



## Response to Comments

**Project:** Gatling Ohio, LLC Yellowbush Mine – NPDES and PTI permit applications.

**Ohio EPA ID #:** NPDES # 0IL00145\*AD & PTI No. 598525

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Ohio EPA held a public hearing on November 25, 2008 regarding Gatling Ohio, LLC Yellowbush mine NPDES and PTI permit applications. This document summarizes the comments and questions received at the public hearing and during the associated comment period, which ended on December 2, 2008.

Ohio EPA reviewed and considered all comments received during the public comment period. By law, Ohio EPA has authority to consider specific issues related to protection of the environment and public health. Often, public concerns fall outside the scope of that authority. For example, concerns about zoning issues are addressed at the local level. Ohio EPA may respond to those concerns in this document by identifying another government agency with more direct authority over the issue.

In an effort to help you review this document, the questions are grouped by topic and organized in a consistent format.

### Comments from Elisa Young

**Comment 1:** Ms. Young asked that the agency provide copies of plans and applications for any project/discharger subject to public comment be located locally for convenience. She also inquired whether people could be added to an interested parties list to be contacted when permits were received by the agency.

**Response 1:** The agency has in the past provided copies of plans and application for specific projects (i.e. AMP Ohio). The agency is committed to outreach and will work towards providing electronic copies to be viewable at the agency's website and/or provide hard copies. To date, the agency has posted applications for specific projects receiving multiple interested

parties on the agency's website. This approach is in part due to managing the amount of resources within the agency with respect to the volume of permit applications and requests to view them. As for interested parties' lists to be notified of what applications are received locally, the agency maintains a weekly review page of all applications received and actions taken. The weekly review is organized county-by-county and can be viewed at:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/legal/pubnots.html>

- Comment 2:** **Ms. Young questioned her confidence in the self reported monitoring data required by the permit. She asked that independent monitoring be included.**
- Response 2:** The NPDES permit process requires self reported monitoring both at the federal level and state levels. An agency representative is assigned to monitor a permittee's compliance. In the event that an agency representative believes the self reported data is inaccurate, the agency may implement a sampling inspection. Here again, the agency proceeds with discretion to balance resources.
- Comment 3:** **Ms. Young asked if there were any backup generators for monitors**
- Response 3:** The monitoring associated with the draft permit and similar facility permits do not require electric. The samples are collected by grab procedures. Similarly, the treatment employed does not necessitate electric.
- Comment 4:** **Ms. Young asked to see a set of the priority pollutants that was described in the information session. During the information session, the agency representative described that the renewal application requires additional testing beyond the parameters that were included in the draft permit.**
- Response 4:** Please find attached a copy of the NPDES permit application Form 2C.
- Comment 5:** **Ms. Young asked to see some kind of analysis done on cumulative impacts amongst the facilities in and near Meigs County**

**Response 5:** The permits discussed at this public hearing are for discharging to waters of the state. With respect to cumulative impacts in waterbodies, the agency utilizes a wasteload allocation approach. The Yellowbush Mine requested pollutant loading did not necessitate the need for such an analysis. The limited parameters in the draft permit do not pose an accumulative impact to humans or aquatic life.

**Comment 6:** **Ms. Young asked if the agency had reviewed the mine facility located across the Ohio River from the proposed mine**

**Response 6:** The agency did not reference the permit for the West Virginia mine across the Ohio River. That action was not necessary for the purpose of reviewing the applications and creating a draft permit for contact stormwater discharges.

Comments from Albert Proffitt

**Comment 7:** **Is it possible for Gatling to recycle the water they intend to discharge?**

**Response 7:** The water they intend to discharge is stormwater which comes in contact with coal and refuse piles. The coal preparation plant process water loop is designed as a recycle loop. Makeup water is often added to the process water loop, and utilizing stormwater from the sedimentation ponds as makeup is a common industry practice. The applicant has stated that this practice will likely be employed at the Yellowbush Mine. In order to recycle ALL the contact stormwater from the site, the mine would need to design for LARGE detention pond(s) to hold all the water through rainy months without requiring a discharge. The site is limited for design of this feature without encroaching into floodways and impacting upstream flood areas.

**Comment 8:** **What ensures that my adjacent upstream property will not be affected by the new mine from flooding and water contamination?**

**Response 8:** The 100yr flood elevation at the location of the coal preparation facility is approximately 583 from FEMA maps. The Finished Floor elevation of the thickener and the plant is designed at 585. Additionally, the prepped coal pile pad is above 583 and the refuse cell and raw coal pile are elevated even higher. Some of the sedimentation ponds are located in

areas prone to inundation during flood events and may be breached. The local flood plain administrator has reviewed the ponds' design and provided the attached permit. As for the displacement of solids inside the sedimentation ponds, it is more common that the precipitated solids be covered in a layer of silt versus escape the ponds.

**Comment 9:**           **Could Gatling pipe their wastewater directly to the Ohio River in lieu of discharging to Yellowbush Creek to provide dilution?**

**Response 9:**       The question posed is possible. However, the developed water quality criteria for Yellowbush Creek is maintained in the proposed permit applications. Discharging to the Ohio River would entail installation of a force main and pumping system, which would add an ongoing energy demand into the project. Therefore the agency does not seek to require the applicant to reroute the discharge.

**End of Response to Comments**

Application No. OH0135313

Issue Date: December 10, 2008

Effective Date: January 1, 2009

Expiration Date: December 31, 2013

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Authorization to Discharge Under the  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq., hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), and the Ohio Water Pollution Control Act (Ohio Revised Code Section 6111),

Gatling Ohio, LLC dba Yellowbush Mine

is authorized by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, hereinafter referred to as "Ohio EPA," to discharge from the Yellowbush Mine Facility located on State Route 124 approximately 0.6 mile East of the Village of Racine, Ohio, Meigs County and discharging to Yellowbush Creek and an unnamed tributary to Jennie Watts Run in accordance with the conditions specified in Parts I, II, and III of this permit.

I have determined that a lowering of water quality in Yellowbush Creek is necessary. In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, this decision was reached only after examining a series of technical alternatives, reviewing social and economic issues related to the degradation, and considering all public and appropriate intergovernmental comments. The lowering of water quality is necessary to accommodate important social or economic development in the area in which the water body is located.

This permit is conditioned upon payment of applicable fees as required by Section 3745.11 of the Ohio Revised Code.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight on the expiration date shown above. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the above date of expiration, the permittee shall submit such information and forms as are required by the Ohio EPA no later than 180 days prior to the above date of expiration.

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Assistant Director

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Part I, A. - FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge in accordance with the following limitations and monitoring requirements from outfall 0IL00145001. See Part II, OTHER REQUIREMENTS, for the location of the permitted outfall and the location to sample/monitor the effluent..

Table - Final Outfall - 001 - Final

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>							<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>		
	Concentration Specified Units				Loading* kg/day			Measuring Frequency	Sampling Type	Monitoring Months
	Maximum	Minimum	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly			
Parameter										
00400 - pH - S.U.	9.5	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab	March
00530 - Total Suspended Solids - mg/l	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab	March

2. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge in accordance with the following limitations and monitoring requirements from outfall 0IL00145003. See Part II, OTHER REQUIREMENTS, for the location of the permitted outfall and the location to sample/monitor the effluent..

Table - Final Outfall - 003 - Final

Effluent Characteristic  Parameter	Discharge Limitations							Monitoring Requirements		
	Concentration Specified Units				Loading* kg/day			Measuring Frequency	Sampling Type	Monitoring Months
	Maximum	Minimum	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly			
00045 - Total Precipitation - Inches	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	Total	All
00400 - pH - S.U.	9.5	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	Grab	All
00530 - Total Suspended Solids - mg/l	70	-	-	35	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
00545 - Residue, Settleable (Volume) - mL/L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01045 - Iron, Total (Fe) - ug/l	6000	-	-	3000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01055 - Manganese, Total (Mn) - ug/l	4000	-	-	2000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
50050 - Flow Rate - MGD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	24hr Total Estimate	All
50092 - Mercury, Total (Low Level) - ng/l	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Year	Grab	Annual-Sept

Notes for Station Number 0IL00145003:

-If no discharge occurs during the entire month:

- 1) report "AL" in the first column of the first day of the month on Form 4500. The AL code is only valid for reports submitted on paper or via Swimware. DO NOT USE THIS CODE in e-DMR. If no discharge occurred for the full monitoring period, select the No Discharge check box at the top of the e-DMR form.; and
- 2) enter "No discharge during the month" in Remarks Section; and
- 3) do not report "0" or use any other code other than "AL"; and
- 4) sign the form.

- If there are no discharges on one or more required monitoring days during the month:

- 1) Enter the required monitoring data for the days when a discharge occurred;
- 2) For each required monitoring day there was no discharge do not enter "0" for flow. Enter "AH" (Sample Not Taken, Explanation in Remarks Section) or "AN" (Sample Not Taken, Plant Not Normally Staffed - ONLY USE FOR Saturday, Sunday, Holidays) for each parameter for each day there was no discharge. For each "AH" or "AN" , enter "(date) and no discharge because ... " in the Remarks Section of the Form 4500 and explain why there was no discharge, e.g. no recent rainfall or snow melt or process not in operation or plant not in operation or holiday or weekend and no staff available for sampling because of weekend or holiday.
- 3) Sign the form.

-Alternative Effluent Limits- Discharges from 0IL00145003 may, as an option, comply with effluent limitations and monitoring requirements listed in Part II, Item J provided that all the conditions are met.

-Residue, Settleable-Sampling for Residue, Settleable shall be done at the same time as sampling for suspended solids.

-Mercury Monitoring- see Part II, Item F.

- Reporting Codes- See Part II, Item K.

3. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge in accordance with the following limitations and monitoring requirements from outfall 0IL00145004. See Part II, OTHER REQUIREMENTS, for the location of the permitted outfall and the location to sample/monitor the effluent.

Table - Final Outfall - 004 - Final

Effluent Characteristic  Parameter	Discharge Limitations							Monitoring Requirements		
	Concentration Specified Units				Loading* kg/day			Measuring Frequency	Sampling Type	Monitoring Months
	Maximum	Minimum	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly			
00400 - pH - S.U.	9.5	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	Grab	All
00530 - Total Suspended Solids - mg/l	70	-	-	35	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
00545 - Residue, Settleable (Volume) - mL/L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01045 - Iron, Total (Fe) - ug/l	6000	-	-	3000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01055 - Manganese, Total (Mn) - ug/l	4000	-	-	2000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
50050 - Flow Rate - MGD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	24hr Total Estimate	All
50092 - Mercury, Total (Low Level) - ng/l	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Year	Grab	Annual-Sept

Notes for Station Number 0IL00145004:

-If no discharge occurs during the entire month:

- 1) report "AL" in the first column of the first day of the month on Form 4500. The AL code is only valid for reports submitted on paper or via Swimware. DO NOT USE THIS CODE in e-DMR. If no discharge occurred for the full monitoring period, select the No Discharge check box at the top of the e-DMR form.; and
- 2) enter "No discharge during the month" in the Remarks Section; and
- 3) do not report "0" or use any other code other than "AL"; and
- 4) sign the form.

- If there are no discharges on one or more required monitoring days during the month:

- 1) Enter the required monitoring data for the days when a discharge occurred;
- 2) For each required monitoring day there was no discharge do not enter "0" for flow. Enter "AH" (Sample Not Taken, Explanation in Remarks Section) or "AN" (Sample Not Taken, Plant Not Normally Staffed - ONLY USE FOR Saturday, Sunday, Holidays) for each parameter for each day there was no discharge. For each "AH" or "AN" , enter "(date) and no discharge because ... " in the Remarks Section of the Form 4500 and explain why there was no discharge, e.g. no recent rainfall or snow melt or process not in operation or plant not in operation or holiday or weekend and no staff available for sampling because of weekend or holiday.
- 3) Sign the form.

-Alternative Effluent Limits- Discharges from 0IL00145004 may, as an option, comply with effluent limitations and monitoring requirements listed in Part II, Item J provided that all the conditions are met.

-Residue, Settleable-Sampling for Residue, Settleable shall be done at the same time as sampling for suspended solids.

-Mercury Monitoring- see Part II, Item F.

- Reporting Codes- See Part II, Item K.

4. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge in accordance with the following limitations and monitoring requirements from outfall 0IL00145005. See Part II, OTHER REQUIREMENTS, for the location of the permitted outfall and the location to sample/monitor the effluent.

Table - Final Outfall - 005 - Final

Effluent Characteristic  Parameter	Discharge Limitations							Monitoring Requirements		
	Concentration Specified Units		Loading* kg/day					Measuring Frequency	Sampling Type	Monitoring Months
	Maximum	Minimum	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly			
00400 - pH - S.U.	9.5	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	Grab	All
00530 - Total Suspended Solids - mg/l	70	-	-	35	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
00545 - Residue, Settleable (Volume) - mL/L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01045 - Iron, Total (Fe) - ug/l	6000	-	-	3000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01055 - Manganese, Total (Mn) - ug/l	4000	-	-	2000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
50050 - Flow Rate - MGD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	24hr Total Estimate	All

Notes for Station Number 0IL00145005:

-If no discharge occurs during the entire month:

- 1) report "AL" in the first column of the first day of the month on Form 4500. The AL code is only valid for reports submitted on paper or via Swimware. DO NOT USE THIS CODE in e-DMR. If no discharge occurred for the full monitoring period, select the No Discharge check box at the top of the e-DMR form.; and
- 2) enter "No discharge during the month" in Remarks Section; and
- 3) do not report "0" or use any other code other than "AL"; and
- 4) sign the form.

- If there are no discharges on one or more required monitoring days during the month:

- 1) Enter the required monitoring data for the days when a discharge occurred;
- 2) For each required monitoring day there was no discharge do not enter "0" for flow. Enter "AH" (Sample Not Taken, Explanation in Remarks Section) or "AN" (Sample Not Taken, Plant Not Normally Staffed - ONLY USE FOR Saturday, Sunday, Holidays) for each parameter for each day there was no discharge. For each "AH" or "AN" , enter "(date) and no discharge because ... " in the Remarks Section of the Form 4500 and explain why there was no discharge, e.g. no recent rainfall or snow melt or process not in operation or plant not in operation or holiday or weekend and no staff available for sampling because of weekend or holiday.
- 3) Sign the form.

-Alternative Effluent Limits- Discharges from 0IL00145005 may, as an option, comply with effluent limitations and monitoring requirements listed in Part II, Item J provided that all the conditions are met.

-Residue, Settleable-Sampling for Residue, Settleable shall be done at the same time as sampling for suspended solids.

- Reporting Codes- See Part II, Item K.

5. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge in accordance with the following limitations and monitoring requirements from outfall 0IL00145006. See Part II, OTHER REQUIREMENTS, for the location of the permitted outfall and the location to sample/monitor the effluent.

Table - Final Outfall - 006 - Final

Effluent Characteristic  Parameter	Discharge Limitations							Monitoring Requirements		
	Concentration Specified Units				Loading* kg/day			Measuring Frequency	Sampling Type	Monitoring Months
	Maximum	Minimum	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly	Monthly			
00400 - pH - S.U.	9.5	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	Grab	All
00530 - Total Suspended Solids - mg/l	70	-	-	35	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
00545 - Residue, Settleable (Volume) - mL/L	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01045 - Iron, Total (Fe) - ug/l	6000	-	-	3000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
01055 - Manganese, Total (Mn) - ug/l	4000	-	-	2000	-	-	-	1/Week	Grab	All
50050 - Flow Rate - MGD	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Day	24hr Total Estimate	All
50092 - Mercury, Total (Low Level) - ng/l	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2/Year	Grab	Semi-annual

Notes for Station Number 0IL00145006:

-If no discharge occurs during the entire month:

- 1) report "AL" in the first column of the first day of the month on Form 4500. The AL code is only valid for reports submitted on paper or via Swimware. DO NOT USE THIS CODE in e-DMR. If no discharge occurred for the full monitoring period, select the No Discharge check box at the top of the e-DMR form.; and
- 2) enter "No discharge during the month" in the Remarks Section; and
- 3) do not report "0" or use any other code other than "AL"; and
- 4) sign the form.

- If there are no discharges on one or more required monitoring days during the month:

- 1) Enter the required monitoring data for the days when a discharge occurred;
- 2) For each required monitoring day there was no discharge do not enter "0" for flow. Enter "AH" (Sample Not Taken, Explanation in Remarks Section) or "AN" (Sample Not Taken, Plant Not Normally Staffed - ONLY USE FOR Saturday, Sunday, Holidays) for each parameter for each day there was no discharge. For each "AH" or "AN" , enter "(date) and no discharge because ... " in the Remarks Section of the Form 4500 and explain why there was no discharge, e.g. no recent rainfall or snow melt or process not in operation or plant not in operation or holiday or weekend and no staff available for sampling because of weekend or holiday.
- 3) Sign the form.

- Alternative Effluent Limits- Discharges from 0IL00145006 may, as an option, comply with effluent limitations and monitoring requirements listed in Part II, Item J provided that all the conditions are met.
- Residue, Settleable-Sampling for Residue, Settleable shall be done at the same time as sampling for suspended solids.
- Mercury Monitoring- see Part II, Item F.
- Semi-annual sampling means June and December.
- Reporting Codes- See Part II, Item K.

6. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting until the expiration date, the permittee is authorized to discharge in accordance with the following limitations and monitoring requirements from outfall 0IL00145007. See Part II, OTHER REQUIREMENTS, for the location of the permitted outfall and the location to sample/monitor the effluent.

Table - Final Outfall - 007 - Final

Effluent Characteristic Parameter	Discharge Limitations						Monitoring Requirements			
	Concentration Specified Units		Loading* kg/day			Measuring Frequency	Sampling Type	Monitoring Months		
Maximum	Minimum	Weekly	Monthly	Daily	Weekly				Monthly	
00400 - pH - S.U.	9.5	6.0	-	-	-	-	-	1/Quarter	Grab	Quarterly
00530 - Total Suspended Solids - mg/l	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1/Quarter	Grab	Quarterly

Notes for Station Number 0IL00145007:

- This discharge shall be free of any discharges subject the federal effluent guidelines 40 CFR Part 434
- If no discharge occurs during the entire month:
  - 1) report "AL" in the first column of the first day of the month on Form 4500. The AL code is only valid for reports submitted on paper or via Swimware. DO NOT USE THIS CODE in e-DMR. If no discharge occurred for the full monitoring period, select the No Discharge check box at the top of the e-DMR form.; and
  - 2) enter "No discharge during the month" in the Remarks Section; and
  - 3) do not report "0" or use any other code other than "AL"; and
  - 4) sign the form.
- If there are no discharges on one or more required monitoring days during the month:
  - 1) Enter the required monitoring data for the days when a discharge occurred;
  - 2) For each required monitoring day there was no discharge do not enter "0" for flow. Enter "AH" (Sample Not Taken, Explanation in Remarks Section) or "AN" (Sample Not Taken, Plant Not Normally Staffed - ONLY USE FOR Saturday, Sunday, Holidays) for each parameter for each day there was no discharge. For each "AH" or "AN" , enter "(date) and no discharge because ... " in the Remarks Section of the Form 4500 and explain why there was no discharge, e.g. no recent rainfall or snow melt or process not in operation or plant not in operation or holiday or weekend and no staff available for sampling because of weekend or holiday.
  - 3) Sign the form.
- Reporting Codes- See Part II, Item K.

Part II, OTHER REQUIREMENTS

A. Descriptions of the location of the permitted discharge outfalls and required effluent sampling/monitoring stations are as follows:

Permitted Outfall or Effluent Sampling/ Monitoring Station	Description of Permitted Outfall or Effluent Sampling/ Monitoring Location
OIL00145001	Final effluent from Pond 001 receiving runoff/drainage from the borrow and topsoil storage areas. (Lat: 38N 57' 36"; Long: 81W 54' 05")
OIL00145003	Final effluent from Pond 003 receiving runoff/drainage from the refuse disposal areas. (Lat: 38N 57' 35"; Long: 81W 53' 50")
OIL00145004	Final effluent from Pond 004 receiving runoff/drainage from the refuse disposal areas. (Lat: 38N 57' 34"; Long: 81W 53' 54")
OIL00145005	Final effluent from Pond 005 receiving runoff/drainage from the parking lot areas and Pond 005A in and around haul road and adjacent raw coal pile. (Lat: 38N 57' 30"; Long: 81W 54' 02")
OIL00145006	Final effluent from Pond 006 receiving runoff/drainage from the from the coal preparation plant area and clean and raw coal pile areas. (Lat: 38N 57' 31"; Long: 81W 54' 11")
OIL00145007	Final effluent from Pond 007 receiving runoff/drainage from the mine vent and used for temporary disposal of vent shaft tailings (Lat: 38N 57' 34"; Long: 81W 53' 38")

B. This permit shall be modified, or alternatively, revoked and reissued, to 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.

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

C. All parameters, except flow, need not be monitored on days when the plant is not normally staffed (Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays). On those days, report "AN" on the monthly report form.

D. Permit limitations may be revised in order to meet water quality standards after a stream use determination and waste load allocation are completed and approved. This permit may be modified, or alternatively, revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable water quality effluent limitations.

E. Grab samples shall be collected at such times and locations, and in such fashion, as to be representative of the facility's monitored discharge.

F. The permittee shall use either EPA Method 1631 or EPA Method 245.7 promulgated under 40 CFR 136 to comply with the effluent mercury monitoring requirements of this permit.

#### G. Outfall Signage

Not later than 4 months from the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall post a permanent marker on the stream bank at each outfall that is regulated under this NPDES permit where a marker does not currently exist. . The marker shall consist at a minimum of the name of the establishment to which the permit was issued, the Ohio EPA permit number, and the outfall number and a contact telephone number. The information shall be printed in letters not less than two inches in height. The marker shall be a minimum of 2 feet by 2 feet and shall be a minimum of 3 feet above ground level. The sign shall not be obstructed such that persons in boats or persons swimming on the river or someone fishing or walking along the shore cannot read the sign. Vegetation shall be periodically removed to keep the sign visible. If the outfall is normally submerged the sign shall indicate that. When an existing marker is replaced or reset, the new marker shall comply with the requirements of this section.

H. (reserved)

#### I. Mine Drainage

Upon review of the permit application, the effluent limits and monitoring requirements were developed with the knowledge that 40 CFR 434.35 associated with acid mine drainage would not be applicable. In the event where mine drainage is to be discharged to surface waters, the permittee shall contact the District Office. An effluent table with required effluent limits and monitoring will need to be established.

J. The discharges from outfall OIL00145003, OIL00145004, OIL00145005 and OIL00145006 are eligible for the alternative effluent limits listed in section (1) below provided that the applicability and submission requirements listed in section (3) below are met.

1. Alternative Effluent Limits for outfall 003 and 004.

a. If the discharge or increase in the volume of the discharge is caused by precipitation within any 24 hr. period greater than the 1 year, 24 hour precipitation event (or snowmelt of equivalent volume) but less than or equal to the 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event, the alternative limits (with monitoring/reporting requirements) are as follows:

Reporting Code/Units	EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC Parameter	DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS				MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		Concentration		Loading		Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
		Other Units (Specify)	Kg/day	Other Units (Specify)	Kg/day		
		30 Day	Daily	30 Day	Daily		
00045 IN	Total Precipitation	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr. Total
00400 S.U.	pH	6.0 to 9.5		at all times		1/Month	Grab
00530 mg/l	Total Suspended Solids	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
00545 ml/l	Residue, Settleable	-	0.5	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01045 ug/l	Iron, Total (Fe)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01055 ug/l	Manganese, Total (Mn)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
50050 MGD	Flow Rate	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr.
Total							

b. If the discharge or increase in the volume of the discharge is caused by precipitation greater than the 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event (or snowmelt of equivalent volume), the alternative limits (with monitoring/reporting requirements) are as follows:

Reporting Code/Units	Parameter	DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS				MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
		Concentration		Loading		Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
		Other Units (Specify)	Kg/day	Other Units (Specify)	Kg/day		
		30 Day	Daily	30 Day	Daily		
00045 IN	Total Precipitation	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr. Total
00400 S.U.	pH	6.0 to 9.5		at all times		1/Month	Grab
00530 mg/l	Total Suspended Solids	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
00545 ml/l	Residue, Settleable	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01045 ug/l	Iron, Total (Fe)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01055 ug/l	Manganese, Total (Mn)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
50050 MGD	Flow Rate	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr. Total

2. Alternative Effluent Limits for outfall 005 and 006.

a. If the discharge or increase in the volume of the discharge is caused by precipitation within any 24 hr. period less than or equal to the the 10 year, 24 hour precipitation event (or snowmelt of equivalent volume) , the alternative limits (with monitoring/reporting requirements) are as follows:

Reporting Code/Units	Parameter	Concentration		Loading		Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
		Other Units (Specify)	30 Day	Daily	30 Day		
00045 IN	Total Precipitation	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr. Total
00400 S.U.	pH	6.0 to 9.5 at all times		-	-	1/Month	Grab
00530 mg/l	Total Suspended Solids	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
00545 ml/l	Residue, Settleable	-	0.5	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01045 ug/l	Iron, Total (Fe)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01055 ug/l	Manganese, Total (Mn)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
50050 MGD	Flow Rate	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr. Total

b. If the discharge or increase in the volume of the discharge is caused by precipitation greater than the 10-year, 24-hour precipitation event (or snowmelt of equivalent volume), the alternative limits (with monitoring/reporting requirements) are as follows:

Reporting Code/Units	Parameter	Concentration		Loading		Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
		Other Units (Specify)	30 Day	Daily	30 Day		
00045 IN	Total Precipitation	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr. Total
00400 S.U.	pH	6.0 to 9.5 at all times		-	-	1/Month	Grab
00530 mg/l	Total Suspended Solids	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
00545 ml/l	Residue, Settleable	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01045 ug/l	Iron, Total (Fe)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
01055 ug/l	Manganese, Total (Mn)	-	-	-	-	1/Month	Grab
50050 MGD	Flow Rate	-	-	-	-	Daily	24 Hr. Total

3. Applicability and Submission Requirements

a. The samples of the discharge for all parameters listed are collected during, or within 24 hours after the applicable precipitation event.

b. The operator proves that the discharge or the increase in the discharge was caused by the applicable precipitation event. The following information must be submitted by the permittee as proof of qualification for the alternative effluent limitations:

- i. A statement of the precipitation event for which the alternative limits are being sought and the amount of rainfall specified for that precipitation event as defined by the National Weather Service and Technical Paper No. 40, "Rainfall Atlas of the United States", May 1961, or equivalent regional rainfall probability information developed therefrom;
  - ii. The date, duration (time begin/time end), and total 24-hour accumulation (inches), of the precipitation which caused the discharge or increase in volume of the discharge; and
  - iii. The date and time grab samples were collected.
- c. The permittee should report "AC" in the appropriate location on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) Form 4500 where the data would have gone if alternative limits were not applicable. The information required above in Part II, Item (D)(1)(b) should be included in the "Additional Remarks" section of the DMR form.

#### J. Monitoring Report Name Change

The name of the monitoring reports required for each monitoring station contained in this permit has been changed from Monthly Operating Report (MOR) to Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). The circumstances requiring the submittal of a DMR remain the same as those which were required for an MOR. Form 4500 must be used for DMR submittal.

#### K. G. Data Substitution Codes

In lieu of a numerical value the following codes may be used on the Monthly Operating Report:

- AA - Below Detectable Limit
- AB - Analytical Data Lost
- AC - Plant Not Operating
- AD - Automatic Analyzer Out of Service
- AE - Analytical Data Not Valid
- AF - High Stream Water Inundates Sample Site
- AH - Sample Not Taken, Explanation in Remark Section
- AJ - Above Range of Automatic Analyzer
- AK - Biological Sample Too Numerous to Count
- AL - No Discharge For the Month
- AN - Sample Not Taken, Plant Not Normally Staffed (Saturdays, Sundays, and Holidays)

For more detailed information about the Monthly Operating Report form, see the EPA-4500 How To Booklet available on Ohio EPA's website at:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/MORGuidance.html>

## PART III - GENERAL CONDITIONS

### 1. DEFINITIONS

"Daily discharge" means the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling. For pollutants with limitations 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.

"Average weekly" discharge limitation means the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a calendar week, calculated as the sum of all "daily discharges" measured during a calendar week divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that week. Each of the following 7-day periods is defined as a calendar week: Week 1 is Days 1 - 7 of the month; Week 2 is Days 8 - 14; Week 3 is Days 15 - 21; and Week 4 is Days 22 - 28. If the "daily discharge" on days 29, 30 or 31 exceeds the "average weekly" discharge limitation, Ohio EPA may elect to evaluate the last 7 days of the month as Week 4 instead of Days 22 - 28. Compliance with fecal coliform bacteria or E coli bacteria limitations shall be determined using the geometric mean.

"Average monthly" discharge limitation means the highest allowable average of "daily discharges" over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all "daily discharges" measured during a calendar month divided by the number of "daily discharges" measured during that month. Compliance with fecal coliform bacteria or E coli bacteria limitations shall be determined using the geometric mean.

"85 percent removal" means the arithmetic mean of the values for effluent samples collected in a period of 30 consecutive days shall not exceed 15 percent of the arithmetic mean of the values for influent samples collected at approximately the same times during the same period.

"Absolute Limitations" Compliance with limitations having descriptions of "shall not be less than," "not greater than," "shall not exceed," "minimum," or "maximum" shall be determined from any single value for effluent samples and/or measurements collected.

"Net concentration" shall mean the difference between the concentration of a given substance in a sample taken of the discharge and the concentration of the same substances in a sample taken at the intake which supplies water to the given process. For the purpose of this definition, samples that are taken to determine the net concentration shall always be 24-hour composite samples made up of at least six increments taken at regular intervals throughout the plant day.

"Net Load" shall mean the difference between the load of a given substance as calculated from a sample taken of the discharge and the load of the same substance in a sample taken at the intake which supplies water to given process. For purposes of this definition, samples that are taken to determine the net loading shall always be 24-hour composite samples made up of at least six increments taken at regular intervals throughout the plant day.

"MGD" means million gallons per day.

"mg/l" means milligrams per liter.

"ug/l" means micrograms per liter.

"ng/l" means nanograms per liter.

"S.U." means standard pH unit.

"kg/day" means kilograms per day.

"Reporting Code" is a five digit number used by the Ohio EPA in processing reported data. The reporting code does not imply the type of analysis used nor the sampling techniques employed.

"Quarterly (1/Quarter) sampling frequency" means the sampling shall be done in the months of March, June, August, and December, unless specifically identified otherwise in the Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements table.

"Yearly (1/Year) sampling frequency" means the sampling shall be done in the month of September, unless specifically identified otherwise in the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements table.

"Semi-annual (2/Year) sampling frequency" means the sampling shall be done during the months of June and December, unless specifically identified otherwise.

"Winter" shall be considered to be the period from November 1 through April 30.

"Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of the treatment facility.

"Summer" shall be considered to be the period from May 1 through October 31.

"Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which would cause 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.

"Upset" means 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.

"Sewage sludge" means a solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works as defined in section 6111.01 of the Revised Code. "Sewage sludge" includes, but is not limited to, scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes. "Sewage sludge" does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator, grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works, animal manure, residue generated during treatment of animal manure, or domestic septage.

"Sewage sludge weight" means the weight of sewage sludge, in dry U.S. tons, including admixtures such as liming materials or bulking agents. Monitoring frequencies for sewage sludge parameters are based on the reported sludge weight generated in a calendar year (use the most recent calendar year data when the NPDES permit is up for renewal).

"Sewage sludge fee weight" means the weight of sewage sludge, in dry U.S. tons, excluding admixtures such as liming materials or bulking agents. Annual sewage sludge fees, as per section 3745.11(Y) of the Ohio Revised Code, are based on the reported sludge fee weight for the most recent calendar year.

## 2. GENERAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

The effluent shall, at all times, be free of substances:

- A. In amounts that will settle to form putrescent, or otherwise objectionable, sludge deposits; or that will adversely affect aquatic life or water fowl;
- B. Of an oily, greasy, or surface-active nature, and of other floating debris, in amounts that will form noticeable accumulations of scum, foam or sheen;
- C. In amounts that will alter the natural color or odor of the receiving water to such degree as to create a nuisance;
- D. In amounts that either singly or in combination with other substances are toxic to human, animal, or aquatic life;
- E. In amounts that are conducive to the growth of aquatic weeds or algae to the extent that such growths become inimical to more desirable forms of aquatic life, or create conditions that are unsightly, or constitute a nuisance in any other fashion;
- F. In amounts that will impair designated instream or downstream water uses.

## 3. FACILITY OPERATION AND QUALITY CONTROL

All wastewater treatment works shall be operated in a manner consistent with the following:

- A. At all times, the permittee shall maintain in good working order and operate as efficiently as possible all treatment or control facilities or systems installed or used by the permittee necessary to achieve compliance with the terms and 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 conditions of the permit.
- B. The permittee shall effectively monitor the operation and efficiency of treatment and control facilities and the quantity and quality of the treated discharge.
- C. Maintenance of wastewater treatment works that results in degradation of effluent quality shall be scheduled during non-critical water quality periods and shall be carried out in a manner approved by Ohio EPA as specified in the Paragraph in the PART III entitled, "UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES".

#### 4. REPORTING

A. Monitoring data required by this permit shall be submitted on Ohio EPA 4500 Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms using the electronic DMR (e-DMR) internet application. e-DMR allows permitted facilities to enter, sign, and submit DMRs on the internet. It is accessed from the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center. The eBusiness Center is found on the following web page:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/swims/eDMR/eDMR.html>

Alternatively, if you are unable to use e-DMR due to a demonstrated hardship, monitoring data may be submitted on paper DMR forms provided by Ohio EPA. Monitoring data shall be typed on the forms. Please contact Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water at (614) 644-2050 if you wish to receive paper DMR forms.

B. DMRs shall be signed by a facility's Responsible Official or a Delegated Responsible Official (i.e. a person delegated by the Responsible Official). The Responsible Official of a facility is defined as:

1. For corporations - a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision making functions for the corporation; or the manager of one or more manufacturing, production or operating facilities, provided the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;
2. For partnerships - a general partner;
3. For a sole proprietorship - the proprietor; or,
4. For a municipality, state or other public facility - a principal executive officer, a ranking elected official or other duly authorized employee.

For e-DMR, the person signing and submitting the DMR will need to obtain an eBusiness Center account and Personal Identification Number (PIN). Additionally, Delegated Responsible Officials must be delegated by the Responsible Official, either on-line using the eBusiness Center's delegation function, or on a paper delegation form provided by Ohio EPA. For more information on the PIN and delegation processes, please view the following web page:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/swims/eDMR/eDMRpin.html>

C. DMRs submitted using e-DMR shall be submitted to Ohio EPA by the 20th day of the month following the month-of-interest. DMRs submitted on paper must include the original signed DMR form and shall be mailed to Ohio EPA at the following address so that they are received no later than the 15th day of the month following the month-of-interest:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Lazarus Government Center  
Division of Surface Water - PCU  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

D. Regardless of the submission method, a copy of the submitted Ohio EPA 4500 DMR must be signed by a Responsible Official or a Delegated Responsible Official and maintained onsite for records retention purposes (see Section 7. RECORDS RETENTION). For e-DMR users, a copy of the DMR can be printed from e-DMR.

E. If the permittee monitors any pollutant at the location(s) designated herein more frequently than required by this permit, using approved analytical methods as specified in Section 5. SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL METHODS, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the values required in the reports specified above.

F. Analyses of pollutants not required by this permit, except as noted in the preceding paragraph, shall not be reported to the Ohio EPA, but records shall be retained as specified in Section 7. RECORDS RETENTION.

#### 5. SAMPLING AND ANALYTICAL METHOD

Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored flow. Test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall conform to regulation 40 CFR 136, "Test Procedures For The Analysis of Pollutants" unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit. The permittee shall periodically calibrate and perform maintenance procedures on all monitoring and analytical instrumentation at intervals to insure accuracy of measurements.

#### 6. RECORDING OF RESULTS

For each measurement or sample taken pursuant to the requirements of this permit, the permittee shall record the following information:

- A. The exact place and date of sampling; (time of sampling not required on EPA 4500)
- B. The person(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- C. The date the analyses were performed on those samples;
- D. The person(s) who performed the analyses;
- E. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- F. The results of all analyses and measurements.

## 7. RECORDS RETENTION

The permittee shall retain all of the following records for the wastewater treatment works for a minimum of three years except those records that pertain to sewage sludge disposal, use, storage, or treatment, which shall be kept for a minimum of five years, including:

- A. All sampling and analytical records (including internal sampling data not reported);
- B. All original recordings for any continuous monitoring instrumentation;
- C. All instrumentation, calibration and maintenance records;
- D. All plant operation and maintenance records;
- E. All reports required by this permit; and
- F. Records of all data used to complete the application for this permit for a period of at least three years, or five years for sewage sludge, from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application.

These periods will be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation, or when requested by the Regional Administrator or the Ohio EPA. The three year period, or five year period for sewage sludge, for retention of records shall start from the date of sample, measurement, report, or application.

## 8. AVAILABILITY OF REPORTS

Except for data determined by the Ohio EPA to be entitled to confidential status, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the appropriate district offices of the Ohio EPA. Both the Clean Water Act and Section 6111.05 Ohio Revised Code state that effluent data and receiving water quality data shall not be considered confidential.

## 9. DUTY TO PROVIDE INFORMATION

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

## 10. RIGHT OF ENTRY

The permittee shall allow the Director or an authorized representative 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 this permit.
- B. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of the permit.
- C. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit.
- D. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

## 11. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

A. Bypassing or diverting of wastewater from the treatment works is prohibited 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 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 D. of this section,

B. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.

C. The Director may approve an unanticipated bypass after considering its adverse effects, if the Director determines that it has met the three conditions listed in paragraph 11.A. of this section.

D. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in section 12. A.

E. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded if that bypass is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation.

## 12. NONCOMPLIANCE NOTIFICATION

A. Exceedance of a Daily Maximum Discharge Limit

1. The permittee shall report noncompliance that is the result of any violation of a daily maximum discharge limit for any of the pollutants listed by the Director in the permit by e-mail or telephone within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery.

The permittee may report to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office e-mail account as follows (this method is preferred):

Southeast District Office: sedo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
Southwest District Office: swdo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
Northwest District Office: nwdo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
Northeast District Office: nedo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
Central District Office: cdo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
Central Office: co24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us

The permittee shall attach a noncompliance report to the e-mail. A noncompliance report form is available on the following web site:

<http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/permits.html>

Or, the permittee may report to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office by telephone toll-free between 8:00 AM and 5:00 PM as follows:

Southeast District Office: (800) 686-7330  
Southwest District Office: (800) 686-8930  
Northwest District Office: (800) 686-6930  
Northeast District Office: (800) 686-6330  
Central District Office: (800) 686-2330  
Central Office: (614) 644-2001

The permittee shall include the following information in the telephone noncompliance report:

- a. The name of the permittee, and a contact name and telephone number;
- b. The limit(s) that has been exceeded;
- c. The extent of the exceedance(s);
- d. The cause of the exceedance(s);
- e. The period of the exceedance(s) including exact dates and times;
- f. If uncorrected, the anticipated time the exceedance(s) is expected to continue; and,
- g. Steps taken to reduce, eliminate or prevent occurrence of the exceedance(s).

**B. Other Permit Violations**

1. The permittee shall report noncompliance that is the result of any unanticipated bypass resulting in an exceedance of any effluent limit in the permit or any upset resulting in an exceedance of any effluent limit in the permit by e-mail or telephone within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery.

The permittee may report to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office e-mail account as follows (this method is preferred):

Southeast District Office: sedo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
Southwest District Office: swdo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
Northwest District Office: nwdo24hournpdes@epa.state.oh.us  
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The permittee shall include the following information in the telephone noncompliance report:

- a. The name of the permittee, and a contact name and telephone number;
- b. The time(s) at which the discharge occurred, and was discovered;
- c. The approximate amount and the characteristics of the discharge;

- d. The stream(s) affected by the discharge;
  - e. The circumstances which created the discharge;
  - f. The name and telephone number of the person(s) who have knowledge of these circumstances;
  - g. What remedial steps are being taken; and,
  - h. The name and telephone number of the person(s) responsible for such remedial steps.
2. The permittee shall report noncompliance that is the result of any spill or discharge which may endanger human health or the environment within thirty (30) minutes of discovery by calling the 24-Hour Emergency Hotline toll-free at (800) 282-9378. The permittee shall also report the spill or discharge by e-mail or telephone within twenty-four (24) hours of discovery in accordance with B.1 above.

C. When the telephone option is used for the noncompliance reports required by A and B, the permittee shall submit to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office a confirmation letter and a completed noncompliance report within five (5) days of the discovery of the noncompliance. This follow up report is not necessary for the e-mail option which already includes a completed noncompliance report.

D. If the permittee is unable to meet any date for achieving an event, as specified in a schedule of compliance in their permit, the permittee shall submit a written report to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office within fourteen (14) days of becoming aware of such a situation. The report shall include the following:

- 1. The compliance event which has been or will be violated;
- 2. The cause of the violation;
- 3. The remedial action being taken;
- 4. The probable date by which compliance will occur; and,
- 5. The probability of complying with subsequent and final events as scheduled.

E. The permittee shall report all other instances of permit noncompliance not reported under paragraphs A or B of this section on their monthly DMR submission. The DMR shall contain comments that include the information listed in paragraphs A or B as appropriate.

F. If the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit an application, or submitted incorrect information in an application or in any report to the director, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

13. RESERVED

14. DUTY TO MITIGATE

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

15. AUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

All discharges authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit. The discharge of any pollutant identified in this permit more frequently than, or at a level in excess of, that authorized by this permit shall constitute a violation of the terms and conditions of this permit. Such violations may result in the imposition of civil and/or criminal penalties as provided for in Section 309 of the Act and Ohio Revised Code Sections 6111.09 and 6111.99.

## 16. DISCHARGE CHANGES

The following changes must be reported to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office as soon as practicable:

A. For all treatment works, any significant change in character of the discharge which the permittee knows or has reason to believe has occurred or will occur which would constitute cause for modification or revocation and reissuance. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Director of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. Notification of permit changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

B. For publicly owned treatment works:

1. Any proposed plant modification, addition, and/or expansion that will change the capacity or efficiency of the plant;
2. The addition of any new significant industrial discharge; and
3. Changes in the quantity or quality of the wastes from existing tributary industrial discharges which will result in significant new or increased discharges of pollutants.

C. For non-publicly owned treatment works, any proposed facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications, which will result in new, different, or increased discharges of pollutants.

Following this notice, modifications to the permit may be made to reflect any necessary changes in permit conditions, including any necessary effluent limitations for any pollutants not identified and limited herein. A determination will also be made as to whether a National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) review will be required. Sections 6111.44 and 6111.45, Ohio Revised Code, require that plans for treatment works or improvements to such works be approved by the Director of the Ohio EPA prior to initiation of construction.

D. In addition to the reporting requirements under 40 CFR 122.41(l) and per 40 CFR 122.42(a), all existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Director as soon as they know or have reason to believe:

1. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge on a routine or frequent basis of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit. If that discharge will exceed the highest of the "notification levels" specified in 40 CFR Sections 122.42(a)(1)(i) through 122.42(a)(1)(iv).
2. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the "notification levels" specified in 122.42(a)(2)(i) through 122.42(a)(2)(iv).

## 17. TOXIC POLLUTANTS

The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307 (a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement. Following establishment of such standards or prohibitions, the Director shall modify this permit and so notify the permittee.

#### 18. PERMIT MODIFICATION OR REVOCATION

A. After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this permit may be modified or revoked, by the Ohio EPA, in whole or in part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following:

1. Violation of any terms or conditions of this permit;
2. Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts; or
3. Change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.

B. Pursuant to rule 3745-33-04, Ohio Administrative Code, the permittee may at any time apply to the Ohio EPA for modification of any part of this permit. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification or revocation does not stay any permit condition. The application for modification should be received by the appropriate Ohio EPA district office at least ninety days before the date on which it is desired that the modification become effective. The application shall be made only on forms approved by the Ohio EPA.

#### 19. TRANSFER OF OWNERSHIP OR CONTROL

This permit may be transferred or assigned and a new owner or successor can be authorized to discharge from this facility, provided the following requirements are met:

A. The permittee shall notify the succeeding owner or successor of the existence of this permit by a letter, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office. The copy of that letter will serve as the permittee's notice to the Director of the proposed transfer. The copy of that letter shall be received by the appropriate Ohio EPA district office sixty (60) days prior to the proposed date of transfer;

B. A written agreement containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility and coverage between the current and new permittee (including acknowledgement that the existing permittee is liable for violations up to that date, and that the new permittee is liable for violations from that date on) shall be submitted to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office within sixty days after receipt by the district office of the copy of the letter from the permittee to the succeeding owner;

At anytime during the sixty (60) day period between notification of the proposed transfer and the effective date of the transfer, the Director may prevent the transfer if he concludes that such transfer will jeopardize compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit. If the Director does not prevent transfer, he will modify the permit to reflect the new owner.

#### 20. OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE LIABILITY

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under Section 311 of the Clean Water Act.

#### 21. SOLIDS DISPOSAL

Collected grit and screenings, and other solids other than sewage sludge, shall be disposed of in such a manner as to prevent entry of those wastes into waters of the state, and in accordance with all applicable laws and rules.

#### 22. CONSTRUCTION AFFECTING NAVIGABLE WATERS

This permit does not authorize or approve the construction of any onshore or offshore physical structures or facilities or the undertaking of any work in any navigable waters.

### 23. CIVIL AND CRIMINAL LIABILITY

Except as exempted in the permit conditions on UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES or UPSETS, nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance.

### 24. STATE LAWS AND REGULATIONS

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable state law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Clean Water Act.

### 25. PROPERTY RIGHTS

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

### 26. UPSET

The provisions of 40 CFR Section 122.41(n), relating to "Upset," are specifically incorporated herein by reference in their entirety. For definition of "upset," see Part III, Paragraph 1, DEFINITIONS.

### 27. SEVERABILITY

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

### 28. SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

All applications submitted to the Director shall be signed and certified in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 122.22.

All reports submitted to the Director shall be signed and certified in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR Section 122.22.

### 29. OTHER INFORMATION

A. 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 Director, it shall promptly submit such facts or information.

B. ORC 6111.99 provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 per violation.

C. ORC 6111.99 states 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 noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 per violation.

D. ORC 6111.99 provides that any person who violates Sections 6111.04, 6111.042, 6111.05, or division (A) of Section 6111.07 of the Revised Code shall be fined not more than \$25,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

30. NEED TO HALT OR REDUCE ACTIVITY

40 CFR 122.41(c) states that 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 conditions of this permit.

31. APPLICABLE FEDERAL RULES

All references to 40 CFR in this permit mean the version of 40 CFR which is effective as of the effective date of this permit.

32. AVAILABILITY OF PUBLIC SEWERS

Notwithstanding the issuance or non-issuance of an NPDES permit to a semi-public disposal system, whenever the sewage system of a publicly owned treatment works becomes available and accessible, the permittee operating any semi-public disposal system shall abandon the semi-public disposal system and connect it into the publicly owned treatment works.