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August 20, 2010

**Re:** Guernsey County  
City of Cambridge WWTP  
Compliance Inspection  
Correspondence (PWW)

Mayor and Council  
City of Cambridge  
Municipal Building  
1131 Steubenville Avenue  
Cambridge, Ohio 43725

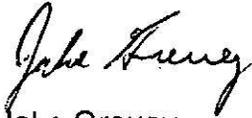
Dear Mayor and Council:

On August 11, 2010, I conducted a compliance evaluation inspection (CEI) at the City of Cambridge's wastewater treatment plant. The purpose of the inspection was to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit number OPD00020\*KD. This inspection was also done as a pre-permit inspection as the current permit expired on July 31, 2010 and the renewal permit will be issued soon. Mr. Paul Fields, Superintendent; Chris Jamiel, Operator; and Louis Thornton, Environmental Compliance Manager accompanied me during my inspection.

At the time of my inspection the entire facility was evaluated to ensure proper operation and maintenance of all treatment units is taking place to maintain permit compliance. Upon evaluation of the facility all treatment units were found to be fully operational and in good condition. The one deficiency noted to the plant superintendent during the inspection was the lack of a functioning backup generator. Past discussion has taken place with the city engineer regarding this high priority issue which should immediately be addressed. Please provide an updated status of efforts being taken to secure necessary funds for the purchase of a generator capable of powering the entire treatment plant in the case of a future power outage.

Attached is a copy of my detailed inspection reports for the facility and the lab. At the time of my inspection the effluent was found to be relatively clear with no objectionable odors. Please provide written documentation within 21 days upon receipt describing how backup power will be provided at the treatment plant. If you have any questions, please contact me at (740) 380-5416.

Sincerely,



Jake Greuey  
District Representative  
Division of Surface Water

JGG/dh

Enclosure

- c: Paul Sherry, City Engineer
- c: Paul Fields, Superintendent
- c: Louis Thornton, Environmental Compliance Manager

# NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

## A. NATIONAL DATA SYSTEM CODING

Permit No.	NPDES No.	Date	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
OPD00020*KD	OH0024309	August 11, 2010	C	S	1

## B. FACILITY DATA

Name & Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
City of Cambridge Water Pollution Control Center 1000 Water Street Cambridge, Ohio 43725	8:20 a.m.	January 1, 2008
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
	11:20 a.m.	July 31, 2010

Name(s) & Title(s) of On-Site Representative(s)	Phone Number(s)
Paul Fields, Plant Superintendent	(740) 432-3891
Name, Address, & Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number
Mayor and Council City of Cambridge Municipal Building, 1131 Steubenville Avenue Cambridge, Ohio 43725	

## C. AREAS EVALUATED DURING INSPECTION

<u>S</u> Permit	<u>S</u> Flow Measurement	<u>S</u> Pretreatment
<u>S</u> Records/Reports	<u>S</u> Laboratory	<u>N/A</u> Compliance Schedules
<u>S</u> Operations & Maintenance	<u>S</u> Effluent/Receiving Waters	<u>S</u> Self-Monitoring Program
<u>S</u> Facility Site Review	<u>S</u> Sludge Storage/Disposal	<u>    </u> Other
<u>S</u> Collection System		

(S = Satisfactory; M = Marginal; U = Unsatisfactory; N = Not Evaluated; N/A = Not Applicable)

## D. SUMMARY OF FINDINGS/COMMENTS (attach additional sheets if necessary)

*Jake Greuey*  
 Jake Greuey, Inspector, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

8/20/10  
 Date

*David R. Schuchter for*  
 Timothy M. Campbell, Reviewer, Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office

8/20/10  
 Date

**E. PERMIT VERIFICATION**

Inspection Observations Verify the Permit	YES	NO	N/A	N/E
a. Correct name & mailing address of permittee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Correct name & location of receiving waters	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Product(s) & production rates conform with permit application (industries)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Flows & loadings conform with NPDES permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Treatment processes are as described in permit application/briefing memo	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. New treatment process(es) added since last inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Notification given to state of new, different, or increased discharges	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. All discharges are permitted	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Number & location of discharge points are as described in permit	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

**F. COMPLIANCE SCHEDULES/VIOLATIONS**

	YES	NO	N/A	N/E
a. Any significant violations since the last inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Permittee is taking actions to resolve violations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Permittee has compliance schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Compliance schedule contained in:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Permittee is meeting compliance schedule	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

**G. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE**

Treatment Facility Properly Operated & Maintained	YES	NO	N/A	N/E
a. Standby power available: Generator: <input type="checkbox"/> Dual Feed: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Adequate alarm system available for power or equipment failures	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. All treatment units in service other than backup units	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Sufficient operating staff provided: # of shifts: 1 Days/Week: 7	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Operator holds unexpired license of class required by permit. Class: III	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Copy of certificate of Operator of Record displayed on-site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Minimum operator staffing requirements fulfilled (OAC 3745-7)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Routine & preventive maintenance schedule/performed on time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Any major equipment breakdown since last inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Operation & maintenance manual provided & maintained	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Any plant bypasses since last inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
l. Regulatory agency notified of bypasses: On MORs: <input type="checkbox"/> 800 No.: <input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
m. Any hydraulic and/or organic overloads experienced since last inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Comments:

<b>Record Keeping</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/E</b>
a. Log book provided	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Log book kept on-site	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Log book contains the following:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
1. Identification of treatment works	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Date/time of arrival/departure of ORC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Daily record of operation and maintenance activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Laboratory results (unless documented on bench sheets)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
5. Identification of person making log entries	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Is the ORC submitting written notification to Ohio EPA and permittee when a collection system overflow, treatment plant bypass or effluent limit violation has occurred.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Comments:**

<b>Collection System</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/E</b>
a. Percent combined system. Percent: 0	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Any collection system overflows since last inspection: CSO: <input type="checkbox"/> SSO: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Regulatory agency notified of overflow (SSOs)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. CSO O&M plan provided and implemented	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. CSOs monitored and reported in accordance with permit	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Portable pumps used to relieve system	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Lift station alarm systems provided and maintained	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Are lift stations equipped with permanent standby power or equivalent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Is there an inflow/infiltration problem (separate sewer system), or were there any major repairs to collection system since last inspection	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
j. Any complaints received since last inspection of basement flooding	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
k. Are any portions of the sewer system at or near capacity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Comments:**

As per conditions of the 2004 Federal Consent Decree all lift stations have been upgraded, several manholes sealed and large portions of the collection system lined to significantly reduce I&I and overflows.

## H. SLUDGE MANAGEMENT

	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/E</b>
a. Sludge adequately disposed. Method: Landfilling	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. If sludge is incinerated, where is ash disposed of?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Is sludge disposal contracted? Name:	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Has amount of sludge generated changed significantly since last inspection	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Adequate sludge storage provided at facility	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Land application sites monitored and inspected per state rules	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
g. Records kept in accordance with state rules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
h. Any complaints received in last year regarding sludge	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
i. Is sludge adequately processed (digestion, dewatering, pathogen control) in accordance with Ohio EPA rules	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**Comments:**



<b>Part 3 – Laboratory, Quality Control/Quality Assurance</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/E</b>
a. Quality assurance manual provided and maintained	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Satisfactory calibration and maintenance of instruments and equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Adequate records maintained	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Results of latest U.S. EPA quality assurance performance sampling program: Date: July 21, 2010 <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Satisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Marginal <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory				

**Comments:**

All wastewater analysis is contracted out.

**J. EFFLUENT/RECEIVING WATER OBSERVATIONS**

<b>Outfall #</b>	<b>Oil Sheen</b>	<b>Grease</b>	<b>Turbidity</b>	<b>Visible Foam</b>	<b>Visible Float Solids</b>	<b>Color</b>	<b>Other</b>
001	None	None	Clear	None	None	Colorless	

**Comments:**

**K. MULTIMEDIA OBSERVATIONS**

<b>Collection System</b>	<b>YES</b>	<b>NO</b>	<b>N/A</b>	<b>N/E</b>
a. Are there indications of sloppy housekeeping or poor maintenance in work and storage areas or laboratories	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
b. Do you notice staining or discoloration of soils, pavement, or floors	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
c. Do you notice distressed (unhealthy, discolored, dead) vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
d. Do you see unidentified dark smoke or dustclouds coming from sources	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
e. Do you notice any unusual odors or strong chemical smells	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
f. Do you see any open or unmarked drums, unsecured liquids, or damaged containment facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

**If any of the above are observed, ask the following questions:**

1. What is the cause of the conditions?
2. Is the observed condition or source a waste product?
3. Where is the suspected contaminant normally disposed?
4. Is this disposal permitted?
5. How long has the condition existed and when did it begin?

**Comments:**

# General Lab Criteria

Facility: Cambridge Water Pollution Control Center Lab

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Balance</b>				
• Standard Weights	• Either NIST Class s or ASTM/ANSI Class 1 weights <sup>1,2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	<b>M</b>
• Calibration Frequency /Documentation	• Calibration verification required at least once each day the balance is used. <sup>3</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Cleanliness, air movement, vibration	• Cleanliness of balance is a must and air movement and vibration needs to be kept to a minimum <sup>1</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Service and recalibrate annually (manufacturer representative or comparable) <sup>1</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Must be able to measure to 0.1 grams <sup>4</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book maintained <sup>6</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments: Need to purchase a light and heavy Class I weight within the expected range to calibrate scales and document calibration results in a logbook.

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Drying Oven (Suspended Solids)</b>				
• Temperature Recordkeeping	• Temperature recorded with each use <sup>4</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>A</b>
		• Log book maintained <sup>6</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
• Calibration Frequency /Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer <sup>1,2</sup> . Correction factor posted on thermometer / equipment <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Thermometer temperature in 0.1° C increments <sup>5</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Acceptable temperature range is 103° – 105° F <sup>4</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments: New thermometers are purchased every year for each piece of instrument and come with a one year certification rating from the manufacturer rather than purchasing a more expensive NIST traceable thermometer.

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>pH Meter</b>				
• Calibration Frequency / Documentation	• Calibration verification required for testing over long period of time (e.g. 12 hrs.), or after a large number of samples (every 10 samples) <sup>3</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>A</b>
		• Logbook maintained <sup>9</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
• Minimum of 2 point calibration	• Calibration per manufacturer specification and calibration buffers must bracket anticipated result <sup>7</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Slope Documentation / Acceptability	• Slope acceptable range indicated on benchsheet <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Buffer Expiration Date	• Buffers must not be expired	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Teflon covered magnetic stirrer or equivalent for mixing <sup>8</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments:

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Dissolved Oxygen Meter</b>				
• Calibration Method	• Air or known DO calibration method <sup>10</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>A</b>
		• Calibration per manufacturer specification <sup>10</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	
• Calibration Frequency	• Logbook maintained <sup>9</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

# General Lab Criteria

/ Documentation	• Calibration verification required at least once each day the meter is used. <sup>3</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Small to no bubble present under membrane (must be smaller than the lead in number 2 pencil) <sup>11</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments:

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Incubator (CBOD/ E-Coli)</b>		<b>Acceptable?</b>		
• Temperature Recordkeeping	• Temperature checked / recorded twice daily for each shelf in use <sup>1</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	A
	• Acceptable temperature range (CBOD) is 20° C ±1.0 <sup>o 12</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Acceptable temperature range (E-Coli) is 35° C ±0.5 <sup>o 22</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Logbook maintained <sup>9</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Temperature Calibration / Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer <sup>1, 2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Temperature correction information posted on incubator <sup>1</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• E-Coli can use multiple tubes (five 20 ml or ten 10 ml), or mfg's multi-well tray	• E-coli Ultraviolet lamp (365 nm wave length, 6 W bulb) <sup>23</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Temperature Log (thermometer reads to 0.1 Celsius). <sup>5</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments: New thermometers are purchased every year for each piece of instrument and come with a one year certification rating from the manufacturer rather than purchasing a more expensive NIST traceable thermometer.

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Refrigerator</b>		<b>Acceptable?</b>		
• Temperature Recordkeeping	• Temperature Log (thermometer reads to 0.1 Celsius). <sup>5</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	A
• Temperature Calibration / Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer <sup>1, 2</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Thermometer held in water bath. <sup>1</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Refrigerator temperature ≤6° Celsius. <sup>13</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Do not store volatile solvents, food, or beverages. <sup>14</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments: New thermometers are purchased every year for each piece of instrument and come with a one year certification rating from the manufacturer rather than purchasing a more expensive NIST traceable thermometer.

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Chlorine Meter</b>		<b>Acceptable?</b>		
• Calibration Frequency / Documentation	• pH / millivolt meter read to 0.1 mV <sup>15</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	A
	• Calibration verification required for testing over long period of time (e.g. 12 hrs.), or after a large number of samples (every 10 samples) <sup>3</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Calibration Method	• Calibration using three iodate solutions 0.2, 1.0, 5.0 milliliters or calibration per manufacturer specification <sup>16</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Standards used for calibration not expired	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Slope Documentation / Acceptability	• Calibration curve (acceptable slope)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Electrode free of deposits and foreign material	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book being maintained. <sup>9</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

# General Lab Criteria

	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
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Comments: A HACH pocket colorimeter residual chlorine meter is used so many of the above questions do not apply. The instrument is factory calibrated and checked yearly and all measurements conducted per the instrument manual.

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Ammonia Meter</b>		<b>Acceptable?</b>		<b>A</b>
• Calibration Frequency / Documentation	• Calibration verification required for testing over long period of time (e.g. 12 hrs.), or after a large number of samples (every 10 samples) <sup>3</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book being maintained <sup>9</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Slope acceptability	• Verify calibration slope is acceptable (per mfg. spec.).	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Calibration Method	• Standards used for calibration (3 ammonia solutions of 10 mg/l, 1 mg/l, and 0.1 mg/l) or per mfg. spec. <sup>17</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Standards used for calibration not expired	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Electrode free of deposits and foreign material	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Teflon covered magnetic stirrer or equivalent for mixing <sup>18</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments:

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Sample Collection/Handling</b>		<b>Acceptable?</b>		<b>A</b>
• Sample Labeling	• Samples container labeled (description, date, time, preservative added, initialed). <sup>19</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Chain of Custody	• Chain of custody (description, date, time, signature). <sup>19</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Composite samples refrigerated during sample collection <sup>14</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Equipment blanks utilized <sup>14</sup>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	• SOP for cleaning of sampling equipment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Logbook being maintained <sup>9</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments: Samples are delivered directly to the lab analyst following collection from the individual collecting the samples.

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Desiccator</b>		<b>Acceptable?</b>		<b>A</b>
• General criteria	• Properly working seals.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Desiccant fresh (blue color)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Documentation	• Log book being maintained <sup>9</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments:

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Bench sheets</b>		<b>Acceptable?</b>		<b>A</b>
• General criteria	• Date(s) <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Analyst initials <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Blue or black ink pen <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Calibration information <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Equations, calculations, units for all measurements, notations, and results present <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Corrections, single line through, initialed and dated <sup>2</sup>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments:

## General Lab Criteria

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Hot Water Bath (Fecal Coliform/E. Coli)</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temperature Recordkeeping</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temperature Log (thermometer reads 0.2° C)<sup>21</sup></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>A</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Incubator temperature 44.5° C ± 0.2°<sup>21/24</sup></li> </ul>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temperature Calibration / Documentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer<sup>1,2</sup></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Log book being maintained<sup>9</sup></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Water Level</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermometer total immersion or partial (line on thermometer to ID immersion depth)<sup>1,5</sup></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments: No hot water bath used for bacteria analysis.				

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
<b>Autoclaves/Steam Sterilizers</b>				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All apparatus utilized is adequately sterilized before use</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Sterilizing temperature 121° C<sup>25</sup></li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	<b>A</b>
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10 to 30 minutes time based on material being sterilized<sup>26</sup></li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Documentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Verify the autoclave temperature weekly by using a maximum registering thermometer (MRT) to confirm that 121°C has been reached as measured in the exhaust.<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Date, contents, sterilization time and temperature, total time in autoclave, and analyst's initials should be recorded each time the autoclave is used<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Temperature Calibration / Documentation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer<sup>1,2</sup></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Log book being maintained<sup>9</sup></li> </ul>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Performance Checks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Test monthly for efficacy using a biological such as commercially available <i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i> in spore strips, suspensions, or capsules<sup>1</sup></li> </ul>	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:				

Comments:

<b>Number of Criteria Rated:</b>	<b>Acceptable</b>	11
	<b>Marginal</b>	1
	<b>Unacceptable</b>	0
	<b>Total Number of Areas Rated</b>	12

**Acceptable Ratings** – No action required (recommend SOP's written or updated, perform DMRQA's for all onsite analysis, recommend voluntary lab analyst certification, written response not required).

**Marginal Ratings** – Improvements required, written response required (recommend SOP's be written or updated, recommend they perform DMRQA's for all onsite analysis, recommend voluntary lab analyst certification, require deficiencies to be addressed in written response).

**Unsatisfactory Rating** - Improvements required, written response required, NOV issued (recommend SOP's be written or updated, recommend they perform DMRQA's for all onsite analysis, recommend voluntary lab analyst certification, require deficiencies to be addressed in written response to NOV).

Consider recommending PAI Audit from DES when:	>60% of ratings are Marginal >45% of ratings are a combination of Marginal or Unacceptable >30% of ratings are Unacceptable
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## Notation of Referenced Method

1	Method 9020-B, Item 4	14	Method 1060A, Item 1
2	Method 1020-A, Item 1	15	Method 4500-CI I, Item 2
3	Method 1020-B, Item 10	16	Method 4500-CI I, Item 4
4	Method 2540-B, Item 2	17	Method 4500-NH3 D, Item 4
5	Method 2550-B, Item 1	18	Method 4500-NH3 D, Item 2
6	Method 1020-B, Item 1	19	Method 1060-B, Item 2
7	Method 4500-H B, Item 4	20	Method 1060-B, Item 1
8	Method 4500-H B, Item 2	21	Method 9222D, Item 1
9	Method 1020-B, Item 2	22	Method 9223 B, Item 2
10	Method 4500-O B, Item 3	23	Method 9223 B, Item 3
11	Method 4500-O G, Item 3	24	Method 1603, Item 2
12	Method 5210-B, Item 5	25	Method 9030-B, Item 3
13	CFR 136.3, Table II	26	Method 9020 B, Table IV

**Equipment Logbook Content** - all maintenance performed on a piece of equipment should be documented in the logbook. This should include parts replacement and routine maintenance activities. Entries should include date, maintenance performed and initials of person making entry.

## Preservation and Holding Times

Parameter	Container	Min. Sample Size (mL)	Sample Type	Preservation	Maximum Storage Time	
					Recommended	Regulatory
BOD / CBOD	P, G	1000	G, C	Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	6h	48h
TSS	P, G	200	G, C	Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	7 d	7 d
pH	P, G	50	G	Analyze immediately	0.25h	0.25 h
NH3-N	P, G	500	G, C	Analyze as soon as possible or add $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ to pH <2, Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	7 d	28 d
TRC	P, G	500	G	Analyze immediately	0.25h	0.25 h
DO (electrode)	G, BOD Bottle	300	G	Analyze immediately	0.25h	0.25 h
Temperature	P, G	--	G	Analyze immediately	0.25h	0.25 h
Metals, general	P, G	1000	G, C	For dissolved filter immediately and add $\text{HNO}_3$ to pH <2	6 months	6 months
Purgeables by purge and trap	G (PTFE lined lid)	40 (X2)	G	HCl to pH <2, Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	7 d	14 d
Base/Neutrals and acids	G (solvent rinsed or baked)	1000	C, G	Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	7 d	7 days until extraction 40 days after extraction
Pesticides	G (PTFE lined lid)	1000	C	Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	7 d	7 days until extraction 40 days after extraction
Fecal Coliform / E-Coli	G, P (Sterilized)	100	G	Refrigerate $\leq 10^{\circ}\text{C}$ If chlorine present, add sodium thiosulfate tablet	6 hrs transport Start analysis within 2 hrs of receipt in lab.	
Oil and Grease	G	1000	G	HCl or $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$ to pH <2, Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	28 d	28 d

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<b>Approved Standard Methods</b>	
CBOD / BOD 5 Day	Std Methods 5210-B
Ammonia, Selective Electrode Method	Std Methods 4500-NH3 D
Total Residual Chlorine, DPD Colorimetric Method	Std Methods 4500-Cl G
Total Suspended Solids, Dried at 103-105 °C	Std Methods 2540-D
Dissolved Oxygen, Membrane Electrode Method	Std Method 4500-O G
pH, Electrometric Method	Std Methods 4500-H+ B
Fecal Coliform, Membrane Filter Procedure	Std Methods 9222D
Escherichia Coli, Enzyme Substrate Test	Std Method 9223B
Escherichia Coli Membrane Filtration Procedure	EPA Method 1603
Oil and Grease	USEPA 1664A or Std Methods 5520B
Metals, general	USEPA 200, Std Methods 3111B or C, or 3120B
Volatiles (Purgeables by purge and trap)	USEPA 6210, Std Methods 624
Semi-Volatiles (Base/Neutrals and acids)	USEPA 6410, Std Methods 625
Pesticides	USEPA 6410 and 6630, Std Methods 608