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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
WASTE DISCHARGE PERMIT NO. WA0020672

State of Washington
DEPARTMENT OF ECOLOGY
Olympia, Washington 98504-7775

In compliance with the provisions of
The State of Washington Water Pollution Control Law
Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington
and
The Federal Water Pollution Control Act
(The Clean Water Act)
Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251 et seq.

City of Stevenson
P.O. Box 371
Stevenson, Washington 98648

Plant Location:
686 Southwest Rock Creek Drive
Stevenson, WA 98648

Primary Outfall: Columbia River Bonneville Pool
Discharge Location:
Latitude: 45° 41' 16" N
Longitude: 121° 53' 07" W

Water Body I.D. No.: WA-CR-1010

Secondary Outfall¹: Rock Creek
Discharge Location:
Latitude: 45° 41' 35"
Longitude: -121° 53' 31"

Plant Type: Oxidation Ditch

is authorized to discharge in accordance with the special and general conditions which follow.

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¹ Secondary Outfall may be used when the Primary Outfall is inoperative or during essential maintenance if the Permittee is working to restore the Primary Outfall at the soonest possible date.

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SUMMARY OF SUBMITTALS

Permit Section	Submittal	Frequency	First Submittal Date
S3.	Discharge Monitoring Report	Monthly	December 15, 2008
S4.B.	Plan for Maintaining Adequate Capacity	As Necessary	
S4.C.	Notification of New or Altered Sources	As Necessary	
S4.D.	Infiltration and Inflow Evaluation	Annual	February 15, 2009
S4.E.	Wasteload Assessment	Annual	February 15, 2009
S5.B.	Operation and Maintenance Manual Update	As Necessary	
S5.G.	Contract Operators Hours	Monthly	With Discharge Monitoring Report
S8.	Pretreatment Industrial Waste Survey	As Necessary	
S9.	General Sewer Plan Update	As Necessary	
G1.	Signature Authorization	As Necessary	
G4.	Reporting a Cause for Permit Modification	As Necessary	
G7.	Application for Permit Renewal	1/Permit Cycle	May 1, 2013

SPECIAL CONDITIONS

S1. DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS

A. Final Effluent Limitations

Beginning on the effective date of this permit and lasting through the expiration date, the Permittee is authorized to discharge municipal wastewater at the permitted location subject to the following limitations:

EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS		
Parameter	Monthly Average^a	Weekly Average^a
Biochemical Oxygen Demand* (5-Day)	30 mg/l, 92 lbs/day 85% Removal	45 mg/l, 138 lbs/day
Total Suspended Solids ^b	30 mg/l, 92 lbs/day 85% Removal	45 mg/l, 138 lbs/day
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	200/100 ml	400/100 ml
pH	Shall not be outside the range 6.0 to 9.0	
^a The monthly and weekly average for BOD ₅ and Total Suspended Solids are based on the arithmetic mean of the samples taken. The averages for fecal coliform are based on the geometric mean of the samples taken.		
^b The monthly average effluent concentration limitations for BOD ₅ and Total Suspended Solids shall not exceed 30 mg/l or 15 percent of the respective influent concentrations, whichever is more stringent.		

B. Mixing Zone Description

For the Primary Outfall, the boundaries of the mixing zone is defined as follows:

CHRONIC: Extend 315 feet downstream and 100 feet upstream. The width shall be 25 percent of the width of the Columbia River at Stevenson/RM 150.

ACUTE: Extend 31.5 feet downstream and 10 feet upstream. The width shall be 25 percent of the width of the Columbia River at Stevenson.

For the Secondary Outfall, the boundaries of the mixing zone are as follows:

CHRONIC: Extend 315 feet downstream and 100 feet upstream from the outfall and occupy 25 percent of the stream width centered on the outfall in Rock Creek.

ACUTE: Extend 31.5 feet downstream and 10 feet upstream from the outfall and occupying 25 percent of the stream width centered on the outfall in Rock Creek.

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S2. FINAL TESTING SCHEDULE

The Permittee shall monitor the wastewater and sludge according to the following final schedule:

TESTS	SAMPLE POINT	SAMPLING FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow	Influent or Final Effluent	Continuous (Report daily totals)	On Line
pH	Influent Final Effluent	Daily	Grab
BOD ₅	Influent Final Effluent	2/Week	24-hour Composite Refrigerated
TSS	Influent Final Effluent	2/Week	24-hour Composite Refrigerated
Fecal Coliform	Final Effluent	2/Week 5/Week during July – October for the Secondary Outfall	Grab
Ammonia	Final Effluent	2/week July – October only for Secondary Outfall	24-hour Composite
Sludge Production	Digested Sludge (volume hauled)	Monthly	Measured
Temperature	Final Effluent	Daily	Grab

S3. MONITORING AND REPORTING

The Permittee shall monitor the operations and efficiency of all treatment and control facilities and the quantity and quality of the waste discharged. A record of all such data shall be maintained. The Permittee shall monitor the parameters as specified in Conditions S1 and S2 of this permit.

A. Reporting

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized and reported on a form provided, or otherwise approved, by the Department of Ecology (Ecology), to be

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submitted no later than the 15th day of the month following the completed reporting period. The report shall be sent to the Department of Ecology, Southwest Regional Office, P.O. Box 47775, Olympia, Washington 98504-7775. Monitoring shall be started on the effective date of the permit and the first report is due on the 15th day of the following month.

Unauthorized discharges such as collection system overflows, plant bypasses, or failure of the disinfection system, shall be reported immediately. Notify Ecology (see General Condition G4), Southwest Regional Office Water Quality compliance Inspector, at 360-586-0363, or Ecology's 24-hour emergency spill response number at 360-407-6300.

B. Records Retention

The Permittee shall retain for a minimum of three years all records of monitoring activities and results, including all reports of recordings from continuous monitoring instrumentation. This period of retention shall be extended during the course of any unresolved litigation regarding the discharge of pollutants by the Permittee or when requested by the Director. The Permittee shall retain for a minimum of five years all records pertaining to the monitoring of sludge.

C. Recording of Results

For each measurement or sample taken, the Permittee shall record the following information: (1) the date, exact place and time of sampling; (2) the dates the analyses were performed; (3) who performed the analyses; (4) the analytical techniques or methods used; and (5) the results of all analyses.

D. Representative Sampling

Samples and measurements taken to meet the requirements of this condition shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge, including representative sampling of any unusual discharge or discharge condition, including bypasses, upsets, and maintenance-related conditions affecting effluent quality.

E. Test Procedures

All sampling and analytical methods used to meet the monitoring requirements specified in this permit shall, unless approved otherwise in writing by Ecology, conform to the Guidelines Establishing Test Procedures for the Analysis of Pollutants, contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 136.

F. Accredited Laboratory

All compliance monitoring data, except for flow and temperature, submitted to Ecology as required by this permit, shall be prepared by a laboratory accredited under the provisions of Chapter 173.50 Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

G. Flow Measurement

Appropriate flow measurement devices and methods consistent with accepted scientific practices shall be selected and used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements

of the volume of monitored discharges. The devices shall be installed, calibrated, and maintained to ensure that the accuracy of the measurements are consistent with the accepted industry standard for that type of device. Frequency of calibration shall be in conformance with manufacturer's recommendations or at a minimum frequency of at least one calibration per year.

S4. PREVENTION OF FACILITY OVERLOADING

A. Design Criteria

Flows or waste loadings of the following design criteria for the permitted treatment facility shall not be exceeded.

Average flow for the maximum month:	0.45 MGD
Influent BOD ₅ loading for maximum month:	612 lbs/day
Influent TSS loading for maximum month:	612 lbs/day
Design population equivalent:	1455

B. Plans for Maintaining Adequate Capacity

When the actual flow or wasteload reaches 85 percent of the design capacity (paragraph A above) for three consecutive months, 95 percent capacity for any single month, or when the projected increases would reach design capacity within five years, whichever occurs first, the Permittee shall submit to Ecology, a plan and a schedule for continuing to maintain capacity at the facility sufficient to achieve the effluent limitations and other conditions of this permit. This plan shall address any of the following actions or any others necessary to meet this objective.

1. Analysis of the present design including the introduction of any process modifications that would establish the ability of the existing facility to achieve the effluent limits and other requirements of this permit at specific levels in excess of the existing design criteria specified in paragraph A above.
2. Reduction or elimination of excessive infiltration and inflow of uncontaminated ground and surface water into the sewer system.
3. Limitation on future sewer extensions or connections or additional wasteloads.
4. Modification or expansion of facilities necessary to accommodate increased flow or wasteload.
5. Reduction of industrial or commercial flows or wasteloads to allow for increasing sanitary flow or wasteload.

The plan must meet the requirements of WAC 173-240-060, "Engineering Report," and be approved by Ecology prior to any construction. The plan shall specify any contracts, ordinances, methods for financing, or other arrangements necessary to achieve this objective.

C. Notification of New or Altered Sources

The Permittee shall submit written notice to Ecology whenever any new discharge or increase in volume or change in character of an existing discharge into the sewer is proposed which: (1) would interfere with the operation of, or exceed the design capacity of, any portion of the collection or treatment system; (2) would increase the total system flow or influent waste loading by more than ten percent; (3) is not part of an approved general sewer plan or approved plans and specifications; or would be subject to pretreatment standards under 40 CFR Part 403 and Section 307(b) of the Clean Water Act. This notice shall include an evaluation of the system's ability to adequately transport and treat the added flow and/or wasteload.

D. Infiltration and Inflow Evaluation

1. The Permittee shall conduct an infiltration and inflow evaluation. Plant monitoring records may be used to assess measurable infiltration and inflow.
2. A report shall be prepared which summarizes any measurable infiltration and inflow. If infiltration and inflow have increased by more than 15 percent from that found in the first report based on equivalent rainfall, the report shall contain a plan

and a schedule for: (1) locating the sources of infiltration and inflow; and (2) correcting the problem.

3. The report shall be submitted by **February 15, 2009**, and **annually** thereafter.

E. Wasteload Assessment

The Permittee shall conduct an annual assessment of their flow and wasteload and submit a report to Ecology by **February 15, 2009**, and **annually** thereafter. The report shall contain the following: an indication of compliance or noncompliance with the permit effluent limitations; a comparison between the existing and design monthly average dry weather and wet weather flows, peak flows, BOD, and total suspended solids loadings; and the percentage increase in these parameters since the last annual report. The report shall also state the present and design population or population equivalent, projected population growth rate, and the estimated date upon which the design capacity is projected to be reached, according to the most restrictive of the parameters above.

S5. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE OF MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

A. Certified Operator

In accordance with Chapter 173-230 WAC, the Permittee shall provide an adequate operating staff which is qualified to carry out the operation, maintenance, and testing activities required to ensure compliance with the conditions of this permit. An operator certified for a Class II plant by the state of Washington shall be in responsible charge of the day-to-day operation of the wastewater treatment plant. A Class I operator shall be present at the facility during all shifts when operational changes are made to the treatment process.

B. Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Manual

An approved O&M Manual shall be kept available at the treatment plant. The O&M Manual shall contain the plant process control monitoring schedule. All operators are responsible for being familiar with, and using, this manual. Submit updates to Ecology when changes are made.

C. O&M Program

The Permittee shall institute an adequate O&M program for their entire sewage system. Maintenance records shall be maintained on all major electrical and mechanical components of the treatment plant, as well as the sewage system and pumping stations. Such records shall clearly specify the frequency and type of maintenance recommended by the manufacturer and shall show the frequency and type of maintenance performed. These maintenance records shall be available for inspection at all times.

D. Short-Term Reduction

If a Permittee contemplates a reduction in the level of treatment that would cause an exceedance of permit effluent limitations on a short-term basis for any reason, and such reduction cannot be avoided, the Permittee shall give written notification to Ecology, if possible, 30 days prior to such activities, detailing the reasons for, length of time of and the

potential effects of the reduced level of treatment. If such a reduction involves a bypass, the requirements of Conditions G5 and S6 will apply.

E. Electrical Power Failure

The Permittee is responsible for maintaining adequate safeguards to prevent the discharge of untreated wastes or wastes not treated in accordance with the requirements of this permit during electrical power failure at the treatment plant and/or sewage lift stations either by means of alternate power sources, standby generator, or retention of inadequately treated wastes.

F. Prevent Connection of Inflow

The Permittee shall strictly enforce their sewer ordinances and not allow the connection of inflow (roof drains, foundation drains, etc.) to the sanitary sewer system.

G. Contract Operators Hours

Contract operators shall be required to provide adequate maintenance of treatment components, necessary process control, and general housekeeping of buildings and grounds. To ensure adequate attention is allotted to this facility, the contract operator shall maintain a daily log of hours spent on O&M at the plant, and shall report total hours for each month on the Discharge Monitoring Reports submitted to Ecology.

S6. CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE-RELATED OVERFLOW OR BYPASS

Bypasses of untreated or partially treated sewage during construction or maintenance shall be avoided if at all feasible.

If a construction or maintenance-related overflow or bypass is contemplated, the Permittee shall submit to Ecology, not less than 90 days prior to the contemplated overflow or bypass, a report which describes in detail any construction work which will result in overflow or bypass of wastewater. The report shall contain: (1) an analysis of all known alternatives which would eliminate, reduce, or mitigate the need for bypassing; (2) a cost-effective analysis of alternatives including comparative resource damage assessment; (3) the minimum and maximum duration of bypass under each alternative; (4) a recommendation as to the preferred alternative for conducting the bypass; (5) the project date of bypass initiation; (6) a statement of compliance with State Environmental Policy Act (SEPA); and (7) a request for a water quality modification, as provided for in WAC 173-201-100(2).

For probable construction bypasses, the need to bypass is to be identified as early in the planning process as possible. The analysis required above shall be considered during preparation of the engineering report or facilities plan and plans and specifications, and shall be included to the extent practical. In cases where the probable need to bypass is determined early, continued analysis is necessary up to and including the construction period in an effort to minimize or eliminate the bypass.

Final authorization to bypass may be granted after review of the above information, in accordance with General Condition G5. Authorization to bypass will be by administrative order.

S7. RESIDUAL SOLIDS

Residual solids include screenings, grit, scum primary sludge, waste activated sludge, and other solid waste. The Permittee shall store and handle all residual solids in such a manner so as to prevent their entry into state ground or surface waters. The Permittee shall not discharge leachate from residual solids to state surface or ground waters.

S8. PRETREATMENT

1. The Permittee shall work cooperatively with Ecology to ensure that all industrial users of the wastewater treatment system are in compliance with the pretreatment regulations promulgated in 40 CFR Part 403 and any additional pretreatment regulations that may be promulgated under Section 307(b) and reporting requirements under Section 308 of the Federal Clean Water Act.
2. The Permittee shall perform an industrial user survey, reporting, or other activities (industrial user ordinance and local limits development) as specified by Ecology which are necessary for the proper administration of a state pretreatment program.
3. Significant commercial and industrial operations shall not be allowed to discharge wastes to the Permittee's sewerage system until they have received prior authorization from Ecology in accordance with Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 WAC, as amended.
4. General Prohibitions - In accordance with 40 CFR 403.5(a), non-domestic discharges, which would pass through the treatment works or interfere with their operation or performance, shall not be discharged into the sewerage system.
5. Specific Prohibitions - In accordance with 40 CFR 403.5(b), the following non-domestic discharges shall not be discharged into the system.
 - a. Pollutants that create a fire or explosion hazard in the publicly owned treatment works (POTW) (including, but not limited to waste streams with a closed cup flashpoint of less than 140 degrees Fahrenheit or 60 degrees Centigrade using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21).
 - b. Pollutants that will cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW, but in no case discharges with pH lower than 5.0 standard units, unless the works are specifically designed to accommodate such discharges.
 - c. Solid or viscous pollutants in amounts that could cause obstruction to the flow in sewers or otherwise interfere with the operation of the POTW.
 - d. Any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants, (BOD, etc.) released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which will cause interference with the POTW.
 - e. Heat in amounts that will inhibit biological activity in the POTW resulting in interference, but in no case heat in such quantities such that the temperature at the POTW exceeds 40°C (104°F) unless Ecology, upon request of the Permittee, approves, in writing, alternate temperature limits.

- f. Petroleum oil, nonbiodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral origin in amounts that will cause interference or pass through.
- g. Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity which may cause acute worker health and safety problems.
- h. Any trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the Permittee.

S9. GENERAL SEWER PLAN UPDATE

For the purpose of authorizing sewer system extensions, the Permittee shall reference an approved General Sewer Plan [see Section 173-240-030 (5) WAC]. Any new or updated plan shall be consistent with Chapter 173-240 WAC "Submission of Plans and Reports for Construction of Wastewater Facilities" (Section -050 General Sewer Plan). The Permittee shall review the General Sewer Plan and Facility Plan and update these plans as necessary to be consistent with any proposed sewer extensions or improvements prior to submission of plans for such project.

If the approved collection system improvements are modified or new projects are proposed prior to the expiration date of this permit, the general sewer plan shall be updated and submitted to Ecology for approval. However, if the plan is not updated, the Permittee shall submit an engineering report for each modified or new sewer project prior to design and construction.

GENERAL CONDITIONS

G1. SIGNATORY REQUIREMENTS

All applications, reports, or information submitted to Ecology shall be signed and certified.

- A. All permit applications shall be signed by either a responsible corporate officer of at least the level of vice president of a corporation, a general partner of a partnership, or the proprietor of a sole proprietorship.
- B. All reports required by this permit and other information requested by Ecology shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
 - 1. The authorization is made in writing by a person described above and submitted to Ecology, and
 - 2. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility, such as the position of plant manager, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.)
- C. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under paragraph B.2 above is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of B.2 must be submitted to Ecology prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.
- D. Certification. Any person signing a document under this section shall make the following certification:

“I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.”

G2. RIGHT OF ENTRY

The Permittee shall allow an authorized representative of Ecology, upon the presentation of credentials and such other documents as may be required by law:

- A. To enter upon the premises where a discharge is located or where any records must be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit;

- B. To have access to and copy at reasonable times any records that must be kept under the terms of the permit;
- C. To inspect at reasonable times any monitoring equipment or method of monitoring required in the permit;
- D. To inspect at reasonable times any collection, treatment, pollution management, or discharge facilities; and
- E. To sample at reasonable times any discharge of pollutants.

G3. PERMIT ACTIONS

This permit shall be subject to modification, suspension, or termination, in whole or in part by Ecology for any of the following causes:

- A. Violation of any permit term or condition;
- B. Obtaining a permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose all relevant facts;
- C. A material change in quantity or type of waste disposal;
- D. A material change in the condition of the waters of the state; or
- E. Nonpayment of fees assessed pursuant to RCW 90.48.465.

Ecology may also modify this permit, including the schedule of compliance or other conditions, if it determines good and valid cause exists, including promulgation or revisions of regulations or new information.

G4. REPORTING A CAUSE FOR MODIFICATION

The Permittee shall submit a new application, or a supplement to the previous application, along with required engineering plans and reports, whenever a material change in the quantity or type of discharge is anticipated which is not specifically authorized by this permit. This application shall be submitted at least 60 days prior to any proposed changes. Submission of this application does not relieve the Permittee of the duty to comply with the existing permit until it is modified or reissued.

G5. PLAN REVIEW REQUIRED

Prior to constructing or modifying any wastewater control facilities, an engineering report and detailed plans and specifications shall be submitted to Ecology for approval in accordance with Chapter 173-240 WAC. Engineering reports, plans, and specifications should be submitted at least 180 days prior to the planned start of construction. Facilities shall be constructed and operated in accordance with the approved plans.

G6. COMPLIANCE WITH OTHER LAWS AND STATUTES

Nothing in the permit shall be construed as excusing the Permittee from compliance with any applicable federal, state, or local statutes, ordinances, or regulations.

G7. DUTY TO REAPPLY

The Permittee must apply for permit renewal by **May 1, 2013**.

G8. PERMIT TRANSFER

This permit is automatically transferred to a new owner or operator if:

- A. A written agreement between the old and new owner or operator containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability is submitted to Ecology;
- B. A copy of the permit is provided to the new owner and;
- C. Ecology does not notify the Permittee of the need to modify the permit.

Unless this permit is automatically transferred according to section A. above, this permit may be transferred only if it is modified to identify the new Permittee and to incorporate such other requirements as determined necessary by Ecology.

G9. REDUCED PRODUCTION FOR COMPLIANCE

The Permittee, in order to maintain compliance with its permit, shall control production and/or all discharges upon reduction, loss, failure, or bypass of the treatment facility until the facility is restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided. This requirement applies in the situation where, among other things, the primary source of power of the treatment facility is reduced, lost, or fails.

G10. REMOVED SUBSTANCES

Collected screenings, grit, solids, sludges, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or control of wastewaters shall not be resuspended or reintroduced to the final effluent stream for discharge to state waters.

G11. TOXIC POLLUTANTS

If any applicable toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for a toxic pollutant and that standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation upon such pollutant in the permit, Ecology shall institute proceedings to modify or revoke and reissue the permit to conform to the new toxic effluent standard or prohibition.

G12. OTHER REQUIREMENTS OF 40 CFR

All other requirements of 40 CFR 122.41 and 122.42 are incorporated in this permit by reference.

G13. ADDITIONAL MONITORING

Ecology may establish specific monitoring requirements in addition to those contained in this permit by administrative order or permit modification.

G14. PAYMENT OF FEES

The Permittee shall submit payment of fees associated with this permit as assessed by Ecology. Ecology may revoke this permit if the permit fees established under Chapter 173-224 WAC are not paid.

G15. PENALTIES FOR VIOLATING PERMIT CONDITIONS

Any person who is found guilty of willfully violating the terms and conditions of this permit shall be deemed guilty of a crime, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of up to \$10,000 and costs of prosecution, or by imprisonment in the discretion of the court. Each day upon which a willful violation occurs may be deemed a separate and additional violation.

Any person who violates the terms and conditions of a waste discharge permit shall incur, in addition to any other penalty as provided by law, a civil penalty in the amount of up to \$10,000 for every such violation. Each and every such violation shall be a separate and distinct offense, and in case of a continuing violation, every day's continuance shall be and be deemed to be a separate and distinct violation.

