

#### Department of Environmental Conservation

# State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) DISCHARGE PERMIT

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SIC Code:	7033	NAICS Code:	Code: 721211 S		SPDES Number:	NY0127400
Discharge (	Class (CL):	02			DEC Number:	9-0654-00004
Toxic Class	s (TX):	Ν			Effective Date (EDP):	
Major-Sub	Drainage Basin:	02 - 02			Expiration Date (ExDP):	
Water Inde	Water Index Number:		Item No.:	800.9 - 1	Madification Datas (EDDM):	
Compact Area:		ORSANCO			would allow Dales (EDPW).	

This SPDES permit is issued in compliance with Title 8 of Article 17 of the Environmental Conservation Law of New York State.

PERMITTEE NAME AND ADDRESS									
Name:	Camp Chautauqua	Attention:	tention: Donald Anderson,						
Street:	3900 West Lake Road								
City:	Stow	State:	NY	Zip Code:	14785				
Email:	don0700@gmail.com	Phone:	(716) 4	490-0700					

is authorized to discharge from the facility described below:

FACILITY NAME, ADDRESS, AND PRIMARY OUTFALL																	
Name:	Camp	amp Chautauqua															
Address / Location:	3900	3900 West Lake Road County: Chautauqua															
City:	Stow	Stow State: NY							NY	Zip Cod	Zip Code:			14785			
Facility Location:		Latitude:	42	0	10	,	9.0264	" N	& Longitude	: 79	0	26	,	1.1436	" W		
Primary Outfall No.:	001	Latitude:	42	0	10	,	17.2488	" N	& Longitude	: 79	•	26	,	24.8748	" W		
Outfall Description:	Treated Sanitary Receiving Water:			Ground	Class: GA			S	GA								

and the additional outfalls listed in this permit, in accordance with: effluent limitations; monitoring and reporting requirements; other provisions and conditions set forth in this permit; and 6 NYCRR Part 750-1 and 750-2.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire on midnight of the expiration date shown above and the permittee shall not discharge after the expiration date unless this permit has been renewed or extended pursuant to law. To be authorized to discharge beyond the expiration date, the permittee shall apply for permit renewal not less than 180 days prior to the expiration date shown above.

DISTRIBUTION:	Permit		
BWP Permit Coordinator (permit.coordinator@dec.ny.gov)	Administrator:		
BWP Permit Writer	Address:	700 Delawa	re Ave, Buffalo, NY
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RPA			
EPA Region II ( <u>Region2_NPDES@epa.gov</u> )			
NYSEFC (sara.tully@efc.ny.gov)			
	Signature		Date

## SUMMARY OF ADDITIONAL OUTFALLS

Outfall:	Wastewater Description:	Outfall Latitude: Outfall Longitude:					ongitude:						
002	Treated Sanitary	<b>42</b> °		10	,	19.4808	" N	79 ° 26		6	21.9372	" W	
Receiving Water:	Groundwater	Class:		GA	S	Standard:	GA	Design Flow:		gn v:	2000		GPD
Outfall	Wastewater Description:	Outfall Latitude: Outfall Longitude:											

Outfall:	Wastewater Description:		Outfa	atitude:	Outfall Longitude:								
004	Treated Sanitary	42	0	10	,	08.4288	" N	79	0	26	6	03.8508	" W
Receiving Water:	Groundwater	Class:		GA	Standard:		GA	C I	)esi Flov	gn v:		1475	GPD

Note that two additional outfalls that fall under the threshold for permitting exist on-site. Historic Outfall 003 discharges 100 gpd and historic Outfall 005 discharges 825 gpd.

# DEFINITIONS

TERM	DEFINITION
7-Day Geo Mean	The highest allowable geometric mean of daily discharges over a calendar week.
7-Day Average	The average of all daily discharges for each 7-days in the monitoring period. The sample measurement is the highest of the 7-day averages calculated for the monitoring period.
12-Month Rolling Average (12 MRA)	The current monthly value of a parameter, plus the sum of the monthly values over the previous 11 months for that parameter, divided by the number of months for which samples were collected in the 12-month period.
30-Day Geometric Mean	The highest allowable geometric mean of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the antilog of: the sum of the log of each of the daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.
Action Level	Action level means a monitoring requirement characterized by a numerical value that, when exceeded, triggers additional permittee actions and DEC review to determine if numerical effluent limitations should be imposed.
Compliance Level / Minimum Level	A compliance level is an effluent limitation. A compliance level is given when the water quality evaluation specifies a Water Quality Based Effluent Limit (WQBEL) below the Minimum Level. The compliance level shall be set at the Minimum Level (ML) for the most sensitive analytical method as given in 40 CFR Part 136, or otherwise accepted by the DEC.
Daily Discharge	The discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for the purposes of sampling. For pollutants expressed in units of mass, the 'daily discharge' is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the day. For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, the 'daily discharge' is calculated as the average measurement of the pollutant over the day.
Daily Maximum	The highest allowable Daily Discharge.
Daily Minimum	The lowest allowable Daily Discharge.
Effective Date of Permit (EDP or EDPM)	The date this permit is in effect.
Effluent Limitations	Effluent limitation means any restriction on quantities, quality, rates and concentrations of chemical, physical, biological, and other constituents of effluents that are discharged into waters of the state.
Expiration Date of Permit (ExDP)	The date this permit is no longer in effect.
Instantaneous Maximum	The maximum level that may not be exceeded at any instant in time.
Instantaneous Minimum	The minimum level that must be maintained at all instants in time.
Monthly Average	The highest allowable average of daily discharges over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of each of the daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month.
Outfall	The terminus of a sewer system, or the point of emergence of any waterborne sewage, industrial waste or other wastes or the effluent therefrom, into the waters of the State.
Range	The minimum and maximum instantaneous measurements for the reporting period must remain between the two values shown.
Receiving Water	The classified waters of the state to which the listed outfall discharges.
Sample Frequency / Sample Type / Units	See NYSDEC's "DMR Manual for Completing the Discharge Monitoring Report for the SPDES" for information on sample frequency, type and units.

## PERMIT CONDITIONS

- All septic tanks shall be inspected for scum and sludge accumulation at intervals not to exceed one year's duration. Scum and sludge accumulations should be removed before the depth either exceeds one-fourth of the liquid depth so that no settleable solids or scum is discharged with the septic tank effluent. Septage materials shall be removed, transported, and disposed of in accordance with applicable law and regulation.
- 2. Annual inspections shall include visual observations of each absorption trench to check for breakout of sewage to the ground surface.
- 3. Flow records shall be recorded monthly using potable water meter readings.
- 4. The annual report shall include records of all inspections, pumping information/disposal and monthly water usage.
- 5. Records of all inspections, pumping information/disposal and monthly water usage shall be retained onsite and maintained for five years.
- 6. Copies of this permit and any engineer-certified facility site plans, design records, as-built drawings, required health agency approvals, and other related documents shall be retained on-site.

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

A. The regulations in 6 NYCRR Part 750 are hereby incorporated by reference and the conditions are enforceable requirements under this permit. The permittee shall comply with all requirements set forth in this permit and with all the applicable requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 750 incorporated into this permit by reference, including but not limited to the regulations in paragraphs B through I as follows:

### B. General Conditions

- 1. Duty to comply
- 2. Duty to reapply
- 3. Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense
- 4. Duty to mitigate
- 5. Permit actions
- 6. Property rights
- 7. Duty to provide information
- 8. Inspection and entry
- C. Operation and Maintenance
  - 1. Proper Operation & Maintenance
  - 2. Bypass
  - 3. Upset
- D. Monitoring and Records
  - 1. Monitoring and records
  - 2. Signatory requirements
- E. Reporting Requirements
  - 1. Reporting requirements
  - 2. Anticipated noncompliance
  - 3. Transfers
  - 4. Monitoring reports
  - 5. Compliance schedules
  - 6. 24-hour reporting
  - 7. Other noncompliance
  - 8. Other information
- F. Planned Changes
  - . The permittee shall give notice to the DEC as soon as possible of planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility when:
    - a. The alteration or addition to the permitted facility may meet any of the criteria for determining whether facility is a new source in 40 CFR §122.29(b); or
    - b. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject either to effluent limitations in the permit, or to notification requirements under 40 CFR §122.42(a)(1); or
    - c. 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.

In addition to the DEC, the permittee shall submit a copy of this notice to the United States Environmental Protection Agency at the following address: U.S. EPA Region 2, Clean Water Regulatory Branch, 290 Broadway, 24th Floor, New York, NY 10007-1866.

6 NYCRR 750-2.1(e) & 2.4 6 NYCRR 750-1.16(a) 6 NYCRR 750-2.1(g) 6 NYCRR 750-2.7(f) 6 NYCRR 750-1.1(c), 1.18, 1.20 & 2.1(h) 6 NYCRR 750-2.2(b) 6 NYCRR 750-2.1(i) 6 NYCRR 750-2.1(a) & 2.3

6 NYCRR 750-2.8 6 NYCRR 750-1.2(a)(17), 2.8(b) & 2.7 6 NYCRR 750-1.2(a)(94) & 2.8(c)

6 NYCRR 750-2.5(a)(2), 2.5(a)(6), 2.5(c)(1), 2.5(c)(2), & 2.5(d) 6 NYCRR 750-1.8 & 2.5(b)

6 NYCRR 750-2.5, 2.7 & 1.17 6 NYCRR 750-2.7(a) 6 NYCRR 750-1.17 6 NYCRR 750-2.5(e) 6 NYCRR 750-1.14(d) 6 NYCRR 750-2.7(c) & (d) 6 NYCRR 750-2.7(e) 6 NYCRR 750-2.1(f)

## GENERAL REQUIREMENTS (continued)

#### G. Sludge Management

The permittee shall comply with all applicable requirements of 6 NYCRR Part 360.

#### H. SPDES Permit Program Fee

The permittee shall pay to the Department an annual SPDES permit program fee within 30 days of the date of the first invoice, unless otherwise directed by the DEC, and shall comply with all applicable requirements of ECL 72-0602 and 6 NYCRR Parts 480, 481 and 485. Note that if there is inconsistency between the fees specified in ECL 72-0602 and 6 NYCRR Part 485, the ECL 72-0602 fees govern.

#### I. Water Treatment Chemicals (WTCs)

New or increased use and discharge of a WTC requires prior DEC review and authorization. At a minimum, the permittee must notify the DEC in writing of its intent to change WTC use by submitting a completed *WTC Notification Form* for each proposed WTC. The DEC will review that submittal and determine if a SPDES permit modification is necessary or whether WTC review and authorization may proceed outside of the formal permit administrative process. The majority of WTC authorizations do not require SPDES permit modification. In any event, use and discharge of a WTC shall not proceed without prior authorization from the DEC. Examples of WTCs include biocides, coagulants, conditioners, corrosion inhibitors, defoamers, deposit control agents, flocculants, scale inhibitors, sequestrants, and settling aids.

- 1. WTC use shall not exceed the rate explicitly authorized by this permit or otherwise authorized in writing by the DEC.
- 2. The permittee shall maintain a logbook of all WTC use, noting for each WTC the date, time, exact location, and amount of each dosage, and, the name of the individual applying or measuring the chemical. The logbook must also document that adequate process controls are in place to ensure that excessive levels of WTCs are not used.
- 3. The permittee shall submit a completed WTC Annual Report Form each year that they use and discharge WTCs. This form shall be submitted in electronic format and attached to either the December DMR or the annual monitoring report required below. The WTC Notification Form and WTC Annual Report Form are available from the DEC's website at: <a href="http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/93245.html">http://www.dec.ny.gov/permits/93245.html</a>

# RECORDING, REPORTING AND ADDITIONAL MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

- A. The monitoring information required by this permit shall be retained for a period of at least five years from the date of the sampling for subsequent inspection by the DEC or its designated agent.
- B. <u>Annual SPDES Monitoring Reports</u>: An annual report shall be submitted to the Department by **February 1<sup>st</sup>** each year. The report shall summarize information for January to December of the previous year and shall be submitted electronically, or in hardcopy format, utilizing the SPDES Annual Report Form available on the Department's website.

Hard copy submission of the Annual Report shall be submitted to the Regional Water Engineer at the address below:

Department of Environmental Conservation Regional Water Engineer, Region 9 700 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209 Phone: (716) 851-7070

C. Additional information required to be submitted by this permit shall be summarized and reported to the Regional Water Engineer and Bureau of Water Permits at the following addresses:

Department of Environmental Conservation Division of Water, Bureau of Water Permits 625 Broadway, Albany, New York 12233-3505

Phone: (518) 402-8111

Department of Environmental Conservation Regional Water Engineer, Region 9 700 Delaware Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14209

### Unless noted otherwise, the above actions are one-time requirements.

- D. Monitoring and analysis shall be conducted using sufficiently sensitive test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit.
- E. More frequent monitoring of the discharge(s), monitoring point(s), or waters of the State than required by the permit, where analysis is performed by a certified laboratory or where such analysis is not required to be performed by a certified laboratory, shall be included in the calculations and recording of the data on the corresponding DMRs.
- F. Calculations which require averaging of measurements shall utilize an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this permit.
- G. Unless otherwise specified, all information recorded on the DMRs shall be based upon measurements and sampling carried out during the most recently completed reporting period.
- H. Any laboratory test or sample analysis required by this permit for which the State Commissioner of Health issues certificates of approval pursuant to section 502 of the Public Health Law shall be conducted by a laboratory which has been issued a certificate of approval. Inquiries regarding laboratory certification should be directed to the New York State Department of Health, Environmental Laboratory Accreditation Program.

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# SPDES Permit Fact Sheet Camp Chautauqua NY0127400



## Summary of Permit Changes

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A new State Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (SPDES) permit has been drafted for Camp Chautauqua. The changes to the permit are summarized below:

- Updated permit format, definitions, and general conditions
- Outfalls 003 and 005 have design flows less than 1,000 gallons per day and are under the permitting threshold. They have been removed from this permit.
- Added flow monitoring requirements using potable water meter readings.

This fact sheet summarizes the information used to determine the effluent limitations (limits) and other conditions contained in the permit. General background information including the regulatory basis for the effluent limitations and other conditions are in the <u>Appendix</u> linked throughout this fact sheet.

## Administrative History

5/16/2003 Permit was extended until 3/5/2016.

10/16/2012 Permit was modified. This permit modification formed the basis of the new permit.

11/1/2022 The SPDES permit expired.

8/1/2024 Camp Chautauqua submitted a new PCI form to renew the expired permit.

The Notice of Complete Application, published in the <u>Environmental Notice Bulletin</u> and newspapers, contains information on the public notice process.

## Facility Information

This facility is a private facility with effluent consisting of treated sanitary waste which is all generated on-site. The collection system consists of several septic tanks followed by leach fields and does not include any stormwater additions to the waste stream. The facility does not have any significant industrial users (SIUs).

The facility has a total of five (5) outfalls all discharging to groundwater through leach fields. All sanitary waste passes through septic tanks prior to entering the absorption trenches.

- Outfall 001: 42° 10' 17.2488" N, 79° 26' 24.8748" W
  - o Design Flow: 12,925 GPD
- Outfall 002: 42° 10' 19.4808" N, 79° 26' 21.9372" W
  - Design Flow: 2,000 GPD
- Outfall 003: 42° 10' 17.706" N, 79° 26' 0.7584" W
  - o Design Flow: 100 GPD
- Outfall 004: 42° 10' 8.4288" N, 79° 26' 3.8508" W
  - Design Flow: 1,475 GPD
- Outfall 005: 42°10' 13.8584" N, 79°26' 1.068" W
  - o Design Flow: 825 GPD

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Outfalls 003 and 005 have been removed from the permit as they discharge sanitary wastewater to groundwater below the  $1_{1000}$  gpd threshold.

The facility does not have any planned improvements.



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# Receiving Water Information The facility discharges via the following outfalls:

Outfall No.	SIC Code	Wastewater Type	Receiving Water
001	7033	Treated Sanitary Sewage	Groundwater, Class GA
002	7033	Treated Sanitary Sewage	Groundwater, Class GA
004	7033	Treated Sanitary Sewage	Groundwater, Class GA

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## Appendix: Regulatory and Technical Basis of Permit Authorizations

The Appendix is meant to supplement the fact sheet for multiple types of SPDES permits. Portions of this Appendix may not be applicable to this specific permit.

## Regulatory References

The provisions of the permit are based largely upon 40 CFR 122 subpart C and 6 NYCRR Part 750 and include monitoring, recording, reporting, and compliance requirements, as well as general conditions applicable to all SPDES permits. Below are the most common citations for the requirements included in SPDES permits:

- Clean Water Act (CWA) 33 section USC 1251 to 1387
- Environmental Conservation Law (ECL) Articles 17 and 70
- Federal Regulations
  - 40 CFR, Chapter I, subchapters D, N, and O
  - State environmental regulations
    - 6 NYCRR Part 621
    - o 6 NYCRR Part 750
    - 6 NYCRR Parts 700 704 Best use and other requirements applicable to water classes
    - o 6 NYCRR Parts 800 941 Classification of individual surface waters
  - NYSDEC water program policy, referred to as Technical and Operational Guidance Series (TOGS)
- USEPA Office of Water Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control, March 1991, Appendix E

The following is a quick guide to the references used within the fact sheet:

SPDES Permit Requirements	Regulatory Reference
Anti-backsliding	6 NYCRR 750-1.10(c)
Best Management Practices (BMPS) for CSOs	6 NYCRR 750-2.8(a)(2)
Environmental Benefits Permit Strategy (EBPS)	6 NYCRR 750-1.18, NYS ECL 17-0817(4), TOGS 1.2.2 (revised January 25,2012)
Exceptions for Type I SSO Outfalls (bypass)	6 NYCRR 750-2.8(b)(2), 40 CFR 122.41
Mercury Multiple Discharge Variance	Division of Water Program Policy 1.3.10 (DOW 1.3.10)
Mixing Zone and Critical Water Information	TOGS 1.3.1 & Amendments
PCB Minimization Program	40 CFR Part 132 Appendix F Procedure 8, 6 NYCRR 750-1.13(a) and 750-1.14(f), and TOGS 1.2.1
Pollutant Minimization Program (PMP)	6 NYCRR 750-1.13(a), 750-1.14(f), TOGS 1.2.1
Schedules of Compliance	6 NYCRR 750-1.14
Sewage Pollution Right to Know (SPRTK)	NYS ECL 17-0826-a, 6 NYCRR 750-2.7
State Administrative Procedure Act (SAPA)	State Administrative Procedure Act Section 401(2), 6 NYCRR 621.11(I)
State Environmental Quality Review (SEQR)	6 NYCRR Part 617
USEPA Effluent Limitation Guidelines (ELGs)	40 CFR Parts 405-471
USEPA National CSO Policy	33 USC Section 1342(q)
Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing	TOGS 1.3.2
General Provisions of a SPDES Permit Department	NYCRR 750-2.1(i)
Request for Additional Information	

## Outfall and Receiving Water Information

## Existing Effluent Quality

The existing effluent quality is determined from a statistical evaluation of effluent data in accordance with TOGS 1.2.1 and the USEPA Office of Water, <u>Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control</u>, March 1991, Appendix E (TSD). The existing effluent quality is equal to the 95<sup>th</sup> (monthly average) and 99<sup>th</sup> (daily maximum) percentiles of the lognormal distribution of existing effluent data. When there are greater than three non-detects, a delta-lognormal distribution is assumed, and delta-lognormal calculations are used to determine the monthly average and daily maximum pollutant concentrations. Statistical calculations are not performed for parameters where there are less than ten data points. If additional data is needed, a monitoring requirement may be specified either through routine monitoring or a short-term high intensity monitoring program.

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## Permit Requirements

### Basis for Effluent Limitations

Sections 101, 301, 304, 308, 401, 402, and 405 of the CWA and Titles 5, 7, and 8 of Article 17 ECL, as well as their implementing federal and state regulations, and related guidance, provide the basis for the effluent limitations and other conditions in the permit.

When conducting a full technical review of an existing permit, the previous effluent limitations form the basis for the next permit. Existing effluent quality is evaluated against the existing effluent limitations to determine if these should be continued, revised, or deleted. Generally, existing limitations are continued unless there are changed conditions at the facility, the facility demonstrates an ability to meet more stringent limitations, or in response to updated regulatory requirements. Pollutant monitoring data is also reviewed to determine the presence of additional contaminants that should be included in the permit based on a reasonable potential analysis to cause or contribute to a water quality standards violation.

### Anti-backsliding

Anti-backsliding requirements are specified in the CWA sections 402(o) and 303(d)(4), ECL 17-0809, and regulations at 40 CFR 122.44(*I*) and 6 NYCRR 750-1.10(c) and (d). Generally, the relaxation of effluent limitations in permits is prohibited unless one of the specified exceptions applies, which will be cited on a case-by-case basis in this fact sheet. Consistent with current case law<sup>1</sup> and USEPA interpretation<sup>2</sup> anti-backsliding requirements do not apply should a revision to the final effluent limitation take effect before the scheduled date of compliance for that final effluent limitation.

### Antidegradation Policy

New York State implements the antidegradation portion of the CWA based upon two documents: (1) Organization and Delegation Memorandum #85-40, "Water Quality Antidegradation Policy" (September 9, 1985); and, (2) TOGS 1.3.9, "Implementation of the NYSDEC Antidegradation Policy – Great Lakes Basin (Supplement to Antidegradation Policy dated September 9, 1985) (undated)." The permit for the facility contains effluent limitations which ensure that the existing best usage of the receiving waters will be maintained. To further support the antidegradation policy, SPDES applications have been reviewed in accordance with the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQR) as prescribed by 6 NYCRR Part 617.

## **Effluent Limitations**

In developing a permit, the Department determines the technology-based effluent limitations (TBELs) and then evaluates the water quality expected to result from technology controls to determine if any exceedances of water quality criteria in the receiving water might result. If there is a reasonable potential for exceedances of water quality criteria to occur, water quality-based effluent limitations (WQBELs) are developed. A WQBEL is designed to ensure that the water quality standards of receiving waters are met. In general, the CWA requires that the effluent limitations for a particular pollutant are the more stringent of either the TBEL or WQBEL.

## Minimum Level of Detection

Pursuant to 40 CFR 122.44(i)(1)(iv) and 6 NYCRR 750-2.5(d), SPDES permits must contain monitoring requirements using sufficiently sensitive test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136. A method is "sufficiently sensitive" when the method's minimum level (ML) is at or below the level of the effluent limitation established in the permit for the measured pollutant parameter; or the lowest ML of the analytical methods approved under 40 CFR Part 136. The ML represents the lowest level that can be measured within specified limitations of precision and accuracy during routine laboratory operations on most effluent matrices. When establishing effluent limitations for a specific parameter (based on technology or water quality requirements), it is possible that the calculated limitation will fall below the ML established by the approved analytical method(s).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> American Iron and Steel Institute v. Environmental Protection Agency, 115 F.3d 979, 993 n.6 (D.C. Cir. 1997) <sup>2</sup> U.S. EPA, Water Quality Standards; Establishment of Numeric Criteria for Priority Toxic Pollutants for the State of California; 65 Fed. Reg. 31682, 31704 (May 18, 2000); Proposed Water Quality Guidance for the Great Lakes System, 58 Fed. Reg. 20802, 20837 & 20981 (April 16, 1993) PAGE 7 OF 8

In these instances, the calculated limitation is included in the permit with a compliance level set equal to the ML of the most sensitive method.

## Monitoring Requirements

CWA section 308, 40 CFR 122.44(i), 6 NYCRR 750-1.13, and 750-2.5 require that monitoring be included in permits to determine compliance with effluent limitations. Additional effluent monitoring may also be required to gather data to determine if effluent limitations may be required. The permittee is responsible for conducting the monitoring and reporting results on Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs). The permit contains the monitoring requirements for the facility. Monitoring frequency is based on the minimum sampling necessary to adequately monitor the facility's performance and characterize the nature of the discharge of the monitored flow or pollutant. Variable effluent flows and pollutant levels may be required to be monitored at more frequent intervals than relatively constant effluent flow and pollutant levels (6 NYCRR 750-1.13). For industrial facilities, sampling frequency is based on guidance provided in TOGS 1.2.1. For municipal facilities, sampling frequency is based on guidance provided in TOGS 1.3.3.