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Subject: **NPDES Permit No. TN0056626**
Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC)
Pikeville, Bledsoe County, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Makohon:

In accordance with the provisions of the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act, Tennessee Code Annotated (T.C.A.), Sections 69-3-101 through 69-3-120, the Division of Water Resources hereby issues the enclosed NPDES Permit. The continuance and/or reissuance of this NPDES Permit is contingent upon your meeting the conditions and requirements as stated therein.

Please be advised that a petition for permit appeal may be filed, pursuant to T.C.A. Section 69-3-105, subsection (i), by the permit applicant or by any aggrieved person who participated in the public comment period or gave testimony at a formal public hearing whose appeal is based upon any of the issues that were provided to the commissioner in writing during the public comment period or in testimony at a formal public hearing on the permit application.

Additionally, for those permits for which the department gives public notice of a draft permit, any permit applicant or aggrieved person may base a permit appeal on any material change to conditions in the final permit from those in the draft, unless the material change has been subject to additional opportunity for public comment.

Any petition for permit appeal under this subsection (i) shall be filed with the Technical Secretary of the Water Quality, Oil and Gas Board within thirty (30) days after public notice of the commissioner's decision to issue or deny the permit. A copy of the filing should also be sent to TDEC's Office of General Counsel.

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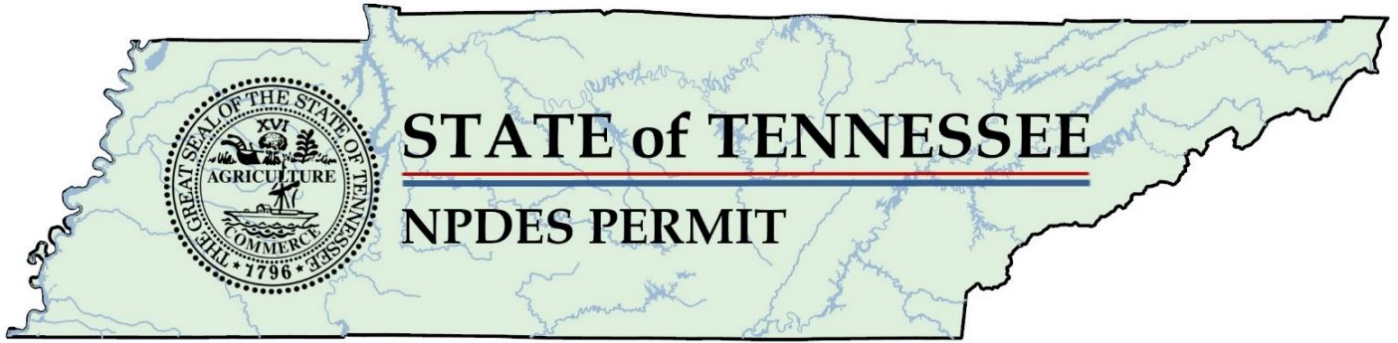
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**Authorization to Discharge Under the
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Permit Number TN0056626**

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Under authority of the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act of 1977 (T.C.A. 69-3-101 et seq.) and the delegation of authority from the United States Environmental Protection Agency under the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977 (33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.)

Permittee: **Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC)
Bledsoe County Correctional Complex (BCCX)**

is authorized to discharge: treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001
from a facility located at: 1045 Horsehead Road, Pikeville, Bledsoe County, Tennessee
to receiving waters named: Mill Creek at mile 1.0 to Glade Creek at mile 3.8
in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.

This permit shall become effective on: **June 1, 2023**

This permit shall expire on: **April 30, 2028**

Issuance date: **May 22, 2023**


for Jennifer Dodd
Director

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PART 1

1. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1.1. NUMERIC AND NARRATIVE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) at the Bledsoe County Correctional Complex (BCCX) is authorized to discharge treated domestic wastewater from Outfall 001 to Mill Creek at mile 1.0 to Glade Creek at mile 3.8. Discharge 001 consists of domestic wastewater from a treatment facility with a design capacity of 0.315 MGD. Additionally, the permittee is authorized to discharge an additional 0.315 MGD of treated domestic wastewater to land application.

1.1.1. Limitations – Direct Discharge

Discharge from Outfall 001 shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

Outfall 001							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
00300	Oxygen, dissolved (DO)	>=	6.0	mg/L	Grab	5/week	Instantaneous Minimum
00400	pH	>=	6.5	SU	Grab	5/week	Minimum
00400	pH	<=	9.0	SU	Grab	5/week	Maximum
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<=	68	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<=	60	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<=	22.8	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<=	17.1	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<=	25.9	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	<=	45	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average
00545	Settleable Solids	<=	1.0	mL/L	Grab	5/week	Daily Maximum
00600	Nitrogen, total (as N)	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Weekly	Daily Maximum
00600	Nitrogen, total (as N)	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Weekly	Monthly Average
00600	Nitrogen, total (as N)	Report	-	lb/d	Composite	Weekly	Daily Maximum
00600	Nitrogen, total (as N)	Report	-	lb/d	Composite	Weekly	Monthly Average
00600	Nitrogen, total (as N)	<=	2,737	lb/yr	Calculated	Annual	Rolling Average
00665	Phosphorus, total (as P)	Report	-	lb/d	Composite	Weekly	Daily Maximum



00665	Phosphorus, total (as P)	Report	-	lb/d	Composite	Weekly	Monthly Average
00665	Phosphorus, total (as P)	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Weekly	Monthly Average
00665	Phosphorus, total (as P)	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Weekly	Daily Maximum
00665	Phosphorus, total (as P)	<=	547	lb/yr	Calculated	Annual	Rolling Average
50050	Flow	Report	-	MGD	Continuous	Daily	Monthly Average
50050	Flow	Report	-	MGD	Continuous	Daily	Daily Maximum
50060	Chlorine, total residual (TRC)	<=	0.02	mg/L	Grab	5/week*	Daily Maximum
51040	E. coli	<=	487	#/100mL	Grab	3/week	Daily Maximum
51040	E. coli	<=	126	#/100mL	Grab	3/week	Monthly geometric mean
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	<=	11.4	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	<=	45	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	<=	30	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	<=	38	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	<=	14.5	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	<=	17.1	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
84066	Oil and grease visual	Report	-	Y=1;N=0	Visual	2/week	Daily Maximum
TRP3B	IC25 Static Renewal 7 Day Chronic Ceriodaphnia	>=	100	%	Composite	Annual	Minimum
TRP6C	IC25 Static Renewal 7 Day Chronic Pimephales promelas	>=	100	%	Composite	Annual	Minimum

* Sampling for TRC only required if UV disinfection is not functional. Otherwise, monitoring is not required.

Outfall 001 - Summer							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	3.7	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	1.1	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	1.86	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	2.8	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	1.4	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	0.7	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average

Outfall 001 - Winter							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	1.8	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	1.2	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	2.4	mg/L	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	4.8	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Weekly Average
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	6.4	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Daily Maximum
00610	Nitrogen, Ammonia total (as N)	<=	3.2	lb/d	Composite	3/week	Monthly Average

Outfall 001 - Percent Removal							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
80358	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C, % removal	>=	40	%	Calculated	3/week	Daily Minimum
80358	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C, % removal	>=	85	%	Calculated	3/week	Monthly Average Minimum
81011	TSS, % removal	>=	85	%	Calculated	3/week	Monthly Average Minimum
81011	TSS, % removal	>=	40	%	Calculated	3/week	Daily Minimum

INF1 - Raw Sewage Influent							
Code	Parameter	Qualifier	Value	Unit	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency	Statistical Base
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Three Per Week	Daily Maximum
00530	Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Three Per Week	Monthly Average
50050	Flow	Report	-	MGD	Continuous	Daily	Daily Maximum
50050	Flow	Report	-	MGD	Continuous	Daily	Monthly Average
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Three Per Week	Daily Maximum
80082	CBOD, 5-day, 20 C	Report	-	mg/L	Composite	Three Per Week	Monthly Average

Notes on Outfall 001:

Unless elsewhere specified, summer months are May through October; winter months are November through April.

See **Part 1.2.3** for test procedures.

The permittee may collect more *E. coli* samples than specified as the monitoring frequency in the permit. Samples may not be collected at intervals of less than 12 hours. For the purpose of determining the geometric mean, individual samples having an *E. coli* group concentration of less than 1 per 100 mL shall be considered as having a concentration of 1 per 100 mL. In

addition, the concentration of the *E. coli* group in any individual sample shall not exceed a specified maximum amount.

Each daily load is calculated by multiplying the day's sample concentration (mg/L) by the effluent flow rate (MGD) for the day the sample was collected and the conversion factor 8.34 lbs/gal.

$$Load = \left(\frac{Effluent}{Concentration} \right) * \left(\frac{Effluent\ flow\ for\ the\ day\ the}{day\ the\ sample\ was\ collected} \right) * (8.34)$$

The average pound per day is the mathematical average where the sum of all the calculated loads during the current month and previous 11 months is divided by the number of calculated loads.

$$Average\ Pounds\ per\ Day = \left(\frac{Sum\ of\ All\ Loads\ in\ \frac{lbs}{day}\ During\ the\ Current\ Month\ and\ the\ Previous\ 11\ Months}{Total\ Number\ of\ Loads\ Calculated\ During\ the\ Current\ Month\ and\ Previous\ 11\ Months} \right)$$

The annual rolling load (lb/year) for the current month is calculated and reported monthly using the data from the current month and previous 11 months. Each annual rolling load is calculated by multiplying the average of all sample loads for the current month and the previous 11 months by 365 days.

$$Annual\ Rolling\ Load = \left(\frac{Sum\ of\ All\ Loads\ in\ \frac{lbs}{day}\ During\ the\ Current\ Month\ and\ Previous\ 11\ Months}{Total\ Number\ of\ Loads\ Calculated\ During\ the\ Current\ Month\ and\ Previous\ 11\ Months} \right) * (365)$$

1.1.2. Limitations - Land Application

The Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC) at the Bledsoe County Correctional Complex (BCCX) is also authorized to land apply treated municipal wastewater. The spray irrigation system shall be limited to 0.315 MGD and monitored by the permittee as specified below:

Parameter	Limit	Sample Type	Sampling Point	Frequency	Statistical Base
Flow	0.315 MGD	Continuous	Effluent to spray fields	Continuous	Monthly Average
Flow	Report	Calculated from pump run times	Effluent to spray fields	Continuous	Daily Maximum
BOD ₅	45 mg/L	Grab	Effluent to spray fields	1/month	Daily Maximum
Total Nitrogen	Report	Grab	Effluent to spray fields	1/month	Daily Maximum
Ammonia as N	Report	Grab	Effluent to spray fields	1/month	Daily Maximum
<i>E. coli</i>	941 #/100 mL	Grab	Effluent to spray fields	1/month	Daily Maximum

The permittee has a reasonable obligation to prevent public access to the spray irrigation system. The permittee shall use gates and fencing at designed vehicular access points to the spray irrigation areas to prohibit unauthorized vehicular



entry. The permittee shall utilize any combination of man-made physical or vegetative barriers or geological features and natural vegetative barriers at other approaches to the spray irrigation area to limit vehicular access and discourage pedestrian access. All designs are subject to Division approval. The permittee must disinfect the wastewater in order to meet the above *E. Coli* limit, but *E. Coli* monitoring and reporting is not required if fields are fenced.

The spray field operation shall maintain a 100 foot buffer zone between the spray area and water features (stream, ponds, etc.) and points of potential contact (roads, boundaries with public access, etc.).

This permit allows the operation of a wastewater collection, treatment, and storage system with disposal of treated wastewater through approved land application areas. There shall be no discharge of wastewater to any surface waters or to any location where it is likely to enter surface waters. There shall be no discharge of wastewater to any open throat sinkhole. In addition, the spray irrigation system shall be operated in a manner preventing the creation of a health hazard or a nuisance.

The land application component shall be operated and maintained to ensure complete hydraulic infiltration within the soil profile, transmission of the effluent away from the point of application, and full utilization of the soil profile as a portion of the treatment system.

Instances of surface saturation, ponding or pooling within the land application area as a result of system operation are prohibited. Instances of surface saturation, ponding or pooling shall be promptly investigated and noted on the Monthly Operations Report. The report shall include details regarding location(s), determined cause(s), the actions taken to eliminate the issue, and the date the corrective actions were made. Any instances of surface saturation, ponding or pooling not associated with a major precipitation event not corrected within three days of discovery shall be reported to the local Environmental Field Office at that time for investigation. Surface saturation, ponding or pooling resulting in the discharge of treated wastewater into waters of the State or to locations where it is likely to move to Waters of the State shall be immediately reported to the local Environmental Field Office, unless the discharge is separately authorized by a NPDES permit.

The site shall be inspected by the certified operator or his/her designee, at a minimum, once per fourteen days (default) OR in accordance with an operating and maintenance inspection schedule in the permit administrative file record. The default inspection frequency will apply if an operating and maintenance



inspection schedule is not submitted to be a part of the permit administrative file record. The operating and maintenance inspection schedule shall at a minimum evaluate the following via onsite visits or telemetry monitoring or a combination of the two:

- The condition of the treatment facility security controls (doors, fencing, gates, etc.);
- The condition of the spray area security controls (doors, fencing, gates, etc.);
- The condition of the site signage;
- The operational status of the mechanical parts of the treatment system (pumps, filters, telemetry equipment, etc.);
- The condition of the UV bulbs (if applicable);
- The condition of the land application area including the location of any ponding;
- The name of the inspector; and
- The description of any corrective actions.

Submission of the schedule, or revisions to the schedule, may be submitted to the Division electronically. The schedule shall be submitted on or before the effective date of the permit. The permittee is responsible for maintaining evidence that the schedule, or revisions, have been submitted to the Division.

1.1.3. Narrative Conditions - Direct Discharge

The authorized discharge shall not:

- Result in distinctly visible solids, scum, foam, oily slick, or the formation of slimes, bottom deposits, or sludge banks of such size or character as may be detrimental to fish and aquatic life.
- Result in total suspended solids, turbidity, or color in such amounts or character that will result in any objectionable appearance to the receiving water, considering the nature and location of the water.
- Contain pollutants in quantities that will be hazardous or otherwise detrimental to humans, livestock, wildlife, plant life, or fish and aquatic life in the receiving stream.

Sludge or any other material removed by any treatment works must be disposed of in a manner that prevents its entrance into or pollution of any surface or subsurface waters. Additionally, the disposal of such sludge or other material must be in compliance with the Tennessee Solid Waste Disposal Act, Tennessee Code Annotated (Tenn. Code Ann.) §68-31-101 et seq. and the Tennessee Hazardous Waste Management Act, Tenn. Code Ann. §68-46-101 et. seq.



1.2. MONITORING PROCEDURES

1.2.1. Representative Sampling

Samples and measurements taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified herein shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge and shall be taken after treatment and prior to mixing with uncontaminated stormwater runoff or the receiving stream. Appropriate flow measurement devices and methods consistent with accepted scientific practices shall be selected and used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements of the volume of monitored discharges. The devices shall be installed and calibrated by a qualified source at least once every 12 months¹, and maintained to ensure that the accuracy of the measurements is consistent with accepted capability of that type of device. Devices selected shall be capable of measuring flows with a maximum deviation of plus or minus 10% from the true discharge rates throughout the range of expected discharge volumes.

Composite samples must be proportioned by flow at the time of sampling. Aliquots may be collected manually or automatically. The sample aliquots must be maintained at $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$ during the compositing period, or as otherwise specified in 40 CFR §136 or in the method.

Samples and measurements taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified above shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge, and shall be taken at the following location(s):

Influent samples must be collected prior to mixing with any other wastewater being returned to the head of the plant, such as sludge return. Those systems with more than one influent line must collect samples from each and proportion the results by the flow from each line.

Effluent samples must be representative of the wastewater being discharged and collected prior to mixing with any other discharge or the receiving stream. This can be a different point for different parameters but must be after all treatment for that parameter or all expected changes. Specifically:

- a) The chlorine residual must be measured after the chlorine contact chamber and any dechlorination. It may be to the advantage of the permittee to measure at the end of any long outfall lines.

¹ The Division expects for permittees to meet EPA's guidance on proper operation and maintenance of flow measurement devices, as stated in the [NPDES Compliance Inspection Manual](#).



- b) Samples for *E. coli* can be collected at any point between completion of disinfection and the actual discharge.
- c) The dissolved oxygen (DO) can drop in the outfall line; therefore, DO measurements are required at the discharge end of outfall lines greater than one mile long. Systems with outfall lines less than one mile may measure dissolved oxygen as the wastewater leaves the treatment facility. For systems with dechlorination, DO must be measured after this step and as close to the end of the outfall line as possible.
- d) Total suspended solids (TSS) and settleable solids can be collected at any point after the final clarifier.
- e) Biomonitoring tests (if required) shall be conducted on final effluent.

1.2.2. Sampling Frequency

The permittee should report "No Discharge" on Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) only if a permitted outfall does not discharge at any time during the monitoring period. If the outfall discharges effluent at any time during the monitoring period, the permittee must provide at least one sampling result from the effluent of that outfall.

If the required monitoring frequency is once per month or 1/month, the monitoring period is one month. If the discharge occurs during only one day in that period, the permittee must sample on that day and report the results of analyses accordingly.

1.2.3. Test Procedures

- a) Test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall conform to regulations published pursuant to Section 304 (h) of the Clean Water Act (the "Act"), as amended, under which such procedures may be required.
- b) Unless otherwise noted in the permit, all pollutant parameters shall be determined using sufficiently sensitive methods in Title 40 CFR § 136, as amended, and promulgated pursuant to Section 304 (h) of the Act. The chosen methods must be sufficiently sensitive as required in state rule 0400-40-03-.05(8).
- c) If the minimum level of quantification (ML) for all methods available in accordance with 40 CFR § 136 are above the stated permit limit or applicable



water quality criteria for that parameter, then the method with the lowest ML shall be used.

- d) Where the analytical results are below the method detection limit (MDL), the permittee shall report the actual laboratory MDL and ML values. See **Section 1.3.6.** for instructions regarding reporting less than detection.
- e) When there is no analytical method that has been approved under 40 CFR §136 or required under 40 CFR chapter I, subchapter N or O, and a specific method is not otherwise required by the Director, the permittee may use any suitable method but shall provide a description of the method. When selecting a suitable method, factors such as a method's precision, accuracy, or resolution must be considered when assessing the performance of the method.

1.2.4. Recording of Results

For each measurement or sample taken pursuant to the requirements of this permit, the permittee shall record the following information:

- i. The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
- ii. The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
- iii. The date analyses were performed;
- iv. The individual(s) who performed the analyses;
- v. The laboratory where the analyses were performed;
- vi. The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- vii. The results of such analyses.

1.2.5. Records Retention

The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for 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 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application. This period may be extended by request of the Director at any time.

1.3. REPORTING

1.3.1. Monitoring Results

Monitoring results shall be recorded monthly and submitted monthly on Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) using EPA's [NetDMR](#) website. The first DMR is due on the 15th of the month following permit effectiveness. Subsequent DMRs



shall be submitted through NetDMR no later than 15 days after the completion of the reporting period. In compliance with the Federal NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule, DMRs may not be submitted via email under any circumstances.

Discharge Monitoring Reports and any other information or report must be signed and certified by a responsible corporate officer as defined in Tennessee Rules, Chapter [0400-40-05-.07\(2\)\(i\)](#), a general partner or proprietor, a principal municipal executive officer or ranking elected official, or his or her duly authorized representative. Such authorization must be submitted in writing and must explain the duties and responsibilities of the authorized representative.

In the event that electronic reporting is unavailable, the permittee shall comply with reporting conditions provided in **Section 1.7**.

1.3.2. Additional Monitoring by Permittee

If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR § 136, 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 or other reporting form specified by the Commissioner. Such increased frequency shall also be indicated.

1.3.3. Falsifying Results and/or Reports

Knowingly making any false statement on any report required by this permit or falsifying any result may result in the imposition of criminal penalties as provided for in Section 309 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, and in § 69-3-115 of the Tennessee Water Quality Control Act.

1.3.4. Monthly Report of Operation – Land Application

Monthly Operational Reports (MORs) for land application shall be submitted by the 15th day of the month following data collection. Reports shall be submitted by one of the following methods, presented below in order of preference:

- 1) Using [MyTDEC Forms](#), if available.
- 2) Submitting both a signed and certified copy in pdf format, uploaded as an attachment to NetDMR, *and* a copy of the native format spreadsheet file emailed to DWRWW.Report@tn.gov and TDEC.Chattanooga.EFO@tn.gov.



3) Submitting signed and certified forms to the EFO at the following address:

*STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402*

1.3.5. Upset and Bypass Reporting

1.3.5.1. Event Report Requirements

For the purpose of this section, “events” are known as instances of upsets and bypasses. These events shall be reported through [MyTDEC Forms](#) according to the following conditions:

- a) Events that are not a threat to human health and the environment shall be reported using MyTDEC Forms no later than 15 days following the completion of the DMR reporting period.
- b) Events that could cause a threat to human health or the environment, as defined in **Section 2.3.1.a.**, shall be reported using MyTDEC Forms no later than 5 days after becoming aware of the non-compliance.

In both cases, the event report must contain the following:

- i. Start date;
- ii. Estimated duration in hours;
- iii. Estimated volume in gallons;
- iv. Type of event;
- v. Type of structure (e.g., manhole);
- vi. Types of human health and environmental impacts;
- vii. Location (i.e., latitude and longitude);
- viii. The name of receiving water (if applicable);
- ix. Description of the cause;
- x. The steps being taken to correct, reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance; and

In the event that MyTDEC Forms is not functioning, the permittee shall comply with reporting conditions provided in **Section 1.7**.



1.3.6. Reporting Less Than Detection; Reporting Significant Figures

For the purpose of evaluating compliance with the permit limits established herein, where certain limits are below the minimum level (ML) of 40 CFR § 136 approved analytical methods, compliance will be demonstrated when a non-detect result is obtained using the most sensitive method available. The results of non-detect analyses, in this case, shall be reported as Below Detection Limit (BDL) or "NODI = B" in NetDMR. Reporting examples are provided below.

Reporting Example 1: If the permit limit is 0.02 mg/L with a method detection limit (MDL) of 0.05 mg/L and no detection is shown, the permittee must report "BDL" or "NODI = B" on DMRs in NetDMR. Whenever "BDL" or "NODI = B" is reported, the actual MDL must be reported in the DMR comments or in an attachment submitted in NetDMR.

Reporting Example 2: If the permit limit is 0.02 mg/L with an MDL of 0.05 mg/L and detection is shown, the actual detected value must be reported.

Reporting Example 3: If the permit limit is 0.02 mg/L with an MDL of 0.01 mg/L and no detection is shown, the permittee must report less than MDL (<0.01 mg/L in this case).

For purposes of calculating averages, zero may be assigned for values less than the MDL, the numeric value of the MDL may be assigned for values between the MDL and the ML. If the average value is less than the MDL, the permittee must report "less than {numeric value of the MDL}" and if the average value is less than the ML, the permittee must report "less than {numeric value of the ML}." If a value is equal to or greater than the ML, the permittee must report and use the actual value. The resulting average value must be compared to the compliance level, the ML, in assessing compliance.

Reported results are to correspond to the number of significant figures (decimal places) set forth in the permit conditions. The permittee shall round values, if allowed by the method of sample analysis, using a uniform rounding convention adopted by the permittee.

1.4. REOPENER CLAUSE

This permit shall be modified, or alternatively revoked and reissued, to comply with any applicable effluent standard or limitation issued or approved under Sections 301(b)(2)(C) and (D), 307(a)(2), and 405(d)(2)(D) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, if the effluent standard, limitation, or sludge disposal requirement so issued or approved:



- a) Contains different conditions or is otherwise more stringent than any condition in the permit; or
- b) Controls any pollutant or disposal method not addressed in the permit.

The permit as modified or reissued under this paragraph shall also contain any other requirements of the Act then applicable.

1.5. SCHEDULE OF COMPLIANCE

Full compliance and operational levels shall be attained from the effective date of this permit, except for conditions under compliance schedules. See **Section 1.1.** for numeric and narrative requirements.

1.6. ELECTRONIC REPORTING

This permit requires the submission of forms developed by the Director in order for a person to comply with certain requirements, including, but not limited to, making reports, submitting monitoring results, and applying for permits. The Director may make these forms available electronically and, if submitted electronically, then that electronic submission shall comply with the requirements of Chapter [0400-01-40](#). Electronic submission is required when available unless waived by the Commissioner in accordance with 40 C.F.R. § 127.15.

In the event of large-scale emergencies and/or prolonged electronic reporting system outages, an episodic electronic reporting waiver may be granted by the Commissioner in accordance with 40 CFR § 127.15. A request for a deadline extension or episodic electronic reporting waiver should be submitted to DWRWater.Compliance@tn.gov, in compliance with the Federal NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule.

If an episodic electronic reporting waiver is granted, reports with wet-ink original signatures shall be mailed to the following address:

*STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
COMPLIANCE & ENFORCEMENT UNIT
William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102*

For purposes of determining compliance with this permit, data provided to the Division electronically is legally equivalent to data submitted on signed and certified forms. A copy must be retained for the permittee's files.



PART 2

2. GENERAL PERMIT REQUIREMENTS

2.1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

2.1.1. Duty to Comply

The permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.

2.1.2. Duty to Reapply

The permittee is not authorized to discharge after the expiration date of this permit. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the expiration date, the permittee shall submit such information and forms as are required to the Division Director no later than 180 days prior to the expiration date. Such forms shall be properly signed and certified.

2.1.3. Proper Operation and Maintenance

- a) The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances, including but not limited to collection and conveyance systems) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Low pressure pumps, low pressure tanks, septic tank effluent pumps (STEP), STEP tanks, and septic tank effluent gravity tanks are integral to the treatment and conveyance of sewage in a low-pressure system design, and shall be owned or under control of the municipality, other body of government, public utility district, or a privately-owned public utility demonstrating lawful jurisdiction over the service area. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems, which are installed by a permittee only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.
- b) Dilution water shall not be added to comply with effluent requirements to achieve BCT, BPT, BAT, or other technology based effluent limitations such as those established in Tennessee Rule [0400-40-05-.09](#).



2.1.4. Duty to Provide Information

The permittee shall also furnish to the Director, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

2.1.5. Right of Entry

The permittee shall allow the Director, the Regional Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, or their authorized representatives, upon the presentation of credentials, to:

- a) Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records shall be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- b) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that shall be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- c) Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- d) Sample or monitor at reasonable times for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Director.

2.1.6. Availability of Reports

Except for data determined to be confidential under Section 308 of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the Division's offices or via the Department's [dataviewer webpage](#). As required by the Federal Act, effluent data shall not be considered confidential.

2.1.7. Treatment Facility Failure (Industrial Sources)

The permittee, in order to maintain compliance with this permit, shall control production, all discharges, or both, upon reduction, loss, or failure of the treatment facility until the facility is restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided. This requirement applies in such situations as the reduction, loss, or failure of the primary source of power.

2.1.8. Property Rights

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to



private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations.

2.1.9. Severability

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

2.1.10. Other Information

If the permittee becomes aware of failure to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or of submission of incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Director, then the permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information.

2.2. CHANGES AFFECTING THE PERMIT

2.2.1. 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. Notice is required only when:

- a) The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source as defined in Rule [0400-40-05-02](#);
- b) The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR § 122.42(a)(1); or
- c) The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices.

2.2.2. Permit Modification, Revocation, or Termination

- a) This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause as described in 40 CFR § 122.62 and § 122.64, Federal Register, Volume 49, No. 188 (Wednesday, September 26, 1984), as amended. Causes for such permit action include but are not limited to the following:
 - i. Violation of any terms or conditions of the permit;



- ii. Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts; and
 - iii. A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the permitted discharge.
- b) 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.
- c) If any applicable effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established for any toxic pollutant under Section 307(a) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended, the Director shall modify or revoke and reissue the permit to conform to the prohibition or to the effluent standard, providing that the effluent standard is more stringent than the limitation in the permit for the toxic pollutant. The permittee shall comply with these effluent standards or prohibitions within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified or revoked and reissued to incorporate the requirement.
- d) The filing of a request by the permittee for a modification, revocation, reissuance, termination, or notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not halt any permit condition.

2.2.3. Change of Ownership

Except as provided in Tennessee Rule Chapter [0400-40-05-.06\(5\)](#)(a) or (b), this permit may be transferred to another party (provided there are neither modifications to the facility or its operations, nor any other changes which might affect permit limits and conditions contained in the permit) by the permittee if:

- a) The permittee notifies the Director of the proposed transfer at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date;
- b) The notice includes a written agreement between the existing and new permittees containing a specified date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between them; and
- c) The permittee shall provide the following information to the Director in the permittee's formal notice of intent to transfer ownership:



- i. The permit number of the subject permit;
- ii. The effective date of the proposed transfer;
- iii. The name, address, and contact information of the transferor;
- iv. The name, address, and contact information of the transferee;
- v. The names of the responsible parties for both the transferor and transferee;
- vi. A statement that the transferee assumes responsibility for the subject permit;
- vii. A statement that the transferor relinquishes responsibility for the subject permit;
- viii. The signatures of the responsible parties for both the transferor and transferee pursuant to the signatory requirements of subparagraph (i) of Rule [0400-40-05-.07\(2\)](#); and
- ix. A statement regarding any proposed modifications to the facility, its operations, or any other changes, which might affect the permit, limits and conditions contained in the permit.

2.2.4. Change of Mailing Address

The permittee shall promptly provide to the Director written notice of any change of mailing address. In the absence of such notice, the original address of the permittee will be assumed to be correct.

2.3. NONCOMPLIANCE

2.3.1. Reporting of Noncompliance

a) 24-hour Reporting:

In the case of any noncompliance, or any release (whether or not caused by improper operation and maintenance), which could cause a threat to human health or the environment, the permittee shall:

- i. Report the noncompliance or release to the Commissioner within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. Such noncompliance or release includes, but is not limited to, any unanticipated bypass exceeding any effluent limitation, any upset exceeding any effluent limitation, and violations of any maximum daily effluent limitation identified in the permit as requiring 24-hour reporting. (The EFO should be contacted for names and phone numbers of the environmental response team.)

- ii. Submit a written report within five days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. The permittee shall provide the following information:
 1. A description of and the cause of the noncompliance or release;
 2. The period of noncompliance or release, including start and end dates and times i.e. duration or, if not corrected, the anticipated time the noncompliance or release is expected to continue;
 3. The steps being taken to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance or release; and
 4. For POTWs or domestic wastewater treatment plants, reporting any dry weather overflow, wet weather overflow, dry weather release, wet weather release, combined sewer overflow, or bypass, this written report must also include the following:
 - I. Type of event;
 - II. Type of sewer overflow, release, or bypass structure (e.g., manhole, combined sewer overflow outfall);
 - III. Estimated volume (gallons);
 - IV. Types of human health and environmental impacts;
 - V. Location (latitude and longitude);
 - VI. Estimated duration (hours);
 - VII. The next downstream pump station (for overflows and releases only); and
 - VIII. The name of receiving water (if applicable).
 - iii. Industrial dischargers that do not treat domestic waste shall comply with subpart a) ii. 4. of this subparagraph with respect to bypasses only.
 - iv. For overflows, releases, bypasses, upsets and washouts, the report required by a) ii. Shall be submitted electronically via MyTDEC Forms.
- b) Other Noncompliance.
- i. All permittees shall report each instance of noncompliance or any release (whether or not caused by improper operation and maintenance), not reported under sub-part a) at the time of submitting the next routine monitoring report, including all information required by sub-parts a) ii. 1-3.



- ii. In addition to the information required by part i of this sub-part, POTWs and domestic wastewater treatment plants shall submit a written report containing the information required by sub-part a) ii. 4. If these events are caused by an extreme weather event, the Commissioner may provide a written waiver of some or all of these reporting requirements.
- iii. In addition to the information required by sub-part i, industrial dischargers shall submit a written report of bypasses containing the information required by sub-part a) i. 4. This part does not relieve industrial dischargers from any applicable reporting requirements of 40 C.F.R. Part 117 (2021) and 40 C.F.R. Part 302 (2021).

2.3.2. Overflows and Releases

- a) For publicly owned treatment works (POTW) or domestic wastewater treatment plants, sanitary sewer overflows, including dry-weather overflows and wet weather overflows, are prohibited.
- b) Releases caused by improper operation and maintenance, which is to be determined by the Commissioner based on the totality of the circumstances, are prohibited.
- c) The permittee shall operate the collection, transmission, and treatment system so as to avoid sanitary sewer overflows and releases due to improper operation or maintenance. A “release” may be due to improper operation or maintenance of the collection system or may be due to other cause(s).
- d) The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact associated with overflows and releases.
- e) No new or additional flows shall be added upstream of any point in the collection, transmission, or treatment system that experiences greater than 5 sanitary sewer overflows and/or releases per year² or would otherwise overload any portion of the system. Unless there is specific enforcement action to the contrary, the permittee is relieved of this requirement after:
 - 1) An authorized representative of the Commissioner of the Department of Environment and Conservation has approved an engineering report

² This includes dry weather overflows, wet weather overflows, dry weather releases and wet weather releases.



and construction plans and specifications prepared in accordance with accepted engineering practices for correction of the problem;

- 2) The correction work is underway; and
- 3) The cumulative, peak-design flows potentially added from new connections and line extensions upstream of any chronic overflow or release point are less than or proportional to the amount of inflow and infiltration removal documented upstream from that point.

The inflow and infiltration reduction must be measured by the permittee using practices that are customary in the environmental engineering field and reported in an attachment to the permittee's DMR and uploaded to NetDMR. The data measurement period shall be sufficient to account for seasonal rainfall patterns and seasonal groundwater table elevations.

- f) In the event that chronic sanitary sewer overflows or releases have occurred from a single point in the collection system for reasons that may not warrant the self-imposed moratorium of the actions identified in this paragraph, the permittee may request a meeting with Division EFO staff to petition for a waiver based on mitigating evidence.
- g) For industrial dischargers, the discharge of pollutants from any location other than a permitted outfall is prohibited.

2.3.3. Upset

- a) An upset shall constitute an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limitations if the permittee demonstrates, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - i. An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - ii. The permitted facility was at the time being operated in a prudent and workman-like manner and in compliance with proper operation and maintenance procedures;
 - iii. The permittee submitted information required under "Reporting of Noncompliance" within 24 hours of becoming aware of the upset (if this information is provided orally, a written submission must be provided within five days); and
 - iv. The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under "Adverse Impact".



- b) In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the affirmative defense of an upset has the burden of proof.

2.3.4. Adverse Impact

The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize any adverse impact to the waters of Tennessee resulting from noncompliance with this permit, including such accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the noncomplying discharge. It shall not be a defense for the 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.

2.3.5. Bypass

- a) Bypasses (see subpart 4.1) are prohibited unless all the following conditions are met:
 - i. The bypass is unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
 - ii. There are no feasible alternatives to 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 back-up 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 preventative maintenance; and
 - a. For anticipated bypass, the permittee submits prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass, or
 - b. For unanticipated bypass, the permittee submits notice of an unanticipated bypass within 24 hours from the time that the permittee becomes aware of the bypass.
- b) Bypasses that do not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded may be allowed only if the bypass is necessary for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. The permittee must sample and report the discharge during each bypass to demonstrate that the bypass does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded.

2.3.6. Washout

- a) For domestic wastewater plants only, a "washout" shall be defined as loss of Mixed Liquor Suspended Solids (MLSS) of 30.00% or more. This refers to the MLSS in the aeration basin(s) only. This does not include MLSS decreases due



to solids wasting to the sludge disposal system. A washout can be caused by improper operation or from peak flows due to inflow and infiltration.

- b) A washout is prohibited. If a washout occurs the permittee must report the incident to the Division in the appropriate EFO within 24 hours by telephone. A written submission must be provided within five days. The washout must be noted on that month's DMR. Each day of a washout is a separate violation.

2.4. LIABILITIES

2.4.1. Civil and Criminal Liability

Except as provided in permit conditions for "*Bypass*" (**Section 2.3.5**), "*Overflows and Releases*" (**Section 2.3.2**), and "*Upset*" (**Section 2.3.3**), nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee from civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance. Notwithstanding this permit, the permittee shall remain liable for any damages sustained by the State of Tennessee, including, but not limited to, fish kills and losses of aquatic life and/or wildlife as a result of the discharge of wastewater to any surface or subsurface waters. Additionally, notwithstanding this permit, it shall be the responsibility of the permittee to conduct its wastewater treatment and/or discharge activities in a manner such that public or private nuisances or health hazards will not be created.

2.4.2. Liability Under State Law

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 or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, as amended.



PART 3

3. PERMIT SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS

3.1. CERTIFIED OPERATOR

The waste treatment facilities shall be operated under the supervision of a certified wastewater treatment operator, and the collection system shall be operated under the supervision of a certified collection system operator in accordance with the Water Environmental Health Act of 1984.

3.2. BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

All sludge and/or biosolids use or disposal must comply with 40 CFR § 503 *et seq.* Biosolids shall be sampled and analyzed at a frequency dependent on the amount used annually.

Any facility that land applies non-exceptional quality biosolids must obtain an appropriate permit from the Division in accordance with Chapter [0400-40-15](#).

- a) Reopener: If an applicable "acceptable management practice" or numerical limitation for pollutants in sewage sludge promulgated under Section 405(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act, as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, is more stringent than the sludge pollutant limit or acceptable management practice in this permit, or controls a pollutant not limited in this permit, this permit shall be promptly modified or revoked and reissued to conform to the requirements promulgated under Section 405(d)(2). The permittee shall comply with the limitations by no later than the compliance deadline specified in the applicable regulations as required by Section 405(d)(2) of the Clean Water Act.
- b) Notice of change in sludge disposal practice: The permittee shall give prior notice to the Director of any change planned in the permittee's sludge disposal practice. If land application activities are suspended permanently and sludge disposal moves to a municipal solid waste landfill, the permittee shall contact the local Division of Solid Waste Management office address for other permitting and approvals.

STATE OF TENNESSEE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT
Chattanooga Environmental Field Office
1301 Riverfront Parkway, Suite 206
Chattanooga, Tennessee 37402
(423)634-5745

3.3. BIOMONITORING REQUIREMENTS, CHRONIC

The permittee shall conduct a 3-Brood *Ceriodaphnia dubia* Survival and Reproduction Test and a 7-Day Fathead Minnow (*Pimephales promelas*) Larval Survival and Growth Test on samples of final effluent from Outfall 001.

The measured endpoint for toxicity will be the inhibition concentration causing 25% reduction in survival, reproduction and growth (IC₂₅) of the test organisms. The IC₂₅ shall be determined based on a 25% reduction as compared to the controls, and as derived from linear interpolation. The average reproduction and growth responses will be determined based on the number of *Ceriodaphnia dubia* or *Pimephales promelas* larvae used to initiate the test.

Tests shall be conducted and results reported based on appropriate replicates of a total of five serial dilutions and a control, using the percent effluent dilutions as presented in the following table:

Serial Dilutions for Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing					
Permit Limit (PL)	0.50 X PL	0.25 X PL	0.125 X PL	0.0625 X PL	Control
% effluent					
100	50	25	12.5	6.25	0

The dilution/control water used will be moderately hard water as described in [Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater Organisms](#), EPA-821-R-02-013 (or the most current edition). A chronic standard reference toxicant quality assurance test shall be conducted with each species used in the toxicity tests and the results submitted with the discharge monitoring report. Additionally, the analysis of this multi-concentration test shall include review of the concentration-response relationship to ensure that calculated test results are interpreted appropriately.

Toxicity will be demonstrated if the IC₂₅ is less than or equal to the permit limit indicated for each outfall in the above table(s).

All tests will be conducted using a minimum of three 24-hour, flow-proportionate composite samples of final effluent (e.g., collected on days 1, 3, and 5). If, in any control more than 20% of the test organisms die in 7 days, the test (control and effluent) is considered invalid and the test shall be repeated within two (2) weeks. Furthermore, if the results do not meet the acceptability criteria in the above-referenced *Short-term Methods* document, or if the required concentration-response review fails to yield a valid relationship per guidance contained in *Method Guidance and Recommendations for Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing*, EPA-821-B-00-004 (or the most current edition), that test shall be repeated. Any test initiated but terminated before completion must also be reported along with a complete explanation for the termination.

The toxicity tests specified herein shall be conducted yearly (1/yr) for Outfall 001 and begin no later than 90 days from the effective date of this permit.

In the event of a test failure, the permittee must start a follow-up test within 2 weeks and submit results from a follow-up test within 30 days from obtaining initial WET testing results. The follow-up test must be conducted using the same serial dilutions as presented in the corresponding table(s) above. The follow-up test will not negate an initial failed test. In addition, the failure of a follow-up test will constitute a separate permit violation.

In the event of 2 consecutive test failures or 3 test failures within a 12-month period for the same outfall, the permittee must initiate a Toxicity Identification Evaluation/Toxicity Reduction Evaluation (TIE/TRE) study within 30 days and so notify the Division by letter. This notification shall include a schedule of activities for the initial investigation of that outfall. During the term of the TIE/TRE study, the frequency of biomonitoring shall be once every three months. Additionally, the permittee shall submit progress reports once every three months throughout the term of the TIE/TRE study. The toxicity must be reduced to allowable limits for that outfall within 2 years of initiation of the TIE/TRE study. Subsequent to the results obtained from the TIE/TRE studies, the permittee may request an extension of the TIE/TRE study period if necessary, to conduct further analyses. The final determination of any extension period will be made at the discretion of the Division.

The TIE/TRE study may be terminated at any time upon the completion and submission of 2 consecutive tests (for the same outfall) demonstrating compliance. Following the completion of TIE/TRE study, the frequency of monitoring will return to a regular schedule, as defined previously in this section as well in Part I of the permit. During the course of the TIE/TRE study, the permittee



will continue to conduct toxicity testing of the outfall being investigated at the frequency of once every three months but will not be required to perform follow-up tests for that outfall during the period of TIE/TRE study.

Test procedures, quality assurance practices, determinations of effluent survival/reproduction and survival/growth values, and report formats will be made in accordance with [Short-Term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Water to Freshwater Organisms](#), EPA-821-R-02-013, or the most current edition. Results of tests, reference toxicant information, copies of raw data sheets, statistical analysis, and chemical analyses shall be compiled in a report also written in accordance with the *Short-term Methods* document above.

A copy of the biomonitoring report (including any follow-up reports) shall be submitted to the Division as an attachment to the monthly DMR in NetDMR.

3.4. PLACEMENT OF SIGNS

Within 60 days of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall place and maintain a sign at each outfall and any overflow/release point in the collection system or the nearest publicly accessible location. For the purposes of this requirement, any point that has had a total of 5 or more overflows plus releases in the previous 12 months must be so posted. The sign(s) should be clearly visible to the public from the bank and the receiving stream. The *minimum* sign size should be two feet by two feet (2' x 2') with one-inch (1") letters. The sign should be made of durable material and have a white background with black letters.

The sign(s) are to provide notice to the public as to the nature of the discharge and, in the case of the permitted outfalls, that the discharge is regulated by the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Division of Water Resources. The following are given as examples of the minimal amount of information that must be included on the signs:

NPDES Permitted Municipal/Sanitary Outfall:

TREATED MUNICIPAL/SANITARY WASTEWATER
Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC)
Bledsoe County Correctional Complex (BCCX)
(615) 253-8101
NPDES Permit NO. TN0056626
TENNESSEE DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES
1-888-891-8332 ENVIRONMENTAL FIELD OFFICE - Chattanooga



The permittee shall place a sign at the entrance to the land application area if fenced, or all reasonable approaches to the land application area. The sign should be clearly visible to the public.

Land Application Area:

TREATED WASTEWATER SPRAY IRRIGATED PLOTS
Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC)
Bledsoe County Correctional Complex (BCCX)
(615) 253-8101
NPDES Permit No. TN0056626
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3.5. SPRAY SITE MANAGEMENT

This permit allows an additional 0.315 MGD of treated wastewater effluent to be land applied by spray irrigation system. The spray irrigation system must have appropriate site management practices to ensure that the nitrogen design assumptions will be achieved. The cover crop must be able to uptake the prescribed amount of nitrogen (100 lbs/acre/year). This requirement shall not be construed to warrant any use of the harvested product and the permittee shall assume full responsibility for its proper use or disposal.



PART 4

4. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

All terminology not specifically defined herein shall be defined in accordance with the Water Quality Control Act of 1977, T.C.A. Title 69, Chapter 3, Part 1 and Tennessee Rule 0400-40-05. The following terms have the meanings given below unless otherwise specified.

4.1. DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this permit, **annually** is defined as a monitoring frequency of once every 12 months beginning with the effective date of this permit, so long as the following set of measurements for a given 12 month period are made approximately 12 months subsequent to that time.

Biosolids are treated sewage sludge that have contaminant concentrations less than or equal to the contaminant concentrations listed in Table 1 of subparagraph (3)(b) of Rule [0400-40-15-.02](#), meet any one of the ten vector attraction reduction options listed in part (4)(b)1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, or 10 of Rule [0400-40-15-.04](#), and meet either one of the six pathogen reduction alternatives for Class A listed in part (3)(a)3, 4, 5, 6, 7, or 8, or one of the three pathogen reduction alternatives for Class B listed in part (3)(b)2, 3, or 4 of Rule [0400-40-15-.04](#).

Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.

A **calendar day** means the 24-hour period from midnight to midnight or any other 24-hour period that reasonably approximates the midnight to midnight time period.

Combined sewer overflow or "CSO" means a discharge from a combined sewer system (CSS) at a point prior to the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) treatment plant headworks.

Combined sewer system or "CSS" means a wastewater collection system owned by a State or municipality which was originally designed to convey sanitary wastewaters (domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewaters) and stormwater through a single-pipe system into a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) treatment plant headworks.



A **composite sample** means a combination of not less than eight influent or effluent portions (aliquots), collected over a 24-hour period. Under certain circumstances a lesser time period may be allowed, but in no case less than eight hours. A sufficient volume of sample to perform all required analyses plus any additional amount for quality control must be obtained. For automatic samplers that use a peristaltic pump, a minimum 100 ml aliquot must be obtained.

The **daily maximum amount** means the total amount of any pollutant in the discharge by weight during any calendar day.

The **daily maximum concentration** is a limitation on the average concentration in units of mass per volume (e.g. milligrams per liter) of the discharge during any calendar day. When a proportional-to-flow composite sampling device is used, the daily maximum concentration is the concentration of that 24-hour composite; when other sampling means are used, the daily maximum concentration is the arithmetic mean of the concentrations of equal volume samples collected during any calendar day or sampling period.

Degradation means the alteration of the properties of waters by the addition of pollutants, withdrawal of water, or removal of habitat, except those alterations of a short duration.

De Minimis is degradation of a small magnitude, as provided in this paragraph:

- (a) Discharges and withdrawals:
 1. Subject to the limitation in part 3 of this subparagraph, a single discharge other than those from new domestic wastewater sources will be considered de minimis if it uses less than five percent of the available assimilative capacity for the substance being discharged.
 2. Subject to the limitation in part 3 of this subparagraph, a single water withdrawal will be considered de minimis if it removes less than five percent of the 7Q10 flow of the stream.
 3. If more than one activity described in part 1 or 2 of this subparagraph has been authorized in a segment and the total of the authorized and proposed impacts uses no more than 10% of the assimilative capacity, or 7Q10 low flow, they are presumed to be de minimis. Where the total of the authorized and proposed impacts uses 10% of the assimilative capacity, or 7Q10 low flow, additional degradation may only be treated as de minimis if the Division finds on a scientific basis that the additional degradation has an insignificant effect on the resource.
- (b) Habitat alterations authorized by an Aquatic Resource Alteration Permit (ARAP) are de minimis if the Division finds that the impacts, individually and



cumulatively, are offset by impact minimization and/or in-system mitigation, provided however, in Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) the mitigation must occur within the ONRW.

Discharge or **discharge of a pollutant** refers to the addition of pollutants to waters from a source.

A **dry weather overflow** means a sanitary sewer overflow that is not directly related to a rainfall event.

An **ecoregion** is a relatively homogeneous area defined by similarity of climate, landform, soil, potential natural vegetation, hydrology, or other ecologically relevant variables.

The **geometric mean** of any set of values means the n^{th} root of the product of the individual values where n is equal to the number of individual values. The geometric mean is equivalent to the antilog of the arithmetic mean of the logarithms of the individual values. For the purposes of calculating the geometric mean, values of zero shall be considered to be one.

A **grab sample** means a single sample collected at a particular time.

IC₂₅ means the inhibition concentration in which at least a 25% reduction in reproduction and/or growth in test organisms occurs.

Industrial discharger means those industries identified in the standard industrial classification manual, Bureau of the Budget, 1987, as amended and supplemented, under the category "Division D - Manufacturing" and such other classes of significant waste producers as the Board or Commissioner deems appropriate.

Industrial wastes means any liquid, solid, or gaseous substance, or combination thereof, or form of energy including heat, resulting from any process of industry, manufacture, trade, or business or from the development of any natural resource.

The **instantaneous maximum concentration** means the concentration, in units of mass per volume, of any pollutant parameter in a grab sample taken at any point in time.



The ***instantaneous minimum concentration*** means the minimum concentration, in units of mass per volume, of a pollutant parameter in a grab sample taken at any point in time.

LC₅₀ means the concentration that causes at least 50% lethality of the test organisms.

Major facility means a municipal or domestic wastewater treatment plant with a design capacity of one million gallons per day or greater; or any other facility or activity classified as such by the Commissioner.

Minor facility means any facility that is not a major facility.

The ***monthly average amount*** means the arithmetic mean of all the measured daily discharges by weight during the calendar month when the measurements were made.

The ***monthly average concentration***, means the arithmetic mean of all samples collected in a one calendar-month period, expressed in units of mass per volume of any pollutant other than bacteria.

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System or ***NPDES*** means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of the federal CWA. The term includes an "approved program."

New or increased discharge is a new discharge of pollutants to waters of the state or an increase in the authorized loading of a pollutant above either (1) numeric effluent limitations established in a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit for that discharge, or (2) if no such limitations exist, the actual discharges of that pollutant.

New source means any building, structure, facility, area, or installation from which there is or may be a "discharge of pollutants," the construction of which commenced after the publication of state or federal regulations prescribing a standard of performance.

Nitrate (as N) means nitrate reported as nitrogen.



A **one-week period** (or **calendar-week**) means the period from Sunday through Saturday. For weekly average reporting purposes, a calendar week that contains a change of month shall be considered part of the latter month.

Owner or **operator** means any person who owns, leases, operates, controls, or supervises a source.

Person means an individual, association, partnership, corporation, municipality, state or federal agency, or an agent or employee thereof.

Point source means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, landfill leachate collection system, vessel, or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural stormwater runoff.

Pollutant means sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes.

Pollution means such alteration of the physical, chemical, biological, bacteriological, or radiological properties of the waters of this state including, but not limited to, changes in temperature, taste, color, turbidity, or odor of the waters that will:

- (a) Result or will likely result in harm, potential harm, or detriment to the public health, safety, or welfare;
- (b) Result or will likely result in harm, potential harm, or detriment to the health of animals, birds, fish, or aquatic life;
- (c) Render or will likely render the waters substantially less useful for domestic, municipal, industrial, agricultural, recreational, or other reasonable uses; or
- (d) Leave or likely leave the waters in such condition as to violate any standards of water quality established by the Board.

Quarter means any one of the following three-month periods: January 1 through March 31, April 1 through June 30, July 1 through September 30, and/or October 1 through December 31.

Rainfall event means any occurrence of rain, preceded by 10 hours without precipitation that results in an accumulation of 0.01 inches or more. Instances of



rainfall occurring within 10 hours of each other will be considered a single rainfall event.

Rationale or **fact sheet** means a document that is prepared when drafting an NPDES permit or permit action. It provides the technical, regulatory and administrative basis for an agency's permit decision.

A **reference site** means the least impacted waters within an ecoregion that have been monitored to establish a baseline to which alterations of other waters can be compared.

A **reference condition** is a parameter-specific set of data from regional reference sites that establish the statistical range of values for that particular substance at least-impacted streams.

Release means the flow of sewage from any portion of the collection or transmission system owned or operated by a publicly owned treatment works (POTW) or a domestic wastewater treatment plant, other than through permitted outfalls, that does not reach waters. In addition, a "release" includes a backup into a building or private property that is caused by blockages, flow conditions, or other malfunctions originating in the collection or transmission system owned or operated by the permittee. A "release" does not include:

- (a) Backups into a building or private property caused by blockages or other malfunctions originating in a private lateral;
- (b) Events caused by vandalism;
- (c) Events caused by lightning strike;
- (d) Events caused by damage due to third parties working on other utilities in the right of way, e.g., cross bore from telecommunications line; or
- (e) Events that are directly incidental to planned, preventative, or predictive maintenance provided the site is under the direct control of a certified operator or contractor, public access is restricted, and the site is disinfected.

Sanitary sewer overflow or **SSO** means an unpermitted discharge of wastewater from the collection, transmission, or treatment system other than through the permitted outfall.



Schedule of compliance means a schedule of remedial measures including an enforceable sequence of actions or operations leading to compliance with an effluent limitation, condition of a permit, other limitation, prohibition, standard, or regulation. This term includes, but is not limited to, schedules authorized by national effluent limitations guidelines or by Tennessee's water quality standards.

The term ***semi-annually***, for the purposes of this permit, means the same as once every 6 months. Measurements of the limited effluent parameters may be made any time during a 6 month period beginning from the effective date of this permit, so long as the second set of measurements for a given 12 month period are made approximately 6 months subsequent to that time, if feasible.

Severe property damage, when used to consider the allowance of a bypass, 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.

Sewage means water-carried waste or discharges from human beings or animals, from residences, public or private buildings, or industrial establishments, or boats, together with such other wastes and ground, surface, storm, or other water as may be present

Sewerage system means the conduits, sewers, and all devices and appurtenances by means of which sewage and other waste is collected, pumped, treated, or disposed.

Sludge or ***sewage sludge*** is solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Sewage sludge includes, but is not limited to, domestic septage; scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes; and a material derived from sewage sludge. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or grit and screenings generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works.

Source means any activity, operation, construction, building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be the discharge of pollutants.

Standard of performance means a standard for the control of the discharge of pollutants that reflects the greatest degree of effluent reduction that the



Commissioner determines to be achievable through application of the best available demonstrated control technology, processes, operating methods, or other alternatives, including, where practicable, a standard permitting no discharge of pollutants.

Stream means a surface water that is not a wet weather conveyance.

Subcoregion is a smaller, more homogenous area that has been delineated within an ecoregion.

Total dissolved solids or **TDS** means nonfilterable residue.

Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based 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.

The term **washout** is applicable to domestic wastewater activated sludge plants and means a loss of mixed liquor suspended solids (MLSS) of 30.00% or more from the aeration basin(s).

Waters means any and all water, public or private, on or beneath the surface of the ground, which are contained within, flow through, or border upon Tennessee or any portion thereof, except those bodies of water confined to and retained within the limits of private property in single ownership which do not combine or effect a junction with natural surface or underground waters.

Watercourse means a man-made or natural hydrologic feature with a defined linear channel that discretely conveys flowing water, as opposed to sheet-flow.

Weekly average amount means the arithmetic mean of all the measured daily discharges by weight during the calendar week when the measurements were made.

Weekly average concentration means the arithmetic mean of all the concentrations expressed in units of mass per volume of any pollutant measured in a calendar week.



Wet weather conveyance means, notwithstanding any other law or rule to the contrary, man-made or natural watercourses, including natural watercourses that have been modified by channelization:

- (a) That flow only in direct response to precipitation runoff in their immediate locality;
- (b) Whose channels are at all times above the groundwater table;
- (c) That are not suitable for drinking water supplies; and
- (d) In which hydrological and biological analyses indicate that, under normal weather conditions, due to naturally occurring ephemeral or low flow there is not sufficient water to support fish, or multiple populations of obligate lotic aquatic organisms whose life cycle includes an aquatic phase of at least two months.

Wet weather overflow means a sanitary sewer overflow that is directly related to a specific rainfall event.

Wet weather release means a release that is directly related to a specific rainfall event.

4.2. ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

1Q10	–	1-day minimum, 10-year recurrence interval
30Q5	–	30-day minimum, 5-year recurrence interval
7Q10	–	7-day minimum, 10-year recurrence interval
BAT	–	best available technology economically achievable
BCT	–	best conventional pollutant control technology
BDL	–	below detection limit
BOD ₅	–	five-day biochemical oxygen demand
BPT	–	best practicable control technology currently available
CBOD ₅	–	five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand
CEI	–	compliance evaluation inspection
CFR	–	code of federal regulations
CFS	–	cubic feet per second
CFU	–	colony forming units
CIU	–	categorical industrial user
CSO	–	combined sewer overflow
DMR	–	discharge monitoring report
D.O.	–	dissolved oxygen



<i>E. coli</i>	-	<i>Escherichia coli</i>
EPA	-	Environmental Protection Agency
EFO	-	environmental field office
GPM	-	gallons per minute
IC ₂₅	-	inhibition concentration causing 25% reduction in survival, reproduction, and growth of the test organisms
IU	-	industrial user
IWS	-	industrial waste survey
LB (lb)	-	pound
LC ₅₀	-	acute test causing 50% lethality
MDL	-	method detection limit
MGD	-	million gallons per day
mg/L	-	milligrams per liter
ML	-	minimum level of quantification
mL	-	milliliter
MLSS	-	mixed liquor suspended solids
MOR	-	monthly operating report
NODI	-	no discharge code in NetDMR
NPDES	-	national pollutant discharge elimination system
PL	-	permit limit
POTW	-	publicly owned treatment works
SAR	-	semi-annual report [pretreatment program]
SIU	-	significant industrial user
SSO	-	sanitary sewer overflow
STP	-	sewage treatment plant
TBEL	-	technology-based effluent limit
TCA	-	Tennessee code annotated
TDEC	-	Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation
TIE/TRE	-	toxicity identification evaluation/toxicity reduction evaluation
TMDL	-	total maximum daily load
TRC	-	total residual chlorine
TSS	-	total suspended solids
WQBEL	-	water quality-based effluent limit



4.3. RESOURCES, HYPERLINKS, AND WEB PAGES

Clean Water Act NPDES Electronic Reporting (eReporting) Information

<https://www.epa.gov/compliance/npdes-ereporting>

Electronic Code of Federal Regulations (eCFR), Title 40 (40 CFR § 1 through § 1099)

<https://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=75202eb5d09974cab585afeea981220b&mc=true&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title40/40chapter1.tpl>

Electronic Reporting (NetDMR) Waiver Request

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/environment/water/documents/wr_ereporting_waiver.pdf

Low Flow Statistics Tools: A How-To Handbook for NPDES Permit Writers (EPA)

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2018-11/documents/low_flow_stats_tools_handbook.pdf

Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms (EPA)

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/acute-freshwater-and-marine-wet-manual_2002.pdf

NetDMR Login

<https://cdxnodengn.epa.gov/net-netdmr/>

NetDMR, MyTDEC Forms, & Electronic Reporting Information

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/netdmr-and-electronic-reporting.html>

NPDES Compliance Inspection Manual (EPA)

<https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2017-01/documents/npdesinspect.pdf>

NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2015/10/22/2015-24954/national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes-electronic-reporting-rule>

Quality System Standard Operating Procedure for Macroinvertebrate Stream Surveys (QSSOP)

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/environment/water/documents/DWR-PAS-P-01-Quality_System_SOP_for_Macroinvertebrate_Stream_Surveys-081117.pdf

Rules of the TN Department of Environment and Conservation, Chapter 0400-40

<https://publications.tnsosfiles.com/rules/0400/0400-40/0400-40.htm>



Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater Organisms (EPA)

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2015-08/documents/short-term-chronic-freshwater-wet-manual_2002.pdf

TDEC Water Quality Rules, Reports, and Publications

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/water-quality/water-quality-reports---publications.html>

Technical Support Document for Water Quality-based Toxics Control (EPA)

<https://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/owm0264.pdf>

Tennessee Nutrient Reduction Framework

https://www.tn.gov/content/dam/tn/environment/water/tmdl-program/wr-ws_tennessee-draft-nutrient-reduction-framework_030315.pdf

Tennessee Plant Optimization Program (TNPOP)

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/tn-plant-optimization-programs/tnpop.html>

Tennessee Water Resources Data and Map Viewers

<https://www.tn.gov/environment/program-areas/wr-water-resources/water-quality/water-resources-data-map-viewers.html>

USGS StreamStats

https://www.usgs.gov/mission-areas/water-resources/science/streamstats-streamflow-statistics-and-spatial-analysis-tools?qt-science_center_objects=0#qt-science_center_objects

USGS SWToolbox

<https://www.usgs.gov/software/swtoolbox-software-information>

RATIONALE

**Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC)
Bledsoe County Correctional Complex (BCCX)
NPDES Permit No. TN0056626
Permit Writer: Sarah Terpstra**

1. PERMIT STATUS & PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Permit Type:	Domestic
Classification:	Minor
Previous Issuance Date:	01-MAR-19
Previous Expiration Date:	30-APR-23
Previous Effective Date:	01-APR-19

As provided under Rule 0400-40-05-.06, this permit allows 30 days for public comment on the proposed permit. The 30-day public comment period begins the date this permit is placed on public notice. The public notice document for this permit can be found at the Division's [Water Notices and Hearings website](#) under "Permit Public Notices".

Public Notice Date:	April 18, 2023
Comment Period Ends:	May 18, 2023

Those wishing to make a formal comment on the proposed permit may submit comments electronically to Water.Permits@tn.gov, or by mail to:

*Division of Water Resources - Water Based Systems Unit
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243-1102*

The public may also request a public hearing on a proposed permit by submitting such a request in writing during the public comment period specified above. The request should indicate the interest of the party filing it and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. A request for public hearing should be submitted as soon as practicable to the addresses provided above. Questions regarding the draft permit may be directed to 1-888-891-TDEC.

2. FACILITY INFORMATION

Permittee Name:	Tennessee Department of Correction (TDOC)
Project Name:	Bledsoe County Correctional Complex (BCCX)
Location:	1045 Horsehead Road, Pikeville, Bledsoe County, Tennessee
Contact:	Mr. Ken Scalf - Director of Facilities, Planning & Construction (615) 253-8101 ken.scalf@tn.gov
Design Flow Rate:	0.315 MGD direct discharge, 0.315 MGD land application
Percentage Industrial Flow:	0 %
Treatment Description:	Sequencing batch reactor with sand filtration and UV disinfection

3. RECEIVING STREAM INFORMATION

Receiving Waterbody:	Mill Creek at mile 1.0 to Glade Creek at mile 3.8			
Watershed Group:	Caney Fork			
Hydrocode:	05130108			
Low Flow:	7Q10 = 0 MGD (0 CFS)			
Low Flow Reference:	BPJ based on small drainage area			
Stream Designated Uses:	<i>Domestic Water Supply</i>	<i>Industrial</i>	<i>Fish & Aquatic Life</i>	<i>Recreation</i>
			X	X
	<i>Livestock & Wildlife</i>	<i>Irrigation</i>	<i>Navigation</i>	<i>Trout</i>
	X	X		

4. NEW PERMIT LIMITATIONS AND COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE SUMMARY

- a) The units for *E. coli* have been standardized to number per 100 mL (#/100 mL). Previously, the Division used either MPN/100 mL or CFU/100 mL. The identification of one of these two units indirectly created a requirement for a specific type of testing methodology. By utilizing #/100 mL unit, permittees are provided the flexibility to select the 40 CFR § 136 method that is most suitable for their operations. The limit value (number) will remain the same as the limit units are functionally equivalent.

Language throughout the permit has been updated to reflect the eReporting phase 2 requirements in 40 CFR § 127. This includes (but is not limited to) detailing specific data elements that are required to be reported for overflows, releases and bypasses as well as pretreatment program information.

b) Compliance Schedule Summary

Description of Report to be Submitted	Reference Section in Permit
Monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports	1.3.1.
Monthly Operational Reports	1.3.4.
Bypass and Overflow and Release Report	1.3.5.1.
Biomonitoring Report beginning within 90 days of the effective permit date	3.3.

c) For comparison, this rationale contains a table depicting the previous permit limits and effluent monitoring requirements in [Appendix 1](#).

5. PREVIOUS PERMIT TERM REVIEW

A review of the permittee’s Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) from April 2019 to February 2023 revealed that the permittee reported numerous violations of permit limits for TSS, ammonia, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and *E. coli*. A summary of data reported on DMRs during the previous permit term is located in [Appendix 2](#). It should be noted that some of the violations identified in the Appendix for total nitrogen and total phosphorus are suspected to be calculation errors. Technical assistance will be provided to the permittee to ensure the annual rolling loads are calculated correctly.

During the previous permit term, Division personnel from the Chattanooga Environmental Field Office performed a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (CEI) of the permittee’s facility. The CEI was performed by Angela Oberschmidt on August 10, 2021, and the permittee was found to be out of compliance. The inspection report described self-reported effluent violations and the recently completed spray irrigation system that was about to come online. It should be noted that the permittee was issued a Director’s Order in 2007 and entered into a Consent Order in 2015 for permit violations. Both Orders have since been closed following compliance with conditions provided in the Orders.

6. PROPOSED EFFLUENT LIMITS AND RATIONALE

PARAMETERS	MONTHLY AVERAGE CONCENTRATION (MG/L)	MONTHLY AVERAGE AMOUNT (LB/DAY)	WEEKLY AVERAGE CONCENTRATION (MG/L)	WEEKLY AVERAGE AMOUNT (LB/DAY)	DAILY MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION (MG/L)	DAILY MAXIMUM AMOUNT (LB/DAY)	RATIONALE
CBOD ₅	11.4	30	14.5	38	17.1	45	D.O. protection, Refer to 6.1 below
NH ₃ -N (summer)	0.7	1.86	1.1	2.8	1.4	3.7	Antidegradation, Refer to 6.4 below
NH ₃ -N (winter)	1.2	3.2	1.8	4.8	2.4	6.4	Antidegradation, Refer to 6.4 below
Total Suspended Solids							Rule 0400-40-05-.09
Dissolved Oxygen	6.0 (daily min) instantaneous	—	—	—	—	—	D.O. protection, Refer to 6.1 below
Total Chlorine Residual	—	—	—	—	0.02	—	Refer to 6.5 below
Total Nitrogen	Report	Report	—	2,737 (annual rolling lb/year)	Report	Report	Refer to 6.6 below
Total Phosphorus	Report	Report	—	547 (annual rolling lb/year)	Report	Report	Refer to 6.6 below
<i>E. coli</i> (#/100mL)	126/100 mL	—	—	—	487/100 mL	—	Rule 0400-40-03-.03 , Refer to 6.7 below
Settleable Solids (mL/L)		—	—	—	1.0	—	Rule 0400-40-05-.09
pH (standard units)	6.5 - 9.0	—	—	—	—	—	Rule 0400-40-03-.03
Flow (MGD):							
Influent	Report	—	—	—	Report	—	Used to quantify pollutant load
Effluent	Report	—	—	—	Report	—	Used to quantify pollutant load
Whole Effluent Toxicity:							
IC ₂₅	100 % per sample	—	—	—	—	—	Refer to 6.8 below
	Monthly Total			Refer to 7 below			
Dry Weather	Overflows	0	Refer to 7 below				
Wet Weather	Overflows	0	Refer to 7 below				

Note: Weekly limitations on BOD₅/CBOD₅ and TSS concentrations are given as required per 40 CFR 133.102(a)(2) or 133.102(a)(4)(2) & 133.102 (b)(2) respectively; daily BOD₅/CBOD₅ and TSS limitations are authorized by T.C.A. 0400-40-05-.09; monthly and weekly mass loads are limited per 40 CFR 122.45(f) and based on the design flow as per 40 CFR 122.45(b); monthly average percent removal rates for BOD₅/CBOD₅ and TSS are required per 40 CFR 133.102(a)(3) or 133.102(a)(4)(iii) and 133.102 (b)(3) respectively. A minimum 40% daily removal rate is required as equivalent to a daily mass load limitation.

6.1. CONVENTIONAL PARAMETERS

6.1.1. CBOD₅ and Dissolved Oxygen

Streeter-Phelps Modeling was performed during a previous issuance of this permit at various conditions to determine allowable organic loadings. This modeling was done when the permittee's discharge was 0.18 MGD. The monthly average limits for CBOD₅ (20 mg/L, 30 lb/day), NH₃-N (summer: 1.24 mg/L³ and 1.86 lb/day; winter: 2.14 mg/L, 3.2 lb/day), and D.O. (6.0 mg/L) were implemented in prior permits to protect the instream dissolved oxygen concentration. Modeling results are located in the permit file administrative record.

When the permittee expanded its discharge from 0.18 MGD to 0.315 MGD, the above concentration limits were adjusted to ensure loading limits were not increased in accordance with State antidegradation provisions. Accordingly, monthly average limits became CBOD₅ (11.4 mg/L and 30 lb/day) and NH₃-N (summer: 0.7 mg/L and 1.86 lb/day; winter: 1.2 mg/L and 3.2 lb/day). The dissolved oxygen limit of 6.0 mg/L is retained. Percent removal requirements for CBOD₅ have been added to this permit. See section 6.1.3. for more information.

6.1.2. Total Suspended Solids (TSS)

Total Suspended Solids is a general indicator of the quality of a wastewater and will be limited in this permit. The technology-based TSS limit for conventional treatment plants is provided in Tennessee Rule [0400-40-05-.09\(1\)\(a\)](#).

TSS - Conventional Secondary Treatment Plants - 0.18 MGD			
<i>Monthly Average</i>	<i>Weekly Average</i>	<i>Daily Maximum</i>	<i>Monthly Average</i>
30 mg/L	40 mg/L	45 mg/L	85 % Removal
45 lb/day	60 lb/day	68 lb/day	

These limitations were included when the permit was issued for a design flow of 0.18 MGD. When the permittee expanded its discharge from 0.18 MGD to 0.315 MGD, the above concentration limits were adjusted to ensure the corresponding loading limits were not increased in accordance with State

³ It should be noted that modeling proposed a summer ammonia limit of 1.45 mg/L, but the summer limit of 1.24 mg/L (and its corresponding 1.86 lb/day) was implemented based on toxicity calculations.

antidegradation provisions. Accordingly, TSS limits became 17.1 mg/L monthly average, 22.8 mg/L weekly average, and 25.9 mg/L daily maximum, as shown below. Additionally, as provided in the rules, this permit will include a monthly average TSS percent removal requirement of 85%. See below for more information.

TSS - Conventional Secondary Treatment Plants			
<i>Monthly Average</i>	<i>Weekly Average</i>	<i>Daily Maximum</i>	<i>Monthly Average</i>
30 mg/L	40 mg/L	45 mg/L	85 % Removal
45 lb/day	60 lb/day	68 lb/day	

6.1.3. Percent Removal

The treatment facility is required to remove 85 % of the CBOD₅ and TSS that enter the facility on a monthly basis. This is part of the minimum requirement for all municipal treatment facilities contained in Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 40 § 133.102. The reasons stated by the EPA for these requirements are to achieve these two basic objectives:

- i. To encourage municipalities to correct excessive inflow and infiltration (I/I) problems in their sanitary sewer systems; and
- ii. To help prevent intentional dilution of the influent wastewater as a means of meeting permit limits.

The treatment facility is required to remove 40 % of the CBOD₅ and TSS that enter the facility on a daily basis. This percent removal will be calculated three times per week and recorded on the Monthly Operation Report. The number of excursions (days when CBOD₅ and/or TSS removal is less than 40%) will be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report.

6.1.4. Settleable Solids

The settleable solids limit of 1 ml/L is a technology-based limit established in Rule [0400-40-05-.09](#).

6.2. FLOW

Monitoring of flow quantifies the load of pollutants to the stream. Flow shall be reported in million gallons per day (MGD) and monitored at the time of sample collection.

6.3. PH

According to the State of Tennessee Water Quality Standards [Chapter [0400-40-03-03\(3\)\(b\)](#)], the pH for the protection of Fish and Aquatic Life shall not fluctuate more than 1.0 unit over a period of 24 hours and shall not be outside the following ranges: 6.0 – 9.0 standard units (SU) in wadeable streams and 6.5 – 9.0 SU in larger rivers, lakes, reservoirs, and wetlands.

6.4. AMMONIA (NH₃-N)

To assess ammonia toxicity impacts, the state utilizes Tennessee Rules, Chapter [0400-40-03-03-3\(3\)\(j\)](#), dated September 11, 2019, to derive allowable instream protection values protective of chronic and acute exposures to a continuous discharge. A mass balance equation with the treatment facility, stream flows, and these allowable values determines the monthly average and daily maximum permit limits.

The temperature used in calculations is determined based on measured ambient instream temperature or is estimated according to Tennessee's Three Grand Divisions as follows: East (winter 15°C, summer 25°C), Middle (winter 17°C, summer 27°C), and West (winter 20°C, summer 30°C).

Using temperature and pH values, the criterion continuous concentration (CCC) and criterion maximum concentration (CMC) values are calculated using the following equations:

$$CCC = 0.8876 * \left(\frac{0.0278}{1 + 10^{7.688 - pH}} + \frac{1.1994}{1 + 10^{pH - 7.688}} \right) * (2.126 * 10^{0.028 * (20 - MAX(T, 7))})$$

and

$$CMC = MIN \left\{ \left(\frac{0.275}{1 + 10^{7.204 - pH}} + \frac{39.0}{1 + 10^{pH - 7.204}} \right), \left(0.7249 * \left(\frac{0.0114}{1 + 10^{7.204 - pH}} + \frac{1.6181}{1 + 10^{pH - 7.204}} \right) * (23.12 * 10^{0.036 * (20 - T)}) \right) \right\}$$

The determined CCC and CMC values are then used in the mass balance equation as follows:

$$CCC = \frac{Q_s C_s + Q_{STP} C_{STP}}{Q_s + Q_{STP}} \quad \text{or} \quad C_{STP} = \frac{CCC(Q_s + Q_{STP}) - (Q_s C_s)}{Q_{STP}}$$

where:

- CCC = Criteria continuous concentration (mg/L)
- Q_S = 7Q10 flow of receiving stream (MGD)
- Q_{STP} = Design flow of STP (MGD)
- C_S = Assumed/Measured instream NH₃ (mg/L)
- C_{STP} = Allowable STP discharge of NH₃ (mg/L)

See below for calculations:

CCC Calculation: Chronic Limits			
	Winter		Summer
Temp (°C)=	15	Temp (°C)=	25
pH=	7.5	pH=	7.5
MAX Expression	15.0000	MAX Expression	25.0000
Winter CCC=	1.92	Summer CCC=	1.01
CCC - Continuous Chronic Criterion Allowable instream NH ₃ concentration [mg/l]			
$CCC = \frac{(\text{Critical Low Flow [MGD]} * \text{Background Ammonia [mg/L]}) + (\text{Design Flow [MGD]} * \text{Effluent Concentration [mg/L]})}{(\text{Critical Low Flow [MGD]} + (\text{Design Flow [MGD]}))}$			
where:	0	Critical Low Flow [MGD] (7Q10 value)	
	0.1	Background Ammonia Concentration [mg/L] *	
	0.315	WWTP Design Flow or long-term average flow [MGD]	
Therefore, the Allowable Effluent Concentrations and corresponding Amounts in winter and summer are:			
	Winter		Summer
	1.92	Concentration [mg/L]	1.009
	5.1	Amount [lb/day]	2.7
* In the absence of measured data, an assumed background concentration of 0.1 mg/L is used based on an Agreed Wasteload Allocation Modeling Methodology between the EPA and State of TN			
CMC Calculation: Acute Limits			
	Winter		Summer
Temp (°C)=	15	Temp (°C)=	25
pH=	7.5	pH=	7.5
MAX Expression	15.0000	MAX Expression	25.0000
Winter CMC=	13.28	Summer CMC=	6.10
CMC - Continuous Maximum Criterion Allowable instream NH ₃ concentration [mg/l]			
$CMC = \frac{(\text{Critical Low Flow [MGD]} * \text{Background Ammonia [mg/L]}) + (\text{Design Flow [MGD]} * \text{Effluent Concentration [mg/L]})}{(\text{Critical Low Flow [MGD]} + (\text{Design Flow [MGD]}))}$			
where:	0	Critical Low Flow [MGD] (7Q10 value)	
	0.1	Background Ammonia Concentration [mg/L]	
	0.315	WWTP Design Flow or long-term average flow [MGD]	
Therefore, the Allowable Effluent Concentrations and corresponding Amounts in winter and summer are:			
	Winter		Summer
	13.28	Concentration [mg/L]	6.102
	34.9	Amount [lb/day]	16.0
* In the absence of measured data, an assumed background concentration of 0.1 mg/L is used based on an Agreed Wasteload Allocation Modeling Methodology between the EPA and State of TN			

The calculated acute and chronic toxicity values above are compared to ammonia limits previously imposed to prevent ammonia toxicity or calculated to protect ambient dissolved oxygen levels. The permit imposes the most stringent values in the analysis. The analysis compares the calculated chronic ammonia value (CCC) with a monthly average limit previously imposed to protect dissolved oxygen or to prevent toxicity. The analysis compares the calculated acute ammonia value (CMC) with the previously imposed daily maximum value to protect dissolved oxygen or to prevent toxicity. Generally, water quality models have predicted the monthly average ammonia limit to protect dissolved oxygen. The Division has historically developed a companion daily maximum value to protect dissolved oxygen by multiplying the monthly average limit by two. Empirical data supports the factor of two developed in consideration of the natural variation in biological pollutant removal and the design basis for treatment unit sizing.

Because the NH₃-N concentration limits calculated in compliance with antidegradation and to protect dissolved oxygen are more restrictive than the toxicity limits calculated above, the previously determined monthly average limits for NH₃-N (0.7 mg/L summer, 1.2 mg/L winter) are retained in the permit.

6.5. CHLORINATION

The total residual chlorine (TRC) limit is derived using the mass balance formula and the EPA acute instream protection value of 0.019 mg/L for fish and aquatic life. Applying this formula yields the following calculation for the TRC daily maximum limit:

$$\frac{0.019 (Q_d + Q_s)}{Q_d} = \text{Limit (mg/L)} = \frac{0.019(0.315 + 0)}{0.315} = 0.019 \text{ mg/L} \approx 0.02 \text{ mg/L}$$

Where:

0.019 mg/L	=	acute instream protection value
0	=	Q _s – 7Q10 flow of receiving stream (MGD)
0.315	=	Q _d – design flow of STP (MGD)

During the previous permit term, the permittee transitioned to UV disinfection instead of chlorine. While the permittee is using UV disinfection, the permittee is not required to sample for TRC and should enter NODI code 9 for “monitoring not required” in NetDMR. This limit is being left in the permit, however, in the event the UV system is not operational (e.g. for maintenance) and the permittee needs to temporarily resume chlorination for disinfection.



6.6. TOTAL NITROGEN AND TOTAL PHOSPHORUS

Nutrients are naturally occurring and essential components of healthy aquatic systems. Excessive amounts of nutrients, however, can impact water quality. The enrichment of a waterbody with nutrients, called eutrophication, can result in dense, rapidly multiplying growths, or blooms, of algal species and other nuisance aquatic plants. These have potential for negatively impacting the habitat for fish and aquatic life and degrading the water quality for drinking water supply and recreation uses. These impacts can present both locally from an individual activity and much further downstream from the cumulative impact of multiple activities. The Division has therefore developed and begun to implement a strategy to accomplish long-term nutrient reduction in Tennessee waters. The strategy, referred to as the [Tennessee Nutrient Reduction Framework](#) (NRF), contains proposed rationale and the methodology for implementing the strategy within a watershed area. Consequently, the Framework considers impacts from both point and non-point sources of nutrients and recommends possible reduction goals for both point and non-point sources. The NRF approach to nutrient reduction is intended to utilize an adaptive management approach in consideration of the facts presenting within a watershed and reevaluation of the effectiveness of progress being made. Regular reassessments of goals and action plans will be conducted by reviewing monitoring data, modeling results and other measures of success. As additional data becomes available (such as WWTP effluent characterization and instream water quality data), model results can be re-evaluated.

The receiving stream has been assessed as unavailable for its designated uses due to Nutrients. Previously, the Division assessed a stream as unavailable for its designated uses due to Total Nitrogen (TN) and/or Total Phosphorus (TP). After reviewing the assessment process, the Division has begun to use the term “nutrients” as the cause instead of specifying TN or TP. The biological systems of a stream will utilize all species of the nutrients. The primary driver of the nutrient impairment will often change as the biological processes continue in the stream. As such, identifying one specific nutrient driver (TN or TP) was not adequately convening the causes of the stream’s impairment. Therefore, the permit will implement limitations on both TN and TP in the proposed permit.

In response to the permittee’s previous expansion, which included land application of treated effluent, the previous permit continued weekly characterization of total nitrogen and total phosphorus and implemented annual rolling loads of 2737 lb/year (total nitrogen) and 547 lb/year (total phosphorus). Previous permits limited monthly average total nitrogen and total phosphorus to 2.9 mg/L & 7.5 lb/day and 0.6 mg/L & 1.5 lb/day, respectively, but the most recent



permit removed these limits and instead imposed corresponding annual rolling loads. This is in part because the Division does not have numeric criteria for TN or TP to protect fish and aquatic life from toxicity, and because the cumulative impacts of nutrient loading – both near and far-field – are of greater concern to receiving streams. See below for calculations of these annual limits:

Total Nitrogen: $7.5 \text{ lb/day} * 365 \text{ days/year} = 2,737 \text{ lb/year}$

Total Phosphorus: $1.5 \text{ lb/day} * 365 \text{ days/year} = 547 \text{ lb/year}$

In coordination with the NRF and in recognition that meeting nutrient limits may require changes in plant operations, the Division has created the Tennessee Plant Optimization Program (TNPOP), which is a free program created to provide technical assistance and other resources to participating wastewater treatment plants. TNPOP can help wastewater treatment plants optimize energy use and nutrient removal, which can result in cost and energy savings. Interested facilities should visit the Division's [TNPOP website](#) for a program description, frequently asked questions, and information on how to apply.

6.7. E. COLI

Disinfection of wastewater is required to protect the receiving stream from pathogenic microorganisms. *E. coli* is used as an indicator organism as a measure of the bacteriological health of a receiving stream and the effectiveness of disinfection. Both the geometric mean and daily maximum are limited for *E. coli* in accordance with Rule [0400-40-03-.03](#). The *E. coli* daily maximum limit of 487 colony forming units per 100 mL applies to lakes and exceptional Tennessee waters. A maximum daily limit of 941 colony forming units per 100 mL applies to all other recreational waters. The units for *E. coli* have been standardized to #/100 mL, which is functionally equivalent to colony forming units.

6.8. BIOMONITORING

The Division evaluates all dischargers for reasonable potential to exceed the narrative water quality criterion “no toxics in toxic amounts”. The Division has determined that for municipal facilities with stream dilutions of less than 500 to 1, any of the following conditions may demonstrate reasonable potential to exceed this criterion:

- i. Toxicity is suspected or demonstrated;
- ii. A pretreatment program is required; or
- iii. The design capacity of the facility is greater than 1.0 MGD.

Because no dilution of the effluent is available at worst case conditions in the receiving stream, reasonable potential exists for the effluent to result in instream toxicity.

$$\text{Dilution Factor} = \frac{\text{Stream Low Flow} + \text{Design Flow}}{\text{Design Flow}} = \frac{0 + 0.315}{0.315} = 1$$

$$IC_{25} \% > \frac{100\%}{\text{Dilution Factor}} > \frac{100\%}{1} > 100\%$$

Where:

- 0 = 7Q10 Low Flow (MGD)
- 0.315 = Design Flow Capacity (MGD)
- IC₂₅ = Concentration causing 25% reduction in survival, growth, and reproduction of test organisms

6.9. OIL AND GREASE

According to the State of Tennessee Water Quality Standards for the protection of Fish & Aquatic Life [Chapter 0400-40-03], there shall be no distinctly visible solids, scum, foam, oily slick, or the formation of slimes, bottom deposits or sludge banks of such size or character that may be detrimental to fish and aquatic life in the receiving stream. The permittee must visually report oil and grease in the effluent; Report Yes= 1, No= 0.

7. OTHER PERMIT REQUIREMENTS AND CONDITIONS

7.1. LAND APPLICATION

Two areas were mapped for land application of an average of 0.315 MGD of treated wastewater effluent on a 42.7 acre spray field, with an additional 66 acres available.

The design information for the spray fields includes the following data, as provided in the permittee's application:

- Application rate: 0.25gpd/SF = 0.40 in/day/SF
- Maximum Sprinkler application rate: 0.35 in/hour/SF
- Maximum allowed application time: 68.75 min/day
- Sprinkler flow at 60 psi: 10.6 gal/min
- Daily sprinkler flow: 728.8 gal/day
- Number of sprinklers: 638
- Maximum application: 464,974.8 gal/day

7.2. CERTIFIED WASTEWATER TREATMENT OPERATOR

The waste treatment facilities shall be operated under the supervision of a certified wastewater treatment operator in accordance with the Water Environmental Health Act of 1984. Operator grades are under jurisdiction of the Water and Wastewater Operators Certification Board. This NPDES permit is under jurisdiction of the Tennessee Board of Water Quality, Oil and Gas. Operator grades are rated and recommended by the Division of Water Resources pursuant to Rule [0400-49-01](#) and are included in this fact sheet for reference. The grades are intentionally not specified in the permit so that the operation certification board can authorize changes in grade without conflicting with this permit.

7.3. COLLECTION SYSTEM CERTIFIED OPERATOR

The collection system shall be operated under the supervision of a certified collection system operator in accordance with the Water Environmental Health Act of 1984.

7.4. BIOSOLIDS MANAGEMENT PRACTICES

The Clean Water Act (CWA) requires that any NPDES permit issued to a publicly owned treatment works or any other treatment works treating domestic sewage shall comply with 40 CFR § 503, the federal regulation governing the use and disposal of sewage sludge. It is important to note that “biosolids” are sewage sludge that have been treated to a level so that they can be land applied.

The language in **section 3.3.** of the permit, relative to biosolids management, a CWA requirement, allows the “permitting authority” under 40 CFR § 503.9(p) to be able to enforce the provisions of § 503. The “permitting authority” relative to Part 503 is either a state that has been delegated biosolids management authority or the applicable EPA Region; for Tennessee it is EPA Region 4.

Tennessee regulates the land application of non-exceptional quality biosolids under state rules, Chapter [0400-40-15](#). The state rules became effective on June 30, 2013. Under these state rules, all facilities that land apply non-exceptional quality biosolids must obtain a biosolids permit from the division. The land application of non-exceptional quality biosolids under state rules is regulated through either a general permit or by an individual permit. Questions about the Division’s biosolids regulations and permitting program should be directed to the State Biosolids Coordinator at:

*Division of Water Resources
State Biosolids Coordinator
William R. Snodgrass - Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, Tennessee 37243-1102
615-532-0625*

7.5. PERMIT TERM

In order to meet the target reissuance date for the Caney Fork watershed and following the directives for the Watershed Management Program initiated in January 1996, the permit will be issued for a shortened permit cycle to expire in 2027.

7.6. ELECTRONIC REPORTING

The [NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule \(eRule\)](#), which became effective on December 21, 2016, replaces most paper-based reporting requirements with electronic reporting requirements. NetDMR allows NPDES permittees to submit DMRs electronically to EPA through a secure internet application and has been approved by Tennessee as the official electronic reporting tool for DMRs. The permittee has been reporting electronically via NetDMR since July 2015.

Monitoring results shall be recorded monthly and submitted monthly using Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) based on the effluent limits in **section 1.1** of the permit. DMRs and DMR attachments, including laboratory data and overflow reports, shall be submitted electronically in [NetDMR](#) or other electronic reporting tool approved by the State, no later than the 15th of the month following the end of the monitoring period. All NPDES program reports must be signed and certified by a responsible official or a duly authorized representative, as defined in 40 CFR § 122.22.

According to 40 CFR § 127.15, states have the flexibility to grant temporary or episodic waivers from electronic reporting to NPDES permittees who are unable to meet the electronic reporting requirements. To obtain an electronic reporting waiver, an [electronic reporting waiver request](#) must be submitted by email to DWRwater.compliance@tn.gov or by mail to the following address:

*Division of Water Resources
Compliance and Enforcement Unit – NetDMR Waivers
William R. Snodgrass Tennessee Tower
312 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, 11th Floor
Nashville, TN 37243-1102*

For contact and training information about NetDMR electronic reporting, visit the Division's website [here](#).

The permit language has been modified to accommodate the implementation of the MyTDEC Forms electronic reporting tool. For more information, visit EPA's website on [eReporting requirements](#).

7.7. ANTIDegradation Statement / Water Quality Status

Tennessee's Antidegradation Statement is found in the Rules of the Tennessee Department of Environment and Conservation, Chapter [0400-40-03-06](#). It is the purpose of Tennessee's standards to fully protect existing uses of all surface waters as established under the Act.

Stream determinations for this permit action are associated with the waterbody segment identified by the Division as segment ID# TN05130108033_0410.

The Division has made a water quality assessment of the receiving waters associated with the subject discharge(s) and has found the receiving stream to be neither an exceptional nor outstanding national resource water. Additionally, this water does not support the fish and aquatic life and recreation designated uses due to nutrients, low dissolved oxygen, *E. coli*, and alterations in streamside or littoral vegetative covers from municipal point source discharges and anthropogenic land use changes. This permit limits *E. coli*, nutrients, and dissolved oxygen in order to protect the receiving stream from further degradation, and the facility is not expected to contribute to any streamside or littoral vegetative cover alterations.

It should be noted that although the receiving stream is not designated as Exceptional Tennessee Water at the discharge location, the outfall is directly adjacent to the Bledsoe State Forest boundary, where the receiving stream is considered an Exceptional Tennessee Water.

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) have been developed and approved for the Caney Fork Watershed, but the receiving stream segment is not included in them.

APPENDIX 1 - PREVIOUS PERMIT LIMITS

PARAMETERS	MONTHLY AVERAGE CONCENTRATION (MG/L)	MONTHLY AVERAGE AMOUNT (LB/DAY)	WEEKLY AVERAGE CONCENTRATION (MG/L)	WEEKLY AVERAGE AMOUNT (LB/DAY)	DAILY MAXIMUM CONCENTRATION (MG/L)	DAILY MINIMUM PERCENT REMOVAL	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY
CBOD ₅	11.4	30	14.5	38	17.1	45 lb/day (daily max. load)	3/week
NH ₃ -N - summer	0.7	1.86	1.1	2.8	1.4	3.7 lb/day (daily max. load)	3/week
NH ₃ -N - winter	1.2	3.2	1.8	4.8	2.4	6.4 lb/day (daily max. load)	3/week
Total Suspended Solids	17.1	45	22.8	60	25.9	68 lb/day (daily max. load)	3/week
Dissolved Oxygen (mg/L)	6.0 (daily minimum) instantaneous	—	—	—	—	—	5/week
Total Chlorine Residual (mg/L)	—	—	—	—	0.02 (daily maximum)	—	5/week
Total Nitrogen	Report	Report	—	Report (daily max. load)	Report	2737 lb/yr (annual rolling load)	1/week
Total Phosphorus	Report	Report	—	Report (daily max. load)	Report	547 lb/yr (annual rolling load)	1/week
<i>E. coli</i> (colonies/100ml)	126/100 ml	—	—	—	487/100 ml	—	3/week
Settleable Solids (ml/l)	—	—	—	—	1.0 (daily maximum)	—	5/week
pH (standard units)	6.5 - 9.0	—	—	—	—	—	5/week
Flow (MGD):							
Influent	Report	—	—	—	Report	—	7/week
Effluent	Report	—	—	—	Report	—	7/week
Whole Effluent Toxicity:							
IC ₂₅	100% per sample	—	—	—	—	—	1/year
Sanitary Sewer Overflows, Total Occurrences			Report			continuous	
Dry Weather Overflows, Total Occurrences			Report			continuous	
Bypass of Treatment, Total Occurrences			Report			continuous	

APPENDIX 2 – DMR SUMMARY

	CBOD5						TRC	E. coli		Flow, effluent		Flow, influent	
	Monthly avg. (lb/d)	Weekly avg. (lb/d)	Daily max. (lb/d)	Monthly avg. (mg/L)	Weekly avg. (mg/L)	Daily max. (mg/L)	Daily max. (mg/L)	Geo. mean (MPN/100mL)	Daily max. (MPN/100mL)	Monthly avg. (MGD)	Daily max. (MGD)	Monthly avg. (MGD)	Daily max. (MGD)
Permit limit:	30	38	45	11.4	14.5	17.1	0.02	126	487	RPT	RPT	RPT	RPT
2/28/2023	3.3	5	5.4	2	3.4	3.9		64.9	816	0.179	0.258	0.332	0.637
1/31/2023	2.6	4.4	4.7	1.3	1.6	1.7		1.6	5	0.183	0.383	0.395	0.492
12/31/2022	8	9.7	15.4	2.4	3.7	4.7		1	1	0.182	0.567	0.456	0.762
11/30/2022	3.9	8.6	16.7	1.9	3.7	9.8		1	1	0.112	0.349	0.43	0.547
10/31/2022	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.383	0.452
9/30/2022	1.28	1.28	1.28	0.64	0.64	0.64	0	1.9	2	0.001	0.027	0.404	0.486
8/31/2022	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38	0.38		1	1			0.405	0.497
7/31/2022	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32	0.32		1	1			0.419	0.53
6/30/2022	4.4	4.4	4.4	0.82	0.82	0.82		1	1	0.288	0.662	0.42	0.568
5/31/2022	0.034	0.034	1.1	4	4	4		1	1	0.001	0.035	0.388	0.497
4/30/2022	0.2	0.2	0.2	1.81	1.81	2.4	0	17	26	0.021	0.327	0.389	0.691
3/31/2022	4.8	4.8	4.8	2	2	2		1	1	0.038	0.366	0.386	0.609
2/28/2022	5.9	4.3	12.7	2	1.77	3		20	76	0.173	0.651	0.415	0.685
1/31/2022	18	18	23.2	7	7	9	0	11	28	0.083	0.377	0.439	0.608
12/31/2021	3	3	4.6	1	1	2		1	1	0.229	0.351	0.429	0.611
11/30/2021	4.6	4.6	7.8	2	2	2		1	3	0.274	0.461	0.382	0.493
10/31/2021	4.5	4.5	15.4	2	2	5		9	91	0.288	0.544	0.418	1.313
9/30/2021	7	7	13.5	2.9	2.9	4.6		18	> 487	0.209	0.495	0.368	0.537
8/31/2021	4.1	4.1	7.5	2	2	3		3	16	0.296	0.455	0.329	0.575
7/31/2021	4.2	4.1	7	2	2	3	0	28	266	0.29	0.446	0.361	1.158
6/30/2021	2.1	2.1	3.9	1	1	2		2	21	0.176	0.265	0.263	0.502
5/31/2021	2.7	2.7	3.8	2	2	2		4	33	0.216	0.277	0.312	0.523
4/30/2021	4.1	4.1	8.1	2	2	4		6	16	0.21	0.244	0.329	0.441
3/31/2021	3.2	3.2	5.4	1.7	1.7	2.5		2	6	0.232	0.35	0.383	0.718
2/28/2021	5.8	5.8	16.1	2.9	2.9	10		29	328	0.213	0.332	0.394	0.688
1/31/2021	2.1	2.1	3.6	1	1	3		1	3	0.201	0.274	0.308	0.481
12/31/2020	2.6	2.6	7	1	1	4		2	4	0.216	0.358	0.338	0.612
11/30/2020	3.2	3.2	8.5	2	2	5		2	4	0.193	0.26	0.28	0.556
10/31/2020	3.5	3.5	17.2	2	2	10		12	141	0.21	0.287	0.595	0.775
9/30/2020	1.9	1.9	3.4	1	1	2		2	6	0.182	0.248	0.31	0.68
8/31/2020	3.4	3.4	7.3	2	2	4		5	39	0.213	0.273	0.326	0.563
7/31/2020	3.5	3.5	6.5	2	2	3.5		4	11	0.197	0.253	0.309	0.769
6/30/2020	4.6	4.6	21.4	3	2.6	12		12	141	0.193	0.234	0.259	0.377
5/31/2020	4.6	4.6	8.8	2	2	4		2	10	0.209	0.303	0.314	1.734
4/30/2020	4.5	4.5	8	2.2	2.2	3.6		3	16	0.237	0.421	0.323	0.664
3/31/2020	9.2	9.2	39.9	3.4	3.4	12.5		3	16	0.28	0.464	0.384	0.725
2/29/2020	12.4	12.4	28.9	4.6	4.6	8.7		12	97	0.289	0.563	0.457	0.803
1/31/2020	5.8	5.8	12	2	2	4		49	330	0.285	0.486	0.426	0.917
12/31/2019	4.6	5.5	11.7	2	2.1	4		1	5	0.276	0.399	0.48	0.623
11/30/2019	4.7	5	7.6	2	2.3	4		15	144	0.259	0.425	0.364	0.735
10/31/2019	10.8	10.6	23.5	5	4.7	11		20	141	0.27	0.421	0.4	1.57
9/30/2019	8.1	8.1	9.1	4	4	4		12	31	0.249	0.292	0.406	0.69
8/31/2019	8.6	8.6	9.5	4	4	4		4	14	0.247	0.286	0.345	0.453
7/31/2019	8.5	8.5	10.1	4	4	6		7	37	0.252	0.388	0.385	0.605
6/30/2019	7.7	7.7	9.6	4	4	4		15	54	0.228	0.346	0.339	0.5
5/31/2019	8.2	8.2	10.7	4	4	4.1		5	20	0.244	0.33	0.362	1.101
4/30/2019	9.6	9.2	16.5	4	4.1	7		33	222	0.253	0.424	0.407	1.048
Min:	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.259	0.377
Max:	18	18	39.9	7	7	12.5	0	64.9	816	0.296	0.662	0.595	1.734
Average:	4.90	5.09	9.88	2.32	2.42	4.41	0.00	9.52	70.15	0.20	0.35	0.38	0.69
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	IC25 Chronic ceriodaphnia	IC25 Chronic pimephales	Ammonia, summer					Ammonia, winter						
	Minimum (%)	Minimum (%)	Monthly avg. (lb/d)	Weekly avg. (lb/d)	Daily max. (lb/d)	Monthly avg. (mg/L)	Weekly avg. (mg/L)	Daily max. (mg/L)	Monthly avg. (lb/d)	Weekly avg. (lb/d)	Daily max. (lb/d)	Monthly avg. (mg/L)	Weekly avg. (mg/L)	Daily max. (mg/L)
Permit limit:	100	100	1.86	2.8	3.7	0.7	1.1	1.4	3.2	4.8	6.4	1.2	1.8	2.4
2/28/2023									0.1	0.1	0.1	0.04	0.04	0.05
1/31/2023									0.3	0.7	1.1	0.17	0.53	0.6
12/31/2022									0.1	0.2	0.2	0.26	1	1.36
11/30/2022									0.7	1.4	4.3	0.25	0.88	2.4
10/31/2022	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0						
9/30/2022			0.001	0.001	0.001	0.004	0.004	0.004						
8/31/2022			0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001	0.001						
7/31/2022			0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01	0.01						
6/30/2022			0.04	0.04	0.04	0.01	0.01	0.01						
5/31/2022			0	0	0	0	0	0						
4/30/2022									0	0	0.01	0.03	0.03	0.03
3/31/2022									0	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01
2/28/2022									1	0.65	3.9	0.4	0.5	1.4
1/31/2022									2.2	2.2	6.4	0.7	0.7	2.1
12/31/2021									0.02	0.02	0.1	0.01	0.01	0.02
11/30/2021									0.05	0.05	0.2	0.02	0.02	0.1
10/31/2021	> 100	> 100	0.07	0.07	0.6	0.02	0.02	0.2						
9/30/2021			1.3	1.3	3.6	0.5	0.5	1.5						
8/31/2021			0.6	0.6	2.1	0.2	0.2	0.8						
7/31/2021			0.4	0.4	2.8	0.2	0.2	1.3						
6/30/2021			0.1	0.1	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.1						
5/31/2021			0.3	0.3	1.7	0.2	0.2	1						
4/30/2021									0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.2
3/31/2021									0.3	0.3	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.3
2/28/2021									0.6	0.55	1.4	0.3	0.28	0.7
1/31/2021									0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2
12/31/2020	> 100	> 100							0.2	0.2	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.5
11/30/2020									0.2	0.2	1.7	0.1	0.1	1
10/31/2020			0.5	0.5	5.2	0.3	0.32	3.2						
9/30/2020			1	0.1	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1						
8/31/2020			0.3	0.3	1	0.2	0.2	0.5						
7/31/2020			0.1	0.1	0.2	0.05	0.05	0.1						
6/30/2020			0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1						
5/31/2020			0.4	0.4	0.6	0.2	0.2	0.3						
4/30/2020									0.5	0.5	0.8	0.2	0.2	0.3
3/31/2020									0.7	0.7	1.4	0.3	0.3	0.4
2/29/2020									0.4	0.4	1.3	0.2	0.2	0.3
1/31/2020									0.7	0.7	1.7	0.3	0.3	0.5
12/31/2019									0.7	0.76	1.2	0.3	0.3	0.4
11/30/2019	> 100	> 100							0.3	0.3	0.9	0.2	0.2	0.3
10/31/2019			0.3	0.3	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.3						
9/30/2019			0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1						
8/31/2019			0.2	0.2	0.3	0.1	0.1	0.1						
7/31/2019			0.2	0.2	0.6	0.1	0.1	0.2						
6/30/2019			0.2	0.2	0.4	0.1	0.1	0.2						
5/31/2019			0.2	0.2	1.2	0.1	0.1	0.6						
4/30/2019									1.3	1.1	8.5	0.5	0.5	3.7
Min:	100	100	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0.01	0.01	0.01
Max:	100	100	1.3	1.3	5.2	0.5	0.5	3.2	2.2	2.2	8.5	0.7	1	3.7
Average:	100	100	0.27	0.23	0.91	0.11	0.12	0.45	0.47	0.50	1.62	0.20	0.28	0.73

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	Total Nitrogen					Oil and grease visual	Dissolved Oxygen	pH	
	Monthly avg. (lb/d)	Daily max. (lb/d)	Monthly avg. (mg/L)	Daily max. (mg/L)	Annual rolling load (lb/yr)	Weekly or daily (N=0;Y=1)	Instantaneous min. (mg/L)	Monthly average or min. (SU)	Daily max. (SU)
Permit limit:	RPT	RPT	RPT	RPT	2737		6.0	6.5	9.0
2/28/2023	1.4	2	0.8	1.2	539	0	6.2	7	7.1
1/31/2023	2.1	5.8	1.1	2.3	823	0	6.4	7	7.3
12/31/2022	10.3	27.7	3.3	5.9	784	0	6.4	7.1	7.6
11/30/2022	0.38	1.2	3.1	5.1	744	0	6.1	7.3	7.7
10/31/2022	0	0	0	0	1352	0	6.7	7.5	7.9
9/30/2022	0.42	0.42	1.9	2.8	2490	0	7.2	7.6	7.6
8/31/2022	2.74	2.74	2.74	2.74		0			
7/31/2022	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7		1			
6/30/2022	0.975	0.975	0.975	0.975		1			
5/31/2022	0	0	0.4	0.4	3724	0	6.9	7.3	7.3
4/30/2022	0.1	0.1	1.6	1.6	3777	0	6.3	7.1	7.5
3/31/2022	1.4	1.4	3.6	3.6	3904	0	6.9	7	7.5
2/28/2022	14.3	30	4.9	6.6	3880	1	6.4	6.9	7.3
1/31/2022	0.2	0.2	0.2	0.2	3592	1	6.4	6.9	7
12/31/2021	10.2	34.3	4.9	16.2	3609	1	6.3	7	7.4
11/30/2021	20.4	24.4	9.2	12.6	3389	1	6.2	6.9	7.4
10/31/2021	37.4	130	13.9	47.5	2832	1	6.2	7	7.3
9/30/2021	13	36.7	12.8	24.6	1763	1	6	6.5	7.6
8/31/2021	14.9	27.5	4.8	7.3	1461	1	6.7	7.1	7.6
7/31/2021	9.2	15.4	4	5.6	1085	1	6.3	7	7.4
6/30/2021	3.4	7.1	2.2	3.9	1025	1	6.6	7.3	7.8
5/31/2021	1.8	2.1	1	1.1	1008	1	7.2	7.1	7.5
4/30/2021	4.2	8	2.3	4.1	986	1	7.3	7.1	7.5
3/31/2021	1.3	1.7	0.7	0.9	1233	1	6.9	7.1	7.5
2/28/2021	1.3	1.6	0.6	0.7	1414	1	6.9	6.8	7.6
1/31/2021	1.4	1.8	0.8	1	1740	1	7.2	7	7.4
12/31/2020	3	5.3	1.7	3	1992	1	6.7	7	7.5
11/30/2020	2.1	2.4	1.2	1.5	2008	1	6	7	7.5
10/31/2020	2.2	2.5	1.2	1.4	2088	1	7.9	7.1	7.6
9/30/2020	3	8	1.7	4.2	2220	1	6.7	7.1	7.7
8/31/2020	2.6	3.9	1.5	2.2	2508	1	6.7	7.3	7.8
7/31/2020	7.2	21.5	4	11.6	2620	1	6	7.2	7.6
6/30/2020	2.9	5.5	1.6	3.2	2491	1	6.1	7.1	7.5
5/31/2020	1.1	1.4	0.6	0.8	2612	1	6.1	6.9	7.5
4/30/2020	12.3	45.2	6.5	24	2718	1	6	6.6	7.4
3/31/2020	8.1	9.5	3.2	4.4	2708	1	6	6.9	7.4
2/29/2020	12	23.6	4.2	6.5	2599	1	6.1	7	7.4
1/31/2020	9.5	15.5	4.1	5.7	2520	1	7.4	7	8.6
12/31/2019	3.5	7.2	1.5	3.2	2340	1	8.1	6.7	7.3
11/30/2019	4.7	7.3	2.3	3.5	2786	1	6.6	7	7.8
10/31/2019	6.5	7.8	3	3.5	2921	1	6	6.9	8.1
9/30/2019	12.5	17.9	5.7	8	2846	1	6.1	7	8.6
8/31/2019	6.3	11.2	2.8	4.9	2686	1	6.4	7.1	7.8
7/31/2019	2.9	4.6	1.4	2.5	2785	1	6	6.6	7.7
6/30/2019	6.9	9.3	3.4	4.8	2834	1	6.1	7.1	7.7
5/31/2019	4.5	8.2	2.3	4.3	3216	1	6	7.2	7.6
4/30/2019	10.4	29.6	4.5	12.9	3212	1	6	7.1	8
Min:	0	0	0	0	539		6	6.5	7
Max:	37.4	130	13.9	47.5	3904		8.1	7.6	8.6
Average:	5.93	13.03	3.02	5.89	2315.09		6.52	7.03	7.59
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	Total Phosphorus					Settleable solids Daily max. (mL/L)	TSS					
	Monthly avg. (lb/d)	Daily max. (lb/d)	Monthly avg. (mg/L)	Daily max. (mg/L)	Annual rolling load (lb/yr)		Monthly avg. (lb/d)	Weekly avg. (lb/d)	Daily max. (lb/d)	Monthly avg. (mg/L)	Weekly avg. (mg/L)	Daily max. (mg/L)
Permit limit:	RPT	RPT	RPT	RPT	547	1.0	45	60	68	17.1	22.8	25.9
2/28/2023	0.9	1.1	0.5	0.5	126	0.1	1.6	2.1	3.7	0.9	1.4	2.2
1/31/2023	1	1.5	0.5	0.5	221	0.1	2.1	3.8	5.6	0.9	1.4	1.9
12/31/2022	1.3	2.4	0.5	0.5	208	0.1	11.4	28.1	78.5	2.1	6.1	16.6
11/30/2022	0.07	0.3	0.5	0.5	238	0.1	3.7	10.6	21.1	1.5	4.3	12.4
10/31/2022	0	0	0	0	311	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
9/30/2022	0.11	0.11	0.5	0.5	456	0.1	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.6	0.6	0.6
8/31/2022												
7/31/2022												
6/30/2022												
5/31/2022	0	0	0.7	0.7	1198	0.1	0.028	0.028	0.9	3	3	3
4/30/2022	0.03	0.03	0.5	0.5	1436	0.1	0.66	0.66	1.03	4.9	4.9	5.2
3/31/2022	0.3	0.3	0.9	0.9	1587	0.1	1.4	1.4	1.4	1	0.6	1
2/28/2022	5.4	11.9	2	2.6	1825	0.8	51.4	36.72	130.4	15	12.6	35
1/31/2022	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	1879	0.1	27.1	27.1	72.3	9	9	23
12/31/2021	2.5	4	1.3	1.9	1966	1	1.9	1.9	10	1	1	4
11/30/2021	2.5	3.2	1.1	1.4	2002	0.1	2	2	3.4	1	1	2
10/31/2021	4.8	15	1.7	5.5	2173	0.1	3	3	12.6	1	1	4
9/30/2021	2.7	6.2	1.3	2.2	2255	0.5	10.1	10.1	36.4	3.7	3.7	11.6
8/31/2021	8	11.7	2.9	4.7	2303	0.1	3.7	3.7	6.4	1	1	2
7/31/2021	7.9	15	3.5	5.9	2463	0.1	5.1	5.1	9.4	2	2.2	4
6/30/2021	5.8	7.9	3.8	4.3	2452	0.1	1.8	1.8	4.8	1	1	2
5/31/2021	6.59	9.7	4.5	5.1	2407	0.2	6.6	6.6	31.5	4	4	20
4/30/2021	5	5.6	2.8	3.3	2388	0.1	8.1	8.1	20.4	5	5	11
3/31/2021	8.4	21.6	3.9	8.7	2418	0.2	11.4	11.27	48.1	6	5.68	19
2/28/2021	5.8	12.3	3	6.9	2295	0.1	19.8	19.75	49.3	10	9.59	26.8
1/31/2021	3.4	7.6	1.7	3.3	2269	0.1	2.5	2.5	5	1	1	3
12/31/2020	3.7	5.9	2	3.2	2396	0.1	5.4	5.4	12.3	3	3	7
11/30/2020	8.1	11	4.9	6.6	2479	0.1	4.8	4.32	12.6	2.8	2.5	8
10/31/2020	7.5	9.6	3.9	5.2	2293	0.1	8.2	7.36	57.8	5	3.95	35
9/30/2020	4.2	5.6	2.5	3.3	2198	0.2	4.5	4.5	11.7	2.6	2.6	6.8
8/31/2020	13.3	17.3	7.6	9.9	2351	0.9	21.4	20.2	48.4	12	11.38	27
7/31/2020	7.5	9.9	4.3	5.5	2138	0.5	8.1	8.08	22.4	5	4.78	13
6/30/2020	4.3	5.5	2.5	3.2	2221	0.1	6.3	6.3	29.5	3.7	3.7	17.4
5/31/2020	7.2	9	3.8	4.9	2415	0.1	7.6	6.9	19.5	4	3.4	9
4/30/2020	6	9	3.2	4.7	2483	0.1	8	8	37	4	4	18
3/31/2020	3.5	6.5	1.3	2.3	2594	0.5	5.1	4.7	10.3	2.1	2.1	5.2
2/29/2020	5	12.9	1.6	3.5	2535	3	30.3	30.3	81.4	12	12	31
1/31/2020	7.6	11	3.5	5.8	2600	0.1	9.5	9.5	36.9	4	4	14
12/31/2019	6.4	10.1	2.3	3.5	2475	0.5	8.5	8.92	59.9	4	3.7	26
11/30/2019	2	3.5	0.9	1.7	2447	1	7	6.9	44.4	3	3.3	21
10/31/2019	4.4	5.2	2	2.3	2509	0.1	4.4	4.6	13.8	2	2.1	7
9/30/2019	9.3	11.5	4.3	5.6	2445	0.2	7	6.3	23.9	3	3.4	10
8/31/2019	6.3	8.1	2.8	3.5	2282	0.2	8.4	8.4	21	4	3.9	9
7/31/2019	10.3	16.7	4.6	5.5	2332	0.5	10.6	10.6	41.9	5	5	24
6/30/2019	10.7	13	5	6.5	2218	0.2	11.6	11.6	36	6	5.8	17
5/31/2019	9.5	14.4	4.6	7.4	2217	0.2	6.1	5.9	18.7	3	2.8	8
4/30/2019	9.7	19.1	4	8.3	2078	13	41.7	36.7	207.9	18	15.7	85
Min:	0	0	0	0	126	0.1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Max:	13.3	21.6	7.6	9.9	2600	13	51.4	36.72	207.9	18	15.7	85
Average:	5.02	8.04	2.53	3.74	1967.77	0.60	9.09	9.14	31.81	4.18	4.16	13.83

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