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RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0101087  
Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) Application #W002697-6C-G-R  
**Administrative Modification**

Dear Mr. Martin:

It has come to our attention there are a few typographical errors in the above referenced permit issued by the Department on April 16, 2015, for a five-year term. More specifically, Special Condition A, *Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements*, page 4 of the permit, incorrectly states the monitoring frequencies for BOD, TSS and *E. coli*. bacteria are 1/Week. Based on the Fact Sheet attached to the permit, the monitoring frequencies were reduced to 2/Month based on the excellent compliance history for each parameter. Enclosed is a revised page 4 of the permit with the correct monitoring frequency of 2/Month.

We apologize for any inconvenience this error may have caused. If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7693.

Sincerely,

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**SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

*Revised 9/25/15*

**A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

1. The permittee is authorized to discharge **secondary treated municipal sanitary wastewater from Outfall #001A** through a palustrine forested wetland as a conveyance to the Aroostook River at Ashland. Such discharges are limited and must be monitored by the permittee as specified below<sup>(1)</sup>:

Effluent Characteristic	Discharge Limitations						Minimum Monitoring Requirements	
	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow <i>[50050]</i>	0.30 MGD <i>[03]</i>	---	Report MGD <i>[03]</i>	---	---	---	Continuous <i>[99/99]</i>	Recorder <i>[RC]</i>
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD <sub>5</sub> ) <i>[00310]</i>	75 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	113 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	125 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	30 mg/L <i>[19]</i>	45 mg/L <i>[19]</i>	50 mg/L <i>[19]</i>	2/Month <i>[02/30]</i>	Composite <i>[24]</i>
BOD <sub>5</sub> % Removal <sup>(2)</sup> <i>[81010]</i>	---	---	---	85% <i>[23]</i>	---	---	1/Month <i>[01/30]</i>	Calculate <i>[CA]</i>
Total Suspended Solids (TSS) <i>[00530]</i>	75 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	113 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	125 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	30 mg/L <i>[19]</i>	45 mg/L <i>[19]</i>	50 mg/L <i>[19]</i>	2/Month <i>[02/30]</i>	Composite <i>[24]</i>
TSS % Removal <sup>(2)</sup> <i>[81011]</i>	---	---	---	85% <i>[23]</i>	---	---	1/Month <i>[01/30]</i>	Calculate <i>[CA]</i>
<i>E. coli</i> Bacteria <sup>(3)</sup> <i>[31633]</i>	---	---	---	64 col/100 ml <sup>(4)</sup> <i>[13]</i>	---	427 col/100 ml <i>[13]</i>	2/Month <i>[02/30]</i>	Grab <i>[GR]</i>
Total Residual Chlorine <sup>(5)</sup> <i>[50060]</i>	---	---	---	---	---	1.0 mg/L <i>[19]</i>	1/Day <i>[01/01]</i>	Grab <i>[GR]</i>
pH (Std. Units) <sup>(6)</sup> <i>[00400]</i>	---	---	---	---	---	6.0 – 9.0 SU <i>[12]</i>	5/Week <i>[05/07]</i>	Grab <i>[GR]</i>
Mercury (Total) <sup>(7)</sup> <i>[71900]</i>	---	---	---	8.97 ng/L <i>[3M]</i>	---	13.65 ng/L <i>[3M]</i>	1/Year <i>[01/YR]</i>	Grab <i>[GR]</i>
Aluminum (Total) <i>[01105]</i>	0.28 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	---	---	Report µg/L <i>[28]</i>	---	---	1/Year <i>[01/YR]</i>	Composite <i>[24]</i>
Copper (Total) <i>[01042]</i>	0.03 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	---	0.03 lbs/day <i>[26]</i>	Report µg/L <i>[28]</i>	---	Report µg/L <i>[28]</i>	1/Year <i>[01/YR]</i>	Composite <i>[24]</i>

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table and in subsequent text are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports.

**FOOTNOTES:** See Pages 6 through 9 of this permit for applicable footnotes.