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CERTIFIED MAIL

Mr. Frank Raposa, Moderator Stone Bridge Fire District 1761 Main Road Tiverton, RI 02878-4597

RE: Stone Bridge Fire District Water Treatment Plant

RIPDES No. RI0023841

Dear Mr. Raposa:

Enclosed is your final Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) Permit issued pursuant to the referenced application. State regulations, promulgated under Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws of 1956, as amended, require this permit to become effective on the date specified in the permit.

Also enclosed is information relative to hearing requests and stays of RIPDES Permits.

We appreciate your cooperation throughout the development of this permit. Should you have any questions concerning this permit, feel free to contact Brian Lafaille, PE of the State Permits Staff at (401) 222-4700, extension 7731.

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Principal Sanitary Engineer

Enclosures

Ecc: Carl Destremps, Stone Bridge Fire District Superintendent

Eric Beck, RIDEM-OWR Traci Pena, RIDEM-OWR

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE RHODE ISLAND POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 46-12 of the Rhode Island General Laws, as amended, the

Stone Bridge Fire District

1761 Main Road Tiverton, RI 02878

is authorized to discharge from the following facility

Stone Bridge Fire District Water Treatment Plant
Quintal Drive
Tiverton, RI 02878

to receiving waters named

Stafford Pond

in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.

This permit shall become effective on November 1, 2016.

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

This permit supersedes the permit issued on May 18, 2011 and subsequently modified on July 19, 2012.

This permit consists of nine (9) pages in Part I including effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, etc. and ten (10) pages in Part II including General Conditions.

Signed this 2/ day of Oddow, 2016.

Angelo S. Liberti, P.E., Chief of Surface Water Protection

Office of Water Resources

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management

Providence, Rhode Island

PART I

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting through permit expiration the permittee is authorized to discharge from outfall serial number 001 (Emergency Clear Well Overflow) under temporary, emergency situations in accordance with its approved Standard Operating Procedure for emergency clear well overflows dated February 3, 2012. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

Effluent Characteristic	Quantity -	Discharge Lir	mitations Concentration - specify units			Monitoring Requirement	
	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average <u>Monthly</u> *(<u>Minimum</u>)	Average <u>Weekly</u> *(<u>Average</u>)	Maximum Daily *(Maximum)	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	MGD	MGD				Continuous ¹	Estimate

¹ The permittee shall estimate the total flow discharged per calendar day for each clear well emergency overflow. This information shall be reported on monthly Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms as required under Part I.C of the permit. For any months in which there is no discharge, the permittee shall report "no discharge" on the DMR.

⁻⁻⁻ signifies a parameter which must be monitored and data must be reported; no limit has been established at this time.

- 2. The pH of the effluent must be in the range of 6.5 9.0 s.u.
- 3. The discharge shall not cause visible discoloration of the receiving waters.
- 4. The effluent shall contain neither a visible oil sheen, foam, nor floating solids at any time.
- 5. The turbidity of the receiving water shall not exceed 5 NTU over natural background.
- Solids, sludges, or biosolids removed in the course of treatment or control of wastewaters, shall be
 properly disposed of in compliance with applicable state laws, regulations, and permit
 requirements, and in a manner such as to prevent any pollutant from such materials from entering
 the waters of the state.
- 7. The permittee shall dispose of any residuals generated at the facility in accordance with its approved Residuals Management Plan dated April 28, 2016 and revised May 24, 2016 and any subsequent modifications made in accordance with Part I.A.8 of this permit. The Residuals Management Plan shall be prepared in accordance with good engineering practices and must include the following:
 - a. Characterization of the quantity and quality of the residuals generated by the facility;
 - b. Determination of the appropriate regulatory requirements;
 - c. Identification of feasible disposal options;
 - Selection of appropriate residuals processing/treatment technologies and development of a residuals management strategy that meets the regulatory goals established for the water treatment facility;
 - e. Development of best management practices which at a minimum include the following:
 - An evaluation of the water treatment residuals storage capacity within each residuals treatment unit (e.g., the lower settling tank, the upper settling tank, and the drying bed) and an identification of the criteria which will serve as a trigger to determine when each treatment unit needs to be pulled offline in order to remove solids to avoid potential permit violations;
 - Procedures and periodic evaluation techniques that will be used to gauge the remaining storage capacity of residuals treatment units (e.g., the lower settling tank, the upper settling tank, and the drying bed);
 - Maintenance procedures used to deactivate and prepare treatment units for sludge removal. These maintenance procedures must identify the appropriate steps necessary to temporarily lower the water level in the treatment unit, remove settled solids, and restore the flow through the treatment unit in such a way that degradation of the receiving waters and permit violations will be prevented;
 - f. A requirement that all critical activities associated with the operations and maintenance of the water treatment plant residuals treatment units be documented and copies of such documentation be kept on site at all times throughout the effective life of the permit;

- g. A requirement to review the Residuals Management Plan (at a minimum) on a yearly basis, which also requires the Plan to be updated as necessary. A copy of the Residuals Management Plan and records of the annual reviews must be available on site at all times throughout the effective life of the permit;
- 8. The DEM may notify the permittee at any time that the Residuals Management Plan is deficient or does not meet one or more of the requirements of this permit. After such notification, the permittee shall make changes to the Residuals Management Plan and submit to the DEM a written certification that the requested changes have been made. Unless otherwise provided by the DEM, the permittee shall have thirty (30) days after notification to make the necessary changes. The permittee shall immediately amend the Residuals Management Plan if it proves to be ineffective in achieving the general objectives of controlling pollutants in discharges associated with the water treatment facility. Changes must be noted and submitted to the DEM within thirty (30) days of amending the Residuals Management Plan. Amendments to the Residuals Management Plan may be reviewed by the DEM in the same manner specified above.
- This permit authorizes the use of aluminum or ferric based water treatment chemicals as primary coagulation agents. The permittee must notify the DEM and request a permit modification prior to using any other coagulation agents.
- 10. 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":
 - 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. s122.21(g)(7); or
 - (4) Any other notification level established by the Director in accordance with 40 C.F.R. s122.44(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":

- 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 s122.21(g)(7); or
- (4) Any other notification level established by the Director in accordance with 40 C.F.R. s122.44(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.
- 11. This permit serves as the State's Water Quality Certificate for the discharges described herein.

B. **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 or sludge 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;
- 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 or sludge 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.

LIST OF TOXIC POLLUTANTS

The following list of toxic pollutants has been designated pursuant to Section 307(a)(1) of the Clean Water Act. The Method Detection Limits (MDLs) represent the required Rhode Island MDLs.

Volatil	es - EPA Method 624	MDL ug/l (ppb)			
1V	acrolein	10.0		des - EPA Method 608	MDL ug/l (ppb)
2V	acrylonitrile	5.0	18P	PCB-1242	0.289
3V	benzene	1.0	19P	PCB-1254	0.298
5V	bromoform	1.0	20P	PCB-1221	0.723
6V	carbon tetrachloride	1.0	21P	PCB-1232	0.387
7V	chlorobenzene	1.0	22P	PCB-1248	0.283
8V	chlorodibromomethane	1.0	23P	PCB-1260	0.222
9V	chloroethane	1.0	24P	PCB-1016	0.494
10V	2-chloroethylvinyl ether	5.0	25P	toxaphene	1.670
11V			201	toxaprierie	1.070
	chloroform	1.0	Dece/N	leutral - EPA Method 625	MICH wall (male)
12V	dichlorobromomethane	1.0			MDL ug/l (ppb)
14V	1,1-dichloroethane	1.0	1B	acenaphthene *	1.0
15V	1,2-dichloroethane	1.0	2B	acenaphthylene *	1.0
16V	1,1-dichloroethylene	1.0	3B	anthracene *	1.0
17V	1,2-dichloropropane	1.0	4B	benzidine	4.0
18V	1,3-dichloropropylene	1.0	5B	benzo(a)anthracene *	2.0
19V	ethylbenzene	1.0	6B	benzo(a)pyrene *	2.0
20V	methyl bromide	1.0	7B	3,4-benzofluoranthene *	1.0
21V	methyl chloride	1.0	8B	benzo(ghi)perylene *	2.0
22V	methylene chloride	1.0	9B	benzo(k)fluoranthene *	2.0
23V	1,1,2,2-tetrachloroethane	1.0	10B	bis(2-chloroethoxy)methane	2.0
24V	tetrachloroethylene	1.0	11B	bis(2-chloroethyl)ether	1.0
25V			12B	bis(2-chloroisopropyl)ether	1.0
	toluene	1.0			
26V	1,2-trans-dichloroethylene	1.0	13B	bis(2-ethylhexyl)phthalate	1.0
27V	1,1,1-trichloroethane	1.0	14B	4-bromophenyl phenyl ether	1.0
28V	1,1,2-trichloroethane	1.0	15B	butylbenzyl phthalate	1.0
29V	trichloroethylene	1.0	16B	2-chloronaphthalene	1.0
31V	vinyl chloride	1.0	17B	4-chlorophenyl phenyl ether	1.0
			18B	chrysene *	1.0
Acid C	ompounds - EPA Method 625	MDL ug/l (ppb)	19B	dibenzo (a,h)anthracene *	2.0
1A	2-chlorophenol	1.0	20B	1,2-dichlorobenzene	1.0
2A	2,4-dichlorophenol	1.0	21B	1.3-dichlorobenzene	1.0
3A	2,4-dimethylphenol	1.0	22B	1,4-dichlorobenzene	1.0
4A	4,6-dinitro-o-cresol	1.0	23B	3,3'-dichlorobenzidine	2.0
5A	2,4-dinitrophenol	2.0	24B	diethyl phthalate	1.0
6A	2-nitrophenol	1.0	25B	dimethyl phthalate	1.0
7A	4-nitrophenol	1.0	26B	di-n-butyl phthalate	1.0
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8A	p-chloro-m-cresol	2.0		State of the state	2.0002.7g
9A	pentachlorophenol	1.0	28B	2,6-dinitrotoluene	2.0
10A	phenol	1.0	29B	di-n-octyl phthalate	1.0
11A	2,4,6-trichlorophenol	1.0	30B	1,2-diphenylhydrazine	1.0
				(as azobenzene)	
	des - EPA Method 608	MDL ug/l (ppb)	31B	fluoranthene *	1.0
1P	aldrin	0.059	32B	fluorene *	1.0
2P	alpha-BHC	0.058	33B	hexachlorobenzene	1.0
3P	beta-BHC	0.043	34B	hexachlorobutadiene	1.0
4P	gamma-BHC	0.048	35B	hexachlorocyclopentadiene	2.0
5P	delta-BHC	0.034	36B	hexachloroethane	1.0
6P	chlordane	0.211	37B	indeno(1,2,3-cd)pyrene *	2.0
7P	4,4'-DDT	0.251	38B	isophorone	1.0
			39B	naphthalene *	1.0
8P	4,4'-DDE	0.049	40B	nitrobenzene	1.0
9P	4,4'-DDD	0.139			
10P	dieldrin	0.082	41B	N-nitrosodimethylamine	1.0
11P	alpha-endosulfan	0.031	42B	N-nitrosodi-n-propylamine	1.0
12P	beta-endosulfan	0.036	43B	N-nitrosodiphenylamine	1.0
13P	endosulfan sulfate	0.109	44B	phenanthrene *	1.0
	endrin	0.050	45B	pyrene *	1.0
14P	CHAIN			Na Alexander and	
		0.062	46B	1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	1.0
14P 15P 16P	endrin aldehyde heptachlor	0.062 0.029	46B	1,2,4-trichlorobenzene	1.0

OTHER TOXIC POLLUTANTS

Antimony, Total	MDL ug/l (ppb) 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
Thailium, Total	1.0
Zinc, Total	5.0
Asbestos	**
Cyanide, Total	10.0
Phenols, Total	50.0
TCDD	**
MTBE (Methyl Tert Butyl Ether)	1.0

^{**} 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 determined in Section 8.3.2, whichever concentration would be larger. (40 CFR Part 136 Appendix B Method 624 and 625 subparts 8.3.1 and 8.3.11).

C. MONITORING AND REPORTING

Monitoring

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

2. Reporting

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

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

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management RIPDES Program 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908

- Submittal of DMRs using NetDMR.
 - a. Within six (6) months of the effective date of this permit the permittee shall begin submitting its monitoring data to DEM electronically using NetDMR. When the permittee begins submitting DMRs using NetDMR, it is no longer required to submit hard copies of DMRs to DEM.
 - b. Submittal of Reports as NetDMR Attachments

Unless otherwise specified in this permit, the permittee must submit electronic copies of documents in NetDMR that are directly related to the DMR. These include the following:

DMR Cover Letters

All other reports should be submitted to DEM in hard copy form via regular US mail.

c. Submittal of Requests and Reports to DEM

The following requests, reports, and information described in this permit shall be submitted to the DEM as a hard copy via regular US mail:

- Transfer of Permit notice
- Request for change in chemical additive products in accordance with Part I.A.9

These reports, information, and requests shall be submitted to DEM by hard copy mail to the following address:

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management RIPDES Program 235 Promenade Street

Providence, RI 02908

d. Submittal of Reports in Hard Copy Form.

The following notifications and reports shall be submitted as hard copy with a cover letter describing the submission. These reports shall be signed and dated with originals submitted to DEM.

- Written notifications required under Part II;
- Notice of unauthorized discharges;
- Amendments to the Residuals Management Plan;

This information shall be submitted to DEM at the following address:

Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management RIPDES Program 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908

e. Verbal Reports and Verbal Notifications

Any verbal reports or verbal notifications, if required in Parts I and/or II of this permit, shall be made to the DEM. This includes verbal reports and notifications which require reporting within 24 hours. (See Part II.(i)(5) General Requirements for 24-hour reporting). Verbal reports and verbal notifications shall be made to DEM at (401) 222-4700 or (401) 222-3070 at night.

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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 <u>violates</u> 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 precedures, 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 faise 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) <u>Planned changes</u>. The permittee shall give notice to the Director as soon as possible of any planned physical afterations 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) <u>Transfers</u>. 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) <u>Monitoring reports.</u> 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, climinate, 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) <u>Unanticipated bypass.</u> 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) <u>Burden of proof.</u> 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. §§690! 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, <u>DEM may make the information available to the pubic without further notice</u>.
- (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.

(v) 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.

cu. M/day or M3/day

cubic meters per day

mg/l

milligrams per liter

uy/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 Kjeldohl nitrogen as nitrogen

Total N

total nitrogen

NH₃-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 hydregen 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

m1/I

milliliter(s) per liter

NO3-N

nitrate nitrogen as nitrogen

NO2-N

nitrite nitrogen as nitrogen

NO₃-NO₂

combined nitrate and nitrite nitrogen as nitrogen

 Ci_2

total residual chlorine

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RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT OFFICE OF WATER RESOURCES 235 PROMENADE STREET PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND 02908-5767

STATEMENT OF BASIS

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

RIPDES PERMIT NO.

RI0023841

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

Stone Bridge Fire District 1761 Main Road Tiverton, RI 02878

NAME AND ADDRESS OF FACILITY WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

Stone Bridge Fire District Water Treatment Plant

Quintal Drive Tiverton, RI 02878

RECEIVING WATER:

Stafford Pond (Water Body ID # RI0007037L-01)

CLASSIFICATION:

AA

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

The above named applicant has applied to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) for reissuance of a RIPDES permit to discharge into the designated receiving water. The facility is involved in the production of potable water. The water treatment plant was permitted to discharge from four (4) separate outfalls all with direct discharges to Stafford Pond. Outfall 001 is from a 12" black ductile iron pipe equipped with a 90° elbow and is an emergency overflow of potable water from the water treatment plant's clearwell. Outfall 002 was from a 10" cast iron pipe and is used to drain the clear "supernatant" water from the lower settling tank prior to its annual cleaning. Outfalls 003 and 004 were both from 4" white PVC pipes that discharged treated filter backwash from the upper settling tank. Outfall 003 consisted of routine discharges of treated filter backwash water from the upper settling tank and discharged approximately 40,000 gallons/day. Outfall 004 was used for emergency overflows of treated filter backwash from the upper settling tank and would only discharge if outfall 003 became clogged.

A National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit to discharge into Stafford Pond from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) was originally issued to the facility on March 30, 1979. In December 1982 the facility eliminated its wastewater discharge by incorporating a closed loop system into its treatment process and the NPDES permit was subsequently never reissued. In May 2001 the EPA implemented the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule that regulated the recycling of backwash water within drinking water plants. To comply with the requirements of the Filter Backwash Recycling Rule, the facility resumed its discharge back to Stafford Pond in May 2001. As a result a RIPDES discharge permit was issued to the facility on May 18, 2011. Since the May 18, 2011 permit was issued, the Stone Bridge Fire District (SBFD) eliminated the discharges from outfalls 002, 003, and 004 and capped these outfall pipes so that

there is no potential for a future discharge from these pipes. Due to the elimination of the discharges from these outfalls, the May 18, 2011 permit was formally modified by the DEM on July 19, 2012. In addition, the permittee developed a Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) documenting what procedures are in place to prevent discharges from outfall 001 with the exception of temporary overflows during emergency conditions. Due to the temporary and emergency nature of the discharges from outfall 001, the DEM also modified the SBFD's permit to only authorize discharges from outfall 001 during emergency conditions in accordance with the approved SOP and to require reporting of flow from outfall 001. The May 18, 2011 permit became effective on August 1, 2011, since that date no discharges have been reported by the facility. As a result historical monitoring data is not available and has not been included.

II. Permit Limitations and Conditions

The effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and any implementation schedule (if required) may be found in the draft permit.

III. Permit Basis and Explanation of Effluent Limitation Derivation

Facility Information

The Stone Bridge Fire District (SBFD) is a water supplier that serves a population of approximately 8,000 in the Town of Tiverton. The SBFD also sells treated water to the Town of Portsmouth. The SBFD has a single water treatment facility which utilizes sand filtration and chlorination treatment.

Under the current treatment process the plant treats raw surface water in a series of steps. Raw water is first pumped from Stafford Pond and dosed with polyaluminum chloride, activated carbon, and a non-ionic polymer. The combined raw water, polyaluminum chloride, activated carbon, and polymer are pumped into a rapid mix tank where a "floc" is formed. Water then exits the rapid mix tank and enters a clarifier tank where the solids settle out. After the clarifier tank, water is passed through sand filters to filter out any remaining solids. Finally, after being treated through the sand filters, the water is dosed with sodium hypochlorite for disinfection and orthophosphate for corrosion control and is stored in the clearwell prior to discharge to the collection system.

Solids that are removed in the clarifier tank and the sand filter are automatically backwashed to the lower settling tank, for settling of large solids, and then pumped to the upper settling tank, for settling of fine solids. All solids that are settled out in the lower and upper settling tanks are pumped into an on-site drying bed, where the solids are dried and disposed of off-site. The SBFD process diagram is included in **Attachment A**.

Discharge Location

Outfall 001 will discharge during emergency conditions to Stafford Pond. Stafford Pond (Water Body ID # RI0007037L-01) is designated in the RI Water Quality Regulations as Water Use Classification "AA". Water quality classifications define the water quality goals of a surface water body, or a portion thereof, by designating the use or uses of the water and by setting criteria as necessary to protect the uses. Water quality standards are intended to protect public health, safety and welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act and Chapter 46-12 of the General Laws of Rhode Island. Class AA waters are designated as a sources of public drinking water supply (PDWS) or as tributary waters within a public drinking water supply watershed, for primary and secondary contact recreational activities and for fish and wildlife habitat. These waters shall have excellent aesthetic value. Stafford Pond is also designated as a warm water fishery. Stafford Pond is currently listed as impaired and does not adequately support fish and wildlife habitat due to impacts from Phosphorus (Total), Dissolved

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Oxygen, and excess Algal Growth. A water quality restoration plan called a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) was developed by the DEM Office of Water Resources and was approved on March 23, 1999.

Permit Limits

Due to the fact that outfalls 002, 003, and 004 were eliminated and outfall number 001 is only active during emergency conditions flow monitoring is the only discharge monitoring requirement that has been included in this permit. Flow monitoring will be used to ensure that Outfall 001 only discharges during emergency conditions in accordance with the facility's approved Standard Operating Procedure dated February 3, 2012. Since discharges will only occur during emergencies, no other limits are required.

Residuals Management Requirements

Water treatment plant residuals form when suspended solids in the raw water react with chemicals such as coagulants added in the treatment processes. Some potable water treatment processes generate residuals that are relatively easy to process and dispose of. For example, leaves, limbs, logs, and other large floating debris separated from water during the initial screening process can be disposed of at conventional solid waste landfills. However, most other treatment processes produce more complex residual waste streams that may require advanced processing and disposal methods to protect human health and the environment. For a typical filtration water treatment system such as the one in operation at the SBFD's water treatment plant, the typical disposal options for these residuals consist of the following: landfilling, directly discharging to the sanitary sewer under authorization of the local industrial pretreatment program, or by shipping the residuals to a facility which possesses an effective Solid Waste Beneficial Use Determination (BUD) issued by the DEM Office of Waste Management. This permit requires that the facility comply with its approved Residuals Management Plan dated April 28, 2016 and revised May 24, 2016. The Residuals Management Plan identifies how the residuals generated at the facility will be handled and ultimately disposed. The SBFD is required to review the Residuals Management Plan annually and update it as necessary. All updates are subject to DEM review and approval. The specific Residuals Management Plan requirements can be found in the permit.

Stormwater

This permit does not authorize the discharge of storm water from the facility. The SBFD water treatment plant falls under Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) 4941 – Water Supply, which applies to establishments primarily engaged in distributing water for sale for domestic, commercial, and industrial use. Based on the RIPDES Program's review it has been determined that facilities that fall under SIC code 4941 are not required to obtain permit coverage for stormwater discharges.

Anitbacksliding/Antidegradation

The Anitbacksliding Provision of the Clean Water Act (found at Section 402(o) and repeated at 40 CFR 122.44(I)) prohibits reissuing a permit containing less stringent effluent limits than the comparable limits from the previous permit. The draft permit is being issued with limitations as stringent as or more stringent than those in the previous permit modification with no change to the outfall location. Therefore, antidegradation requirements are being met.

General

The effluent monitoring requirements have been specified in accordance with RIPDES regulations as well as 40 CFR 122.41(j), 122.44(l), and 122.48 to yield data representative of the discharge. The

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remaining general and specific conditions of the permit are based on the RIPDES regulations as well as 40 CFR Parts 122 through 125 and consisting primarily of management requirements common to all permits.

IV. 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.

V. 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
Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management
RIPDES Program
235 Promenade Street

Providence, Rhode Island 02908 Telephone: (401) 222-4700, ext. 7715

Email: brian.lafaille@dem_ri.gov

8/24/16 Date

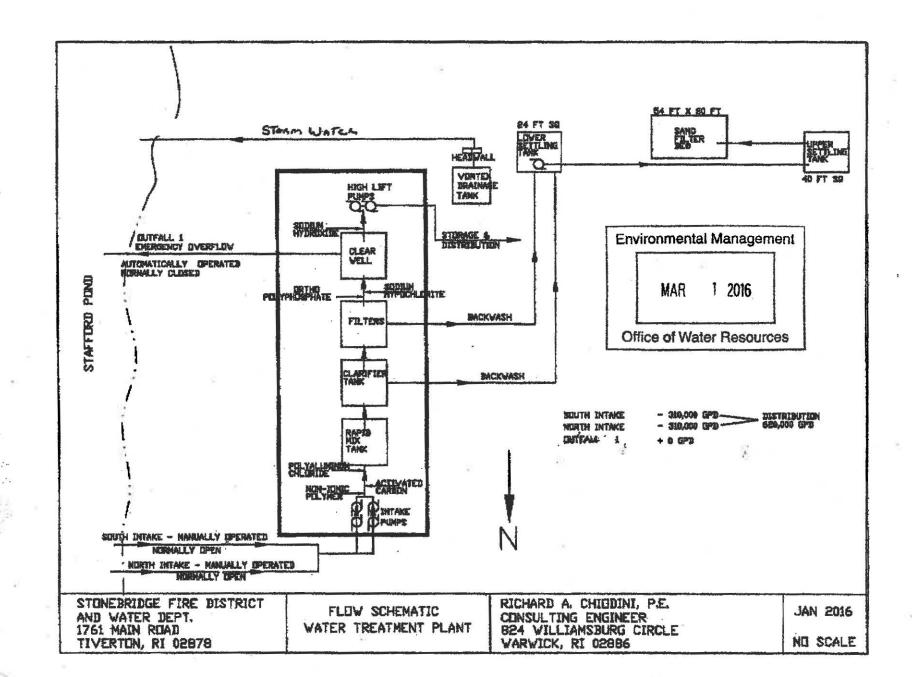
Joseph B. Haberek, PE

Principal Sanitary Engineer

Department of Environmental Management

ATTACHMENT A:

STONE BRIDGE FIRE DISTRICT'S WATER TREATMENT PLANT PROCESS DIAGRAM



RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

NO SIGNIFICANT COMMENTS WERE RECEIVED ON THE DRAFT PERMIT FOR THIS FACILITY; THEREFORE, NO RESPONSE WAS PREPARED.

HEARING REQUESTS

If you wish to contest any of the provisions of this permit, you may request a formal hearing within thirty (30) days of receipt of this letter. The request should be submitted to the Administrative Adjudication Division at the following address:

Bonnie Stewart, Clerk
Department of Environmental Management
Office of Administrative Adjudication
One Capitol Hill
Second Floor
Providence, RI 02903

Any request for a formal hearing must conform to the requirements of Rule 49 of the State Regulations.

STAYS OF RIPDES PERMITS

Should the Department receive and grant a request for a formal hearing, the contested conditions of the permit will not automatically be stayed. However, the permittee, in accordance with Rule 50, may request a temporary stay for the duration of adjudicatory hearing proceedings. Requests for stays of permit conditions should be submitted to the Office of Water Resources at the following address:

Angelo S. Liberti, P.E. Chief of Surface Water Protection Office of Water Resources 235 Promenade Street Providence, Rhode Island 02908

All uncontested conditions of the permit will be effective and enforceable in accordance with the provisions of Rule 49.