes or regulations. These minimum conditions apply unless superseded by requirements specified in the permit.

Part I – General Conditions
Section A – Sampling, Monitoring, and Recording

1. **Sampling Requirements.**
   a. Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity.
   b. All samples shall be taken at the outfall(s) or Missouri Department of Natural Resources (Department) approved sampling location(s), and unless specified, before the effluent joins or is diluted by any other body of water or substance.

2. **Monitoring Requirements**.
   a. Records of monitoring information shall include:
      i. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
      ii. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
      iii. The date(s) analyses were performed;
      iv. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
      v. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
      vi. The results of such analyses.
   b. If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit at the location specified in the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, or another method required for an industry-specific waste stream under 40 CFR subchapters N or O, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reported to the Department with the discharge monitoring report data (DMR) submitted to the Department pursuant to Section B, paragraph 7.

3. **Sample and Monitoring Calculations.** Calculations for all sample and monitoring results which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in the permit.

4. **Test Procedures**. The analytical and sampling methods used shall conform to the reference methods listed in 10 CSR 20-7.015 unless alternates are approved by the Department. The facility shall use sufficiently sensitive analytical methods for detecting, identifying, and measuring the concentrations of pollutants. The facility shall ensure that the selected methods are able to quantify the presence of pollutants in a given discharge at concentrations that are low enough to determine compliance with Water Quality Standards in 10 CSR 20-7.031 or effluent limitations unless provisions in the permit allow for other alternatives. A method is "sufficiently sensitive" when; 1) the method minimum level is at or below the level of the applicable water quality criterion for the pollutant or, 2) the method minimum level is above the applicable water quality criterion, but the amount of pollutant in a facility's discharge is high enough that the method detects and quantifies the level of pollutant in the discharge, or 3) the method has the lowest minimum level of the analytical methods approved under 10 CSR 20-7.015. These methods are also required for parameters that are listed as monitoring only, as the data collected may be used to determine if limitations need to be established. A permittee is responsible for working with their contractors to ensure that the analysis performed is sufficiently sensitive.

5. **Record Retention.** Except for records of monitoring information required by the permit related to the permittee's sewage sludge use and disposal activities, which shall be retained for a period of at least five (5) years (or longer as required by 40 CFR part 503), the permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by the permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for the permit, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Department at any time.

6. **Illegal Activities.**
   a. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under the permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than $10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than $20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than four (4) years, or both.
   b. The Missouri Clean Water Law provides that any person or who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than $10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months, or by both. Second and successive convictions for violation under this paragraph by any person shall be punished by a fine of not more than $50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both.

Section B – Reporting Requirements

1. **Planned Changes.**
   a. The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility when:
      i. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
      ii. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR 122.42;
      iii. The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan;
      iv. Any facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications which will result in a new or substantially different discharge or sludge characteristics must be reported to the Department 60 days before the facility or process modification begins. Notification may be accomplished by application for a new permit. If the discharge does not violate effluent limitations specified in the permit, the facility is to submit a notice to the Department of the changed discharge at least 30 days before such changes. The Department may require a construction permit and/or permit modification as a result of the proposed changes at the facility.

2. **Non-compliance Reporting.**
   a. The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Relevant information shall be provided orally or via the current electronic method approved by the Department, within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances, and shall be reported to the appropriate Regional Office during normal business hours or the Environmental Emergency Response hotline at 573-634-2436 outside of normal business hours. A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) business days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

b. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.
   i. Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
   ii. Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit.
   iii. Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit required to be reported within 24 hours.
c. The Department may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under paragraph 2. b. of this section if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

3. **Anticipated Noncompliance**. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Department of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. The notice shall be submitted to the Department 60 days prior to such changes or activity.

4. **Compliance Schedules.** Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of the permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date. The report shall provide an explanation for the instance of noncompliance and a proposed schedule or anticipated date, for achieving compliance with the compliance schedule requirement.

5. **Other Noncompliance.** The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs 2, 3, and 6 of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in paragraph 2. a. of this section.

6. **Other Information**. Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Department, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

7. **Discharge Monitoring Reports.**
   a. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified in the permit.
   b. Monitoring results must be reported to the Department via the current method approved by the Department, unless the permittee has been granted a waiver from using the method. If the permittee has been granted a waiver, the permittee must use forms provided by the Department.
   c. Monitoring results shall be reported to the Department no later than the 28th day of the month following the end of the reporting period.

Section C – Bypass/Upset Requirements

1. **Definitions.**
   a. *Bypass*: the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility, except in the case of blending.
   b. *Severe Property Damage*: 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 bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
   c. *Upset*: an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.

2. **Bypass Requirements.**
   a. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2. b. and 2. c. of this section.
   b. Notice.
      i. Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass.
      ii. Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Section B – Reporting Requirements, paragraph 5 (24-hour notice).
   c. Prohibition of bypass.
      i. Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
         1. Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
         2. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, 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 bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
         3. The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph 2. b. of this section.
      ii. The Department may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Department determines that it will meet the three (3) conditions listed above in paragraph 2. c. i. of this section.

3. **Upset Requirements.**
   a. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph 3. b. of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
   b. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
      i. An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
      ii. The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; and
      iii. The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in Section B – Reporting Requirements, paragraph 2. b. ii. (24-hour notice).
      iv. The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Section D – Administrative Requirements, paragraph 4.
   c. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

Section D – Administrative Requirements

1. **Duty to Comply.** The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Missouri Clean Water Law and Federal Clean Water Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.
   a. The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Federal Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and 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 these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
   b. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who violates section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any such sections in a permit issued under section 402, or any requirement imposed in a pretreatment program approved under sections 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed $25,000 per day for each violation. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who negligently violates sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act, or any condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, or any requirement

imposed in a pretreatment program approved under section 402(a)(3) or 402(b)(8) of the Act, is subject to criminal penalties of $2,500 to $25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than one (1) year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than $50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than two (2) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates such sections, or such conditions or limitations is subject to criminal penalties of $5,000 to $50,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment for not more than three (3) years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than $100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than six (6) years, or both. Any person who knowingly violates section 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of the Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of the Act, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine of not more than $250,000 or imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than $500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the CWA, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision, be subject to a fine of not more than $1,000,000 and can be fined up to $2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions.

c. Any person may be assessed an administrative penalty by the EPA Director for violating section 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318 or 405 of this Act, or any permit condition or limitation implementing any of such sections in a permit issued under section 402 of this Act. Administrative penalties for Class I violations are not to exceed $10,000 per violation, with the maximum amount of any Class I penalty assessed not to exceed $25,000. Penalties for Class II violations are not to exceed $10,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues, with the maximum amount of any Class II penalty not to exceed $125,000.

d. It is unlawful for any person to cause or permit any discharge of water contaminants from any water contaminant or point source located in Missouri in violation of sections 644.006 to 644.141 of the Missouri Clean Water Law, or any standard, rule or regulation promulgated by the commission. In the event the commission or the director determines that any provision of sections 644.006 to 644.141 of the Missouri Clean Water Law or standard, rules, limitations or regulations promulgated pursuant thereto, or permits issued by, or any final abatement order, other order, or determination made by the commission or the director, or any filing requirement pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141 of the Missouri Clean Water Law or any other provision which this state is required to enforce pursuant to any federal water pollution control act, is being, was, or is in imminent danger of being violated, the commission or director may cause to have instituted a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction for the injunctive relief to prevent any such violation or further violation or for the assessment of a penalty not to exceed $10,000 per day for each day, or part thereof, the violation occurred and continues to occur, or both, as the court deems proper. Any person who willfully or negligently commits any violation in this paragraph shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than $2,500 nor more than $25,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than one year, or both. Second and successive convictions for violation of the same provision of this paragraph by any person shall be punished by a fine of not more than $50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than two (2) years, or both.

2. **Duty to Reapply.**
   a. If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit.
   b. A permittee with a currently effective site-specific permit shall submit an application for renewal at least 180 days before the expiration date of the existing permit, unless permission for a later date has been granted by the Department. (The Department shall not grant permission for applications to be submitted later than the expiration date of the existing permit.)
   c. A permittees with currently effective general permit shall submit an application for renewal at least 30 days before the existing permit expires, unless the permittee has been notified by the Department that an earlier application must be made. The Department may grant permission for a later submission date. (The Department shall not grant permission for applications to be submitted later than the expiration date of the existing permit.)

3. **Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense.** It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

4. **Duty to Mitigate.** The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge or sludge use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

5. **Proper Operation and Maintenance**. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

6. **Permit Actions.**
   a. Subject to compliance with statutory requirements of the Law and Regulations and applicable Court Order, this permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following:
      i. Violations of any terms or conditions of this permit or the law;
      ii. Having obtained this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully any relevant facts;
      iii. A change in any circumstances or conditions that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge; or
      iv. Any reason set forth in the Law or Regulations.
   b. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

7. **Permit Transfer.**
   a. Subject to 10 CSR 20-6.010, an operating permit may be transferred upon submission to the Department of an application to transfer signed by the existing owner and the new owner, unless prohibited by the terms of the permit. Until such time the permit is officially transferred, the original permittee remains responsible for complying with the terms and conditions of the existing permit.
   b. The Department may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Missouri Clean Water Law or the Federal Clean Water Act.
   c. The Department, within 30 days of receipt of the application, shall notify the new permittee of its intent to revoke or reissue or transfer the permit.

8. **Toxic Pollutants.** The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Federal Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under section 405(d) of the Federal Clean Water Act within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

9. **Property Rights.** This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

10. **Duty to Provide Information.** The permittee shall furnish to the Department, within a reasonable time, any information which the Department may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Department upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

11. **Inspection and Entry.** The permittee shall allow the Department, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the Department), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:
    a. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of the permit;
    b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
    c. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
    d. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Federal Clean Water Act or Missouri Clean Water Law, any substances or parameters at any location.

12. **Closure of Treatment Facilities.**
    a. Persons who cease operation or plan to cease operation of waste, wastewater, and sludge handling and treatment facilities shall close the facilities in accordance with a closure plan approved by the Department.
    b. Operating Permits under 10 CSR 20-6.010 or under 10 CSR 20-6.015 are required until all waste, wastewater, and sludges have been disposed of in accordance with the closure plan approved by the Department and any disturbed areas have been properly stabilized. Disturbed areas will be considered stabilized when perennial vegetation, pavement, or structures using permanent materials cover all areas that have been disturbed. Vegetative cover, if used, shall be at least 70% plant density over 100% of the disturbed area.

13. **Signatory Requirement.**
    a. All permit applications, reports required by the permit, or information requested by the Department shall be signed and certified. (See 40 CFR 122.22 and 10 CSR 20-6.010)
    b. The Federal Clean Water Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or non-compliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than $10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than six (6) months per violation, or by both.
    c. The Missouri Clean Water Law provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation or certification in any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be maintained pursuant to sections 644.006 to 644.141 shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both.

14. **Severability.** The provisions of the permit are severable, and if any provision of the permit, or the application of any provision of the permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of the permit, shall not be affected thereby.

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PART II - SPECIAL CONDITIONS – PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS
SECTION A – INDUSTRIAL USERS

1. Definitions

Definitions as set forth in the Missouri Clean Water Laws and approved by the Missouri Clean Water Commission shall apply to terms used herein.

Significant Industrial User (SIU). Except as provided in the *General Pretreatment Regulation* 10 CSR 20-6.100, the term Significant Industrial User means:

1. All Industrial Users subject to Categorical Pretreatment Standards; and
2. Any other Industrial User that: discharges an average of 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the Publicly-Owned Treatment Works (POTW) (excluding sanitary, noncontact cooling and boiler blowdown wastewater); contributes a process wastestream which makes up 5 percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant; or is designated as such by the Control Authority on the basis that the Industrial User has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW's or for violating any Pretreatment Standard or requirement.

Clean Water Act (CWA) is the the federal Clean Water Act of 1972, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et seq. (2002).

2. Identification of Industrial Discharges

Pursuant to 40 CFR 122.44(j)(1), all POTWs shall identify, in terms of character and volume of pollutants, any Significant Industrial Users discharging to the POTW subject to Pretreatment Standards under section 307(b) of the CWA and 40 CFR 403.

3. Application Information

Applications for renewal or modification of this permit must contain the information about industrial discharges to the POTW pursuant to 40 CFR 122.21(j)(6)

4. Notice to the Department

Pursuant to 40 CFR 122.42(b), all POTWs must provide adequate notice of the following:

1. Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA if it were directly discharging these pollutants; and
2. Any substantial change into the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
3. For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on:
   i. the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and
   ii. any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.

For POTWs without an approved pretreatment program, the notice of industrial discharges which was not included in the permit application shall be made as soon as practicable. For POTWs with an approved pretreatment program, notice is to be included in the annual pretreatment report required in the special conditions of this permit. Notice may be sent to:

Missouri Department of Natural Resources
Water Protection Program
Attn: Pretreatment Coordinator
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

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PART III – SLUDGE AND BIOSOLIDS FROM DOMESTIC AND INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

SECTION A – GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. This permit pertains to sludge requirements under the Missouri Clean Water Law and regulation for domestic wastewater and industrial process wastewater. This permit also incorporates applicable federal sludge disposal requirements under 40 CFR 503 for domestic wastewater. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has principal authority for permitting and enforcement of the federal sludge regulations under 40 CFR 503 for domestic wastewater. EPA has reviewed and accepted these standard sludge conditions. EPA may choose to issue a separate sludge addendum to this permit or a separate federal sludge permit at their discretion to further address the federal requirements.
2. These PART III Standard Conditions apply only to sludge and biosolids generated at domestic wastewater treatment facilities, including public owned treatment works (POTW), privately owned facilities and sludge or biosolids generated at industrial facilities.
3. Sludge and Biosolids Use and Disposal Practices:
    a. The permittee is authorized to operate the sludge and biosolids treatment, storage, use, and disposal facilities listed in the facility description of this permit.
    b. The permittee shall not exceed the design sludge volume listed in the facility description and shall not use sludge disposal methods that are not listed in the facility description, without prior approval of the permitting authority.
    c. The permittee is authorized to operate the storage, treatment or generating sites listed in the Facility Description section of this permit.
4. Sludge Received from other Facilities:
    a. Permittees may accept domestic wastewater sludge from other facilities including septic tank pumpings from residential sources as long as the design sludge volume is not exceeded and the treatment facility performance is not impaired.
    b. The permittee shall obtain a signed statement from the sludge generator or hauler that certifies the type and source of the sludge
5. These permit requirements do not supersede nor remove liability for compliance with county and other local ordinances.
6. These permit requirements do not supersede nor remove liability for compliance with other environmental regulations such as odor emissions under the Missouri Air Pollution Control Law and regulations.
7. This permit may (after due process) be modified, or alternatively revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable sludge disposal standard or limitation issued or approved under Section 405(d) of the Clean Water Actor under Chapter 644 RSMo.
8. In addition to STANDARD CONDITIONS, the Department may include sludge limitations in the special conditions portion or other sections of a site specific permit.
9. Alternate Limits in the Site Specific Permit.
   Where deemed appropriate, the Department may require an individual site specific permit in order to authorize alternate limitations:
    a. A site specific permit must be obtained for each operating location, including application sites.
    b. To request a site specific permit, an individual permit application, permit fee, and supporting documents shall be submitted for each operating location. This shall include a detailed sludge/biosolids management plan or engineering report.
10. Exceptions to these Standard Conditions may be authorized on a case-by-case basis by the Department, as follows:
    a. The Department will prepare a permit modification and follow permit notice provisions as applicable under 10 CSR 20-6.020, 40 CFR 124.10, and 40 CFR 501.15(a)(2)(ix)(E). This includes notification of the owner of the property located adjacent to each land application site, where appropriate.
    b. Exceptions cannot be granted where prohibited by the federal sludge regulations under 40 CFR 503.

SECTION B – DEFINITIONS

1. Best Management Practices include agronomic loading rates, soil conservation practices and other site restrictions.
2. Biosolids means organic fertilizer or soil amendment produced by the treatment of domestic wastewater sludge.
3. Biosolids land application facility is a facility where biosolids are spread onto the land at agronomic rates for production of food or fiber. The facility includes any structures necessary to store the biosolids until soil, weather, and crop conditions are favorable for land application.
4. Class A biosolids means a material that has met the Class A pathogen reduction requirements or equivalent treatment by a Process to Further Reduce Pathogens (PFRP) in accordance with 40 CFR 503.
5. Class B biosolids means a material that has met the Class B pathogen reduction requirements or equivalent treatment by a Process to Significantly Reduce Pathogens (PFRP) in accordance with 40 CFR 503.
6. Domestic wastewater means wastewater originating from the sanitary conveniences of residences, commercial buildings, factories and institutions; or co-mingled sanitary and industrial wastewater processed by a (POTW) or a privately owned facility.
7. Industrial wastewater means any wastewater, also known as process water, not defined as domestic wastewater. Per 40 CFR Part 122, process water means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product.
8. Mechanical treatment plants are wastewater treatment facilities that use mechanical devices to treat wastewater, including septic tanks, sand filters, extended aeration, activated sludge, contact stabilization, trickling filters, rotating biological discs, and other similar facilities. It does not include wastewater treatment lagoons and constructed wetlands for wastewater treatment.
9. Operating location as defined in 10 CSR 20-2.010 is all contiguous lands owned, operated or controlled by one (1) person or by two (2) or more persons jointly or as tenants in common.
10. Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) is the nitrogen that will be available to plants during the growing seasons after biosolids application.
11. Public contact site is land with a high potential for contact by the public. This includes, but is not limited to, public parks, ball fields, cemeteries, plant nurseries, turf farms, and golf courses.
12. Sludge is the solid, semisolid, or liquid residue removed during the treatment of wastewater. Sludge includes septage removed from septic tanks or equivalent facilities. Sludge does not include carbon coal byproducts (CCBs)
13. Sludge lagoon is part of a mechanical wastewater treatment facility. A sludge lagoon is an earthen basin that receives sludge that has been removed from a wastewater treatment facility. It does not include a wastewater treatment lagoon or sludge treatment units that are not a part of a mechanical wastewater treatment facility.
14. Septage is the material pumped from residential septic tanks and similar treatment works (with a design population of less than 150 people). The standard for biosolids from septage is different from other sludges.

SECTION C – MECHANICAL WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITIES

1. Sludge shall be routinely removed from wastewater treatment facilities and handled according to the permit facility description and sludge conditions of this permit.
2. The permittee shall operate the facility so that there is no sludge discharged to waters of the state.
3. Mechanical treatment plants shall have separate sludge storage compartments in accordance with 10 CSR 20, Chapter 8. Failure to remove sludge from these storage compartments on the required design schedule is a violation of this permit.

SECTION D – SLUDGE DISPOSED AT OTHER TREATMENT FACILITY OR CONTRACT HAULER

1. This section applies to permittees that haul sludge to another treatment facility for disposal or use contract haulers to remove and dispose of sludge.
2. Permittees that use contract haulers are responsible for compliance with all the terms of this permit including final disposal, unless the hauler has a separate permit for sludge or biosolids disposal issued by the Department; or the hauler transports the sludge to another permitted treatment facility.
3. Haulers who land apply septage must obtain a state permit.
4. Testing of sludge, other than total solids content, is not required if sludge is hauled to a municipal wastewater treatment facility or other permitted wastewater treatment facility, unless it is required by the accepting facility.

SECTION E – INCINERATION OF SLUDGE

1. Sludge incineration facilities shall comply with the requirements of 40 CFR 503 Subpart E; air pollution control regulations under 10 CSR 10; and solid waste management regulations under 10 CSR 80.
2. Permittee may be authorized under the facility description of this permit to store incineration ash in lagoons or ash ponds. This permit does not authorize the disposal of incineration ash. Incineration ash shall be disposed in accordance with 10 CSR 80; or if the ash is determined to be hazardous with 10 CSR 25.
3. In addition to normal sludge monitoring, incineration facilities shall report the following as part of the annual report, quantity of sludge incinerated, quantity of ash generated, quantity of ash stored, and ash used or disposal method, quantity, and location. Permittee shall also provide the name of the disposal facility and the applicable permit number.

SECTION F – SURFACE DISPOSAL SITES AND SLUDGE LAGOONS

1. Surface disposal sites of domestic facilities shall comply with the requirements in 40 CFR 503 Subpart C; air pollution control regulations under 10 CSR 10; and solid waste management regulations under 10 CSR 80.
2. Sludge storage lagoons are temporary facilities and are not required to obtain a permit as a solid waste management facility under 10 CSR 80. In order to maintain sludge storage lagoons as storage facilities, accumulated sludge must be removed routinely, but not less than once every two years unless an alternate schedule is approved in the permit. The amount of sludge removed will be dependent on sludge generation and accumulation in the facility. Enough sludge must be removed to maintain adequate storage capacity in the facility.
    a. In order to avoid damage to the lagoon seal during cleaning, the permittee may leave a layer of sludge on the bottom of the lagoon, upon prior approval of the Department; or
    b. Permittee shall close the lagoon in accordance with Section H.

SECTION G – LAND APPLICATION

1. The permittee shall not land apply sludge or biosolids unless land application is authorized in the facility description or the special conditions of the issued NPDES permit.
2. Land application sites within a 20 miles radius of the wastewater treatment facility are authorized under this permit when biosolids are applied for beneficial use in accordance with these standard conditions unless otherwise specified in a site specific permit. If the permittee's land application site is greater than a 20 mile radius of the wastewater treatment facility, approval must be granted from the Department.
3. Land application shall not adversely affect a threatened or endangered species or its designated critical habitat.
4. Biosolids shall not be applied unless authorized in this permit or exempted under 10 CSR 20, Chapter 6.
    a. This permit does not authorize the land application of domestic sludge except for when sludge meets the definition of biosolids.
    b. This permit authorizes "Class A or B" biosolids derived from domestic wastewater and/or process water sludge to be land applied onto grass land, crop land, timber or other similar agricultural or silviculture lands at rates suitable for beneficial use as organic fertilizer and soil conditioner.
5. Public Contact Sites:

    Permittees who wish to apply Class A biosolids to public contact sites must obtain approval from the Department after two years of proper operation with acceptable testing documentation that shows the biosolids meet Class A criteria. A shorter length of testing will be allowed with prior approval from the Department. Authorization for land applications must be provided in the special conditions section of this permit or in a separate site specific permit.
    a. After Class B biosolids have been land applied, public access must be restricted for 12 months.
    b. Class B biosolids are only land applied to root crops, home gardens or vegetable crops whose edible parts will not be for human consumption.
6. Agricultural and Silvicultural Sites:

    Septage – Based on Water Quality guide 422 (WQ422) published by the University of Missouri
    a. Haulers that land apply septage must obtain a state permit
    b. Do not apply more than 30,000 gallons of septage per acre per year.
    c. Septage tanks are designed to retain sludge for one to three years which will allow for a larger reduction in pathogens and vectors, as compared to other mechanical type treatment facilities.
    d. To meet Class B sludge requirements, maintain septage at 12 pH for at least thirty (30) minutes before land application. 50 pounds of hydrated lime shall be added to each 1,000 gallons of septage in order to meet pathogen and vector stabilization for septage biosolids applied to crops, pastures or timberland.
    e. Lime is to be added to the pump truck and not directly to the septic tanks, as lime would harm the beneficial bacteria of the septic tank.

Biosolids - Based on Water Quality guide 423, 424, and 425 (WQ423, WQ424, WQ425) published by the University of Missouri;

a. Biosolids shall be monitored to determine the quality for regulated pollutants

b. The number of samples taken is directly related to the amount of sludge produced by the facility (See Section I of these Standard Conditions). Report as dry weight unless otherwise specified in the site specific permit. Samples should be taken only during land application periods. When necessary, it is permissible to mix biosolids with lower concentrations of biosolids as well as other suitable Department approved material to reach the maximum concentration of pollutants allowed.

c. Table 1 gives the maximum concentration allowable to protect water quality standards

TABLE 1

Biosolids ceiling concentration [1]	
Pollutant	Milligrams per kilogram dry weight
Arsenic	75
Cadmium	85
Copper	4,300
Lead	840
Mercury	57
Molybdenum	75
Nickel	420
Selenium	100
Zinc	7,500

[1] Land application is not allowed if the sludge concentration exceeds the maximum limits for any of these pollutants

d. The low metal concentration biosolids has reduced requirements because of its higher quality and can safely be applied for 100 years or longer at typical agronomic loading rates. (See Table 2)

TABLE 2

Biosolids Low Metal Concentration [1]	
Pollutant	Milligrams per kilogram dry weight
Arsenic	41
Cadmium	39
Copper	1,500
Lead	300
Mercury	17
Nickel	420
Selenium	36
Zinc	2,800

[1] You may apply low metal biosolids without tracking cumulative metal limits, provided the cumulative application of biosolids does not exceed 500 dry tons per acre.

e. Each pollutant in Table 3 has an annual and a total cumulative loading limit, based on the allowable pounds per acre for various soil categories.

TABLE 3

Pollutant	CEC 15+		CEC 5 to 15		CEC 0 to 5	
	Annual	Total [1]	Annual	Total [1]	Annual	Total [1]
Arsenic	1.8	36.0	1.8	36.0	1.8	36.0
Cadmium	1.7	35.0	0.9	9.0	0.4	4.5
Copper	66.0	1,335.0	25.0	250.0	12.0	125.0
Lead	13.0	267.0	13.0	267.0	13.0	133.0
Mercury	0.7	15.0	0.7	15.0	0.7	15.0
Nickel	19.0	347.0	19.0	250.0	12.0	125.0
Selenium	4.5	89.0	4.5	44.0	1.6	16.0
Zinc	124.0	2,492.0	50.0	500.0	25.0	250.0

[1] Total cumulative loading limits for soils with equal or greater than 6.0 pH (salt based test) or 6.5 pH (water based test)

TABLE 4 - Guidelines for land application of other trace substances [1]

Cumulative Loading	
Pollutant	Pounds per acre
Aluminum	4,000[2]
Beryllium	100
Cobalt	50
Fluoride	800
Manganese	500
Silver	200
Tin	1,000
Dioxin	(10 ppt in soil)[3]
Other	[4]

[1] Design of land treatment systems for Industrial Waste, 1979. Michael Ray Overcash, North Carolina State University and Land Treatment of Municipal Wastewater, EPA 1981.)

[2] This applies for a soil with a pH between 6.0 and 7.0 (salt based test) or a pH between 6.5 to 7.5 (water based test). Case-by-case review is required for higher pH soils.

[3] Total Dioxin Toxicity Equivalents (TEQ) in soils, based on a risk assessment under 40 CFR 744, May 1998.

[4] Case by case review. Concentrations in sludge should not exceed the 95th percentile of the National Sewage Sludge Survey, EPA, January 2009.

Best Management Practices – Based on Water Quality guide 426 (WQ426) published by the University of Missouri

a. Use best management practices when applying biosolids.
b. Biosolids cannot discharge from the land application site
c. Biosolid application is subject to the Missouri Department of Agriculture State Milk Board concerning grazing restrictions of lactating dairy cattle.
d. Biosolid application must be in accordance with section 4 of the Endangered Species Act.
e. Do not apply more than the agronomic rate of nitrogen needed.
f. The applicator must document the Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) loadings, available nitrogen in the soil, and crop removal when either of the following occurs: 1) When biosolids are greater than 50,000 mg/kg TN; or 2) When biosolids are land applied at an application rate greater than two dry tons per acre per year.
    i. PAN can be determined as follows and is in accordance with WQ426
    (Nitrate + nitrite nitrogen) + (organic nitrogen x 0.2) + (ammonia nitrogen x volatilization factor[1]).
    [1] Volatilization factor is 0.7 for surface application and 1 for subsurface application.
g. Buffer zones are as follows:
    i. 300 feet of a water supply well, sinkhole, lake, pond, water supply reservoir or water supply intake in a stream;
    ii. 300 feet of a losing stream, no discharge stream, stream stretches designated for whole body contact recreation, wild and scenic rivers, Ozark National Scenic Riverways or outstanding state resource waters as listed in the Water Quality Standards, 10 CSR 20-7.031;
    iii. 150 feet if dwellings;
    iv. 100 feet of wetlands or permanent flowing streams;
    v. 50 feet of a property line or other waters of the state, including intermittent flowing streams.
h. Slope limitation for application sites are as follows;
    i. A slope 0 to 6 percent has no rate limitation
    ii. Applied to a slope 7 to 12 percent, the applicator may apply biosolids when soil conservation practices are used to meet the minimum erosion levels
    iii. Slopes > 12 percent, apply biosolids only when grass is vegetated and maintained with at least 80 percent ground cover at a rate of two dry tons per acre per year or less.
i. No biosolids may be land applied in an area that it is reasonably certain that pollutants will be transported into waters of the state.
j. Do not apply biosolids to sites with soil that is snow covered, frozen or saturated with liquid without prior approval by the Department.
k. Biosolids / sludge applicators must keep detailed records up to five years.

SECTION H – CLOSURE REQUIREMENTS

1. This section applies to all wastewater facilities (mechanical, industrial, and lagoons) and sludge or biosolids storage and treatment facilities and incineration ash ponds. It does not apply to land application sites.
2. Permittees of a domestic wastewater facility who plan to cease operation must obtain Department approval of a closure plan which addresses proper removal and disposal of all residues, including sludge, biosolids. Mechanical plants, sludge lagoons, ash ponds and other storage structures must obtain approval of a closure plan from the Department. Permittee must maintain this permit until the facility is closed in accordance with the approved closure plan per 10 CSR 20 – 6. 010 and 10 CSR 20 – 6.015.
3. Residuals that are left in place during closure of a lagoon or earthen structure or ash pond shall not exceed the agricultural loading rates as follows:
    a. Residuals shall meet the monitoring and land application limits for agricultural rates as referenced in Section H of these standard conditions.
    b. If a wastewater treatment lagoon has been in operation for 15 years or more without sludge removal, the sludge in the lagoon qualifies as a Class B biosolids with respect to pathogens due to anaerobic digestion, and testing for fecal coliform is not required. For other lagoons, testing for fecal coliform is required to show compliance with Class B biosolids limitations. In order to reach Class B biosolids requirements, fecal coliform must be less than 2,000,000 colony forming units or 2,000,000 most probable number. All fecal samples must be presented as geometric mean per gram.
    c. The allowable nitrogen loading that may be left in the lagoon shall be based on the plant available nitrogen (PAN) loading. For a grass cover crop, the allowable PAN is 300 pounds/acre.
        i. PAN can be determined as follows:

        (Nitrate + nitrite nitrogen) + (organic nitrogen x 0.2) + (ammonia nitrogen x volatilization factor[1]).

        [1] Volatilization factor is 0.7 for surface application and 1 for subsurface application.
4. When closing a domestic wastewater treatment lagoon with a design treatment capacity equal or less than 150 persons, the residuals are considered "septage" under the similar treatment works definition. See Section B of these standard conditions. Under the septage category, residuals may be left in place as follows:
    a. Testing for metals or fecal coliform is not required
    b. If the wastewater treatment lagoon has been in use for less than 15 years, mix lime with the sludge at a rate of 50 pounds of hydrated lime per 1000 gallons (134 cubic feet) of sludge.
    c. The amount of sludge that may be left in the lagoon shall be based on the plant available nitrogen (PAN) loading. 100 dry tons/acre of sludge may be left in the basin without testing for nitrogen. If 100 dry tons/acre or more will be left in the lagoon, test for nitrogen and determine the PAN using the calculation above. Allowable PAN loading is 300 pounds/acre.
5. Residuals left within the domestic lagoon shall be mixed with soil on at least a 1 to 1 ratio, the lagoon berm shall be demolished, and the site shall be graded and contain ≥70% vegetative density over 100% of the site so as to avoid ponding of storm water and provide adequate surface water drainage without creating erosion.
6. Lagoons and/or earthen structure and/or ash pond closure activities shall obtain a storm water permit for land disturbance activities that equal or exceed one acre in accordance with 10 CSR 20-6.200
7. When closing a mechanical wastewater and/or industrial process wastewater plant; all sludge must be cleaned out and disposed of in accordance with the Department approved closure plan before the permit for the facility can be terminated.
    a. Land must be stabilized which includes any grading, alternate use or fate upon approval by the Department, remediation, or other work that exposes sediment to stormwater per 10 CSR 20-6.200. The site shall be graded and contain ≥70% vegetative density over 100% of the site, so as to avoid ponding of storm water and provide adequate surface water drainage without creating erosion.
    b. Per 10 CSR 20-6.015(4)(B)6, Hazardous Waste shall not be land applied or disposed during industrial and mechanical plant closures unless in accordance with Missouri Hazardous Waste Management Law and Regulations under 10 CSR 25.
    c. After demolition of the mechanical plant / industrial plant, the site must only contain clean fill defined in RSMo 260.200 (5) as uncontaminated soil, rock, sand, gravel, concrete, asphaltic concrete, cinderblocks, brick, minimal amounts of wood and metal, and inert solids as approved by rule or policy of the Department for fill or other beneficial use. Other solid wastes must be removed.
8. If sludge from the domestic lagoon or mechanical treatment plant exceeds agricultural rates under Section G and/or H, a landfill permit or solid waste disposal permit must be obtained if the permittee chooses to seek authorization for on-site sludge disposal under the Missouri Solid Waste Management Law and regulations per 10 CSR 80, and the permittee must comply with the surface disposal requirements under 40 CFR 503, Subpart C.

SECTION I – MONITORING FREQUENCY

1. At a minimum, sludge or biosolids shall be tested for volume and percent total solids on a frequency that will accurately represent sludge quantities produced and disposed. Please see the table below.

TABLE 5

Design Sludge Production (dry tons per year)	Monitoring Frequency (See Notes 1, 2 and 3)			
	Metals, Pathogens and Vectors	Nitrogen TKN [1]	Nitrogen PAN [2]	Priority Pollutants and TCLP [3]
0 to 100	1 per year	1 per year	1 per month	1 per year
101 to 200	biannual	biannual	1 per month	1 per year
201 to 1,000	quarterly	quarterly	1 per month	1 per year
1,001 to 10,000	1 per month	1 per month	1 per week	--[4]
10,001 +	1 per week	1 per week	1 per day	--[4]

[1] Test total Kjeldahl nitrogen, if biosolids application is 2 dry tons per acre per year or less.
[2] Calculate plant available nitrogen (PAN) when either of the following occurs: 1) when biosolids are greater than 50,000 mg/kg TN; or 2) when biosolids are land applied at an application rate greater than two dry tons per acre per year.
[3] Priority pollutants (40 CFR 122.21, Appendix D, Tables II and III) and toxicity characteristic leaching procedure (40 CFR 261.24) is required only for permit holders that must have a pre-treatment program.
[4] One sample for each 1,000 dry tons of sludge.

Note 1: Total solids: A grab sample of sludge shall be tested one per day during land application periods for percent total solids. This data shall be used to calculate the dry tons of sludge applied per acre.
Note 2: Total Phosphorus: Total phosphorus and total potassium shall be tested at the same monitoring frequency as metals.
Note 3: Table 5 is not applicable for incineration

2. If you own a wastewater treatment lagoon or sludge lagoon that is cleaned out once a year or less, you may choose to sample only when the sludge is removed or the lagoon is closed. Test one composite sample for each 100 dry tons of sludge or biosolids removed from the lagoon during the year within the lagoon at closing. Composite sample must represent various areas at one-foot depth.
3. Additional testing may be required in the special conditions or other sections of the permit. Permittees receiving industrial wastewater may be required to conduct additional testing upon request from the Department.
4. At this time, the Department recommends monitoring requirements shall be performed in accordance with, "POTW Sludge Sampling and Analysis Guidance Document," United States Environmental Protection Agency, August 1989, and the subsequent revisions.

SECTION J – RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. The permittee shall maintain records on file at the facility for at least five years for the items listed in these standard conditions and any additional items in the Special Conditions section of this permit. This shall include dates when the sludge facility is checked for proper operation, records of maintenance and repairs and other relevant information.
2. Reporting period
   a. By January 28th of each year, an annual report shall be submitted for the previous calendar year period for all mechanical wastewater treatment facilities, sludge lagoons, and sludge or biosolids disposal facilities.
   b. Permittees with wastewater treatment lagoons shall submit the above annual report only when sludge or biosolids are removed from the lagoon during the report period or when the lagoon is closed.
3. Report Forms. The annual report shall be submitted on report forms provided by the Department or equivalent forms approved by the Department.
4. Reports shall be submitted as follows:

   Major facilities (those serving 10,000 persons or 1 million gallons per day) shall report to both the Department and EPA. Other facilities need to report only to the Department. Reports shall be submitted to the addresses listed as follows:

   DNR regional office listed in your permit
   (see cover letter of permit)
   ATTN: Sludge Coordinator

   EPA Region VII
   Water Compliance Branch (WACM)
   Sludge Coordinator
   11201 Renner Blvd.
   Lenexa, KS 66219

5. Annual report contents. The annual report shall include the following:
    a. Sludge and biosolids testing performed. Include a copy or summary of all test results, even if not required by the permit.
    b. Sludge or biosolids quantity shall be reported as dry tons for quantity generated by the wastewater treatment facility, the quantity stored on site at the end of the year, and the quantity used or disposed.
    c. Gallons and % solids data used to calculate the dry ton amounts.
    d. Description of any unusual operating conditions.
    e. Final disposal method, dates, and location, and person responsible for hauling and disposal.
        i. This must include the name, address for the hauler and sludge facility. If hauled to a municipal wastewater treatment facility, sanitary landfill, or other approved treatment facility, give the name of that facility.
        ii. Include a description of the type of hauling equipment used and the capacity in tons, gallons, or cubic feet.
    f. Contract Hauler Activities:
    If contract hauler, provide a copy of a signed contract from the contractor. Permittee shall require the contractor to supply information required under this permit for which the contractor is responsible. The permittee shall submit a signed statement from the contractor that he has complied with the standards contained in this permit, unless the contract hauler has a separate sludge or biosolids use permit.
    g. Land Application Sites:
        i. Report the location of each application site, the annual and cumulative dry tons/acre for each site, and the landowners name and address. The location for each spreading site shall be given as a legal description for nearest ¼, ¼, Section, Township, Range, and county, or UTM coordinates. The facility shall report PAN when either of the following occurs: 1) When biosolids are greater than 50,000 mg/kg TN; or 2) when biosolids are land applied at an application rate greater than two dry tons per acre per year.
        ii. If the “Low Metals” criteria are exceeded, report the annual and cumulative pollutant loading rates in pounds per acre for each applicable pollutant, and report the percent of cumulative pollutant loading which has been reached at each site.
        iii. Report the method used for compliance with pathogen and vector attraction requirements.
        iv. Report soil test results for pH, CEC, and phosphorus. If none was tested during the year, report the last date when tested and results.

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FORM B2 – APPLICATION FOR OPERATING PERMIT FOR FACILITIES THAT RECEIVE PRIMARILY DOMESTIC WASTE AND HAVE A DESIGN FLOW MORE THAN 100,000 GALLONS PER DAY

FACILITY NAME	
Liberal WWTF	
PERMIT NO.	COUNTY
0045837	Barton

APPLICATION OVERVIEW

Form B2 has been developed in a modular format and consists of Parts A, B and C and a Supplemental Application Information (Parts D, E, F and G) packet. All applicants must complete Parts A, B and C. Some applicants must also complete parts of the Supplemental Application Information packet. The following items explain which parts of Form B2 you must complete. Submittal of an incomplete application may result in the application being returned.

BASIC APPLICATION INFORMATION

A. Basic Application Information for all Applicants. All applicants must complete Part A.

B. Additional Application Information for all Applicants. All applicants must complete Part B.

C. Certification. All applicants must complete Part C.

SUPPLEMENTAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

D. Expanded Effluent Testing Data. A treatment works that discharges effluent to surface water of the United States and meets one or more of the following criteria must complete *Part D - Expanded Effluent Testing Data*:

1. Has a design flow rate greater than or equal to 1 million gallons per day.
2. Is required to have or currently has a pretreatment program.
3. Is otherwise required by the permitting authority to provide the information.

E. Toxicity Testing Data. A treatment works that meets one or more of the following criteria must complete *Part E - Toxicity Testing Data*:

1. Has a design flow rate greater than or equal to 1 million gallons per day.
2. Is required to have or currently has a pretreatment program.
3. Is otherwise required by the permitting authority to provide the information.

F. Industrial User Discharges and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act / Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act Wastes. A treatment works that accepts process wastewater from any significant industrial users, also known as SIUs, or receives a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act or CERCLA wastes must complete *Part F - Industrial User Discharges and Resource Conservation and Recovery Act /CERCLA Wastes*.

SIUs are defined as:

1. All Categorical Industrial Users, or CIUs, subject to Categorical Pretreatment Standards under 40 Code of Federal Regulations 403.6 and 40 Code of Federal Regulations 403.6 and 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter N.
2. Any other industrial user that meets one or more of the following:
   - i. Discharges an average of 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the treatment works (with certain exclusions).
   - ii. Contributes a process waste stream that makes up five percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the treatment plant.
   - iii. Is designated as an SIU by the control authority.
   - iv. Is otherwise required by the permitting authority to provide the information.

G. Combined Sewer Systems. A treatment works that has a combined sewer system must complete *Part G - Combined Sewer Systems*.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE PARTS A, B and C

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FOR AGENCY USE ONLY	
CHECK NUMBER	
DATE RECEIVED 6/23/15	FEE SUBMITTED OSB

PART A – BASIC APPLICATION INFORMATION

1. THIS APPLICATION IS FOR:

☐ An operating permit for a new or unpermitted facility. Construction Permit # _____
(Please include completed Antidegradation Review or request to conduct an Antidegradation Review, see instructions)

☑ An operating permit renewal: Permit #MO-45837 Expiration Date 2015

☐ An operating permit modification: Permit #MO-_____ Reason: _____

1.1 Is the appropriate fee included with the application (see instructions for appropriate fee)? ☑ YES ☐ NO

2. FACILITY

NAME		TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE	
Liberal WWTF		417-843-2135	
ADDRESS (PHYSICAL)	CITY	STATE	ZIP
W. K Hwy & 120th Lane	Liberal	MO	64762

2.1 **LEGAL DESCRIPTION** (Facility Site): SE ¼, SE ¼, SE ¼, Sec. 35 , T , R 33W — COUNTY: Barton

2.2 UTM Coordinates Easting (X): _____ Northing (Y): _____
For Universal Transverse Mercator (UTM), Zone 15 North referenced to North American Datum 1983 (NAD83)

2.3 Name of receiving stream: Bitter Creek (U) E. Fork Drywood Creek (C) (01320)

2.4 Number of Outfalls: 2 wastewater outfalls, stormwater outfalls, instream monitoring sites

3. OWNER

NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE	
City Of Liberal	cityofliberal@love.com	417-843-2135	
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP
209 S Main, PO Box 67	Liberal	MO	64762

3.1 Request review of draft permit prior to Public Notice? ☑ YES ☐ NO

3.2 Are you a Publically Owned Treatment Works (POTW)? ☐ YES ☑ NO

3.3 Are you a Privately Owned Treatment Facility? ☐ YES ☑ NO

3.4 Are you a Privately Owned Treatment Facility regulated by the Public Service Commission (PSC)? ☐ YES ☑ NO

4. CONTINUING AUTHORITY: Permanent organization which will serve as the continuing authority for the operation, maintenance and modernization of the facility.

NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE WITH AREA CODE	
Same			
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP

If the Continuing Authority is different than the Owner, please include a copy of the contract agreement between the two parties and a description of the responsibilities of both parties within the agreement.

5. OPERATOR

NAME	TITLE	CERTIFICATE NUMBER (IF APPLICABLE)
Glen Polnack	Chief Operator	12906
E-MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE	
cityofliberal@live.com	417-843-2135	

6. FACILITY CONTACT

NAME	TITLE		
Same			
E-MAIL ADDRESS	TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE		
ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

SW Barton

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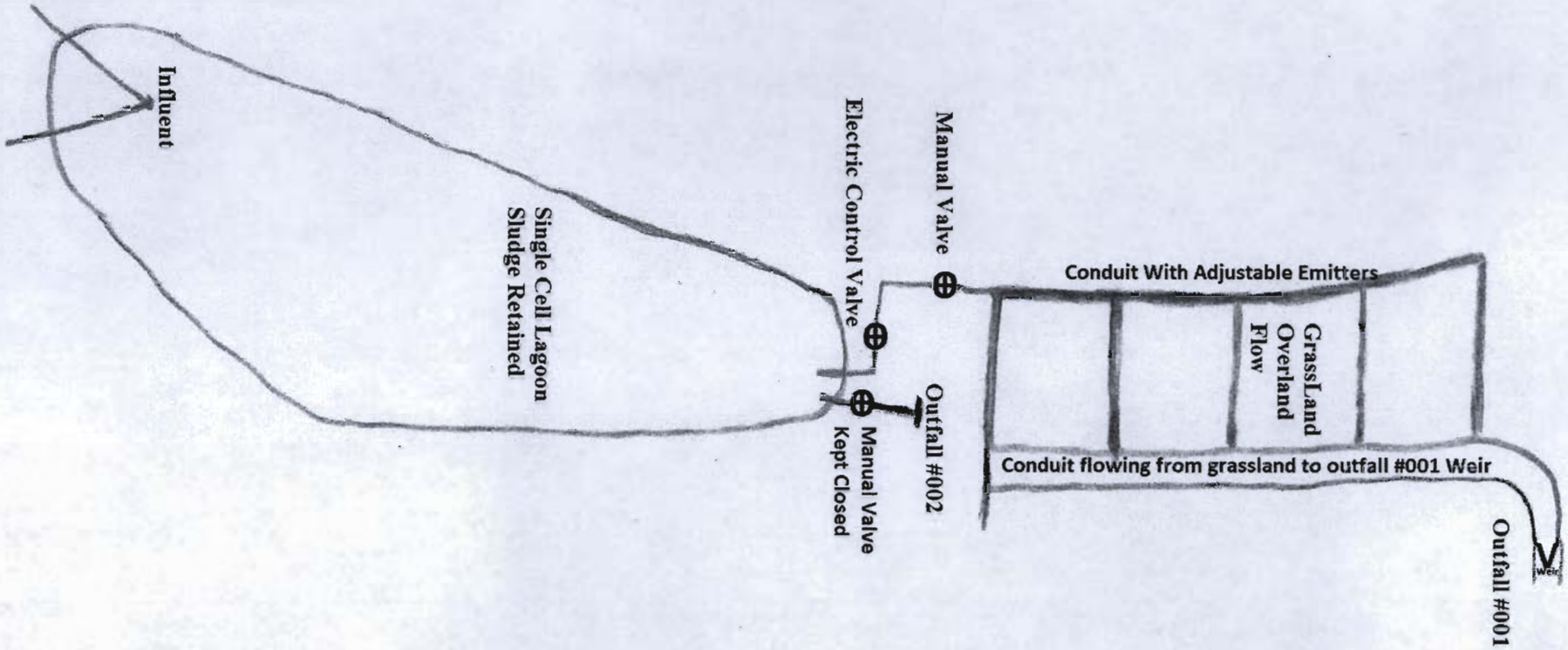
PART A – BASIC APPLICATION INFORMATION

7. FACILITY INFORMATION

7.1 Process Flow Diagram or Schematic. Provide a diagram showing the processes of the treatment plant. Show all of the treatment units, including disinfection (e.g. – Chlorination and Dechlorination), influents, and outfalls. Indicate any treatment process changes in the routing of wastewater during dry weather and peak wet weather. Include a brief narrative description of the diagram. Attach sheets as necessary.



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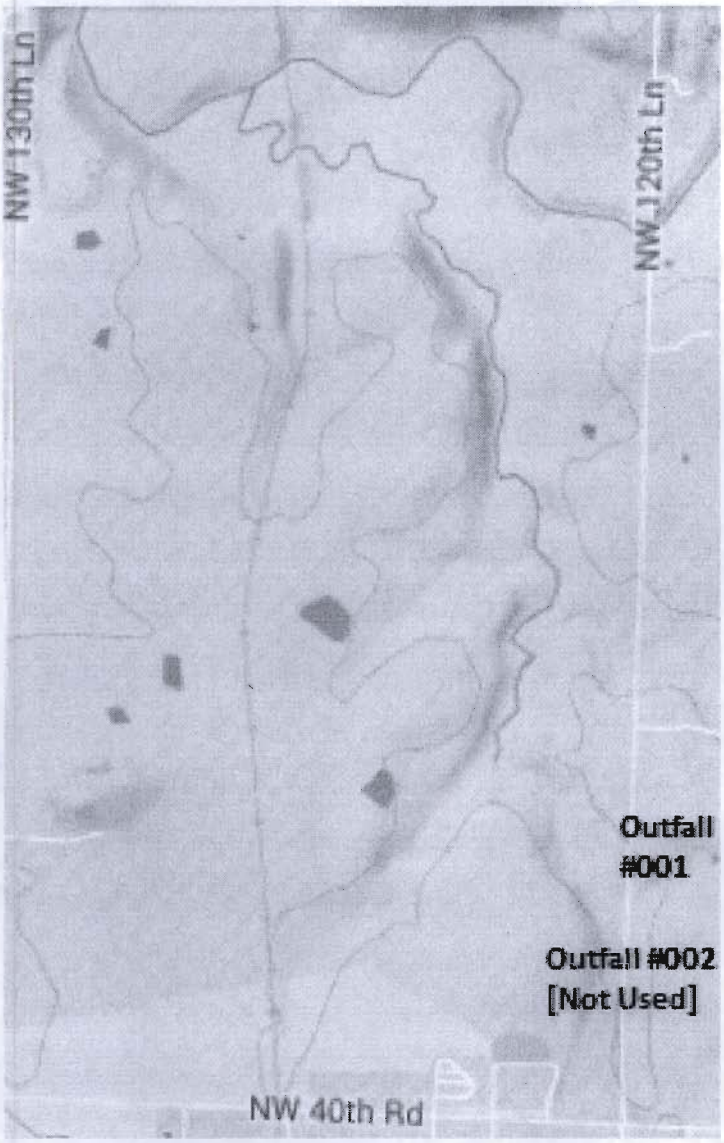

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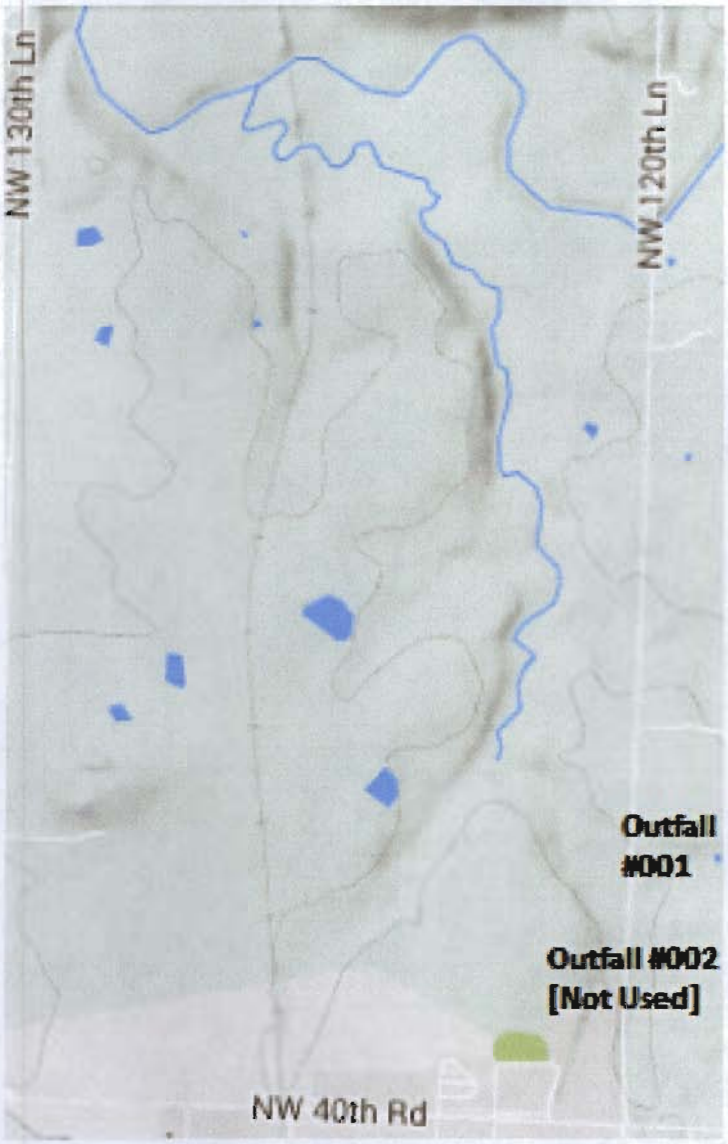

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PART A – BASIC APPLICATION INFORMATION

7. FACILITY INFORMATION (continued)

7.2 Topographic Map. Attach to this application a topographic map of the area extending at least one mile beyond facility property boundaries. This map must show the outline of the facility and the following information.

a. The area surrounding the treatment plant, including all unit processes.
b. The location of the downstream landowner(s). (See Item 10.)
c. The major pipes or other structures through which wastewater enters the treatment works and the pipes or other structures through which treated wastewater is discharged from the treatment plant. Include outfalls from bypass piping, if applicable.
d. The actual point of discharge.
e. Wells, springs, other surface water bodies and drinking water wells that are: 1) within ¼ mile of the property boundaries of the treatment works, and 2) listed in public record or otherwise known to the applicant.
f. Any areas where the sewage sludge produced by the treatment works is stored, treated, or disposed.
g. If the treatment works receives waste that is classified as hazardous under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) by truck, rail, or special pipe, show on the map where that hazardous waste enters the treatment works and where it is treated, stored, or disposed.

7.3 Facility SIC Code: 4952. | Discharge SIC Code: 4952.

7.4 Number of people presently connected or population equivalent (P.E.): 759 Design P.E. 1200

7.5 Connections to the facility:

Number of units presently connected:

Homes 291 Trailers 0 Apartments 43 Other (including industrial) 14

Number of Commercial Establishments: 25

7.6 Design Flow 100,000 gpd | Actual Flow 70,000

7.7 Will discharge be continuous through the year? Yes ■ No ☐

Discharge will occur during the following months: How many days of the week will discharge occur?

7.8 Is industrial waste discharged to the facility? Yes ☐ No ■

If yes, please describe the number and types of industries that discharge to your facility.

Refer to the APPLICATION OVERVIEW to determine whether additional information is needed for Part F.

7.9 Does the facility accept or process leachate from landfills?: Yes ☐ No ■

7.10 Is wastewater land applied? Yes ☐ No ■

If yes, is Form I attached? Yes ☐ No ☐

7.11 Does the facility discharge to a losing stream or sinkhole? Yes ☐ No ■

7.12 Has a wasteload allocation study been completed for this facility? Yes ☐ No ■

8. LABORATORY CONTROL INFORMATION

LABORATORY WORK CONDUCTED BY PLANT PERSONNEL

Lab work conducted outside of plant.	Yes ☐	No ■
Push–button or visual methods for simple test such as pH, settleable solids.	Yes ■	No ☐
Additional procedures such as Dissolved Oxygen, Chemical Oxygen Demand, Biological Oxygen Demand, titrations, solids, volatile content.	Yes ☐	No ☐
More advanced determinations such as BOD seeding procedures, fecal coliform, nutrients, total oils, phenols, etc.	Yes ☐	No ☐
Highly sophisticated instrumentation, such as atomic absorption and gas chromatograph.	Yes ☐	No ☐

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PART A – BASIC APPLICATION INFORMATION

9. SLUDGE HANDLING, USE AND DISPOSAL

9.1 Is the sludge a hazardous waste as defined by 10 CSR 25? Yes ☐ No ☑

9.2 Sludge production (Including sludge received from others): Design Dry Tons/Year 14.4 Actual Dry Tons/Year N/A

9.3 Sludge storage provided: _____ Cubic feet; _____ Days of storage; _____ Average percent solids of sludge;

☐ No sludge storage is provided. ☑ Sludge is stored in lagoon.

9.4 Type of storage:

☐ Holding Tank ☐ Building
☐ Basin ☑ Lagoon
☐ Concrete Pad ☐ Other (Please describe) _____

9.5 Sludge Treatment:

☐ Anaerobic Digester ☐ Storage Tank ☐ Lime Stabilization ☑ Lagoon
☐ Aerobic Digester ☐ Air or Heat Drying ☐ Composting ☐ Other (Attach Description)

9.6 Sludge use or disposal:

☐ Land Application ☐ Contract Hauler ☐ Hauled to Another Treatment Facility ☐ Solid Waste Landfill
☐ Surface Disposal (Sludge Disposal Lagoon, Sludge Held For More Than Two Years) ☐ Incineration
☐ Other (Attach Explanation Sheet) _____

9.7 Person responsible for hauling sludge to disposal facility:
| By Applicant | By Others (complete below)

NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS
N/A	

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE WITH AREA CODE	PERMIT NO.
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9.8 Sludge use or disposal facility:
☐ By Applicant ☐ By Others (Please complete below)

NAME	E-MAIL ADDRESS
N/A	

ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP CODE

CONTACT PERSON	TELEPHONE WITH AREA CODE	PERMIT NO.
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9.9 Does the sludge or biosolids disposal comply with Federal Sludge Regulation 40 CFR 503?
☐Yes ☐ No (Please explain)

N/A

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PART B – ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

10. COLLECTION SYSTEM

10.1 Length of sanitary sewer collection system in miles
6.5

10.2 Does significant infiltration occur in the collection system? ☐ Yes ☐ No
If yes, briefly explain any steps underway or planned to minimize inflow and infiltration:

We have smoke tested our system. We use dye to check for inflow/infiltration/excessive flow at manholes when it rains. We have sealed and are raising a number of manholes, as well as redirecting surface water.

11. BYPASSING

Does any bypassing occur anywhere in the collection system or at the treatment facility? Yes ☐ No ☑
If yes, explain:

12. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE PERFORMED BY CONTRACTOR(S)

Are any operational or maintenance aspects (related to wastewater treatment and effluent quality) of the treatment works the responsibility of the contractor?
Yes ☐ No ☑
If Yes, list the name, address, telephone number and status of each contractor and describe the contractor's responsibilities. (Attach additional pages if necessary.)

NAME	
MAILING ADDRESS	
TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE	EMAIL ADDRESS
RESPONSIBILITIES OF CONTRACTOR	

13. SCHEDULED IMPROVEMENTS AND SCHEDULES OF IMPLEMENTATION

Provide information about any uncompleted implementation schedule or uncompleted plans for improvements that will affect the wastewater treatment, effluent quality, or design capacity of the treatment works. If the treatment works has several different implementation schedules or is planning several improvements, submit separate responses for each.

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PART B – ADDITIONAL APPLICATION INFORMATION

14. EFFLUENT TESTING DATA

Applicants must provide effluent testing data for the following parameters. Provide the indicated effluent data **for each outfall through which effluent is discharged**. Do not include information of combined sewer overflows in this section. All information reported must be based on data collected through analysis conducted using 40 CFR Part 136 methods. In addition, this data must comply with QA/QC requirements of 40 CFR Part 136 and other appropriate QA/QC requirements for standard methods for analytes not addressed by 40 CFR Part 136. At a minimum, effluent testing data must be based on at least **three samples** and must be no more than four and one-half years apart.

Outfall Number

PARAMETER	MAXIMUM DAILY VALUE		AVERAGE DAILY VALUE		
	Value	Units	Value	Units	Number of Samples
pH (Minimum)	7.29	S.U.	7.49	S.U.	3
pH (Maximum)	7.96	S.U.	7.49	S.U.	3
Flow Rate	.07317	MGD	0.0	MGD	3

*For pH report a minimum and a maximum daily value

POLLUTANT		MAXIMUM DAILY DISCHARGE		AVERAGE DAILY DISCHARGE			ANALYTICAL METHOD	ML/MDL
		Conc.	Units	Conc.	Units	Number of Samples		
Conventional and Nonconventional Compounds								
BIOCHEMICAL OXYGEN DEMAND (Report One)	BOD_5	22	mg/L	17	mg/L	3	S.M. 5210 D	
	$CBOD_5$	NA	mg/L	NA	mg/L	NA	NA	NA
E. COLI		NA	#/100 mL	NA	#/100 mL	NA	NA	NA
TOTAL SUSPENDED SOLIDS (TSS)		38	mg/L	26	mg/L	3	S.M. 2540 D	
AMMONIA (as N)		2.19	mg/L	1.4166	mg/L	3	EPA 350.1 M	
CHLORINE* (TOTAL RESIDUAL, TRC)			mg/L		mg/L			
DISSOLVED OXYGEN		9.0	mg/L	5.97	mg/L	3	Titration	
OIL and GREASE		<4.04 3	mg/L	<4.04 3	mg/L	3	EPA 1664A	
OTHER			mg/L		mg/L			

*Report only if facility chlorinates

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PART C – CERTIFICATION

15. CERTIFICATION

All applicants must complete the Certification Section. This certification must be signed by an officer of the company or city official. All applicants must complete all applicable sections as explained in the Application Overview. By signing this certification statement, applicants confirm that they have reviewed the entire form and have completed all sections that apply to the facility for which this application is submitted.

ALL APPLICANTS MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING CERTIFICATION.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

PRINTED NAME	OFFICIAL TITLE (MUST BE AN OFFICER OF THE COMPANY OR CITY OFFICIAL)
Jim Smith III	Mayor

SIGNATURE

TELEPHONE NUMBER WITH AREA CODE
(417) 843-2135

DATE SIGNED
6/17/2015

Upon request of the permitting authority, you must submit any other information necessary to assess wastewater treatment practices at the treatment works or identify appropriate permitting requirements.

Send Completed Form to:

Department of Natural Resources
Water Protection Program
ATTN: NPDES Permits and Engineering Section
P.O. Box 176
Jefferson City, MO 65102

END OF PART C
REFER TO THE APPLICATION OVERVIEW TO DETERMINE WHICH PARTS OF FORM B2 YOU MUST COMPLETE.

Do not complete the remainder of this application, unless at least one of the following statements applies to your facility:

1. Your facility design flow is equal to or greater than 1,000,000 gallons per day.
2. Your facility is a pretreatment treatment works.
3. Your facility is a combined sewer system.

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