

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System**

**MN0030643**

**Permittee:** City of Hibbing  
**Facility name:** Hibbing WWTP South Plant  
**Receiving water:** Unnamed creek (East Swan Creek) - Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water  
**City or Township:** Hibbing, **County:** St. Louis  
**Issuance date:** TBD  
**Expiration date:** TBD

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 reduce pollutant levels in point source discharges and protect water quality in accordance with the U.S. Clean Water Act, Minnesota statutes and rules, and federal laws and regulations.

Although this permit is effective on the issuance date identified above, the limits and monitoring requirements are not effective until XX/01/XXXX. This permit is effective on the issuance date identified above. This permit expires at midnight on the expiration date identified above.

Signature: *[Type e-Signature]*

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for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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*Whole Effluent Testing (WET) and Pretreatment Annual Reports  
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## 1. Permitted facility description

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from SD001. The facility is a Class A.

The facility is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 4.5 million gallons per day (MGD)
- An average dry weather (ADW) flow of 3.6 million gallons per day (MGD)
- 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) of 150 milligrams per liter (mg/L)

The facility consists of primary, secondary and advanced treatment of wastewater.

Primary treatment consists of a splitter and diversion structure for bypass to equalization basins as needed, two mechanical bar screens, three aerated grit chambers, and two primary clarifiers.

Secondary treatment consists of a pump station, four trickling filters (first two parallel, last two in series), four secondary clarifiers, five dual media sand filters (sand and anthracite), chlorination, dechlorination, and effluent aeration.

Solids treatment consists of gravity thickening, two stage anaerobic digestion, and a 1-acre storage pond, followed by land application.

The Facility includes a bypass diversion structure that can divert flow during periods of high flow to an equalization (EQ) basin system consisting of one 2.0 acre aerated EQ basin, and one 15.0 acre aerated EQ basin, and a 1 acre polishing pond. Flow from the EQ basins and the polishing pond can be re-diverted back to the pump house for recirculation through the facility's primary and secondary treatment. The Facility also has an emergency discharge from the EQ basins that have the capability of discharging partially treated wastewater when the basins are full and the plant is at maximum capacity.

Changes to the facility may result in an increase in pollutant loading to surface waters or other causes of degradation to surface waters. If a change to the facility will result in a net increase in pollutant loading or other causes of degradation that exceed the maximum loading authorized through conditions specified in the existing permit, the changes to the facility are subject to antidegradation requirements found in Minn. R. 7050.0250 to 7050.0335.

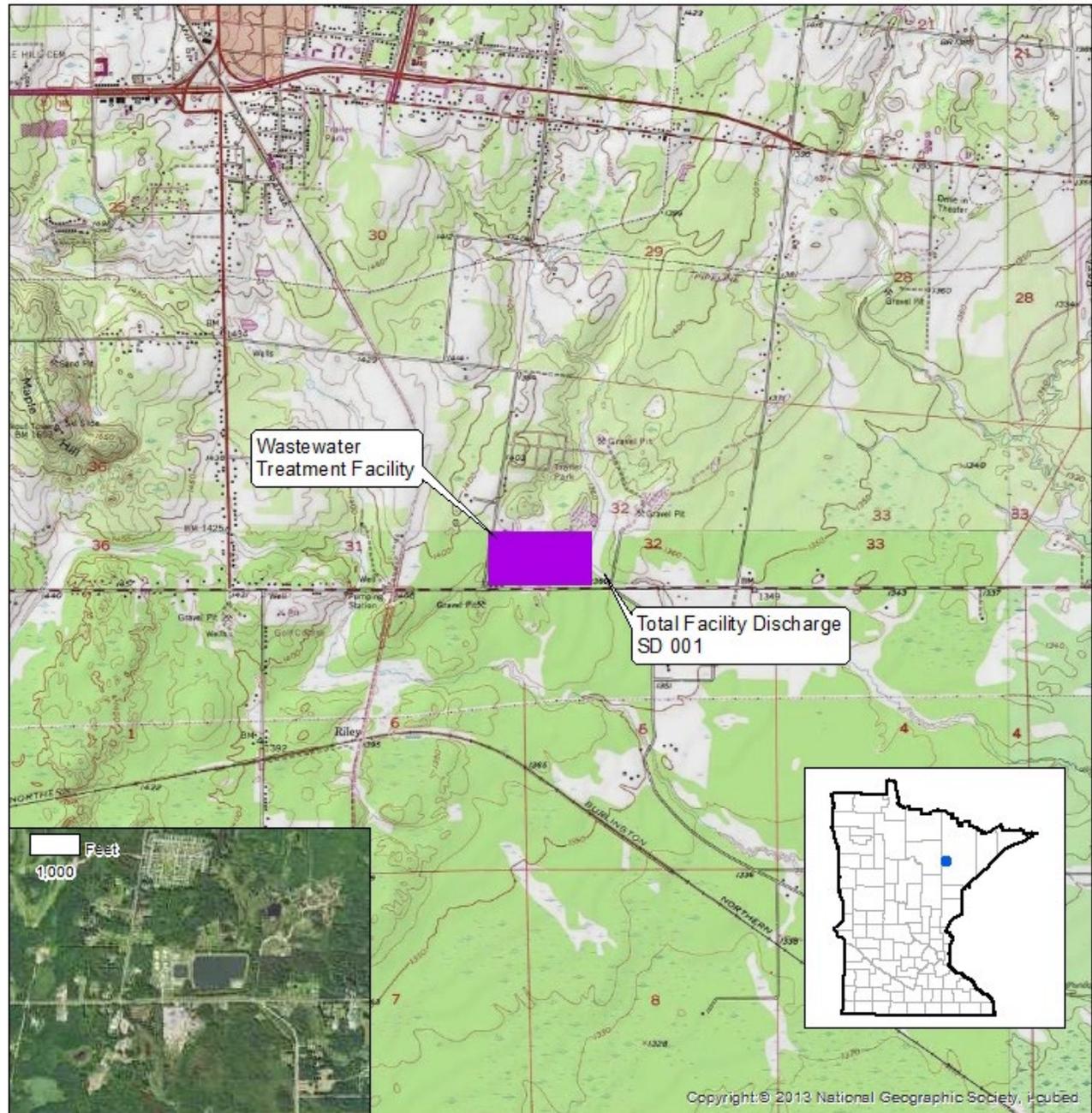
This Permit also complies with Minn. R. 7053.0275 regarding anti-backsliding.

Any point source discharger of sewage, industrial, or other wastes for which a NPDES permit has been issued by the MPCA that contains effluent limits more stringent than those that would be established by Minn. R. 7053.0215 to 7053.0265 shall continue to meet the effluent limits established by the permit, unless the permittee establishes that less stringent effluent limits are allowable pursuant to federal law, under section 402(o) of the Clean Water Act, United States Code, title 33, section 1342.]

2. Location map of permitted facility

**Topographic Map of Permitted Facility**

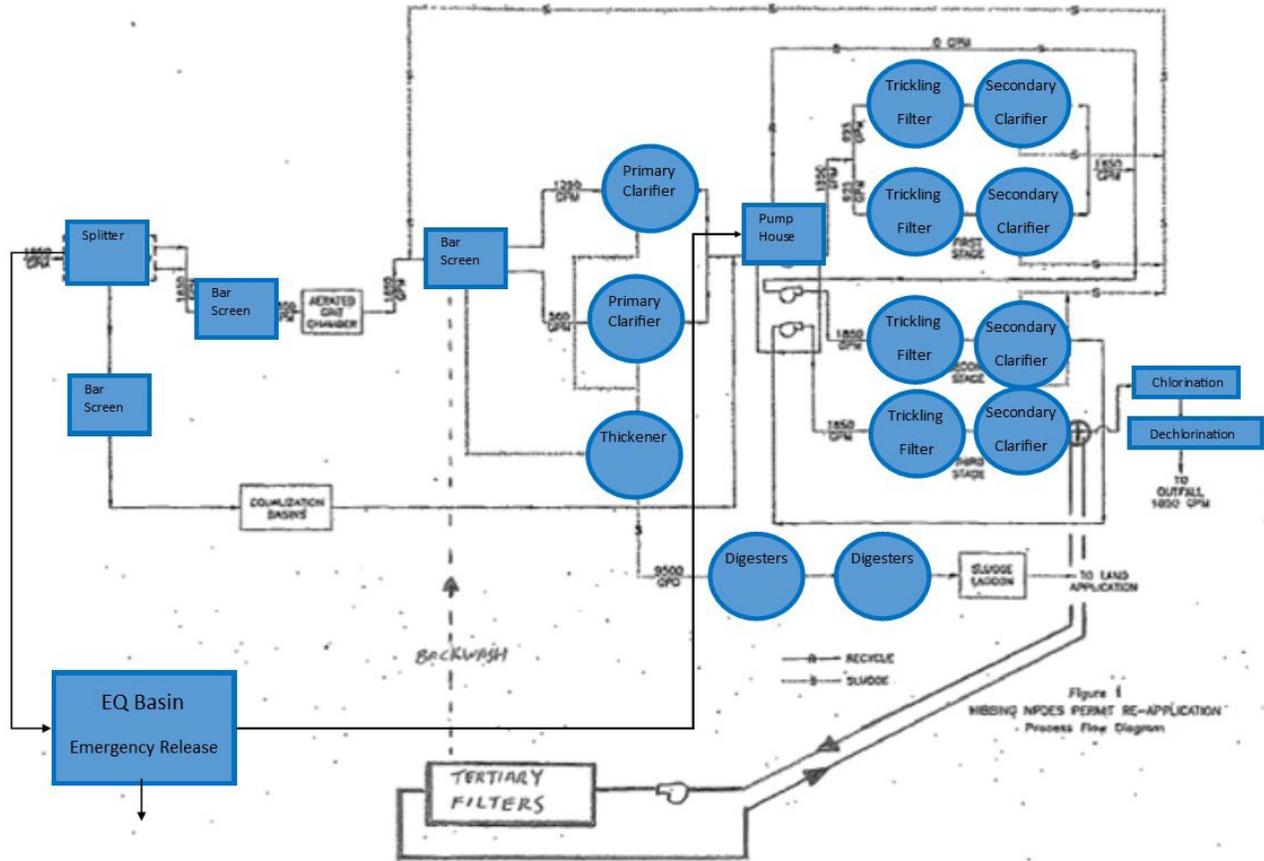
MN0030643: Hibbing South Wastewater Treatment Facility  
T57N, R20W, Section 32  
Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota



Map produced by: MPCA Staff, 3/30/2020  
Scale: 1:34,793

0 0.375 0.75 1.5 Miles

3. Flow diagram



**4. Summary of stations and station locations**

<b>Station</b>	<b>Type of station</b>	<b>Local name</b>	<b>PLS location</b>
SD 001	Effluent To Surface Water	Discharge to Surface Water	T57N, R20W, S32, SW Quarter of the SW Quarter
WS 001	Influent Waste	Influent Waste Stream	T57N, R20W, S32, SW Quarter of the SW Quarter

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5. Permit requirements

SD 001	Effluent To Surface Water	
<b>Surface Discharge: Class A Major Facility Effluent Requirements</b>		
5.1.1		The Permittee shall submit a monthly DMR: Due by 21 days after the end of each calendar month following permit issuance. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Sub. 2(B)]
5.1.2		Sampling Location. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Sub. 2(B)]
5.1.3		Samples for Station SD 001 shall be taken at a point representative of the total effluent flow from the treatment system. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Sub. 2(B)]
5.1.4		The Permittee shall submit monitoring results in accordance with the limits and monitoring requirements for this station. If conditions are such that no sample can be acquired, the Permittee shall report "No Flow" or "No Discharge" on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) and shall add a Comments attachment to the DMR detailing why the sample was not collected. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Sub. 2(B)]
<b>Priority Pollutant Requirements</b>		
5.2.5		<p>The Permittee shall monitor the effluent three times in the life of the permit for the following specified priority pollutants. Sampling events shall not be less than one year apart.</p> <p>Monitoring shall be for the organic priority pollutants identified under the volatile, acid, base/neutral, and pesticide fractions using EPA methods 624, 625 and 608 (40 CFR Part 136, October 25, 1984) as listed in Table II of 40 CFR Part 122, Appendix D or any updates to those methods.</p> <p>The following priority pollutant total metals shall also be monitored using either EPA method 200.8 or their corresponding graphite furnace method found in Table IB of 40 CFR Part 136 or any updates to those methods: antimony, arsenic, beryllium, cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, selenium, silver, thallium, and zinc. In addition, the Permittee shall monitor for Total Cyanide (EPA method 335), Total Phenolic Compounds (EPA method 420), and Hardness (total as CaCO<sub>3</sub>) (EPA method 130). Total Mercury shall be monitored by EPA method 1631 or any update to this method, if not already required by the permit. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.2.6		The Permittee shall submit the first priority pollutant monitoring report: Due 1095 calendar days before Permit Expiration Date (two years after permit issuance). [Minn. R. 7001]
5.2.7		The Permittee shall submit the second priority pollutant monitoring report: Due 730 calendar days before Permit Expiration Date (three years after permit issuance). [Minn. R. 7001]
5.2.8		The Permittee shall submit the third priority pollutant monitoring report: Due 365 calendar days before Permit Expiration Date (four years after permit issuance). [Minn. R. 7001]
<b>Chronic Toxicity Requirements</b>		
5.3.9		<b>General Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.10		This permit includes a chronic whole effluent toxicity limit of 1.0 TUc to be met at outfall station SD 001. A violation of the 1.0 TUc limit constitutes a violation of the permit. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.11		The Permittee shall submit annual chronic toxicity test battery results: Due 180 calendar days after Permit Issuance Date annually thereafter. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.12		Any test that exceeds 1.0 TUc shall be re-tested according to the Positive Toxicity Results requirement(s) that follow to determine if toxicity is still present above 1.0 TUc (RWC < 100%). [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.13		<b>Species and Procedural Requirements</b> Tests shall be conducted in accordance with procedures outlined in EPA-821-R-02-013 Short-term Methods for Measuring the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms - Fourth Edition (Chronic Manual) and any revisions to the Chronic Manual. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.14		Any test that is begun with an effluent sample that exceeds a total ammonia concentration of 5.0 mg/L may use the carbon dioxide-controlled atmosphere technique to control pH drift. [Minn. R. 7001]

5.3.15	Test organisms for each test battery shall include the fathead minnow ( <i>Pimephales promelas</i> )-Method 1000.0 and <i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> -Method 1002.0 or any updates to those methods. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.16	Static renewal chronic serial dilution tests of the effluent shall consist of a control, 12, 25, 50, 75 and 100% effluent. A 100% RWC may be substituted for the 75% effluent concentration or provided in addition to the above dilution series. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.17	All effluent samples shall be flow proportioned, 24-hour composite samples. Test solutions shall be renewed daily. Testing of the effluent shall begin within 36 hours of sample collection. Receiving water collected outside of the influence of discharge or synthetic water provided by the laboratory shall be used for dilution and controls. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.18	Any other circumstances not addressed in the previous requirements or that require deviation from that specified in the previous requirements shall first be approved by the MPCA. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.19	<b>Quality Control and Report Submittals.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.20	Any test that does not meet quality control measures or results which the Permittee believes reflect an artifact of testing (i.e. poor controls results) shall be repeated within two weeks of the notification from the lab regarding the test sample results. The chronic WET report and quality control (QC) reports shall contain information consistent with the report preparation section of the Chronic Manual. The MPCA shall make the final determination regarding test validity. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.21	<b>Positive Toxicity Result for WET.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.22	<p>Should a test exceed 1.0 TUc for WET based on results from the most sensitive test species, the Permittee shall conduct two repeat test batteries on all species. The repeat tests are to be completed within 45 days after completion of the positive test. These tests will be used to determine if toxicity exceeding 1.0 TUc remains present for any test species.</p> <p>If no toxicity is present above 1.0 TUc for any test species in both retests, the Permittee shall return to the test frequency specified by the permit.</p> <p>If toxicity is present above 1.0 TUc for any test species in either retests, the Permittee shall submit a plan for conducting a Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TRE) for MPCA review and approval.</p> <p><b>TRE Requirements</b>          The TRE shall be submitted within 60 days after the toxicity discovery date and include a Facility Performance Review. Upon approval of the TRE, the Permittee shall implement the TRE or subsequent amendments in its entirety. Any violations of the TRE are violations of this permit.</p> <p>In addition, quarterly reports starting from the date of the TRE submittal are required. The quarterly reports shall include, but are not limited to, a complete description of all progress made towards the identification of the source(s) of toxicity, and the Permittee's plans for the removal of the toxicity. The TRE shall be consistent with the Chronic Manual or subsequent procedures approved by the MPCA in attempting to identify and remove the source of the toxicity. Routinely scheduled chronic toxicity test batteries required in this permit shall remain in effect throughout the permit cycle.</p> <p>The Permittee must submit a request to discontinue the TRE for MPCA review upon conclusion of the TRE requirements. If the MPCA discontinues the TRE, the permit may be modified to set conditions to be met by the Permittee based on the TRE results. If the MPCA continues the TRE, the Permittee shall continue to implement the approved conditions of the TRE. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.23	Following successful completion of the TRE the Permittee shall conduct one year of semi-annual testing for the next five-year permit cycle. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.3.24	<b>WET Data and Test Acceptability Criteria (TAC) Submittal.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]

5.3.25	<p>All WET test data and TAC must be submitted to the MPCA by the dates required by this section of the permit using both the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Ceriodaphnia dubia Chronic Toxicity Test Report and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Fathead Minnow Chronic Toxicity Test Report and associated instruction forms. Data not submitted on the correct form(s), or submitted incomplete, will be returned to the permittee and deemed incomplete until adequately submitted on the designated form (identified above). These are legal forms and must be signed and dated by the Permittee. Data should be submitted to:</p> <p>MPCA                  Attn: WQ Submittals Center                  520 Lafayette Road North                  St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.26	<p><b>Potential Permit Modifications.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.27	<p>The permit may be modified during a permit cycle to include additional toxicity testing and/or a WET limit based on the WET testing results. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.28	<p><b>Whole Effluent Toxicity Requirement Definitions.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.29	<p>"Chronic Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Test is a static renewal test conducted on an exponentially diluted series of effluent. The purpose is to calculate appropriate biological effect endpoints (NOEC or IC25), specified in the referenced chronic manual. A statistical effect level less than the Receiving Water Concentration (RWC) constitutes a positive test for chronic toxicity. The RWC equals the 100 percent effluent concentration or 1.0 TUc. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.30	<p>"Chronic toxic unit (TUc)" is the reciprocal of the effluent dilution that causes no unacceptable effect on the test organisms by the end of the chronic exposure period. For example, a TUc equals <math>[7Q10flow (mgd) + effluent average dry weather flow (mgd)]/[effluent average dry weather flow (mgd)]</math>. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.31	<p>"Test" refers to an individual species. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.3.32	<p>"Test Battery" consists of WET testing of all test species for the specified test. For chronic WET testing, all test species includes fathead minnows and Ceriodaphnia dubia. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
	<p><b>Facility Specific Requirements</b></p>
5.4.33	<p>All samples should be collected using a 24-hour flow proportional composite; except for the 624 volatiles and 1631E mercury samples, which must be collected using the grab method. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.4.34	<p>Reporting limits for Priority Pollutant analyses shall be as close as analytically possible to the Class 2Bg chronic water quality standards. Total cyanide shall be monitored to the free cyanide water quality standard. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
<b>WS 001</b>	<p>Influent Waste</p>
	<p><b>Waste Stream: Class A Major Facility Influent Requirements</b></p>
5.5.1	<p>The Permittee shall submit a monthly DMR: Due by 21 days after the end of each calendar month following permit issuance. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Subp. 2(B)]</p>
5.5.2	<p>Sampling Location. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Subp. 2(B)]</p>
5.5.3	<p>Samples for Station WS 001 shall be taken at a point representative of the total influent to the treatment system. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Subp. 2(B)]</p>
5.5.4	<p>The Permittee shall submit monitoring results in accordance with the limits and monitoring requirements for this station. If conditions are such that no sample can be acquired, the Permittee shall report "No Flow" or "No Discharge" on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) and shall add a Comments attachment to the DMR detailing why the sample was not collected. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Subp. 2(B)]</p>

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		<b>Surface Discharge Station General Requirements</b>
5.6.1		<b>Analysis Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.2		If sampling for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Temperature and Total Residual Chlorine analyses is required by this permit, the analyses shall be conducted within 15 minutes of sample collection. [Minn. R. 7053]
5.6.3		<b>Representative Samples.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.4		Samples and measurements required by this permit shall be representative of the monitored activity. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.5		<b>Surface Discharge Prohibitions.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.6		Floating solids or visible foam shall not be discharged in other than trace amounts. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.7		Oil or other substances shall not be discharged in amounts that create a visible color film. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.8		The Permittee shall install and maintain outlet protection measures at the discharge stations to prevent erosion. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.9		<b>Winter Sampling Conditions.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.10		The Permittee shall sample flows at the designated monitoring stations including when this requires removing ice to sample the water. If the station is completely frozen throughout a designated sampling month, the Permittee shall check the "No Discharge" box on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) and note the ice conditions in Comments on the DMR. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.11		<b>Fecal Coliform Requirements.</b> This Facility is upstream of a drinking water in-take and therefore is required to meet the fecal coliform limit year-round. The MPCA also recommends notifying all downstream users in the event of discharge that exceeds the limit or water quality standard. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.12		If chlorine is added for any purpose, the Permittee shall monitor the discharge for Total Residual Chlorine once per day during chlorine usage. The Permittee shall report the monitoring data as a comment on the next submitted Discharge Monitoring Report for the affected station. The discharge shall not exceed a 0.038 mg/L Total Residual Chlorine limit. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.13		<b>Phosphorus Limits and Monitoring Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.14		The following describe the calculation of various types of phosphorus limits. Please see the limits and monitoring section of this permit to determine which, if any, apply to your facility. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.15		"Calendar Year to Date Total" is a total of all samples taken during one calendar year. To calculate; Add all sample values measured from the first of the calendar year to the end date of the current reporting period. When used for loading values (kg/yr), first calculate the calendar month total kg/mo loading by multiplying the calendar month total effluent flow x calendar month average concentration x 3.785, then add all loading values from the first of the calendar year to the end date of the current reporting period. Use the flow from the SD station, or if there is no SD value, then use the flow from the WS station. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.16		"12-Month Moving Average" is a rolling average. To calculate, add all of the monthly average values during the last 12 months and divide by 12. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.17		"12-Month Moving Total" is a rolling total. To calculate, for each month multiply the total volume of effluent flow (MG) by the monthly average concentration and by a 3.785 conversion factor to get kg/month. Then add all of the monthly values (kg/mo) during the last twelve months, starting with the monthly total for the month of the current reporting period. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.18		<b>Mercury Limits and Monitoring Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.19		Permittees are required to sample for TSS (grab sample) at the same time that Total/Dissolved Mercury samples are taken. Total Mercury, Dissolved Mercury, and TSS (grab sample) samples shall be collected via grab samples. All results shall be recorded on DMRs. [Minn. R. 7001]

5.6.20	Total and Dissolved Mercury samples shall be analyzed using the most current versions of EPA Method 1631 with clean techniques method 1669. Should another mercury analytical method that has a reportable quantitation level of <0.5 ng/L that allows for low-level sample characterization be approved by the EPA and certified by an MPCA recognized accreditation body, the method may be used in place of 1631/1669. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.21	Mercury monitoring with a frequency of twice per month and an effective period of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov are to be taken twice per month during the months of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov for a total of twelve samples per year. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.22	<b>Nitrogen Limits and Monitoring Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.6.23	"Total Nitrogen" is to be reported as the summation of the Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen and Total Nitrite plus Nitrate Nitrogen values. [Minn. R. 7001]
	<b>Waste Stream Station General Requirements</b>
5.7.24	<b>Analysis Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.7.25	If sampling for Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Temperature and Total Residual Chlorine analyses is required by this permit, the analyses shall be conducted within 15 minutes of sample collection. [Minn. R. 7053]
5.7.26	<b>Representative Samples.</b> . [Minn. R. 7001]
5.7.27	Grab and composite samples shall be collected at a point representative of total influent flow to the system. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.7.28	<b>Mercury Limits and Monitoring Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.7.29	Total Mercury samples shall be grab samples and shall be analyzed using EPA Method 1631 with clean techniques method 1669 and any revisions to those methods. Should another mercury analytical method that has a reportable quantitation level that allows for low-level sample characterization be approved by the EPA and certified by the Minnesota Department of Health, the Permittee is authorized to use that method. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.7.30	Influent samples for mercury monitoring with a frequency of twice per month and an effective period of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov are to be taken at a time similar to that of effluent monitoring, if possible; twice per month during the months of Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, and Nov for a total of twelve samples per year. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.7.31	<b>Nitrogen Limits and Monitoring Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.7.32	"Total Nitrogen" is to be reported as the summation of the Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen and Total Nitrite plus Nitrate Nitrogen values. [Minn. R. 7001]
	<b>Bypass/Overflow</b>
5.8.33	All structures capable of bypassing the treatment system and all constructed sewer overflow points shall be manually controlled and kept locked at all times. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(F)]
	<b>Mercury Minimization Plan (Lake Superior Basin)</b>
5.9.34	The Permittee is required to complete a Mercury Pollutant Minimization Plan (MMP) as detailed in this section. Because the Permittee has previously submitted a MMP, an update to the MMP is required. The purpose of the MMP is to evaluate collection and treatment systems to determine possible sources of mercury as well as potential mercury reduction options. Guidelines for developing a MMP are detailed in this section. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.9.35	The specific mercury monitoring requirements are detailed in the limits and monitoring section of this permit. Information gained through the MMP process can be used to reduce mercury concentrations. As part of its mercury control strategy, the Permittee should consider selecting activities based on the potential of those activities to reduce mercury loadings to the wastewater treatment facility. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.9.38	The Permittee shall complete an annual mercury pollutant minimization plan (MMP) update by March 1 <sup>st</sup> . The annual updated plan shall be kept onsite for Permittee review and available upon request by the MPCA. [Minn. R. 7052]

5.9.39	The annual MMP update shall include, but is not limited to:  A. All minimization program monitoring results for the year; B. A list of potential sources of mercury; C. A summary of all actions taken to meet the effluent limit for mercury; and D. Any updates of the control strategy. [Minn. R. 7052]
	<b>Pond System</b>
5.10.40	<b>Bypass Structures.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.10.41	All structures capable of bypassing the treatment system shall be manually controlled and kept locked at all times. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(F)]
5.10.42	<b>Ponds - Observations.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.10.43	The Permittee shall inspect the pond system weekly, and shall take measurements of pond water depth, estimate the coverage of aquatic plants, floating mats and ice cover on the surface of the ponds, and note odors, the condition of the dikes and the presence of muskrats. The Permittee shall maintain records of these weekly inspections for the last three (3) years, and submit the results on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) supplemental form. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(F)]
	<b>Mechanical System</b>
5.11.44	<b>Bypass Structures.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.11.45	All structures capable of bypassing the treatment system shall be manually controlled and kept locked at all times. [Minn. R. 7001.0030]
5.11.46	<b>Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.11.47	The Permittee may be required to obtain a Sanitary Sewer Extension Permit from the MPCA for any addition, extension or replacement to the sanitary sewer. If a sewer extension permit is required, construction may not begin until plans and specifications have been submitted and a written permit is granted except as allowed in Minn. Stat. 115.07, Subd. 3(b). [Minn. R. 7001.0020, D]
5.11.48	<b>Operator Certification.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.11.49	The Permittee shall provide a Class A state certified operator who is in direct responsible charge of the operation, maintenance and testing functions required to ensure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. [Minn. R. 9400]
5.11.50	The Permittee shall provide the appropriate number of operators with a Type IV certification to be responsible for the land application of biosolids or semisolids from commercial or industrial operations. [Minn. R. 7048]
5.11.51	If the Permittee chooses to meet operator certification requirements through a contractual agreement, the Permittee shall provide a copy of the contract to the MPCA, WQ Submittals Center. The contract shall include:  A. The certified operator's name, certificate number, company name (if appropriate), and the period covered by the contract and provisions for renewal; B. The duties and responsibilities of the certified operator; C. The duties and responsibilities of the Permittee; and D. Provisions for notifying the MPCA 30 days in advance of termination if the contract is terminated prior to the expiration date. [Minn. R. 9400]
5.11.52	The Permittee shall notify the MPCA within 30 days of a change in operator certification or contract status. [Minn. R. 9400]
	<b>Pretreatment: Undelegated Requirements</b>
5.12.53	<b>Pretreatment - Definitions.</b> [Minn. R. 7049]

5.12.54	An "Individual Control Mechanism" is a document, such as an agreement or permit, that imposes limitations or requirements on an individual industrial user of the POTW. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.55	"Significant Industrial User" (SIU) means any industrial user that:  a. discharges 25,000 gallons per day or more of process wastewater; b. contributes a load of five (5) % or more of the capacity of the POTW; or c. is designated as significant by the Permittee or the MPCA on the basis that the SIU has a reasonable potential to adversely impact the POTW, or the quality of its effluent or residuals. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.56	<b>Pretreatment - Permittee Responsibility to Control Users.</b> [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.57	It is the Permittee's responsibility to regulate the discharge from users of its wastewater treatment facility. The Permittee shall prevent any pass through of pollutants or any inhibition or disruption of the Permittee's facility, its treatment processes, or its sludge processes or disposal that contribute to the violation of the conditions of this permit or any federal or state law or regulation limiting the release of pollutants from the POTW. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.58	The Permittee shall prohibit the discharge of the following to its wastewater treatment facility:  a. pollutants which create a fire or explosion hazard, including any discharge with a flash point less than 60 degrees C (140 degrees F); b. pollutants which would cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, including any waste stream with a pH of less than 5.0; c. solid or viscous pollutants which would obstruct flow; d. heat that would inhibit biological activity, including any discharge that would cause the temperature of the waste stream at the POTW treatment plant headwork's to exceed 40 degrees C (104 degrees F); e. pollutants which produce toxic gases, vapors, or fumes that may endanger the health or safety of workers; or f. any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants such as biochemical oxygen demand, released at a flow rate or pollutant concentration that will cause interference or pass through. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.59	The Permittee shall prohibit new discharges of non-contact cooling waters unless there is no cost effective alternative. Existing discharges of non-contact cooling water to the Permittee's wastewater treatment facility shall be eliminated, where elimination is cost-effective, or where an infiltration/inflow analysis and sewer system evaluation survey indicates the need for such removal. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.60	If the Permittee accepts trucked-in wastes, the Permittee shall evaluate the trucked in wastes prior to acceptance in the same manner as it monitors sewered wastes. The Permittee shall accept trucked-in wastes only at specifically designated points. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.61	Pollutant of concern means a pollutant that is or may be discharged by an industrial user that is, or reasonably should be of concern on the basis that it may cause the permittee to violate any permit limits on the release of pollutants. The following pollutants shall be evaluated to determine if they should be pollutants of concern: pollutants limited in this permit, pollutants for which monitoring is required in this permit, pollutants that are likely to cause inhibition of the Permittee's POTW, pollutants which may interfere with sludge disposal, pollutants for which the Permittee's treatment facility has limited capacity. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.62	<b>Control of Significant Industrial Users.</b> [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.63	The Permittee shall impose pretreatment requirements on SIUs which will ensure compliance with all applicable effluent limitations and other requirements set forth in this permit or any federal or state law or regulation limiting the release of pollutants from the POTW. These requirements shall be applied to SIUs by means of an individual control mechanism. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.64	The Permittee shall not knowingly enter into an individual control mechanism with any user that would allow the user to contribute an amount or strength of wastewater that would cause violation of any limitation or requirement in the permit, or any applicable federal, state or local law or regulation. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.65	<b>Monitoring of Significant Industrial Users.</b> [Minn. R. 7049]

5.12.66	The Permittee shall obtain from SIUs specific information on the quality and quantity of the SIU's discharges to the Permittee's POTW. Except where specifically requested by the Permittee and approved by the MPCA, this information shall be obtained by means of representative monitoring conducted by the Permittee or by the SIU under requirements imposed by the Permittee in the SIU's individual control mechanism. Monitoring performed to comply with this requirement shall include all pollutants for which the SIU is significant and shall be done at a frequency commensurate with the significance of the SIU. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.67	<b>Reporting and Notification.</b> [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.68	The Permittee shall submit a pretreatment annual report: Due by 31 days after the end of each calendar year following permit issuance if a SIU discharges to the POTW during a given calendar year. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.69	<p>The Pretreatment Annual Report shall be submitted on forms provided by the agency or shall provide equivalent information.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit the pre-treatment report to the following address:</p> <p>MPCA          Attn: WQ Submittals Center          520 Lafayette Road North          St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194. [Minn. R. 7049]</p>
5.12.70	<p>The Permittee shall notify the MPCA in writing of any:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. SIU of the Permittee's POTW which has not been previously disclosed to the MPCA;</li> <li>b. anticipated or actual changes in the volume or quality of discharge by an industrial user that could result in the industrial user becoming an SIU as defined in this chapter; or</li> <li>c. anticipated or actual changes in the volume or quality of discharges by a SIU that would require changes to the SIU's required local limits.</li> </ul> <p>This notification shall be submitted within 30 days of identifying the IU as a SIU. Where changes are proposed, they shall be submitted prior to changes being made. [Minn. R. 7049]</p>
5.12.71	<p>Upon notifying the MPCA of a SIU or change in a SIU discharge as required above, the Permittee shall submit the following information on forms provided by the agency or in a comparable format:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. the identity of the SIU and a description of the SIU's operation and process;</li> <li>b. a characterization of the SIU's discharge;</li> <li>c. the required local limits that will be imposed on the SIU;</li> <li>d. a technical justification of the required local limits; and</li> <li>e. a plan for monitoring the SIU which is consistent with monitoring requirements in this chapter. [Minn. R. 7049]</li> </ul>
5.12.72	<p>In addition, the Permittee shall, upon request, submit the following to the MPCA for approval:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. additional information on the SIU, its processes and discharge;</li> <li>b. a copy of the individual control mechanism used to control the SIU;</li> <li>c. the Permittee's legal authority to be used for regulating the SIU; and</li> <li>d. the Permittee's procedures for enforcing the requirements imposed on the SIU. [Minn. R. 7049]</li> </ul>
5.12.73	The permittee shall notify MPCA of any of its industrial users that may be subject to national categorical pretreatment standards. [Minn. R. 7049]
5.12.74	This permit may be modified in accordance with Minnesota Rules, ch. 7001 to require development of a pretreatment program approvable under the Federal General Pretreatment Regulation (40 CFR 403). [Minn. R. 7049]
	<b>Biosolids: Land Application</b>
5.13.75	<b>Authorization.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]

5.13.76	This permit authorizes the Permittee to store and land apply domestic wastewater treatment biosolids in accordance with the provisions in this chapter and Minnesota Rules, ch. 7041. [Minn. R. 7041]
5.13.77	Permittees who prepare bulk biosolids shall obtain approval of the sites on which bulk biosolids are applied before they are applied unless they are Exceptional Quality Biosolids. Site application procedures are set forth in Minn. R. ch. 7041.0800. [Minn. R. 7041.0800]
5.13.78	<b>Compliance Responsibility.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]
5.13.79	The Permittee is responsible for ensuring that the applicable requirements in this chapter and Minn. R. ch. 7041 are met when biosolids are prepared, distributed, or applied to the land. [Minn. R. 7041]
5.13.80	<b>Notification Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]
5.13.81	The Permittee shall provide information needed to comply with the biosolids requirements of Minn. R. ch. 7041 to others who prepare or use the biosolids. [Minn. R. 7041]
5.13.82	<b>Pollutant Limits.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]
5.13.83	<p>Biosolids which are applied to the land shall not exceed the ceiling concentrations in Table 1 and shall not be applied so that the cumulative amounts of pollutant in Table 2 are exceeded.</p> <p>Table 1 Ceiling Concentrations (dry weight basis)          Parameter in units mg/kg          Arsenic 75          Cadmium 85          Copper 4300          Lead 840          Mercury 57          Molybdenum 75          Nickel 420          Selenium 100          Zinc 7500</p> <p>Table 2 Cumulative Loading Limits          Parameter in units lbs/acre          Arsenic 37          Cadmium 35          Copper 1339          Lead 268          Mercury 15          Molybdenum not established*          Nickel 375          Selenium 89          Zinc 2500          *The cumulative limit for molybdenum has not been established at the time of permit issuance. [Minn. R. 7041.1100]</p>
5.13.84	<b>Pathogen and Vector Attraction Reduction.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]
5.13.85	Biosolids shall be processed, treated, or be incorporated or injected into the soil to meet one of the vector attraction reduction requirements in Minnesota Rules, pt. 7041.1400. [Minn. R. 7041.1400]
5.13.86	Biosolids shall be processed or treated by one of the alternatives in Minnesota Rules, pt. 7041.1300 to meet the Class A or Class B standards for the reduction of pathogens. When Class B biosolids are applied to the land, the site restrictions in Minnesota Rules, pt. 7041.1300 shall also be met. [Minn. R. 7041.1300]

5.13.87	<p>The minimum duration between application and harvest, grazing or public access to areas where Class B biosolids have been applied to the land is as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. 14 months for food crops whose harvested parts may touch the soil/biosolids mixture (such as melons, squash, tomatoes, etc.), when biosolids are surface applied, incorporated or injected.</li> <li>b. 20 months or 38 months depending on the application method for food crops whose harvested parts grow in the soil (such as potatoes, carrots, onions, etc.). The 20 month time period is required when biosolids are surface applied or surface applied and incorporated after they have been on the soil surface for at least four (4) months. The 38 month time period is required when the biosolids are injected or surface applied and incorporated within four (4) months of application.</li> <li>c. 30 days for feed crops, other food crops (such as field corn, sweet corn, etc.), hay or fiber crops when biosolids are surface applied, incorporated or injected.</li> <li>d. 30 days for grazing of animals when biosolids are surface applied, incorporated or injected.</li> <li>e. One year where there is a high potential for public contact with the site, (such as a reclamation site located in populated areas, a construction site located in a city, turf farms, plant nurseries, etc.) and 30 days where there is low potential for public contact (such as agricultural land, forest, a reclamation site located in an unpopulated area, etc.) when biosolids are surface applied, incorporated, or injected. [Minn. R. 7041]</li> </ul>															
5.13.88	<p><b>Management Practices.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]</p>															
5.13.89	<p>The management practices for the land application of biosolids are described in detail in Minn. R. ch. 7041.1200 and shall be followed unless specified otherwise in a site approval letter or a permit issued by the MPCA. [Minn. R. 7041.1200]</p>															
5.13.90	<p>Overall management requirements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Biosolids shall not be applied to the land if it is likely to adversely affect a threatened or endangered species listed under Section 4 of the Endangered Species Act or its designated critical habitat.</li> <li>b. Biosolids shall not be applied to flooded, frozen or snow covered ground so that the biosolids enter wetlands or other waters of the state.</li> <li>c. Biosolids shall be applied at an agronomic rate unless specified otherwise by the MPCA in a permit.</li> <li>d. Biosolids shall not be applied within 33 feet of a wetland or waters of the state unless specified otherwise by the MPCA in a permit. [Minn. R. 7041]</li> </ul>															
5.13.91	<p><b>Monitoring Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]</p>															
5.13.92	<p>Representative samples of biosolids applied to the land shall be analyzed by methods specified in Minnesota Rule pt. 7041.3200 for the following parameters: arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, mercury, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, zinc, Kjeldahl nitrogen, ammonia nitrogen, total solids, volatile solids, phosphorus, potassium and pH. [Minn. R. 7041.3200]</p>															
5.13.93	<p>At a minimum, biosolids shall be monitored at the frequencies specified in Table 3 for the parameters listed above, and any pathogen or vector attraction reduction requirements in Minnesota Rules, pts. 7041.1300 and 7041.1400 if used to determine compliance with those parts.</p> <p>Table 3 Minimum Sampling Frequencies</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Biosolids Applied* (metric tons/365-day period)</th> <th>Biosolids Applied* (tons/365-day period)</th> <th>Frequency (times/365-day period)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>&gt;0 but &lt;290</td> <td>&gt;0 but &lt;320</td> <td>1</td> </tr> <tr> <td>&gt;=290 but &lt;1,500</td> <td>&gt;=320 but &lt;1,650</td> <td>4</td> </tr> <tr> <td>&gt;=1,500 but &lt;15,000</td> <td>&gt;=1,650 but &lt;16,500</td> <td>6</td> </tr> <tr> <td>&gt;=15,000</td> <td>&gt;=16,500</td> <td>12</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>* Either the amount of bulk biosolids applied to the land or the amount of biosolids received by a person who prepares biosolids that are sold or given away in a bag or other container for application to the land (dry weight basis). [Minn. R. 7041.1300, Minn. R. 7041.1400]</p>	Biosolids Applied* (metric tons/365-day period)	Biosolids Applied* (tons/365-day period)	Frequency (times/365-day period)	>0 but <290	>0 but <320	1	>=290 but <1,500	>=320 but <1,650	4	>=1,500 but <15,000	>=1,650 but <16,500	6	>=15,000	>=16,500	12
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5.13.94	<p>Representative samples of biosolids that are transferred to storage units and are stored for more than two years shall be analyzed by methods specified in Minnesota Rule pt. 7041.3200 for each cropping year they are stored for the following parameters: arsenic, cadmium, copper, lead, molybdenum, nickel, selenium, and zinc.</p> <p>Mercury is specifically NOT included in the stored biosolids analysis because of the short holding time [28 days] required between sampling and analysis. [Minn. R. 7041.3200]</p>
5.13.95	<p>Increased sampling frequencies are specified for the parameters listed in Table 4. Sampling at a frequency at twice the minimum frequencies in Table 3 is required if concentrations listed in Table 4 are exceeded (based on the average of all analyses made during the previous cropping year).</p> <p>Table 4 Increased Frequency of Sampling</p> <p>Parameter (mg/kg dry weight basis)</p> <p>Arsenic 38          Cadmium 43          Copper 2150          Lead 420          Mercury 28          Molybdenum 38          Nickel 210          Selenium 50          Zinc 3750. [Minn. R. 7041]</p>
5.13.96	<p><b>Records.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]</p>
5.13.97	<p>The Permittee shall keep records of the information necessary to show compliance with pollutant concentrations and loadings, pathogen reduction requirements, vector attraction reduction requirements and management practices as specified in Minnesota Rules, pt. 7041.1600, as applicable to the quality of biosolids produced. [Minn. R. 7041.1600]</p>
5.13.98	<p><b>Reporting Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7041]</p>
5.13.99	<p>The Permittee shall submit a biosolids annual report: Due annually, by the 31st of December on a form provided by or approved by the MPCA. The report shall include the requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 7041.1700. [Minn. R. 7041.1700]</p>
5.13.100	<p>The permittee shall submit a Biosolids Annual Report by December 31 of each year for biosolids storage and/or transfer activities occurring during the cropping year previous to December 31. The report shall indicate whether or not biosolids were transferred and/or stored. If biosolids were transferred, the report shall describe how much was transferred, where it was transferred to, the name of the facility that accepted the transfer and the contact person at that facility. "Cropping year" means a year beginning on September 1 of the year prior to the growing season and ending August 31 the year the crop is harvested. For example, the 2012 cropping year began September 1, 2011, and ended August 31, 2012. [Minn. R. 7041]</p>
5.13.101	<p>For biosolids that are stored for more than two years, the Biosolids Annual Report shall also include the analytical data from the representative sample of the biosolids generated during the cropping year. [Minn. R. 7041]</p>
5.13.102	<p>The Permittee shall submit the Biosolids Annual Report to: MPCA Submittals Center, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St Paul Minnesota 551554194. [Minn. R. 7041]</p>
5.13.103	<p>The Permittee shall notify the MPCA in writing when 90 percent or more of any of the cumulative pollutant loading rates listed for any Land Application Sites has been reached for a site. [Minn. R. 7041]</p>
	<p><b>Total Residual Oxidants</b></p>
5.14.104	<p><b>General Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]</p>

5.14.105	"Daily Maximum" for Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) concentration limits means: A. The value of a single sample in a 24-hour period if the concentration of TRC in that sample is 0.038 mg/L or less; B. If the concentration of TRC in the first sample is greater than 0.038 mg/L, reporting the average of two to twelve samples analyzed in a 24-hour period is allowed. The second sample shall be taken two hours after the first sample and subsequent samples are to be taken at one-hour intervals thereafter, not to exceed a total of twelve samples in a 24-hour period. Values below the Reporting Limit (RL) for TRC are assumed to be zero for averaging purposes only; and C. The average value of multiple daily TRC effluent sample analyses shall meet the 0.038 mg/L limit to be in compliance. [State Definitions]
5.14.106	Total Residual Chlorine shall be analyzed immediately. This means within 15 minutes or less of sample collection. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.14.107	The Reportable Limit shall be established for this parameter. This should be based on the Method Detection Limit and laboratory, analyst, and equipment used in the analysis. The Reportable Limit cannot be greater than 0.1 mg/L. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.14.108	Monitoring results below the RL should be reported as "<" the RL. For example, if the RL is 0.01 mg/L, based on the analysis of a standard at or below that level, and a parameter is not detected at a value of 0.01 mg/L or greater, the concentration shall be reported as "<0.01 mg/L." The symbol "<" means "less than". [Minn. R. 7001]
5.14.109	The RL shall be verified against a known standard at least monthly during monitoring period. For successful verification, the standard needs to be recovered at +/- 40% of the actual value. [Minn. R. 7001]
	<b>Total Facility Requirements (NPDES/SDS)</b>
5.15.110	<b>Definitions.</b> Refer to the 'Permit Users Manual' found on the MPCA website ( <a href="http://www.pca.state.mn.us">www.pca.state.mn.us</a> ) for standard definitions. [Minn. R. 7001. ]
5.15.111	<b>Incorporation by Reference.</b> This permit incorporates the following applicable federal and state laws applicable to the Permittee and enforceable parts of this permit: 40 CFR pts. 122.41, 122.42, 136, 403 and 503; Minn. R. chs. 7001, 7041, 7045, 7050, 7052, 7053, 7060, and 7080; and Minn. Stat. chs. 115 and 116. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.15.112	<b>Permittee Responsibility.</b> The Permittee shall perform the actions or conduct the activity authorized by this permit in compliance with the conditions of the permit and, if required, in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the MPCA. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3(E)]
5.15.113	<b>Toxic Discharges Prohibited.</b> Whether or not this permit includes effluent limitations for toxic pollutants, the Permittee shall not discharge a toxic pollutant except according to 40 CFR pts. 400 to 460 and Minn. R. chs. 7050, 7052, 7053 and any other applicable MPCA rules. [Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1(A)]
5.15.114	<b>Nuisance Conditions Prohibited.</b> The Permittee's discharge shall not cause any nuisance conditions including, but not limited to: floating solids, scum and visible oil film, excessive suspended solids, material discoloration, obnoxious odors, gas ebullition, deleterious sludge deposits, undesirable slimes or fungus growths, aquatic habitat degradation, excessive growths of aquatic plants, acutely toxic conditions to aquatic life, or other adverse impact on the receiving water. [Minn. R. 7050.0210, subp. 2]
5.15.115	<b>Property Rights.</b> This permit does not convey a property right or an exclusive privilege. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3(C)]
5.15.116	<b>Liability Exemption.</b> 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(O)]
5.15.117	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(D)]
5.15.118	<b>Liabilities.</b> 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(A)]

5.15.119	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(B)]
5.15.120	<b>Severability.</b> 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. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.15.121	<b>Compliance with Other Rules and Statutes.</b> 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. [Minn. R. 7001]
5.15.122	<b>Inspection and Entry.</b> When authorized by Minn. Stat. ch. 115.04, 115B.17, subd. 4, and 116.091, and upon presentation of proper credentials, the Permittee shall allow the MPCA, or an authorized employee or agent of the MPCA, 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(I)]
5.15.123	<b>Control Users.</b> The Permittee shall regulate the users of its facility 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. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3(F)]
5.15.124	<b>Sampling.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.15.125	<b>Representative Sampling.</b> The Permittee shall conduct samples and measurements required by this permit as specified in this permit and shall be representative of the discharge or monitored activity. [40 CFR 122.41(j)(1)]
5.15.126	<b>Additional Sampling.</b> If the Permittee monitors more frequently than required, they shall report the results and the frequency of monitoring on their eDMR for that reporting period. [Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1(E)]
5.15.127	<b>Certified/Accredited Laboratory.</b> A laboratory accredited by the Minnesota Department of Health [Minn. R. 4740.2010 through Minn. R. 4740.2120] and/or certified by the MPCA [Minn. R. 7001.4310 through Minn. R. 7001.4390] shall conduct analyses required by this permit, unless approved in writing by the MPCA. A certified/accredited laboratory does not need to complete analyses of dissolved oxygen, pH, temperature, specific conductance, and total residual oxidants (chlorine, bromine). Those analyses shall comply with 40 CFR pt. 136. Dissolved oxygen, pH, and total residual oxidants must be performed on-site. Follow the manufacturer's specifications for equipment maintenance and use. [Minn. R. 4740.2010, Minn. R. 4740.2050 through 2120]
5.15.128	<b>Sample Preservation and Procedure.</b> Sample preservation and test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall conform to 40 CFR pt. 136 and Minn. R. 7041.3200. [40 CFR 136, Minn. R. 7041.3200]
5.15.129	<b>Equipment Calibration.</b> The Permittee shall check and/or calibrate flow meters, pumps, flumes, lift stations, or other flow monitoring equipment used for purposes of determining compliance (within plus or minus ten percent of the true flow values) with permit requirements at least twice annually. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 2(B and C)]
5.15.130	<b>Maintain Records.</b> 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: 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; D. The analytical techniques, procedures, and methods used; and E. The results of the analysis. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 2(C)]

5.15.131	<p><b>Completing Reports.</b> The Permittee shall submit the results of the required sampling and monitoring activities on the forms provided, specified, or approved by the MPCA. The Permittee shall record the information in the specified areas on those forms and in the units specified.</p> <p>Required forms may include a Sample Values Form. If required, the Permittee shall record individual values for each sample and measurement on the Sample Values Form provided by the MPCA. The Permittee shall submit Sample Values Form with the appropriate eDMRs. The Permittee may design and use their own Sample Values Form; however, the Permittee shall not use their form until the MPCA reviews and approves the form.</p> <p>Note: The Permittee shall also record required summary information on their eDMR. Permittee submitted summary information contained only on the Sample Values Form does not comply with reporting requirements. [Minn. R. 7001.1090, 1(D), Minn. R. 7001.150, 2(B)]</p>
5.15.132	<p><b>Submitting Reports.</b> The Permittee shall submit eDMRs, Sample Values Form, and other supplemental attachment forms via MPCA e-Services after the MPCA approves their authorization request.</p> <p>The Permittee shall electronically submit eDMRs, Sample Values Form, and other supplemental attachment forms by the 21st day of the month following the sampling period or otherwise as specified in this permit. The Permittee shall complete eDMR submittal on or before 11:59 PM of the 21st day of the month following the sampling period or as otherwise specified in this permit. The Permittee shall submit an eDMR for each required station even if no discharge occurred during the reporting period.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit other reports required by this permit electronically or by mail. The Permittee shall submit reports by the date specified in this permit. For electronic submittals, the Permittee shall submit on or before 11:59 PM on the date specified in this permit. For mailed submittals, the Permittee shall ensure that submittals via U.S. Postal Service or other hand delivery method contain postmarks by the date specified in this permit. Whole Effluent Testing (WET) and Pretreatment Annual Reports must be mailed to the WQ Submittals Center.</p> <p>Electronically: wq.submittals.mPCA@state.mn.us Include Water quality submittals form: <a href="http://www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-wwprm7-71.docx">www.pca.state.mn.us/sites/default/files/wq-wwprm7-71.docx</a></p> <p>Or by mail: Attention: WQ Submittals Center Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 55155-4191. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 2(B), Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(H)]</p>
5.15.133	<p><b>Incomplete or Incorrect Reports.</b> The Permittee shall immediately submit an electronically amended report or eDMR to the MPCA upon discovery by the Permittee or notification by the MPCA that it has submitted an incomplete or incorrect report or eDMR. The amended report or eDMR shall contain the missing or corrected data along with a comment on the eDMR explaining the circumstances of the incomplete or incorrect report. If it is impossible to amend the report or eDMR electronically, the Permittee shall immediately notify the MPCA and the MPCA will provide direction for the amendment submittals. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(G)]</p>
5.15.134	<p><b>Required Signatures.</b> The Permittee or the duly authorized representative of the Permittee shall sign all eDMRs, forms, reports, and other documents submitted to the MPCA per Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 2(D). The person or persons who sign the eDMRs, forms, reports, or other documents shall certify that he or she understands and complies with the certification requirements of Minn. R. chs. 7001.0070 and 7001.0540, including the penalties for submitting false information. A registered professional engineer shall certify technical documents, such as design drawings and specifications, and engineering studies submitted as part of a permit application or by permit conditions. [Minn. R. 7001.0540]</p>

5.15.135	<p><b>Reporting Limit (RL).</b> The Permittee shall report monitoring results below the RL of a particular instrument as "&lt;" 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 Permittee shall report the concentration as "&lt; 0.1 mg/L." The Permittee shall not use "non-detected," "undetected," "below detection limit," or "zero" when reporting results. The MPCA considers these terms as permit reporting violations.</p> <p>Where sample values are less than the RL and the permit requires reporting of an average, the Permittee shall calculate the average as follows:</p> <p>A. If some values are less than (&lt;) the RL, substitute zero for all non-detectable values to use in the average calculation;</p> <p>B. If all values are less than (&lt;) the RL, calculate the average and report as &lt; the RL average concentration; and</p> <p>C. To calculate a mass loading with a less than (&lt;) the RL concentration, use the RL value in the calculation and then add the "&lt;" to the product of the concentration and the volume. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 2(B)]</p>
5.15.136	<p><b>Records.</b> The Permittee shall, when requested by the MPCA, 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, 3(H)]</p>
5.15.137	<p><b>Confidential Information.</b> Except for data determined to be confidential according to Minn. Stat. ch. 116.075, subd. 2, all reports required by this permit are available for public inspection. The MPCA does not consider effluent data confidential. To request the MPCA maintain data as confidential, the Permittee shall follow Minn. R. 7000.1300. [Minn. R. 7000.1300]</p>
5.15.138	<p><b>Noncompliance and Enforcement.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.15.139	<p><b>Subject to Enforcement Action and Penalties.</b> 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. ch. 115.071 and 116.072, including monetary penalties, imprisonment, or both. [Minn. R. 7001.1090, 1(B)]</p>
5.15.140	<p><b>Criminal Activity.</b> The Permittee shall not knowingly make a false statement, representation, or certification in a record or other document submitted to the MPCA. A person who falsifies a report or document submitted to the MPCA, or tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate a monitoring device or method that requires maintenance under this permit is subject to criminal and civil penalties provided by federal and state law. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(G), Minn. R. 7001.1090, 1(G and H), Minn. Stat. ch. 609.671, 1]</p>
5.15.141	<p><b>Noncompliance Defense.</b> 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)]</p>

5.15.142	<p><b>Effluent Violations.</b> 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.</p> <p>If the Permittee discovers that noncompliance with a condition of the permit occurred and that the noncompliance 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 five days of the discovery.</p> <p>If the Permittee discovers other noncompliance that does not explicitly endanger human health, public drinking water supplies, or the environment, the Permittee shall report the description of noncompliance within 30 days of the discovery. If no eDMR is required within 30 days, the Permittee shall submit a written report including the description of noncompliance within 30 days of the discovery of the noncompliance. This description shall include the following information:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. A description of the event including; volume, duration, monitoring results, and receiving waters;</li><li>B. The cause of the event;</li><li>C. The steps taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the event;</li><li>D. The exact dates and times of the event; and</li><li>E. Steps taken to reduce any adverse impact resulting from the event. [Minn. R. 7001.150, 3(K)]</li></ul>
5.15.143	<p><b>Upset Defense.</b> In the event of temporary noncompliance with applicable effluent limitation(s) 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 MPCA as a result of the noncompliance if the Permittee demonstrates by a preponderance of competent evidence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. The specific cause of the upset;</li><li>B. That the upset was unintentional;</li><li>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;</li><li>D. That at the time of the upset the facility was being properly operated;</li><li>E. That the Permittee properly notified the Commissioner of the upset in accordance with Minn. R. 7001.1090, subp. 1(I); and</li><li>F. That the Permittee implemented the remedial measures required by Minn. R. 7001.0150, subp. 3(J). [Minn. R. 7001.1090]</li></ul>
5.15.144	<p><b>Release.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.15.145	<p><b>Unauthorized Releases of Wastewater Prohibited.</b> This permit prohibits overflows, discharges, spills, or other releases of wastewater or materials to the environment, whether intentional or not, except for discharges from outfalls specifically authorized by this permit. 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, Minn. Stat. ch. 115.061]</p>
5.15.146	<p><b>Discovery of a Release.</b> Upon discovery of a release, the Permittee shall:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>A. Take all reasonable steps to immediately end the release;</li><li>B. Notify the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Duty Officer at 1(800)422-0798 or (651)649-5451 (metro area) immediately upon discovery of the release. The Permittee may contact the MPCA during business hours at 1(800)657-3864 or (651)296-6300 (metro area); and</li><li>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 Permittee cannot immediately or completely recover the released materials or substances, 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. [Minn. R. 7001.1090]</li></ul>

5.15.147	<p><b>Sampling of a Release.</b> Upon discovery of a release, the Permittee shall:</p> <p>A. Collect representative samples of the release. The Permittee shall sample the release for permitted effluent parameters and other 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, the Permittee shall collect fecal coliform bacteria samples where the Permittee determines that the release contains or may contain sewage. If the Permittee cannot immediately stop the release, the Permittee shall consult with the MPCA regarding additional sampling requirements. The Permittee shall collect samples at least, but not limited to, two times per week for as long as the release continues; and</p> <p>B. Submit the sampling results on the Release Report located on the MPCA's website at <a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/discharge-monitoring-reports">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/discharge-monitoring-reports</a>.</p> <p>The Permittee shall submit the Release Report to the MPCA with the next eDMR or within 30 days, whichever is sooner. [Minn. R. 7001.1090]</p>
5.15.148	<p><b>Anticipated Bypass.</b> The Permittee may allow any bypass to occur that does not cause effluent limitation exceedances, but only if the bypass is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation of the facility. The Permittee shall submit prior notice to the MPCA at least ten days before the date of the bypass, if possible. The notice of the need for an anticipated bypass shall include the following information:</p> <p>A. The proposed date and estimated duration of the bypass;</p> <p>B. The alternatives to bypassing; and</p> <p>C. A proposal for effluent sampling during the bypass. Any bypass wastewater shall enter waters of the state from outfalls specifically authorized by this permit. Therefore, the Permittee shall collect samples at the frequency and location identified in this permit or two times per week for as long as the bypass continues, whichever is more frequent. [40 CFR 122.41(m)(2 and 3), Minn. R. 7001.1090, 1(J)]</p>
5.15.149	<p><b>Bypass.</b> This permit prohibits all other bypasses. The MPCA may take enforcement action against the Permittee for a bypass, unless the specific conditions described in Minn. R. 7001.1090 subp. 1(K) and 40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i) are met.</p> <p>In the event of an unanticipated bypass, the Permittee shall:</p> <p>A. Take all reasonable steps to immediately end the bypass;</p> <p>B. Notify the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Duty Officer at 1(800)422-0798 or (651)649-5451 (metro area) immediately upon commencement of the bypass. The Permittee may contact the MPCA during business hours at 1(800)657-3864 or (651)296-6300 (metro area);</p> <p>C. Immediately take 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 directed by the MPCA, the Permittee shall consult with other local, state, or federal agencies for implementation of abatement, clean up, or remediation activities; and</p> <p>D. Only allow bypass wastewater as specified in this section to enter waters of the state from outfalls specifically authorized by this permit. The Permittee shall collect samples at the frequency and location identified in this permit or two times per week for as long as the bypass continues, whichever is more frequent. The Permittee shall also follow the reporting requirements for effluent violations as specified in this permit. [40 CFR 122.41(m)(4)(i), Minn. R. 7001.1090, 1(K), Minn. Stat. ch. 115.061]</p>
5.15.150	<p><b>Operation and Maintenance.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.15.151	<p>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, 3(F)]</p>

5.15.152	In the event of a reduction or loss of effective treatment of wastewater at the facility, the Permittee shall control production or curtail 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 they restore facility treatment processes or until the Permittee provides an alternative method of treatment. [Minn. R. 7001.1090, 1(C)]
5.15.153	<b>Solids Management.</b> The Permittee shall properly store, transport, and manage biosolids, septage, sediments, residual solids, filter backwash, screenings, oil, grease, and other substances so that pollutants do not enter surface waters or groundwaters of the state. The Permittee shall manage solids in accordance with local, state, and federal requirements. [40 CFR 503, Minn. R. 7041]
5.15.154	<b>Scheduled Maintenance.</b> The Permittee shall schedule maintenance of the treatment works during non-critical water quality periods to prevent water quality degradation, except where the facility requires emergency maintenance to prevent a condition that would be detrimental to water quality or human health. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(F), Minn. R. 7001.150, 2(B)]
5.15.155	<b>Control Tests.</b> The Permittee shall conduct in-plant control tests at a frequency adequate to ensure compliance with the conditions of this permit. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(F), Minn. R. 7001.150, 2(B)]
5.15.156	<b>Changes to the Facility or Permit .</b> [Minn. R. 7001]
5.15.157	<b>Permit Modifications.</b> Except as provided under Minn. Stat. ch. 115.07, subd. 1 and 3, no person required by statute or rule to obtain a permit may construct, install, modify, or 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 MPCA issues a written permit for the facility or activity.  Permittees that propose to make changes to the facility or discharge that requires permit modification shall follow Minn. R. 7001.0190. If the Permittee cannot determine whether the proposed changes require a permit modification, the Permittee shall contact the MPCA prior to any action. The MPCA recommends that Permittees submit the application for permit modification to the MPCA at least 180 days prior to the planned change. [Minn. R. 7001.0030]
5.15.158	This permit does not require plans, specifications, and MPCA approval when maintenance dictates the need for installation of new equipment, provided the equipment is the same design size and has the same design intent. For instance, Permittees can replace a broken pipe, lift station pump, aerator, or blower with the same design-sized equipment without MPCA approval.  If this permit does not expressly authorize the Permittee proposed construction, the MPCA may require a permit modification. If the proposed construction project requires an Environmental Assessment Worksheet under Minn. R. 4410, no construction shall begin until the MPCA issues a negative declaration and the Permittee receives or implements all approvals. [Minn. R. 7001.0030]
5.15.159	<b>Report Changes.</b> 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, 3(M)]

5.15.160	<p><b>Chemical Additives.</b> 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.</p> <p>The Permittee shall request approval for an increase or new use of a chemical additive at least 60 days, or as soon as possible, before the proposed increase or new use. The Permittee shall include at least the following information for the proposed additive as instructed in the chemical additive approvals section on the MPCA website at <a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-additional-guidance-and-information">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/wastewater-additional-guidance-and-information</a>:</p> <p>A. The process for which the additive will be used;</p> <p>B. Safety Data Sheet (SDS) 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;</p> <p>C. A complete product use and instruction label;</p> <p>D. The commercial and chemical names and Chemical Abstract Survey (CAS) number for all ingredients in the additive (If the SDS 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</p> <p>E. The proposed method of application, application frequency, concentration, and daily average and maximum rates of use.</p> <p>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. [Minn. R. 7001.0170]</p>
5.15.161	<p><b>MPCA Initiated Permit Modification, Suspension, or Revocation.</b> The MPCA may modify or revoke and reissue this permit pursuant to Minn. R. 7001.0170. The MPCA may revoke without reissuance of this permit pursuant to Minn. R. 7001.0180. [Minn. R. 7001.0170, Minn. R. 7001.0180]</p>
5.15.162	<p><b>Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Impacts.</b> The MPCA may require facilities that discharge to an impaired surface water, watershed, or drainage basin to comply with additional permits or permit requirements. These requirements can include additional restriction or relaxation of limits and monitoring as authorized by the CWA 303(d)(4)(A) and 40 CFR ch. 122.44(l)(2)(i), necessary to ensure consistency with the assumptions and requirements of any applicable EPA approved wasteload allocations resulting from TMDL studies. [40 CFR 122.44(l)(2)(i)]</p>
5.15.163	<p><b>Permit Transfer.</b> This permit is not transferable to any person without the express written approval of the MPCA after compliance with the requirements of Minn. R. 7001.0190. A person who receives permit transference shall comply with the conditions of this permit. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, 3(N)]</p>

5.15.164	<p><b>Facility Closure.</b> The Permittee is responsible for closure and post-closure 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 a Facility Closure Plan to the MPCA for approval.</p> <p>The MPCA may require a permit modification or reissuance for facility closure that could result in a potential long-term water quality concern, such as the ongoing discharge of wastewater to surface or groundwater.</p> <p>The MPCA may require the Permittee to establish and maintain financial assurance to ensure performance of certain obligations under this permit, including closure, post-closure care, and remedial action at the facility. If the MPCA requires financial assurance, the MPCA shall approve the amount and type of financial assurance, and proposed modifications to previously MPCA-approved financial assurance. [Minn. Stat. ch. 116.07, 4]</p>
5.15.165	<p><b>Permit Reissuance.</b> If the Permittee desires to continue permit coverage beyond the date of permit expiration, the Permittee shall submit an application for permit reissuance: Due by 180 days prior to permit expiration. [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.15.166	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>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;</li> <li>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; or</li> <li>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. [Minn. R. 7001.0160]</li> </ul>
	<p><b>Facility Specific Requirements</b></p>
5.16.167	<p><b>Inflow and Infiltration Requirements.</b> [Minn. R. 7001]</p>
5.16.168	<p>The Permittee shall document and maintain record of completed inflow and infiltration reduction activities annually, to be completed and dated by January 31st of each year. The records shall be made available during any MPCA inspection. At a minimum, the records shall identify:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The amount of collection system piping replaced and/ or rehabilitated;</li> <li>B. The number of manholes inspected and replaced and/ or rehabilitated;</li> <li>C. A description of instances local I&amp;I ordinances were leveraged on private sewer systems and</li> <li>D. Other inflow and infiltration reduction activities performed during the year. [Minn. R. 7001]</li> </ul>

6. Submittal action summary

SD 001	Effluent To Surface Water	<b>Surface Discharge: Class A Major Facility Effluent Requirements</b>
		6.1.1 The Permittee shall submit a monthly DMR: Due by 21 days after the end of each calendar month following permit issuance. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Subp. 2(B)]
		<b>Priority Pollutant Requirements</b>
		6.2.2 The Permittee shall submit the first priority pollutant monitoring report: Due 1095 calendar days before Permit Expiration Date (two years after permit issuance). [Minn. R. 7001]
		6.2.3 The Permittee shall submit the second priority pollutant monitoring report: Due 730 calendar days before Permit Expiration Date (three years after permit issuance). [Minn. R. 7001]
		6.2.4 The Permittee shall submit the third priority pollutant monitoring report: Due 365 calendar days before Permit Expiration Date (four years after permit issuance). [Minn. R. 7001]
		<b>Chronic Toxicity Requirements</b>
		6.3.5 The Permittee shall submit annual chronic toxicity test battery results: Due 180 calendar days after Permit Issuance Date annually thereafter. [Minn. R. 7001]
WS 001	Influent Waste	<b>Waste Stream: Class A Major Facility Influent Requirements</b>
		6.4.1 The Permittee shall submit a monthly DMR: Due by 21 days after the end of each calendar month following permit issuance. [Minn. R. 7001.0150, Subp. 2(B)]
MN0030643	Hibbing WWTP South Plant	<b>Pretreatment: Undelegated Requirements</b>
		6.6.2 The Permittee shall submit a pretreatment annual report: Due by 31 days after the end of each calendar year following permit issuance if a SIU discharges to the POTW during a given calendar year. [Minn. R. 7049]
		<b>Biosolids: Land Application</b>
		6.7.3 The Permittee shall submit a biosolids annual report: Due annually, by the 31st of December on a form provided by or approved by the MPCA. The report shall include the requirements in Minnesota Rules, part 7041.1700. [Minn. R. 7041.1700]
		<b>Total Facility Requirements (NPDES/SDS)</b>
		6.8.4 <b>Permit Reissuance.</b> If the Permittee desires to continue permit coverage beyond the date of permit expiration, the Permittee shall submit an application for permit reissuance: Due by 180 days prior to permit expiration. [Minn. R. 7001]

7. Limits and monitoring

Subject item	Parameter	Discharge limitations						Monitoring requirements				Notes
		Quantity /Loading avg.	Quantity /Loading max.	Quantity /Loading units	Quality /Conc. min.	Quality /Conc. avg.	Quality /Conc. max.	Quality/ Conc. units	Frequency	Sample type	Effective period	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	BOD, Carbonaceous 05 Day (20 Deg C)	160.0 calendar month average	255.0 maximum calendar week average	kilograms per day		9.4 calendar month average	15.0 maximum calendar week average	milligrams per liter	3 times per week	24-Hour Flow Composite	Apr-Nov	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	BOD, Carbonaceous 05 Day (20 Deg C)	131.0 calendar month average	204.0 maximum calendar week average	kilograms per day		7.7 calendar month average	12.0 maximum calendar week average	milligrams per liter	3 times per week	24-Hour Flow Composite	Dec-Mar	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	BOD, Carbonaceous 05 Day (20 Deg C) Percent Removal				85 minimum calendar month average			percent	once per month	Calculation	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Chloride, Total						Monitor only. calendar month maximum	milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Chlorine, Total Residual						0.038 daily maximum	milligrams per liter	once per day	Grab	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Copper, Total (as Cu)						Monitor only. calendar quarter maximum	micrograms per liter	once per quarter	24-Hour Flow Composite	Mar, Jun, Sep, Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Fecal Coliform, MPN or Membrane Filter 44.5C					200 calendar month geometric mean		organisms per 100 milliliter	3 times per week	Grab	Apr-Oct	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Flow		Monitor only. calendar month total	million gallons		Monitor only. calendar month average	Monitor only. calendar month maximum	million gallons per day	once per day	Measurement, Continuous	Jan-Dec	

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		Quantity /Loading avg.	Quantity /Loading max.	Quantity /Loading units	Quality /Conc. min.	Quality /Conc. avg.	Quality /Conc. max.	Quality/ Conc. units	Frequency	Sample type	Effective period		
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Hardness, Calcium & Magnesium, Calculated (as CaCO3)							Monitor only. calendar month maximum	milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Mercury, Dissolved (as Hg)							Monitor only. calendar month average	nanograms per liter	twice per month	Grab	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Mercury, Total (as Hg)	30.6 calendar month average	54.4 daily maximum	milligrams per day		1.8 calendar month average	3.2 daily maximum		nanograms per liter	twice per month	Grab	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Nitrite Plus Nitrate, Total (as N)							Monitor only. calendar month average	milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Nitrogen, Ammonia, Total (as N)	150.0 calendar month average		kilograms per day		8.8 calendar month average			milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Apr-May	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Nitrogen, Ammonia, Total (as N)	22.0 calendar month average		kilograms per day		1.3 calendar month average			milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jun-Sep	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Nitrogen, Ammonia, Total (as N)	83.0 calendar month average		kilograms per day		4.9 calendar month average			milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Oct-Nov	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Nitrogen, Ammonia, Total (as N)	114.0 calendar month average		kilograms per day		6.7 calendar month average			milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Dec-Mar	

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		Quantity /Loading avg.	Quantity /Loading max.	Quantity /Loading units	Quality /Conc. min.	Quality /Conc. avg.	Quality /Conc. max.	Quality /Conc. units	Frequency	Sample type	Effective period		
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Nitrogen, Kjeldahl, Total							Monitor only. calendar month average	milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Nitrogen, Total (as N)							Monitor only. calendar month average	milligrams per liter	once per month	Calculation	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Oxygen, Dissolved				12.5 calendar month minimum				milligrams per liter	once per day	Grab	Dec-Mar	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Oxygen, Dissolved				7.8 calendar month minimum				milligrams per liter	once per day	Grab	Apr-Nov	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	pH				6.0 calendar month minimum		9.0 calendar month maximum		standard units	once per day	Grab	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Phosphorus, Total (as P)	17.0 calendar month average		kilograms per day		1.0 calendar month average			milligrams per liter	once per week	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)						Monitor only. calendar month maximum		milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Solids, Total Suspended (TSS)	510.0 calendar month average	766.0 maximum calendar week average	kilograms per day		30 calendar month average	45 maximum calendar week average		milligrams per liter	3 times per week	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	

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		Quantity /Loading avg.	Quantity /Loading max.	Quantity /Loading units	Quality /Conc. min.	Quality /Conc. avg.	Quality /Conc. max.	Quality /Conc. units	Frequency	Sample type	Effective period	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Solids, Total Suspended (TSS) Percent Removal				85 minimum calendar month average			percent	once per month	Calculation	Jan-Dec	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Solids, Total Suspended (TSS), grab (Mercury)					Monitor only. calendar month average	Monitor only. daily maximum	milligrams per liter	twice per month	Grab	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov	
SD 001 Discharge to Surface Water	Specific Conductance						Monitor only. calendar month maximum	micromhos per cm	once per month	Measurement	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	BOD, Carbonaceous 05 Day (20 Deg C)					Monitor only. calendar month average	Monitor only. calendar month maximum	milligrams per liter	3 times per week	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Mercury, Dissolved (as Hg)					Monitor only. calendar month average		nanograms per liter	twice per month	Grab	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Mercury, Total (as Hg)					Monitor only. calendar month average		nanograms per liter	twice per month	Grab	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Nitrite Plus Nitrate, Total (as N)					Monitor only. calendar month average		milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Nitrogen, Kjeldahl, Total					Monitor only. calendar month average		milligrams per liter	once per month	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	

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		Quantity /Loading avg.	Quantity /Loading max.	Quantity /Loading units	Quality /Conc. min.	Quality /Conc. avg.	Quality /Conc. max.	Quality /Conc. units	Frequency	Sample type	Effective period	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Nitrogen, Total (as N)					Monitor only. calendar month average		milligrams per liter	once per month	Calculation	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	pH				Monitor only. calendar month minimum		Monitor only. calendar month maximum	standard units	once per day	Grab	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Phosphorus, Total (as P)					Monitor only. calendar month average		milligrams per liter	once per week	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Precipitation		Monitor only. calendar month total	inches					once per day	Measurement	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Solids, Total Suspended (TSS)					Monitor only. calendar month average	Monitor only. calendar month maximum	milligrams per liter	3 times per week	24-Hour Flow Composite	Jan-Dec	
WS 001 Influent Waste Stream	Solids, Total Suspended (TSS), grab (Mercury)					Monitor only. calendar month average		milligrams per liter	twice per month	Grab	Jan, Mar, May, Jul, Sep, Nov	