STATE OF MINNESOTA

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Industrial Division

State Disposal System (SDS) Permit MNG120000

General Permit Authorization for Metal Finishing Pretreatment Discharges


The state of Minnesota, on behalf of its citizens, through the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), authorizes the Permittee to operate a disposal system at the facility named above and to discharge from this facility to the receiving water named above, in accordance with the requirements of this permit.

The goal of this permit is to protect water quality in accordance with Minnesota and U.S. statutes and rules, including Minn. Stat. chs. 115 and 116, Minn. R. chs. 7001, 7041, 7049, 7050, 7053, 7060 and the U.S. Clean Water Act.

This permit is effective on the issuance date identified above, and supersedes the previous permit that was issued on November 1, 2006. This permit expires at midnight on the expiration date identified above.

Signature:  
Jeff Stollenwerk, Manager for The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Land and Water Quality Permits Section  
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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Limits and Monitoring Requirements

There are two categories of discharges in this general permit, those that discharge TTO and those that do not. The two categories of limits and monitoring are listed below. Category 1 includes the requirement to meet the TTO limit. Permittees will be notified in the NOC that accompanies their permit which category applies to their facility.

Category 1 – Facilities using and discharging TTOs
The Permittee shall comply with the limits and monitoring requirements as specified below:

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1. Authorization

1.1 This permit authorizes the Permittee, as identified by name, location and facility description on the accompanying Notice of Coverage, to discharge industrial wastewater to a POTW in accordance with the provisions of this permit. This activity is limited by the Limits and Monitoring section of this permit, as well as the other terms and conditions of this permit, and the general and categorical pretreatment standards in 40 CFR 403 and 40 CFR 433, respectively.

1.2 The following activities are not authorized by this permit:

a. The discharge of wastewater or stormwater into waters of the state.

b. Permit coverage at sites for which Environmental Assessment Worksheets or Environmental Impact Statements are required, in accordance with Minn. R. ch. 4410, until that environmental review is completed.

c. The discharge of sewage, wash water, scrubber water, spills, oil, hazardous substances, or equipment/vehicle cleaning and maintenance wastewaters to ditches, wetlands nor other surface waters of the state.

d. The routing of pollutants to a POTW in any manner unless authorized by the pretreatment standards of the MPCA and/or relevant municipal authority.

e. The transport of pollutants to a POTW that will interfere with the operation of the treatment system or cause pass-through violations of effluent limits or water quality standards.

f. Discharges to a POTW with MPCA delegation to administer federal categorical pretreatment regulations, as these discharges are regulated by the delegated authority.

1.3 Wastewater shall not be discharged until a Notice of Coverage has been issued for the discharge, and any additional requirements specified in the Notice of Coverage for the proposed discharge have been satisfied.

1.4 All conditions of this permit must be met in order to be eligible for coverage under this permit. In addition, any special conditions detailed in the accompanying Notice of Coverage must be followed for continued eligibility of coverage under this permit. The Permittee covered by this permit is responsible for ensuring that all requirements of this permit and special conditions on the Notice of Coverage are met.

1.5 Dilution Prohibited. A Permittee shall not augment the use of process wastewater or otherwise dilute the wastewater as a partial or total substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the limitations in the Limits and Monitoring section of this permit.
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2. General Permit Applicability Criteria

2.1 All criteria defined in this part must be met in order for wastewater discharges to be eligible for coverage under this permit. Characterization of wastewater at the time of permit application must indicate all of the eligibility requirements in this part are met:

a. The discharge consists of process wastewater subject to federal categorical pretreatment regulations for the Metal Finishing Point Source Category (40 CFR 433). Although the discharge from the facility need not consist entirely of wastewater subject to regulation under 40 CFR 433, the monitoring point used to determine compliance with this permit shall consist entirely of wastewater subject to the federal categorical pretreatment standards for Metal Finishing (part 433).

b. A Total Organic Management Plan (TOMP) plan is due by 45 days following permit issuance. It is recommended that a TOMP be prepared in accordance with this permit, and implemented at the facility before the Permittee is covered under this permit. A listing of TTOs is included in the appendices section of this permit.

c. All wastewater to be covered by this permit must be discharged to a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) not delegated by the MPCA to administer National Categorical Pretreatment Standards. Discharges to a POTW with MPCA delegation to administer federal Categorical Pretreatment Standards are permitted by the delegated authority and are not eligible for coverage under this permit.

d. The facility discharge must be acceptable to the POTW receiving the discharge. If the municipal authority does not accept the discharge, the Facility is not eligible for coverage under this permit.

2.2 If the MPCA finds that the facility site of a permit applicant or a Permittee covered under this permit would be more appropriately covered under an individual permit, the MPCA may require an individual permit for the applicant or Permittee, in accordance with Minn. R. 7001.0210, subp. 6.

2.3 The MPCA may require any Permittee authorized by this permit to apply for and obtain an individual SDS permit if the Permittee is not in compliance with the requirements and conditions of this permit.

2.4 If there is any change in the operation of a facility covered by this general permit or conditions exist which may cause the facility to violate any of the terms and conditions of this permit, the Permittee shall notify the MPCA immediately of the changes, and if so requested by the MPCA, shall submit an application for an individual permit.

3. Local Limits

3.1 In addition to the terms of this permit, the Permittee must also comply with the prohibitions of the federal general pretreatment regulations (40 CFR 403.5); any local prohibitions and effluent limitations; and, any other requirements imposed by the municipal authority receiving the discharge. In the event of a discrepancy between the limitations in this permit and any local prohibitions or requirements, the most restrictive limitations are controlling.

4. Sampling and Analysis Plan

4.1 Submit a Sampling and Analysis Plan (SAP) by 45 days after permit issuance. All sampling and analysis shall be conducted in accordance with the submitted SAP.

4.2 The Permittee shall maintain the Sampling and Analysis Plan on-site and shall amend the Plan whenever needed to reflect changes in process discharge or monitoring procedures; changes to the Plan shall be submitted to MPCA within 30 days of the change(s).
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4.3 The SAP shall be designed to obtain representative sampling of the Metal Finishing wastewater discharge with no dilution water. Representative samples and sampling techniques are further described in parts 8.15 through 8.24 of this permit. The SAP shall describe:
   
   a. How and at what point wastewater flow will be measured;
   
   b. How, when and at what point pH will be measured;
   
   c. How and where wastewater samples will be obtained;
   
   d. All routine batch dumps; and
   
   e. How batch dumps will be monitored to ensure that sampling is representative.

4.4 The SAP and all sampling and analysis shall be representative of the total process discharge from the total Metal Finishing processes, including all batch dumps, with no dilution flow.

5. Toxic Organics

5.1 The Permittee shall investigate its chemical usage to determine whether any of the constituents of Total Toxic Organics (TTO) are used at the facility. The constituents of TTO are listed in the appendices section of this permit.

   Facilities not using TTOs

5.2 Certification of non-use. If the Permittee determines that no constituents of TTO are used at the facility, the Permittee shall certify it's non-use to the MPCA.

5.3 Quarterly certification statement of non-use in the form of a self-monitoring report, as described by part 5.10 of this permit, is required.

   Facilities using and discharging TTOs

5.4 Pretreatment discharge of Total Toxic Organics (TTO) is limited to a daily maximum of 2.13 mg/L for new sources. "TTO" means total toxic organics, which is the summation of all quantifiable values greater than .01 milligrams per liter for the toxic organics listed in the appendices section of this permit.

   Facilities using TTOs, but not discharging

5.5 Certification of non-use. If the Permittee determines that no constituents of TTO are used at the facility, the Permittee shall certify it's non-use to the MPCA.

5.6 Quarterly certification statement of non-discharge in the form of a self-monitoring report, as described by part 5.10 of this permit, is required.

   All Facilities

5.7 The Permittee shall submit a Total Organics Management Plan (TOMP) by 45 days after permit issuance.
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5.8 Toxic Organics Management Plan (TOMP). A TOMP provides methods for the reduction of toxics in effluents and assists industrial facilities in achieving compliance with the Categorical Pretreatment Standards. The TOMP shall contain at least the following elements:

a. a list of all materials or products at the Facility containing constituents of Total Toxic Organics (TTO) and the respective constituent of TTO for each material or product, including any material or product that may contain a constituent of TTO as a component of a trade name compound;

b. a description of the method of organic compound disposal or control options explored; and,

c. procedures and control measures used by the Permittee to prevent toxic organics from entering the POTW whether by spill, leak, discharge or any other means; and

d. effectiveness of control options in meeting effluent limits.

5.9 Prior to the use of materials or products with constituents of TTO by Permittees that have certified the non-use or non-discharge of Total Toxic Organics (TTO) constituents, the Permittee shall notify the Agency and shall submit a request for a minor permit modification. The Permittee shall not use or discharge the TTO at the facility without receiving written approval from the MPCA.

5.10 The Permittee shall submit a self-monitoring report by 21 days following the end of the calendar quarter following permit issuance. A self-monitoring report consists of either the Total Toxic Organics (TTO) sampling and analysis results for pollutants reasonably believed to be present, or a certification statement on the form provided in the appendices section of this permit indicating there are no TTO constituents present in the wastewater.

5.11 If the certification statement CAN be made, the certification statement may be signed by an authorized representative of the company and submitted in lieu of reporting self-monitoring results for the constituents of Total Toxic Organics (TTO). The Permittee may use the certification statement option in lieu of reporting self-monitoring results only after written approval of the Toxic Organics Management Plan (TOMP) by the MPCA has been received.

5.12 If the certification statement CANNOT be made, the results of Total Toxic Organics (TTO) sampling and analysis must be included as part of the self-monitoring report. Sampling and analysis for TTO is required for those components comprising TTO that can reasonably be expected to be present in the discharge. The Permittee is responsible for comparing the constituents of TTO to those chemicals and chemical compounds used or stored at the facility to determine which regulated organics could potentially be present in the wastewater.

6. Removed Substances

6.1 Removed substances must be evaluated to determine if they are hazardous waste under the Minnesota Hazardous Waste Rules (Minn. R. ch. 7045), and if hazardous, managed in accordance with these Rules.

7. Perfluorochemicals (PFCs)

7.1 The MPCA strongly discourages the use of PFCs as mist suppressants, wetting agents, acid anodizers, and in any other form. The MPCA has developed water quality criteria for perfluorooctane sulfonate (PFOS), perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), perfluorobutanoic acid (PFBA) and continues to evaluate the need for additional criteria for other PFCs. Discharges found to have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to, an excursion of the criteria will be assigned water quality based effluent limits.

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8.1 No Discharge. There shall be no discharge to surface water from these facilities.
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8.2 Incorporation by Reference. The following applicable federal and state laws are incorporated by reference in this permit, are applicable to the Permittee, and are enforceable parts of this permit: 40 CFR pts. 122.41, 122.42, 136, 403, 433 and 503; Minn. R. pts. 7001, 7041, 7045, 7049, 7050, 7060, and 7080; and Minn. Stat. Sec. 115 and 116.

8.3 Permittee Responsibility. The Permittee shall perform the actions or conduct the activity authorized by the permit in compliance with the conditions of the permit and, if required, in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the Agency. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3, item E)

8.4 Toxic Discharges Prohibited. Whether or not this permit includes effluent limitations for toxic pollutants, the Permittee shall not discharge a toxic pollutant except according to Code of Federal Regulations, Title 40, sections 400 to 460 and Minnesota Rules, parts 7050.0100 to 7050.0220 and 7052.0010 to 7052.0110 (applicable to toxic pollutants in the Lake Superior Basin) and any other applicable MPCA rules. (Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp.1, item A)

8.5 Nuisance Conditions Prohibited. The Permittee's discharge shall not cause any nuisance conditions including, but not limited to: floating solids, scum and visible oil film, acutely toxic conditions to aquatic life, or other adverse impact on the receiving water. (Minn. R. 7050.0210 subp. 2)

8.6 Property Rights. This permit does not convey a property right or an exclusive privilege. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3, item C)

8.7 Liability Exemption. In issuing this permit, the state and the MPCA assume no responsibility for damage to persons, property, or the environment caused by the activities of the Permittee in the conduct of its actions, including those activities authorized, directed, or undertaken under this permit. To the extent the state and the MPCA may be liable for the activities of its employees, that liability is explicitly limited to that provided in the Tort Claims Act. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3, item O)

8.8 The MPCA's issuance of this permit does not obligate the MPCA to enforce local laws, rules, or plans beyond what is authorized by Minnesota Statutes. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp.3, item D)

8.9 Liabilities. The MPCA's issuance of this permit does not release the Permittee from any liability, penalty or duty imposed by Minnesota or federal statutes or rules or local ordinances, except the obligation to obtain the permit. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp.3, item A)

8.10 The issuance of this permit does not prevent the future adoption by the MPCA of pollution control rules, standards, or orders more stringent than those now in existence and does not prevent the enforcement of these rules, standards, or orders against the Permittee. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp.3, item B)

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

8.12 Compliance with Other Rules and Statutes. The Permittee shall comply with all applicable air quality, solid waste, and hazardous waste statutes and rules in the operation and maintenance of the facility.

8.13 Inspection and Entry. When authorized by Minn. Stat. Sec. 115.04; 115B.17, subd. 4; and 116.091, and upon presentation of proper credentials, the agency, or an authorized employee or agent of the agency, shall be allowed by the Permittee to enter at reasonable times upon the property of the Permittee to examine and copy books, papers, records, or memoranda pertaining to the construction, modification, or operation of the facility covered by the permit or pertaining to the activity covered by the permit; and to conduct surveys and investigations, including sampling or monitoring, pertaining to the construction, modification, or operation of the facility covered by the permit or pertaining to the activity covered by the permit. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp.3, item I)
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8.14 Control Users. The Permittee shall regulate the users of its wastewater treatment facility so as to prevent the introduction of pollutants or materials that may result in the inhibition or disruption of the conveyance system, treatment facility or processes, or disposal system that would contribute to the violation of the conditions of this permit or any federal, state or local law or regulation.

Sampling

8.15 Representative Sampling. Samples and measurements required by this permit shall be conducted as specified in this permit and shall be representative of the discharge or monitored activity. (40 CFR 122.41 (j)(1))

8.16 Quarterly monitoring required by this permit may be completed at any time during the three months of the quarter. Sampling schedules and protocols should be described in the facility's Sampling and Analysis Plan, as required by part 4.1 of this permit, and described by part 4.3 of this permit.

8.17 For discharges that are continuous, sampling to determine compliance with Limits and Monitoring section of this permit shall be obtained through 24-hour flow-proportional composite sampling, where feasible (1). Sampling may be done manually or automatically, and discretely or continuously. For discrete sampling, at least 12 aliquots shall be composited. Discrete sampling may be flow-proportioned either by varying the time interval between each aliquot or the volume of each aliquot. All composites must be flow-proportional to each stream flow at time of collection or to the total flow since the previous aliquot.

Flow proportional composite sampling may be waived for any Permittee that demonstrates that flow-proportional sampling is infeasible and at facilities where all discharges of production wastewater from the facility are in batch. In such cases, samples may be obtained through time proportional sampling techniques or through a minimum of four (4) grab samples where the Permittee demonstrates that this will provide a representative sample of the effluent being discharged. The Permittee shall take a minimum of one representative sample to compile that data necessary to comply with the requirements of this permit.

(1) Composite sampling is required only during periods of continuous discharge of production wastewater each day; i.e. if production at the permitted facility is limited to one 8-hour shift, composite sampling is only required during the 8 hour period of production wastewater discharge.

8.18 Samples taken to evaluate compliance with the Limits and Monitoring section of this permit should be taken immediately downstream from pretreatment facilities if such exist, or immediately downstream from the regulated process if no pretreatment exists.

8.19 Flow measured shall be representative of the flow from the permitted Metal Finishing processes, including all Metal Finishing batch discharges. Flow shall be measured by a continuous flow meter read daily, and/or summation of measured batch discharges.

8.20 Cyanide monitoring samples shall be taken at a point representative of this cyanide containing process flow following treatment, with no dilution flow such as cooling water or domestic wastewater. If cyanide is used in the Permittee's process, cyanide monitoring samples shall be taken at a point following cyanide treatment, prior to mixing with other metal finishing waste streams.

8.21 Additional Sampling. If the Permittee monitors more frequently than required, the results and the frequency of monitoring shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or another MPCA-approved form for that reporting period. (Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1, item E)

8.22 Certified Laboratory. A laboratory certified by the Minnesota Department of Health shall conduct analyses required by this permit. Analyses of dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature and total residual oxidants (chlorine, bromine) do not need to be completed by a certified laboratory but shall comply with manufacturers' specifications for equipment calibration and use. (Minn. Stat. Sec. 144.97 through 144.98 and Minn. R. 4740.2010 through 4740.2040)
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8.24 Equipment Calibration. All monitoring and analytical instruments used to monitor as required by this permit shall be calibrated and maintained at a frequency necessary to ensure accuracy. Flow monitoring equipment should be calibrated at least twice annually. For facilities with lift stations/pumps, calibration shall be completed at least twice annually. The Permittee shall maintain written records of all calibrations and maintenance for at least three years. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 2, items B and C)

8.25 Maintain Records. The Permittee shall keep the records required by this permit for at least three years, including any calculations, original recordings from automatic monitoring instruments, and laboratory sheets. The Permittee shall extend these record retention periods upon request of the MPCA. The Permittee shall maintain records for each sample and measurement. The records shall include the following information (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 2, item C):

a. The exact place, date, and time of the sample or measurement;

b. The date of analysis;

c. The name of the person who performed the sample collection, measurement, analysis, or calculation; and

d. The analytical techniques, procedures and methods used; and

e. The results of the analysis.

8.26 Completing Reports. The Permittee shall submit the results of the required sampling and monitoring activities on the forms provided, specified, or approved by the MPCA. The information shall be recorded in the specified areas on those forms and in the units specified. (Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1, item D; Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 2, item B)

Required forms may include:

Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs)
The results of the monitoring and sampling required in this permit shall be recorded on the (grey and white) DMRs which, if required, will be provided by the MPCA. If no discharge occurred during the reporting period, the Permittee shall check the "No Discharge" box on the DMR. Note: Every open, white box must be filled-in on the DMR, unless no discharge occurred during the reporting period.

Supplemental Report Form (Supplementals)
Individual values for each sample and measurement must be recorded on the Supplementals which, if required, will be provided by the MPCA. Supplementals shall be submitted with the appropriate DMRs. You may design and use your own Supplemental, however it must be approved by the MPCA. Note: Required Summary information MUST also be recorded on the DMR. Summary information that is submitted ONLY on the Supplemental does not comply with the reporting requirements.

Other Reports and Forms
Other reports and information required by this permit shall be recorded on a form supplied or approved by the MPCA and submitted by the date specified in the permit.
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8.27 Submitting Reports. DMRs and Supplementals shall be submitted to:

MPCA
Attn: Discharge Monitoring Reports
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194.

DMRs, DMR supplemental forms and related attachments may be electronically submitted via the MPCA Online Services Portal after authorization is approved. When electronically submitted, the paper DMR submittal requirement is waived.

DMRs and DMR Supplemental Forms shall be postmarked or electronically submitted by the 21st day of the month following the sampling period or as otherwise specified in this permit. Electronic DMR submittal must be complete on or before 11:59 PM of the 21st day of the month following the sampling period or as otherwise specified in this permit. A DMR shall be submitted for each required station even if no discharge occurred during the reporting period. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subps. 2.B and 3.H)

Other reports required by this permit shall be postmarked by the date specified in the permit to:

MPCA
Attn: WQ Submittals Center
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194

8.28 Incomplete or Incorrect Reports. The Permittee shall immediately submit an amended report or DMR to the MPCA upon discovery by the Permittee or notification by the MPCA that it has submitted an incomplete or incorrect report or DMR. The amended report or DMR shall contain the missing or corrected data along with a cover letter explaining the circumstances of the incomplete or incorrect report. (Minn. R. 7001.0150 subp. 3, item G)

8.29 Required Signatures. All DMRs, forms, reports, and other documents submitted to the MPCA shall be signed by the Permittee or the duly authorized representative of the Permittee. Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 2, item D. The person or persons that sign the DMRs, forms, reports or other documents must certify that he or she understands and complies with the certification requirements of Minn. R. 7001.0070 and 7001.0540, including the penalties for submitting false information. Technical documents, such as design drawings and specifications and engineering studies required to be submitted as part of a permit application or by permit conditions, must be certified by a registered professional engineer. (Minn. R. 7001.0540)
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8.30 Detection Level. The Permittee shall report monitoring results below the reporting limit (RL) of a particular instrument as "<" the value of the RL. For example, if an instrument has a RL of 0.1 mg/L and a parameter is not detected at a value of 0.1 mg/L or greater, the concentration shall be reported as "<0.1 mg/L." "Non-detected," "undetected," "below detection limit," and "zero" are unacceptable reporting results, and are permit reporting violations.

Where sample values are less than the level of detection and the permit requires reporting of an average, the Permittee shall calculate the average as follows:

a. If one or more values are greater than the level of detection, substitute zero for all nondetectable values to use in the average calculation.

b. If all values are below the level of detection, report the averages as "<" the corresponding level of detection.

c. Where one or more sample values are less than the level of detection, and the permit requires reporting of a mass, usually expressed as kg/day, the Permittee shall substitute zero for all nondetectable values. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 2, item B)

8.31 Records. The Permittee shall, when requested by the Agency, submit within a reasonable time the information and reports that are relevant to the control of pollution regarding the construction, modification, or operation of the facility covered by the permit or regarding the conduct of the activity covered by the permit. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3, item H)

8.32 Confidential Information. Except for data determined to be confidential according to Minn. Stat. Sec. 116.075, subd. 2, all reports required by this permit shall be available for public inspection. Effluent data shall not be considered confidential. To request the Agency maintain data as confidential, the Permittee must follow Minn. R. 7000.1300.

Noncompliance and Enforcement

8.33 Subject to Enforcement Action and Penalties. Noncompliance with a term or condition of this permit subjects the Permittee to penalties provided by federal and state law set forth in section 309 of the Clean Water Act; United States Code, title 33, section 1319, as amended; and in Minn. Stat. Sec. 115.071 and 116.072, including monetary penalties, imprisonment, or both. (Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1, item B)

8.34 Criminal Activity. The Permittee may not knowingly make a false statement, representation, or certification in a record or other document submitted to the Agency. A person who falsifies a report or document submitted to the Agency, or tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate a monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit is subject to criminal and civil penalties provided by federal and state law. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp.3, item G., 7001.1090, subs. 1, items G and H and Minn. Stat. Sec. 609.671)

8.35 Noncompliance Defense. It shall not be a defense for the 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. (40 CFR 122.41(c))
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8.36 Effluent Violations. If sampling by the Permittee indicates a violation of any discharge limitation specified in this permit, the Permittee shall immediately make every effort to verify the violation by collecting additional samples, if appropriate, investigate the cause of the violation, and take action to prevent future violations. If the permittee discovers that noncompliance with a condition of the permit has occurred which could endanger human health, public drinking water supplies, or the environment, the Permittee shall within 24 hours of the discovery of the noncompliance, orally notify the commissioner and submit a written description of the noncompliance within 5 days of the discovery. The written description shall include items a. through e., as listed below. If the Permittee discovers other non-compliance that does not explicitly endanger human health, public drinking water supplies, or the environment, the non-compliance shall be reported during the next reporting period to the MPCA with its Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR). If no DMR is required within 30 days, the Permittee shall submit a written report within 30 days of the discovery of the noncompliance. This description shall include the following information:

a. a description of the event including volume, duration, monitoring results and receiving waters;

b. the cause of the event;

c. the steps taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the event;

d. the exact dates and times of the event; and

e. steps taken to reduce any adverse impact resulting from the event. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3k)

8.37 Unauthorized Releases of Wastewater Prohibited. Except for conditions specifically described in Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1, items J and K, all unauthorized bypasses, overflows, discharges, spills, or other releases of wastewater or materials to the environment, whether intentional or not, are prohibited. However, the MPCA will consider the Permittee's compliance with permit requirements, frequency of release, quantity, type, location, and other relevant factors when determining appropriate action. (40 CFR 122.41 and Minn. Stat. Sec 115.061)
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8.38 Discovery of a release. Upon discovery of a release, the Permittee shall:

a. Take all reasonable steps to immediately end the release.

b. Notify the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Duty Officer at 1(800)422-0798 (toll free) or (651)649-5451 (metro area) immediately upon discovery of the release. In addition, you may also contact the MPCA during business hours at 1(800) 657-3864.

c. Recover as rapidly and as thoroughly as possible all substances and materials released or immediately take other action as may be reasonably possible to minimize or abate pollution to waters of the state or potential impacts to human health caused thereby. If the released materials or substances cannot be immediately or completely recovered, the Permittee shall contact the MPCA. If directed by the MPCA, the Permittee shall consult with other local, state or federal agencies (such as the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and/or the Wetland Conservation Act authority) for implementation of additional clean-up or remediation activities in wetland or other sensitive areas.

d. Collect representative samples of the release. The Permittee shall sample the release for parameters of concern immediately following discovery of the release. The Permittee may contact the MPCA during business hours to discuss the sampling parameters and protocol. In addition, Fecal Coliform Bacteria samples shall be collected where it is determined by the Permittee that the release contains or may contain sewage. If the release cannot be immediately stopped, the Permittee shall consult with MPCA regarding additional sampling requirements. Samples shall be collected at least, but not limited to, two times per week for as long as the release continues.

e. Submit the sampling results as directed by the MPCA. At a minimum, the results shall be submitted to the MPCA with the next DMR.

8.39 Upset Defense. In the event of temporary noncompliance by the Permittee with an applicable effluent limitation resulting from an upset at the Permittee's facility due to factors beyond the control of the Permittee, the Permittee has an affirmative defense to an enforcement action brought by the Agency as a result of the noncompliance if the Permittee demonstrates by a preponderance of competent evidence:

a. The specific cause of the upset;

b. That the upset was unintentional;

c. That the upset resulted from factors beyond the reasonable control of the Permittee and did not result from operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventative maintenance, or increases in production which are beyond the design capability of the treatment facilities;

d. That at the time of the upset the facility was being properly operated;

e. That the Permittee properly notified the Commissioner of the upset in accordance with Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1, item I; and

f. That the Permittee implemented the remedial measures required by Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3, item J.

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8.40 The Permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain the facilities and systems of treatment and control, and the appurtenances related to them which are installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. The Permittee shall install and maintain appropriate backup or auxiliary facilities if they are necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit and, for all permits other than hazardous waste facility permits, if these backup or auxiliary facilities are technically and economically feasible Minn. R. 7001.0150. subp. 3, item F.

8.41 In the event of a reduction or loss of effective treatment of wastewater at the facility, the Permittee shall control production or curtail its discharges to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The Permittee shall continue this control or curtailment until the wastewater treatment facility has been restored or until an alternative method of treatment is provided. (Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1, item C)

8.42 Solids Management. The Permittee shall properly store, transport, and dispose of biosolids, septage, sediments, residual solids, filter backwash, screenings, oil, grease, and other substances so that pollutants do not enter surface waters or ground waters of the state. Solids should be disposed of in accordance with local, state and federal requirements. (40 CFR 503 and Minn. R. 7041 and applicable federal and state solid waste rules)

8.43 Scheduled Maintenance. The Permittee shall schedule maintenance of the treatment works during non-critical water quality periods to prevent degradation of water quality, except where emergency maintenance is required to prevent a condition that would be detrimental to water quality or human health. (Minn. R. 7001.0150. subp. 3, item F and Minn. R. 7001.0150. subp. 2, item B)

8.44 Control Tests. In-plant control tests shall be conducted at a frequency adequate to ensure compliance with the conditions of this permit. (Minn. R. 7001.0150. subp. 3, item F and Minn. R. 7001.0150. subp. 2, item B)

Changes to the Facility or Permit

8.45 Permit Modifications. No person required by statute or rule to obtain a permit may operate the facility to be permitted, nor shall a person commence an activity for which a permit is required by statute or rule until the Agency has issued a written permit for the facility or activity. (Minn. R. 7001.0030)

Permittees that propose to make a change to the facility or discharge that requires a permit modification must follow Minn. R. 7001.0190. If the Permittee cannot determine whether a permit modification is needed, the Permittee must contact the MPCA prior to any action. It is recommended that the application for permit modification be submitted to the MPCA at least 180 days prior to the planned change.
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8.46 Construction. No construction may begin prior to permit issuance until the Permittee plans and specifications have been submitted to the MPCA unless:

a. the action taken is prohibited by federal law or regulation;

b. the Permittee is a municipality constructing a wastewater system with a design flow of 0.200 million gallons per day or less;

c. the action taken is subject to environmental review under chapter 116D, and prohibited from commencing construction until that process is completed;

d. the action taken is subject to a grant or loan agreement under chapter 446A;

e. the action taken requires a construction storm water permit under rules of the agency; or

f. the action taken requires a subsurface sewage treatment system permit under rules of the agency.

In all cases, the Permittee is prohibited from operating the system or discharging pollutants into the waters of the state until a written permit for the discharge is granted by the agency and until plans and specifications for the disposal system have been approved, unless the MPCA waives the submission of plans and specifications.

Plans, specifications and MPCA approval may not be necessary when maintenance dictates the need for replacement of new equipment, provided the equipment is the same design size and has the same design intent. For instance, a broken pipe, lift station pump, aerator, or blower can be replaced with the same design-sized equipment without MPCA approval.

If the proposed construction is not expressly authorized by this permit, it may require a permit modification. If the construction project requires an Environmental Assessment Worksheet under Minn. R. 4410, no construction shall begin until a negative declaration is issued and all approvals are received or implemented.

8.47 Report Changes. The Permittee shall give advance notice as soon as possible to the MPCA of any substantial changes in operational procedures, activities that may alter the nature or frequency of the discharge, and/or material factors that may affect compliance with the conditions of this permit. (Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3, item M)
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8.48 Chemical Additives. The Permittee shall receive prior written approval from the MPCA before increasing the use of a chemical additive authorized by this permit, or using a chemical additive not authorized by this permit, in quantities or concentrations that have the potential to change the characteristics, nature and/or quality of the discharge.

The Permittee shall request approval for an increased or new use of a chemical additive at least 60 days, or as soon as possible, before the proposed increased or new use.

This written request shall include at least the following information for the proposed additive:

a. The process for which the additive will be used;

b. Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) which shall include aquatic toxicity, human health, and environmental fate information for the proposed additive. The aquatic toxicity information shall include at minimum the results of: a) a 48-hour LC50 or EC50 acute study for a North American freshwater planktonic crustacean (either Ceriodaphnia or Daphnia sp.) and b) a 96-hour LC50 acute study for rainbow trout, bluegill or fathead minnow or another North American freshwater aquatic species other than a planktonic crustacean;

c. A complete product use and instruction label;

d. The commercial and chemical names and Chemical Abstract Survey (CAS) number for all ingredients in the additive (If the MSDS does not include information on chemical composition, including percentages for each ingredient totaling to 100%, the Permittee shall contact the supplier to have this information provided); and

e. The proposed method of application, application frequency, concentration, and daily average and maximum rates of use. (Minn. R. 7001.0170)

8.49 Upon review of the information submitted regarding the proposed chemical additive, the MPCA may require additional information be submitted for consideration. This permit may be modified to restrict the use or discharge of a chemical additive and include additional influent and effluent monitoring requirements.

Approval for the use of an additive shall not justify the exceedance of any effluent limitation nor shall it be used as a defense against pollutant levels in the discharge causing or contributing to the violation of a water quality standard.

8.50 MPCA Initiated Permit Modification, Suspension, or Revocation. The MPCA may modify or revoke and reissue this permit pursuant to Minn. R. 7001.0170. The MPCA may revoke without reissuance this permit pursuant to Minn. R. 7001.0180.

8.51 TMDL Impacts. Facilities that discharge to an impaired surface water, or to a watershed or drainage basin that contains impaired waters, may be required, at some future date, to comply with additional permits, or permit requirements, based on the conclusions of any applicable US EPA approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) studies and their associated implementation plans.

8.52 Permit Transfer. The permit is not transferable to any person without the express written approval of the Agency after compliance with the requirements of Minn. R. 7001.0190. A person to whom the permit has been transferred shall comply with the conditions of the permit. (Minn. R., 7001.0150, subp. 3, item N)
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8.53 Facility Closure. The Permittee is responsible for closure and postclosure care of the facility. The Permittee shall notify the MPCA of a significant reduction or cessation of the activities described in this permit at least 180 days before the reduction or cessation. The MPCA may require the Permittee to provide to the MPCA a facility Closure Plan for approval.

Facility closure that could result in a potential long-term water quality concern, such as the ongoing discharge of wastewater to surface or ground water, may require a permit modification or reissuance.

The MPCA may require the Permittee to establish and maintain financial assurance to ensure performance of certain obligations under this permit, including closure, postclosure care and remedial action at the facility. If financial assurance is required, the amount and type of financial assurance, and proposed modifications to previously MPCA-approved financial assurance, shall be approved by the MPCA.

8.54 Permit Reissuance. If the Permittee desires to continue permit coverage beyond the date of permit expiration, the Permittee shall submit an application for reissuance at least 180 days before permit expiration. If the Permittee does not intend to continue the activities authorized by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the Permittee shall notify the MPCA in writing at least 180 days before permit expiration.

If the Permittee has submitted a timely application for permit reissuance, the Permittee may continue to conduct the activities authorized by this permit, in compliance with the requirements of this permit, until the MPCA takes final action on the application, unless the MPCA determines any of the following (Minn. R. 7001.0040 and 7001.0160):

a. The Permittee is not in substantial compliance with the requirements of this permit, or with a stipulation agreement or compliance schedule designed to bring the Permittee into compliance with this permit;

b. The MPCA, as a result of an action or failure to act by the Permittee, has been unable to take final action on the application on or before the expiration date of the permit;

c. The Permittee has submitted an application with major deficiencies or has failed to properly supplement the application in a timely manner after being informed of deficiencies.

9. Definitions

9.1 "24-hour Flow Composite Sample" is a composite sample taken over the operating hours of one day, including all clean-up.

9.2 "Act" means the federal Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S. Code 1251 et seq.

9.3 "Agency" means the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

9.4 "Calendar Month Average" is calculated by adding all daily values measured during a calendar month and dividing by the number of daily values measured during that month. The "Calendar Month Average" limit is an upper limit.

9.5 "Daily Maximum" means the maximum allowable discharge of pollutant during a calendar day. Where daily maximum limitations are expressed in units of mass, the daily discharge is the total mass discharged over the course of the day. Where daily maximum limitations are expressed in terms of a concentration, the daily discharge is the arithmetic average measurement of the pollutant concentration derived from all measurements taken that day. The "Daily Maximum" is an upper limit.

9.6 "Dilution Water" means wastewater from a pretreatment facility that is not production wastewater, such as boiler blowdown streams, non-contact cooling streams, stormwater streams, and demineralization streams, except if such streams contain a significant amount of pollutant that would result in reduction of the pollutant if combined prior to pretreatment.
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9.7 "Discharge" or "Indirect Discharge" means the introduction of pollutants into a POTW from any non-domestic source regulated under section 307(b), (c) or (d) of the Act.

9.8 "Existing Source" means any building, structure, facility or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants and which was in existence at the time of the publication of proposed pretreatment standards under section 307(c) of the Act. Existing sources which become industrial users subsequent to the promulgation of an applicable categorical pretreatment standard shall be considered existing industrial users, except where such sources meet the definition of a new sources, as defined by this permit.

9.9 "Flow Composite" sample type is a combination of individual grab samples taken periodic intervals over a defined time period. Either the time interval between each individual sample or the volume of each individual sample shall be proportional to the flow at the time of sampling or the total flow since the last individual sample.

9.10 "Grab" sample type is an individual sample collected from one location at one point in time.

9.11 "Independent Circuit Board Manufacturer" means a facility which manufactures printed circuit boards primarily for sale to other companies.

9.12 "Industrial User" means a source of indirect discharge.

9.13 "Instantaneous Minimum" is the lowest value recorded when continuous monitoring is used or the lowest value when only one sample is required. The "Instantaneous Minimum" is a lower limit. The lowest value recorded is reported.

9.14 "Interference" means a discharge which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, both:

a. Inhibits or disrupts the POTW, its treatment processes or operations, or its sludge processes, use or disposal; and

b. Therefore is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation) or of the prevention of sewage sludge use or disposal in compliance with the following statutory provisions and regulations or permits issued thereunder (or more stringent State or local regulations): Section 405 of the Clean Water Act, the Solid Waste Disposal Act (SWDA) (including title II, more commonly referred to as the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), and including State regulations contained in any State sludge management plan prepared pursuant to subtitle D of the SWDA), the Clean Air Act, the Toxic Substances Control Act, and the Marine Protection, Research and Sanctuaries Act.

9.15 "Job Shop" means a facility that owns not more than 50% (annual area basis) of the materials undergoing metal finishing.

9.16 "MPCA" means the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, or Minnesota Pollution Control Agency staff as delegated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

9.17 "Metal Finishing" is any one of the following six metal finishing operations on any basis material: Electroplating, Electroless Plating, Anodizing, Coating (chromating, phosphating, and coloring), Chemical Etching and Milling, and Printed Circuit Board Manufacture and 40 associated process operations (see 40 CFR 433.10), except for metallic platemaking and gravure cylinder preparation conducted within or for printing and publishing facilities; and existing job shops and independent circuit board manufacturers that are covered by 40 CFR 413.
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9. Definitions

9.18 "New Source" means any building, structure, facility or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced after the publication of proposed pretreatment standards under section 307(c) of the Act which will be applicable to such source if such standards are thereafter promulgated in accordance with that section, provided that:

a. The building, structure, facility or installation is constructed at a site at which no other source is located; or

b. The building, structure, facility or installation totally replaces the process or production equipment that causes the discharge of pollutants at an existing source; or

c. The production or wastewater generating processes of the building, structure, facility or installation are substantially independent of an existing source at the same site. In determining whether these are substantially independent, factors such as the extent to which the new facility is integrated with the existing plant, and the extent to which the new facility is engaged in the same general type of activity as the existing source should be considered.

9.19 "POTW or Publicly Owned Treatment Works" means a wastewater treatment works owned and operated by a municipality or sanitary district for public use, and the authority operating such a treatment works.

9.20 "Pass Through" means a discharge which exits the POTW into waters of the State in quantities or concentrations which, alone or in conjunction with a discharge or discharges from other sources, is a cause of a violation of any requirement of the POTW's NPDES permit (including an increase in the magnitude or duration of a violation).

9.21 "Permittee" means the entity identified as Permittee on the cover letter authorizing coverage under this permit.

9.22 "Pretreatment" means the reduction of the amount of pollutants, the elimination of pollutants, or the alteration of the nature of pollutant properties in wastewater prior to or in lieu of discharging or otherwise introducing such pollutants into a POTW. The reduction or alteration may be obtained by physical, chemical or biological processes, process changes or by other means, except as prohibited by 40 CFR 403.6 (d). Appropriate pretreatment technology includes control equipment, such as equalization tanks or facilities, for protection against surges or slug loadings that might interfere with or otherwise be incompatible with the POTW. However, where wastewater from a regulated process is mixed in an equalization facility with unregulated wastewater or with wastewater from another regulated process, the effluent from the equalization facility must meet an adjusted pretreatment limit calculated in accordance with 40 CFR 403.6 (e).

9.23 "Total Toxic Organics or TTO" means the summation of all values greater than 0.01 milligrams per liter (mg/l) for the toxic organics listed in Appendix 1 of this permit and found in the discharge from the Permittee's facility.
## Appendix 1
### Constituents of Total Toxic Organics (TTO)

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Appendix 2
Certification of Non-Use or Non-discharge of Total Toxic Organics (TTO)

Based on my inquiry of the persons directly responsible for managing this firm’s compliance with the TTO limitations prescribed by permit number _________________. I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, no discharge of concentrated toxic organics into the Public Owned Treatment Works system has occurred since filing of the previous self-monitoring report on _________________. I further certify that this facility is properly implementing the toxic organics management plan prepared by this facility.

Date: ________________ Signed: __________________________

Title: ____________________________