NJDEP DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY
401 E STATE ST
Trenton, NJ 08625

Re: Residual Master General Permit Renewal
Cat: WTRG-Sludge Quality Categories 10 - 13 (GP)
NJPDES Permit No.: NJ0215546, Program Interest No.: 50577
NJPDES MASTER GENERAL PERMIT PROGRAM INTEREST
Trenton City, Mercer County

Dear Interested Party:

Enclosed is a draft New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit action identified above which has been issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A.

Notice of this draft permit action will appear in Asbury Park Press, Burlington County Times, Courier Post, The Press of Atlantic City, The Star-Ledger, The Times of Trenton and in the May 01, 2019 DEP Bulletin. The DEP Bulletin is available on the internet at www.state.nj.us/dep/bulletin. In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15.10(c)1.i, the public comment period will close thirty (30) days after its appearance in the newspaper.

If you have questions regarding the draft action, please contact Michael Hubal at (609) 984-4428 or michael.hubal@dep.nj.gov.

Sincerely,

Anthony Pilawski, Section Chief
Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals
Water Pollution Management Element

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New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Water Quality  
Water Pollution Management Element  
Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (Department/NJDEP) proposes to renew New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) Residuals Permit NJ0215546 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A, and by authority of the Water Pollution Control Act at N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq., for the following discharge:

**Applicant or Permittee:**
NJDEP DIVISION OF WATER QUALITY  
401 E STATE ST  
Trenton, NJ 08625

**Facility:**
NJPDES MASTER GENERAL PERMIT  
CATEGORY WTRG  
PER INDIVIDUAL NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

This general permit renewal is issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A, and applies to those Public Water Treatment Systems that generate sludge (reporting categories 10, 11, 12, and 13). The permit is intended to implement the provisions of the Sludge Quality Assurance Regulations (SQAR, N.J.A.C. 7:14C) for residual quality and quantity monitoring as well as other general conditions required by N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6. There are currently **thirty-four (34)** permittees authorized under this general permit.

The NJDEP has determined that the class of facilities covered by the general permit all have the same or similar operating conditions, standards for residual use or disposal, monitoring and reporting, and is more appropriately regulated under a general permit rather than individual permits. This single notice is issued pursuant to N.J.S.A. 58:10A-9.

A draft NJPDES Residual General Permit Action has been prepared based on the administrative record filed at the NJDEP, 401 East State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. Copies of the draft document are obtainable, for a nominal charge, and the administrative record is available for inspection by appointment only, Monday through Friday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. If you are interested in scheduling an appointment or requesting specific information regarding the draft document, contact Michael Hubal at (609) 984-4428 or by email at Michael.hubal@dep.nj.gov. This draft general permit can also be viewed or downloaded on the Division of Water Quality web site at [www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/).

Comments must be submitted in writing by certified mail (return receipt requested), or by other means which provides verification of the date of delivery to the Department, and should be addressed  
Attention: Comments on Public Notice NJ0215546, Mail Code 401-02B, Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals, 401 E. State Street, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, NJ 08625-0420 by the close of the public comment period, which closes thirty (30) calendar days after the last newspaper publication. All persons, including the permittee, who believe that any condition of this draft document is inappropriate or that the Department's decision to issue this draft document is inappropriate, must raise all reasonable arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting materials, during the public comment period.
Any interested person may request in writing that NJDEP hold a non-adversarial public hearing on the draft permit. This request must state the nature of the significant and relevant issues proposed to be raised in the hearing and why these issues cannot be adequately expressed other than at a public hearing. Such request must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of this public notice to the address cited above. A public hearing will be conducted whenever the NJDEP determines that there is or may be a significant degree of public interest in holding a public hearing. If a public hearing is held, the public comment period in this notice will automatically be extended until fifteen (15) days after the close of the public hearing.

The Department will respond to all significant and timely comments upon issuance of the final permit decision. Those permittees currently authorized and/or believe to be eligible for Residuals General Permit NJ0215546 and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice will receive notice of the Department’s permit decision.
This fact sheet sets forth the principal facts and the significant factual, legal, and policy considerations examined during preparation of the draft permit.

PERMIT ACTION: Residual Master General Permit Renewal

1. Name and Address of the Applicant:

   NJPDES MASTER GENERAL PERMIT – CATEGORY WTRG
   PER INDIVIDUAL NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION
   TRENTON, NJ 08625

2. Name and Address of the Facility/Site:

   NJPDES MASTER GENERAL PERMIT – CATEGORY WTRG
   PER INDIVIDUAL NOTICE OF AUTHORIZATION
   TRENTON, NJ 08625

3. Description of the Facilities Covered by this Permit:

   This general New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit renewal is issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A and applies to any Public Water Treatment System (PWTS) that generates sludge. “Public water treatment system” means any structure or structures delivering water into a public water distribution system as identified by a specific ID number pursuant to the Safe Drinking Water Act regulations, N.J.A.C. 7:10, and which subjects water, prior to use for potable purposes, to the addition or subtraction of a substance or substances in order to enhance the safeness, palatability, public health, purity, or aesthetic qualities; or reduce the corrosive or hazardous properties of the water used. This general permit issued to the PWTS generating the residual is intended to implement the provisions of the Sludge Quality Assurance Regulations (SQAR, N.J.A.C. 7:14C) for residual quality and quantity monitoring as well as other general conditions required by N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.

   Table 1 lists the names of the thirty-four (34) permittees currently authorized under this general permit.

4. Specific Authorization Criteria:

   The Department has determined that this activity requires similar operating conditions, requires the same monitoring, and is more appropriately regulated under a general permit rather than individual permits. This general permit will cover the following class of facilities:

   1. The source of sludge must be from a PWTS that generates sludge.
2. Any out-of-state facility meeting the above criteria that transports sludge into the State of New Jersey for use or disposal.

5. **Request for Authorization:**

All PWTSs meeting the above criteria must submit a complete Request for Authorization (RFA) seeking authorization under this general permit. RFA requirements are explained in Part II, General Requirements, B.9.a of this permit. However, the Department may notify a person that the conditions relating to residual generation, use and disposal are authorized by a general permit, even if the person has not submitted a RFA. A person so notified may nonetheless request to be excluded from authorization under the general permit in accordance with Part II, General Requirements, B.8.a of this permit.

Application forms are available at the following address:

[www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/forms_residuals.htm](http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/forms_residuals.htm) or call (609) 984-4428.

All existing authorizations will be automatically renewed upon reissuance of this general permit. However, the renewal of an authorization either requires a notice to the Department that there are no changes or a new RFA to be submitted to update any information that is no longer true, accurate and/or complete.

6. **Summary of Permit Conditions:**

Permit conditions are listed in the attached documents.

The Department proposes the following major changes from the previous NJPDES permit:

1) **Part IV D.2 “Acceptance of Customer Residuals by Treatment Works located in New Jersey”**: The conditions at D.2.a through D.2.c are only applicable to treatment works located in New Jersey and require the submission of a Domestic or Industrial Generator Form R application for all residual customers which do not possess an Authorization under one of the New Jersey SQAR General Permits. These would include industrial residual generators located in a delegated local agency, and residual generators located outside the state of New Jersey. It is the Department’s intention to begin issuing Authorizations under the applicable SQAR GP to these residual generators.

7. **Basis for Permit Conditions:**

The Department administers a regulatory program for the use and management of residuals generated by domestic and industrial treatment works. Of fundamental importance is the need to control sludge quality. Under applicable laws, the Department is directed to issue permits to limit concentrations of heavy metals, pesticides, organic chemicals and other contaminants in sludge in conformance with land-based sludge management criteria. All treatment works with a discharge regulated under N.J.A.C. 7:14A must have permits that implement applicable technical standards for residuals management. This general permit issued to the treatment works generating the residual is intended to implement the provisions of the Sludge Quality Assurance Regulations (SQAR, N.J.A.C. 7:14C) for residual quality and quantity monitoring as well as other general conditions required by N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6. The Department believes
that these conditions are more appropriately controlled under a general permit than the individual permits for the following reasons:

1. The class of facilities covered by the general permit all has the same or similar operating conditions, standards for residual use or disposal, monitoring and reporting.

2. Sludge monitoring locations can change frequently. The Department can better accommodate sludge monitoring location changes and sludge monitoring report form changes through issuance of authorizations under this general permit specific to sludge monitoring requirements as opposed to individual permits which often address multiple discharge categories.

3. Many times, the generation of sludge is not associated with a specific discharge to ground water or surface water. In such cases there are often inequities created when a discharge activity ceases, thus causing the revocation of a discharge permit along with any sludge monitoring that was incorporated with the permit, even though the generation of the sludge may be continuing.

4. There are many sludge generators that currently do not have NJPDES permits because there are no other regulated discharge activities. Currently, these treatment works are required to record keep information required by SQAR. It is the intent of the Department to eventually create general permits for all SQAR categories in order to require all facilities generating sludge to report; therefore, treating all facilities equitably.

5. There is currently no mechanism to track the importation of sludge into the State. Implementation of the general permit will allow the Department to impose the same requirements on out-of-state facilities as are required by in-state facilities.

The SQAR were initially promulgated in October 1979. With the SQAR, the Department embarked on a major program of monitoring the quality and quantity of sludge generated throughout the State by domestic and industrial treatment works. For clarification, SQAR also applies to out-of-state sludge generators if they transport sludge into the State of New Jersey for use or disposal. The SQAR have been in effect for more than 30 years, and the information submitted by the treatment works with regard to their sludge has been extremely useful to the Department in evaluating sludge management plans and establishing land-based sludge management criteria, and to the generators in developing appropriate sludge management alternatives and implementing applicable pretreatment programs.

PWTSs that generate sludge are considered a reporting Category 10, 11, 12, or 13 based on sludge production pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14C-1.5. The reporting category determines the frequency of sampling and analysis for all required sludge reports in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14C-1.9 as follows:

1. An annual Waste Characterization Report (WCR) which shall include: the total sludge removed for use or disposal on a wet basis (gallons, cubic yards or wet tons) per year; the total sludge removed for use or disposal on a dry basis (wet metric tons) per year; and the total solids content (percent by weight) for each form of sludge removed for use or disposal per year.

2. A monthly Residuals Transfer Report (RTR) which shall include the quantity of residuals accepted from each generator and sent to each management site on a wet basis (gallons, cubic yards, and/or metric tons) per month.
3. A monthly (Category 13), bi-monthly (Category 12), quarterly (Category 11), or annual (Category 10) Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) which shall include analyses of the metals and other selected chemical parameters listed in Appendix, Table VIII of the SQAR for each form of sludge removed for use or disposal during the reporting period.

In accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14C-1.6(b), where a PWTS generates different types of sludges that are removed separately for use or disposal, separate composite samples for each different type of sludge shall be analyzed for the parameters under Part III of the permit. The Department will provide a separate monitored location designator for each different type of sludge with its own DMR and RTR for monitoring and reporting purposes.

The Department administers the NJPDES Electronic Data Interchange (EDI), which is a fully operational electronic reporting system with all the necessary legal, security, and electronic signature functionalities that provide a completely paperless reporting system. N.J.A.C. 7:14C-1.7(b) requires mandatory electronic submittal of monitoring report forms. Mandating electronic reporting has improved reliability of data entry and has decreased the number of reports being submitted late or being lost. The Department’s web-based system streamlines reporting, which improves the quality of data flow, reduces reporting costs, offers on-line availability of reports and their processing status, and improves the Department’s efficiency in data analysis, compliance assessment, and decision-making.

All public water treatment systems currently covered under this general permit are required to submit their monitoring report forms electronically. For all new authorizations, the issuance of a notice of authorization under this permit will constitute written notification that a permittee must enroll in the NJDEP Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) Online System to submit monitoring report forms electronically. Questions regarding the EDI Online System should be directed to (609) 984-4428, or by email to NJPDES_EDI_SIGNUP@dep.nj.gov. Until such time as permittee’s NJPDES EDI agreement is executed, paper monitoring report forms will continue to be provided by the Department and shall be submitted to Mail Code 401-02B, Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals, Permit Administration Section, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420.

The documents listed below were instrumental in the Department’s development of the permit conditions and monitoring requirements of this general permit:

1. New Jersey "Water Pollution Control Act" and amendments - N.J.S.A. 58:10A-1 et seq.
3. United States Environmental Protection Agency “Standards for the use or disposal of sewage sludge” (40 CFR Part 503).
6. USEPA Part 503 Implementation Guidance, EPA 833-R-95-001, October 1995. This document is a compilation of federal requirements, management practices and EPA recommended permit conditions for sewage sludge use and management practices.
15. Final NJPDES Permit NJ0215546 effective January 1, 2015

8. Name, Bureau, and Phone Number of Contact Persons:

Please call the appropriate case manager in the Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals at (609) 984-4428 based on the county in which the PWTS is located as follows:

Alan Workman: Atlantic, Camden, Hunterdon, Mercer, Passaic, Salem Counties
Fayard Ali: Cumberland, Gloucester, Morris, Sussex Counties
John Murray: Bergen, Burlington, Hudson, Union, Warren Counties
Susanne Hoffman: Cape May, Essex, Middlesex, Monmouth, Ocean, Somerset Counties
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The New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection hereby grants you a NJPDES permit for the facility/activity named in this document. This permit is the regulatory mechanism used by the Department to help ensure your discharge will not harm the environment. By complying with the terms and conditions specified, you are assuming an important role in protecting New Jersey’s valuable water resources. Your acceptance of this permit is an agreement to conform with all of its provisions when constructing, installing, modifying, or operating any facility for the collection, treatment, or discharge of pollutants to waters of the state. If you have any questions about this document, please feel free to contact the Department representative listed in the permit cover letter. Your cooperation in helping us protect and safeguard our state’s environment is appreciated.

Permmit Number: NJ0215546

DRAFT: Residual Master General Permit Renewal

Permittee:
- General Permit
- Per Individual Notice of Authorization

Co-Permittee:

Property Owner:
NJDEP – Division of Water Quality
401 E. State Street
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Location Of Activity:
- General Permit
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By Authority of:
Commissioner's Office

DEP AUTHORIZATION
Anthony Pilawski, Section Chief
Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals
Water Pollution Management Element

PL 50577

(Terms, conditions and provisions attached hereto)
PART I
GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:
NJPDES

A. General Requirements of all NJPDES Permits
1. Requirements Incorporated by Reference
   a. The permittee shall comply with all conditions set forth in this permit and with all the applicable
      requirements incorporated into this permit by reference. The permittee is required to comply with
      the regulations, including those cited in paragraphs b. through e. following, which are in effect as
      of the effective date of the final permit.
   b. General Conditions
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PART II

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS:
DISCHARGE CATEGORIES

A. Additional Requirements Incorporated By Reference

1. General Discharge Requirements
   
a. The permittee shall comply with land-based sludge management criteria and shall conform with the
   requirements for the management of residuals and grit and screenings under N.J.A.C.
   7:14A-6.15(a), which includes:
   
i. Standards for the Use or Disposal of Residual, N.J.A.C. 7:14A-20;
   
ii. Section 405 of the Federal Act governing the disposal of sludge from treatment works treating
domestic sewage;
   
iii. The Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., and the Solid Waste Management
   Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:26;
   
iv. The Sludge Quality Assurance Regulations, N.J.A.C. 7:14C;
   
v. The Statewide Sludge Management Plan promulgated pursuant to the Water Quality Planning
   
vi. The provisions concerning disposal of sewage sludge and septage in sanitary landfills set forth at
   N.J.S.A. 13:1E-42 and the Statewide Sludge Management Plan; and
   
   vii. Residual that is disposed in a municipal solid waste landfill unit shall meet the requirements in
   40 CFR Part 258 and/or N.J.A.C. 7:26 concerning the quality of residual disposed in a municipal
   solid waste landfill unit. (That is, passes the Toxicity Characteristic Leaching Procedure and
does not contain "free liquids" as defined at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.)

B. General Conditions

1. Standard Reporting Requirements – Monitoring Report Forms (MRFs)
   
a. All MRFs shall be electronically submitted to the Department's MRF Submission Service.
   
b. MRF data submission shall be in accordance with the guidelines and provisions outlined in the
   Department’s Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) agreement with the permittee.
   
c. MRFs shall be submitted at the frequencies identified in Part III of this permit.
   
d. All MRFs shall be certified by the highest ranking official having day-to-day managerial and
   operational responsibilities for the discharging facility.
   
e. The highest ranking official may delegate responsibility to certify the MRFs in his or her absence.
   Authorizations for other individuals to certify shall be made in accordance with N.J.A.C.
   7:14A-4.9(b).
f. Monitoring results shall be submitted in accordance with the current NJPDES MRF Reference Manual and any updates thereof.

g. If monitoring for a parameter is not required in a monitoring period, the permittee must report “CODE=N” for that parameter.

h. If, for a monitored location, there are no discharge events during an entire monitoring period, the permittee must notify the Department when submitting the monitoring results by checking the “No Discharge this monitoring period” box on the paper or electronic version of the monitoring report submittal form.

2. Scope

a. The issuance of this permit shall not be considered as a waiver of any applicable federal, state, and local rules, regulations and ordinances.

3. Notification of Non-Compliance

a. The permittee shall notify the Department of all non-compliance when required in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.10 by contacting the DEP HOTLINE at 1-877-WARNDEP (1-877-927-6337).

b. The permittee shall report any noncompliance with the land-based sludge management criteria to the Department and to the ultimate sludge management alternative utilized by the permittee in accordance with Part IV, D.1.b of this permit.

4. Notification of Changes

a. The permittee shall give written notice to the Department of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility when the alteration or addition is expected to result in a significant change in the permittee's discharge(s) and/or residual use or disposal practices. This includes, but is not limited to, any changes in the treatment process that would result in a change to: sludge quality, a monitored location, and/or addition of a monitored location.

b. Prior to any change in ownership, the current permittee shall comply with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:14A-16.2, pertaining to the notification of change in ownership.

5. Permit Conditions Relating to Residuals Management

a. If any applicable standard for residual use or disposal is promulgated under section 405(d) of the Federal Act and Sections 4 and 6 of the State Act and that standard is more stringent than any limitation on the pollutant or practice in the permit, the Department may modify or revoke and reissue the permit to conform to the standard for residual use or disposal.
b. The permittee shall make provisions for storage, or some other approved alternative management strategy, for anticipated downtimes at a primary residual management alternative. The permittee shall not be permitted to store residual beyond the capacity of the structural treatment and storage components of the treatment works. N.J.A.C. 7:14A-20.8(a) and N.J.A.C. 7:26 provide for the temporary storage of residuals for periods not exceeding six months, provided such storage does not cause pollutants to enter surface or ground waters of the State. The storage of residual for more than six months is not authorized under this permit. However, this prohibition does not apply to residual that remains on the land for longer than six months when the person who prepares the residual demonstrates that the land on which the residual remains is not a surface disposal site or landfill. The demonstration shall explain why residual must remain on the land for longer than six months prior to final use or disposal, discuss the approximate time period during which the residual shall be used or disposed and provide documentation of ultimate residual management arrangements. Said demonstration shall be in writing, be kept on file by the person who prepares residual, and submitted to the Department upon request.

c. The permittee shall comply with the appropriate adopted District Solid Waste or Sludge Management Plan (which by definition in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2 includes Generator Sludge Management Plans), unless otherwise specifically exempted by the Department.

d. The preparer must notify and provide information necessary to comply with the N.J.A.C. 7:14A-20 land application requirements to the person who applies bulk residual to the land. This shall include, but not be limited to, the applicable recordkeeping requirements and certification statements of 40 CFR 503.17 as referenced at N.J.A.C 7:14A-20.7(j).

e. The preparer who provides residual to another person who further prepares the residual for application to the land must provide this person with notification and information necessary to comply with the N.J.A.C. 7:14A-20 land application requirements.

f. Any person who prepares bulk residual in New Jersey that is applied to land in a State other than New Jersey shall comply with the requirement at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-20.7(b)1.ix to submit to the Department written proof of compliance with or satisfaction of all applicable statutes, regulations, and guidelines of the state in which land application will occur.

6. Additional General Requirements

a. This general permit may be issued, modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated in accordance with applicable requirements of N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15, 16 and 17.

b. With the consent of the permittee, the Department shall revoke an authorization to discharge under this general permit without following the procedures set forth in N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15.6 if the discharge has ceased and provided that all applicable closure requirements as required by N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.34 have been completed.

7. Requirements to Obtain an Individual Permit

a. The Department may require any person authorized by this general New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) permit to apply for and obtain an individual NJPDES permit. Cases in which an individual NJPDES permit may be required include the following:

i. The quantity and/or quality of the discharge changes such that site specific requirements are necessary;

ii. The permittee is not in compliance with the conditions of the general NJPDES permit;

iii. A change has occurred such that the source does not involve the same or substantially similar types of operating procedures; or
iv. A change has occurred such that the source does not require the same or similar monitoring.

b. The Department may require any owner, operator and/or discharger authorized by this general NJPDES permit to apply for an individual NJPDES permit as provided above, only if the owner, operator, or discharger has been notified in writing that a permit application is required. This notice shall include a statement establishing a deadline by which the owner, operator, and/or discharger is to file the application, and a statement that on the effective date of the individual NJPDES permit the general NJPDES permit as it applies to the individual permittee shall be revoked.

8. Exclusions

a. Any owner, operator, and/or discharger authorized by this general permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of the general NJPDES permit by applying for an individual permit. The owner, operator, and/or discharger shall submit an application in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-4, with reasons supporting the request, to the NJDEP. The request shall be processed under N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15, 16 and 17. The request shall be granted by the issuance of an individual permit if the reasons cited by the owner, operator and/or discharger are adequate to support the request.

b. An owner, operator, and/or discharger excluded from this general NJPDES permit solely because of an existing individual permit, may request that the individual permit be revoked or modified, as appropriate, and that the discharge be authorized by the general NJPDES permit. Upon revocation or modification of the individual permit, the permittee shall be authorized under the general permit.

9. Administrative Requirements

a. Persons seeking authorization under this general permit shall submit to the Department a written Request for Authorization (RFA). A RFA under this general permit shall include the following: A completed NJPDES 1 Form and a completed Form R.

b. The Department may notify a person that the discharge is authorized by a general permit, even if the person has not submitted a RFA. A person so notified may nonetheless request an individual permit under B.8 above.

c. Authorizations under this general permit shall become effective upon receipt of notification of authorization by the Department as allowed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.13(d)5.iii.

d. Upon reissuance of this general permit, authorizations shall be automatically renewed as allowed pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-6.13(d)9. However, the renewal of an authorization either requires a notice to the Department that there are no changes or a new RFA to be submitted to update any information that is no longer true, accurate and/or complete.

10. Access

a. The permittee shall allow an authorized representative of the Department, upon the presentation of credentials to enter upon a person's premises, for purposes of inspection, and to access/copy any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit. The Department or its designated agent may take samples of sludge to verify the reported analytical data and to determine if the permittee is in compliance with this permit.
PART III
LIMITS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

MONITORED LOCATION:
S13A SQAR-Example Location

DISCHARGE CATEGORY(IES):
WTRG - Sludge Quality Categories 10 - 13 (GP)

Location Description
The sampling location(s) will be determined by your application (Form R). Where a treatment works generates different types of residuals that are removed separately for use or disposal separate sampling points for each different type of residual may need to be established.

Contributing Waste Types
Ind Residual-Water Treat

Residuals DMR Reporting Requirements:
Submit a Monthly DMR: due 60 calendar days after the end of each calendar month.

Comments:
Additionally, radionuclides are required to be tested in the sludge if the PWTS receives source water or uses additives known to or suspected of having elevated radionuclide concentrations. The radionuclides to be tested include, but are not limited to, radium-226, radium-228, uranium-238, uranium-234, uranium-235, and thorium-232.

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Residuals Transfer Reporting Requirements:
Submit a Monthly RTR: due 60 calendar days after the end of each calendar month.
**MONITORED LOCATION:**
S13P SQAR

**DISCHARGE CATEGORY(IES):**
WTRG - Sludge Quality Categories 10 - 13 (GP)

**Location Description**
Production information shall be collected on all residuals leaving the treatment plant for use or disposal. All residuals removed from the treatment works during the reporting period must be reported on the Monitoring Report Forms (MRF’s). If the permittee is removing residuals for use or disposal from a location other than the monitored location(s) in Part III of the permit, the permittee shall contact the BPR prior to removal to determine if the residual should be reported on the existing MRF’s or if a new monitored location should be added.

**Residuals WCR - Annual Reporting Requirements:**
Submit an Annual WCR: due 60 calendar days after the end of each calendar year.

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PART IV

SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS: NARRATIVE

Notes and Definitions

A. Footnotes
   1. Statistical Base Limit
      a. Monthly Average - report the arithmetic mean of all samples taken during that month.
   2. Sample Type
      a. Composite - a minimum of five (5) grab samples of equal volumes shall be taken to form a representative composite of residual quality in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14C-1.6.

B. Definitions
   1. Definitions
      a. All words and terms used in this permit shall have meanings as defined in the "Regulations Concerning the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System" (N.J.A.C. 7:14A), unless otherwise stated or unless the context clearly requires a different meaning.
      b. "Land-based sludge management criteria" means those standards established by the Department in the Statewide Sludge Management Plan adopted pursuant to the Solid Waste Management Act, N.J.S.A. 13:1E-1 et seq., or established pursuant to the Clean Water Act or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq.) including all subsequent supplements and amendments, or any regulations adopted pursuant thereto.
      c. "Sludge" means the solid residue and associated liquid resulting from physical, chemical, and/or biological treatment of domestic or industrial wastewaters.
      e. "Ultimate sludge management alternative" means the final management of sludge at a facility or operation such that no additional permit or approval actions are required for further processing or movement.
Sludge Quality Categories 10 - 13 (GP)

A. Sludge Quality Requirements

1. Residuals Information
   a. The parameters required to be monitored are specifically stated under Part III of this permit.
   b. All sludge samples shall be collected at locations representative of the chemical and physical characteristics of the sludge removed from the last treatment process before leaving the treatment plant for use or disposal.
   c. Where a treatment works generates several different types of sludges (for example, primary, secondary or advanced wastewater treatment sludges) each of which is removed separately for use or disposal, separate composite samples for each different type of sludge shall be analyzed for the parameters under Part III of this permit.
   d. All residuals removed from the treatment works during the reporting period must be reported on the Residuals Transfer Report. If the permittee is removing residuals for use or disposal from a location other than the monitored location in Part III of the permit, the permittee shall contact Bureau of Pretreatment Residuals prior to removal to determine if the residual should be reported on the existing Monitoring Report Forms or if a new monitored location should be added.
   e. A sludge sampling plan that details the sampling and analytical procedures pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14C-1.6(c) shall be developed and maintained for all parameters under Part III of this permit.
   f. All sample collection, preservation and analysis shall be performed in a manner consistent with the Sludge Quality Assurance Regulations (N.J.A.C. 7:14C).
   g. All monitoring required by this permit shall be performed by a laboratory certified by the Department for the analysis of those specific parameters in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:18.
   h. All sample frequencies expressed in Part III are minimum requirements. If the permittee monitors any parameter more frequently than required by this permit and uses the test procedures contained herein, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted. Such increased frequency shall also be indicated.

B. Recordkeeping

1. Standard Recordkeeping Requirements
   a. The permittee shall retain copies of all reports required by a NJPDES permit and records of all data used to complete the application for a NJPDES permit for a period of at least 5 years.

2. Residuals Information
   a. In addition to the information required under Part III, the permittee shall retain the following information for a period of at least five (5) years:
      i. All records of the monitoring information, and quality assurance and quality control documentation specified in N.J.A.C. 7:14C-1.4(f).
      ii. Records on the quality of all residual received pursuant to the Sludge Quality Assurance Regulations at N.J.A.C. 7:14C.

C. Reporting

1. Residuals Information
Sludge Quality Categories 10 - 13 (GP)

a. The frequency of reporting to the Department of the records kept under Part III shall be as specifically stated therein.

b. The permittee shall report monitoring results on the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR), Waste Characterization Reports (WCR), Residuals Transfer Reports (RTR), or other monitoring report forms, where specified, and all applicable information required on the forms shall be entered in the manner specified therein before submission. Any information not in compliance with this condition shall not be deemed to fulfill the reporting requirements of this permit.

c. Submit any modifications to the sludge sampling plan required pursuant to Section A.1.e above within thirty (30) days of any subsequent sampling plan modification. The sludge sampling plan modification shall be submitted to: Mail Code 401-02B, Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420

D. Operation and Management

1. Residuals Information

a. The permittee shall comply with the land-based sludge management criteria applicable to the ultimate sludge management alternative utilized by the permittee. It shall be the responsibility of the permittee to ensure that all residual accepted is compatible with the land-based sludge management criteria applicable to the ultimate sludge management alternative utilized by the permittee.

b. The permittee shall report any noncompliance with the land-based sludge management criteria to the Department. The noncompliance with the land-based sludge management criteria shall be orally reported within 24 hours of the permittee becoming aware of the noncompliance to the Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals at (609) 984-4428 and to the ultimate sludge management alternative. A written submission shall be made within five days thereafter to: Mail Code 401-02B, Division of Water Quality, Bureau of Pretreatment and Residuals, P.O. Box 420, Trenton, New Jersey 08625-0420, with a copy to the ultimate sludge management alternative, and shall include the following information:

i. Dates of occurrence;

ii. A description of the noncompliance with the land-based sludge management criteria;

iii. The cause of the noncompliance; and

iv. Steps being taken to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

c. Based on information submitted pursuant to (b) above, or pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-20.5, the Department may require the permittee to perform and submit the results of additional sludge analyses, obtain under N.J.A.C. 7:26G a formal waste classification of the sludge removed for use or disposal, and/or require other actions when necessary to protect public health or the environment from any adverse effect of a pollutant in the sludge.

2. Acceptance of Customer Residuals by Treatment Works located in New Jersey

a. Prior to accepting a residual source that has not been issued an Authorization under one of the New Jersey Sludge Quality Assurance Regulation (SQAR) General Permits, the permittee shall submit a completed Domestic or Industrial Generator Form R (whichever is applicable), signed by a duly authorized representative of the residual generator.
b. The permittee has one hundred eighty (180) days from the effective date of this permit to submit a completed Form R from a residual source that is currently being accepted and has not been issued an Authorization under one of the New Jersey Sludge Quality Assurance Regulation (SQAR) General Permits.

c. The permittee is prohibited from receiving residual sources that do not have a completed Form R on file with the Department pursuant to (a) and (b) above.

3. **Closure Requirements for Treatment Works located in New Jersey**

   a. The permittee shall follow the closure procedures at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-23.34.

   b. All residual material shall be removed within 180 calendar days after the treatment works and/or equipment is taken out of service.

   c. Proof of proper residual management shall be submitted within thirty (30) calendar days after their removal from a closed unit.