



WPDES PERMIT

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

GENERAL PERMIT TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 283, Wisconsin Statutes, any facility discharging

HYDROSTATIC TEST WATER OR WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM WATER

located in the State of Wisconsin and meeting the applicability criteria listed in this General Permit, is permitted to discharge these wastewaters directly to surface waters of the state and/or indirectly to groundwaters of the state in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in this permit.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
For the Secretary

By

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Russell Rasmussen
Director, Bureau of Watershed Management

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1 Applicability Criteria

1.1 Activities Covered

This permit applies to discharges meeting the following conditions:

- Discharges of hydrostatic test water from pipelines, watermains, tanks or vessels.
- Discharges of water supply system water resulting from the draining or flushing of water systems.
- Discharges of other similar wastewaters.

1.2 Activities Not Covered

This permit does not apply to discharges that meet any of the following conditions:

- Discharges to a wetland where the Department has determined that the discharge of pollutants will not meet the wetland protection requirements of ch. NR 103, Wis. Adm. Code;
- Discharges directly to an outstanding resource water as defined in s. NR 102.10, Wis. Adm. Code, or discharges that would lower the water quality of downstream outstanding resource waters;
- Discharges directly to an exceptional resource water as defined in s. NR 102.11, Wis. Adm. Code, or discharges that would lower the water quality of downstream exceptional water resources;
- Discharges containing substances that will exceed the surface water quality standards and effluent limitations determined according to chs. NR 102, NR 105, NR 106, and NR 207, Wis. Adm. Code, or will exceed the groundwater quality standards in ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code.

2 Requirements for All Discharges

2.1 Reporting Monitoring Results

Reporting of monitoring results is required annually unless specified as quarterly or monthly in a letter from the Department or other appropriate notification. Monitoring results obtained during the specified reporting period (monthly or quarterly, but not less than annually) shall be summarized and reported on a Department Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report or other reporting form or system approved by the Department (including the electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (eDMR) system when available for General WPDES permits). This report is to be returned to the Department no later than the date indicated on the form (typically the 15th day of the month following the end of the specified reporting period of monthly, quarterly or annually). When submitting a Department paper Discharge Monitoring Report form, the original (and one copy if required on the DMR form) shall be submitted to the return address printed on the form. A copy of the Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report Form submitted or an electronic file of the report shall be retained by the permittee.

The permittee shall report exceedances of any limits for each parameter regardless of monitoring frequency (refer to the standard requirement (5.7) for noncompliance reporting). For example, monthly, weekly, and/or daily limits shall be met even when only monitoring once per month. The permittee may monitor more frequently than required for any parameter.

2.2 Dikes and Berms

Dikes or berms constructed as part of a treatment facility shall be designed to have no above ground leakage through or over the outer surface of such dikes or berms.

3 Surface Water Discharge Requirements

3.1 Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations for Hydrostatic Test Water Discharged to Surface Water

Discharges to surface waters of hydrostatic test water that are not part of a water supply system shall meet the requirements in this section including the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements specified in Table 3.1. Monitoring during a specified sample period is only required when hydrostatic test water is discharged. Samples representative of the discharge shall be taken at each outfall following treatment (if applicable) and prior to discharge to surface waters.

Table 3.1- Discharge of Hydrostatic Test Water to Surface Water

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		gpd	Weekly or Monthly as specified in Permit Note 3.1.1	Estimate	See Permit Note 3.1.2.
Suspended Solids, Total	Daily Max	40 mg/L	Weekly or Monthly as specified in Permit Note 3.1.1	Grab	
pH	Daily Min	6.0 su	Monthly	Grab	
pH	Daily Max	9.0 su	Monthly	Grab	
Oil and Grease	Daily Max	15 mg/L	Weekly or Monthly as specified in Permit Note 3.1.1	Grab	See Permit Notes 3.1.4 and 3.1.5
Dissolved Oxygen for Cold Water Fisheries	Daily Min	6.0 mg/L	Weekly or Monthly as specified in Permit Note 3.1.1	Grab	See Permit Notes 3.1.6 and 3.1.7
Dissolved Oxygen for Non Cold Water Fisheries	Daily Min	5.0 mg/L	Weekly or Monthly as specified in Permit Note 3.1.1	Grab	See Permits Notes 3.1.6 and 3.1.7
Water Treatment Additives			Monthly	Record of Addition	See Permit Note 3.1.8

3.1.1 Sample Frequency for Flow, Tss, Oil and Grease and Dissolved Oxygen

The sample frequency for flow rate and total suspended solids and the sample frequency when required for oil and grease and dissolved oxygen shall be as follows:

Discharges from Recurring Hydrostatic Testing with Dedicated Treatment and Outfall

Permittees with recurring discharges of hydrostatic test water which are similar in nature and which are associated with normal business activities at a single site and which operate dedicated wastewater treatment equipment with a dedicated outfall shall monitor monthly.

Nonrecurring Discharges of Hydrostatic Test Water

Permittees with nonrecurring or intermittent discharges of hydrostatic test water (testing of pipelines, pipeline segments, tanks and other vessels) at differing locations or the same location and which do not operate dedicated treatment equipment with a dedicated outfall shall be monitored as follows:

- On the first day of discharge from a hydrostatic testing event (to meet requirements for the first calendar week).
- If discharge continues at an outfall beyond the first calendar week, the sampling frequency shall be weekly for calendar weeks two through four.
- If the discharge continues beyond four calendar weeks, the sampling frequency shall be one time per calendar month thereafter and as long as there is some discharge during the calendar month.

3.1.2 Flow Estimate

Estimate means a reasonable approximation of the average daily flow based on a water balance, an uncalibrated weir, calculations from the velocity and cross section of the discharge, intake water meter readings, discharge water meter readings, or any other method approved by the Department.

3.1.3 Grab Sample

A grab sample means a single sample taken at one moment of time or a combination of several smaller samples of equal volume taken in less than a two minute period.

3.1.4 Oil and Grease Monitoring

Oil and grease monitoring is only required for discharges of hydrostatic test water from tanks, vessels and pipelines that have previously contained petroleum products.

3.1.5 Treatment of Petroleum Contaminated Hydrotest Water

Discharges of hydrostatic test water from tanks and pipelines that were previously used for and contain residues of liquid petroleum products shall be treated for oil and grease removal prior to discharge (treatment technology may include, but not be limited, to an oil/water separator). This requirement does not apply to tanks and pipelines that were previously used for vapor fuels, unless treatment is necessary to meet permit limits.

3.1.6 Oxygen Scavengers and Chemical Dechlorination

When oxygen scavenging compounds (e.g. sodium sulfite) are used or chemical dechlorination is employed, the discharge shall be aerated prior to discharge to surface waters.

3.1.7 Dissolved Oxygen Monitoring

Dissolved oxygen monitoring is only required for discharges when oxygen scavenging compounds have been used.

3.1.8 Approval of Water Treatment Additives for Surface Water Discharge

Permittees shall not place water treatment additives in hydrostatic test water that is not part of a water supply system unless the water treatment additive use is approved, in writing, by the Department. Whenever the quantity of a discharge containing additives is increased or the concentration of a water treatment additive is increased, the permittee shall obtain a separate written approval from the Department. The permittee shall maintain records of the monthly water treatment additive use including the additive name, manufacturer, and daily maximum amount used and such usage shall be reported as required by this permit.

The permittee shall provide the following information regarding water treatment additives to receive Department approval:

- the commercial name of the additive and Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS);

- the proposed frequency of use;
- the amount or concentration to be used;
- the anticipated discharge concentration; and
- Aquatic toxicity information, consisting of at least one 48-hour LC₅₀ or EC₅₀ value for Daphnia magna or Ceriodaphnia dubia, and at least one 96-hour LC₅₀ or EC₅₀ value for either fathead minnow, rainbow trout, or bluegill. The Department will only consider toxicity information on the whole product, not just the active ingredient or component of a product.

3.1.9 Floating Solids and Foam

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

3.1.10 Erosion Control

Discharge rates and locations shall be controlled to prevent erosion and the addition of sediment or turbidity to the receiving water.

3.2 Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations for Water Supply System Water Discharged to Surface Water

Permittees that discharge water supply system water to surface water shall meet the requirements in this section including effluent limits in Table 3.2 and the monitoring provisions contained in sections 3.2.2 (Disinfection Events) and 3.2.3 (Pigging Operations). Samples of any discharge of water supply system water regulated by this permit shall be representative of the discharge and shall be collected following treatment (if applicable) and prior to discharge to surface waters.

Table 3.2 – Discharge of Water Supply System Water to Surface Water

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency See Permit Notes 3.2.1, 3.2.2 and 3.2.3	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		gpd	See Permit Note 3.2.1	Estimate	See Permit Note 3.2.5
Suspended Solids, Total	Daily Max	40 mg/L		Grab	
pH	Daily Min	6.0 su		Grab	
pH	Daily Max	9.0 su		Grab	
Dissolved Oxygen for Cold Water Fisheries	Daily Min	6.0 mg/L		Grab	See Permit Note 3.2.2
Dissolved Oxygen for Non Cold Water Fisheries	Daily Min	5.0 mg/L		Grab	See Permit Note 3.2.2

3.2.1 Records for Discharges of Water Supply System Water

Records of flow rates and volume of water discharged that are also reported to other government agencies (including the Wisconsin Public Service Commission) and other information the permittee uses to plan, schedule, implement and document practices and activities associated with these discharges shall be made available to the Department upon request.

3.2.2 Requirements for Discharge from Well, Water Tower, and Distribution System Disinfection

Discharges of water from disinfection of wells, water towers, and distribution systems shall be treated for chlorine removal prior to discharge to surface waters. The chlorine concentration in the discharge shall not exceed the chlorine level normally present in the drinking water supply. When chemical dechlorination is used to remove chlorine, the discharge shall be aerated prior to discharge to surface waters. The Department may, by letter, require monitoring for total residual chlorine and dissolved oxygen to determine compliance with these requirements, at a monitoring frequency equal to but not greater than that necessary to obtain a representative sample of discharges from the permittee's system. Grab samples shall be collected when monitoring for chlorine.

3.2.3 Requirements for Discharges from Water Supply Pigging Operations

Discharges of wastewater from water supply pigging operations shall be treated for suspended solids removal to meet permit limits in Table 3.2. If determined to be necessary, the Department may, by letter, require monitoring for total suspended solids to determine compliance with this requirement, at a monitoring frequency equal to but not greater than that necessary to obtain a representative sample of discharges from the permittee's pigging operations.

3.2.4 Discharge Monitoring Reports

Discharge monitoring reports are not required to be submitted except as may be required under monitoring provisions above for discharges from disinfection events (3.2.2) or water supply pigging operations (3.2.3).

3.2.5 Flow Estimate

Estimate means a reasonable approximation of the average daily flow based on a water balance, an uncalibrated weir, calculations from the velocity and cross section of the discharge, intake water meter readings, discharge water meter readings, or any other method approved by the Department.

3.2.6 Grab Sample

A grab sample means a single sample taken at one moment of time or a combination of several smaller samples of equal volume taken in less than a two minute period.

3.2.7 Floating Solids and Foam

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

3.2.8 Erosion Control

Discharge rates and locations shall be controlled to prevent erosion and the addition of sediment or turbidity to the receiving water.

4 Groundwater Discharge Requirements

4.1 Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations for Hydrostatic Test Water Discharged Indirectly to Groundwater

Discharges of hydrostatic test water that are not part of a water supply system to seepage and indirectly to groundwater shall meet the requirements in this section, including the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements specified in Table 4.1. Monitoring during a specified sample period is only required when hydrostatic test water is discharged. Samples representative of the discharge shall be taken at each outfall following treatment (if applicable) and prior to discharge indirectly to groundwater.

Table 4.1 – Discharge of Hydrostatic Test Water to Groundwater

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		gpd	Weekly or Monthly as specified in Permit Note 4.1.1	Estimate	See Permit Note 4.1.2
Oil and Grease	Daily Max	15 mg/L	Weekly or Monthly as specified in Permit Note 4.1.1	Grab	See Permit Notes 4.1.4 and 4.1.5
Water Treatment Additives			Monthly	Record of Addition	See Permit Note 4.1.6

4.1.1 Sample Frequency for Flow and Oil and Grease

The sample frequency for flow rate and oil and grease (when required) shall be as follows:

Discharges from Recurring Hydrostatic Testing with Dedicated Treatment and Outfall

Permittees with recurring discharges of hydrostatic test water which are similar in nature and which are associated with normal business activities at a single site and which operate dedicated wastewater treatment equipment with a dedicated outfall shall monitor monthly.

Nonrecurring Discharges of Hydrostatic Test Water

Permittees with nonrecurring or intermittent discharges of hydrostatic test water (testing of pipelines, pipeline segments, tanks and other vessels) at differing locations or the same location and which do not operate dedicated treatment equipment with a dedicated outfall shall be monitored as follows:

- On the first day of discharge from a hydrostatic testing event (to meet requirements for the first calendar week).
- If discharge continues at an outfall beyond the first calendar week, the sampling frequency shall be weekly for calendar weeks two through four.
- If the discharge continues beyond four calendar weeks, the sampling frequency shall be one time per calendar month thereafter and as long as there is some discharge during the calendar month.

4.1.2 Flow Estimate

Estimate means a reasonable approximation of the average daily flow based on a water balance, an uncalibrated weir, calculations from the velocity and cross section of the discharge, intake water meter readings, discharge water meter readings, or any other method approved by the Department.

4.1.3 Grab Sample

A grab sample means a single sample taken at one moment of time or a combination of several smaller samples of equal volume taken in less than a two minute period.

4.1.4 Oil and Grease Monitoring

Oil and grease monitoring is only required for discharges of hydrostatic test water from tanks, vessels and pipelines that have previously contained petroleum products.

4.1.5 Treatment of Petroleum Contaminated Hydrotest Water

Discharges of hydrostatic test water from tanks and pipelines that were previously used for and contain residues of liquid petroleum products shall be treated for oil and grease removal prior to discharge (treatment technology may include, but not be limited, to an oil/water separator). This requirement does not apply to tanks and pipelines that were previously used for vapor fuels, unless treatment is necessary to meet permit limits.

4.1.6 Approval of Water Treatment Additives for Groundwater Discharge

Permittees shall not place water treatment additives in hydrostatic test water that is not part of a water supply system unless the water treatment additive use is approved, in writing, by the Department. Whenever the quantity of a discharge containing additives is increased or the concentration of a water treatment additive is increased, the permittee shall obtain a separate written approval from the Department. The permittee shall maintain records of the monthly water treatment additive use including the additive name, manufacturer, and daily maximum amount used and such usage shall be reported as required by this permit.

The permittee shall provide the following information regarding water treatment additives to receive Department approval:

- the commercial name of the additive and the Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS);
- the proposed frequency of use;
- the amount or concentration to be used; and
- the anticipated discharge concentration

4.1.7 Solids Removal

Solids shall be removed from seepage areas, if needed, to maintain the absorptive capacity of the soils and prevent plugging.

4.2 Requirements for Water Supply System Water Discharged Indirectly to Groundwater

Discharges of water supply system water to seepage and indirectly to groundwater shall meet the requirements in this section.

4.2.1 Records for Discharges of Water Supply System Water

Records of flow rates and volume of water discharged that are also reported to other government agencies (including the Wisconsin Public Service Commission) and other information the permittee uses to plan, schedule, implement and document practices and activities associated with these discharges shall be made available to the Department upon request.

4.2.2 Solids Removal

Solids shall be removed from seepage areas, if needed, to maintain the absorptive capacity of the soils and prevent plugging.

5 Standard Requirements

5.1 NR 205, Wisconsin Administrative Code

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, except for s. NR 205.07(1)(n), which does not apply to facilities covered under general permits. Selected NR 205.07 requirements are listed below for convenience.

5.2 Inspection and Entry

The permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the Department, upon the presentation of credentials, to enter the permittee's premises, have access to records, and inspect and monitor the discharge as described in s. NR 205.07(1)(d), Wis. Adm. Code.

5.3 Recording of Results

For each effluent measurement or sample taken, the permittee shall record the following information as required in s. NR 205.07(1)(e), Wis. Adm. Code:

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

5.4 Retention and Submittal of Reports, Records, and Monitoring Results

The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring required by this permit and report monitoring results as set forth in s. NR 205.07(1)(f) and (r), Wis. Adm. Code. Reports (including storm water inspection reports), records, and monitoring results required by this permit shall be retained by the permittee for the duration of this permit or three years after this information is generated, whichever is longer.

5.5 Authorized Signature

Reports, records, and monitoring results required by this permit shall be signed by the permittee's authorized representative or, in his or her absence, as specified in s. NR 205.07(1)(g), Wis. Adm. Code.

5.6 Water Quality Sampling and Testing Procedures

Sampling and laboratory testing procedures shall be performed as specified in s. NR 205.07(1)(p), Wis. Adm. Code and as set forth below. Sampling and analysis of effluent samples shall be performed as specified in chapters NR 218 and NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code, respectively and shall be performed by a laboratory certified or registered in accordance with the requirements of ch. NR 149, Wis. Adm. Code.

5.7 Noncompliance Notification

As specified in s. NR 205.07(1)(s), Department notification is required within 24 hours of becoming aware of permit noncompliance.

5.8 Bypassing

As specified in s. NR 205.07(1)(u) & (v), Wis. Adm. Code, any bypass or overflow of discharges regulated by this permit around a settling, filtration or treatment system is prohibited unless there were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, the bypass is necessary to prevent severe injury or property damage, and the permittee notified the Department as required in s. NR 205 (1)(u)3, Wis. Adm. Code.

5.9 Spill Reporting for Hazardous Substances

The permittee shall immediately notify the Department of an accidental release or spill of any hazardous substance to the environment as specified in ch. NR 706 and s. NR 205.07(3)b, Wis. Adm. Code. The Department shall be notified via the 24-hour toll free spills hotline (1-800-943-0003).

5.10 Planned Changes

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 as set forth in s. NR 205.07(3)(c), Wis. Adm. Code.

5.11 Duty to Halt or Reduce Activity

Upon failure or impairment of treatment facility operation, the permittee shall as required in s. NR 205.07(3)(e), Wis. Adm. Code and 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.

5.12 More Frequent Monitoring

If the permittee monitors any parameter more frequently than required by the permit, using test procedures specified in ch. NR 204 or 219, Wis. Adm. Code, or as specified in the permit, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the discharge monitoring report.

5.13 Conventions for the Reporting and Use of Low Level Results

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

- non-detected pollutant results shall be reported as < (less than) the value of the analytical method's limit of detection;
- 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; and
- a zero value may be substituted for any non-detected pollutant result for the purposes of calculating an average or a mass discharge.

5.14 Continuation of an Expired General Permit

As provided in s. NR 205.08(9), Wis. Adm. Code, the terms and conditions of this general permit shall continue to apply until this general permit is reissued or revoked or until an individual permit is issued for the discharge to which the general permit applied. The status of expired general permits and forms for requesting continued permit coverage can be accessed at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/ww/gpindex/gpinfo.htm>.

5.15 Severability

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

5.16 Work Near Surface Waters and Wetlands

Any work performed in wetland areas or within areas subject to local floodplain and shoreland regulations must conform to all applicable county or local ordinances. All applicable state permits and/or contracts required by chs. 30, 31 and 87, Wis. Stats. (or Wisconsin Administrative Code adopted under these laws), and applicable federal permits must be obtained as necessary.

6 Summary of Reports Due

FOR INFORMATIONAL PURPOSES ONLY

Description	Date	Page
<p>Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report. Reporting of monitoring results is required annually unless specified as quarterly or monthly in a letter from the Department or other appropriate notification. Monitoring results obtained during the specified reporting period (monthly, quarterly but not less than annually) shall be summarized and reported on a Department Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report or other reporting form or system approved by the Department (including the electronic Discharge Monitoring Report (edmr) system when available for General WPDES permits). This report is to be returned to the Department no later than the date indicated on the form (typically the 15th day of the month following the end of the specified reporting period of monthly, quarterly or annually).</p> <p><i>(Note: More frequent reporting than annually is expected to be specified for discharges when current data is needed or to account for increasing use of advances in information technology (wastewater database capability to generate paper Discharge Monitoring Report Forms for individual facilities covered by General WPDES permits or future anticipated capability for reporting data electronically via the internet using the eDMR system.)</i></p>	<p>no later than the date indicated on the form</p>	<p>1</p>

Report forms shall be submitted to the address printed on the report form.