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## **AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE WASTEWATER UNDER THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM AND THE ARKANSAS WATER AND AIR POLLUTION CONTROL ACT**

In accordance with the provisions of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (Act 472 of 1949, as amended, Ark. Code Ann. 8-4-101 et seq.), and the Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.),

City of Melbourne  
P. O. Box 278  
Melbourne, AR 72556

is authorized to discharge from a facility located west of Manning Hardwood Flooring and 0.3 miles west of Melbourne on Highway 9 Spur, in Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 9 West in Izard County, Arkansas.

Latitude: 36° 03' 31"; Longitude: 91° 55' 34"

to receiving waters named:

Mill Creek, thence to Piney Creek, thence to the White River in Segment 4F of the White River Basin.

The outfall is located at the following coordinates:

Outfall 001: Latitude: 36° 03' 33"; Longitude: 91° 55' 39"

Discharge shall be in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Parts I, II, III, and IV hereof.

This permit shall become effective on

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

Signed this      day of

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Martin Maner, P.E.  
Chief, Water Division  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

## PART I PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

### SECTION A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS: OUTFALL 001-treated municipal wastewater

During the period beginning on effective date and lasting until date of expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall serial number 001. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

Effluent Characteristics	Discharge Limitations			Monitoring Requirements	
	Mass (lbs/day, unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/l, unless otherwise specified)		Frequency	Sample Type
		Monthly Avg.	Monthly Avg.		
Flow <sup>1</sup>	N/A	Report	Report	Five/week	Instantaneous
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD5)					
(May-Oct)	34	10	15	Two/month	Grab
(Nov-Apr)	85	25	40	Two/month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)					
(May-Oct)	51	15	23	Two/month	Grab
(Nov-Apr)	103	30	45	Two/month	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N)					
(April-Oct)	Report	Report	3.9	Two/month	Grab
(Nov-March)	Report	Report	10.3	Two/month	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen <sup>2</sup>	N/A	6.0, Min.	N/A	Two/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform Bacteria (FCB)		(colonies/100ml)			
(Apr-Sept)	N/A	200	400	Two/month	Grab
(Oct-Mar)	N/A	1000	2000	Two/month	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) <sup>3</sup>	N/A	<0.1 mg/l (Inst. Max.)		Two/month	Grab
pH	N/A	<u>Minimum</u> 6.0 s.u.	<u>Maximum</u> 9.0 s.u.	Two/month	Grab

1 Report monthly average and daily maximum as MGD.

2 See Part IV, Condition 27.

3 See Condition No. 8 of Part III. (TRC Condition)

There shall be no discharge of distinctly visible solids, scum or foam of a persistent nature, nor shall there be any formation of slime, bottom deposits or sludge banks. No visible sheen (Sheen means an iridescent appearance on the surface of the water).

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above for all parameters except flow shall be taken at the discharge from the final treatment unit (cascade post aeration). Flow shall be measured prior to the cascade post aeration.

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## SECTION B. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

The permittee shall achieve compliance with the effluent limitations specified for discharges in accordance with the following schedule:

Compliance is required on the effective date of the permit.

## PART II STANDARD CONDITIONS

### SECTION A – GENERAL CONDITIONS

#### 1. Duty to Comply

The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the federal Clean Water Act and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or for denial of a permit renewal application. **Any values reported in the required Discharge Monitoring Report which are in excess of an effluent limitation specified in Part I shall constitute evidence of violation of such effluent limitation and of this permit.**

#### 2. Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions

The Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act provides that any person who violates any provisions of a permit issued under the Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year, or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or by both such fine and imprisonment for each day of such violation. Any person who violates any provision of a permit issued under the Act may also be subject to civil penalty in such amount as the court shall find appropriate, not to exceed ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) for each day of such violation. The fact that any such violation may constitute a misdemeanor shall not be a bar to the maintenance of such civil action.

#### 3. Permit Actions

This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause including, but not limited to the following:

- a. Violation of any terms or conditions of this permit; or
- b. Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts; or
- c. A change in any conditions that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge; or
- d. A determination that the permitted activity endangers human health or the environment and can only be regulated to acceptable levels by permit modification or termination.
- e. Failure of the permittee to comply with the provisions of APCEC Regulation No. 9 (Permit fees) as required by condition II A.10 herein.

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The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition.

## **4. Toxic Pollutants**

Notwithstanding Part II. A.3., if any toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is promulgated under Regulation No. 2, as amended, (regulation establishing water quality standards for surface waters of the State of Arkansas) or Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for a toxic pollutant which is present in the discharge and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitations on the pollutant in this permit, this permit shall be modified or revoked and reissued to conform to the toxic effluent standards or prohibition and the permittee so notified.

The permittee shall comply with effluent standards, narrative criteria, or prohibitions established under Regulation No. 2 (Arkansas Water Quality Standards), as amended, or Section 307 (a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

## **5. Civil and Criminal Liability**

Except as provided in permit conditions on “Bypassing” (Part II.B.4.a.), and “Upsets” (Part II.B.5.b), nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance. Any false or materially misleading representation or concealment of information required to be reported by the provisions of this permit or applicable state and federal statutes or regulations which defeats the regulatory purposes of the permit may be subject the permittee to criminal enforcement pursuant to the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (Act 472 of 1949, as amended).

## **6. Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability**

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

## **7. State Laws**

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

## 8. Property Rights

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.

## 9. Severability

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

## 10. Permit Fees

The permittee shall comply with all applicable permit fee requirements for wastewater discharge permits as described in APCEC Regulation No. 9 (Regulation for the Fee System for Environmental Permits). Failure to promptly remit all required fees shall be grounds for the Director to initiate action to terminate this permit under the provisions of 40 CFR 122.64 and 124.5 (d), as adopted in APCEC Regulation No. 6 and the provisions of APCEC Regulation No. 8.

## SECTION B – OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF POLLUTION CONTROLS

### 1. Proper Operation and Maintenance

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

### 2. Need to Halt or Reduce not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. Upon reduction, loss, or failure of the treatment facility, the permittee shall, to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with its permit, control production or

discharges or both until the facility is restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided. This requirement applies, for example, when the primary source of power for the treatment facility is reduced, is lost, or alternate power supply fails.

### **3. Duty to Mitigate**

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

### **4. Bypass of Treatment Facilities**

#### **a. Bypass not exceeding limitation.**

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

#### **b. Notice**

- (1) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass.
- (2) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in part II.D.6 (24-hour notice).

#### **c. Prohibition of bypass**

- (1) Bypass is prohibited and the Director may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
  - (a) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
  - (b) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if the permittee could have installed adequate backup equipment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal or preventive maintenance; and
  - (c) The permittee submitted notices as required by Part II.B.4.b.
- (2) The Director may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Director determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in Part II.B.4.c(1).

### **5. Upset Conditions**

a. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology base permit effluent limitations if the requirements of Part II.B.5.b of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.

b. Conditions necessary for demonstration of upset. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:

(1) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the specific cause(s) of the upset.

(2) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated.

(3) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required by Part II.D.6.: and

(4) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required by Part II.B.3.

c. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

## 6. Removed Substances

Solids, sludges, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or control of waste waters shall be disposed of in a manner such as to prevent any pollutant from such materials from entering the waters of the State. Written approval must be obtained from the ADEQ for land application only.

## 7. Power Failure

The permittee is responsible for maintaining adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated or inadequately treated wastes during electrical power failure either by means of alternate power sources, standby generators, or retention of inadequately treated effluent.

## SECTION C: MONITORING AND RECORDS

### 1. Representative Sampling

Samples and measurements taken as required herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge during the entire monitoring period. All samples shall be taken at the monitoring points specified in this permit and, unless otherwise specified, before the effluent joins or is diluted by any other waste stream, body of water, or substance. Monitoring points shall not be changed without notification to and the approval of the Director. Intermittent discharges shall be monitored.

### 2. Flow Measurement



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

### 3. **Monitoring Procedures**

Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit. The permittee shall calibrate and perform maintenance procedures on all monitoring and analytical instrumentation at intervals frequent enough to insure accuracy of measurements and shall insure that both calibration and maintenance activities will be conducted. An adequate analytical quality control program, including the analysis of sufficient standards, spikes, and duplicate samples to insure the accuracy of all required analytical results shall be maintained by the permittee or designated commercial laboratory. At a minimum, spikes and duplicate samples are to be analyzed on 10% of the samples.

### 4. **Penalties for Tampering**

The Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate, any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under the Act shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to imprisonment for not more than one (1) year or a fine of not more than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000) or by both such fine and imprisonment.

### 5. **Reporting of Monitoring Results**

Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form (EPA No. 3320-1). Permittees are required to use preprinted DMR forms provided by ADEQ, unless specific written authorization to use other reporting forms is obtained from ADEQ. Monitoring results obtained during the previous calendar month shall be summarized and reported on a DMR form postmarked no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the month, following the completed reporting period to begin on the effective date of the permit. Duplicate copies of DMR's signed and certified as required by Part II.d.11 and all other reports required by Part II.D. (Reporting Requirements), shall be submitted to the Director at the following address:

NPDES Enforcement Section  
Water Division  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
8001 National Drive

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P.O. Box 8913  
Little Rock, AR 72219-8913

If permittee uses outside laboratory facilities for sampling and/or analysis, the name and address of the contract laboratory shall be included on the DMR.

## 6. Additional Monitoring by the Permittee

If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this permit, using test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136 or as specified in this permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR. Such increased frequency shall also be indicated on the DMR.

## 7. Retention of Records

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

## 8. Record Contents

Records and monitoring information shall include:

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

## 9. Inspection and Entry

The permittee shall allow the Director, or an authorized representative, upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- a. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- b. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- c. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit, and

- d. Sample, inspect or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

## SECTION D – REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

### 1. Planned Changes

The permittee shall give notice and provide plans and specification to the Director for review and approval prior to any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:

#### *For Industrial Dischargers*

- a. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR Part 122.29(b).
- b. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR Part 122.42 (a)(1).

#### *For POTW Dischargers:*

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

### 2. Anticipated Noncompliance

The permittee shall give advance notice to the Director of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

### 3. Transfers

The permit is nontransferable to any person except after notice to the Director. The Director may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Act.

### 4. Monitoring Reports

Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals and in the form specified in Part II.C.5. (Reporting). **Discharge Monitoring Reports must be submitted even when no discharge occurs during the reporting period.**

## 5. Compliance Schedule

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

## 6. Twenty-four Hour Report

- a. The permittee shall report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain the following information:
  - (1) a description of the noncompliance and its cause;
  - (2) the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and
  - (3) steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.
- b. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours:
  - (1) Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit;
  - (2) Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit and
  - (3) Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Director in Part III of the permit to be reported within 24 hours.
- c. The Director may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

## 7. Other Noncompliance

The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Part II.D.4,5 and 6, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed at Part II.D.6.

## 8. Changes in Discharge of Toxic Substances for Industrial Dischargers

The permittee shall notify the Director as soon as he/she knows or has reason to believe:

- a. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, in a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the “notification levels” described in 40 CFR Part 122.42(a)(1).
- b. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of a toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit if that discharge will exceed the highest of the “notification levels” described in 40 CFR Part 122.42(a)(2).

## 9. Duty to Provide Information

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

## 10. Duty to reapply

If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit. The complete application shall be submitted at least 180 days before the expiration date of this permit. The Director may grant permission to submit an application less than 180 days in advance but no later than the permit expiration date. Continuation of expiring permits shall be governed by regulations promulgated in APCEC Regulation No. 6.

## 11. Signatory Requirements

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

- a. All permit applications shall be signed as follows:
  - (1) For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means:
    - (i) A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation: or
    - (ii) The manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operation facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that

the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

- (2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or proprietor, respectively; or
  - (3) For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency; by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes:
    - (i) The chief executive officer of the agency, or
    - (ii) A senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency.
- b. All reports required by the permit and other information requested by the Director shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
- (1) The authorization is made in writing by a person described above.
  - (2) The authorization specified either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and
  - (3) The written authorization is submitted to the Director.
- c. Certification. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:
- “I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

## 12. Availability of Reports

Except for data determined to be confidential under 40 CFR Part 2 and Regulation 6, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Department of Pollution and Ecology. As required by the Regulations, the name and address of any permit applicant or permittee, permit applications, permits and effluent data shall not be considered confidential.

## 13. Penalties for Falsification of Reports

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The Arkansas Air and Water Pollution Control Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained under this permit shall be subject to civil penalties specified in Part II.A.2. and/or criminal penalties under the authority of the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (Act 472 of 1949, as amended).

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## PART III OTHER CONDITIONS

1. The operator of this wastewater treatment facility shall be licensed by the State of Arkansas in accordance with Act 211 of 1971, Act 1103 of 1991, Act 556 of 1993, and Regulation No. 3, as amended.
2. For publicly owned treatment works, the 30-day average percent removal for Biochemical Oxygen Demand and Total Suspended Solids shall not be less than 85 percent unless otherwise authorized by the permitting authority in accordance with 40 CFR 133.102, as adopted by reference in APCEC Regulation No. 6.
3. Produced sludge shall be disposed of by land application only when meeting the following criteria:
  - a. Sewage sludge from treatment works treating domestic sewage (TWTDS) must meet the applicable provisions of 40 CFR Part 503; and
  - b. The sewage sludge has not been classified as a hazardous waste under state or federal regulations.
4. The permittee shall give at least 120 days prior notice to the Director of any change planned in the permittee's sludge disposal practice or land use applications, including types of crops grown (if applicable).
5. The permittee shall report all overflows with the Discharge Monitoring report (DMR) submittal. These reports shall be summarized and reported in tabular format. The summaries shall include: the date, time, duration, location, estimated volume, and cause of overflow; observed environmental impacts from the overflow; action taken to address the overflow; and ultimate discharge location if not contained (e.g., storm sewer system, ditch, tributary.) Overflows which endanger health or the environment shall be orally reported to this department (Enforcement Section of Water Division), within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstance. A written report of overflows which endanger health or the environment, shall be provided within 5 days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstance.
6. In accordance with 40 CFR Parts 122.62 (a) (2) and 124.5, this permit may be reopened for modification or revocation and/or reissuance to require additional monitoring and/or effluent



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limitations when new information is received that actual or potential exceedance of State water quality criteria and/or narrative criteria are determined to be the result of the permittee's discharge (s) to water body, or a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) is established or revised for the water body that were not available at the time of permit issuance that would have justified the application of different permit conditions at the time of permit issuance.

## 7. Contributing Industries and Pretreatment Requirements

A. The following pollutants may not be introduced into the treatment facility:

1. pollutants which create a fire or explosion hazard in the publicly owned treatment works (POTW), including, but not limited to, waste streams with a closed cup flashpoint of less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit or 60 degrees Centigrade using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21;
2. pollutants which will cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, but in no case discharges with pH lower than 5.0, unless the works are specifically designed to accommodate such discharges;
3. solid or viscous pollutants in amounts which will cause obstruction to the flow in the POTW, resulting in Interference;
4. any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants (e.g., BOD), released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will cause Interference with the POTW;
5. heat in amounts which will inhibit biological activity in the POTW resulting in Interference, but in no case heat in such quantities that the temperature at the POTW treatment plant exceeds 40 deg. C (104 deg. F) unless the Approval Authority, upon request of the POTW, approves alternate temperature limits;
6. Petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that will cause interference or pass through;
7. Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems;

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8. Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW.
  - B. The permittee shall require any indirect discharger to the treatment works to comply with the reporting requirements of Sections 204(b), 307, and 308 of the Act, including any requirements established under 40 CFR Part 403.
  - C. The permittee shall provide adequate notice to the Department of the following:
    1. any new introduction of pollutants into the treatment works from an indirect discharger which would be subject to Sections 301 or 306 of the Act if it were directly discharging those pollutants; and
    2. any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the treatment works by a source introducing pollutants into the treatment works at the time of issuance of the permit.
    3. Any notice shall include information on (i) the quality and quantity of effluent to be introduced into the treatment works, and (ii) any anticipated impact of the change on the quality or quantity of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.
8. If TRC test results are less than Detection Level Achieved (DL), a value of zero (0) may be used for the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) calculations and reporting requirements.

## 9. **CONDITIONS FOR LAND APPLICATION OF MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER BIOSOLIDS**

### **A. GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:**

1. Only biosolids which are not classified as a hazardous waste under state or federal regulations may be land applied.
2. Plant Available Nitrogen (PAN) will not be applied at a rate exceeding the annual nitrogen uptake of the crop. At no time will the nitrogen application rate (PAN/acre-year) be allowed to exceed the site specific rate approved by the Department.

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3. Biosolids with Polychlorinated Biphenyls (PCB's) concentrations equal or greater than 50 mg/kg (dry basis) will not be land applied at any time.
4. CEILING CONCENTRATIONS (milligrams per kilogram, dry weight basis): If the biosolids to be land applied exceed any of the pollutant concentrations listed in **Table 1** below, the biosolids shall not be land applied.

<b>TABLE 1</b>	
<b>Element</b>	<b>Concentration (mg/kg)</b>
Arsenic	75
Cadmium	85
Chromium	3,000
Copper	4,300
Lead	840
Mercury	57
Molybdenum	75
Nickel	420
Selenium	100
Zinc	7,500

5. POLLUTANTS LIMITS: When bulk biosolids are applied to agricultural land, forest, a public contact site, or reclamation site, the permittee shall not exceed the Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate values listed in **Table 2** below or the Pollutant Concentration values listed in **Table 3** below. Otherwise, only **Table 2** will apply.

<b>TABLE 2</b>		
<b>Element</b>	<b>Cumulative Pollutant Loading Rate</b>	
	<b>Kg/ha</b>	<b>lbs/ac</b>
Arsenic	41	37
Cadmium	39	35

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Chromium	*	*
Copper	1,500	1,350
Lead	300	270
Mercury	17	15
Molybdenum	*	*
Nickel	420	378
Selenium	100	90
Zinc	2,800	2,520

\*These values are being reevaluated by US EPA.

<b>TABLE 3</b>	
<b><u>Element</u></b>	<b>Monthly Average Concentration (mg/kg)</b>
<b>Arsenic</b>	41
Cadmium	39
Chromium	*
Copper	1,500
Lead	300
Mercury	17
Molybdenum	*
Nickel	420
Selenium	36
Zinc	2,800

\*These values are being reevaluated by US EPA.

6. The biosolids generator must issue a signed certification stating that the Pathogen Reduction, Vector Attraction Reduction, and Pollutant Concentration Limits have been met for each time the biosolids are released for disposal. The State requirements on Pathogen Reduction, Vector Attraction Reduction, and Pollutant Concentration Limits are the same as those listed in 40 CFR Part 503. All the above information must be made available to the land-applicator before the biosolids materials are delivered.

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Concurrently, a signed copy of each certification must be also submitted to the ADEQ Water Division.

7. Biosolids can only be stored in accordance with the permit and the approved waste management plan, if provisions are made in the plan for that purpose. The utilization of improvised field storage sites or any other site not approved by the Department is strictly prohibited.
8. Transportation of the biosolids must be such that will prevent the attraction, harborage or breeding of insects or rodents. It must not produce conditions harmful to public health, the environment, odors, unsightliness, nuisances, or safety hazards.
9. The containers used for the transportation of the biosolids must be of the closed type. Transportation equipment must be leak-proof and kept in a top sanitary condition at all times. Biosolids must be enclosed or covered as to prevent littering, vector attraction, or any other nuisances.
10. The permittee will be responsible for assuring that the land owner, of any land application site not owned by the permittee, and the waste applicator, if different from the permittee, abide by the conditions of this permit.
11. Biosolids will be spread evenly over the application area and in no way biosolids will be allowed to enter the waters of the State.
12. Biosolids will not be applied to slopes with a gradient greater than 15%; or to soils that are saturated, frozen or covered with snow, during rain, or when precipitation is imminent.
13. The permittee will not cause any underground drinking water source to exceed the limitations in 40 CFR 257 Appendix I.
14. The permittee will not cause or contribute to the taking of life or the destruction or adverse modification of the critical habitat of any known endangered or threatened species of plant, fish or wildlife.
15. The permittee will take all necessary measures to reduce obnoxious and offensive odors. Equipment will be maintained and operated to prevent spillage and leakage.

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16. Disposal of wastewater biosolids in a flood plain will not restrict the flow of the base flood, reduce the temporary storage capacity of the flood plain, or result in a washout of solid waste, so as to pose a hazard to human life, wildlife or land and water uses.
17. Biosolids will not be spread within 50 feet of rock outcrops and property lines; 100 feet of lakes, ponds, springs, streams, wetlands and sinkholes; 200 feet of drinking water wells; 300 feet of occupied buildings and streams classified as an "extraordinary resource water body."
18. The permittee will give 120 days prior notice to the Director of any change planned in the wastewater biosolids disposal practice.
19. All new land application sites must have a waste management plan approved by the Department prior to land application of wastewater biosolids. This change normally requires a permit modification.

## **B. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:**

1. The permittee will be responsible for the biosolids analyses, soil analyses, and a reporting schedule that must include the following:
  - a. Biosolids Analysis
    - (1) Biosolids samples collected must be representative of the treated biosolids to be land applied. The samples are to be stored in appropriate containers and kept refrigerated or frozen to prevent any change in composition.
    - (2) Quarterly representative samples of the land-applied biosolids will be analyzed and results expressed in dry basis in mg/kg, except as otherwise indicated:

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Volatile Solids(%)	TotalKjeldahl Nitrogen
Total Solids(%)	Total Phosphorus
Nitrate +Nitrate Nitrogen	Total Potassium
Ammonia Nitrogen	Arsenic
Cadmium	Copper
Chrome	Lead
Mercury	Nickel
Selenium	
Zinc	pH (SU)

### (3) Soils Analysis

Each land application site will be soil tested in the Spring prior to application for the following parameters:

Nitrate-Nitrogen	Potassium
Phosphorus	Magnesium
Arsenic	Cadmium
Copper	Lead
Mercury	Nickel
Selenium	Zinc
pH	
Cation Exchange Capacity (me/100g)	
Salt Content (micro-mohs/cm)	

### b. Reporting

- (1) Annual reports will be sent to the Department and to the owner of the land receiving biosolids prior to May 1, which must include the following:

The biosolids and soil analyses conducted under section a. above (including a statement that the analyses were performed in accordance with EPA Document SW-846, "Test Methods for Evaluation of Solid Waste," or other procedures approved by the Director), application dates and locations, volumes of biosolids applied (in dry tons/acre-year and gallons/acre-year of biosolids), methods of disposal, identity of hauler, and type of crop grown, amounts of nitrogen applied, total elements added that year (lbs/acre), total elements applied to date, and copies of soil analyses for each site.

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- (2) The permittee will also maintain copies of the above records for Department personnel review at the biosolids generating facility.



## PART IV DEFINITIONS

All definitions contained in Section 502 of the Clean Water Act shall apply to this permit and are incorporated herein by reference. Additional definitions of words or phrases used in this permit are as follows:

1. **“Act”** means the Clean Water Act, Public Law 95-217 (33.U.S.C. 1251 et seq.) as amended.
2. **“Administrator”** means the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.
3. **“Applicable effluent standards and limitations”** means all State and Federal effluent standards and limitations to which a discharge is subject under the Act, including, but not limited to, effluent limitations, standards of performance, toxic effluent standards and prohibitions, and pretreatment standards.
4. **“Applicable water quality standards”** means all water quality standards to which a discharge is subject under the federal Clean Water Act and which has been (a) approved or permitted to remain in effect by the Administrator following submission to the Administrator pursuant to Section 303 (a) of the Act, or (b) promulgated by the Director pursuant to Section 303(b) or 303(c) of the Act, and standards promulgated under regulation No. 2, as amended, (regulation establishing water quality standards for surface waters of the State of Arkansas.)
5. **“Bypass”** means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
6. **“Daily Discharge”** means the discharge of a pollutant measured during a calendar day or any 24-hour period that reasonably represents the calendar day for purposes of sampling.  
*Mass Calculations:* For pollutants with limitations expressed in terms of mass, the “daily discharge” is calculated as the total mass of pollutant discharged over the sampling day.  
*Concentration Calculations:* For pollutants with limitations expressed in other units of measurement, determination of concentration made using a composite sample shall be the concentration of the composite sample. When grab samples are used, the “daily discharge” determination of concentration shall be the arithmetic average (weighted by flow value) of all the samples collected during that sampling day by using the following formula: where C= daily concentration, F=daily flow and n=number of daily samples; daily average discharge

$$\frac{C_1F_1 + C_2F_2 + \dots + C_nF_n}{F_1 + F_2 + \dots + F_n}$$

7. **Monthly average:** means the highest allowable average of “daily discharges” over a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all “daily discharges” measured during a calendar month divided by the number of “daily discharges” measured during that month. For Fecal Coliform Bacteria (FCB) report the monthly average see 30-day average below.
8. **“Daily Maximum”** discharge limitation means the highest allowable “daily discharge” during the calendar month. The 7-day average for fecal coliform bacteria is the geometric mean of the values of all effluent samples collected during the calendar week in colonies/100 ml.

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9. **“Department”** means the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ).
10. **“Director”** means the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and/or the Director of the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality.
11. **“Grab sample”** means an individual sample collected in less than 15 minutes in conjunction with an instantaneous flow measurement.
12. **“Industrial User”** means a nondomestic discharger, as identified in 40 CFR 403, introducing pollutants to a publicly-owned treatment works.
13. **“National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System”** means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under sections 307, 402, 318 and 405 of the Clean Water Act.
14. **“POTW”** means a Publicly Owned Treatment Works.
15. **“Severe property damage”** means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in products.
16. **“APCEC”** means the Arkansas Pollution Control and Ecology Commission.
17. **“Sewage sludge”** means the solids, residues, and precipitate separated from or created in sewage by the unit processes a publicly-owned treatment works. Sewage as used in this definition means any wastes, including wastes from humans, households, commercial establishments, industries, and storm water runoff that are discharged to or otherwise enter a publicly-owned treatment works.
18. **“7-day average”** discharge limitation, other than for fecal coliform bacteria, is the highest allowable arithmetic means of the values for all effluent samples collected during the calendar week. The 7-day average for fecal coliform bacteria is the geometric mean of the values of all effluent samples collected during the calendar week in colonies/100 ml. The DMR should report the highest 7-day average obtained during the calendar month. For reporting purposes, the 7-day average values should be reported as occurring in the month in which the Saturday of the calendar week falls in.
19. **“30-day average”**, other than for fecal coliform bacteria, is the arithmetic mean of the daily values for all effluent samples collected during a calendar month, calculated as the sum of all daily discharges measured during a calendar month divided by the number of daily discharges measured during that month. The 30-day average for fecal coliform bacteria is the geometric mean of the values for all effluent samples collected during a calendar month.  
For Fecal Coliform Bacteria (FCB) report the monthly average as a 30-day geometric mean in colonies per 100 ml.
20. **“24-hour composite sample”** consists of a minimum of 12 effluent portions collected at equal time intervals over the 24-hour period and combined proportional to flow or a sample collected at frequent intervals proportional to flow over the 24-hour period.
21. **“12-hour composite sample”** consists of 12 effluent portions, collected no closer together than one hour and composited according to flow. The daily sampling intervals shall include the highest flow periods.

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22. **“6-hour composite sample”** consists of six effluent portions collected no closer together than one hour (with the first portion collected no earlier than 10:00 a.m.) and composited according to flow.

23. **“3-hour composite sample”** consists of three effluent portions collected no closer together than one hour (with the first portion collected no earlier than 10:00 a.m.) and composited according to flow.

24. **“Treatment works”** means any devices and systems used in storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage and industrial wastes, of a liquid nature to implement section 201 of the Act, or necessary to recycle reuse water at the most economic cost over the estimated life of the works, including intercepting sewers, sewage collection systems, pumping, power and other equipment, and alterations thereof; elements essential to provide a reliable recycled supply such as standby treatment units and clear well facilities, and any works, including site acquisition of the land that will be an integral part of the treatment process or is used for ultimate disposal of residues resulting from such treatment.

25. **“Upset”** means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. Any upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, lack or preventive maintenance, or careless of improper operations.

26. **“For Fecal Coliform Bacteria”**, a sample consists of one effluent grab portion collected during a 24-hour period at peak loads. For Fecal Coliform Bacteria (FCB) report the monthly average as a 30-day geometric mean in colonies per 100 ml.

27. **“Dissolved oxygen limit”**, shall be defined as follows:

a. When limited in the permit as a monthly minimum, shall mean the lowest acceptable monthly average value, determined by averaging all samples taken during the calendar month;

b. When limited in the permit as an instantaneous minimum value, shall mean that no value measured during the reporting period may fall below the stated value.

28. **The term “MGD”** shall mean million gallons per day.

29. **The term “mg/l”** shall mean milligrams per liter or parts million (ppm).

30. **The term “µg/l”** shall mean micrograms per liter or parts per billion (ppb).

31. **The term “cfs”** shall mean cubic feet per second.

32. **The term “ppm”** shall mean part per million.

33. **The term “s.u.”** shall mean standard units.

#### **34. Monitoring and Reporting:**

When a permit becomes effective, monitoring requirements are of the immediate period of the permit effective date. Where the monitoring requirement for an effluent characteristic is Monthly or more frequently, the Discharge Monitoring Report shall be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month following the sampling. Where the monitoring requirement for an effluent characteristic is Quarterly, Semi-Annual, Annual, or Yearly, the Discharge Monitoring report shall be submitted by the 25<sup>th</sup> of the month following the monitoring period end date.

#### **MONTHLY:**

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is defined as a calendar month or any portion of a calendar month for monitoring requirement frequency of once/month or more frequently.

## **QUARTERLY:**

(1) is defined as a fixed calendar quarter or any part of the fixed calendar quarter for a non-seasonal effluent characteristic with a measurement frequency of once/quarter. Fixed calendar quarters are: January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December; or

(2) is defined as a fixed three month period (or any part of the fixed three month period) of or dependent upon the seasons specified in the permit for a seasonal effluent characteristic with a monitoring requirement frequency of once/quarter that does not coincide with the fixed calendar quarter. Seasonal calendar quarters May through July, August through October, November through January, and February through April.

## **SEMI-ANNUAL:**

is defined as the fixed time periods January through June, and July through December (or any portion thereof) for an effluent characteristic with a measurement frequency of once/6 months or twice/year.

## **ANNUAL or YEARLY:**

is defined as a fixed calendar year or any portion of the fixed calendar year for an effluent characteristic or parameter with a measurement frequency of once/year. A calendar year is January through December, or any portion thereof.

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## Statement of Basis

for renewal of draft NPDES Permit Number AR0020036 to discharge to Waters of the State

1. **PERMITTING AUTHORITY.**

The issuing office is:

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
8001 National Drive  
Post Office Box 8913  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913

2. **APPLICANT.**

The applicant is:

City of Melbourne  
P. O. Box 278  
Melbourne, AR 72556

3. **PREPARED BY.**

The permit was prepared by:

Marysia Jastrzebski, P.E.  
NPDES Branch, Water Division

4. **DATE PREPARED.**

The permit was prepared on April 26, 2005.

5. **PREVIOUS PERMIT ACTIVITY.**

Effective Date: May 1, 2000  
Modification Date: N/A  
Expiration Date: April 30, 2005.

The permittee submitted a permit renewal application on 11/08/2004 . It is proposed that the current NPDES permit be reissued for a 5-year term in accordance with regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 122.46(a).

6. **RECEIVING STREAM SEGMENT AND DISCHARGE LOCATION.**

The outfall is located at the following coordinates:

Latitude: 36° 03' 33" Longitude: 91° 55' 39"

The receiving waters named:

Mill Creek, thence to Piney Creek, thence to the White River in Segment 4F of the White River Basin. The receiving stream is a Water of the State classified for primary contact recreation, raw water source for public, industrial, and agricultural water supplies, propagation of desirable species of fish and other aquatic life, and other compatible uses.

a. **303d List and Endangered Species Considerations**

i. **303d List**

The receiving stream is not listed on the 303d list. Therefore no permit action is needed.

ii. **Endangered Species:**

No comments were received from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USF&WS). Therefore no permit action is needed. The drafted permit and Statement of Basis will be sent to the USF&WS for their review.

7. **OUTFALL AND TREATMENT PROCESS DESCRIPTION.**

The following is a description of the facility described in the application:

- a. Design Flow: 0.41 MGD
- b. Type of treatment: bar screen, oxidation ditch, clarification, chlorination, dechlorination, and cascade post aeration.
- c. Discharge Description: treated municipal wastewater.

A quantitative and qualitative description of the discharge described in the NPDES Permit Application Forms received are available for review.

8. **INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER CONTRIBUTIONS.**

a. **NO INDUSTRIAL USERS**

Currently, it does not appear the permittee receives process wastewater from any significant industries as defined by 40 CFR 403.3(t). Standard boilerplate Pretreatment Prohibitions (40 CFR 403.5[b]) and reporting requirements are deemed appropriate at this time.

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## 9. SEWAGE SLUDGE PRACTICES.

Sludge is land applied on 30 acres in Section 10, Range 9 West, Township 16 North.

## 10. PERMIT CONDITIONS.

The Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has made a tentative determination to issue a permit for the discharge described in the application. Permit requirements are based on NPDES regulations (40 CFR Parts 122, 124, and Subchapter N), the National Pretreatment Regulation in 40 CFR 403 and regulations promulgated pursuant to the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act (Act 472 of 1949, as amended, Ark. Code Ann. 8-4-101 et. seq.).

### a. Final Effluent Limitations

Outfall 001- treated municipal wastewater

#### i. Conventional and/or Toxic Pollutants

<u>Effluent Characteristics</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>			<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	Mass (lbs/day, unless otherwise specified)	Concentration (mg/l, unless otherwise specified)		Frequency	Sample Type
		Monthly Avg.	Monthly Avg.		
Flow	N/A	Report	Report	Five/week	Instantaneous
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand (CBOD5)					
(May-Oct)	34	10	15	Two/month	Grab
(Nov-Apr)	85	25	40	Two/month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)					
(May-Oct)	51	15	23	Two/month	Grab
(Nov-Apr)	103	30	45	Two/month	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen (NH3-N)					
(April-Oct)	Report	Report	3.9	Two/month	Grab
(Nov-March)	Report	Report	10.3	Two/month	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen	N/A	6.0, Min.	N/A	Two/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform Bacteria (FCB)		(colonies/100ml)			
(Apr-Sept)	N/A	200	400	Two/month	Grab
(Oct-Mar)	N/A	1000	2000	Two/month	Grab

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Total Residual Chlorine (TRC)	N/A	<0.1 mg/l (Inst. Max.)		Two/month	Grab
pH	N/A	<u>Minimum</u> 6.0 s.u.	<u>Maximum</u> 9.0 s.u.	Two/month	Grab

- ii. **Solids, Foam, and Free Oil:** There shall be no discharge of distinctly visible solids, scum or foam of a persistent nature, nor shall there be any formation of slime, bottom deposits or sludge banks. No visible sheen (Sheen means an iridescent appearance on the surface of the water).

## 11. BASIS FOR PERMIT CONDITIONS.

The following is an explanation of the derivation of the conditions of the draft permit and the reasons for them or, in the case of notices of intent to deny or terminate, reasons suggesting the tentative decisions as required under 40 CFR 124.7 (48 FR 1413, April 1, 1983).

### Technology-Based versus Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations and Conditions

Following regulations promulgated at 40 CFR Part 122.44 (1) (2) (ii), the draft permit limits are based on either technology-based effluent limits pursuant to 40 CFR Part 122.44 (a) or on State water quality standards and requirements pursuant to 40 CFR Part 122.44 (d), whichever are more stringent.

#### 1. Technology-Based Effluent Limitations and/or Conditions

The permit must at least comply with 40 CFR 133 (Secondary Treatment Regulation) when applicable.

#### 2. State Water Quality Numerical Standards Based Limitations

The water quality-based limits for CBOD5, TSS, and DO have been based on the current NPDES permit, and 40 CFR Part 122.44(1). The calculation of the loadings (lbs per day) uses a design flow of 0.41 MGD and the following equation (See below). These limitations are included in the updated Arkansas Water Quality Management Plan (AWQMP). Fecal Coliform Bacteria and pH limitations are based on Chapter 5, Sections 2.507 and 2.504 of Regulation No. 2 as amended, respectively.

$$\text{lbs/day} = \text{Concentration (mg/l)} \times \text{Flow (MGD)} \times 8.34$$

#### Ammonia-Nitrogen

The water quality effluent limitations for Ammonia are based on either DO-based effluent limits or on toxicity-based standards, whichever are more stringent.



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The toxicity-based effluent limitations are based on Chapter 5, Section 2.512 of Regulation No. 2 and memo dated March 28, 2005. The following formula has been used to calculate toxicity based Ammonia limits:

$$Cd = (IWC(Qd + Qb) - CbQb)/Qd,$$

Where:

Cd = effluent limit concentration (mg/l)

IWC = Ammonia toxicity standard for Ozark Highland Ecoregion per memo dated March 28, 2005 are as follows:

3.9 mg/l 7-day Average, Report - Monthly Average (April-October)

10.3 mg/l 7-day Average, Report - Monthly Average (November-March)

Qd = design flow = 0.41 MGD = 0.64 cfs

Qb = critical flow of the receiving stream = 0 cfs for comparison with chronic aquatic toxicity. This flow is **67** percent of the 7-day, 10-year low-flow (7Q10) for the receiving stream. The 7Q10 of 0 cfs is based on "Identification and Classification of Perennial Stream of Arkansas", Arkansas Geological Commission Map.

Cb = background concentration = 0 mg/l

### April-October :

7-day Average:

$$Cd = [3.9 \text{ mg/l} \times (0.64 \text{ cfs} + 0 \text{ cfs}) - 0 \text{ mg/l} \times 0 \text{ cfs}] / 0.64 = 3.9 \text{ mg/l}$$

### November-March:

7-day Average:

$$Cd = [10.3 \text{ mg/l} \times (0.64 \text{ cfs} + 0 \text{ cfs}) - 0 \text{ mg/l} \times 0 \text{ cfs}] / 0.64 = 10.3 \text{ mg/l}$$

Months	DO based limit		Toxicity based limit		Permit limit	
	Monthly Average mg/l	7-day Average, mg/l	Monthly Average, mg/l	7-day Average, mg/l	Monthly Average, mg/l	7-day Average, mg/l
April	12	18	Report	3.9	Report	3.9
May-October	4	6	Report	3.9	Report	3.9
November-March	12	18	Report	10.3	Report	10.3

Notes:

Monitoring and reporting requirements for Monthly Average are being included in the permit because the Monthly Average limit cannot exceed the daily maximum limit. Additionally, mass limitations have been replaced with a "Monitor and Report" requirement.

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The draft permit includes the revised – more stringent 7-Day Average effluent limitations for Ammonia Nitrogen. However, a review of the DMR data indicates that the existing wastewater treatment plant is capable of meeting the proposed limits on a consistent basis. Therefore, no schedule of compliance will be included in the permit and compliance with the final limitations for NH3-N will be required on the effective date of the permit (See CPP, Appendix D, Section VII, page D-43).

## 12. Total Residual Chlorine (TRC) Requirements

No measurable which is defined as less than 0.1 mg/l is continued from the previous permit.

## 13. Final Limitations

The following effluent limitations or "report" requirements were placed in the permit based on the more stringent of the technology-based, water quality-based or previous NPDES permit limitations:

Parameter	Water Quality-Based		Technology-Based/BPJ		Previous NPDES Permit		Draft Permit	
	Monthly Avg. mg/l	7-day Avg. mg/l	Monthly Avg. mg/l	7-day Avg. mg/l	Monthly Avg. mg/l	7-day Avg. mg/l	Monthly Avg. mg/l	7-day Avg. mg/l
CBOD5								
(May-Oct)	10	15	25	40	10	15	10	15
(Nov-Apr)	30	45	25	40	30	45	25	40
TSS								
(May-Oct)	15	23	30	45	15	23	15	23
(Nov-Apr)	30	45	30	45	30	45	30	45
NH3-N								
April	Report	3.9	N/A	N/A	12	18	Report	3.9
(May-Oct)	Report	3.9	N/A	N/A	4	6	Report	3.9
(Nov-March)	Report	10.3	N/A	N/A	12	18	Report	10.3
Dissolved Oxygen	6.0 Min	N/A	N/A		6.0 Inst. Min		6.0 Min	N/A
FCB (col/100ml)								
(Apr-Sept)	200	400	N/A	N/A	200	400	200	400
(Oct-Mar)	1000	2000	N/A	N/A	1000	2000	1000	2000

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TRC (Inst. Max)	N/A	< 0.1 mg/l	<0.1 mg/l	<0.1 mg/l
pH	6.0-9.0 s.u.	6.0-9.0 s.u.	6-9 s.u.	6.0-9.0 s.u.

## 14. Sample Type and Sampling Frequency

Regulations promulgated at 40 CFR 122.44(i) require permit to establish monitoring requirements which assure compliance with permit limitations. Requirements for sample type and sampling frequency have been based on the current NPDES permit.

## 15. Changes from the previously issued permit

1. The coordinates for Outfall 001 have corrected.
2. A narrative description has been expanded.
3. The effluent limitations for DO have been expressed as minimum monthly average.
4. The effluent limitations for pH have been changed from 6-9 s.u. to 6.0-9.0 s.u.
5. The 7-Day Average effluent limitations for Ammonia-Nitrogen have been changed.
6. The Monthly Average effluent limitations for Ammonia Nitrogen have been replaced with a requirement for monitoring and reporting.
7. The effluent limitations for CBOD5 for the months of November through April has been revised.
8. Parts II, III, and IV have been revised.
9. A footnote describing sample location of flow has been revised.

## 16. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

Compliance with final effluent limitations is required by the following schedule:

Compliance is required on the effective date of the permit.

The draft permit includes the revised – more stringent 7-Day Average effluent limitations for Ammonia Nitrogen. However, a review of the DMR data indicates that the existing wastewater treatment plant is capable of meeting the proposed limits on a consistent basis. Therefore, no schedule of compliance will be included in the permit and compliance with the final limitations for NH<sub>3</sub>-N will be required on the effective date of the permit (See CPP, Appendix D, Section VII, page D-43).

## 17. MONITORING AND REPORTING.

The applicant is at all times required to monitor the discharge on a regular basis; and report the results monthly. The monitoring results will be available to the public.

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## 18. SOURCES.

The following sources were used to draft the permit:

- a. NPDES application No. AR0020036 received 11/08/2004.
- b. Arkansas Water Quality Management Plan(WQMP).
- c. Regulation No. 2.
- d. Regulation No. 6.
- e. 40 CFRs 122, 125, 133 and 403.
- f. NPDES permit file AR00 20036.
- g. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs).
- h. "Arkansas Water Quality Inventory Report 2000 (305B)", ADEQ.
- i. "Identification and Classification of Perennial Streams of Arkansas", Arkansas Geological Commission.
- j. Letter dated December 15, 2004, from Bob Makin, Ark. Department of Health, to Mo Shafii, ADEQ.
- k. E-mail dated February 22, 2005, from David Hopkins, Jewell Engineers, to Jastrzebski.
- l. E-mail dated February 23, 2005, from Insua to Jastrzebski.
- m. E-mail dated February 17, 2005, from Cotter to Jastrzebski.
- n. E-mail dated February 17, 2005, from Prewitt to Jastrzebski.
- o. Internal memorandum dated March 28, 2005, from Mo Shafii, Permits Section Chief to NPDES Engineers.

## 19. PUBLIC NOTICE.

The public notice describes the procedures for the formulation of final determinations and shall provide for a public comment period of 30 days. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issue(s) proposed to be raised in the hearing.

A draft permit and draft public notice will be sent to the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers, and to the Regional Director of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service on a case-by-case basis, and the EPA and Arkansas Department of Health prior to the publication of that notice.

## 20. NPDES POINT OF CONTACT.

For additional information, contact:

Marysia Jastrzebski, P.E.  
NPDES Branch, Water Division  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality

# DRAFT

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Permit No. AR0020036

8001 National Drive  
Post Office Box 8913  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913  
Telephone: (501) 682-0622

# ADEQ

ARKANSAS  
Department of Environmental Quality

July 15, 2005

CERTIFIED MAIL: RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED (7099 3400 0017 5544 5320)

Honorable Mike Cone  
Mayor, City of Melbourne  
P. O. Box 278  
Melbourne, AR 72556

RE: Application to Discharge to Waters of the State Permit Number AR0020036

Dear Mayor Cone:

Enclosed is the public notice, Statement of Basis, and a copy of the permit which the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has drafted under the authority of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act. A copy of the final permit will be mailed to you when the Department has made a final permit decision.

The enclosed public notice will be published by ADEQ in the newspaper of general circulation. An invoice for the cost of publishing the public notice and proof of publication will be sent to you by the advertising newspaper. The permittee must send proof of publication and payment to the following address as soon as possible but no later than August 15, 2005. Until this Department receives proof of publication of the public notice, no further action will be taken on the issuance of your NPDES discharge permit.

Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
NPDES-Water Division  
P.O. Box 8913  
Little Rock, AR 72219-8913  
501-682-0620 Fax: 501-682-0910

Comments must be received at ADEQ prior to the close of the public comment period as shown in the enclosed public notice. The public comment period will begin on the date of publication and will end no sooner than 30 days from that date. Once a final permit is issued by the Director and becomes effective, the permittee must comply with all terms and conditions of the permit, or be subject to enforcement actions for any instances of noncompliance during the duration of the permit, usually five (5) years. Consequently, it is imperative that you, as the applicant, thoroughly review the enclosed documentation for accuracy, applicability, and your ability to comply with all conditions therein.

Should you have any questions concerning any part of the permit, please feel free to contact the (501) 682-0622.

Sincerely,

Martin Maner, P.E.  
Chief, Water Division

MM: mj

Enclosure

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**ARKANSAS DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY NPDES AUTHORIZATION  
TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE STATE, PERMIT NUMBER AR0020036**

This is to give notice that the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality has developed a Draft Permit for the following applicant under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and the Arkansas Water and Air Pollution Control Act.

City of Melbourne  
P. O. Box 278  
Melbourne, AR 72556

The discharge from this facility is made into Mill Creek, thence to Piney Creek, thence to the White River in Segment 4F of the White River Basin. The receiving stream is a Water of the State classified for primary contact recreation; raw water source for public, industrial; and agricultural water supplies, propagation of desirable species of fish and other aquatic life; and other compatible uses. The facility is located as follows: west of Manning Hardwood Flooring and 0.3 miles west of Melbourne on Highway 9 Spur; Latitude: 36° 03' 31"; Longitude: 91° 55' 34" in Section 11, Township 16 North, Range 9 West in IZARD County, Arkansas, and the outfall is located at the following coordinates: Latitude: 36° 03' 33" Longitude: 91° 55' 39". Sludge is land applied on 30 acres in Section 10, Range 9 West, Township 16 North. Type of treatment: bar screen, oxidation ditch, clarifier, chlorinator, dechlorinator, and cascade post aeration. Under the standard industrial classification (SIC) code 4952, the applicant's activities are the operation of a municipal treatment plant.

Changes from the previously issued permit are as follows:

1. The coordinates for Outfall 001 have corrected.
2. A narrative description has been expanded.
3. The effluent limitations for DO have been expressed as minimum monthly average.
4. The effluent limitations for pH have been changed from 6-9 s.u. to 6.0-9.0 s.u.
5. The 7-Day Average effluent limitations for Ammonia-Nitrogen have been changed.
6. The Monthly Average effluent limitations for Ammonia Nitrogen have been replaced with a requirement for monitoring and reporting.
7. The effluent limitations for CBOD5 for the months of November through April has been revised.
8. Parts II, III, and IV have been revised.
9. A footnote describing sample location of flow has been revised.

The permit will become effective on or after August 31, 2005 unless:

Comments are received and/or public hearing is requested prior to August 15, 2005, in which case the permit will be effective on or after September 1, 2005.

The ADEQ contact person for submitting written comments, requesting information regarding the draft permits, and/or obtaining copies of the permit and the Statement of Basis is:

Marysia Jastrzebski, P.E.  
NPDES Branch, Water Division  
Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality  
Post Office Box 8913  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72219-8913  
(501) 682-0622

NPDES comments and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR 124.10 through 124.12. The period during which written comments on the draft permit may be submitted extends for 30 days from the date of this notice. During the comment period, any interested person may request a public hearing by filing a written request which must state the technical issues to be raised. A public hearing will be held if ADEQ finds a significant degree of public interest.

ADEQ will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision. A final permit decision means a final decision to issue, deny, modify, revoke and reissue, or terminate a permit. Any interested person who has submitted comments may appeal a final decision by ADEQ in accordance with the Arkansas Department of Environmental Quality Regulation No. 8 (Administrative Procedures).





