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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

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November 23, 2005

DAWN R. GALLAGHER
COMMISSIONER

Mr. Robert Kane
Town of Bar Harbor
Bar Harbor Wastewater Treatment Facility – Hulls Cove Plant
93 Cottage Street
Bar Harbor, ME 04609

RE: Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) Permit #ME0102466
Maine Waste Discharge License (WDL) Application #W002590-5L-F-R
Final Permit/License – Hulls Cove Plant

Dear Mr. Kane:

Enclosed, please find a copy of your **final** MEPDES permit and Maine WDL which was approved by the Department of Environmental Protection. Please read the permit/license and its attached conditions carefully. You must follow the conditions in the order to satisfy the requirements of law. Any discharge not receiving adequate treatment is in violation of State law and is subject to enforcement action.

Any interested person aggrieved by a Department determination made pursuant to applicable regulations, may appeal the decision following the procedures described in the attached DEP FACT SHEET entitled "*Appealing a Commissioner's Licensing Decision.*"

We would like to make you aware of the fact that your monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) may not reflect the revisions in this permitting action for several months however, you are required to report applicable test results for parameters required by this MEPDES permit/WDL that do not appear on the DMR. Please see attached April 2003 O&M Newsletter article regarding this matter.

If you have any questions regarding the matter, please feel free to call me at 287-7659.

Sincerely,

Bill Hinkel
Division of Water Resource Regulation
Bureau of Land and Water Quality

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DMR Lag

When the Department renews discharge permits, the parameter limits may change or parameters may be added or deleted. In some cases, it is merely the replacement of the federally issued NPDES permit with a state-issued MEPDES permit that results in different limits. When the new permit is finalized, a copy of the permit is passed to our data entry staff for coding into EPA's Permits Compliance System (PCS) database. PCS was developed in the 1970's and is not user-friendly. Entering or changing parameters can take weeks or even months.

This can create a lag between the time your new permit becomes effective and the new permit limits appearing on your DMRs. If you are faced with this, it can create three different situations that have to be dealt with in different ways.

1. If the parameter was included on previous DMRs, but only the limit was changed, there will be a space for the data. Please go ahead and enter it. When the changes are made to PCS, the program will have the data and compare it to the new limit.

2. When a parameter is eliminated from monitoring in your new permit, but there is a delay in changing the DMR, you will have a space on the DMR that needs to be filled. For a parameter that has been eliminated, please enter the space on the DMR for that parameter only with "NODI-9" (No Discharge Indicator Code #9). This code means monitoring is conditional or not required this monitoring period.

3. When your new permit includes parameters for which monitoring was not previously required, and coding has not caught up on the DMRs, there will not be any space on the DMR identified for those parameters. In that case, please fill out an extra sheet of paper with the facility name and permit number, along with all of the information normally required for each parameter (parameter code, data, frequency of analysis, sample type, and number of exceedances). Each data point should be identified as monthly average, weekly average, daily max, etc. and the units of measurement such as mg/L or lb/day. Staple the extra sheet to the DMR so that the extra data stays with the DMR form. Our data entry staff cannot enter the data for the new parameters until the PCS coding catches up. When the PCS coding does catch up, our data entry staff will have the data right at hand to do the entry without having to take the extra time to seek it from your inspector or from you.

EPA is planning significant improvements for the PCS system that will be implemented in the next few years. These improvements should allow us to issue modified permits and DMRs concurrently. Until then we appreciate your assistance and patience in this effort.

Phil Garwood

STATE OF MAINE
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
STATE HOUSE STATION 17 AUGUSTA, MAINE 04333

DEPARTMENT ORDER

IN THE MATTER OF

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR	)	MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE
BAR HARBOR, HANCOCK COUNTY, MAINE	)	ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
PUBLICLY OWNED TREATMENT WORKS	)	AND
#ME0102466	)	WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE
#W002590-5L-F-R **APPROVAL**	)	**RENEWAL**
Hulls Cove Plant		

Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, Title 33 USC, Section 1251, *et seq.* and Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A., Section 414-A *et seq.*, and applicable regulations, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) has considered the application of the TOWN OF BAR HARBOR (Town), with its supportive data, agency review comments, and other related materials on file and FINDS THE FOLLOWING FACTS:

APPLICATION SUMMARY

The Town has applied for renewal of Department Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W002590-5L-D-R issued on December 14, 2000, and subsequent WDL Modification #W002590-5L-E-M / Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0102466 issued on August 28, 2001. The 8/28/01 MEPDES permit is scheduled to expire on December 14, 2005, the expiration date associated with the 12/14/00 WDL. The 8/28/01 MEPDES permit authorized the monthly average discharge of up to 0.150 million gallons per day (MGD) of secondary treated sanitary wastewater from the Town's Hulls Cove Plant, and an unspecified quantity of excess combined sanitary and storm water during wet weather events from one (1) combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfall to Frenchman Bay (Atlantic Ocean), Class SB, in Bar Harbor, Maine. It is noted that a permit compliance system (PCS) tracking number of MEU502590 is referenced in the 8/28/01 MEPDES permit rather than the MEPDES permit number of ME0102466, which was assigned to this facility in March 2002 for data management purposes.

PERMIT SUMMARY

This permitting action is similar to the 8/28/01 permitting action in that it is:

1. Carrying forward the monthly average discharge flow limit of 0.150 MGD and the daily maximum discharge flow reporting requirement;

2. Carrying forward authorization to discharge an unspecified quantity of excess combined sanitary and storm water during wet weather events from one (1) combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfall identified as Outfall #008;

3. Carrying forward the monthly average, weekly average and daily maximum technology-based concentration and mass limits for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD_5) and total suspended solids (TSS);

4. Carrying forward the requirement for a minimum of 85% removal of BOD_5 and TSS;

5. Carrying forward the daily maximum technology-based concentration limit for settleable solids;

6. Carrying forward the seasonal monthly average and daily maximum concentration limits for fecal coliform bacteria;

7. Carrying forward the technology-based daily maximum concentration limit for total residual chlorine (TRC);

8. Carrying forward the pH range limit of 6.0 to 9.0 standard units (SU); and

9. Carrying forward the minimum monitoring frequency requirements for all monitored parameters.

This permitting action is different from the 8/28/01 permitting action in that it is

1. Establishing a technology-based monthly average concentration limit of 0.1 mg/L for TRC;

2. Establishing whole effluent toxicity (WET), priority pollutant and analytical chemistry testing requirements; and

3. Requiring the submission of a revised Wet Weather Management Plan for Department review and comment.

CONCLUSIONS

BASED on the findings in the attached Fact Sheet dated November 21, 2005, and subject to the Conditions listed below, the Department makes the following conclusions:

1. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification.

2. The discharge, either by itself or in combination with other discharges, will not lower the quality of any unclassified body of water below the classification which the Department expects to adopt in accordance with state law.

3. The provisions of the State's antidegradation policy, 38 M.R.S.A. §464(4)(F), will be met, in that:

   (a) Existing in-stream water uses and the level of water quality necessary to protect and maintain those existing uses will be maintained and protected;

   (b) Where high quality waters of the State constitute an outstanding national resource, that water quality will be maintained and protected;

   (c) The standards of classification of the receiving water body are met or, where the standards of classification of the receiving water body are not met, the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the water body to meet the standards of classification;

   (d) Where the actual quality of any classified receiving water body exceeds the minimum standards of the next highest classification that higher water quality will be maintained and protected; and

   (e) Where a discharge will result in lowering the existing water quality of any water body, the Department has made the finding, following opportunity for public participation, that this action is necessary to achieve important economic or social benefits to the State.

4. The discharge (including the CSO point) will be subject to effluent limitations that require application of best practicable treatment as defined in Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A., §414-A(1)(D).

ACTION

THEREFORE, the Department APPROVES the above noted application of the TOWN OF BAR HARBOR to discharge a monthly average flow of up to 0.150 million gallons per day of secondary treated municipal wastewater from the Town's Hulls Cove Plant and an unspecified quantity of excess combined sanitary and storm water during wet weather events from one (1) combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfall to the Atlantic Ocean at Frenchman Bay, Class SB, in Bar Harbor Maine, SUBJECT TO THE ATTACHED CONDITIONS, and all applicable standards and regulations including:

1. "Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit Standard Conditions Applicable To All Permits," revised July 1, 2002, copy attached.

2. The attached Special Conditions, including any effluent limitations and monitoring requirements.

3. The expiration date of this permit is five (5) years from the date of signature below.

DONE AND DATED AT AUGUSTA, MAINE, THIS 21st DAY OF November, 2005.

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

BY: _____
DAWN R. GALLAGHER, Commissioner

PLEASE NOTE ATTACHED SHEET FOR GUIDANCE ON APPEAL PROCEDURES

Date of initial receipt of application: August 26, 2005
Date of application acceptance: August 29, 2005

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STATE OF MAINE

Date filed with Board of Environmental Protection: _____.

This Order prepared by William F. Hinkel, BUREAU OF LAND & WATER QUALITY
#ME0102466 / #W002590-5L-F-R November 21, 2005

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

1. During the period beginning the effective date of this permit and lasting through permit expiration, the permittee is authorized to discharge **secondary treated sanitary wastewater from Outfall #001A** (Hulls Cove Plant) to the Atlantic Ocean at Frenchman Bay. Such discharges shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below[1]:

Effluent Characteristic	Discharge Limitations						Minimum Monitoring Requirements	
	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
	as specified	as specified	as specified	as specified	as specified	as specified	as specified	as specified
Flow *[50050]*	0.150 MGD *[03]*	---	Report, MGD *[03]*	---	---	---	Continuous *[99/99]*	Recorder *[RC]*
BOD_5 *[00310]*	38 lbs./day *[26]*	56 lbs./day *[26]*	62 lbs./day *[26]*	30 mg/L *[19]*	45 mg/L *[19]*	50 mg/L *[19]*	1/Week *[01/07]*	24-Hour Composite *[24]*
BOD_5 Percent Removal[2] *[81010]*	---	---	---	85% *[23]*	---	---	1/Month *[01/30]*	Calculate *[CA]*
TSS *[00530]*	38 lbs./day *[26]*	56 lbs./day *[26]*	62 lbs./day *[26]*	30 mg/L *[19]*	45 mg/L *[19]*	50 mg/L *[19]*	1/Week *[01/07]*	24-Hour Composite *[24]*
TSS Percent Removal[2] *[81011]*	---	---	---	85% *[23]*	---	---	1/Month *[01/30]*	Calculate *[CA]*
Settleable Solids *[00545]*	---	---	---	---	---	0.3 ml/L *[25]*	1/Day *[01/01]*	Grab *[GR]*
Fecal coliform bacteria[3] *[31616]*	---	---	---	15/100 ml[4] *[13]*	---	50/100 ml *[13]*	1/Week *[01/07]*	Grab *[GR]*
Total Residual Chlorine[5] *[50060]*	---	---	---	0.1 mg/L *[19]*	---	0.3 mg/L *[19]*	1/Day *[01/01]*	Grab *[GR]*
pH *[00400]*	---	---	---	---	---	6.0 – 9.0 SU *[12]*	1/Day *[01/01]*	Grab *[GR]*

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table and in subsequent text are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports.

FOOTNOTES: See Pages 8 through 10 of this permit for applicable footnotes.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

2. SURVEILLENCE LEVEL TESTING. During the period **beginning the effective date of this permit and lasting through 12 months prior to permit expiration** for **Outfall #001A**, the permittee shall perform WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) and ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY MONITORING as follows:

WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) [6]	Daily Maximum	Minimum Frequency	Sample Type
Acute No Observed Effect Level (A-NOEL) Invertebrate-**Mysid Shrimp** (*Mysidopsis bahia*) *[TDA3E]*	Report % *[23]*	1/Year *[01/YR]*	24-Hour Composite *[24]*
Chronic No Observed Effect Level (C-NOEL) Invertebrate-**Sea Urchin** (*Arbacia punctulata*) *[TBH3A]*	Report % *[23]*	1/Year *[01/YR]*	24-Hour Composite *[24]*
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY[7] *[XXXXX]*	Report mg/L/µg/L *[19/28]*	1/Year *[01/YR]*	24-Hour Composite/Grab *[24/GR]*

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table and in subsequent text are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports.

FOOTNOTES: See Pages 8 through 10 of this permit for applicable footnotes.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

3. SCREENING LEVEL TESTING. During the period **beginning 12 months prior to permit expiration and lasting through permit expiration** for **Outfall #001A**, the permittee shall perform WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET), PRIORITY POLLUTANT TESTING AND ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY MONITORING as follows:

WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) [6]	Daily Maximum	Minimum Frequency	Sample Type
Acute No Observed Effect Level (A-NOEL) Invertebrate-**Mysid Shrimp** (*Mysidopsis bahia*) *[TDA3E]*	Report % *[23]*	1/Year *[01/YR]*	24-Hour Composite *[24]*
Chronic No Observed Effect Level (C-NOEL) Invertebrate-**Sea Urchin** (*Arbacia punctulata*) *[TBH3A]*	Report % *[23]*	1/Year *[01/YR]*	24-Hour Composite *[24]*
ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY[7] *[XXXXX]*	Report mg/L/µg/L *[19/28]*	4/Year *[04/YR]*	24-Hour Composite/Grab *[24/GR]*
PRIORITY POLLUTANT[8] *[50008]*	Report µg/L *[28]*	1/Year *[01/YR]*	24-Hour Composite/Grab *[24/GR]*

The italicized numeric values bracketed in the table and in subsequent text are code numbers that Department personnel utilize to code the monthly Discharge Monitoring Reports.

FOOTNOTES: See Pages 8 through 10 of this permit for applicable footnotes.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

FOOTNOTES:

1. **Monitoring – Influent monitoring shall be conducted at the facility headworks at the effluent end of the influent grinder or bar screen. All effluent monitoring shall be conducted at a location following the last treatment unit in the treatment process as to be representative of end-of-pipe effluent characteristics. Effluent monitoring shall be performed at the effluent end of the chlorine contact chamber following the dechlorination point.** Any change in sampling location must be approved by the Department in writing. Sampling and analysis must be conducted in accordance with: a) methods approved by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136; b) alternative methods approved by the Department in accordance with the procedures in 40 CFR Part 136; or c) as otherwise specified by the Department. Samples that are sent out for analysis shall be analyzed by a laboratory certified by the State of Maine's Department of Human Services.

2. **Percent Removal** – The treatment facility shall maintain a minimum of 85 percent removal of both biochemical oxygen demand and total suspended solids for all flows receiving secondary treatment. The percent removal shall be calculated based on influent and effluent concentration values. The percent removal shall be waived when the monthly average influent concentration is less than 200 mg/L.

3. **Bacteria Limits** – Fecal coliform bacteria limits and monitoring requirements are seasonal and apply between May 15 and September 30 of each year.

4. **Bacteria Reporting** – The monthly average fecal coliform bacteria limitation is a geometric mean limitation and sample results shall be reported as such.

5. **TRC Monitoring** – Monitoring for TRC is only required when elemental chlorine or chlorine-based compounds are in use for effluent disinfection. TRC shall be tested using Amperometric Titration or the DPD Spectrophotometric Method. The USEPA approved methods are found in Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Waste Water, (Most current edition), Method 4500-CL-E and Method 4500-CL-G or USEPA Manual of Methods of Analysis of Water and Wastes. For the purposes of Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) reporting when a facility has not disinfected with chlorine-based compounds for an entire reporting period, enter **"NODI-9" indicating " monitoring not required this monitoring period."**

6. **Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Testing** – Definitive WET testing is a multi-concentration testing event (a minimum of five dilutions bracketing the critical acute and chronic thresholds of 3.7% and 0.21%, respectively), which provides a point estimate of toxicity in terms of No Observed Effect Level, commonly referred to as NOEL or NOEC. A-NOEL is defined as the acute no observed effect level with survival as the end point. C-NOEL is defined as the chronic no observed effect level with survival, reproduction and growth as the end points.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

FOOTNOTES:

Beginning upon issuance of this permit and lasting through permit expiration, the permittee shall conduct **surveillance and screening level WET testing** at a minimum frequency of once per year. Surveillance tests shall be conducted in a different calendar quarter for the first four successive years. Acute tests shall be conducted on the mysid shrimp (*Mysidopsis bahia*); chronic tests shall be conducted on the sea urchin (*Arbacia punctulata).* Results shall be submitted within 30 days of receiving the results from the laboratory conducting the testing.

Results of WET tests shall be reported on the "WET Results Report – Marine Waters" form included as Attachment A of this permit each time a WET test is performed. The permittee is required to analyze the effluent for the parameters specified on the "WET and Analytical Chemistry Results – Marine Waters" form included as Attachment B of this permit each time a WET test is performed. It is noted that receiving water chemistry need only be performed at the discretion of the permittee and must be performed using an aliquot of the WET chemistry sample.

Toxicity tests must be conducted by an experienced laboratory approved by the Department. The laboratory must follow procedures as described in the following USEPA methods manuals.

a. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2002. *Methods for Measuring the Acute Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Freshwater and Marine Organisms*, 5th ed. EPA 821-R-02-012. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Washington, D.C., October 2002 (the acute method manual).

b. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. 2002. *Short-term Methods for Estimating the Chronic Toxicity of Effluents and Receiving Waters to Marine and Estuarine Organisms*, 3rd ed. EPA 821-R-02-014. U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Office of Water, Washington, D.C., October 2002 (the marine chronic method manual).

7. **Analytical Chemistry** – Pursuant to Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 530 Section 2.C.4, analytical chemistry refers to a suite of chemical tests that include ammonia nitrogen (as N), total aluminum, total arsenic, total cadmium, total chromium, total copper, total cyanide, total lead, total nickel, total silver, total zinc and total residual chlorine.

Beginning upon issuance of this permit and lasting through 12 months prior to permit expiration (surveillance level), the permittee shall conduct analytical chemistry monitoring at a minimum frequency of once per year (1/Year). Surveillance tests shall be conducted in a different calendar quarter for the first four successive years.

Beginning 12 months prior to the expiration of this permit and lasting through permit expiration (screening level), the permittee shall conduct analytical chemistry monitoring at a minimum frequency of once per calendar quarter (1/Quarter) in consecutive calendar quarters.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

A. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

FOOTNOTES:

Analytical chemistry testing shall be conducted using methods that permit detection of a pollutant at existing levels in the effluent or that achieve minimum reporting levels of detection as specified by the Department. Results shall be submitted to the Department within thirty (30) days of the permittee receiving the data report from the laboratory conducting the testing. For the purposes of Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) reporting when analytical chemistry monitoring is not required during the reporting period, enter **"NODI-9" indicating " monitoring not required this monitoring period."**

The permittee is required to analyze the effluent for the "analytes required for analytical chemistry" as provided on the "WET and Analytical Chemistry Results – Marine Waters" form included as Attachment B of this permit each time analytical chemistry monitoring is performed.

8. **Priority Pollutant Testing –** Priority pollutant testing refers to analysis for levels of priority pollutants listed in Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 525 Section 4.VI.

   Surveillance level priority pollutant testing is not required pursuant to Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 530 Section 2.D.

   Beginning 12 months prior to permit expiration and lasting through permit expiration, the permittee shall conduct **screening level priority pollutant testing** at a minimum frequency of once per year (1/Year).

   Priority pollutant testing shall be conducted on samples collected at the same time as those collected for whole effluent toxicity tests, when applicable. Priority pollutant testing shall be conducted using methods that permit detection of a pollutant at existing levels in the effluent or that achieve minimum reporting levels of detection as specified by the Department. Results shall be submitted to the Department within thirty (30) days of the permittee receiving the data report from the laboratory conducting the testing. **For the purposes of Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) reporting when priority pollutant monitoring is not required during the reporting period, enter "NODI-9" indicating " monitoring not required this monitoring period."**

   All mercury sampling shall be conducted in accordance with USEPA's "clean sampling techniques" found in USEPA Method 1669, Sampling Ambient Water For Trace Metals At EPA Water Quality Criteria Levels. All mercury analysis shall be conducted in accordance with USEPA Method 1631, Determination of Mercury in Water by Oxidation, Purge and Trap, and Cold Vapor Fluorescence Spectrometry.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

B. NARRATIVE EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

1. The effluent shall not contain a visible oil sheen, foam or floating solids at any time which would impair the usages designated by the classification of the receiving waters.

2. The effluent shall not contain materials in concentrations or combinations which are hazardous or toxic to aquatic life, or which would impair the usages designated by the classification of the receiving waters.

3. The discharges shall not cause visible discoloration or turbidity in the receiving waters which would impair the usages designated by the classification of the receiving waters.

4. Notwithstanding specific conditions of this permit the effluent must not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification, or lower the existing quality of any body of water if the existing quality is higher than the classification.

C. DISINFECTION

If chlorination is used as the means of disinfection, an approved chlorine contact tank providing the proper detention time consistent with good engineering practice must be utilized followed by a dechlorination system if the imposed total residual chlorine (TRC) limit cannot be achieved by dissipation in the detention tank. The total residual chlorine in the effluent shall at no time cause any demonstrable harm to aquatic life in the receiving waters. The dose of chlorine applied shall provide a TRC concentration that will effectively reduce fecal coliform bacteria levels to or below those specified in Special Condition A, *Effluent Limitation and Monitoring Requirements,* above.

D. TREATMENT PLANT OPERATOR

The treatment facility must be operated by a person holding a minimum of a **Grade II** certificate (or Registered Maine Professional Engineer) pursuant to Title 32 M.R.S.A. §4171 *et seq*. All proposed contracts for facility operation by any person must be approved by the Department before the permittee may engage the services of the contract operator.

E. LIMITATIONS FOR INDUSTRIAL USERS

Pollutants introduced into the waste water collection and treatment system by a non-domestic source (user) shall not pass through or interfere with the operation of the treatment system.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

F. MONITORING AND REPORTING

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized for each month and reported on separate Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) forms provided by the Department and **postmarked on or before the thirteenth (13th) day of the month or hand-delivered to the Department's Regional Office such that the DMR's are received by the Department on or before the fifteenth (15th) day of the month** following the completed reporting period. A signed copy of the DMR and all other reports required herein shall be submitted to the following addresses:

Department of Environmental Protection
Eastern Maine Regional Office
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
Division of Engineering, Compliance and Technical Assistance
106 Hogan Road
Bangor, Maine 04401

G. NOTIFICATION REQUIREMENT

In accordance with Standard Condition D, the permittee shall notify the Department of the following.

1. Any introduction of pollutants into the wastewater collection and treatment system from an indirect discharger in a primary industrial category discharging process wastewater; and

2. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into the wastewater collection and treatment system by a source introducing pollutants into the system at the time of permit issuance. For the purposes of this section, notice regarding substantial change shall include information on:

   (a) the quality and quantity of wastewater introduced to the wastewater collection and treatment system; and

   (b) any anticipated impact caused by the change in the quantity or quality of the wastewater to be discharged from the treatment system.

H. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGES

The permittee is authorized to discharge only in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit and only from Outfall #001A (secondary treated wastewater) one (1) combined sewer overflow outfall (Outfall #008) listed in Special Condition K. Discharges of wastewater from any other point source are not authorized under this permit, and shall be reported in accordance with Standard Condition B(5), *Bypasses*, of this permit.

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

I. OPERATION & MAINTENANCE (O&M) PLAN

The permittee shall maintain a current written comprehensive Operation & Maintenance (O&M) Plan at the facility. The plan shall provide a systematic approach by which the permittee shall at all times, properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

By December 31 of each year, or within 90 days of any process changes or minor equipment upgrades, the permittee shall evaluate and modify the O&M Plan including site plan(s) and schematic(s) for the wastewater treatment facility to ensure that it is up-to-date. The O&M Plan shall be kept on-site at all times and made available to Department and USEPA personnel upon request.

Within 90 days of completion of new and or substantial upgrades of the wastewater treatment facility, the permittee shall submit the updated O&M Plan to their Department inspector for review and comment.

J. WET WEATHER FLOW MANAGEMENT PLAN

On or before June 1, 2006, the permittee shall submit to the Department for review and approval, a new or revised Wet Weather Management Plan ***[PCS Code 06799]*** that conforms to Department guidelines for such plans. The revised plan shall include operating procedures for a range of intensities, address solids handling procedures (including septic waste and other high strength wastes if applicable) and provide written operating and maintenance procedures during the events.

The treatment facility staff shall develop and maintain a Wet Weather Management Plan to direct the staff on how to operate the facility effectively during periods of high flow. The Department acknowledges that the existing collection system may deliver flows in excess of the monthly average design capacity of the treatment plant during periods of high infiltration and rainfall.

The permittee shall review their plan at least annually and record any necessary changes to keep the plan up to date. Any changes to the plans must be submitted to the Department for review and approval.

K. COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS (CSOs)

Pursuant to Chapter 570 of Department rules, *Combined Sewer Overflow Abatement,* the permittee is authorized to discharge from the following locations of combined sewer overflows (CSOs) (storm water and sanitary wastewater) subject to the conditions and requirements herein.

1. CSO locations

Outfall #	Location	Receiving Water & Class
008	Hulls Cove Pump Station, Route 3 and Breakneck Brook	Frenchman Bay, Class SB

K. COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS (CSOs) (cont'd)

2. Prohibited Discharges

   a) The discharge of dry weather flows is prohibited. All such discharges shall be reported to the Department in accordance with Standard Condition D (1) of this permit.

   b) No discharge shall occur as a result of mechanical failure, improper design or inadequate operation or maintenance.

   c) No discharges shall occur at flow rates below the applicable design capacities of the wastewater treatment facility, pumping stations or sewerage system.

3. Narrative Effluent Limitations

   a) The effluent shall not contain a visible oil sheen, settled substances, foam, or floating solids at any time that impair the characteristics and designated uses ascribed to the classification of the receiving waters.

   b) The effluent shall not contain materials in concentrations or combinations that are hazardous or toxic to aquatic life; or which would impair the usage designated by the classification of the receiving waters.

   c) The discharge shall not impart color, turbidity, toxicity, radioactivity or other properties that cause the receiving waters to be unsuitable for the designated uses and other characteristics ascribed to their class.

   d) Notwithstanding specific conditions of this permit, the effluent by itself or in combination with other discharges shall not lower the quality of any classified body of water below such classification, or lower the existing quality of any body of water if the existing quality is higher than the classification.

4. CSO Master Plan (see Sections 2 & 3 of Chapter 570 Department rules)

   The permittee shall implement CSO control projects in accordance with an approved CSO Master Plan and abatement schedule.

   On or before December 31, 2006, ***(PCS Code 81699)*** the permittee shall submit a CSO Master Plan and abatement schedule to the Department for review and approval.

   To modify the dates and or projects specified above, the permittee must file an application with the Department to formally modify this permit. The remaining work items identified in the abatement schedule may be amended from time to time based on mutual agreements between the permittee and the Department. The permittee must notify the Department in writing prior to any proposed changes to the implementation schedule.

K. COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS (CSOs) (cont'd)

5. Nine Minimum Controls (NMC) (see Section 5 Chapter 570 of Department rules)

   The permittee shall implement and follow the Nine Minimum Control documentation as approved by EPA on January 19, 2000. Work preformed on the Nine Minimum Controls during the year shall be included in the annual CSO Progress Report (see below).

6. CSO Compliance Monitoring Program (see Section 6 Chapter 570 of Department rules)
   The permittee shall conduct flow monitoring according to an approved *Compliance Monitoring Program* on all CSO points, as part of the CSO Master Plan. Annual flow volumes for all CSO locations shall be determined by actual flow monitoring, by estimation using a model such as EPA's Storm Water Management Model (SWMM) or by some other estimation technique approved by the Department.

   Results shall be submitted annually as part of the annual *CSO Progress Report* (see below), and shall include annual precipitation, CSO volumes (actual or estimated) and any block test data required. Any abnormalities during CSO monitoring shall also be reported. The results shall be reported on the Department form *"CSO Activity and Volumes"* (Attachment C of this permit) or similar format and submitted to the Department on diskette.

   CSO control projects that have been completed shall be monitored for volume and frequency of overflow to determine the effectiveness of the project toward CSO abatement. This requirement shall not apply to those areas where complete separation has been completed and CSO outfalls have been eliminated.

7. Additions of New Wastewater (see Section 8 Chapter 570 of Department rules)

   Chapter 570 Section 8 lists requirements relating to any proposed addition of wastewater to the combined sewer system. Documentation of the new wastewater additions to the system and associated mitigating measures shall be included in the annual *CSO Progress Report* (see below). Reports must contain the volumes and characteristics of the wastewater added or authorized for addition and descriptions of the sewer system improvements and estimated effectiveness. Any sewer extensions upstream of a CSO must be reviewed and approved by the Department prior to their connection to the collection system. A Sewer Extension/Addition Reporting Form shall be completed and submitted to the Department along with plans and specifications of the proposed extension/addition.

8. Annual CSO Progress Reports (see Section 7 of Chapter 570 of Department Rules)
   By March 1 of each year *(PCS Code 11099)*, the permittee shall submit a *CSO Progress Reports* covering the previous calendar year (January 1 to December 31). The CSO Progress Report shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, the following topics as further described in Chapter 570: CSO abatement projects, schedule comparison, progress on inflow sources, costs, flow monitoring results, CSO activity and volumes, nine minimum controls update, sewer extensions, and new commercial or industrial flows.

K. COMBINED SEWER OVERFLOWS (CSOs) (cont'd)

The CSO Progress Reports shall be completed on a standard form entitled *"Annual CSO Progress Report,"* furnished by the Department, and submitted in electronic form, if possible, to the following address:

CSO Coordinator
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Land and Water Quality
Division of Engineering, Compliance and Technical Assistance
17 State House Station
Augusta, Maine 04333
e-mail: CSOCoordinator@maine.gov

9. Signs

If not already installed, the permittee shall install and maintain an identification sign at each CSO location as notification to the public that intermittent discharges of untreated sanitary wastewater occur. The sign must be located at or near the outfall and be easily readable by the public. The sign shall be a minimum of 12" x 18" in size with white lettering against a green background and shall contain the following information:

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
WET WEATHER
SEWAGE DISCHARGE
CSO # AND NAME

10. Definitions

For the purposes of this permitting action, the following terms are defined as follows:

a. Combined Sewer Overflow - a discharge of excess waste water from a municipal or quasi-municipal sewerage system that conveys both sanitary wastes and storm water in a single pipe system and that is in direct response to a storm event or snowmelt.

b. Dry Weather Flows - flow in a sewerage system that occurs as a result of non-storm events or are caused solely by ground water infiltration.

c. Wet Weather Flows - flow in a sewerage system that occurs as a direct result of a storm event, or snowmelt in combination with dry weather flows.

L. REOPENING OF PERMIT FOR MODIFICATIONS

Upon evaluation of the tests results or monitoring requirements specified in Special Conditions of this permitting action, new site specific information, or any other pertinent test results or information obtained during the term of this permit, the Department may, at any time, and with notice to the permittee, modify this permit to: (1) include effluent limits necessary to control specific pollutants or whole effluent toxicity where there is a reasonable potential that the effluent may cause water quality criteria to be exceeded; (2) require additional effluent or ambient water quality monitoring if results on file are inconclusive; or (3) change monitoring requirements or limitations based on new information.

M. SEVERABILITY

In the event that any provision, or part thereof, of this permit is declared to be unlawful by a reviewing court, the remainder of the permit shall remain in full force and effect, and shall be construed and enforced in all respects as if such unlawful provision, or part thereof, had been omitted, unless otherwise ordered by the court.

ATTACHMENT A

WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY (WET) REPORT
MARINE WATERS

Facility Name _____ DEP License # _____ NPDES or MEPDES Permit # _____

Contact person _____ Telephone # _____

Date initially sampled _____ (mm/dd/yy) Date tested _____ (mm/dd/yy) Chlorinated? _____

Test type screening _____ surveillance _____ Dechlorinated? _____

Results % effluent

	Mysid shrimp	Sea urchin
A-NOEL		
C-NOEL		

Test required by: DEP/EPA

Receiving Water Concentration

A-NOEL	
C-NOEL	

Data summary	Mysid shrimp % survival	Sea urchin % survival
QC standard	>90	>80
lab control		
receiving water control		
conc. 1 (%)		
conc. 2 (%)		
conc. 3 (%)		
conc. 4 (%)		
conc. 5 (%)		
conc. 6 (%)		
stat test used		

place * next to values statistically different from controls

Salinity Adjustment	
brine	
sea salt	
other	

Reference toxicant	Mysid shrimp A-NOEL	Sea urchin C-NOEL
toxicant /date		
limits (mg/L)		
results (mg/L)		

Comments _____

Laboratory Conducting Tests. To the best of my knowledge this information is true, accurate, and complete

Signature _____ Company _____

Printed Name _____ Mailing Address _____

Telephone # _____ City, State, ZIP _____

Report WET chemistry on DEP Form "WET and Analytical Chemistry Results - Marine Waters, November 2005."

ATTACHMENT B

WET AND ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY RESULTS
MARINE WATERS

Facility Name _____ DEP License # _____ NPDES or MEPDES Permit # _____

Date Collected _____ mm/dd/yy Date Analyzed _____ mm/dd/yy

Lab ID No. _____ Actual Daily Discharge Flow _____ MGD Monthly Average Discharge Flow _____ MGD

	Analyte	Report Units	Receiving Water Results*	Effluent Results	Detection level	Method
Analytes Required for Analytical Chemistry	Ammonia nitrogen	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total aluminum	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total arsenic	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total cadmium	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total chromium	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total copper	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total cyanide	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total lead	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total nickel	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total silver	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total zinc	µg/L			µg/L	
	Total residual chlorine	mg/L			mg/L	
	other ( )					
Additional Analytes Required For WET Chemistry	Total organic carbon	mg/L			mg/L	
	Total solids	mg/L			mg/L	
	Total suspended solids	mg/L			mg/L	
	Salinity	ppt			ppt	
	pH	S.U.			S.U.	
	other ( )					

*** Receiving water chemistry need only be performed at the discretion of the permittee.**

Comments

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Laboratory conducting test. To the best of my knowledge this information is true, accurate, and complete.

Signature _____ Company _____

Printed Name _____ Mailing Address _____

Tel. Number _____ City, State, ZIP _____

ATTACHMENT C

ATTACHMENT C
MAINE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
CSO ACTIVITY AND VOLUMES

MUNICIPALITY OR DISTRICT	MEPDES / NPDES PERMIT NO.
REPORTING YEAR	SIGNED BY:
YEARLY TOTAL PRECIPITATION INCHES	DATE:

CSO EVENT NO.	START DATE OF STORM	PRECIP. DATA		FLOW DATA (GALLONS PER DAY) OR BLOCK ACTIVITY("1")							
		TOTAL INCHES	MAX. HR. INCHES	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	LOCATION: NUMBER:	EVENT OVERFLOW GALLONS	EVENT DURATION HRS
1											
2											
3											
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	TOTALS										

Note 1: Flow data should be listed as gallons per day. Storms lasting more than one day should show total flow for each day.

Note 2: Block activity should be shown as a "1" if the block floated away.

MAINE POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT
AND
MAINE WASTE DISCHARGE LICENSE

FACT SHEET

DATE: **NOVEMBER 21, 2005**

PERMIT NUMBER: **#ME0102466**
LICENSE NUMBER: **#W002590-5L-F-R**

NAME AND ADDRESS OF APPLICANT:

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY
93 COTTAGE STREET
BAR HARBOR, MAINE 04609

COUNTY: **HANCOCK**

NAME AND ADDRESS WHERE DISCHARGE OCCURS:

TOWN OF BAR HARBOR
HULLS COVE PLANT
BAR HARBOR, MAINE 04609

RECEIVING WATER/CLASSIFICATION: **FRENCHMAN BAY (ATLANTIC OCEAN)/CLASS SB**

COGNIZANT OFFICIAL AND TELEPHONE NUMBER: **MR. ROBERT KANE**
(207) 288-4028

1. APPLICATION SUMMARY

Application: The Town of Bar Harbor (Town) has applied to the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) for renewal of Waste Discharge License (WDL) #W002590-5L-D-R issued on December 14, 2000, and subsequent WDL Modification #W002590-5L-E-M / Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MEPDES) permit #ME0102466 issued on August 28, 2001. The 8/28/01 MEPDES permit is scheduled to expire on December 14, 2005, the expiration date associated with the 12/14/00 WDL. The 12/14/00 WDL and 8/28/01 MEPDES permit authorized the monthly average discharge of up to 0.150 million gallons per day (MGD) of secondary treated sanitary wastewater from the Town's Hulls Cove Plant, and an unspecified quantity of excess combined sanitary and storm water during wet weather events from one (1) combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfall to Frenchman Bay (Atlantic Ocean), Class SB, in Bar Harbor, Maine. It is noted that a permit compliance system (PCS) tracking number of MEU502590 is referenced in the 8/28/01 MEPDES permit rather than the MEPDES permit number of ME0102466, which was assigned to this facility in March 2002 for data management purposes.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY

a. Terms and Conditions: **This permitting action is similar to the 8/28/01 permitting action in that it is:**

1. Carrying forward the monthly average discharge flow limit of 0.150 MGD and the daily maximum discharge flow reporting requirement;

2. Carrying forward authorization to discharge an unspecified quantity of excess combined sanitary and storm water during wet weather events from one (1) combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfall identified as Outfall #008;

3. Carrying forward the monthly average, weekly average and daily maximum technology-based concentration and mass limits for biochemical oxygen demand (BOD_5) and total suspended solids (TSS);

4. Carrying forward the requirement for a minimum of 85% removal of BOD_5 and TSS;

5. Carrying forward the daily maximum technology-based concentration limit for settleable solids;

6. Carrying forward the seasonal monthly average and daily maximum concentration limits for fecal coliform bacteria;

7. Carrying forward the technology-based daily maximum concentration limit for total residual chlorine (TRC);

8. Carrying forward the pH range limit of 6.0 to 9.0 standard units (SU); and

9. Carrying forward the minimum monitoring frequency requirements for all monitored parameters.

This permitting action is different from the 8/28/01 permitting action in that it is

1. Establishing a technology-based monthly average concentration limit of 0.1 mg/L for TRC;

2. Establishing whole effluent toxicity (WET), priority pollutant and analytical chemistry testing requirements; and

3. Requiring the submission of a revised Wet Weather Management Plan for Department review and comment.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

b. History: The most recent significant permitting/licensing actions completed for the Town's Hulls Cove Plant include the following:

June 12, 1990 – The Department issued WDL #W002591-46-C-R to the Town for separate discharges from three wastewater treatment facilities (Hulls Cove Plant, Main Plant, and DeGregoire Park Plant). As a matter of convenience and expedience, the Department combined the licensing of the three facilities into the one document.

July 18, 1990 – The Natural Resources Council of Maine (NRCM) filed an appeal with the Board of Environmental Protection (Board) of the 6/12/90 WDL.

February 10, 1993 – The Department issued revised WDL #W002591-46-C-Z to the Town based on a settlement of the appeal filed by NRCM on 7/18/90. The license was modified to contain requirements for the Town to conduct toxicity testing of wastewater discharges, work to eliminate combined sewer overflows (CSOs) at the Main and Hulls Cove facilities, and to eliminate the discharge of chlorine in toxic amounts via construction/reconfiguration of outfall structures that provide adequate dilution for the flows discharged. It is noted that the Hulls Cove CSO has not been eliminated as of the effective date of this permit.

May 18, 1993 – The USEPA issued NPDES permit #ME0102695 to the Town for the discharges from the Main Plant, Hulls Cove Plant and DeGregoire Park facilities. The 5/18/93 permit superseded previous NPDES permits issued to the Town for the three facilities. See Page 1 of 11 of the 5/18/93 permit for a complete listing of NPDES permit numbers and their associated effective dates.

November 3, 1997 – The Department issued a letter to the Town, thereby administratively modifying the 2/10/93 WDL, to establish a monthly average concentration limit of 15 colonies/100 ml and to revise the daily maximum concentration limit from 15 colonies/100 ml to 50 colonies/100 ml for fecal coliform bacteria.

December 14, 2000 – The Department issued WDL #W002590-5L-D-R to the Town for the discharge from the Hulls Cove Plant. It is noted the Town's Main and DeGregoire Park wastewater treatment facilities were licensed independently.

July 10, 2000 – Pursuant to Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. §420 and §413 and Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 519, *Interim Effluent Limitations and Controls for the Discharge of Mercury*, the Department issued a *Notice of Interim Limits for the Discharge of Mercury* to the permittee thereby administratively modifying WDL # W002591-46-C-Z by establishing interim monthly average and daily maximum effluent concentration limits of 24.4 parts per trillion (ppt) and 36.6 ppt, respectively, and a minimum monitoring frequency requirement of 2 tests per year for mercury. It is noted the limitations have not been incorporated into Special Condition A, *Effluent Limitations And Monitoring Requirements*, of this permit as limitations and monitoring frequencies are regulated separately through Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. §413 and Department rule Chapter 519. However, the interim limitations remain in effect and enforceable and any modifications to the limits and or monitoring requirements will be formalized outside of this permitting document.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

January 12, 2001 – The Department received authorization from the USEPA to administer the NPDES program in Maine.

June 18, 2001 – The Town submitted an application to the Department to modify the 12/14/00 WDL for the Hulls Cove Plant to incorporate the terms and conditions of the MEPDES program.

August 28, 2001 – The Department issued WDL #W002590-5L-E-M / MEPDES permit #MEU502590 to the Town for the monthly average discharge of up to 0.150 MGD from the Hulls Cove Plant to Frenchman Bay of the Atlantic Ocean. The 8/28/01 WDL Modification/MEPDES permit superseded the 12/14/00 WDL.

August 26, 2005 – The Town submitted a General Application to the Department for renewal of the 8/25/01 MEPDES permit. The application was accepted for processing on August 29, 2005 and was assigned WDL # W002590-5L-F-R / MEPDES #ME0102466.

c. Source Description: The Town's three wastewater treatment facilities receive wastewater generated by residential and commercial users (approximately 1,450 customer accounts on approximately 1,380 lots) located within the Town of Bar Harbor. The Town does not have specific information as to the exact number of customers connected to each of the three treatment systems. The Hulls Cove facility receives wastewater generated by residential and commercial customers located in the Hulls Cove area of Bar Harbor (Crooked Road, State Route 3 along Hulls Cove, and Dewey Street). There are no significant industrial facilities discharging to the system. The collection system for Hulls Cove is approximately 1.2 miles in length and contains one (1) pump station, which is located on Route 3 adjacent to Hulls Cove and which is equipped with emergency back-up power source. The collection system also contains one (1) combined sewer overflow (CSO) outfall, which is located at the intersection of Route #3 and Beaver Dam Road and is referred to as Outfall #008. The Town completed a facility upgrade in November 2000, which increased the capacity of the facility to 0.150 MGD. The previous permitting action identified that the Town treats leachate from an on-site sludge compositing facility, however, the Town has identified that the sludge composting and leachate collection systems are not currently in use. The Town maintains the composting facility and may resume use for the purpose of composting vegetation (leaves, lawn clippings, etc.) and collecting leachate within the effective term of this permit. If the Town resumes use of the composting facility, leachate generated by compost piles will be collected and introduced into the treatment system for full secondary treatment. A map showing the location of the facility ins included as Fact Sheet Attachment A.

d. Wastewater Treatment: The Town's Hulls Cove Plant provides a secondary level of wastewater treatment via a conventional activated sludge treatment process. The treatment process includes a headworks with influent grinder and bypass channel with bar screen from which wastewater flows to a modified oxidation ditch with two (2) rotor aerators. Flow from the oxidation ditch is then equally distributed to two (2) 16-foot diameter by 12-foot deep circular secondary clarifiers before continuing to a 165-foot long by 3-foot wide foot by 3-foot deep foot chlorine contact chamber for seasonal disinfection using sodium hypochlorite and dechlorination using sodium bisulfite.

2. PERMIT SUMMARY (cont'd)

Final effluent is conveyed for discharge to Frenchman Bay (Atlantic Ocean) via a 8-inch diameter outfall pipe that extends out into the receiving water approximately 1,240 linear feet to a depth of approximately 8.75 feet below the surface of the water at mean low tide.

Sludge generated at the Hulls Cove facility is hauled to the Town's Main Plant and introduced into the facility's sludge digester.

A process flow schematic of the Hulls Cove Plant is included as Fact Sheet Attachment B.

3. CONDITIONS OF PERMITS

Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. Section 414-A, requires that the effluent limitations prescribed for discharges, including, but not limited to, effluent toxicity, require application of best practicable treatment (BPT), be consistent with the U.S. Clean Water Act, and ensure that the receiving waters attain the State water quality standards as described in Maine's Surface Water Classification System. In addition, 38 M.R.S.A., Section 420 and Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 530, *Surface Water Toxics Control Program,* require the regulation of toxic substances not to exceed levels set forth in Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 584, *Surface Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants*, and that ensure safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected.

4. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. §469 classifies all estuarine and marine waters lying within the boundaries of the State and which are not otherwise classified, which includes Frenchman Bay at the point of discharge, as Class SB waters. Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A. §465-B(2) describes the standards for Class SB waters.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS

The State of Maine 2004 Integrated Water Quality Monitoring and Assessment Report, prepared pursuant to Sections 303(d) and 305(b) of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, lists Frenchman Bay at Bar Harbor (Waterbody # 714-21) as, *"Category 4-B-2: Estuarine and Marine Waters Impaired by Bacteria From Combined Sewer Overflows (TMDL Required Only if Control Plans are Insufficient)."* This permitting action requires the Town to develop and implement a CSO master plan for the elimination or abatement of all CSO points associated with the Hulls Cove Plant collection system. As the Town's Hulls Cove Plant and the sewer collection system are upgraded and maintained in according to the CSO Master Plan and Nine Minimum Controls, there should be reductions in the frequency and volume of CSO activities and, over time, improvement in the quality of the wastewater discharged to the receiving waters.

5. RECEIVING WATER QUALITY CONDITIONS (cont'd)

The Maine Department of Marine Resources (DMR) assesses information on shellfish growing areas to ensure that shellfish harvested are safe for consumption. The DMR has authority to close shellfish harvesting areas wherever there is a pollution source, a potential pollution threat, or poor water quality. The DMR traditionally closes shellfish harvesting areas if there are known sources of discharges with unacceptable bacteria levels (instream thresholds established in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program) or maintains shellfish harvesting closure areas due to lack of updated information regarding ambient water quality conditions. In addition, the DMR prohibits shellfish harvesting in the immediate vicinity of all wastewater treatment outfall pipes as a precautionary measure in the event of a failure in the treatment plant's disinfection system. Thus, shellfish harvesting area #C47 is closed to the harvesting of shellfish due to insufficient or limited ambient water quality data to determine that the area meets the standards in the National Shellfish Sanitation Program. The shellfish closure area is identified on the map included as Fact Sheet Attachment A. The Department is making the determination that compliance with the fecal coliform bacteria and other secondary wastewater treatment limits established in this permitting action ensure that the discharge of secondary treated wastewater from the Town's Hulls Cove Plant will not cause or contribute to the failure of the receiving waters to meet the standards of its designated classification.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS & MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

a. Flow: The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, a monthly average discharge flow limit of 0.150 million gallons per day (MGD) based on the design capacity of the treatment facility, a daily maximum discharge flow reporting requirement and a "continuous recorder" minimum monitoring frequency requirement.

b. Dilution Factors: Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 530 Section 4.A.2..a, *Surface Water Toxics Control Program*, states that, *"For discharges to the ocean, dilution must be calculated as near-field or initial dilution, or that dilution available as the effluent plume rises from the point of discharge to its trapping level, at mean low water level and slack tide for the acute exposure analysis, and at mean tide for the chronic exposure analysis using appropriate models determined by the Department such as MERGE, CORMIX or another predictive model."* Based on the configuration of the outfall structure and a discharge flow limit of 0.150 MGD, dilution factors associated with the discharge are as follows:

Acute = 27:1 Chronic = 478:1 Harmonic mean = 1,434:1[1]

[1] The harmonic mean dilution factor is approximated by multiplying the chronic dilution factor by three (3). This multiplying factor is based on guidelines for estimation of human health dilution presented in the U.S. EPA publication, *"Technical Support Document for Water Quality-Based Toxics Control"* (Office of Water; EPA/505/2-90-001, page 88), and represents an estimation of harmonic mean flow on which human health dilutions are based in a riverine 7Q10 flow situation.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS & MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

c. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD_5) and Total Suspended Solids (TSS): The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, technology-based monthly and weekly average biochemical oxygen demand (BOD5) and total suspended solids (TSS) concentration limits of 30 mg/L and 45 mg/L, respectively, based on secondary treatment requirements of the Clean Water Act of 1977 §301(b)(1)(B), as defined in 40 CFR 133.102 and Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 525(3)(III). The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, technology-based daily maximum BOD_5 and TSS concentration limits of 50 mg/L based on a Department best professional judgement of best practicable treatment. The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, monthly average, weekly average and daily maximum mass limits based on calculations using the monthly average flow limit of 0.150 MGD and the appropriate concentration limits as follows:

Monthly Average Mass Limit: (30 mg/L)(8.34 lbs./gallon)(0.150 MGD) = 38 lbs./day
Weekly Average Mass Limit: (45 mg/L)(8.34 lbs./day)(0.150 MGD) = 56 lbs./day
Daily Maximum Mass Limit: (50 mg/L)(8.34 lbs./day)(0.150 MGD) = 62 lbs./day

The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward a requirement to achieve a minimum 30-day average removal of 85 percent for BOD_5 and TSS pursuant to Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 525(3)(III)(a&b)(3).

The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, a minimum monitoring frequency requirement of once per week (1/Week) for BOD_5 and TSS, which is based on Department guidance for POTWs permitted to discharge between 0.1 and 0.5 MGD, and a "24-hour composite" sample type.

d. Settleable Solids: The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, a daily maximum, technology-based concentration limit of 0.3 ml/L for settleable solids, which is considered a best practicable treatment limitation (BPT), and a minimum monitoring frequency requirement of once per day (1/Day), which is based on Department guidance for POTWs permitted to discharge between 0.1 and 0.5 MGD, and a "grab" sample type for settleable solids.

e. Fecal Coliform Bacteria: The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, seasonal monthly average and daily maximum concentration limits of 15 colonies/100 ml and 50 colonies/100 ml, respectively, for fecal coliform bacteria, which are consistent with the National Shellfish Sanitation Program, a minimum monitoring frequency requirement of once per week (1/Week), which is based on Department guidance for POTWs permitted to discharge between 0.1 and 0.5 MGD, and a "grab" sample type. Bacteria limits are seasonal and apply between May 15 and September 30 of each year, however, the Department reserves the right to require year-round disinfection to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS & MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

f. Total Residual Chlorine (TRC): The previous permitting action established a daily maximum, technology-based concentration limit of 0.3 mg/L and a minimum monitoring frequency requirement of once per day (1/Day), which is based on Department guidance for POTWs permitted to discharge between 0.1 and 0.5 MGD, and a "grab" sample type for TRC. Limitations on TRC are specified to ensure that ambient water quality standards are maintained and that BPT technology is being applied to the discharge. Department permitting actions impose the more stringent of either a water quality-based or BPT-based limit. With dilution factors as determined above, end-of-pipe (EOP) water quality-based concentration thresholds for TRC may be calculated as follows:

Acute (A) Criterion	Chronic (C) Criterion	A & C Dilution Factors	Calculated Acute Threshold	Calculated Chronic Threshold
0.013 mg/L	0.0075 mg/L	27:1 (A) 478:1 (C)	0.35 mg/L	3.6 mg/L

The Department has established a daily maximum BPT limitation of 1.0 mg/L for facilities that disinfect their effluent with elemental chlorine or chlorine-based compounds. For facilities that need to dechlorinate the discharge in order to meet water quality based thresholds, the Department has established daily maximum and monthly average BPT limits of 0.3 mg/L and 0.1 mg/L, respectively. The Town dechlorinates the effluent prior to discharge in order to consistently achieve compliance with the water quality-based thresholds. The daily maximum technology-based standard of 0.3 mg/L is more stringent than the calculated acute water quality-based threshold of 0.35 mg/L and is therefore being carried forward in this permitting action. The monthly average technology-based standard of 0.1 mg/L is more stringent than the calculated chronic water quality-based threshold of 3.6 mg/L and is therefore being established in this permitting action. This permitting action is carrying forward the minimum monitoring frequency of once per day (1/Day).

g. pH: The previous permitting action established, and this permitting action is carrying forward, a technology-based pH limit of 6.0 – 9.0 standard units, which is based on Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 525(3)(III), and a minimum monitoring frequency requirement of once per day (1/Day) based on Department guidance for POTWs permitted to discharge between 0.1 and 0.5 MGD.

h. Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET), Priority Pollutant, and Analytical Chemistry Testing: Maine law, 38 M.R.S.A., §414-A and §420, prohibit the discharge of effluents containing substances in amounts that would cause the surface waters of the State to contain toxic substances above levels set forth in Federal Water Quality Criteria as established by the USEPA. Department rule, 06-096 CMR Chapter 530, *Surface Water Toxics Control Program* (toxics rule) sets forth effluent monitoring requirements and procedures to establish safe levels for the discharge of toxic pollutants such that existing and designated uses of surface waters are maintained and protected and narrative and numeric water quality criteria are met. Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 584, Surface *Water Quality Criteria for Toxic Pollutants*, sets forth ambient water quality criteria (AWQC) for toxic pollutants and procedures necessary to control levels of toxic pollutants in surface waters.

6. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS & MONITORING REQUIREMENTS (cont'd)

WET monitoring is required to assess and protect against impacts upon water quality and designated uses caused by the aggregate effect of the discharge on specific aquatic organisms. Acute WET tests are performed on invertebrate species mysid shrimp (*Mysidopsis bahia*); chronic WET tests are performed on sea urchin (*Arbacia punctulata*). Chemical-specific monitoring is required to assess the levels of individual toxic pollutants in the discharge, comparing each pollutant to acute, chronic, and human health water quality criteria. Priority pollutant testing refers to the analysis for levels of priority pollutants listed in Department rule 06-096 CMR Chapter 525 Section 4.VI. Analytical chemistry refers to a suite of chemical tests for ammonia-nitrogen, total aluminum, total cadmium, total chromium, total copper, total hardness (fresh water only), total lead, total nickel, total silver, total zinc, total arsenic, total cyanide and total residual chlorine.

The previous permitting action neither established nor discussed WET and priority pollutant testing requirements for the Hulls Cove Plant.

Chapter 530 Section 2.B. categorizes dischargers subject to the toxics rule into one of four levels (Levels I through IV). Level III dischargers are those *"having a chronic dilution factor of at least 100 but less than 500 to 1, or dischargers having a chronic dilution factor of more than 500 to 1 and a permitted flow of 1 million gallons per day or greater."* The chronic dilution factor associated with the discharge from the Town's Hulls Cove Plant is 478 to 1. Therefore, the Hulls Cove Plant is considered a Level III facility for purposes of toxics testing. Chapter 530 Section 2.D specifies WET, chemical-specific and analytical chemistry test schedules for Level III dischargers as follows:

Level III Dischargers	WET Testing	Chemical-Specific Testing	Analytical Chemistry
Surveillance Level (first 4 years)	1 per year	None Required	1 per year
Screening Level (last year)	1 per year	1 per year	4 per year

Chapter 530 Section 2.D.3. specifies that, *"dischargers in Levels III and IV may be waived from conducting surveillance testing for individual WET species or chemicals provided that testing in the preceding 60 months does not indicate any reasonable potential for exceedence."* Whereas previous licensing/permitting actions did not require the Town has to conduct toxics testing, there are no effluent data available to evaluate against ambient water quality criteria. Therefore, the facility does not qualify for reduced testing at this time.

This permitting action is establishing surveillance and screening level WET and analytical chemistry testing requirements and screening level priority pollutant testing as prescribed above.

7. DISCHARGE IMPACT ON RECEIVING WATER QUALITY

As permitted, the Department has determined the existing water uses will be maintained and protected and the discharge will not cause or contribute to the failure of the Atlantic Ocean (Frenchman Bay) to meet standards for Class SB classification.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public notice of this application was made in the *Mount Desert Islander* newspaper on or about July 28, 2005. The Department receives public comments on an application until the date a final agency action is taken on the application. Those persons receiving copies of draft permits shall have at least 30 days in which to submit comments on the draft or to request a public hearing, pursuant to Chapter 522 of the Department's rules.

9. DEPARTMENT CONTACTS

Additional information concerning this permitting action may be obtained from, and written comments sent to:

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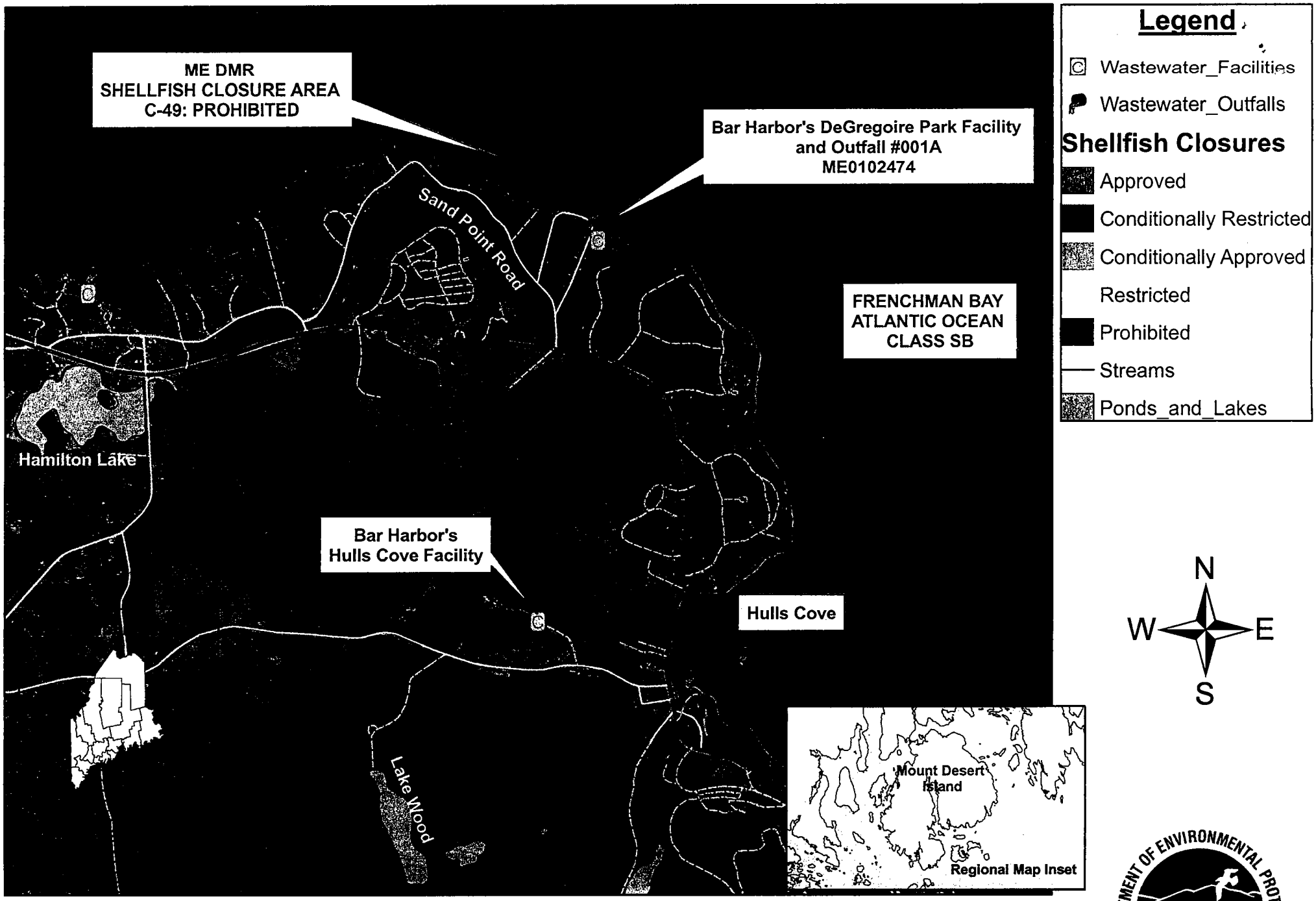
10. RESPONSE TO COMMENTS

During the period of August 30, 2005 through September 28, 2005, the Department solicited comments on the proposed draft Maine Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit to be issued to the Town for the proposed discharges from the Hulls Cove Plant. The Department received no significant comments on the proposed draft permit; therefore, a response to comments was not prepared.

ATTACHMENT A



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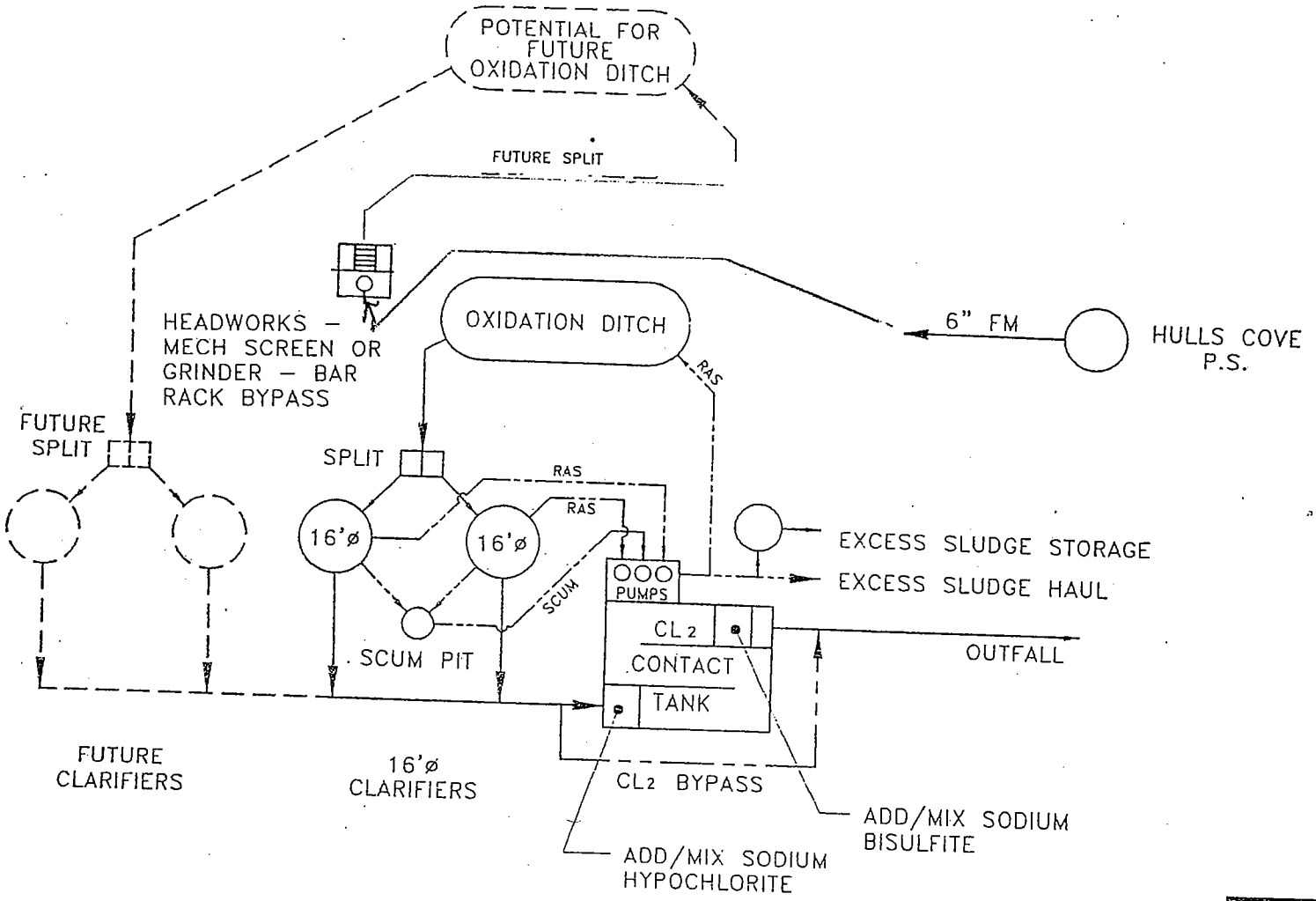

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FIGURE 5-1

PROPOSED UPGRADES
SCHEMATIC FLOW DIAGRAM
HULLS COVE WWTP
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