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**RE: Draft Permit for Pawtucket Power Association
181 Concord Street, Pawtucket, RI
RIPDES Permit No. RI0021741**

Dear Mr. Bobenic:

This correspondence is in response to the email dated August 27, 2015 submitted, on behalf of Maxim Power Corporation, by Berkshire Environmental. The August 27, 2015 email was sent in response to the 14-day draft Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) permit dated August 21, 2015. As a result, the RIPDES program has taken your comments and has developed a response to those comments and modified the draft permit as necessary. The following is a synopsis of the written and verbal comments received from Berkshire Environmental and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management's (DEM) responses to those comments.

Comment 1: Regarding Note 1 on the Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements Tables (Part I.A.1 & Part I.A.2; pages 2 & 3 of 14). Outfall 002A has redefined a dry weather event as no rain 72 hours prior to sampling while it has not been redefined for Outfall 004A (still defined as no rain 48 hours prior to sampling). We assume that these should be the same? If so, which one is correct?

Response 1: The footnotes should be the same for outfalls 002A and 004A. Both Part I.A.1 and Part I.A.2 should establish "(no rain within 72 hours prior to or during sampling)". The DEM has revised the attached draft permit to correct this error.

The enclosed draft permit has been developed by this office containing effluent limitations and conditions to assure that the discharge receives adequate treatment and will not violate water quality standards. Also enclosed is the Statement of Basis, which briefly describes the basis for the permit conditions. As can be seen from the attached public notice, the DEM has initiated the public notice of the proposed issuance of the Pawtucket Power Association RIPDES Permit No. RI0021741.

The law requires public notice to be given of the preparation of a draft permit to allow opportunity for public comments and, if necessary, a public hearing. In order to preserve the right to a formal hearing to contest provisions in a final permit, all persons, including the applicant, who believe any condition of the draft is inappropriate, must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably available arguments and factual grounds supporting their position, including all supporting material, by the close of the public comment period. Following the close of the public comment period, your final permit will be issued providing no new substantial questions are raised. If new questions develop during the comment period, it may be necessary to draft a new permit, revise the Statement of Basis, and/or reopen the public comment period.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss any of the conditions contained in this draft permit, do not hesitate to contact Brian Lafaille, PE of the State Permits Staff at (401) 222-4700, extension 7731.

Sincerely,



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A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. During the period beginning on the effective date and lasting through permit expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall serial number 002A (Discharge from the Oil/Water Separator prior to mixing with any other flows). Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| Effluent Characteristic | Quantity - lbs./day | | Discharge Limitations | | | Concentration - specify units | | | Monitoring Requirement | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| | Average Monthly | Maximum Daily | Average Monthly *(Minimum) | Average Weekly *(Average) | Maximum Daily *(Maximum) | Measurement Frequency | Sample Type | | | |
| Flow | 35,000 GPD | | | | | 2/Quarter | Estimate | | | |
| TSS | | | | | 20 mg/l | 2/Quarter | Grab ¹ | | | |
| Oil & Grease | | | | | 15 mg/l | 2/Quarter | Grab ¹ | | | |
| Iron, Total | | | --- mg/l | | --- mg/l | 1/Quarter | Grab ² | | | |

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² Samples must be obtained from a discharge, which is the result of a storm event that occurs at least seventy-two (72) hours after the previously measurable storm event. The "Grab" value shall be obtained using a grab sample, consisting of an individual sample of at least 100mL, collected during the first 30 minutes of a discharge from a storm event as defined above.

Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following location: Outfall 002A – Discharge from the Oil/Water Separator prior to mixing with any other flows.

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

2. During the period beginning on the effective date and lasting through permit expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall serial number 004A (Discharge from Catch Basin #8 prior to mixing with any other flows). Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

| Effluent Characteristic | Quantity - lbs./day | | Concentration - specify units | | Monitoring Requirement Frequency | Sample Type |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-------------------------------|---------------|----------------------------------|-------------------|
| | Average Monthly | Maximum Daily | Average Monthly | Maximum Daily | | |
| Flow | --- GPD | | | | 2/Quarter | Estimate |
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Samples taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be taken at the following locations: Outfall 004A – Discharge from Catch Basin #8 prior to mixing with any other flows.

3.
 - a. The permittee shall test the pH of the stormwater within the aqueous ammonia, sulfuric acid and caustic secondary containment structures prior to discharge. The pH shall be within the range of 6.5 - 9.0 prior to discharge. If the pH is outside of the range of 6.5 - 9.0, DEM approval shall be required prior to discharge. The results of this testing shall be recorded and maintained in an inspection log.
 - b. The discharge shall not cause visible discoloration of the receiving waters.
 - c. The effluent shall contain neither a visible oil sheen, foam, nor floating solids at any time.
 - d. Discharges from floor drains, turbine building sumps, metal cleaning, or from any other areas, with the exception of stormwater runoff and those discharges designated in Parts I.A.1, 1.A.2, and I.A.5 of this permit, are prohibited from directly or in combination with any other wastewater entering the waters of the State.
 - e. There shall be no discharge of polychlorinated biphenyl compounds (PCBs) at any time.
 - f. The permittee shall not add chemicals (i.e., disinfecting agents, detergents, emulsifiers, etc.) or "bioremedial agents including microbes" to the collection and treatment system without prior approval from DEM.
 - g. The permittee shall not discharge any sludge and/or bottom deposits from any storage tank, basin and/or diked area to the receiving water. Examples of storage tanks and/or basins include, but are not limited to: primary catch basins, stilling basins, the oil/water (O/W) separator, observation basins with baffles, petroleum product storage tanks, baffled storage tanks collecting spills, and tank truck loading rack sumps.
4. All existing manufacturing, commercial, mining, and silvicultural dischargers must notify the Director as soon as they know or have reason to believe:
 - a. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
 - (1) One hundred micrograms per liter (100 ug/l);
 - (2) Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 ug/l) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4,6-dinitro-phenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
 - (3) Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.21(g)(7); or
 - (4) Any other notification level established by the Director in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.44(f) and Rhode Island Regulations.
 - b. That any activity has occurred or will occur which would result in the discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of any toxic pollutant which is not limited in the permit, if that discharge will exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":

- (1) Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/l);
 - (2) One milligram per liter (1 mg/l) for antimony;
 - (3) Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.21(g)(7); or
 - (4) Any other notification level established by the Director in accordance with 40 C.F.R. §122.44(f) and Rhode Island Regulations.
- c. That they have begun or expect to begin to use or manufacture as an intermediate or final product or by-product any toxic pollutant which was not reported in the permit application.
5. The permittee is only authorized to discharge stormwater and allowable non-stormwater discharges. Allowable non-stormwater discharges under this permit are limited to the following: discharges from fire fighting activities; fire hydrant flushings; external building wash down that does not use detergents; lawn watering; uncontaminated ground water; springs; air conditioning condensate; potable waterline flushings; irrigation drainage; foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials, such as solvents, or contaminated by contact with soils, where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have occurred; and incidental windblown mist from cooling towers that collects on rooftops or adjacent portions of your facility, but NOT intentional discharges from the cooling tower (e.g., "piped" cooling tower blow down or drains); uncontaminated utility vault dewatering; dechlorinated water line testing water; hydrostatic test water that does not contain any treatment chemicals and is not contaminated with process chemicals. If any of these allowable non-stormwater discharges may reasonably be expected to be present and to be mixed with stormwater discharges, they must be specifically identified and addressed in the facility's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Any other discharges are not authorized under this permit.

B. INSPECTION AND MAINTENANCE

1. The oil/water separator at Outfall 002A shall be inspected on a monthly basis to assure its proper operation. Maintenance activities shall be done in accordance with the manufacture's specifications. Results of all inspections must be documented in a bound logbook and records retained on-site for a period of five (5) years.
2. The stormwater collection and treatment system shall be operated and maintained in order to provide optimal treatment of the stormwater prior to discharge to the receiving water.
3. The catch basins shall be inspected on a monthly basis to assure structural integrity and determine the amount of accumulation of solids. Catch basins shall be scheduled for clean-out, within thirty (30) days, when the depth of solids exceeds one-half the height of the effluent pipe invert above the basin bottom. Results of all inspections must be documented in a bound logbook and records retained on-site for a period of five (5) years.
4. The permittee shall assure the proper management of solid and hazardous waste in accordance with regulations promulgated under the Solid Waste Disposal Act, as amended by the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) of 1978 (40 U.S.C. 6901 et seq.) or amendments thereto.
5. The permittee shall inspect the following areas monthly: loading or unloading areas, switchyards, fueling areas, bulk storage areas, maintenance areas, liquid storage tanks, and long term and short term material storage areas.

C. STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN REQUIREMENTS

1. A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) shall be prepared and maintained in accordance with good engineering practices and identify potential sources of pollutants, which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity from the facility. In addition, the Plan shall describe and ensure the implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) which are to be used to reduce or eliminate the pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity at the facility and to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit.
2. The Plan shall be signed by the permittee in accordance with RIPDES Rule 12 and retained on site. The Plan shall be made available upon request to the Director.
3. If the Plan is reviewed by the Director, he or she may notify the permittee at any time that the Plan does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this part. After such notification from the Director, the permittee shall make changes to the Plan and shall submit to the Director a written certification that the requested changes have been made. Unless otherwise provided by the Director, the permittee shall have thirty (30) days after such notification to make the necessary changes.
4. The permittee shall immediately amend the Plan whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance, which has a significant effect on the potential for the discharge of pollutants to the waters of the State; a release of reportable quantities of hazardous substances and oil; or if the SWPPP proves to be ineffective in achieving the general objectives of controlling pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity. Changes must be noted and then submitted to this Department. Amendments to the Plan may be reviewed by DEM in the same manner as Part I.C.3. of this permit.
5. The SWPPP shall include, at a minimum, the following items:
 - a. Description of Potential Pollutant Sources. The Plan must provide a description of potential sources which may be reasonably expected to add significant amounts of pollutants to stormwater discharges or which may result in the discharge of pollutants during dry weather from separate storm sewers draining the facility. It must identify all activities and significant materials, which may potentially be significant pollutant sources. Each plan shall include:
 - (1) A site map indicating: a delineation of the drainage area of each stormwater outfall, each existing structural control measure to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff, locations where significant materials are exposed to stormwater, locations where significant leaks or spills have occurred, a delineation of all impervious surfaces, all surface water bodies, all separate storm sewers, and the locations of the following activities where such areas are exposed to stormwater: fueling stations, vehicle and equipment maintenance and/or cleaning areas, material handling areas, material storage areas, process areas, and waste disposal areas;
 - (2) A topographic map extending one-quarter (1/4) of a mile beyond the property boundaries of the facility;
 - (3) An estimate of the overall runoff coefficient for the site, determined by an acceptable method, such as, but not limited to, area weighting;
 - (4) A narrative description of significant materials that have been treated, stored, or disposed of in a manner to allow exposure to stormwater between the time of three (3) years prior to the issuance of this permit to the present; method of on-site storage or disposal; materials management

practices employed to minimize contact of these materials with stormwater runoff between the time of three (3) years prior to the issuance of this permit and the present; materials loading and access areas; the location and description of existing structural and nonstructural control measures to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff; and description of any treatment the stormwater receives;

- (5) A list of significant spills and significant leaks of toxic or hazardous pollutants that occurred at the facility three (3) years prior to the effective date of this permit to the present;
 - (6) A list of any pollutants limited in effluent guidelines to which a facility is subject under 40 CFR Subchapter N, any pollutants listed on a RIPDES permit to discharge process water, and any information required under RIPDES Rule 11.02(a)(14)(iii)-(v) or 40 CFR 122.21(g)(iii)-(v);
 - (7) For each area of the facility that generates stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity with a reasonable potential for containing significant amounts of pollutants, a prediction of the direction of flow and an estimate of the types of pollutants, which are likely to be present in stormwater associated with industrial activity;
 - (8) A summary of existing sampling data describing pollutants in stormwater discharges from the facility; and
- b. Stormwater Management Controls. The permittee must develop a description of stormwater management controls appropriate for the facility and implement such controls. The appropriateness for implementing controls listed in the Plan must reflect identified potential sources of pollutants at the facility. The description of stormwater management controls must address the following minimum components, including a schedule for implementing such controls:
- (1) *Pollution Prevention Team.* The Plan must identify a specific individual(s) within the facility organization as members of a team that are responsible for developing the Plan and assisting the plant manager in its implementation, maintenance, and revision. The Plan must clearly identify the responsibilities of each team member. The activities and responsibilities of the team must address all aspects of the facility's Plan.
 - (2) *Risk Identification and Assessment/Material Inventory.* The Plan must assess the potential of various sources which contribute pollutants to stormwater discharge associated with the industrial activity. The Plan must include an inventory of the types of materials handled. Each of the following must be evaluated for the reasonable potential for contributing pollutants to runoff: loading and unloading operations, outdoor manufacturing or processing activities, significant dust or particulate generating processes, and on-site waste disposal practices. Factors to consider include the toxicity of chemicals; quantity of chemicals used, produced, or discharged; the likelihood of contact with stormwater, and the history of significant leaks or spills of toxic or hazardous pollutants.
 - (3) *Preventative Maintenance.* A preventative maintenance program must involve inspection and maintenance of stormwater management devices (i.e., oil/water separators, catch basins) as well as inspecting and testing plant equipment and systems to uncover conditions that could cause breakdown or failures resulting in discharges of pollutants to surface waters. All preventative maintenance must, at a minimum, be consistent with Part I.B of this permit.

- (4) *Good Housekeeping.* Good housekeeping requires the maintenance of a clean, orderly facility.
- (5) *Additional Technology-Based Effluent Limits.* The following good housekeeping measures are required in addition to Part I.C.5.b.(4):
- a. *Delivery Vehicles.* Minimize contamination of stormwater runoff from delivery vehicles arriving at the plant site. Implement procedures to inspect delivery vehicles arriving at the plant site as necessary to minimize discharges of pollutants in stormwater. Ensure the overall integrity of the body or container of the delivery vehicle and implement procedures to deal with leakage or spillage from delivery vehicles.
 - b. *Fuel Oil Unloading Areas.* Minimize contamination of precipitation or surface runoff from fuel oil unloading areas. Use containment curbs in unloading areas where feasible. In addition, ensure personnel familiar with spill prevention and response procedures are available to respond expeditiously in the event of a leak or spill during deliveries. Ensure that any leaks or spills are immediately contained and cleaned up, and use spill and overflow protection devices (e.g., drip pans, drip diapers, or other containment devices placed beneath fuel oil connectors to contain potential spillage during deliveries or from leaks at the connectors).
 - c. *Chemical Loading and Unloading.* Minimize contamination of precipitation or surface runoff from chemical loading and unloading areas. Use containment curbs at chemical loading and unloading areas to contain spills, where practicable. In addition, ensure personnel familiar with spill prevention and response procedures are available to respond expeditiously in the event of a leak or spill during deliveries. Ensure leaks and spills are immediately contained and cleaned up and, where practicable, load and unload in covered areas and store chemicals indoors.
 - d. *Miscellaneous Loading and Unloading Areas.* Minimize contamination of precipitation or surface runoff from loading and unloading areas through implementation of control measures such as the following, where determined to be feasible (list not exclusive): covering the loading area; grading, curbing, or berming around the loading area to divert run-on; locating the loading and unloading equipment and vehicles so that leaks are contained in existing containment and flow diversion systems; or equivalent procedures.
 - e. *Liquid Storage Tanks.* Minimize contamination of surface runoff from above-ground liquid storage tanks through implementation of control measures such as the following, where determined to be feasible, the following (list not exclusive): using protective guards around tanks; using containment curbs; installing spill and overflow protection; using dry cleanup methods; or equivalent measures.
 - f. *Large Bulk Fuel Storage Tanks.* Minimize contamination of surface runoff from large bulk fuel storage tanks. Use containment berms (or their equivalent). You must also comply with applicable state and federal laws, including Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan requirements.

inspections and maintenance activities must be documented and maintained on site for at least five (5) years.

- c. Site Inspection. An annual site inspection must be conducted by appropriate personnel named in the SWPPP to verify that the description of potential pollutant sources required under Part I.C.5.a is accurate, that the drainage map has been updated or otherwise modified to reflect current conditions, and controls to reduce pollutants in stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity identified in the Plan are being implemented and are adequate. A tracking or follow up procedure must be used to ensure that the appropriate action has been taken in response to the inspection. Records documenting significant observations made during the site inspection must be retained as part of the SWPPP for a minimum of five (5) years.
- d. Consistency with Other Plans. Stormwater management controls may reflect requirements for Spill Prevention Control and Counter-measure (SPCC) plans under Section 311 of the CWA or Best Management Practices (BMP) Programs otherwise required by a RIPDES permit and may incorporate any part of such plans into the SWPPP by reference.

D. BENCHMARK MONITORING

During each quarter, the permittee shall compare all sampling results to the benchmark monitoring concentrations listed below. The benchmark concentrations are pollutant levels that are to be used to evaluate the overall effectiveness of the SWPPP. Benchmark Monitoring concentrations may be subject to change by permit modification to be consistent with future revisions to EPA and/or State benchmarks:

| Parameter | Benchmark Concentration (mg/l) |
|------------|-----------------------------------|
| Total Iron | 1.0 |

Any quarterly exceedances of the benchmark concentrations shall trigger a reevaluation of the implementation of the existing SWPPP and facility operations to determine if there are possible problems with non-structural BMPs or maintenance that can be corrected. The SWPPP shall be promptly revised in response to these reevaluations and in no case later than thirty (30) calendar days following the receipt of monitoring results that exceed the benchmark concentrations. A report of the permittee's comparison of monitoring results with the benchmark concentrations shall be submitted with each DMR. If the permittee exceeds any of the benchmark concentrations during the monitoring period the report shall include a detailed description of the possible causes of the exceedances or of any significant increases in parameter concentrations, the dates and scopes of inspections, a summary of monitoring results and visual inspections, and any modifications made to the SWPPP to reduce pollutant levels.

Along with the results of the monitoring, the permittee must provide the date and duration (in hours) of the storm event(s) sampled; rainfall measurements or estimate (in inches) of the storm event that generated the sampled runoff; the duration between the storm event sampled and the end of the previous measurable (greater than 0.1 inch rainfall) storm event; and an estimate of the total volume (in gallons) of the discharge sampled.

On a yearly basis, the permittee shall calculate the annual average of all sampling data for each pollutant for the previous calendar year (January 1 – December 31). When calculating the annual average concentrations, pollutant concentrations that were reported as less than the minimum detection limit from Part I.G shall be replaced with zeros. If the annual average exceeds the applicable benchmark concentration, then the permittee shall perform a detailed review of all storm water controls, BMPs, and maintenance schedules contained in the SWPPP and shall make reasonable amendments to reduce the pollutant levels in the discharge. These amendments shall be submitted to the Department of Environmental Management – Office of

Water Resources as required by Part I.C.4 of this permit. If the amendments will include changes to structural controls, the report must include a schedule for the implementation of the proposed structural modifications. Proposed changes to structural stormwater controls must be approved by the DEM prior to implementation. Upon DEM approval of the structural changes, the permittee shall implement them in accordance with the approved schedule.

E. SAMPLING WAIVER

If the permittee is unable to collect samples, due to adverse climactic conditions which create dangerous conditions for personnel or otherwise makes the collection of a sample impractical, the permittee may submit in lieu of sampling data a description of why samples could not be collected. Permittees are prohibited from exercising this waiver more than once during a two (2) year period.

F. DETECTION LIMITS

The permittee shall assure that all wastewater testing required by this permit, is performed in conformance with the method detection limits listed below. In accordance with 40 CFR Part 136, EPA approved analysis techniques, quality assurance procedures and quality control procedures shall be followed for all reports required to be submitted under the RIPDES program. These procedures are described in "Methods for the Determination of Metals in Environmental Samples" (EPA/600/4-91/010) and "Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes" (EPA/600/4-79/020).

The report entitled "Methods for the Determination of Metals in Environmental Samples" includes a test which must be performed in order to determine if matrix interferences are present, and a series of tests to enable reporting of sample results when interferences are identified. Each step of the series of tests becomes increasingly complex, concluding with the complete Method of Standard Additions analysis. The analysis need not continue once a result which meets the applicable quality control requirements has been obtained. Documentation of all steps conducted to identify and account for matrix interferences shall be documented and maintained onsite.

If, after conducting the complete Method of Standard Additions analysis, the laboratory is unable to determine a valid result, the laboratory shall report "could not be analyzed". Documentation supporting this claim shall be maintained onsite. If valid analytical results are repeatedly unobtainable, DEM may require that the permittee determine a method detection limit (MDL) for their effluent as outlined in 40 CFR Part 136, Appendix B.

When calculating sample averages for reporting on discharge monitoring reports (DMRs):

1. "could not be analyzed" data shall be excluded, and shall not be considered as failure to comply with the permit sampling requirements;
2. results reported as less than the MDL shall be reported as zero in accordance with the DEM's DMR Instructions, provided that all appropriate EPA approved methods were followed.

Therefore, all sample results shall be reported as: an actual value, "could not be analyzed", or zero. The effluent specific MDL must be calculated using the methods outlined in 40 CFR Part 136, Appendix B. Samples which have been diluted to ensure that the sample concentration will be within the linear dynamic range shall not be diluted to the extent that the analyte is not detected. If this should occur the analysis shall be repeated using a lower degree of dilution.

OTHER TOXIC POLLUTANTS

| | MDL ug/l (ppb) |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| Antimony, Total | 3.0 |
| Arsenic, Total | 1.0 |
| Beryllium, Total | 0.2 |
| Cadmium, Total | 0.1 |
| Chromium, Total | 1.0 |
| Chromium, Hexavalent | 20.0 |
| Copper, Total | 1.0 |
| Lead, Total | 1.0 |
| Mercury, Total | 0.2 |
| Nickel, Total | 1.0 |
| Selenium, Total | 2.0 |
| Silver, Total | 0.5 |
| Thallium, Total | 1.0 |
| Zinc, Total | 5.0 |
| Asbestos | ** |
| Cyanide, Total | 10.0 |
| Phenols, Total | 50.0 |
| TCDD | ** |
| MTBE (Methyl Tertiary Butyl Ether) | 1.0 |
| Turbidity | 0.2 NTU |
| Fecal Coliform | 2.0 MPN/100 ml |
| Total Suspended Solids | 5.0 mg/l |
| Oil and Grease | 2.0 mg/l |

** No Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (RIDEM) MDL

NOTE:

The MDL for a given analyte may vary with the type of sample. MDLs which are determined in reagent water may be lower than those determined in wastewater due to fewer matrix interferences. Wastewater is variable in composition and may therefore contain substances (interferents) that could affect MDLs for some analytes of interest. Variability in instrument performance can also lead to inconsistencies in determinations of MDLs.

To help verify the absence of matrix or chemical interference the analyst is required to complete specific quality control procedures. For the metals analyses listed above the analyst must withdraw from the sample two equal aliquots; to one aliquot add a known amount of analyte, and then dilute both to the same volume and analyze. The unspiked aliquot multiplied by the dilution factor should be compared to the original. Agreement of the results within 10% indicates the absence of interference. Comparison of the actual signal from the spiked aliquot to the expected response from the analyte in an aqueous standard should help confirm the finding from the dilution analysis. (Methods for Chemical Analysis of Water and Wastes EPA-600/4-79/020).

For Methods 624 and 625 the laboratory must on an ongoing basis, spike at least 5% of the samples from each sample site being monitored. For laboratories analyzing 1 to 20 samples per month, at least one spiked sample per month is required. The spike should be at the discharge permit limit or 1 to 5 times higher than the background concentration, whichever concentration would be larger. (40 CFR Part 136 Appendix B Method 624 and 625 subparts 8.3.1 and 8.3.11).

G. MONITORING AND REPORTING

1. Monitoring

All monitoring required by this permit shall be done in accordance with sampling and analytical testing procedures specified in 40 CFR Part 136.

2. Reporting

Monitoring results obtained during the previous quarter (as defined below) shall be summarized and reported on Discharge Monitoring Report Form(s) (DMRs) postmarked no later than the 15th day of the month following the completed reporting period.

Standard Quarters

January 1 – March 31

April 1 – June 30

July 1 – September 30

October 1 – December 31

Report Due No Later ThanApril 15thJuly 15thOctober 15thJanuary 15th

Signed copies of these, and all other reports required herein, shall be submitted to:

Office of Water Resources
RIPDES Program
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
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DEFINITIONS

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

(a) Duty to Comply

The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws and the Clean Water Act (CWA) and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or for denial of a permit renewal application.

- (1) The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the CWA for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
- (2) The CWA provides that any person who violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed \$10,000 per day of such violation. Any person who willfully or negligently violates permit conditions implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307 or 308 of the Act is subject to a fine of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$25,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 1 year, or both.
- (3) Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws provides that any person who violates a permit condition is subject to a civil penalty of not more than \$5,000 per day of such violation. Any person who willfully or negligently violates a permit condition is subject to a criminal penalty of not more than \$10,000 per day of such violation and imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both. Any person who knowingly makes any false statement in connection with the permit is subject to a criminal penalty of not more than \$5,000 for each instance of violation or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days, or both.

(b) Duty to Reapply

If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit. The permittee shall submit a new application at least 180 days before the expiration date of the existing permit, unless permission for a later date has been granted by the Director. (The Director shall not grant permission for applications to be submitted later than the expiration date of the existing permit.)

(c) Need to Halt or Reduce Not a Defense

It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

(d) Duty to Mitigate

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

(e) Proper Operation and Maintenance

The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures, and, where applicable, compliance with DEM "Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Operation and Maintenance of Wastewater Treatment Facilities" and "Rules and Regulations Pertaining to the Disposal and Utilization of Wastewater Treatment Facility Sludge." This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

(f) Permit Actions

This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause, including but not limited to: (1) Violation of any terms or conditions of this permit; (2) Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose all relevant facts; or (3) A change in any conditions that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition.

(g) Property Rights

This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privilege.

(h) Duty to Provide Information

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

(i) Inspection and Entry

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

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

- (4) Sample or monitor any substances or parameters at any location, at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the CWA or Rhode Island law.

(j) Monitoring and Records

- (1) Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring shall be representative of the volume and nature of the discharge over the sampling and reporting period.
- (2) The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings from continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least 5 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Director at any time.
- (3) Records of monitoring information shall include:
 - (i) The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - (ii) The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - (iii) The date(s) analyses were performed;
 - (iv) The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
 - (v) The analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - (vi) The results of such analyses.
- (4) Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 and applicable Rhode Island regulations, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit.
- (5) The CWA provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate, any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation or by both. Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws also provides that such acts are subject to a fine of not more than \$5,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days per violation, or by both.
- (6) Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).
- (7) If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit, using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, applicable State regulations, 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 DMR.

(k) Signatory Requirement

All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Director shall be signed and certified in accordance with Rule 12 of the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Regulations. Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 46-12 provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$5,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 30 days per violation, or by both.

(l) Reporting Requirements

- (1) Planned changes. The permittee shall give notice to the Director as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility.
- (2) Anticipated noncompliance. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Director of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with the permit requirements.
- (3) Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except after written notice to the Director. The Director may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under State and Federal law.
- (4) Monitoring reports. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.
- (5) Twenty-four hour reporting. The permittee shall immediately report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment by calling DEM at (401) 222-4700 or (401) 222-3070 at night.

A written submission shall also be provided within five (5) days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

The following information must be reported immediately:

- (i) Any unanticipated bypass which causes a violation of any effluent limitation in the permit; or
- (ii) Any upset which causes a violation of any effluent limitation in the permit; or
- (iii) Any violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants specifically listed by the Director in the permit.

The Director may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

- (6) Other noncompliance. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under paragraphs (1), (2), and (5), of this section, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information required in paragraph (1)(5) of the section.
 - (7) 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 Director, they shall promptly submit such facts or information.
- (m) Bypass
- "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
- (1) Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs (2) and (3) of this section.
 - (2) Notice.
 - (i) Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least ten (10) days before the date of the bypass.
 - (ii) Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Rule 14.18 of the RIPDES Regulations.
 - (3) Prohibition of bypass.
 - (i) Bypass is prohibited, and the Director may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless:
 - (A) Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage, where "severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production;
 - (B) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate backup 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 preventive maintenance; and
 - (C) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph (2) of this section.

- (ii) The Director may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Director determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph (3)(i) of this section.

(n) Upset

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

- (1) Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology-based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of paragraph (2) of this section are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.

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

- (a) An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
- (b) The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
- (c) The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in Rule 14.18 of the RIPDES Regulations; and
- (d) The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Rule 14.05 of the RIPDES Regulations.

- (3) Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.

(o) Change in Discharge

All discharges authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit. Discharges which cause a violation of water quality standards are prohibited. The discharge of any pollutant identified in this permit more frequently than or at a level in excess of that authorized shall constitute a violation of the permit. Any anticipated facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications which will result in new, different or increased discharges of pollutants must be reported by submission of a new NPDES application at least 180 days prior to commencement of such discharges, or if such changes will not violate the effluent limitations specified in this permit, by notice, in writing, to the Director of such changes. Following such notice, the permit may be modified to specify and limit any pollutants not previously limited.

Until such modification is effective, any new or increased discharge in excess of permit limits or not specifically authorized by the permit constitutes a violation.

(p) Removed Substances

Solids, sludges, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or control of wastewaters shall be disposed of in a manner consistent with applicable Federal and State laws and regulations including, but not limited to the CWA and the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, 42 U.S.C. §§6901 *et seq.*, Rhode Island General Laws, Chapters 46-12, 23-19.1 and regulations promulgated thereunder.

(q) Power Failures

In order to maintain compliance with the effluent limitation and prohibitions of this permit, the permittee shall either:

In accordance with the Schedule of Compliance contained in Part I, provide an alternative power source sufficient to operate the wastewater control facilities;

or if such alternative power source is not in existence, and no date for its implementation appears in Part I,

Halt reduce or otherwise control production and/or all discharges upon the reduction, loss, or failure of the primary source of power to the wastewater control facilities.

(r) Availability of Reports

Except for data determined to be confidential under paragraph (w) below, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the DEM, 291 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island. As required by the CWA, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal penalties as provided for in Section 309 of the CWA and under Section 46-12-14 of the Rhode Island General Laws.

(s) State Laws

Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable State law.

(t) Other Laws

The issuance of a permit does not authorize any injury to persons or property or invasion of other private rights, nor does it relieve the permittee of its obligation to comply with any other applicable Federal, State, and local laws and regulations.

(u) Severability

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

(v) Reopener Clause

The Director reserves the right to make appropriate revisions to this permit in order to incorporate any appropriate effluent limitations, schedules of compliance, or other provisions which may be authorized under the CWA or State law. In accordance with Rules 15 and 23 of the RIPDES Regulations, if any effluent standard or prohibition, or water quality standard is promulgated under the CWA or under State law which is more stringent than any limitation on the pollutant in the permit, or controls a pollutant not limited in the permit, then the Director may promptly reopen the permit and modify or revoke and reissue the permit to conform to the applicable standard.

(w) Confidentiality of Information

(1) Any information submitted to DEM pursuant to these regulations may be claimed as confidential by the submitter. Any such claim must be asserted at the time of submission in the manner prescribed on the application form or instructions or, in the case of other submissions, by stamping the words "confidential business information" on each page containing such information. If no claim is made at the time of submission, DEM may make the information available to the public without further notice.

(2) Claims of confidentiality for the following information will be denied:

- (i) The name and address of any permit applicant or permittee;
- (ii) Permit applications, permits and any attachments thereto; and
- (iii) NPDES effluent data.

(x) Best Management Practices

The permittee shall adopt Best Management Practices (BMP) to control or abate the discharge of toxic pollutants and hazardous substances associated with or ancillary to the industrial manufacturing or treatment process and the Director may request the submission of a BMP plan where the Director determines that a permittee's practices may contribute significant amounts of such pollutants to waters of the State.

(y) Right of Appeal

Within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice of a final permit decision, the permittee or any interested person may submit a request to the Director for an adjudicatory hearing to reconsider or contest that decision. The request for a hearing must conform to the requirements of Rule 49 of the RIPDES Regulations.

DEFINITIONS

1. For purposes of this permit, those definitions contained in the RIPDES Regulations and the Rhode Island Pretreatment Regulations shall apply.
2. The following abbreviations, when used, are defined below.

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| cu. M/day or M ³ /day | cubic meters per day |
| mg/l | milligrams per liter |
| ug/l | micrograms per liter |
| lbs/day | pounds per day |
| kg/day | kilograms per day |
| Temp. °C | temperature in degrees Centigrade |
| Temp. °F | temperature in degrees Fahrenheit |
| Turb. | turbidity measured by the Nephelometric Method (NTU) |
| TNFR or TSS | total nonfilterable residue or total suspended solids |
| DO | dissolved oxygen |
| BOD | five-day biochemical oxygen demand unless otherwise specified |
| TKN | total Kjeldahl nitrogen as nitrogen |
| Total N | total nitrogen |
| NH ₃ -N | ammonia nitrogen as nitrogen |
| Total P | total phosphorus |
| COD | chemical oxygen demand |
| TOC | total organic carbon |
| Surfactant | surface-active agent |
| pH | a measure of the hydrogen ion concentration |
| PCB | polychlorinated biphenyl |
| CFS | cubic feet per second |
| MGD | million gallons per day |
| Oil & Grease | Freon extractable material |
| Total Coliform | total coliform bacteria |
| Fecal Coliform | total fecal coliform bacteria |
| ml/l | milliliter(s) per liter |
| NO ₃ -N | nitrate nitrogen as nitrogen |
| NO ₂ -N | nitrite nitrogen as nitrogen |
| NO ₃ -NO ₂ | combined nitrate and nitrite nitrogen as nitrogen |
| Cl ₂ | total residual chlorine |

RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT
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STATEMENT OF BASIS

RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (RIPDES) PERMIT TO DISCHARGE TO WATERS OF THE STATE

RIPDES PERMIT NO. **RI0021741**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Pawtucket Power Associates
181 Concord Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

and

Purenergy Operating Services, LLC.
4488 Onondaga Boulevard
Syracuse, NY 13219

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

181 Concord Street
Pawtucket, RI 02860

RECEIVING WATER: **Moshassuck River**

CLASSIFICATION: **B {a}**

I. Proposed Action, Type of Facility, and Discharge Location

The above named applicant has applied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for reissuance of a RIPDES Permit to discharge into the designated receiving water. The facility is engaged in the production of steam and electric power. The discharge consists of stormwater only.

The discharge is to the Moshassuck River which is designated in the RI Water Quality Regulations as water body identification number RI0003008R-01C. This segment of the Moshassuck River extends from the first CSO discharge point at the Weeden Street Bridge to the confluence with the Woonasquatucket River. This particular segment is classified as B{a}. These waters are designated for fish and wildlife habitat and primary and secondary contact recreational activities. They shall be suitable for compatible industrial processes and cooling, hydropower, aquacultural uses, navigation, and irrigation and other agricultural uses. These waters shall have good aesthetic value. These waters will likely be impacted by combined sewer overflows in accordance with approved CSO Facilities Plans and in compliance with rule 19.E.1 of the RI Water Quality Regulations and the Rhode Island CSO Policy. Therefore, primary contact recreational activities, shellfishing uses; and fish and wildlife habitat will likely be restricted.

The attainment of the Clean Water Act goals is measured by determining how well waters support their designated uses. According to the 2014 303(d) List of Impaired Waters this segment of the Moshassuck River is listed as not supporting the fish and wildlife use due to biodiversity impairments based on benthic-macroinvertebrate bioassessments. In addition, this waterbody segment is not supporting primary and secondary contact recreation uses due to impairments associated with Enterococcus.

II. Description of Discharge

A quantitative description of the discharge in terms of significant effluent parameters based DMR data from July 2010 to April 2015 is shown on Attachment A.

III. Permit Limitations and Conditions

The final effluent limitations and monitoring requirements may be found in the permit.

IV. Permit Basis and Explanation of Effluent Limitation Derivation

Pawtucket Power Associates, LP is a combined-cycle electric power generating facility in Pawtucket, Rhode Island consisting of a dual-fuel gas turbine generator, a heat recovery steam generator (with supplemental duct burners) and a steam turbine generator plus various steam plant and auxiliary equipment. The primary fuel utilized to power the gas turbine generator and duct burners is natural gas. Number 2 fuel oil is used as the backup fuel for the gas turbine generator and as the fuel for a diesel starter engine and an emergency diesel fire pump. The facility generates electric power for sale into the ISO New England wholesale electric markets.

Boiler blowdown, floor drains and sanitary waste are discharged to the Narragansett Bay Commission's (NBC's) Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility and are not authorized to be discharged under this permit. This permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater runoff from the oil storage and off-loading area that is treated by an oil-water separator and discharged from Outfall 002A. In addition to Outfall 002A, stormwater runoff is also authorized to be discharged from Outfall 004A. Outfalls 002A and 004A combine in a thirty-six inch (36") storm drain, which discharges into the Moshassuck River. This permit also authorizes the discharge of the following non-stormwater discharges: discharges from fire fighting activities; fire hydrant flushings; external building wash down that does not use detergents; lawn watering; uncontaminated groundwater; springs; air conditioning condensate; potable waterline flushings; irrigation drainage; foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials, such as solvents, or contaminated by contact with soils, where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have occurred; and incidental windblown mist from cooling towers that collects on rooftops or adjacent portions of the facility, but NOT intentional discharges from the cooling tower (e.g., "piped" cooling tower blow down or drains); uncontaminated utility vault dewatering; dechlorinated water line testing water; hydrostatic test water that does not contain any treatment chemicals and is not contaminated with process chemicals. If any of these allowable non-stormwater discharges may reasonably be expected to be present and to be mixed with stormwater discharges, they must be specifically identified and addressed in the facility's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan. Any other discharges are not authorized under this permit.

The permit contains limits at Outfall 002A for total suspended solids (TSS) and oil and grease. These limits are based on Best Professional Judgement (BPJ) and demonstrated performance. The effluent limitation for Oil and Grease is a technology-based limit based on American Petroleum Institute (API) oil/water separator guidelines. Performance data from these facilities indicates that this effluent limit can be achieved through the proper operation of a correctly sized oil/water separator and best management practices (BMPs). Total suspended solids (TSS) has been limited to account for the potential for petroleum hydrocarbons to adsorb or absorb to particulates and to be transported with the suspended matter. The permit also includes limits for oil and grease for outfall 004A that have been carried forward from the previous permit. Monitoring at catch basin number 7 was required under the previous permit and was associated with Outfall 003A. However, based on the fact that similar monitoring is conducted at outfall 004A (catch basin number 8) and catch basin number 7 flows into catch basin number 8 the DEM determined that any discharges from Outfall 004A would be representative of Outfall 003A. As a result monitoring at outfall 003A has been eliminated from the permit.

Additional technology-based narrative effluent limits have been added to the SWPPP requirements of the permit and are contained in Part I.C.5.b.(5). These narrative effluent limits are consistent with the 2015 Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Multi-Sector Industrial Stormwater General Permit, specifically Part 8, Subpart O – Sector O – Steam Electric Generating Facilities.

Benchmark monitoring has also been included in this permit for Outfalls 002A and 004A. Total Iron benchmark monitoring requirements are consistent with the monitoring requirements established in the 2015 Environmental Protection Agency NPDES Multi-Sector Industrial Stormwater General Permit, specifically Part 8, Subpart O -Sector O – Steam Electric Generating Facilities.

In addition to the sampling requirements for Outfalls 002A and 004A, the permittee must maintain a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). The goal of the SWPPP is to identify potential sources of pollutants contained in the stormwater to ensure practices are being implemented to minimize or eliminate the potential for pollutants to mix with stormwater. The plan emphasizes the use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) to provide the necessary flexibility to address different sources of pollutants at the facility. The required elements of the SWPPP must be retained on-site for the duration of the authorization under this permit. This information must be made available to this Department upon request.

The State Department of Environmental Management's authority over this permit comes from the Environmental Protection Agency's delegation of the program in September 1984 under the Federal Clean Water Act. The requirements set forth in the permit are based on the State's Water Quality Regulations and the State's Permit Regulations, both filed pursuant to Rhode Island General Law Chapter 46-12 as amended. The remaining general and specific conditions of the permit are based on the RIPDES Regulations as well as on 40 CFR, Part 423. They consist primarily of management requirements common to all permits.

V. Comment Period, Hearing Requests, and Procedures for Final Decisions

All persons, including applicants, who believe any condition of the draft permit is inappropriate must raise all issues and submit all available arguments and all supporting material for their arguments in full by the close of the public comment period, to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Office of Water Resources, 235 Promenade Street, Providence, Rhode Island, 02908-5767. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing for a public hearing to consider the draft permit to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management. Such requests shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. A public hearing may be held after at least thirty (30) days public notice whenever the Director finds that response to this notice indicates significant public interest. In reaching a final decision on the draft permit the Director will respond to all significant comments and make these responses available to the public at DEM's Providence Office.

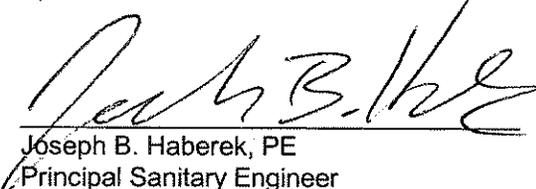
Following the close of the comment period, and after a public hearing, if such hearing is held, the Director will issue a final permit decision and forward a copy of the final decision to the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice. Within thirty (30) days following the notice of the final permit decision any interested person may submit a request for a formal hearing to reconsider or contest the final decision. Requests for formal hearings must satisfy the requirements of Rule 49 of the Regulations for the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System.

VI. **DEM Contact**

Additional information concerning the permit may be obtained between the hours of 8:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, excluding holidays from:

Brian Lafaille, PE, Senior Sanitary Engineer
RIPDES Section
Office of Water Resources
Department of Environmental Management
235 Promenade Street
Providence, Rhode Island 02908
Telephone: (401) 222-4700, extension: 7731

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Date


Joseph B. Haberek, PE
Principal Sanitary Engineer
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Department of Environmental Management

ATTACHMENT A

DESCRIPTION OF DISCHARGE: **Stormwater**

AVERAGE EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS AT POINT OF DISCHARGE:

DISCHARGE: **Outfall 002A**

| <u>PARAMETER</u> | <u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u> | <u>DAILY MAXIMUM</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Flow | 3981 GPD | --- |
| TSS | --- | 6 mg/l |
| Oil & Grease | --- | 10 mg/l |

DISCHARGE: **Outfall 003A**

| <u>PARAMETER</u> | <u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u> | <u>DAILY MAXIMUM</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Flow | 6763 GPD | --- |
| TSS | 5 mg/l | 7 mg/l |
| Oil & Grease | 2 mg/l | 2 mg/l |

DISCHARGE: **Outfall 004A**

| <u>PARAMETER</u> | <u>MONTHLY AVERAGE</u> | <u>DAILY MAXIMUM</u> |
|------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| Flow | 9894 GPD | |
| TSS | 7 mg/l | 10 mg/l |
| Oil & Grease | 2 mg/l | 4 mg/l |

Data represents the average of monthly average values and the average of daily maximum values submitted on Discharge Monitoring Reports for the period between July 1, 2010 through April 1, 2015.