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March 23, 2011

Mayor and Council
City of Englewood
800 Englewood Drive
Englewood, Ohio 45322

RE: City of Englewood Compliance Evaluation Inspection / Notice of Violation

Dear Mayor and Council:

On March 8, 2011 Joe Reynolds performed a Compliance Evaluation Inspection at the Englewood waste water treatment plant.

The inspection was performed to determine the city's compliance status with respect to their NPDES permit. The inspection findings are included in the attached report. The report contains four items which require a response. The response dates for each of the items are noted in the "Items Requiring a Response" section of the report.

If you have any question concerning the inspection please contact Mr. Reynolds at (937) 285 - 6097.

Sincerely,

Martyn Burt
Compliance Supervisor
Division of Surface Water

cc: Vernon Brown, Waste Water Superintendent
Al Butler, Collect Systems Operator



State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Southwest District Office

NPDES Compliance Inspection Report

Section A: National Data System Coding					
Permit #	NPDES#	Month/Day/Year	Inspection Type	Inspector	Facility Type
1PD00001*ND	OH0025011	3/8/2011	C	S	1

Section B: Facility Data		
Name and Location of Facility Inspected	Entry Time	Permit Effective Date
City of Englewood WWTP 800 Englewood Drive Englewood, Ohio 45322	9:00 AM	12/1/2009
	Exit Time	Permit Expiration Date
		10/31/2011
Name(s) and Title(s) of On-Site Representatives	Phone Number(s)	
Vernon Brown, Superintendent	(937) 836 - 5106 ext. 471	
Name, Address and Title of Responsible Official	Phone Number	
Mayor and Council City of Englewood 333 West National Road Englewood, Ohio 45322	(937) 836 - 5106	

Section C: Areas Evaluated During Inspection					
(S = Satisfactory, M = Marginal, U = Unsatisfactory, N = Not Evaluated)					
S	Permit	S	Flow Measurement	N	Pretreatment
S	Records/Reports	S	Laboratory	N	Compliance Schedule
S	Operations & Maintenance	S	Effluent/Receiving Waters	S	Self-Monitoring Program
S	Facility Site Review	S	Sludge Storage/Disposal	N	Other
S	Collection System				

Section D: Summary of Findings (Attach additional sheets if necessary)	
See attached report.	
Inspector	Reviewer
 Joe Reynolds Division of Surface Water Southwest District Office	 Martyn Burt Compliance & Enforcement Supervisor Division of Surface Water Southwest District Office
3/23/11 Date	3/25/11 Date

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Sections E thru K: Complete on all inspections as appropriate
Y – Yes, N – No, N/A – Not Applicable, N/E – Not Evaluated

Section E: Permit Verification

Inspection observations verify the permit

- (a) Correct name and mailing address of permittee Y
- (b) Flows and loadings conform with NPDES permit..... Y
- (c) Treatment processes are as described in permit application... Y
- (d) All discharges are permitted..... Y
- (e) Number and location of discharge points are as described
in permit..... Y
- (f) Storm water discharges properly permitted..... Y

Comments/Status:

Section F: Compliance

- (a) Any significant violations since the last inspection..... N
- (b) Appropriate Non-compliance notification of violations..... N/A
- (c) Permittee is taking actions to resolve violations..... N/A
- (d) Permittee has a compliance schedule..... N
- (e) Compliance schedule contained in...N/A
- (f) Permittee is in compliance with schedule..... N/A
- (g) Has biomonitoring shown toxicity in discharge since last inspection N

Comments/Status:

Final effluent biomonitoring results from February, 2011 showed no toxicity.

Section G: Operation & Maintenance

Treatment Works:

Treatment facility properly operated and maintained

- (a) Standby power available.....generator or dual feed Y
 - i. What does the back-up power source operate.....

Generator runs entire plant (450 KW).
 - ii. How often is the generator tested under load.....

Weekly.

- (b) Which components have an alarm system available for power or equipment failures.....

SCADA control will notify of power outage to any of the treatment units.

- (c) All treatment units in service other than backup units..... Y
- (d) What method is used for scheduling routine & preventative maintenance (calendar, software, etc.).....

Verbal assignments given weekly. One person works nights to do maintenance.
- (e) Any major equipment breakdown since last inspection..... N
- (f) Operation and maintenance manual provided and maintained..... Y
- (g) Any plant bypasses since last inspection..... N
- (h) Any plant upsets since last inspection..... N

Comments/Status:

In storm mode solids are returned to aeration runs 1 and 3. Influent flows are directed to run 4. This mode has allowed the plant to meet 85 % removal and permit limits during storm events.

Section G: Operation & Maintenance con't

Record Keeping/Operator of Record:

- (a) Wastewater Treatment Works classification (OAC 3745-7)..... III
- (b) Operator of Record holds unexpired license of class required by Permit..... Y
- (c) Copy of certificate of Operator of Record displayed on-site..... Y
- (d) Has the Operator of Record submitted an ORC Notification form.. N
- (e) Minimum operator staffing requirements fulfilled (OAC 3745-7).... Y
- (f) If a Staffing Reduction plan has been approved, are the stipulations of the plan being met..... N/A
- (g) Operator of Record log book provided..... Y
- (h) Format of log book (e.g. computer log, hard bound book)

The log book is loose bound. It should be hard bound or electronic. Doug Dillion (lab tech.) also has a Class III license.
- (i) Log book kept onsite (in an area protected from weather)..... Y
- (j) Log book contains the following:
 - I. Identification of treatment works..... Y
 - II. Date/times of arrival/departure for Operator of Record and any other operator required by OAC 3745-7..... Y
 - iii. Daily record of operator and maintenance activities (including preventative maintenance, repairs and request for repairs, process control test results, etc.)..... Y
 - iv. Laboratory results (unless documented on bench sheets)... Y
 - v. Identification of person making entries..... Y
- (k) Has the Operator of Record submitted written notifications to the permittee, Ohio EPA and, if applicable, any local environmental agencies when a collection system overflow, treatment plant bypass or effluent limit violation has occurred..... N/A

Comments/Status:

Section G: Operation & Maintenance con't

Collection System:

- (a) Are there pump stations in the collection system..... Y
 - i. How many publicly-owned pump stations equipped with permanent standby power or equivalent..... 3
 - ii. How many pump stations have telemetered alarms..... 3
 - iii. How many pump stations have operable alarms..... 3

- (b) Any chronic collection system overflows since last inspection..... N
- (c) Regulatory agency notified of all overflows..... N/A
- (d) Are there CSOs in the collection system..... N
if so, what is the LTCP status.....
- (e) How are CSOs monitored (chalk, block, level sensor, etc.).....
- (f) Portable pumps available for collection system maintenance..... Y
- (g) RDII Program established and active..... N
- (h) Any WIB complaint received since last inspection..... N
- (i) Is there a WIB response plan..... N
- (j) Is any portion of the collection system at or near dry weather capacity..... N

Comments/Status:

Section H: Sludge Management

- (a) Method of Sludge Disposal... Land Application
 Haul to Another NPDES Permittee
 Haul to a Mixed Solid Waste Landfill

*if one of the selected methods is land application, complete applicable charts.
Class A - Exception Quality Sewage Sludge (monitoring station 584)

Pathogen Reduction Alternative	84370 Vector Attraction Reduction Options							
	Option 1 -38% Volatile Solids Reduction	Option 2 -Anaerobic Bench Scale Analysis	Option 3 - Aerobic Bench Scale Analysis	Option 4 - Specific Oxygen Uptake Rate	Option 5 - Aerobic Time and Temperature	Option 6 - Alkali Addition	Option 7 - >75% Percent Solids without Unstabilized Solids	Option 8 - >75% Percent Solids with Unstabilized Solids
Alternative 1 - Time and Temperature Regime (84369)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 2 - High pH and High Temperature (84369)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 3 - Other Processes (84369)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 4 - Unknown Processes (84369)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 5 - Composting (84397)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 5 - Heat Drying (84397)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 5 - Heat Treatment (84397)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 5 - Thermophilic Aerobic Digestion (84397)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 5 - Beta Ray Irradiation (84397)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 5 - Gamma ray Irradiation (84397)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 5 - Pasteurization (84397)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 6 - Approved Equivalent Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Class B Sewage Sludge (monitoring station 581)

Pathogen Reduction Alternative	84370 Vector Attraction Reduction Options									
	Option 1 -38% Volatile Solids Reduction	Option 2 -Anaerobic Bench Scale Analysis	Option 3 - Aerobic Bench Scale Analysis	Option 4 - Specific Oxygen Uptake Rate	Option 5 - Aerobic Time and Temperature	Option 6 - Alkali Addition	Option 7 - >75% Percent Solids without Unstabilized	Option 8 - >75% Percent Solids with Unstabilized	Option 9 - Land Injection	Option 10 - Immediate Incorporation
Alternative 1 - Geometric Mean of Seven Fecal Samples (84369)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 2 - Aerobic Digestion (46396)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 2 - Air Drying (46396)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 2 - Anaerobic Digestion (46396)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 2 - Composting (46396)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 2 - Lime Treatment (46396)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Alternative 3 - Approved Equivalent Process	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

- (b) Has amount of sludge generated changed significantly since the last inspection..... N
- (c) How much sludge storage is provided at the plant.....
- (d) Records kept in accordance with State and Federal law (5 years according to OAC 3745-40-06)..... Y
- (e) Any complaints received in last year regarding sludge..... Y
- (f) 5/8" screen at headworks for facilities that land apply sludge..... Y
- (g) Are sludge application sites inspected to verify compliance with NPDES permit..... N/A
- (h) Is a contractor used for sludge disposal..... N/A
 If so, what is the name of the contractor.....

Comments/Status:

Section I: Self-Monitoring Program

Flow Measurement:

- (a) Primary/Secondary flow measuring devices (e.g. weir with ultrasonic level sensor):
- (b) Flow meter calibrated annually Y
(Date of last calibration: 2/year)
- (c) 24-hour recording instruments operated and maintained..... Y
- (d) Flow measurement equipment adequate to handle full range of flows..... Y
- (e) All discharged flow is measured..... Y

Comments/Status:

The ultrasonic sensor was replaced in September or October of 2010.

Section I: Self-Monitoring Program (con't)

Sampling:

- (a) Sampling location(s) are as specified by permit..... Y
- (b) Parameters and sampling frequency agree with permit..... Y
- (c) Permittee uses required sampling method..... Y
(see GLC page)
- (d) Monitoring records (i.e., flow, pH, DO) maintained for a minimum of three years including all original strip chart recordings (i.e., continuous monitoring instrumentation, calibration and maintenance records)..... Y

Comments/Status:

Influent samples are collected before the bar screen. Effluent samples are collected before the post aeration weir.

Section I: Self-Monitoring Program (con't)

Laboratory:

General

- (a) Does the Quality Assurance Manual contain written Standard Operating Procedures (SOP's) for all analysis performed onsite..... Y
- (b) Do SOP's include the following if applicable..... Y
 - Title
 - Scope and Application
 - Summary
 - Sample Handling and Preservation
 - Interferences
 - Apparatus and Materials
 - Reagents
 - Procedure
 - Calculations
 - Quality Control
 - Maintenance
 - Corrective Action
 - Reference (Parent Method)

Note: Standard Methods 1020A establishes that "Quality assurance (QA) is the definitive program for laboratory operation that specifies the measure required to produce defensible data of known precision and accuracy. Standard operating procedures are to be used in the laboratory in sufficient detail that a competent analyst unfamiliar with the method can conduct a reliable review and/or obtain acceptable results." SOPs should be developed for each analytical procedure.

- (c) EPA approved analytical testing procedures used (40 CFR 136.3).. Y
- (d) If alternate analytical procedures are used, proper approval has been obtained..... N/A
- (e) Analyses being performed more frequently than required by permit. N
- (f) If (e) is yes, are results in permittee's self-monitoring report..... N/A
- (g) Satisfactory calibration and maintenance of instruments/equipment. Y (see score from GLC page)
- (h) Commercial laboratory used..... Y
Parameters analyzed by commercial lab:

Lab name: Belmont – Sludge, metals, NO2/NO3, O&G, Tot. P, Hex. CR

Discharge Monitoring Report Quality Assurance (DMRQA)

- (a) Participation in latest USEPA quality assurance performance sampling..... Y
Date:
- (b) Were any parameters "Unsatisfactory"..... N
- (c) Reasons for "Unsatisfactory" parameters.....

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Comments/Status:

In order to complete the SOP for ammonia it should include discussion of sample handling, interferences, reagents, and maintenance. For those areas not applicable simple not same.

Section J: Effluent/Receiving Water Observations

Outfall # 001

Outfall Description: Final effluent was clear, minor white foam, minor solids.

Receiving Stream: Stillwater River

Receiving Stream Description: The stream was near the top of the banks (heavy rain). The stream was turbid with white foam on the surface.

Comments/Status:

Section K: Multimedia Observations

- (a) Are there indications of sloppy housekeeping or poor maintenance in work and storage areas or laboratories..... N
- (b) Do you notice staining or discoloration of soils, pavement or floors.. N
- (c) Do you notice distressed (unhealthy, discolored, dead) vegetation.. N
- (d) Do you see unidentified dark smoke or dust clouds coming from sources other than smokestacks..... N
- (e) Do you notice any unusual odors or strong chemical smells..... N
- (f) Do you see any open or unmarked drums, unsecured liquids, or damaged containment facilities..... N

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

- (1) What is the cause of the condition?
- (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/Status:

Inspection Findings

The City of Englewood currently holds National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit number 1PD00001*ND. The permit was issued on October 15, 2009 and it expires on October 31, 2011. This permit includes a compliance schedule to meet new nutrient limits.

The treatment systems consist of the following units: fine screens, coarse screen back-up, automatic grit removal, grease removal, aeration, clarification, chlorination / dechlorination, and post aeration.

The waste water treatment plant is designed to treat an average daily flow of 2.5 million gallons. The plant can treat a peak flow of 10 MGD. The primary and final clarifiers can treat up to 12 MGD.

A new Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system was installed in 2010. The system set-up and use is currently being adjusted. It currently has limited feedback controls.

During normal dry weather operations effluent from the preliminary treatment system is directed through a five pass aeration system. The first pass is set-up as an anoxic zone (dissolved oxygen 0.2 mg/l). Air is adjusted through the next four runs based upon real time oxygen reduction potential readings. Return solids are introduced at the end of the preliminary treatment system. During certain storm events (as plant flows approach 7.0 MGD) the plant is placed in storm mode. In storm mode solids are returned to the first and third run of the aeration. The influent is introduced at the start of the fourth run, and the air is adjusted down to retain solids. In this mode the plant has been able to maintain final effluent compliance while meeting removal efficiencies.

Phase one and phase two Infiltration and Inflow (I/I) work has been completed. This work includes rehabilitation of over 500 manholes. This work has helped to reduce peak flows at the plant (between January 1, 2009 and January 1, 2011 a peak flow of 5.6 MGD was recorded).

Vernon Brown (Class III waste water operator) is the Operator of Record in responsible charge of plant operations. Jim Niles is the plant operator. He has a Class II waste water license. Doug Dillion is the Lab Tech. He has a Class III waste water License.

The city currently produces a Class A sludge. Sludge is aerobically digested in 10 basins (old plant), before being sent to a belt filter press (2 meter, 200 gpm). The press is run two to three days per week. Pressed solids (15 % solids) are combined with admix materials (lime and ash) in the cemtech process before being stored on site for three days.

Inspection Findings (cont.)

Between January 1, 2009 and December 31, 2010 the City of Englewood reported 5 final effluent limitation violations. These violations include: 1 fecal coliform, 1 chlorine residual, 1 ammonia, and 2 mercury.

Facility Inspection

Influent samples are collected before the coarse bar screen. The temperature in the influent sampler was at 6 degrees celsius.

The preliminary treatment system includes an automatic fine screen, grit removal system including grit clarifier with hydro screen (30 mm), and a grease channel. There is an old hydro screen which serves as a back-up to the grit system. Preliminary solids are disposed with the facility's solid wastes (dumpsters).

Effluent from the preliminary treatment system is sent to the aeration system. The effluent channel also receives return activated sludge and filtrate return from the press. The aeration system operates in series, five passes. No air is provided in the initial pass. Air feed rates are adjusted using real time oxygen reduction potential readings, gathered at fixed locations throughout the aeration system. Fine bubble panels are used in the aeration system. There also are mixer pumps in the anoxic tank. Good mixing was occurring

A new splitter box was installed to allow for better control of flow splits between the two final clarifiers. The gates are controlled manually.

There are two secondary clarifiers. In 2009 flow through the clarifiers was reversed with the installation of a rim flow system. The scraper arms have pick ups which direct solids to the center well. The effluent was clear. Pin floc solids were being carried over the effluent weir. During summer months only one clarifier is used. The second clarifier is brought on-line in response to demand.

From the secondary clarifiers flows go to the chlorination system. This system is currently a flow through system (disinfection season runs May 1 to Oct. 31). The effluent was clear.

Flow from the chlorine contact tank enters an effluent chamber. The effluent chamber is used to collect effluent samples and measure effluent flow. A rectangular weir with a sonic meter is used to measure flow. The sonic meter was replaced in late 2010. The final effluent sampler was at 4 degrees Celsius.

Facility Inspection (cont.)

The final effluent discharges through a cascade aeration system prior to discharging to the Stillwater River. The final effluent was clear. Minor white foam was forming. A distinct clear zone was noted (the Stillwater River was turbid and near flood stage due to recent snow melt and rain).

Items Requiring a Response

1. A brief update, which summarizes Infiltration and Inflow work completed in 2010, and proposed for 2011 must be submitted to this office by no later than April 25, 2011.
2. An Operator of Record form (see attached) needs to be completed and returned to this office. This form must be submitted by no later than April 25, 2011.
3. A hard bound Operator of Record log book should be maintained at the plant (a loose leaf folder is currently being used). The contents of the book are noted page 4 of 11 of the CEI form. Written verification as to this update must be provided by April 25, 2010.
4. The lab has written Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) for all analysis being performed in the lab. There were a few discussion areas missing from the ammonia SOP (items to be included in each SOP are noted on page 9 of 11 of the CEI form). Written verification as to this update to the lab SOP's must be provided by April 25, 2010.

General Lab Criteria

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
Balance				
• Standard Weights	• Either NIST Class s or ASTM/ANSI Class 1 weights ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Calibration Frequency / Documentation	• Calibration verification required at least once each day the balance is used. ³	<input 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 ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Service and recalibrate annually (manufacturer representative or comparable) ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Must be able to measure to 0.1 grams ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book maintained ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments :

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
Drying Oven (Suspended Solids)				
• Temperature Recordkeeping	• Temperature recorded with each use ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book maintained ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Calibration Frequency / Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer ^{1,2} . Correction factor posted on thermometer / equipment ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Thermometer temperature accurate to 0.5° Celsius ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Acceptable temperature range is 103° – 105° C ⁴	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments :

General Lab Criteria

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement		Rating	
pH Meter				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibration Frequency / Documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibration verification required for testing over long period of time (e.g. 12 hrs.), or after a large number of samples (every 10 samples)³ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logbook maintained² 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Minimum of 2 point calibration 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibration per manufacturer specification and calibration buffers must bracket anticipated result⁷ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slope Documentation / Acceptability 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Slope acceptable range indicated on benchsheet² 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffer Expiration Date 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Buffers must not be expired 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrument manual available 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teflon covered magnetic stirrer or equivalent for mixing⁸ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Comments: : 				
Dissolved Oxygen Meter				
Standard Methods Requirement				
		Acceptable?		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibration Method 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Air or known DO calibration method¹⁰ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibration per manufacturer specification¹⁰ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibration Frequency / Documentation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Logbook maintained² 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Calibration verification required at least once each day the meter is used.³ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Other 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Small to no bubble present under membrane (must be smaller than the lead in number 2 pencil)¹¹ 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Instrument manual available 	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
Comments: 				

General Lab Criteria

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement		Rating
Incubator (CBOD/ E-Coli)			
• Temperature Recordkeeping	• Temperature checked / recorded twice daily for each shelf in use ¹ (E-Coli)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	A
	• Temperature checked / recorded daily ² (CBOD)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Acceptable temperature range (CBOD) is 20° C ±1.0° ¹²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Acceptable temperature range (E-Coli) is 35° C ±0.5° ²²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Logbook maintained ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Temperature Calibration / Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Temperature correction information posted on incubator ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input 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) ²³	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Instrument manual available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Temperature Log (thermometer accurate to 0.5 Celsius). ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments: :

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement		Rating
Refrigerator			
• Temperature Recordkeeping	• Temperature Log (thermometer accurate to 0.5 Celsius). ⁵	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	A
• Temperature Calibration / Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer ^{1,2}	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Other	• Thermometer held in water bath. ¹	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Refrigerator temperature ≤6° Celsius. ¹³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Do not store volatile solvents, food, or beverages. ¹⁴	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Comments:

General Lab Criteria

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
Chlorine Meter				
• Calibration Frequency / Documentation	• pH / millivolt meter read to 0.1 mV ¹⁵	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Calibration verification required for testing over long period of time (e.g. 12 hrs.), or after a large number of samples (every 10 samples) ³	<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 ¹⁶	<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. ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments: :				
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Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement	Acceptable?		Rating
Ammonia Meter				
• 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) ³	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book being maintained ²	<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. ¹⁷	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" 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 ¹⁸	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Instrument manual available	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments: : A point one standard should be used to calibrate the meter. This will bracket the expected results.				

General Lab Criteria

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement		Acceptable?	Rating
Hot Water Bath (Fecal Coliform/E. Coli)				
• Temperature Recordkeeping	• Temperature Log (thermometer accurate to 0.2° C) ²¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Incubator temperature 44.5° C ± 0.2° ^{21/24}			
• Temperature Calibration / Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book being maintained ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Water Level	• Thermometer total immersion or partial (line on thermometer to ID immersion depth) ^{1,5}	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:				

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement		Acceptable?	Rating
Autoclaves/Steam Sterilizers				
• All apparatus utilized is adequately sterilized before use	• Sterilizing temperature 121° C ²⁵	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• 10 to 30 minutes time based on material being sterilized ²⁶	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Documentation	• 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. ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Date, contents, sterilization time and temperature, total time in autoclave, and analyst's initials should be recorded each time the autoclave is used ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Temperature Calibration / Documentation	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book being maintained ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
• Performance Checks	• Test monthly for efficacy using a biological such as commercially available <i>Geobacillus stearothermophilus</i> in spore strips, suspensions, or capsules ¹	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:				

General Lab Criteria

Criteria	Standard Methods Requirement		Rating
Final Effluent Temperature Monitoring	Acceptable?		
• General Criteria	• Thermometer calibrated annually with NIST traceable thermometer ^{1,2}	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Thermometer accurate to 0.1° Celsius ⁵	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	• Log book being maintained ²	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Comments:			
Number of Criteria Rated:			<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptable
			<input type="checkbox"/> Marginal
			<input type="checkbox"/> Unacceptable
			<input type="checkbox"/> Total Number of Areas Rated
<p>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).</p>			
<p>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).</p>			
<p>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).</p>			
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	

Notation of Referenced Method

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| 1 Method 9020-B, Item 3 | 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-A, 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.

General Lab Criteria

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
NH ₃ -N	P, G	500	G, C	Analyze as soon as possible or add H ₂ 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 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 H ₂ SO ₄ to pH <2, Refrigerate $\leq 6^{\circ}\text{C}$	28 d	28 d

Approved Standard Methods	
CBOD / BOD 5 Day	Std Methods 5210-B
Ammonia, Selective Electrode Method	Std Methods 4500-NH ₃ 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