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Region 6  
1445 Ross Avenue  
Dallas, Texas 75202-2733

NPDES Permit No. **NM0028355**

**AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended,  
(33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq; the "Act"),

Los Alamos National Security, LLC  
Management Contractor for Operations  
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

and

U.S. Department of Energy  
Los Alamos Area Office  
Los Alamos, New Mexico 87544

are authorized to discharge from a facility located at Los Alamos,

to receiving waters named: Perennial portion of Sandia Canyon in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.126, and Mortandad Canyon, Canada del Buey, Los Alamos Canyon, ephemeral portion of Sandia Canyon, Ten Site Canyon, Canon de Valle, and Water Canyon, in Waterbody Segment No. 20.6.4.128 of the Rio Grande Basin,

in accordance with this cover page and the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I [Requirements for NPDES Permits - 36 pages], II [Other Conditions - 22 pages], III [Standard Conditions for NPDES Permits - 8 pages], and IV [Sewage Sludge Requirements - 18 pages] hereof.

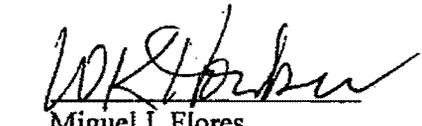
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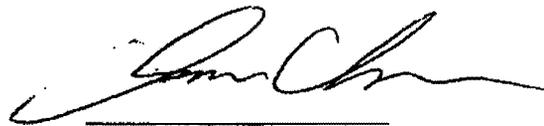
This permit shall become effective on August 1, 2007

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, July 31, 2012

Issued on June 8, 2007

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PART I - REQUIREMENTS FOR NPDES PERMITS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

OUTFALL 001

Discharge Type: Continuous

Latitude 35°52'26"N, Longitude 106°19'09"W

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (unless otherwise noted),

the permittee is authorized to discharge Power Plant waste water from cooling towers, boiler blowdown drains, demineralizer backwash, R/O reject, floor and sink drains, and treated sanitary re-use to Sandia Canyon, in Segment Number 20.6.4.126 of the Rio Grande Basin.

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

<u>PARAMETERS/STORET CODES</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS</u>			
	<u>QUANTITY/LOADING</u>		<u>QUALITY/CONCENTRATION</u>	
	<u>(LBS/DAY UNLESS STATED)</u>		<u>(mg/L UNLESS STATED)</u>	
	<u>MONTHLY AVG</u>	<u>DAILY MAX</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVG</u>	<u>DAILY MAX</u>
	Report MGD	Report MGD	****	****
Flow				
STORET: 50050				
TSS	****	****	30	100
STORET: 00530				
E. Coli (*1)	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 51040				
E. Coli (*1)	****	****	126 cfu/100 ml	410 cfu/100 ml
STORET: 51040				
Total Residual Chlorine (*2)	****	****	****	0.011
STORET: 50060				
Total Aluminum (*3)	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 01105				
Total Aluminum (*3)	****	****	0.058	0.087
STORET: 01105				
pH (Standard Units) (*4)		Ranges from 6.0 to 9.0		
STORET: 00400				
pH (Standard Units) (*4)		Ranges from 6.6 to 8.8		
STORET: 00400				
Temperature (*5)	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 00010				
Temperature (*5)	****	****	24°C	24°C
STORET: 00010				

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### SAMPLING LOCATION(S) AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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#### SAMPLING LOCATION(S)

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): following final treatment and prior to or at the point of discharge from Outfall 001 (Latitude 35°52'26"N, Longitude 106°19'09"W).

#### NO DISCHARGE REPORTING

If there is no discharge event at this outfall during the sampling month, place an "X" in the NO DISCHARGE box located in the upper right corner of the preprinted Discharge Monitoring Report.

#### FLOATING SOLIDS, OIL AND GREASE

There shall be no discharge of oils, scum, grease and other floating materials that would cause the formation of a visible sheen or visible deposits on the bottom or shoreline, or would damage or impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of human, animal, plant or aquatic life.

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- \*1 Logarithmic mean. Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements only apply when effluent from Outfall 13S is rerouted and discharged at Outfall 001. The discharge shall meet the *E. coli* effluent limitations within six (6) months from the effective date of the permit.
- \*2 Effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes.
- \*3 During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through three (3) years from the effective date, the concentrations of total aluminum shall be reported in the DMRs. During the period beginning the three years from the effective date through the expiration date of the permit, the discharge must meet the effluent limitations.
- \*4 During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through six (6) months from the effective date, the pH shall meet the range of 6.0 to 9.0. During the period beginning the six months from the effective date through the expiration date of the permit, the discharge shall meet the pH range of 6.6 to 8.8.

OUTFALL 13S

Discharge Type: Continuous  
 Latitude 35°51'08"N, Longitude 106°16'33"W

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (unless otherwise noted),

the permittee is authorized to discharge treated sanitary waste water to Sandia Canyon in Segment Numbers 20.6.4.126 via outfalls utilizing treated effluent as specified in Outfall 001 and Category 03A, or to Canada del Buey in Segment Numbers 20.6.128 of the Rio Grande Basin.

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

CHEMICAL/PHYSICAL/BIOCHEMICAL

<u>PARAMETERS/STORET CODES</u>	<u>DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS</u>			
	<u>QUANTITY/LOADING</u> (LBS/DAY UNLESS STATED)		<u>QUALITY/CONCENTRATION</u> (mg/L UNLESS STATED)	
	<u>MONTHLY AVG</u>	<u>DAILY MAX</u>	<u>MONTHLY AVG</u>	<u>DAILY MAX</u>
	Report MGD	Report MGD	****	****
Flow				
STORET: 50050				
BOD5 (*1)	75	112	30	45
STORET: 00310				
BOD5 (*1)	80	119	30	45
STORET: 00310				
TSS (*1)	75	112	30	45
STORET: 00530				
TSS (*1)	80	119	30	45
STORET: 00530				
<i>E. Coli</i> (*2)	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 51040				
<i>E. Coli</i> (*2)	****	****	548 cfu/100 ml	2507 cfu/100 ml
STORET: 51040				
Total Residual Chlorine (*3)	****	****	****	0.011
STORET: 50060				
pH (Standard Units)	Ranges from 6.0 to 9.0			
STORET: 00400				
Total PCBs (*4)	****	****	0.009 ug/l	0.014 ug/l
STORET: 39516				
Total PCBs (*4)	****	****	0.00064 ug/l(*5)	0.00064 ug/l(*5)
STORET: 39516				

If there is no discharge event at this outfall during the sampling month, place an "X" in the NO DISCHARGE box located in the upper right corner of the preprinted Discharge Monitoring Report.

#### FLOATING SOLIDS, OIL AND GREASE

There shall be no discharge of oils, scum, grease and other floating materials that would cause the formation of a visible sheen or visible deposits on the bottom or shoreline, or would damage or impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of human, animal, plant or aquatic life.

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#### FOOTNOTES

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- \*1 The monthly average and daily maximum loads of 75 and 112 lbs/day apply from the beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting until the average discharge rate has increased to 0.318 MGD through the addition of sanitary waste water from a residential subdivision located in Los Alamos County. LANL shall notify EPA Region 6 and NMED in writing two weeks prior to the addition of residential sanitary waste water to the TA-46 treatment plant. Mass loads of 80 and 119 lbs/day apply beginning the connection of sanitary waste water from a residential subdivision located in Los Alamos County lasting through the expiration date of the permit.
- \*2 Logarithmic mean. Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements only apply when discharge is made directly to Canada del Buey. The discharge shall meet the *E. coli* effluent limitations within six (6) months from the effective date of the permit. The discharge shall comply with the monitoring requirement and effluent limitations for *E. coli* if it discharges at other outfall.
- \*3 Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements only apply when discharge is made directly to Canada del Buey. The effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes.
- \*4 Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements only apply when discharge is made directly to Canada del Buey. EPA published Method 1668 Revision A shall be used. The permittee shall take efforts not to discharge PCBs contained effluent at Outfall 13S to Canada del Buey. PCBs contained effluent shall not be re-routed or reused, and/or discharged at other outfalls except Outfall 001. If the wastewater is discharge at other outfall, it shall comply with effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for PCBs.
- \*5 See Part I.B.2. Compliance Schedule for PCBs.
- \*6 When discharge is made directly to Canada del Buey. Take 1<sup>st</sup> sample in the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the permit and 2<sup>nd</sup> sample in the 3<sup>rd</sup> year of the permit. The WET test should occur between November 1 and March 31. If discharges are not expected to occur during this sampling

Total Copper (*3) STORET: 01042	****	****	0.14 ug/l	0.2 ug/l
Total Zinc (*3) STORET: 01092	****	****	Report	Report
Total Zinc (*3) STORET: 01092	****	****	2.2 ug/l	3.3 ug/l
Total Residual Chlorine (*4) STORET: 50060	****	****	****	0.011
Total Selenium STORET: 01147	****	****	Report	Report
Perchlorate STORET: 61209	****	****	Report	Report
pH (Standard Units) STORET: 00400	Ranges from 6.0 to 9.0			
Total PCBs STORET: 39516	****	****	Report	Report

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

	<u>FREQUENCY OF ANALYSIS</u>	<u>SAMPLE TYPE</u>
Flow	Continuous	Record
Chemical Oxygen Demand	1/Month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	1/Month	Grab
Total Toxic Organics	1/Month	Grab
Tritium	1/Year	Grab
Ra 226+228	1/Year	Grab
Total Chromium	1/Year	Grab
Total Lead	1/Year	Grab
Total Cadmium	1/Year	Grab
Total Mercury	1/Year	Grab
Total Nickel	1/Year	Grab
Total Copper	1/Month	Grab
Total Zinc	1/Month	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	1/Week	Grab
Total Selenium	1/Year	Grab
Perchlorate	1/Year	Grab
Total PCBs	1/Year	Grab
pH (Standard Units)	1/Week	Grab

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC

DISCHARGE MONITORING

30-Day Avg Min.      48-Hr. Min.

- \*1 The limits and monitoring for Total Toxic Organics do not include 2,3,7,8-Tetrachlorodibenzo-p-dioxin (TCDD), Pesticides, or Polychlorinated biphenyls
- \*2 Annual sample shall be taken for five (5) years until the expiration date.
- \*3 During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through three (3) years from the effective date, the concentration of total copper shall be reported in the DMRs. During the period beginning three years from the effective date through the expiration date of the permit, the discharge must meet the effluent limitations.
- \*4 The effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes.
- \*5 Sampling frequency 1/3 Months for the 1<sup>st</sup> year of the permit. If the test passes, reduce the frequency to 1/6 Months for year 2 through year 5 of the permit. If any test fails, return frequency to 1/3 Months for remainder of the permit. Critical dilution 100%, and the dilution series are 32%, 42%, 56%, 75%, 100%. Also, see Part II, Section I. Whole Effluent Toxicity (48-hour Acute Testing).

Total Suspended Solids	1/Quarter	Grab
Oil and Grease	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Toxic Organics	1/Quarter	Grab
Trinitrotoluene	1/Quarter	Grab
Total RDX	2/Month (*2)	Grab
Perchlorate	1/Year	Grab
pH (Standard Units)	1/Week	Grab

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC

DISCHARGE MONITORING

30-Day Avg Min.      48-Hr. Min.

Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing  
(48 Hr. Static Renewal)

Daphnia pulex

Report

Report

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

Frequency

Type

Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing  
(48 Hr. Static Renewal)

Daphnia pulex

1/5 Years (\*3)

3-hr Composite

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SAMPLING LOCATION(S) AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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SAMPLING LOCATION(S)

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): following final treatment and prior to or at the point of discharge (Latitude 35°50'49"N, Longitude 106°19'51"W).

NO DISCHARGE REPORTING

If there is no discharge event at this outfall during the sampling month, place an "X" in the NO DISCHARGE box located in the upper right corner of the preprinted Discharge Monitoring Report.

FLOATING SOLIDS, OIL AND GREASE

There shall be no discharge of oils, scum, grease and other floating materials that would cause the formation of a visible sheen or visible deposits on the bottom or shoreline, or would damage or impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of human, animal, plant or aquatic life.

OUTFALLS 03A021, 03A022, and 03A181

Discharge Type: Intermittent

- Outfall 03A021: Latitude 35°52'14"N, Longitude 106°19'11"W (TA3-29)
- Outfall 03A022: Latitude 35°52'14"N, Longitude 106°19'01"W (TA3-2274)
- Outfall 03A181: Latitude 35°51'50.8"N, Longitude 106°18'05"W (TA55-6)

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (unless otherwise noted),

the permittee is authorized to discharge cooling tower blowdown and other wastewater to Mortandad Canyon, in segment number 20.6.4.128 of the Rio Grande Basin.

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

	QUANTITY/LOADING		QUALITY/CONCENTRATION	
	(LBS/DAY UNLESS STATED)		(mg/L UNLESS STATED)	
	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX
Flow	Report MGD	Report MGD	****	****
STORET: 50050				
Total Suspended Solids	****	****	30	100
STORET: 00530				
Total Residual Chlorine (*1)	****	****	****	0.011
STORET: 50060				
Total Phosphorus	****	****	20	40
STORET: 00665				
Total Copper (*2)	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 01042				
Total Copper (*3)	****	****	0.019	0.028
STORET: 01042				
Total Selenium	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 01147				
pH (Standard Units)	Ranges from 6.0 to 9.0			
STORET: 00400				

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

	FREQUENCY OF ANALYSIS	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	1/Day	Estimate
Total Suspended Solids	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	1/Week	Grab
Total Phosphorous	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Copper (*4)	1/Month	Grab
Total Selenium	1/Year	Grab

OUTFALLS 03A027, 03A113, and 03A199

Discharge Type: Intermittent

03A027: Latitude 35°52'26"N, Longitude 106°19'08"W (TA3-285 & 2327)

Outfall 03A113: Latitude 35°52'03"N, Longitude 106°15'43"W  
(TA-53-293, 294, 952, 1032, & 1038)

Outfall 03A199: Latitude 35°52'33"N, Longitude 106°19'19"W (TA3-1837)

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (unless otherwise noted),

the permittee is authorized to discharge cooling tower blowdown and other wastewater to Sandia Canyon, in segment number 20.6.4.126 (from Outfall 03A027 and 199) and 20.6.4.128 (from Outfall 03A113) of the Rio Grande Basin.

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

	QUANTITY/LOADING (LBS/DAY UNLESS STATED)		QUALITY/CONCENTRATION (mg/L UNLESS STATED)	
	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX
	Report MGD	Report MGD	****	****
Flow STORET: 50050				
Total Suspended Solids STORET: 00530	****	****	30	100
E. Coli (*1) STORET: 51040	****	****	Report	Report
E. Coli (*1) STORET: 51040	****	****	548 cfu/100 ml	2507 cfu/100 ml
Total Residual Chlorine (*2) STORET: 50060	****	****	****	0.011
Total Phosphorus STORET: 00665	****	****	20	40
Total Copper (*3) STORET: 01042	****	****	Report	Report
pH (Standard Units) STORET: 00400		Ranges from 6.0 to 9.0		
pH (Standard Units) (*4) STORET: 00400		Ranges from 6.6 to 8.8		

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

	FREQUENCY OF ANALYSIS	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	1/Day	Estimate

- \*4 Apply at Putfalls 03A027 and 199. During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through six (6) months from the effective date, the pH shall meet the range of 6.0 to 9.0. During the period beginning the six months from the effective date through the expiration date of the permit, the discharge shall meet the pH range of 6.6 to 8.8.

	<u>FREQUENCY OF ANALYSIS</u>	<u>SAMPLE TYPE</u>
Flow	1/Day	Estimate
Total Suspended Solids	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	1/Week	Grab
Total Phosphorous	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Copper	1/Month	Grab
Total Zinc	1/Month	Grab
Total Cyanide	1/Month	Grab
Total Selenium	1/Year	Grab
pH (Standard Units)	1/Week	Grab

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**SAMPLING LOCATION(S) AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

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**SAMPLING LOCATION(S)**

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): following final treatment and prior to or at the point of discharge.

**NO DISCHARGE REPORTING**

If there is no discharge event at this outfall during the sampling month, place an "X" in the **NO DISCHARGE** box located in the upper right corner of the preprinted Discharge Monitoring Report.

**FLOATING SOLIDS, OIL AND GREASE**

There shall be no discharge of oils, scum, grease and other floating materials that would cause the formation of a visible sheen or visible deposits on the bottom or shoreline, or would damage or impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of human, animal, plant or aquatic life.

**FLOW MEASUREMENTS**

"Estimate" flow measurements shall not be subject to the accuracy provisions established at Part III.C.6. The daily flow value may be estimated using best engineering judgment.

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**FOOTNOTES**

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- \*1 The effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes.
- \*2 Effective beginning the effective date and lasting until three (3) years from the effective date these requirements apply at Outfall 03A130 only.
- \*3 Effective beginning three (3) years after the effective date and lasting through the expiration date these requirements apply at Outfall 03A130 only.

OUTFALLS 03A048 and 03A158

Discharge Type: Intermittent

03A048: Latitude 35°52'11"N, Longitude 106°15'45"W (TA-53-964 & 979)

Outfall 03A158: Latitude 35°52'30"N, Longitude 106°16'18"W (TA21-209)

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (unless otherwise noted),

the permittee is authorized to discharge cooling tower blowdown and other wastewater to Los Alamos Canyon, in segment number 20.6.4.128 of the Rio Grande Basin.

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

	QUANTITY/LOADING (LBS/DAY UNLESS STATED)		QUALITY/CONCENTRATION (mg/L UNLESS STATED)	
	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX
	Report MGD	Report MGD	****	****
Flow				
STORET: 50050				
Total Suspended Solids	****	****	30	100
STORET: 00530				
Total Residual Chlorine (*1)	****	****	****	0.011
STORET: 50060				
Total Phosphorus	****	****	20	40
STORET: 00665				
Total Arsenic (*2)	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 01002				
Total Arsenic (*3)	****	****	0.01	0.014
STORET: 01002				
Total Copper (*4)	****	****	Report	Report
STORET: 01042				
Total Copper (*5)	****	****	0.021	0.031
STORET: 01042				
Total Copper (*6)	****	****	0.012	0.019
STORET: 01042				
pH (Standard Units)	Ranges from 6.0 to 9.0			
STORET: 00400				

- \*4 Effective beginning the effective date and lasting until three (3) years from the effective date.
- \*5 Apply to Outfall 03A048. Effective beginning three (3) years after the effective date and lasting through the expiration.
- \*6 Apply to Outfall 03A158. Effective beginning three (3) years after the effective date and lasting through the expiration.

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### SAMPLING LOCATION(S) AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

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#### SAMPLING LOCATION(S)

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location(s): following final treatment and prior to or at the point of discharge.

#### NO DISCHARGE REPORTING

If there is no discharge event at this outfall during the sampling month, place an "X" in the NO DISCHARGE box located in the upper right corner of the preprinted Discharge Monitoring Report.

#### FLOATING SOLIDS, OIL AND GREASE

There shall be no discharge of oils, scum, grease and other floating materials that would cause the formation of a visible sheen or visible deposits on the bottom or shoreline, or would damage or impair the normal growth, function or reproduction of human, animal, plant or aquatic life.

#### FLOW MEASUREMENTS

"Estimate" flow measurements shall not be subject to the accuracy provisions established at Part III.C.6. The daily flow value may be estimated using best engineering judgment.

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- \*1 The effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes.
- \*2 Effective beginning the effective date and lasting until three (3) years from the effective date.
- \*3 Effective beginning three (3) years after the effective date and lasting through the expiration date.

OUTFALLS 03A027

Discharge Type: Intermittent

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (unless otherwise noted),

the permittee is authorized to discharge cooling tower blowdown and other wastewater to waters in segment number 20.6.4.126 of the Rio Grande Basin.

<u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u>	<u>DISCHARGE MONITORING</u>	
	<u>30-Day Avg Min.</u>	<u>48-Hr. Min.</u>
Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (48 Hr. Static Renewal) (*1)		
<u>Daphnia pulex</u>	Report	Report
Pimephales promelas	Report	Report

<u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u>	<u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u>	
	<u>Frequency</u>	<u>Type</u>
Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (48 Hr. Static Renewal)		
<u>Daphnia pulex</u>	1/5 Years	3-hr Composite
Pimephales promelas	1/5 Years	3-hr Composite

(\*1) Critical dilution of 80% (with a dilution series of 25%, 34%, 45%, 60%, and 80%) applies to Outfall 03A027. Also see Part II. Section I. Whole Effluent Toxicity (48-Hr Acute Testing).

The WET test should occur during the first period of November 1 to March 31 after the effective date of the permit. If no discharge occurs during this period, the test should occur as soon as possible.

OUTFALL 02A129 (TA-21-357)  
 Discharge Type: Intermittent  
 Latitude 35°52'32"N, Longitude 106°16'31"W

During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through the expiration date of the permit (unless otherwise noted),

the permittee is authorized to discharge boiler blowdown, water softener waste water, and once through cooling water to Los Alamos Canyon, in Segment Number 20.6.4.128 of the Rio Grande Basin.

Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS/REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

	QUANTITY/LOADING (LBS/DAY UNLESS STATED)		QUALITY/CONCENTRATION (mg/L UNLESS STATED)	
	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX	MONTHLY AVG	DAILY MAX
	Report	Report	****	****
Flow (MGD) STORET: 50050				
Total Suspended Solids STORET: 00530	****	****	30	100
Total Residual Chlorine (*1) STORET: 50060	****	****	****	0.011
Total Iron STORET: 10145	****	****	10	40
Total Phosphorus STORET: 00665	****	****	20	40
Sulfite (as SO <sub>3</sub> ) STORET: 00740	****	****	35	70
Total Copper (*2) STORET: 01042	****	****	Report	Report
Total Copper (*2) STORET: 01042	****	****	1.6 ug/l	2.4 ug/l
pH (Standard Units) STORET: 00400	Ranges from 6.0 to 9.0			

PARAMETERS/STORET CODES

MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

	FREQUENCY OF ANALYSIS	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	1/Day	Estimate
Total Suspended Solids	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	1/Week	Grab
Total Iron	1/Quarter	Grab
Total Phosphorous	1/Quarter	Grab

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FOOTNOTES

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- \*1 The effluent limitation for TRC is the instantaneous maximum and cannot be averaged for reporting purposes.
- \*2 During the period beginning the effective date of the permit and lasting through three (3) years from the effective date, the concentration of total copper shall be reported in the DMRs. During the period beginning the three years from the effective date through the expiration date of the permit, the discharge must meet the effluent limitations.
- \*3 The WET test shall occur during the first period of November 1 to March 31 after the effective date of the permit. If no discharge occurs during this period, the test should occur as soon as possible. Critical dilution 100%, and the dilution series are 32%, 42%, 56%, 75%, 100%. See Part II, Section I. for 48-hour Acute WET Testing.

The quarterly progress reports shall include a discussion of the interim requirements that have been completed at the time of the report and shall address the progress towards attaining the state water quality standards-based final effluent limitations no later than the dates specified in 1.c. and 2.e. of this section.

Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit shall be submitted no later than fourteen (14) days following each schedule date. Any reports of noncompliance shall include the cause of noncompliance, any remedial actions taken, and the probability of meeting the next scheduled requirement.

C. REPORTING OF MONITORING RESULTS (MAJOR DISCHARGERS)

Monitoring information shall be on Discharge Monitoring Report Form(s) EPA 3320-1 as specified in Part III.D.4 of this permit and shall be submitted monthly.

1. Reporting periods shall end on the last day of the month.
2. The permittee is required to submit regular monthly reports as described above postmarked no later than the 28<sup>th</sup> day of the month following each reporting period.

D. APPLICATION, DMR, AND COMPLIANCE STATUS REPORT

A copy of application for permit renewal, monthly Discharge Monitoring Report, and compliance status report, if there are any, shall be sent to New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) at the mailing address listed in Part III of this permit.

period and combined in proportion to flow or a sample continuously collected in proportion to flow over a normal 24-hour operating period.

## 2. VOLATILE COMPOUNDS

For the "24-hour composite" sampling of volatile compounds using EPA Methods 601, 602, 603, 624, 1624, or any other 40CFR136 method approved after the effective date of the permit, the permittee shall manually collect four (4) aliquots (grab samples) in clean zero head-space containers at regular intervals during the actual hours of discharge during the 24-hour sampling period using sample collection, preservation, and handling techniques specified in the test method. These aliquots must be combined in the laboratory to represent the composite sample of the discharge. One of the following alternative methods shall be used to composite these aliquots.

- a. Each aliquot is poured into a syringe. The plunger is added, and the volume in the syringe is adjusted to 1-1/4 ml. Each aliquot (1-1/4 ml.) is injected into the purging chamber of the purge and trap system. After four (4) injections (total 5 ml.), the chamber is purged. Only one analysis or run is required since the aliquots are combined prior to analysis.
- b. Chill the four (4) aliquots to 4 Degrees Centigrade. These aliquots must be of equal volume. Carefully pour the contents of each of the four aliquots into a 250-500 ml. flask which is chilled in a wet ice bath. Stir the mixture gently with a clean glass rod while in the ice bath. Carefully fill two (2) or more clean 40 ml. zero head-space vials from the flask and dispose of the remainder of the mixture. Analyze one of the aliquots to determine the concentration of the composite sample. The remaining aliquot(s) are replicate composite samples that can be analyzed if desired or necessary.
- c. Alternative sample compositing methods may be used following written approval by EPA Region 6.

The individual samples resulting from application of these compositing methods shall be analyzed following the procedures specified for the selected test method. The resulting analysis shall be reported as the daily composite concentration.

As an option to the above compositing methods, the permittee may manually collect four (4) aliquots (grab samples) in clean zero head-space containers at regular intervals during the actual hours of discharge during the 24-hour sampling period using sample collection, preservation, and handling techniques specified in the test method. A separate analysis shall be conducted for each discrete grab sample following the approved test methods. The determination of daily composite concentration shall be the arithmetic average (weighted by flow) of all grab samples collected during the 24-hour sampling period.

## 3. 3-HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLE

The term "3-hour composite sample" means a sample consisting of a minimum of one (1) aliquot of effluent collected at a one-hour interval over a period of up to 3 hour discharge.

## D. CYANIDE EFFLUENT TEST PROCEDURES

Determination of Metals and Trace Elements in Water and Wastes by Inductively Coupled Plasma-Atomic Emission Spectrometry: EPA Method 200.8 (OR other EPA approved method if interference occurs)

Determination of Trace Elements by Stabilized Temperature Graphite Furnace Atomic Absorption Spectrometry: EPA Method 200.9

Determination of Inorganic Anions by Ion Chromatography: EPA Method 300.0

Microwave Digestion: SW846 Method 3015

SW 846 Method 7742

Hot Plate Digestion: EPA Method 200.2

H. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING (7-DAY CHRONIC NOEC FRESHWATER)

1. SCOPE AND METHODOLOGY

- a. The permittee shall test the effluent for toxicity in accordance with the provisions in this section.

APPLICABLE TO FINAL OUTFALL(S): 001 and 03A199

REPORTED ON DMR AS FINAL OUTFALL: 001 and 03A199

CRITICAL DILUTION (%): 100% (Outfall 001)  
35% (03A199)

EFFLUENT DILUTION SERIES (%): Defined at PART I  
COMPOSITE SAMPLE TYPE: Defined at PART I

TEST SPECIES/METHODS: 40 CFR Part 136

Ceriodaphnia dubia chronic static renewal survival and reproduction test, Method 1002.0, EPA/600/4-91/002 or the most recent update thereof. This test should be terminated when 60% of the surviving females in the control produce three broods or at the end of eight days, whichever comes first.

Pimephales promelas (Fathead minnow) chronic static renewal 7-day larval survival and growth test, Method 1000.0, EPA/600/4-91/002, or the most recent update thereof. A minimum of five (5) replicates with eight (8) organisms per replicate must be used in the control and in each effluent dilution of this test.

- b. The NOEC (No Observed Lethal Effect Concentration) is defined as the greatest effluent dilution at and below which lethality that is statistically different from the control (0% effluent) at the 95% confidence level does not occur. Chronic lethal test failure is defined as a demonstration of a statistically significant lethal effect at test completion to a test species at or below the critical dilution.

The permittee shall initiate the Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) requirements as specified in Item 5 of this section when any two of three consecutive monthly toxicity tests exhibit significant lethal effects at or below the critical dilution. A TRE may be also be required due to a demonstration of persistent significant sub-lethal effects or intermittent lethal effects at or below the critical dilution, or for failure to perform the required retests.

3. REQUIRED TOXICITY TESTING CONDITIONS

a. Test Acceptance

The permittee shall repeat a test, including the control and all effluent dilutions, if the procedures and quality assurance requirements defined in the test methods or in this permit are not satisfied, including the following additional criteria:

- i. The toxicity test control (0% effluent) must have survival equal to or greater than 80%.
- ii. The mean number of Ceriodaphnia dubia neonates produced per surviving female in the control (0% effluent) must be 15 or more.
- iii. 60% of the surviving control females must produce three broods.
- iv. The mean dry weight of surviving Fathead minnow larvae at the end of the 7 days in the control (0% effluent) must be 0.25 mg per larva or greater.
- v. The percent coefficient of variation between replicates shall be 40% or less in the control (0% effluent) for: the young of surviving females in the Ceriodaphnia dubia reproduction test; the growth and survival endpoints of the Fathead minnow test.
- vi. The percent coefficient of variation between replicates shall be 40% or less in the critical dilution, unless significant lethal or nonlethal effects are exhibited for: the young of surviving females in the Ceriodaphnia dubia reproduction test; the growth and survival endpoints of the Fathead minnow test.

Test failure may not be construed or reported as invalid due to a coefficient of variation value of greater than 40%. A repeat test shall be conducted within the required reporting period of any test determined to be invalid.

b. Statistical Interpretation

- i. For the Ceriodaphnia dubia survival test, the statistical analyses used to determine if there is a significant difference between the control and the critical dilution shall be Fisher's Exact Test as described in EPA/600/4-91/002 or the most recent update thereof.
- ii. For the Ceriodaphnia dubia reproduction test and the Fathead minnow larval survival and growth test, the statistical analyses used to determine if there is a

- i. The permittee shall collect a minimum of three flow-weighted composite samples from the outfall(s) listed at Item 1.a above.
- ii. The permittee shall collect second and third composite samples for use during 24-hour renewals of each dilution concentration for each test. The permittee must collect the composite samples such that the effluent samples are representative of any periodic episode of chlorination, biocide usage or other potentially toxic substance discharged on an intermittent basis.
- iii. The permittee must collect the composite samples so that the maximum holding time for any effluent sample shall not exceed 72 hours. The permittee must have initiated the toxicity test within 36 hours after the collection of the last portion of the first composite sample. Samples shall be chilled to 4 degrees Centigrade during collection, shipping, and/or storage.
- iv. If the flow from the outfall(s) being tested ceases during the collection of effluent samples, the requirements for the minimum number of effluent samples, the minimum number of effluent portions and the sample holding time are waived during that sampling period. However, the permittee must collect an effluent composite sample volume during the period of discharge that is sufficient to complete the required toxicity tests with daily renewal of effluent. When possible, the effluent samples used for the toxicity tests shall be collected on separate days if the discharge occurs over multiple days. The effluent composite sample collection duration and the static renewal protocol associated with the abbreviated sample collection must be documented in the full report required in Item 4 of this section.
- v. MULTIPLE OUTFALLS: If the provisions of this section are applicable to multiple outfalls, the permittee shall combine the composite effluent samples in proportion to the average flow from the outfalls listed in Item 1.a above for the day the sample was collected. The permittee shall perform the toxicity test on the flow-weighted composite of the outfall samples.

#### 4. REPORTING

- a. The permittee shall prepare a full report of the results of all tests conducted pursuant to this section in accordance with the Report Preparation Section of EPA/600/4-91/002, or the most current publication, for every valid or invalid toxicity test initiated whether carried to completion or not. The permittee shall retain each full report pursuant to the provisions of PART III.C.3 of this permit. The permittee shall submit full reports upon the specific request of the Agency. For any test which fails, is considered invalid or which is terminated early for any reason, the full report must be submitted for agency review.
- b. A valid test for each species must be reported on the DMR during each reporting period specified in PART I of this permit unless the permittee is performing a TRE which may increase the frequency of testing and reporting. Only ONE set of

- ii. For retest number 2, Parameter 22416, enter a "1" if the NOEC for survival is less than the critical dilution; otherwise, enter a "0."

Monitoring Frequency Reduction - Items a and b of this section apply only to the Fathead minnow only.

- a. The permittee may apply for a testing frequency reduction upon the successful completion of the first four consecutive quarters of testing for the fathead minnow test species, with no lethal or sub-lethal effects demonstrated at or below the critical dilution. If granted, the monitoring frequency for that test species may be reduced to not less than once per year.
- b. CERTIFICATION - The permittee must certify in writing that no test failures have occurred and that all tests meet all test acceptability criteria in item 3.a. above. In addition the permittee must provide a list with each test performed including test initiation date, species, NOECs for lethal and sub-lethal effects and the maximum coefficient of variation for the controls. Upon review and acceptance of this information the agency will issue a letter of confirmation of the monitoring frequency reduction. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the agency's Permit Compliance System section to update the permit reporting requirements.
- c. SUB-LETHAL FAILURES - If, during the first four quarters of testing, sub-lethal effects are demonstrated to a test species, two monthly retests are required. In addition, quarterly testing is required for that species until the effluent passes both the lethal and sub-lethal test endpoints for the affected species for four consecutive quarters. Monthly retesting is not required if the permittee is performing a TRE.
- d. SURVIVAL FAILURES - If any test fails the survival endpoint at any time during the life of this permit, two monthly retests are required and the monitoring frequency for the affected test species shall be increased to once per quarter until the permit is re-issued. Monthly retesting is not required if the permittee is performing a TRE.
- e. This monitoring frequency reduction applies only until the expiration date of this permit, at which time the monitoring frequency for both test species reverts to once per quarter until the permit is re-issued.

5. TOXICITY REDUCTION EVALUATION (TRE)

- a. Within ninety (90) days of confirming lethality in the retests, the permittee shall submit a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Action Plan and Schedule for conducting a TRE. The TRE Action Plan shall specify the approach and methodology to be used in performing the TRE. A Toxicity Reduction Evaluation is an investigation intended to determine those actions necessary to achieve compliance with water quality-based effluent limits by reducing an effluent's toxicity to an acceptable level. A TRE is defined as a step-wise process which combines toxicity

- iii. Quality Assurance Plan (e.g., QA/QC implementation, corrective actions, etc.); and
  - iv. Project Organization (e.g., project staff, project manager, consulting services, etc.).
- b. The permittee shall initiate the TRE Action Plan within thirty (30) days of plan and schedule submittal. The permittee shall assume all risks for failure to achieve the required toxicity reduction.
- c. The permittee shall submit a quarterly TRE Activities Report, with the Discharge Monitoring Report in the months of January, April, July and October, containing information on toxicity reduction evaluation activities including:
- i. any data and/or substantiating documentation which identifies the pollutant(s) and/or source(s) of effluent toxicity;
  - ii. any studies/evaluations and results on the treatability of the facility's effluent toxicity; and
  - iii. any data which identifies effluent toxicity control mechanisms that will reduce effluent toxicity to the level necessary to meet no significant lethality at the critical dilution.
- A copy of the TRE Activities Report shall also be submitted to the state agency.
- d. The permittee shall submit a Final Report on Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Activities no later than twenty-eight (28) months from confirming lethality in the retests, which provides information pertaining to the specific control mechanism selected that will, when implemented, result in reduction of effluent toxicity to no significant lethality at the critical dilution. The report will also provide a specific corrective action schedule for implementing the selected control mechanism.
- A copy of the Final Report on Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Activities shall also be submitted to the state agency.
- e. Quarterly testing during the TRE is a minimum monitoring requirement. EPA recommends that permittees required to perform a TRE not rely on quarterly testing alone to ensure success in the TRE, and that additional screening tests be performed to capture toxic samples for identification of toxicants. Failure to identify the specific chemical compound causing toxicity test failure will normally result in a permit limit for whole effluent toxicity limits per federal regulations at 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(v).

#### I. WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING (48-HOUR ACUTE NOEC FRESHWATER)

a. Part I Testing Frequency Other Than Monthly

- i. The permittee shall conduct a total of two (2) additional tests for any species that demonstrates significant lethal effects at or below the critical dilution. The two additional tests shall be conducted monthly during the next two consecutive months. The permittee shall not substitute either of the two additional tests in lieu of routine toxicity testing. The full report shall be prepared for each test required by this section in accordance with procedures outlined in Item 4 of this section and submitted with the period discharge monitoring report (DMR) to the permitting authority for review.
- ii. If one or both of the two additional tests demonstrates significant lethal effects at or below the critical dilution, the permittee shall initiate Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) requirements as specified in Item 5 of this section. The permittee shall notify EPA in writing within 5 days of the failure of any retest, and the TRE initiation date will be the test completion date of the first failed retest. A TRE may be also be required due to a demonstration of intermittent lethal effects at or below the critical dilution, or for failure to perform the required retests.
- iii. If one or both of the two additional tests demonstrates significant lethal effects at or below the critical dilution, the permittee shall henceforth increase the frequency of testing for this species to once per quarter for the life of the permit.
- iv. The provisions of Item 2.a are suspended upon submittal of the TRE Action Plan.

b. Part I Testing Frequency of Monthly

The permittee shall initiate the Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) requirements as specified in Item 5 of this section when any two of three consecutive monthly toxicity tests exhibit significant lethal effects at or below the critical dilution. A TRE may be also be required due to a demonstration of intermittent lethal effects at or below the critical dilution, or for failure to perform the required retests.

3. REQUIRED TOXICITY TESTING CONDITIONS

a. Test Acceptance

The permittee shall repeat a test, including the control and all effluent dilutions, if the procedures and quality assurance requirements defined in the test methods or in this permit are not satisfied, including the following additional criteria:

- i. Each toxicity test control (0% effluent) must have a survival equal to or greater than 90%.
- ii. The percent coefficient of variation between replicates shall be 40% or

- (B) the test indicating receiving water toxicity has been carried out to completion (i.e., 48 hours);
- (C) the permittee includes all test results indicating receiving water toxicity with the full report and information required by Item 4 below; and
- (D) the synthetic dilution water shall have a pH, hardness, and alkalinity similar to that of the receiving water or closest downstream perennial water not adversely affected by the discharge, provided the magnitude of these parameters will not cause toxicity in the synthetic dilution water.

d. Samples and Composites

- i. The permittee shall collect two flow-weighted composite samples from the outfall(s) listed at Item 1.a above.
- ii. The permittee shall collect a second composite sample for use during the 24-hour renewal of each dilution concentration the for both tests. The permittee must collect the composite samples so that the maximum holding time for any effluent sample shall not exceed 36 hours. The permittee must have initiated the toxicity test within 36 hours after the collection of the last portion of the first composite sample. Samples shall be chilled to 4 degrees Centigrade during collection, shipping, and/or storage.
- iii. The permittee must collect the composite samples such that the effluent samples are representative of any periodic episode of chlorination, biocide usage or other potentially toxic substance discharged on an intermittent basis.
- iv. If the flow from the outfall(s) being tested ceases during the collection of effluent samples, the requirements for the minimum number of effluent samples, the minimum number of effluent portions and the sample holding time are waived during that sampling period. However, the permittee must collect an effluent composite sample volume during the period of discharge that is sufficient to complete the required toxicity tests with daily renewal of effluent. When possible, the effluent samples used for the toxicity tests shall be collected on separate days. The effluent composite sample collection duration and the static renewal protocol associated with the abbreviated sample collection must be documented in the full report required in Item 4 of this section.
- v. MULTIPLE OUTFALLS: If the provisions of this section are applicable to multiple outfalls, the permittee shall combine the composite effluent samples in proportion to the average flow from the outfalls listed in Item 1.a above for the day the sample was collected. The permittee shall perform the toxicity test on the flow-weighted composite of the outfall

- i. For retest number 1, Parameter 22415, enter a "1" if the NOEC for survival is less than the critical dilution; otherwise, enter a "0."
- ii. For retest number 2, Parameter 22416, enter a "1" if the NOEC for survival is less than the critical dilution; otherwise, enter a "0."

#### Monitoring Frequency Reduction

- a. The permittee may apply for a testing frequency reduction upon the successful completion of the first four consecutive quarters of testing for one or both test species, with no lethal or sub-lethal effects demonstrated at or below the critical dilution. If granted, the monitoring frequency for that test species may be reduced to not less than once per year for the less sensitive species (usually the Fathead minnow) and not less than twice per year for the more sensitive test species (usually the *Daphnia pulex*).
- b. CERTIFICATION - The permittee must certify in writing that no test failures have occurred and that all tests meet all test acceptability criteria in item 3.a. above. In addition the permittee must provide a list with each test performed including test initiation date, species, NOECs for lethal effects and the maximum coefficient of variation for the controls. Upon review and acceptance of this information the agency will issue a letter of confirmation of the monitoring frequency reduction. A copy of the letter will be forwarded to the agency's Permit Compliance System section to update the permit reporting requirements.
- b. SURVIVAL FAILURES - If any test fails the survival endpoint at any time during the life of this permit, two monthly retests are required and the monitoring frequency for the affected test species shall be increased to once per quarter until the permit is re-issued. Monthly retesting is not required if the permittee is performing a TRE.
- b. This monitoring frequency reduction applies only until the expiration date of this permit, at which time the monitoring frequency for both test species reverts to once per quarter until the permit is re-issued.

#### 5. TOXICITY REDUCTION EVALUATION (TRE)

- a. Within ninety (90) days of confirming lethality in the retests, the permittee shall submit a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) Action Plan and Schedule for conducting a TRE. The TRE Action Plan shall specify the approach and methodology to be used in performing the TRE. A Toxicity Reduction Evaluation is an investigation intended to determine those actions necessary to achieve compliance with water quality-based effluent limits by reducing an effluent's toxicity to an acceptable level. A TRE is defined as a step-wise process which combines toxicity testing and analyses of the physical and chemical characteristics of a toxic effluent to identify the constituents causing effluent toxicity and/or treatment methods which will reduce the effluent toxicity. The TRE Action Plan shall lead to the successful elimination of effluent toxicity at the critical dilution and include the following:

schedule submittal. The permittee shall assume all risks for failure to achieve the required toxicity reduction.

- c. The permittee shall submit a quarterly TRE Activities Report, with the Discharge Monitoring Report in the months of January, April, July and October, containing information on toxicity reduction evaluation activities including:
- i. any data and/or substantiating documentation which identifies the pollutant(s) and/or source(s) of effluent toxicity;
  - ii. any studies/evaluations and results on the treatability of the facility's effluent toxicity; and
  - iii. any data which identifies effluent toxicity control mechanisms that will reduce effluent toxicity to the level necessary to meet no significant lethality at the critical dilution.

A copy of the TRE Activities Report shall also be submitted to the state agency.

- d. The permittee shall submit a Final Report on Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Activities no later than twenty-eight (28) months from confirming lethality in the retests, which provides information pertaining to the specific control mechanism selected that will, when implemented, result in reduction of effluent toxicity to no significant lethality at the critical dilution. The report will also provide a specific corrective action schedule for implementing the selected control mechanism.

A copy of the Final Report on Toxicity Reduction Evaluation Activities shall also be submitted to the state agency.

Quarterly testing during the TRE is a minimum monitoring requirement. EPA recommends that permittees required to perform a TRE not rely on quarterly testing alone to ensure success in the TRE, and that additional screening tests be performed to capture toxic samples for identification of toxicants. Failure to identify the specific chemical compound causing toxicity test failure will normally result in a permit limit for whole effluent toxicity limits per federal regulations at 40 CFR 122.44(d)(1)(v).

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 Act.

11. 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.

B. PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. NEED TO HALT OR REDUCE NOT A DEFENSE

It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. The permittee is responsible for maintaining adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failure either by means of alternate power sources, standby generators or retention of inadequately treated effluent.

2. 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.

3. PROPER OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

- a. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by permittee as efficiently as possible and in a manner which will minimize upsets and discharges of excessive pollutants and will achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.
- b. The permittee shall provide an adequate operating staff which is duly qualified to carry out operation, maintenance and testing functions required to insure compliance with the conditions of this permit.

4. BYPASS OF TREATMENT FACILITIES

a. BYPASS NOT EXCEEDING LIMITATIONS

The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of Parts III.B.4.b. and 4.c.

b. NOTICE

(1) ANTICIPATED BYPASS

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.

(2) UNANTICIPATED BYPASS

The permittee shall, within 24 hours, submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Part III.D.7.

c. PROHIBITION OF BYPASS

(1) Bypass is prohibited, and the Director may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:

(a) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;

(b) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to

### 3. RETENTION OF RECORDS

The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, or application. This period may be extended by request of the Director at any time.

### 4. RECORD CONTENTS

Records of monitoring information shall include:

- a. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
- b. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- c. The date(s) and time(s) analyses were performed;
- d. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- e. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- f. The results of such analyses.

### 5. MONITORING PROCEDURES

- a. Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit or approved by the Regional Administrator.
- b. The permittee shall calibrate and perform maintenance procedures on all monitoring and analytical instruments at intervals frequent enough to insure accuracy of measurements and shall maintain appropriate records of such activities.
- c. An adequate analytical quality control program, including the analyses of sufficient standards, spikes, and duplicate samples to insure the accuracy of all required analytical results shall be maintained by the permittee or designated commercial laboratory.

### 6. FLOW MEASUREMENTS

Appropriate flow measurement devices and methods consistent with accepted scientific practices shall be selected and used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements of the volume of monitored discharges. The devices shall be installed, calibrated, and maintained to insure that the accuracy of the measurements is consistent with the accepted capability of that type of device. Devices selected shall be capable of measuring flows with a maximum deviation of less than 10% from true discharge rates throughout the range of expected discharge volumes.

## D. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### 1. PLANNED CHANGES

#### a. INDUSTRIAL PERMITS

The permittee shall give notice to the Director as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:

- (1) The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR Part 122.29(b); or,
- (2) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements listed at Part III.D.10.a.

#### b. MUNICIPAL PERMITS

Any change in the facility discharge (including the introduction of any new source or significant discharge or significant changes in the quantity or quality of existing discharges of pollutants) must be reported to the permitting authority. In no case are any new connections, increased flows, or significant changes in influent quality permitted that will cause violation of the effluent limitations specified herein.

### 2. ANTICIPATED NONCOMPLIANCE

The permittee shall give advance notice to the Director of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which

b. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours:

- (1) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit;
- (2) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit; and,
- (3) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Director in Part II (industrial permits only) of the permit to be reported within 24 hours.

c. The Director may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

8. OTHER NONCOMPLIANCE

The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Parts III.D.4 and D.7 and Part I.B (for industrial permits only) at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed at Part III.D.7.

9. OTHER INFORMATION

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

10. CHANGES IN DISCHARGES OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES

All existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvacultural permittees shall notify the Director as soon as it knows or has reason to believe:

a. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant listed at 40 CFR Part 122, Appendix D, Tables II and III (excluding Total Phenols) which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":

- (1) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 µg/L);
- (2) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 µg/L) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 µg/L) for 2,4-dinitro-phenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
- (3) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application; or
- (4) The level established by the Director.

b. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a nonroutine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":

- (1) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 µg/L);
- (2) One milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
- (3) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application; or
- (4) The level established by the Director.

11. SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Director shall be signed and certified.

a. ALL PERMIT APPLICATIONS shall be signed as follows:

(1) FOR A CORPORATION - by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means:

(a) 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,

(b) 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 the 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

The Act provides that any person who knowingly violates permit conditions implementing Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act and who knows at that time that he is placing another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury is subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 15 years, or both.

d. FALSE STATEMENTS

The Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be maintained under the Act or who knowingly falsifies, tampers with, or renders inaccurate, any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under the Act, shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or by both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment shall be by a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or by both. (See Section 309.c.4 of the Clean Water Act)

2. CIVIL PENALTIES

The Act provides that any person who violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$27,500 per day for each violation.

3. ADMINISTRATIVE PENALTIES

The Act provides that any person who violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act is subject to an administrative penalty, as follows:

a. CLASS I PENALTY

Not to exceed \$11,000 per violation nor shall the maximum amount exceed \$27,500.

b. CLASS II PENALTY

Not to exceed \$11,000 per day for each day during which the violation continues nor shall the maximum amount exceed \$137,500.

F. DEFINITIONS

All definitions contained in Section 502 of the Act shall apply to this permit and are incorporated herein by reference. Unless otherwise specified in this permit, additional definitions of words or phrases used in this permit are as follows:

1. ACT means the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq.), as amended.
2. ADMINISTRATOR means the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
3. APPLICABLE EFFLUENT STANDARDS AND LIMITATIONS means all state and Federal effluent standards and limitations to which a discharge is subject under the Act, including, but not limited to, effluent limitations, standards or performance, toxic effluent standards and prohibitions, and pretreatment standards.
4. APPLICABLE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS means all water quality standards to which a discharge is subject under the Act.
5. BYPASS means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
6. 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 terms of mass, the "daily discharge" is calculated as the total mass of the pollutant discharged over the sampling 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 sampling day. "Daily discharge" determination of concentration made using a composite sample shall be the concentration of the composite sample. When grab samples are used, the "daily discharge" determination of concentration shall be arithmetic average (weighted by flow value) of all samples collected during that sampling day.
7. DAILY MAXIMUM discharge limitation means the highest allowable "daily discharge" during the calendar month.
8. DIRECTOR means the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Regional Administrator or an authorized representative.
9. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY means the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

daily values for all effluent samples collected during 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. The 30-day average for fecal coliform bacteria is the geometric mean of the values for all effluent samples collected during a calendar month.

- c. 24-HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLE consists of a minimum of 12 effluent portions collected at equal time intervals over the 24-hour period and combined proportional to flow or a sample collected at frequent intervals proportional to flow over the 24-hour period.
- d. 12-HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLE consists of 12 effluent portions collected no closer together than one hour and composited according to flow. The daily sampling intervals shall include the highest flow periods.
- e. 6-HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLE consists of six effluent portions collected no closer together than one hour (with the first portion collected no earlier than 10:00 a.m.) and composited according to flow.
- f. 3-HOUR COMPOSITE SAMPLE consists of three effluent portions collected no closer together than one hour (with the first portion collected no earlier than 10:00 a.m.) and composited according to flow.

ELEMENT 1 - LAND APPLICATION

SECTION I. REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO ALL SEWAGE SLUDGE LAND APPLICATION

A. General Requirements

1. The permittee shall handle and dispose of sewage sludge in accordance with Section 405 of the Clean Water Act and all other applicable Federal regulations to protect public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects due to any toxic pollutants which may be present in the sludge.
2. If requirements for sludge management practices or pollutant criteria become more stringent than the sludge pollutant limits or acceptable management practices in this permit, or control a pollutant not listed in this permit, this permit may be modified or revoked and reissued to conform to the requirements promulgated at Section 405(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act. If new limits for Molybdenum are promulgated prior to permit expiration, then those limits shall become directly enforceable.
3. In all cases, if the person (permit holder) who prepares the sewage sludge supplies the sewage sludge to another person for land application use or to the owner or lease holder of the land, the permit holder shall provide necessary information to the parties who receive the sludge to assure compliance with these regulations.
4. The permittee shall give prior notice to EPA (Chief, Permits Branch, Water Management Division, Mail Code 6W-P, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202) of any planned changes in the sewage sludge disposal practice, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.41(l)(1)(iii). These changes may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit. Change in the sludge use or disposal practice may be cause for modification of the permit in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.62(a)(1).

B. Testing Requirements

1. Sewage sludge shall not be applied to the land if the concentration of the pollutants exceed the pollutant concentration criteria in Table 1. The frequency of testing for pollutants in Table 1 is found in Element 1, Section I.C.

TABLE 1

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Ceiling Concentration</u>	<u>(milligrams per kilogram)*</u>
Arsenic		75
Cadmium		85
Chromium		3000
Copper		4300
Lead		840
Mercury		57
Molybdenum		75
Nickel		420
PCBs		49
Selenium		100
Zinc		7500

\* Dry weight basis

- Alternative 1 - (i) Seven random samples of the sewage sludge shall be collected for one monitoring episode at the time the sewage sludge is used or disposed.
- (ii) The geometric mean of the density of fecal coliform in the samples collected shall be less than either 2,000,000 MPN per gram of total solids (dry weight basis) or 2,000,000 Colony Forming Units per gram of total solids (dry weight basis).
- Alternative 2 - Sewage sludge shall be treated in one of the Processes to significantly Reduce Pathogens described in 503 Appendix B.
- Alternative 3 - Sewage sludge shall be treated in a process that is equivalent to a PSRP, if individually approved by the Pathogen Equivalency Committee representing the EPA.

In addition, the following site restrictions must be met if Class B sludge is land applied:

- i. Food crops with harvested parts that touch the sewage sludge/soil mixture and are totally above the land surface shall not be harvested for 14 months after application of sewage sludge.
- ii. Food crops with harvested parts below the surface of the land shall not be harvested for 20 months after application of sewage sludge when the sewage sludge remains on the land surface for 4 months or longer prior to incorporation into the soil.
- iii. Food crops with harvested parts below the surface of the land shall not be harvested for 38 months after application of sewage sludge when the sewage sludge remains on the land surface for less than 4 months prior to incorporation into the soil.
- iv. Food crops, feed crops, and fiber crops shall not be harvested for 30 days after application of sewage sludge.
- v. Animals shall not be allowed to graze on the land for 30 days after application of sewage sludge.
- vi. Turf grown on land where sewage sludge is applied shall not be harvested for 1 year after application of the sewage sludge when the harvested turf is placed on either land with a high potential for public exposure or a lawn, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.
- vii. Public access to land with a high potential for public exposure shall be restricted for 1 year after application of sewage sludge.
- viii. Public access to land with a low potential for public exposure shall be restricted for 30 days after application of sewage sludge.

### 3. Vector Attraction Reduction Requirements

All bulk sewage sludge that is applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, or a reclamation site shall be treated by one of the following alternatives 1 through 10 for Vector Attraction Reduction. If bulk sewage sludge is applied to a home garden, or bagged sewage sludge is applied to the land, only alternative 1 through alternative 8 shall be used.

Alternative 1 - The mass of volatile solids in the sewage sludge shall be reduced by a minimum of 38 percent.

Alternative 2 - If Alternative 1 cannot be met for an anaerobically digested sludge, demonstration can be made by digesting a portion of the previously digested sludge anaerobically in the laboratory in a bench-scale unit for 40 additional days at a temperature between 30 and 37

290 ≤ Sludge < 1,500	Once/Quarter
1,500 ≤ Sludge < 15,000	Once/Two Months
15,000 ≤ Sludge	Once/Month

\* Either the amount of bulk sewage sludge applied to the land or the amount of sewage sludge received by a person who prepares sewage sludge that is sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land (dry weight basis).

Representative samples of sewage sludge shall be collected and analyzed in accordance with the methods referenced in 40 CFR 503.8(b).

SECTION II. REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO BULK SEWAGE SLUDGE FOR APPLICATION TO THE LAND MEETING CLASS A or B PATHOGEN REDUCTION AND THE CUMULATIVE LOADING RATES IN TABLE 2. OR CLASS B PATHOGEN REDUCTION AND THE POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS IN TABLE 3

For those permittees meeting Class A or B pathogen reduction requirements and that meet the cumulative loading rates in Table 2 below, or the Class B pathogen reduction requirements and contain concentrations of pollutants below those listed in Table 3 found in Element I, Section III, the following conditions apply:

1. Pollutant Limits

Table 2	
Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate	
<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>(kilograms per hectare)</u>
Arsenic	41
Cadmium	39
Chromium	3000
Copper	1500
Lead	300
Mercury	17
Molybdenum	Monitor
Nickel	420
Selenium	100
Zinc	2800

2. Pathogen Control

All bulk sewage sludge that is applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, a reclamation site, or lawn or home garden shall be treated by either Class A or Class B pathogen reduction requirements as defined above in Element 1, Section I.B.3.

3. Management Practices

- a. Bulk sewage sludge shall not be applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, or a reclamation site that is flooded, frozen, or snow-covered so that the bulk sewage sludge enters a wetland or other waters of the U.S., as defined in 40 CFR 122.2, except as provided in a permit issued pursuant to section 404 of the CWA.
- b. Bulk sewage sludge shall not be applied within 10 meters of a water of the U.S.
- c. Bulk sewage sludge shall be applied at or below the agronomic rate in accordance with recommendations from the following references:

The person who prepares bulk sewage sludge or a sewage sludge material shall develop the following information and shall retain the information for five years. If the permittee supplies the sludge to another person who land applies the sludge, the permittee shall notify the land applier of the requirements for recordkeeping found in 40 CFR 503.17 for persons who land apply.

- a. The concentration (mg/Kg) in the sludge of each pollutant listed in Table 3 found in Element I, Section III and the applicable pollutant concentration criteria (mg/Kg), or the applicable cumulative pollutant loading rate and the applicable cumulative pollutant loading rate limit (kg/ha) listed in Table 2 above.
- b. A description of how the pathogen reduction requirements are met (including site restrictions for Class B sludges, if applicable).
- c. A description of how the vector attraction reduction requirements are met.
- d. A description of how the management practices listed above in Section II.3 are being met.
- e. The recommended agronomic loading rate from the references listed in Section II.3.c. above, as well as the actual agronomic loading rate shall be retained.
- f. A description of how the site restrictions in 40 CFR Part 503.32(b)(5) are met for each site on which Class B bulk sewage sludge is applied.
- g. The following certification statement:

"I certify, under penalty of law, that the management practices in §503.14 have been met for each site on which bulk sewage sludge is applied. This determination has been made under my direction and supervision in accordance with the system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information used to determine that the management practices have been met. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false certification including fine and imprisonment."

- h. A certification statement that all applicable requirements (specifically listed) have been met, and that the permittee understands that there are significant penalties for false certification including fine and imprisonment. See 40 CFR 503.17(a)(4)(i)(B) or 40 CFR Part 503.17(a)(5)(i)(B) as applicable to the permittees sludge treatment activities.
- i. The permittee shall maintain information that describes future geographical areas where sludge may be land applied.
- j. The permittee shall maintain information identifying site selection criteria regarding land application sites not identified at the time of permit application submission.
- k. The permittee shall maintain information regarding how future land application sites will be managed.

The person who prepares bulk sewage sludge or a sewage sludge material shall develop the following information and shall retain the information indefinitely. If the permittee supplies the sludge to another person who land applies the sludge, the permittee shall notify the land applier of the requirements for recordkeeping found in 40 CFR 503.17 for persons who land apply.

- a. The location, by either street address or latitude and longitude, of each site on which sludge is applied.
- b. The number of hectares in each site on which bulk sludge is applied.
- c. The date and time sludge is applied to each site.

- a. The concentration (mg/Kg) in the sludge of each pollutant listed in Table 3 and the applicable pollutant concentration criteria listed in Table 3.
  - b. A certification statement that all applicable requirements (specifically listed) have been met, and that the permittee understands that there are significant penalties for false certification including fine and imprisonment. See 503.17(a)(1)(ii) or 503.17(a)(3)(i)(B), whichever applies to the permittees sludge treatment activities.
  - c. A description of how the Class A pathogen reduction requirements are met.
  - d. A description of how the vector attraction reduction requirements are met.
6. Reporting Requirements - None.

**SECTION IV. REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIC TO SLUDGE SOLD OR GIVEN AWAY IN A BAG OR OTHER CONTAINER FOR APPLICATION TO THE LAND THAT DOES NOT MEET THE MINIMUM POLLUTANT CONCENTRATIONS**

1. Pollutant Limits

Table 4

<u>Pollutant</u>	<u>Annual Pollutant Loading Rate (kilograms per hectare per 365 day period)</u>
Arsenic	2
Cadmium	1.9
Chromium	150
Copper	75
Lead	15
Mercury	0.85
Molybdenum	Monitor
Nickel	21
Selenium	5
Zinc	140

2. Pathogen Control

All sewage sludge that is sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land shall be treated by the Class A pathogen requirements as defined above in Section I.B.3.a. above.

3. Management Practices

Either a label shall be affixed to the bag or other container in which sewage sludge that is sold or given away for application to the land, or an information sheet shall be provided to the person who receives sewage sludge sold or given away in an other container for application to the land. The label or information sheet shall contain the following information:

- a. The name and address of the person who prepared the sewage sludge that is sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land.
  - b. A statement that application of the sewage sludge to the land is prohibited except in accordance with the instructions on the label or information sheet.
  - c. The annual whole sludge application rate for the sewage sludge that will not cause any of the annual pollutant loading rates in Table 4 above to be exceeded.
4. Notification Requirements - None.
5. Recordkeeping Requirements - The sludge documents will be retained on site at the same location as other NPDES records.

- (a) A discussion of how the leachate collection system will be operated and maintained for three years after the surface disposal site closes if it has a liner and leachate collection system.
- (b) A description of the system used to monitor continuously for methane gas in the air in any structures within the surface disposal site. The methane gas concentration shall not exceed 25% of the lower explosive limit for methane gas for three years after the sewage sludge unit closes. A description of the system used to monitor for methane gas in the air at the property line of the site shall be included. The methane gas concentration at the surface disposal site property line shall not exceed the lower explosive limit for methane gas for three years after the sewage sludge unit closes.
- (c) A discussion of how public access to the surface disposal site will be restricted for three years after it closes.

### **B. Management Practices**

1. An active sewage sludge unit located within 60 meters of a fault that has displacement in Holocene time shall close by March 22, 1994.
2. An active sewage sludge unit located in an unstable area shall close by March 22, 1994.
3. An active sewage sludge unit located in a wetland shall close by March 22, 1994.
4. Surface disposal shall not restrict the flow of the base 100-year flood.
5. The run-off collection system for an active sewage sludge unit shall have the capacity to handle run-off from a 25-year, 24-hour storm event.
6. A food crop, feed crop, or a fiber crop shall not be grown on a surface disposal site.
7. Animals shall not be grazed on a surface disposal site.
8. Public access shall be restricted on the active surface disposal site and for three years after the site closes.
9. Placement of sewage sludge shall not contaminate an aquifer. This shall be demonstrated through one of the following:
  - (a) Results of a ground-water monitoring program developed by a qualified ground-water scientist.
  - (b) A certification by a qualified ground-water scientist may be used to demonstrate that sewage sludge placed on an active sewage sludge unit does not contaminate an aquifer.
10. When a cover is placed on an active surface disposal site, the concentration of methane gas in air in any structure within the surface disposal site shall not exceed 25 percent of the lower explosive limit for methane gas during the period that the sewage sludge unit is active. The concentration of methane gas in air at the property line of the surface disposal site shall not exceed the lower explosive limit for methane gas during the period that the sewage sludge unit is active. Monitoring shall be continuous.

### **C. Testing Requirements**

1. Sewage sludge shall be tested at the frequency show below in Element 2, Section I.D. for PCBs. Any sludge exceeding a concentration of 50 mg/Kg shall not be surface disposed.
2. Pathogen Control

All sewage sludge that is disposed of in a surface disposal site shall be treated by either the Class A or Class B pathogen requirements unless sewage sludge is placed on an active surface disposal site, and is covered with soil or other material at the end of each operating day.

Alternative 2 - Sewage sludge shall be treated in one of the Processes to significantly Reduce Pathogens described in 503 Appendix B.

Alternative 3 - Sewage sludge shall be treated in a process that is equivalent to a PSRP, if individually approved by the Pathogen Equivalency Committee representing the EPA.

Alternative 4 - Sewage sludge placed on an active surface disposal site is covered with soil or other material at the end of each operating day.

### 3. Vector Attraction Reduction Requirements

All sewage sludge that is disposed of in a surface disposal site shall be treated by one of the following alternatives 1 through 11 for Vector Attraction Reduction.

Alternative 1 - The mass of volatile solids in the sewage sludge shall be reduced by a minimum of 38 percent.

Alternative 2 - If Alternative 1 cannot be met for an anaerobically digested sludge, demonstration can be made by digesting a portion of the previously digested sludge anaerobically in the laboratory in a bench-scale unit for 40 additional days at a temperature between 30 and 37 degrees Celsius. Volatile solids must be reduced by less than 17 percent to demonstrate compliance.

Alternative 3 - If Alternative 1 cannot be met for an aerobically digested sludge, demonstration can be made by digesting a portion of the previously digested sludge with a percent solids of two percent or less aerobically in the laboratory in a bench-scale unit for 30 additional days at 20 degrees Celsius. Volatile solids must be reduced by less than 15 percent to demonstrate compliance.

Alternative 4 - The specific oxygen uptake rate (SOUR) for sewage sludge treated in an aerobic process shall be equal to or less than 1.5 milligrams of oxygen per hour per gram of total solids (dry weight basis) at a temperature of 20 degrees Celsius.

Alternative 5 - Sewage sludge shall be treated in an aerobic process for 14 days or longer. During that time, the temperature of the sewage sludge shall be higher than 40 degrees Celsius and the average temperature of the sewage sludge shall be higher than 45 degrees Celsius.

Alternative 6 - The pH of sewage sludge shall be raised to 12 or higher by alkali addition and, without the addition of more alkali shall remain at 12 or higher for two hours and then at 11.5 or higher for an additional 22 hours.

Alternative 7 - The percent solids of sewage sludge that does not contain unstabilized solids generated in a primary wastewater treatment process shall be equal to or greater than 75 percent based on the moisture content and total solids prior to mixing with other materials. Unstabilized solids are defined as organic materials in sewage sludge that have not been treated in either an aerobic or an anaerobic treatment process.

Alternative 8 - The percent solids of sewage sludge that contains unstabilized solids generated in a primary wastewater treatment process shall be equal to or greater than 90 percent based on the moisture content and total solids prior to mixing with other materials. Unstabilized solids are defined as organic materials in sewage sludge that have not been treated in either an aerobic or an anaerobic treatment process.

Alternative 9 - (i) Sewage sludge shall be injected below the surface of the land.

(ii) No significant amount of the sewage sludge shall be present on the land surface within one hour after the sewage sludge is injected.

Unit boundary to property line distance (meters)	Arsenic (mg/kg)	Pollutant Concentrations*		
		Chromium (mg/kg)	Nickel (mg/kg)	PCB's (mg/kg)
0 to less than 25	30	200	210	49
25 to less than 50	34	220	240	49
50 to less than 75	39	260	270	49
75 to less than 100	46	300	320	49
100 to less than 125	53	360	390	49
125 to less than 150	62	450	420	49
≥ 150	73	600	420	49

\* Dry weight basis

2. Management practices - Listed in Section I.B. above.

3. Notification requirements

- a. The permittee shall assure that the owner of the surface disposal site provide written notification to the subsequent site owners that sewage sludge was placed on the land.
- b. The permittee shall provide the location of all existing sludge disposal/use sites to the State Historical Commission within 90 days of the effective date of this permit. In addition, the permittee shall provide the location of any new disposal/use site to the State Historical Commission prior to use of the site.

The permittee shall within 30 days after notification by the State Historical Commission that a specific sludge disposal/use area will adversely affect a National Historic Site, cease use of such area.

4. Recordkeeping requirements - The permittee shall develop the following information and shall retain the information for five years. The sludge documents will be retained on site at the same location as other NPDES records.

- a. The distance of the surface disposal site from the property line and the concentration (mg/Kg) in the sludge of each pollutant listed above in Table 5, as well as the applicable pollutant concentration criteria listed in Table 5.
- b. A certification statement that all applicable requirements (specifically listed) have been met, and that the permittee understands that there are significant penalties for false certification including fine and imprisonment. See 503.27(a)(1)(ii) or 503.27(a)(2)(ii) as applicable to the permittees sludge disposal activities.
- c. A description of how either the Class A or Class B pathogen reduction requirements are met, or whether sewage sludge placed on a surface disposal site is covered with soil or other material at the end of each operating day.
- d. A description of how the vector attraction reduction requirements are met.
- e. Results of a groundwater monitoring program developed by a qualified ground-water scientist, or a certification by a qualified groundwater scientist may be used to demonstrate that sewage sludge placed on an active sewage sludge unit does not contaminate an aquifer. A qualified groundwater scientist is an individual with a baccalaureate or post graduate degree in the natural sciences or

SECTION I. REQUIREMENTS APPLYING TO ALL SEWAGE SLUDGE DISPOSED IN A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL

1. The permittee shall handle and dispose of sewage sludge in accordance with Section 405 of the Clean Water Act and all other applicable Federal regulations to protect public health and the environment from any reasonably anticipated adverse effects due to any toxic pollutants that may be present. The permittee shall ensure that the sewage sludge meets the requirements in 40 CFR 258 concerning the quality of the sludge disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill.
2. If requirements for sludge management practices or pollutant criteria become more stringent than the sludge pollutant limits or acceptable management practices in this permit, or control a pollutant not listed in this permit, this permit may be modified or revoked and reissued to conform to the requirements promulgated at Section 405(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act.
3. If the permittee generates sewage sludge and supplies that sewage sludge to the owner or operator of a MSWLF for disposal, the permittee shall provide to the owner or operator of the MSWLF appropriate information needed to be in compliance with the provisions of this permit.
4. The permittee shall give prior notice to EPA (Chief, Permits Branch, Water Management Division, Mail Code 6W-P, EPA Region 6, 1445 Ross Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75202) of any planned changes in the sewage sludge disposal practice, in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.41(l)(1)(iii). These changes may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit. Change in the sludge use or disposal practice may be cause for modification of the permit in accordance with 40 CFR Part 122.62(a)(1).
5. The permittee shall provide the location of all existing sludge disposal/use sites to the State Historical Commission within 90 days of the effective date of this permit. In addition, the permittee shall provide the location of any new disposal/use site to the State Historical Commission prior to use of the site.

The permittee shall within 30 days after notification by the State Historical Commission that a specific sludge disposal/use area will adversely affect a National Historic Site, cease use of such area.

6. Recordkeeping requirements - The permittee shall develop the following information and shall retain the information for five years. The sludge documents will be retained on site at the same location as other NPDES records.
  - a. The description and results of the tests performed, required by the owner/operator of the MSWLF to demonstrate compliance with the 40 CFR 258 regulations.
  - b. A certification that sewage sludge meets the requirements in 40 CFR 258 concerning the quality of the sludge disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill unit.
7. Reporting requirements - None.