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# National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program

# PUBLIC NOTICE/FACT SHEET

of

# Draft Reissued NPDES Permit to Discharge into Waters of the State

Public Notice/Fact Sheet Issued By:

Illinois EPA Division of Water Pollution Control Permit Section 2520 West Iles Avenue Post Office Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276 217/782-0610

Name and Address of Permittee: Virden Sanitary District 115 Cemetery Road Virden, Illinois 62690-0077 Name and Address of Facility:

Virden Sanitary District East STP Virden Road, 0.5 Miles East of Virden Virden, Illinois 62690-0077 (Macoupin County)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has made a tentative determination to issue a NPDES Permit to discharge into the waters of the state and has prepared a draft Permit and associated fact sheet for the above named Permittee. The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice/Fact Sheet. All comments on the draft Permit and requests for hearing must be received by the IEPA by U.S. Mail, carrier mail or hand delivered by the Public Notice Ending Date. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft Permit to the IEPA at the above address. Commentors shall provide his or her name and address and the nature of the issues proposed to be raised and the evidence proposed to be presented with regards to those issues. Commentors may include a request for public hearing. Persons submitting comments and/or requests for public hearing shall also send a copy of such comments or requests to the Permit applicant. The NPDES Permit and notice numbers must appear on each comment page.

The application, engineer's review notes including load limit calculations, Public Notice/Fact Sheet, draft Permit, comments received, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the IEPA between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when scheduled by the interested person.

If written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in the draft Permit, the permitting authority may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 45 days before any public hearing. Response to comments will be provided when the final Permit is issued. For further information, please call Corey Branson at 217/782-0610.

The following water quality and effluent standards and limitations were applied to the discharge:

Title 35: Environmental Protection, Subtitle C: Water Pollution, Chapter I: Pollution Control Board and the Clean Water Act were applied in determining the applicable standards, limitations and conditions contained in the draft Permit.

The applicant is engaged in treating domestic wastewater for the Virden Sanitary District

The length of the Permit is approximately 5 years.

The main discharge number is 001. The seven day once in ten year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving stream, Brush Creek is 0 cfs.

The design average flow (DAF) for the facility is 0.4 million gallons per day (MGD) and the design maximum flow (DMF) for the facility is 7.09 MGD. Treatment consists of two cell lagoon, rock filter and cascade aerator.

This Reissued Permit does not increase the facility's DAF, DMF, concentration limits, and/or load limits.

Pursuant to the waiver provisions authorized by 40 CFR Section 123.24, this draft permit is within the class, type, and size for which the Regional Administrator, Region V, has waived his right to review, object, or comment on this draft permit action.

This Permit recognizes and continues the year-round disinfection exemption approved by the IEPA on June 18, 1989 and included in past NPDES permit actions since that date. It is the IEPA's tentative decision that under Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations, the following reach of waterbody is not classified for primary contact use activities and is not subject to the fecal coliform water quality standard of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.209.

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This draft permit does not contain requirements for disinfection of the discharge from discharge numbers(s) 001. Brush Creek from the facility discharge in Section 10, T12N, R6W to the county road bridge approximately half (½) mile downstream of the discharge has been determined to be unsuited to support primary contact activities (swimming) due to physical, hydrologic or geographic configuration. Anyone knowing of primary contact activities occurring within this water segment is invited to submit comments to the IEPA. Comments should give the nature of the activities (i.e swimming, fishing, canoeing, etc.), the location and months of the year when these activities have been observed. The IEPA is also interested in obtaining information on the proximity of residential dwellings and the accessibility of the public to this water segment. Anyone with such information is asked to submit comments to the IEPA on this draft permit action. Instructions for submitting comments are contained earlier in this document.

Application is made for the existing discharge which is located in Macoupin County, Illinois. The following information identifies the discharge point, receiving stream and stream classifications:

Discharge				Stream	Integrity
Number	Receiving Stream	Latitude	Longitude	<b>Classification</b>	Rating
001	Brush Creek	39° 29' 36" North	89° 44' 13" West	General Use	Not Rated

To assist you further in identifying the location of the discharge(s) please see the map on page 3 of the Public Notice/Fact Sheet.

Brush Creek, tributary to Waterbody Segment, IL\_EOCA-02, is listed on the 2024 Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List as impaired for aquatic life use with potential causes given as cause unknown and dissolved oxygen.

The discharge(s) from the facility is (are) proposed to be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 STP Outfall

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.4 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 7.09 MGD). The effluent of the above discharge(s) shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day			C	CONCENTRA		
	DAF (DMF)*				LIMITS m		
Parameter	Monthly <u>Average</u>	Weekly <u>Average</u>	Daily <u>Maximum</u>	Monthly <u>Average</u>	Weekly <u>Average</u>	Daily <u>Maximum</u>	Regulation
BOD <sub>5</sub> **	83 (1478)	133 (2365)		30	45		35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102
Suspended Solids**	123 (2188)	150 (2661)		37	45		35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102
рН	Shall be in the	range of 6 to 9		35 IAC 304.125			
Fecal Coliform	Monitor Only (	Monitor Only (May through October)					35 IAC 304.121
Chlorine Residual						0.05	35 IAC 302.208
Ammonia Nitrogen (as N):	Monitor Onl			y		Monitor Only	35 IAC 355 and 35 IAC 302
Total Phosphorus (as P):			Monitor Only	y		Monitor Only	35 IAC 309.146
				Monthly Avg. not less than	Weekly Avg. not less than	Daily Minimum	
Dissolved Oxygen March-July				N/A	6.0	5.0	35 IAC 302.206
August-February				5.5	4.0	3.5	

\*Load Limits are calculated by using the formula: 8.34 x (Design Average and/or Maximum Flow in MGD) x (Applicable Concentration in mg/L).

\*\*BOD₅ and Suspended Solids (85% removal required): In accordance with 40 CFR 133, the 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent.

This draft Permit also contains the following requirements as special conditions:

- 1. Reopening of this Permit to include different final effluent limitations.
- 2. Operation of the facility by or under the supervision of a certified operator.
- 3. Submission of the operational data in a specified form and at a required frequency at any time during the effective term of this Permit.
- 4. More frequent monitoring requirement without Public Notice.
- 5. Prohibition against causing or contributing to violations of water quality standards.
- 6. Recording the monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report Forms using one such form for each outfall each month and submitting the forms to IEPA each month.
- 7. Provisions of 40 CFR Section 122.41 (m) & (n) are incorporated herein by reference.

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- 8. Reopening of this Permit to include revised effluent limitations based on a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other water quality study.
- 9. Effluent sampling point location.
- 10. A requirement to monitor and a limit of 0.05 mg/L for residual chlorine when it is used.
- 11. Submission of annual fiscal data.



#### Illinois Environmental Protection Agency

# **Division of Water Pollution Control**

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# NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

# Reissued (NPDES) Permit

Expiration Date:

Issue Date: Effective Date:

Name and Address of Permittee:

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Receiving Waters: Brush Creek

In compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, Title 35 of the Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C, Chapter I, and the Clean Water Act (CWA), the above-named Permittee is hereby authorized to discharge at the above location to the above-named receiving stream in accordance with the Effluent Limitations, Monitoring and Reporting requirements; Special Conditions and Attachment H Standard Conditions and attachments herein.

Permittee is not authorized to discharge after the above expiration date. In order to receive authorization to discharge beyond the expiration date, the Permittee shall submit the proper application as required by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) not later than 180 days prior to the expiration date.

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#### Effluent Limitations, Monitoring, and Reporting

FINAL

Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 STP Outfall

Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.4 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 7.09 MGD).

From the effective date of this Permit until the expiration date, the effluent of the above discharge(s) shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

	LOA	D LIMITS lbs/o DAF (DMF)*	day	C	ONCENTRA LIMITS mg	-		
<u>Parameter</u> Flow (MGD)	Monthly <u>Average</u>	Weekly <u>Average</u>	Daily <u>Maximum</u>	Monthly <u>Average</u>		<u>Daily</u> <u>Maximum</u>	Sample <u>Frequency</u> Continuous	Sample <u>Type</u>
BOD <sub>5</sub> **,***	83 (1478)	133 (2365)		30	45		2 Days/Month	Grab
Suspended Solids***	123 (2188)	150 (2661)		37	45		2 Days/Month	Grab
рН	Shall be in th	e range of 6 to	9 Standard	Units			2 Days/Month	Grab
Fecal Coliform	Monitor Only	(May through (	October)				2 Days/Month	Grab
Chlorine Residual						0.05	****	Grab
Ammonia Nitrogen: (as N)			Monitor Only			Monitor Only	2 Days/Month	Grab
Total Phosphorus (as P):			Monitor Only			Monitor Only	1 Day/Month	Grab
			Av n	lonthly verage ot less than	Weekly Average not less than	Daily Minimum		
Dissolved Oxygen March-July August-February				N/A 5.5	6.0 4.0	5.0 3.5	2 Days/Month 2 Days/Month	Grab Grab

\*Load limits based on design maximum flow shall apply only when flow exceeds design average flow.

\*\*Carbonaceous BOD<sub>5</sub> (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) testing shall be in accordance with 40 CFR 136.

\*\*\*BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids (85% removal required) For Discharge No. 001: In accordance with 40 CFR 133, the 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent. The percent removal need not be reported to the IEPA on DMRs but influent and effluent data must be available, as required elsewhere in this Permit, for IEPA inspection and review. For measuring compliance with this requirement, 5 mg/L shall be added to the effluent CBOD<sub>5</sub> concentration to determine the effluent BOD<sub>5</sub> concentration. Percent removal is a percentage expression of the removal efficiency across a treatment plant for a given pollutant parameter, as determined from the 30-day average values of the effluent pollutant concentrations to the facility and the 30-day average values of the effluent pollutant concentrations for a given time period.

\*\*\*\*See Special Condition 10.

Flow shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) as monthly average and daily maximum.

Fecal Coliform shall be reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.

pH shall be reported on the DMR as minimum and maximum value.

Chlorine Residual shall be reported on the DMR as daily maximum value.

Dissolved oxygen shall be reported on the DMR as a minimum value.

Total Phosphorus shall be reported on the DMR as a daily maximum value.

# Influent Monitoring, and Reporting

The influent to the plant shall be monitored as follows:

<u>Parameter</u> Flow (MGD)	Sample Frequency Continuous	Sample Type	
BOD <sub>5</sub>	2 Days/Month	Composite	
Suspended Solids	2 Days/Month	Composite	

Influent samples shall be taken at a point representative of the influent.

Flow (MGD) shall be reported on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) as monthly average and daily maximum.

BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids shall be reported on the DMR as a monthly average concentration.

#### **Special Conditions**

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 1:</u> This Permit may be modified to include different final effluent limitations or requirements which are consistent with applicable laws and regulations. The IEPA will public notice the permit modification.

SPECIAL CONDITION 2: The use or operation of this facility shall be by or under the supervision of a Certified Class 4 operator.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 3:</u> The IEPA may request in writing submittal of operational information in a specified form and at a required frequency at any time during the effective period of this Permit.

SPECIAL CONDITION 4: The IEPA may request more frequent monitoring by permit modification pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.63 and Without Public Notice.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 5:</u> The effluent, alone or in combination with other sources, shall not cause a violation of any applicable water quality standard outlined in 35 III. Adm. Code 302 and 303.

SPECIAL CONDITION 6: The Permittee shall record monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) electronic forms using one such form for each outfall each month.

In the event that an outfall does not discharge during a monthly reporting period, the DMR Form shall be submitted with no discharge indicated.

The Permittee is required to submit electronic DMRs (NetDMRs) instead of mailing paper DMRs to the IEPA unless a waiver has been granted by the Agency. More information, including registration information for the NetDMR program, can be obtained on the IEPA website, https://epa.illinois.gov/topics/water-quality/surface-water/netdmr.html.

The completed Discharge Monitoring Report forms shall be submitted to IEPA no later than the 25<sup>th</sup> day of the following month, unless otherwise specified by the permitting authority.

Permittees that have been granted a waiver shall mail Discharge Monitoring Reports with an original signature to the IEPA at the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency Division of Water Pollution Control Attention: Compliance Assurance Section, Mail Code # 19 2520 West Iles Avenue Post Office Box 19276 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

SPECIAL CONDITION 7: The provisions of 40 CFR Section 122.41(m) & (n) are incorporated herein by reference.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 8:</u> This Permit may be modified to include alternative or additional final effluent limitations pursuant to an approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Study or upon completion of an alternate Water Quality Study.

SPECIAL CONDITION 9: Samples taken in compliance with the effluent monitoring requirements shall be taken at a point representative of the discharge, but prior to entry into the receiving stream.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 10:</u> For Discharge No. 001, any use of chlorine to control slime growths, odors or as an operational control, etc. shall not exceed the limit of 0.05 mg/L (daily maximum) total residual chlorine in the effluent. Sampling is required on a daily grab basis during the chlorination process. Reporting shall be submitted on the DMR's on a monthly basis.

<u>SPECIAL CONDITION 11</u>. During January of each year the Permittee shall submit annual fiscal data regarding sewerage system operations to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency/Division of Water Pollution Control/Compliance Assurance Section. The Permittee may use any fiscal year period provided the period ends within twelve (12) months of the submission date.

Submission shall be on forms provided by IEPA titled "Fiscal Report Form For NPDES Permittees".