

# WPDES PERMIT

# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PERMIT TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE

### Hillshire Brands Co.

**ELIMINATION SYSTEM** 

is permitted, under the authority of Chapter 283, Wisconsin Statutes, to discharge from a facility located at

N3620 County Road D, New London, WI

to

### the Wolf River and Department approved landspreading sites

in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in this permit.

The permittee shall not discharge after the date of expiration. If the permittee wishes to continue to discharge after this expiration date an application shall be filed for reissuance of this permit, according to Chapter NR 200, Wis. Adm. Code, at least 180 days prior to the expiration date given below.

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Wastewater Field Supervisor

PERMIT TERM: EFFECTIVE DATE - October 01, 2023 EFFECTIVE DATE OF MODIFICATION: July 01, 2024

**EXPIRATION DATE - September 30, 2028** 

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# 1 Surface Water Requirements

# 1.1 Sampling Point(s)

The discharge(s) shall be limited to the waste type(s) designated for the listed sampling point(s).

	Sampling Point Designation
Sampling	Sampling Point Location, WasteType/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
Point	
Number	
006	Wastewater treatment plant effluent discharged to the Wolf River.
001	Wastewater treatment plant effluent discharged to an unnamed tributary of the Wolf River, in the event
	of an emergency. Sampling is only required when this outfall is in use.

# 1.2 Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations

The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements and limitations.

# 1.2.1 Sampling Point (Outfall) 006 - WWTP Effluent

	Monito	ring Requireme	ents and Effluer	t Limitations	
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Continuous	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Daily Max	40 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Weekly Avg	45 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Monthly Avg	20 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Daily Max	339 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Monthly Avg	170 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
Suspended Solids, Total	Daily Max	40 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids, Total	Weekly Avg	45 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids, Total	Monthly Avg	20 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids, Total	Daily Max	220 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
Suspended Solids, Total	Monthly Avg	140 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
Suspended Solids, Total		lbs/month	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the Total Monthly Discharge of TSS and report on the last day of the month on the DMR. See TMDL Calculations section below.

	Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations				
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Suspended Solids, Total		lbs/yr	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the 12-month rolling sum of total monthly mass of TSS discharged and report on the last day of the month on the DMR. See TMDL Calculations section below.
pH Field	Daily Max	9.0 su	3/Week	Grab	
pH Field	Daily Min	6.0 su	3/Week	Grab	
Dissolved Oxygen	Daily Min	4.0 mg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Chlorine, Total Residual	Daily Max	38 μg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Chlorine, Total Residual	Weekly Avg	38 μg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Chlorine, Total Residual	Monthly Avg	38 μg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Fecal Coliform	Daily Max	400 #/100 ml	Weekly	Grab	
E. coli	Geometric Mean - Monthly	126 #/100 ml	Weekly	Grab	Monitoring and limits apply May through September only.
E. coli	Daily Max	10 Percent	Monthly	Calculated	Monitoring and limits apply May through September only. See the E. coli Percent Limit section below. Enter the result on the DMR on the last day of the month.
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Daily Max	15 mg/L	Quarterly	Grab	
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Monthly Avg	10 mg/L	Quarterly	Grab	
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Daily Max	121 lbs/day	Quarterly	Calculated	
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Monthly Avg	60.5 lbs/day	Quarterly	Calculated	
Nitrogen, Total	Daily Max	194 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Nitrogen, Total	Monthly Avg	134 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Daily Max	8.0 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Limit applies year-round.
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Weekly Avg	7.7 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Limit applies May through September.
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Weekly Avg	4.0 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Limit applies October through April.

	Monito	ring Requireme	ents and Effluen	t Limitations	
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Monthly Avg	3.1 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Limit applies May through September.
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total	Monthly Avg	4.0 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	Limit applies October through April.
Phosphorus, Total		mg/L	2/Week	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Phosphorus, Total	Monthly Avg	4.1 lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated	
Phosphorus, Total	6-Month Avg	1.4 lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated	
Phosphorus, Total		lbs/month	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the Total Monthly Discharge of phosphorus and report on the last day of the month on the DMR. See TMDL Calculations section below.
Phosphorus, Total		lbs/yr	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the 12-month rolling sum of total monthly mass of phosphorus discharged and report on the last day of the month on the DMR. See TMDL Calculations section below.
Chloride		mg/L	3/Week	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Acute WET		TUa	See Listed Qtr(s)	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	

### 1.2.1.1 E. coli Percent Limit

No more than 10 percent of *E. coli* bacteria samples collected in any calendar month may exceed 410 #/100 ml. Bacteria samples may be collected more frequently than required. All samples shall be reported on the monthly discharge monitoring reports (DMRs). The following calculation should be used to calculate percent exceedances.

$$\frac{\textit{\# of Samples greater than 410 \#/100}}{\textit{Total \# of samples}} \times 100 \, = \, \% \, \textit{Exceedance}$$

### 1.2.1.2 Upper Fox Wolf Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Calculations

**Approved TMDL:** The Upper Fox Wolf River Basin TMDL Waste Load Allocation (WLA) for total phosphorus and total suspended solids was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on February 27, 2020. TMDL total lbs/month and lbs/yr effluent results shall be calculated as follows:

Total Monthly Discharge (lbs/month) = monthly average concentration (mg/L) x total flow for the month (MG/month) x 8.34

**12-Month Rolling Sum of Total Monthly Discharge (lbs/yr)** = the sum of the most recent 12 consecutive months of Total Monthly Discharges

### 1.2.1.3 TMDL Limitations for Total Phosphorus

The approved TMDL phosphorus WLA for this permittee is 411 lbs/yr, which results in calculated phosphorus mass limits of 4.1 lbs/day as a monthly average and 1.4 lbs/day as a 6-month average. The 6-month average limit is expressed as a seasonal average with averaging periods occurring from May through October and November through April. Compliance with the 6-month average limit is evaluated at the end of each 6-month period on April 30<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> annually. The 12-month rolling sum of total monthly phosphorus (lbs/yr) shall be reported each month for direct comparison to the facility's WLA.

### 1.2.1.4 TMDL Limitations for Total Suspended Solids

The approved TMDL TSS WLA for this permittee is 31,237 lbs/yr, and results in calculated TSS mass limits of 220 lbs/day as a daily maximum and 140 lbs/day as a monthly average. The 12-month rolling sum of total monthly TSS (lbs/yr) shall be reported each month for direct comparison to the facility's WLA.

### 1.2.1.5 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing

Primary Control Water: Wolf River

Dilution series: At least five effluent concentrations and dual controls must be included in each test.

• Acute: 100, 50, 25, 12.5, 6.25% and any additional selected by the permittee.

### **WET Testing Frequency:**

**Acute** tests are required during the following quarters:

 Acute: July – September 2024; April – June 2025; January – March 2026; October – December 2027; and July – September 2028

Acute WET testing shall continue after the permit expiration date (until the permit is reissued) in accordance with the WET requirements specified for the last full calendar year of this permit. For example, the next test would be required in October – December 2029.

**Testing:** WET testing shall be performed during normal operating conditions. Permittees are not allowed to turn off or otherwise modify treatment systems, production processes, or change other operating or treatment conditions during WET tests.

**Reporting:** The permittee shall report test results on the Discharge Monitoring Report form, and also complete the "Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Report Form" (Section 6, "*State of Wisconsin Aquatic Life Toxicity Testing Methods Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*"), for each test. The original, complete, signed version of the Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Report Form shall be sent to the Biomonitoring Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality, 101 S. Webster St., P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, within 45 days of test completion. The Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form shall be submitted electronically by the required deadline.

**Determination of Positive Results:** An acute toxicity test shall be considered positive if the Toxic Unit - Acute ( $TU_a$ ) is greater than 1.0 for either species. The  $TU_a$  shall be calculated as follows:  $TU_a = 100 \div LC_{50}$ .

**Additional Testing Requirements:** Within 90 days of a test which showed positive results, the permittee shall submit the results of at least 2 retests to the Biomonitoring Coordinator on "Whole Effluent Toxicity Test Report Forms". The 90-day reporting period shall begin the day after the test which showed a positive result. The retests shall be completed using the same species and test methods specified for the original test (see the Standard Requirements section herein).

# 1.2.2 Sampling Point (Outfall) 001 - WWTP Effluent Emergency

	Monito	ring Requiremen	nts and Effluer	nt Limitations	
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and	Sample	Sample	Notes
E1 D-4-		Units	Frequency	Type	
Flow Rate	D 11 14	MGD	Daily	Continuous	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Daily Max	40 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow	
DOD T 1	3.6 .1.1 .4	20 //	XX7 1.1	Prop Comp	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Monthly Avg	20 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow	
DOD T 4 1	D 11 M	220.11 / 1	XX7 1.1	Prop Comp	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Daily Max	339 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
BOD <sub>5</sub> , Total	Monthly Avg	170 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
Suspended Solids,	Daily Max	40 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow	
Total	37. 11. 4	20 7	*** 11	Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids,	Monthly Avg	20 mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow	
Total	D 11 14	220 11 /1	*** 11	Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids, Total	Daily Max	220 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
Suspended Solids, Total	Monthly Avg	140 lbs/day	Weekly	Calculated	
Suspended Solids, Total		lbs/month	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the Total Monthly Discharge of TSS and report on the last day of the month on the DMR. See TMDL Calculations section below.
Suspended Solids, Total		lbs/yr	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the 12-month rolling sum of total monthly mass of TSS discharged and report on the last day of the month on the DMR. See TMDL Calculations section below.
pH Field	Daily Max	9.0 su	3/Week	Grab	
pH Field	Daily Min	6.0 su	3/Week	Grab	
Dissolved Oxygen	Daily Min	4.0 mg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Chlorine, Total Residual	Daily Max	19 μg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Chlorine, Total Residual	Weekly Avg	7.3 μg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Chlorine, Total Residual	Monthly Avg	7.3 μg/L	3/Week	Grab	
Fecal Coliform	Daily Max	400 #/100 ml	Weekly	Grab	
Oil & Grease	Daily Max	15 mg/L	Quarterly	Grab	
(Hexane)	Daily Iviax	15 mg/L	Quarterry	Giao	
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Monthly Avg	10 mg/L	Quarterly	Grab	
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Daily Max	121 lbs/day	Quarterly	Calculated	

	Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and	Sample	Sample	Notes	
		Units	Frequency	Type		
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Monthly Avg	60.5 lbs/day	Quarterly	Calculated		
Nitrogen, Total	Daily Max	194 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow		
				Prop Comp		
Nitrogen, Total	Monthly Avg	134 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow		
				Prop Comp		
Nitrogen, Ammonia	Daily Max	8.0 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow	Limit applies year-round.	
(NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total				Prop Comp		
Nitrogen, Ammonia	Weekly Avg	7.7 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow	Limit applies May through	
(NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total				Prop Comp	September.	
Nitrogen, Ammonia	Weekly Avg	4.0 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow	Limit applies October	
(NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total				Prop Comp	through April.	
Nitrogen, Ammonia	Monthly Avg	3.1 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow	Limit applies May through	
(NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total				Prop Comp	September.	
Nitrogen, Ammonia	Monthly Avg	4.0 mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow	Limit applies October	
(NH <sub>3</sub> -N) Total		8		Prop Comp	through April.	
Phosphorus, Total		mg/L	2/Week	24-Hr Flow	F	
r,				Prop Comp		
Phosphorus, Total	Monthly Avg	4.1 lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated		
Phosphorus, Total	6-Month Avg	1.4 lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated		
Phosphorus, Total	o Month 717g	lbs/month	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the Total	
Thosphorus, Total		103/ Month	Wiontiny	Carcaratea	Monthly Discharge of	
					phosphorus and report on	
					the last day of the month on	
					the DMR. See TMDL	
					Calculations section below.	
Phosphorus, Total		lbs/yr	Monthly	Calculated	Calculate the 12-month	
Thosphorus, Total		103/ 11	Wiening	Culculated	rolling sum of total monthly	
					mass of phosphorus	
					discharged and report on	
					the last day of the month on	
					the DMR. See TMDL	
					Calculations section below.	
Temperature	Weekly Avg	70 deg F	3/Week	Multiple	Limit applies in October.	
	11175	, , , , , , ,	3, 1, 30R	Grab	Zimi applies in October.	
Temperature	Weekly Avg	61 deg F	3/Week	Multiple	Limit applies in November.	
Tomportunit	,, comy rive	51 405 1	3, 1, cor	Grab	Zimit applies in 130 venioer.	
Chloride	Daily Max	760 mg/L	3/Week	24-Hr Flow		
Cinoriac	Daily Wax	/ OU IIIg/L	3/ W CCK	Prop Comp		
Chloride	Weekly Avg	400 mg/L	3/Week	24-Hr Flow		
Cinoriac	WCCKIY AVg	700 mg/L	J/ WCCK	Prop Comp		
Chloride	Monthly Avg	400 mg/L	3/Week	24-Hr Flow		
Cinoriae	wionuny Avg	400 mg/L	J/ W CCK	Prop Comp		
Chlorida	Doily May	9 200 lba/da	2/W/221r			
Chloride	Daily Max	8,300 lbs/day	3/Week	Calculated		

	Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations				
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Chloride	Weekly Avg - Variable	lbs/day	3/Week	Calculated	Report the chloride mass result in the Chloride Weekly Average Mass column on the DMR. Compare to the Variable Chloride Mass Limitation chart to determine compliance.
Chloride, Variable Limit		lbs/day	3/Week	Calculated	Look up the variable chloride mass limit from the Variable Chloride Mass Limitation table in the permit. Report the variable limit in the Chloride Variable Limit column on the DMR.
Copper, Total Recoverable		μg/L	3/Week	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	

### 1.2.2.1 Upper Fox Wolf Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Calculations

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### 1.2.2.2 TMDL Limitations for Total Phosphorus

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### 1.2.2.3 TMDL Limitations for Total Suspended Solids

The approved TMDL TSS WLA for this permittee is 31,237 lbs/yr, and results in calculated TSS mass limits of 220 lbs/day as a daily maximum and 140 lbs/day as a monthly average. The 12-month rolling sum of total monthly TSS (lbs/yr) shall be reported each month for direct comparison to the facility's WLA.

### 1.2.2.4 Alternative Wet Weather Chloride Mass Limitation

The effluent limitations for Chloride became effective on September 30, 2023. Monitoring 3/Week and calculation of mass is required upon permit reissuance for Chloride. The permittee shall calculate the chloride mass in lbs/day on the same days chloride sampling occurs using the Daily Mass Discharge formula in the Standard Requirements Section.

Alternative wet and dry weather weekly average chloride mass limitations become effective October 1, 2023. Variable chloride limits are reported on the DMR. Per s. NR 106.07(9), Wis. Adm. Code, wet weather mass limitations apply only when the permittee demonstrates to the satisfaction of the Department that the discharge exceedance is caused by and occurs during a wet weather event. A wet weather event occurs during and immediately following periods of precipitation or snowmelt, including but not limited to rain, sleet, snow, hail or melting snow, during which water from the precipitation, snowmelt or elevated groundwater enters the sewerage system through infiltration or inflow, or both. The permittee shall provide documentation to demonstrate these requirements were met to allow for alternative wet weather limitations in the comments field of the DMR.

### Variable Chloride Mass Limitation

Parameter	Weekly Average Wet Weather	Weekly Average Dry Weather
Chloride	3,400 lbs/day	2,000 lbs/day

# 2 Land Application Requirements

# 2.1 Sampling Point(s)

The discharge(s) shall be limited to land application of the waste type(s) designated for the listed sampling point(s) on Department approved land spreading sites or by hauling to another facility.

	Sampling Point Designation
Sampling	Sampling Point Location, WasteType/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
Point	
Number	
002	Land application of sludge. The sample shall be collected from a truck load of sludge or a composite of truck loads that is representative of all the sludge being discharged. Sampling is only required when landspreading occurs.

# 2.2 Monitoring Requirements and Limitations

The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements and limitations.

# 2.2.1 Sampling Point (Outfall) 002 - Sludge Spreading

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Solids, Total		Percent	Quarterly	Grab	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl		Percent	Quarterly	Grab	
Chloride		Percent	Quarterly	Grab	
pH Field		su	Annual	Grab	
Nitrogen, Ammonium (NH <sub>4</sub> -N) Total		Percent	Annual	Grab	
Phosphorus, Total		Percent	Annual	Grab	
Phosphorus, Water Extractable		% of Tot P	Annual	Grab	
Potassium, Total Recoverable		Percent	Annual	Grab	

### Daily Log – Monitoring Requirements and Limitations

All discharge and monitoring activity shall be documented on log sheets. Originals of the log sheets shall be kept by the permittee as described under "Records Retention" in the Standard Requirements section, and if requested, made available to the Department.

Parameters	Limit	Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type
DNR Site Number(s)	-	Number	Daily	Log
Acres Applied	-	Acres	Daily	Log
Application Rate	-	Tons/Acre/Day	Daily	Calculated

### **Annual Report – Summary of Monitoring Requirements and Limitations**

The Annual Report is due by January 31<sup>st</sup> of each year for the previous calendar year. See the 'Annual Land Application Report' subsection in Standard Requirements.

Application Report subsection in Standard Requirements.						
Parameters	Limit	Units	Reporting Frequency	Sample Type		
DNR Site Number(s)	-	Number	-	-		
Acres Land Applied	-	Acres	Annual	-		
Total Amount Per Site	-	Tons	Annual	Total Annual		
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen per Site	165, or alternate approved in writing	Pounds/Acre/Year	Annual	Calculated		
Total Chloride per Site	340	Pounds/Acre per 2 Years	Annual	Calculated		

### 2.2.1.1 Annual Site Nitrogen Loading

For details on nitrogen loading requirements, including approval of an alternate nitrogen pounds/acre/year site loading, see the "Nitrogen Requirements for Liquid Wastes, By-Product Solids and Sludges" paragraph in the Standard Requirements section of this permit.

### 2.2.1.2 Biennial Site Chloride Loading

For details on chloride requirements see the "Chloride Requirements for Liquid Wastes and By-Product Solids" paragraph in the Standard Requirements section of this permit.

# 3 Standard Requirements

NR 205, Wisconsin Administrative Code (Conditions for Industrial Dischargers): The conditions in ss. NR 205.07(1) and NR 205.07(3), Wis. Adm. Code, are included by reference in this permit. The permittee shall comply with all of these requirements. Some of these requirements are outlined in the Standard Requirements section of this permit. Requirements not specifically outlined in the Standard Requirement section of this permit can be found in ss. NR 205.07(1) and NR 205.07(3).

# 3.1 Reporting and Monitoring Requirements

### 3.1.1 Monitoring Results

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized and reported on a Department Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report. The report may require reporting of any or all of the information specified below under 'Recording of Results'. This report is to be returned to the Department no later than the date indicated on the form. A copy of the Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report Form or an electronic file of the report shall be retained by the permittee.

Monitoring results shall be reported on an electronic discharge monitoring report (eDMR). The eDMR shall be certified electronically by a responsible executive or officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The 'eReport Certify' page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete.

If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this permit, the results of such monitoring shall be included on the Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report.

The permittee shall comply with all limits for each parameter regardless of monitoring frequency. For example, monthly, weekly, and/or daily limits shall be met even with monthly monitoring. The permittee may monitor more frequently than required for any parameter.

# 3.1.2 Sampling and Testing Procedures

Sampling and laboratory testing procedures shall be performed in accordance with Chapters NR 218 and NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code and shall be performed by a laboratory certified or registered in accordance with the requirements of ch. NR 149, Wis. Adm. Code. Groundwater sample collection and analysis shall be performed in accordance with ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code. The analytical methodologies used shall enable the laboratory to quantitate all substances for which monitoring is required at levels below the effluent limitation. If the required level cannot be met by any of the methods available in NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code, then the method with the lowest limit of detection shall be selected. Additional test procedures may be specified in this permit.

# 3.1.3 Recording of Results

The permittee shall maintain records which provide the following information for each effluent measurement or sample taken:

- the date, exact place, method and time of sampling or measurements;
- the individual who performed the sampling or measurements;
- the date the analysis was performed;
- the individual who performed the analysis;
- the analytical techniques or methods used; and
- the results of the analysis.

### 3.1.4 Reporting of Monitoring Results

The permittee shall use the following conventions when reporting effluent monitoring results:

- Pollutant concentrations less than the limit of detection shall be reported as < (less than) the value of the limit of detection. For example, if a substance is not detected at a detection limit of 0.1 mg/L, report the pollutant concentration as < 0.1 mg/L.
- Pollutant concentrations equal to or greater than the limit of detection, but less than the limit of quantitation, shall be reported and the limit of quantitation shall be specified.
- For purposes of calculating NR 101 fees, the 2 mg/l lower reporting limits for BOD5 and Total Suspended Solids shall be considered to be limits of quantitation
- For the purposes of reporting a calculated result, average or a mass discharge value, the permittee may substitute a "0" (zero) for any pollutant concentration that is less than the limit of detection. However, if the effluent limitation is less than the limit of detection, the department may substitute a value other than zero for results less than the limit of detection, after considering the number of monitoring results that are greater than the limit of detection and if warranted when applying appropriate statistical techniques.
- If no discharge occurs through an outfall, flow related parameters (e.g. flow rate, hydraulic application rate, volume, etc.) should be reported as "0" (zero) at the required sample frequency specified for the outfall. For example: if the sample frequency is daily, "0" would be reported for any day during the month that no discharge occurred.

### 3.1.5 Records Retention

The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings or electronic data records for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by the permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for the permit for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application, except for sludge management forms and records, which shall be kept for a period of at least 5 years.

### 3.1.6 Other Information

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

# 3.1.7 Reporting Requirements – Alterations or Additions

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

- The alteration or addition to the permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source.
- The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification requirement applies to pollutants which are not subject to effluent limitations in the existing permit.
- The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use of disposal sites not reported during the permit application process nor reported pursuant to an approved land application plan. Additional sites may not be used for the land application of sludge until department approval is received.

# 3.2 System Operating Requirements

### 3.2.1 Noncompliance Reporting

The permittee shall report the following types of noncompliance by a telephone call to the Department's regional office within 24 hours after becoming aware of the noncompliance:

- any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment;
- any violation of an effluent limitation resulting from a bypass;
- any violation of an effluent limitation resulting from an upset; and
- any violation of a maximum discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit, either for effluent or sludge.

A written report describing the noncompliance shall also be submitted to the Department as directed at the end of this permit within 5 days after the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. On a case-by-case basis, the Department may waive the requirement for submittal of a written report within 5 days and instruct the permittee to submit the written report with the next regularly scheduled monitoring report. In either case, the written report shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the length of time it is expected to continue.

A scheduled bypass approved by the Department under the 'Scheduled Bypass' section of this permit shall not be subject to the reporting required under this section.

NOTE: Section 292.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, requires any person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance to notify the Department of Natural Resources immediately of any discharge not authorized by the permit. The discharge of a hazardous substance that is not authorized by this permit or that violates this permit may be a hazardous substance spill. To report a hazardous substance spill, call DNR's 24-hour HOTLINE at 1-800-943-0003.

# **3.2.2 Bypass**

Except for a controlled diversion as provided in the 'Controlled Diversions' section of this permit, any bypass is prohibited and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for such occurrences under s. 283.89, Wis. Stats. The Department may approve a bypass if the permittee demonstrates all the following conditions apply:

- The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
- There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities or adequate back-up equipment, retention of untreated wastes, reduction of inflow and infiltration, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventative maintenance. When evaluating feasibility of alternatives, the department may consider factors such as technical achievability, costs and affordability of implementation and risks to public health, the environment and, where the permittee is a municipality, the welfare of the community served; and
- The bypass was reported in accordance with the 'Noncompliance Reporting' section of this permit.

# 3.2.3 Scheduled Bypass

Whenever the permittee anticipates the need to bypass for purposes of efficient operations and maintenance and the permittee may not meet the conditions for controlled diversions in the 'Controlled Diversions' section of this permit, the permittee shall obtain prior written approval from the Department for the scheduled bypass. A permittee's written request for Department approval of a scheduled bypass shall demonstrate that the conditions for unscheduled bypassing are met and include the proposed date and reason for the bypass, estimated volume and duration of the bypass, alternatives to bypassing and measures to mitigate environmental harm caused by the bypass. The department may require the permittee to provide public notification for a scheduled bypass if it is determined there is significant

public interest in the proposed action and may recommend mitigation measures to minimize the impact of such bypass.

### 3.2.4 Controlled Diversions

Controlled diversions are allowed only when necessary for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation provided the following requirements are met:

- Effluent from the wastewater treatment facility shall meet the effluent limitations established in the permit. Wastewater that is diverted around a treatment unit or treatment process during a controlled diversion shall be recombined with wastewater that is not diverted prior to the effluent sampling location and prior to effluent discharge;
- A controlled diversion may not occur during periods of excessive flow or other abnormal wastewater characteristics:
- A controlled diversion may not result in a wastewater treatment facility overflow; and
- All instances of controlled diversions shall be documented in wastewater treatment facility records and such records shall be available to the department on request.

### 3.2.5 Proper Operation and Maintenance

The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training as required in ch. NR 114, Wis. Adm. Code, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

### 3.2.6 Operator Certification

The wastewater treatment facility shall be under the direct supervision of a state certified operator. In accordance with s. NR 114.53, Wis. Adm. Code, every WPDES permitted treatment plant shall have a designated operator-incharge holding a current and valid certificate. The designated operator-in-charge shall be certified at the level and in all subclasses of the treatment plant, except laboratory. Treatment plant owners shall notify the department of any changes in the operator-in-charge within 30 days. Note that s. NR 114.52(22), Wis. Adm. Code, lists types of facilities that are excluded from operator certification requirements (i.e. private sewage systems, pretreatment facilities discharging to public sewers, industrial wastewater treatment that consists solely of land disposal, agricultural digesters and concentrated aquatic production facilities with no biological treatment).

# 3.2.7 Spill Reporting

The permittee shall notify the Department in accordance with ch. NR 706 (formerly NR 158), Wis. Adm. Code, in the event that a spill or accidental release of any material or substance results in the discharge of pollutants to the waters of the state at a rate or concentration greater than the effluent limitations established in this permit, or the spill or accidental release of the material is unregulated in this permit, unless the spill or release of pollutants has been reported to the Department in accordance with s. NR 205.07 (1)(s), Wis. Adm. Code.

# 3.2.8 Planned Changes

In accordance with ss. 283.31(4)(b) and 283.59, Stats., the permittee shall report to the Department any facility expansion, production increase or process modifications which will result in new, different or increased discharges of pollutants. The report shall either be a new permit application, or if the new discharge will not violate the effluent limitations of this permit, a written notice of the new, different or increased discharge. The notice shall contain a description of the new activities, an estimate of the new, different or increased discharge of pollutants and a description of the effect of the new or increased discharge on existing waste treatment facilities. Following receipt of

this report, the Department may modify this permit to specify and limit any pollutants not previously regulated in the permit.

# 3.2.9 Duty to Halt or Reduce Activity

Upon failure or impairment of treatment facility operation, the permittee shall, to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with its permit, curtail production or wastewater discharges or both until the treatment facility operations are restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided.

# 3.3 Surface Water Requirements

### 3.3.1 Permittee-Determined Limit of Quantitation Incorporated into this Permit

For pollutants with water quality-based effluent limits below the Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) in this permit, the LOQ calculated by the permittee and reported on the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) is incorporated by reference into this permit. The LOQ shall be reported on the DMRs, shall be the lowest quantifiable level practicable, and shall be no greater than the minimum level (ML) specified in or approved under 40 CFR Part 136 for the pollutant at the time this permit was issued, unless this permit specifies a higher LOQ.

### 3.3.2 Appropriate Formulas for Effluent Calculations

The permittee shall use the following formulas for calculating effluent results to determine compliance with average concentration limits and mass limits and total load limits:

Weekly/Monthly/Six-Month/Annual Average Concentration = the sum of all daily results for that week/month/six-month/year, divided by the number of results during that time period. [Note: When a six-month average effluent limit is specified for Total Phosphorus the applicable periods are May through October and November through April.]

**Weekly Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the week.

**Monthly Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the month.

**Six-Month Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the six-month period. [Note: When a six-month average effluent limit is specified for Total Phosphorus the applicable periods are May through October and November through April.]

**Annual Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the entire year.

**Total Monthly Discharge:** = monthly average concentration (mg/L) x total flow for the month (MG/month) x 8.34.

**Total Annual Discharge:** = sum of total monthly discharges for the calendar year.

**12-Month Rolling Sum of Total Monthly Discharge:** = the sum of the most recent 12 consecutive months of Total Monthly Discharges.

# 3.3.3 Effluent Temperature Requirements

**Weekly Average Temperature** – If temperature limits are included in this permit, Weekly Average Temperature shall be calculated as the sum of all daily maximum results for that week divided by the number of daily maximum results during that time period.

**Cold Shock Standard** – Water temperatures of the discharge shall be controlled in a manner as to protect fish and aquatic life uses from the deleterious effects of cold shock pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code, s. NR 102.28. 'Cold Shock' means exposure of aquatic organisms to a rapid decrease in temperature and a sustained exposure to low temperature that induces abnormal behavior or physiological performance and may lead to death.

**Rate of Temperature Change Standard** – Temperature of a water of the state or discharge to a water of the state may not be artificially raised or lowered at such a rate that it causes detrimental health or reproductive effects to fish or aquatic life of the water of the state pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code, s. NR 102.29.

### 3.3.4 Visible Foam or Floating Solids

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

### 3.3.5 Surface Water Uses and Criteria

In accordance with NR 102.04, Wis. Adm. Code, surface water uses and criteria are established to govern water management decisions. Practices attributable to municipal, industrial, commercial, domestic, agricultural, land development or other activities shall be controlled so that all surface waters including the mixing zone meet the following conditions at all times and under all flow and water level conditions:

- a) Substances that will cause objectionable deposits on the shore or in the bed of a body of water, shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- b) Floating or submerged debris, oil, scum or other material shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- c) Materials producing color, odor, taste or unsightliness shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- d) Substances in concentrations or in combinations which are toxic or harmful to humans shall not be present in amounts found to be of public health significance, nor shall substances be present in amounts which are acutely harmful to animal, plant or aquatic life.

### 3.3.6 E. coli

The monthly limit for *E. coli* shall be expressed as a geometric mean. In calculating the geometric mean, a value of 1 is used for any result of 0.

### 3.3.7 Seasonal Disinfection

Disinfection shall be provided from May 1 through September 30 of each year. Monitoring requirements and the limitations for *E. coli* apply only during the period in which disinfection is required. Whenever chlorine is used for disinfection or other uses, the limitations and monitoring requirements for residual chlorine shall apply. A dechlorination process shall be in operation whenever chlorine is used.

### 3.3.8 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Monitoring Requirements

In order to determine the potential impact of the discharge on aquatic organisms, static-renewal toxicity tests shall be performed on the effluent in accordance with the procedures specified in the "State of Wisconsin Aquatic Life Toxicity Testing Methods Manual, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition" (PUB-WT-797, November 2004) as required by NR 219.04, Table A, Wis. Adm. Code). All of the WET tests required in this permit, including any required retests, shall be conducted on the Ceriodaphnia dubia and fathead minnow species. Receiving water samples shall not be collected from any point in contact with the permittee's mixing zone and every attempt shall be made to avoid contact with any other discharge's mixing zone.

# 3.3.9 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Identification and Reduction

Within 60 days of a retest which showed positive results, the permittee shall submit a written report to the Biomonitoring Coordinator, Bureau of Water Quality, 101 S. Webster St., PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, which details the following:

• A description of actions the permittee has taken or will take to remove toxicity and to prevent the recurrence of toxicity;

- A description of toxicity reduction evaluation (TRE) investigations that have been or will be done to identify
  potential sources of toxicity, including the following actions:
  - a) Evaluate the performance of the treatment system to identify deficiencies contributing to effluent toxicity (e.g., operational problems, chemical additives, incomplete treatment)
  - b) Identify the compound(s) causing toxicity. Conduct toxicity screening tests on the effluent at a minimum of once per month for six months to determine if toxicity recurs. Screening tests are WET tests using fewer effluent concentrations conducted on the most sensitive species. If any of the screening tests contain toxicity, conduct a toxicity identification evaluation (TIE) to determine the cause. TIE methods are available from USEPA "Methods for Aquatic Toxicity Identification Evaluations: Phase I Toxicity Characterization Procedures (EPA/600/6-91/003) and "Toxicity Identification Evaluation: Characterization of Chronically Toxic Effluents, Phase I" (EPA/600/6-91/005F).
  - c) Trace the compound(s) causing toxicity to their sources (e.g., industrial, commercial, domestic)
  - d) Evaluate, select, and implement methods or technologies to control effluent toxicity (e.g., in-plant or pretreatment controls, source reduction or removal)
- Where corrective actions including a TRE have not been completed, an expeditious schedule under which corrective actions will be implemented;
- If no actions have been taken, the reason for not taking action.

The permittee may also request approval from the Department to postpone additional retests in order to investigate the source(s) of toxicity. Postponed retests must be completed after toxicity is believed to have been removed.

# 3.4 Land Application Requirements

# 3.4.1 General Sludge Management Information

The General Sludge Management Form 3400-48 shall be completed and submitted prior to any significant sludge management changes.

# 3.4.2 Land Application Characteristic Report

The analytical results from testing of liquid wastes, by-product solids and sludges that are land applied shall be reported annually on the Characteristic Report Form 3400 49. The report form shall be submitted electronically no later than the date indicated on the form. Following submittal of the electronic Characteristic Report Form 3400-49, this form shall be certified electronically via the 'eReport Certify' page by a responsible executive officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The 'eReport Certify' page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete. The permittee shall use the following convention when reporting sludge monitoring results: Pollutant concentrations less than the limit of detection shall be reported as < (less than) the value of the limit of detection. For example, if a substance is not detected at a detection limit of 1.0 mg/kg, report the pollutant concentration as < 1.0 mg/kg. All sludge results shall be reported on a dry weight basis.

# 3.4.3 Monitoring and Calculating PCB Concentrations in Sludge

When sludge analysis for "PCB, Total Dry Wt" is required by this permit, the PCB concentration in the sludge shall be determined as follows.

Either congener-specific analysis or Aroclor analysis shall be used to determine the PCB concentration. The permittee may determine whether Aroclor or congener specific analysis is performed. Analyses shall be performed in accordance with the following provisions and Table EM in s. NR 219.04, Wis. Adm. Code.

• EPA Method 1668 may be used to test for all PCB congeners. If this method is employed, all PCB congeners shall be delineated. Non-detects shall be treated as zero. The values that are between the limit of detection

and the limit of quantitation shall be used when calculating the total value of all congeners. All results shall be added together and the total PCB concentration by dry weight reported. Note: It is recognized that a number of the congeners will co-elute with others, so there will not be 209 results to sum.

EPA Method 8082A shall be used for PCB-Aroclor analysis and may be used for congener specific analysis as well. If congener specific analysis is performed using Method 8082A, the list of congeners tested shall include at least congener numbers 5, 18, 31, 44, 52, 66, 87, 101, 110, 138, 141, 151, 153, 170, 180, 183, 187, and 206 plus any other additional congeners which might be reasonably expected to occur in the particular sample. For either type of analysis, the sample shall be extracted using the Soxhlet extraction (EPA Method 3540C) (or the Soxhlet Dean-Stark modification) or the pressurized fluid extraction (EPA Method 3545A). If Aroclor analysis is performed using Method 8082A, clean up steps of the extract shall be performed as necessary to remove interference and to achieve as close to a limit of detection of 0.11 mg/kg as possible. Reporting protocol, consistent with s. NR 106.07(6)(e), should be as follows: If all Aroclors are less than the LOD, then the Total PCB Dry Wt result should be reported as less than the highest LOD. If a single Aroclor is detected then that is what should be reported for the Total PCB result. If multiple Aroclors are detected, they should be summed and reported as Total PCBs. If congener specific analysis is done using Method 8082A, clean up steps of the extract shall be performed as necessary to remove interference and to achieve as close to a limit of detection of 0.003 mg/kg as possible for each congener. If the aforementioned limits of detection cannot be achieved after using the appropriate clean up techniques, a reporting limit that is achievable for the Aroclors or each congener for the sample shall be determined. This reporting limit shall be reported and qualified indicating the presence of an interference. The lab conducting the analysis shall perform as many of the following methods as necessary to remove interference:

3620C – Florisil 3611B – Alumina

3640A - Gel Permeation 3660B - Sulfur Clean Up (using copper shot instead of powder)

3630C - Silica Gel 3665A - Sulfuric Acid Clean Up

# 3.4.4 Annual Land Application Report

The annual totals for the land application loadings of liquid wastes, by-product solids and sludges to field spreading sites shall be submitted electronically on the Annual Land Application Report Form 3400-55 by January 31, each year whether or not waste is land applied. Following submittal of the electronic Annual Land Application Report Form 3400-55, this form shall be certified electronically via the 'eReport Certify' page by a responsible executive officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The 'eReport Certify' page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete.

# 3.4.5 Other Methods of Disposal or Distribution Report

The permittee shall submit electronically the Other Methods of Disposal or Distribution Report Form 3400-52 by January 31, each year whether or not waste is hauled to another facility, landfilled, incinerated, or stored in a manure pit. Following submittal of the electronic Report Form 3400-52, this form shall be certified electronically via the 'eReport Certify' page by a responsible executive officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The 'eReport Certify' page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete.

# 3.4.6 Land Application Site Approval

The permittee is authorized to landspread permitted liquid wastes, by-product solids and sludges on sites approved in writing by the Department in accordance with ss. NR 214.17(2) and 214.18(2), Wis. Adm. Code. Any site use restrictions or granting of case-by-case exceptions shall be identified in the approval letter. If the permittee wishes to have approval for additional sites, application shall be made using Land Application Site Request Form 3400-053. Complete information shall be submitted about each site, including location maps and soil maps, any soil analyses results and other information showing that the site complies with all application requirements and permit conditions.

Spreading on a site may commence upon receipt of Department approval. If an existing spreading site is found by the Department to be environmentally unacceptable, a written notice will be issued to withdraw approval of that site.

# 3.4.7 Operating Requirements/Management Plan

All land application sites used for treatment of liquid wastes, by-product solids and sludges shall be operated in accordance with a Department approved management plan. The management plan shall be consistent with the requirements of this permit, ss. NR 214.17 (3) and (6), and NR 214.18 (3) and (6), Wis. Adm. Code. If operational changes are needed, the land application management plan shall be amended by submitting a written request to the Department for approval. A land application management plan shall be submitted for approval at least 60 days prior to land application.

# 3.4.8 Chloride Requirements for Liquid Wastes and By-Product Solids

The total pounds of chloride applied shall be limited to 340 pounds per acre per 2 year period. Calculate the chloride loading as follows:

Wet Weight Solids: <u>lbs of solids X %solids X %chloride</u> = lbs chloride/acre acres land applied X 100 X 100

Liquid:  $\frac{\text{mg/L chloride X (millions of gallons) X 8.34}}{\text{acres land applied}} = \text{lbs chloride/acre}$ 

# 3.4.9 Nitrogen Requirements for Liquid Wastes and By-Product Solids and Sludges

NR 214.17(4) and NR 214.18(4) Wis. Adm. Code specify that the total pounds of nitrogen land applied per acre per year shall be limited to the nitrogen needs of the cover crop minus any other nitrogen added to the land application site, including fertilizer or manure. Nitrogen applied can be calculated on the basis of plant available nitrogen, as long as the release of nitrogen from the organic material is credited to future years. This permit requires that the Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen calendar year application amount shall not exceed 165 pounds per acre per year, except when alternate numerical nitrogen loading limits (consistent with the above sections of NR 214) are approved in writing via the Department's land application management plan approval. Calculate nitrogen loading as follows ("TKN" represents "Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen"):

Wet Weight Solids and Sludges: <u>lbs of solids X % solids X % TKN</u> = lbs TKN/acre acres land applied X 100 X 100

Liquid: mg/L TKN X (millions of gallons) X 8.34 = lbs TKN/acre acres land applied

# **3.4.10 Ponding**

The volume of liquid wastes land applied shall be limited to prevent ponding, except for temporary conditions following rainfall events. If ponding occurs all land application shall cease immediately. The permittee shall land apply only the liquid wastes that are permitted.

### 3.4.11 Runoff

The volume of liquid wastes land applied shall be limited to prevent runoff. If runoff occurs all land application shall cease immediately. The permittee shall land apply only the liquid wastes that are permitted.

### 3.4.12 Soil Incorporation Requirements

- Liquid Sludge Requirements: The Department may require that liquid sludge be incorporated into the soil on
  specific land application sites when necessary to prevent surface runoff or objectionable odors. Requirements
  and procedures for incorporation of liquid sludge, when such incorporation may be necessary, shall be
  specified in the management plan or in specific site applications, subject to Department approval. The
  permittee shall comply with the requirements in the Department approved management plan, specific siteapproval requirements and the terms and conditions of this permit.
- Cake Sludge Requirements: After land application, cake sludge shall be incorporated into the soil. The timing of such incorporation and other related requirements and procedures shall be specified in the management plan or in specific site applications, subject to Department approval. The permittee shall comply with the requirements in the Department approved management plan, specific site-approval requirements and the terms and conditions of this permit.
- Liquid Wastewater Requirements: The Department may require that liquid wastewater be incorporated or
  injected into the soil on specific land application sites when necessary to prevent surface runoff or
  objectionable odors. Requirements and procedures for injection or incorporation of liquid wastewater, when
  such injection or incorporation is necessary, shall be specified in the management plan or in specific site
  applications, subject to Department approval. The permittee shall comply with the requirements in the
  Department approved management plan, specific site-approval requirements and the terms and conditions of
  this permit.
- By-Product Solids Requirements: The Department may limit the volume of by-products solids that are landspread on a specific site when necessary to prevent surface runoff or leaching of contaminants to groundwater and objectionable odors. By-product solids shall, after application, be plowed, disced, or otherwise incorporated into the soil. Requirements and procedures for the incorporation of byproduct solids into the soil shall be specified in the management plan or in specific site applications, subject to Department approval. The permittee shall comply with the requirements in the Department approved management plan, specific site-approval requirements and the terms and conditions of this permit.

### 3.4.13 Field Stockpiles

The permittee is encouraged to landspread the by-product solids or sludges as they are transported to the fields; but if it becomes necessary to stockpile solids in the fields, the stockpiles shall be spread within 72 hours or as specified in the approved management plan.

# 3.4.14 Additional Requirements from ch. NR 214, Wis. Adm. Code

The requirements of s. NR 214.17 (4)(c) [pathogen prohibition for human consumption crop fields], (4)(d)1 [no adverse soil effects], (4)(d)10 [allowable whey spreading rates], and (4)(e)1-3 [by-product solids spreading within agricultural practices and not cause contamination] for landspreading of liquid wastes and by product solids and s. NR 214.18 (4)(b),(d)-(h) [application, nutrient, pH, metals, and PCB limitations] for sludge spreading systems are included by reference in this permit. The permittee shall comply with these requirements.

# 4 Summary of Reports Due

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Description	Date	Page
General Sludge Management Form 3400-48	prior to any significant sludge management changes	17
Characteristics Report Form 3400-49	no later than the date indicated on the form	17
Land Application Report Form 3400-55	January 31, each year whether or not waste is land applied	18
Other Methods of Disposal or Distribution Report Form 3400-52	by January 31, each year whether or not waste is hauled to another facility, landfilled, incinerated, or stored in a manure pit	18
Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report	no later than the date indicated on the form	11

Report forms shall be submitted electronically in accordance with the reporting requirements herein. Any facility plans or plans and specifications for municipal, industrial, industrial pretreatment and non industrial wastewater systems shall be submitted to the Bureau of Water Quality, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. All other submittals required by this permit shall be submitted to:

Northeast Region, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727