



**UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Region 1**

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**VIA EMAIL - READ RECEIPT REQUESTED**

March 1, 2022

George D. Jones, III  
Seaman Paper Company of Massachusetts, Inc.  
P.O. Box 21  
Baldwinville, MA 01436

Re: Minor permit modification of NPDES Permit No. MA000469  
(for) the Seaman Paper Company of Massachusetts, Inc. facility

Dear Mr. Jones,

Your facility was issued a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit on December 9, 2021 that went into effect on March 1, 2022. The monthly average flow limit during the three-year compliance schedule period was never explicitly noted in the Final Permit. As indicated in the Response to Comments (Response 3), the flow limitation for the first three years of the permit is 1.1 MGD.

This minor permit modification is being made to correct a typographical error in the Final Permit. EPA may issue a minor modification to correct a typographical error pursuant to 40 C.F.R. § 122.63(a). The above-listed minor permit modification will be incorporated into the Final Permit and become effective immediately upon receipt of this letter. This minor modification does not affect the expiration date of the 2022 Permit, which remains February 28, 2027.

If you have any questions concerning this minor permit modification, please contact Nathan Chien at (617) 918-1649.

Sincerely,

**KENNETH MORAFF** Digitally signed by  
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Ken Moraff, Director  
Water Division

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cc: Susy King, MassDEP; Cathy Coniaris, MassDEP

method; they may be based on the lowest acceptable calibration point used by a laboratory; or they may be calculated by multiplying the MDL in a method, or the MDL determined by a laboratory, by a factor.

3. When a parameter is not detected above the ML, the Permittee must report the data qualifier signifying less than the ML for that parameter (e.g., < 50 µg/L, if the ML for a parameter is 50 µg/L). For calculating and reporting the average monthly concentration when one or more values are not detected, assign a value of zero to all non-detects and report the average of all the results. The number of exceedances shall be enumerated for each parameter in the field provided on every Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).
4. Measurement frequency of 1/day is defined as the recording of one measurement for each 24-hour period. Measurement frequency of 1/week is defined as the sampling of one discharge event in each seven-day calendar week. Similarly, 2/week is defined as the sampling of two discharge events on separate days during a seven-day calendar week. Measurement frequency of 1/month is defined as the sampling of one discharge event in each calendar month. Similarly, 2/month is defined as the sampling of two discharge events on separate days during a calendar month. Measurement frequency of 1/quarter is defined as the sampling of one discharge event during one calendar quarter. Calendar quarters are defined as January through March, inclusive, April through June, inclusive, July through September, inclusive and October through December, inclusive. Measurement frequency of 1/year is defined as the sampling of one discharge event during one calendar year. Sampling for WET testing should be conducted in the months stipulated in the corresponding footnotes. If no sample is collected during the measurement frequencies defined above, the Permittee must report an appropriate No Data Indicator Code.
5. Each composite sample will consist of at least eight grab samples taken during one consecutive 24-hour period, either collected at equal intervals and combined proportional to flow or continuously collected proportionally to flow.
6. Effluent flow shall be reported in million gallons per day (MGD). The monthly average effluent flow limit is subject to a three-year compliance schedule. **Until the end of the three-year period, the monthly average effluent flow limit will be 1.1 MGD.** See Part I.D.6.
7. The Permittee shall obtain daily upstream river flow readings from USGS Gage No. 01163200, located at Turner Street in Templeton on the Otter River, and report it in cubic feet per second (cfs) during the months of May through October.
8. The pH shall be within the specified range at all times. The minimum and maximum pH sample measurement values for the month shall be reported in standard units (S.U.).
9. Separate BOD5 and TSS limitations apply during low flow conditions, see Outfall 001B requirements in Part I.A.2. Low flow conditions are defined as when the total daily flow in the Otter River, as measured at the USGS Gage Station No. 01163200, has been less than 17 cfs for 30 or more consecutive days. During such low flow conditions for Outfall 001A, the Permittee shall calculate the monthly average and daily maximum values for BOD5 and TSS