

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE  
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Federal Clean Water Act as amended, (33 U.S.C. §§1251 et seq.; the "CWA"), and the Massachusetts Clean Waters Act, as amended, (M.G.L. Chap. 21, §§26-53),

**IPG Photonics Corporation**

is authorized to discharge from a facility located at

**50 Old Webster Road  
Oxford, MA 01540**

to the receiving water named the French River, a class B water, in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth herein.

This permit shall become effective on the date of signature if no comments are received during public notice. If comments are received during public notice, this permit will become effective on the first day of the calendar month following sixty (60) days after the date of signature.

This permit and the authorization to discharge expire at midnight, five (5) years from the last day of the month preceding the effective date.

This permit supersedes the general permit for reverse osmosis reject water that was issued on December 17, 2002 and that expired on December 17, 2007.

This permit consists of five (5) pages in Part I including effluent limitations and monitoring requirements and 25 pages in Part II, Standard Conditions.

Signed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2010

/S/ SIGNATURE ON FILE

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Stephen S. Perkins, Director  
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Division of Watershed Management  
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Boston, MA

**PART I.A. Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements**

1. During the period beginning on the effective date and lasting through expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge reverse osmosis (RO) reject water from outfall serial number <b>001</b> . Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:				
<u>EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTIC</u>		<u>EFFLUENT LIMITS</u>		<u>MONITORING REQUIREMENTS</u>
<u>PARAMETER</u>	<u>AVERAGE MONTHLY</u>	<u>MAXIMUM DAILY</u>	<u>MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY</u>	<u>SAMPLE<sup>1</sup> TYPE</u>
Flow	Report GPD	6,000 GPD	Continuous	Recorder <sup>2</sup>
pH Range <sup>3</sup>	6.5 – 8.3 s.u.		1/Week	Grab
Dissolved Oxygen <sup>3</sup>	Not less than 6.0 mg/l		1/Month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	30 mg/l	45 mg/l	1/Month	Grab
Total Residual Chlorine	1.0 mg/l	1.0 mg/l	1/Month	Grab
Total Ammonia Nitrogen	Report ug/l	Report ug/l	1/Quarter	Grab
Copper, Total	516 ug/l	730 ug/l	1/Quarter	Grab

The discharge of cooling tower blowdown, wastewaters from the cleaning of any RO unit components, or backwash water from any carbon filters, or any other filtration equipment to the French River is prohibited.

Footnotes:

1. Sampling shall be conducted at a point prior to discharge to Outfall 001 which contains the RO reject water flow, and prior to mixing with any other stream. Any change in sampling location must be reviewed and approved in writing by EPA and MassDEP. All samples shall be tested using the analytical methods found in 40 CFR §136, or alternative methods approved by EPA in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR §136. Sampling for all parameters shall be conducted immediately after the RO system is cleaned.
2. The flow shall be continuously measured and recorded using a flow meter.
3. Requirement for State Certification. For pH, the minimum and maximum values for each month shall be reported.

## Part I.A.1. (continued)

- a. The discharge shall not cause a violation of the water quality standards of the receiving waters.
- b. The effluent pH shall be in the range of 6.5 through 8.3 standard units.
- c. The discharge shall not cause objectionable discoloration of the receiving waters.
- d. The effluent shall contain neither a visible oil sheen, foam, nor floating solids at any time.
- e. The results of sampling for any parameter above its required frequency must also be reported.

## 3. Toxics Control

- a. The permittee shall not discharge any pollutant or combination of pollutants in toxic amounts.
- b. Any toxic components of the effluent shall not result in any demonstrable harm to aquatic life or violate any state or federal water quality standard which has been or may be promulgated. Upon promulgation of any such standard, this permit may be revised or amended in accordance with such standards.

## 4. Numerical Effluent Limitations for Toxicants

EPA or MassDEP may use the results of the chemical analyses conducted pursuant to this permit, as well as national water quality criteria developed pursuant to Section 304(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), state water quality criteria, and any other appropriate information or data, to develop numerical effluent limitations for any pollutants, including but not limited to those pollutants listed in Appendix D of 40 CFR Part 122.

## 5. 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-dinitrophenol; 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).
- 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).
- c. That they have begun or expect to begin to use or manufacture as an intermediate or final product or byproduct any toxic pollutant which was not reported in the permit application.
6. This permit may be modified, or revoked and reissued, on the basis of new information in accordance with 40 CFR §122.62.

## **B. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES**

The permittee is authorized to discharge only in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit and only from the outfall listed in Part I A.1. of this permit. Discharges of wastewater from any other point sources are not authorized by this permit and shall be reported in accordance with Section D.1.e. (1) of the General Requirements (Part II) of this permit (Twenty-four hour reporting).

## **C. MONITORING AND REPORTING**

### Reporting

Monitoring results obtained during each calendar month shall be summarized and reported on Discharge Monitoring Report Form(s) postmarked no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> day of the following month.

Signed and dated originals of these, and all other reports required herein, shall be submitted to the Director and the State at the following addresses:

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency  
Water Technical Unit (SMR-04)  
5 Post Office Square - Suite 100  
Boston, MA 02109-3912

The State Agency is:

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
Bureau of Waste Prevention  
Central Regional Office  
627 Main Street  
Worcester, MA 01608

Signed and dated Discharge Monitoring Report Forms required by this permit shall also be submitted to the State at:

Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection  
Division of Watershed Management  
Surface Water Discharge Permit Program  
627 Main Street, 2nd Floor  
Worcester, Massachusetts 01608

#### **D. STATE PERMIT CONDITIONS**

This discharge permit is issued jointly by the U. S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) under Federal and State law, respectively. As such, all the terms and conditions of this permit are hereby incorporated into and constitute a discharge permit issued by the Commissioner of the MassDEP pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 21, §43.

Each Agency shall have the independent right to enforce the terms and conditions of this permit. Any modification, suspension or revocation of this permit shall be effective only with respect to the Agency taking such action, and shall not affect the validity or status of this permit as issued by the other Agency, unless and until each Agency has concurred in writing with such modification, suspension or revocation. In the event any portion of this permit is declared, invalid, illegal or otherwise issued in violation of State law such permit shall remain in full force and effect under Federal law as an NPDES permit issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. In the event this permit is declared invalid, illegal or otherwise issued in violation of Federal law, this permit shall remain in full force and effect under State law as a permit issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.