



AMENDED ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE APPROVAL

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The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas
545 Talbot Street
St. Thomas, Ontario
N5P 3V7

Site Location: St. Thomas WPCP
40359 Bush Line
City of St. Thomas, County of Elgin
N5P 3S9

You have applied under section 20.2 of Part II.1 of the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E. 19 (Environmental Protection Act) for approval of:

alteration, usage and operation of existing municipal sewage works, for the treatment of sanitary sewage and disposal of effluent to Kettle Creek via a Sewage Treatment Plant (St. Thomas Wastewater Treatment Plant) and Final Effluent disposal facilities as follows:

Classification of Collection System: Partially Separated Sewer System

Classification of Sewage Treatment Plant: Secondary

Design Capacity of Sewage Treatment Plant

Design Capacity with All Treatment Trains in Operation	Prior to Completion of Construction of All Proposed Works	Upon Completion of Construction of All Proposed Works
Rated Capacity	27,300 m ³ /d	27,300 m ³ /d
Primary Treatment Capacity	54,600 m ³ /d	54,600 m ³ /d
Secondary Treatment Capacity	2,275 m ³ /h	2,275 m ³ /h

Influent

Receiving Location	Types
In Collection System	Sanitary Sewage / Pretreated Industrial Wastewater

Proposed Works:

St. Thomas Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Disinfection System

- one (1) existing UV disinfection channel described under the Disinfection System of Existing Works to be modified, having a depth of 2.0 m and width of 1.17 m;;
- three (3) UV banks (two duty, one standby) in series, with two (2) banks capable of disinfection up to 54,600 m³/d (2,275 m³/h) flow rate;
- one (1) level control weir;
- one (1) turning vane at inlet of the UV channel upstream the UV banks;
- two (2) existing UV banks and the existing depth controlled with level weir described under the Disinfection System of Existing Works to be decommissioned and removed;

Flushing Water System

- a duplex self-priming pumping station consisting of two (2) self-priming pumps (alternate duty/dtandby), to provide a maximum capacity of 39.7 m³/h, and an automatic strainer on the discharge piping;
- two (2) existing self priming centrifugal pumps and two (2) existing pressure tanks described under the Flushing Water System of Existing Works to be decommissioned and removed;

Sludge Management System

- Sludge Storage
 - two (2) aerated sludge storage/blend tanks, each with a diameter of 11.9 m and a height of 7.3 m, a total storage volume of 1,490 m³;

- three (3) positive displacement blowers (two duty, one standby), each rated at 815 m³/h;
- three (3) sludge feed pumps (two duty, one standby), with a total rated capacity of 8.3 L/s at a TDH of 8.4 m, via a common discharge to the Lystek facility;
- existing sludge storage described under the Sludge Management System of Existing Works to be decommissioned and removed;

Final Effluent Disposal Facilities

- one (1) existing concrete wet well described under the Final Effluent Disposal Facilities of Existing Works to be modified, having the walls extended by 1.2 m (top structure level of 204.200 m);

Existing Works:

St. Thomas Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP)

Preliminary Treatment System

- Screening
 - a plant influent chamber equipped with two (2) screen channels, each channel contains a mechanically raked bar screen having a bar spacing of 16 mm;
- Grit Removal
 - one (1) aerated grit tank, 12.0 m long and 6.3 m wide with side water depth (SWD) of 3.65 m, grit removal is accomplished using clam shell bucket and air provided from aerations blowers;

Influent Flow Measurement and Sampling Point

- three (3) doppler ultrasonic flow meters on the influent to each plant (i.e. Plant Nos. 2, 3 and 4);
- total influent is the sum of the three (3) influent flow meters;

Primary Treatment System

- Plant No. 2 - two (2) rectangular primary clarifiers, each 21 m x 10.1 m with SWD of 4.1 m;
- Plant No. 3- two (2) rectangular primary clarifiers, each 24.3 m x 9.4 m with SWD of 4.1 m;
- Plant No. 4 - two (2) rectangular primary clarifiers, each 40.0 m x 20.9 m with SWD of 3.8 m;
- three (3) removable sluice gates to convert one (1) primary tank from each of Plants 2, 3 and 4 into a

gravity waste activated sludge (WAS) thickener;

Secondary Treatment Systems

- Biological Treatment
 - Plant No. 2 - two (2) aeration tanks, each 23.1 m x 9.7 m with SWD of 3.9 m tanks equipped with fine bubble diffusers;
 - Plant No. 3 - two (2) aeration tanks, each 36.6 m x 9.6 m with SWD of 3.9 m tanks equipped with fine bubble diffusers;
 - Plant No. 4 - two (2) aeration tanks, each 40.0 m x 7.5 m with SWD of 4.9 m tanks equipped with fine bubble diffusers;
 - one (1) duty 75 kW turbo blower rated at maximum of 4,475 m³/hr serving Plant No. 2 and 3;
 - one (1) duty 75 kW turbo blower rated at a maximum 3,100 m³/hr serving Plant No. 4;
 - three (3) multistage blowers, one (1) rated at 93.2 kW and two (2) rated at 112 kW, all used as standby units;
 - dissolved oxygen control for the turbo blowers;
- Secondary Sedimentation
 - Plant No. 2 - two (2) rectangular secondary clarifiers, each 23.8 m x 4.8 m with SWD of 3.8 m;
 - Plant No. 3 - two (2) rectangular secondary clarifiers, each 24.4 m x 4.7 m with SWD of 3.8 m;
 - Plant No. 3 - one (1) rectangular secondary clarifier, 31.8 m x 7.3 m with SWD of 3.6 m;
 - Plant No. 4 - two (2) rectangular secondary clarifiers, each 31.8 m x 7.3 m with SWD of 3.6 m;
 - Plant No. 4 - one (1) rectangular secondary clarifier, 28.8 m x 7.3 m with SWD of 3.6 m;
 - Plant No. 2 - air lift pumps;
 - Plant No. 3 - air lift and centrifugal pump for third clarifier;
 - Plant No. 4 - centrifugal pumps;
 - five (5) Centrifugal return activated sludge (RAS) pumps each rated at 53 L/s at 5.8 m total dynamic head (TDH);

- wasting from centrifugal RAS line and WAS air lift line;

Supplementary Treatment Systems

- Phosphorus Removal
 - one (1) 30,000 L capacity phosphorus removal chemical storage tank and two (2) metering pumps (one standby), each rated at 60 L/h;

Disinfection System

- one (1) UV disinfection channel equipped with two (2) banks of 160 lamps (8- lamps per bank) in each channel measuring 8 m long x 0.85 m wide with 1.2 m depth with a minimum UV transmission of 65% (to be decommissioned and removed);
- depth controlled with level weir (to be decommissioned and removed);

Final Effluent Flow Measurement and Sampling Point

- secondary effluent from Plant 2 and 3S flow through one (1) Parshall flume;
- secondary effluent from Plant 3N and 4 flow through one (1) Parshall flume;
- total effluent flow is the sum of the two (2) effluent Parshall flumes;

Flushing Water System

- two (2) self priming centrifugal pumps rated at 27.5 m³/hr at 49 m TDH (to be decommissioned and removed);
- two (2) pressure tanks (to be decommissioned and removed);

Sludge Management System

- Raw Sludge Pumping
 - raw sludge pumping Area 1 (Plant No. 2 and 3) - two (2) piston pumps, each rated at 8.2 L/s at 40 m TDH, one (1) rotary lobe pump at 3.2 L/s at 40 m TDH (to be decommissioned and removed);
 - raw sludge pumping Area 2 (Plant no. 4) - two (2) piston pumps, each rated at 8.2 L/s at 40 m TDH;
- Sludge Storage (to be decommissioned and removed)

- one (1) re-purposed anaerobic digester 12 m diameter x 6.9 m SWD, re-purposed as a sludge holding tank, Tank to be mixed using recirculation flow from one (1) of the raw sludge feed pumps;
- one (1) re-purposed anaerobic digester 12 m diameter x 6.9 m SWD, as backup sludge holding tank;
- two (2) grinder pumps, one (1) 1.5 kW (2 hp) sludge feed pump rated for 30 m³/h (135 GPM) and one(1) 2.25 kW(3 hp) feed pump rated for 125 m³/hr (550 GPM);
- two (2) raw sludge feed pumps, each rated at 30 m³/h at 40 m TDH (60 Psig) and 11.2 kW (15 hp), one pumping to filter press with in line macerator and one as backup and for recycle to mix tank contents;
- Lystek Facility
 - one (1) ferric chloride (35-45% FeCl₂) injection system with two (2) metering pumps and 19 m double walled storage tank of 2.44 m diameter and 3.15 m SWD;
 - one (1) dewatering belt press, rated at 27 m³/h (120 GPM) with a 1 m belt width, filtrate from the belt press is directed to the filtrate pumping station in front of the previous dewatering building;
 - one (1) polymer system for dewatering belt press, including two (2) metering pumps at 0.375 kW (0.5 hp);
 - one (1) dewatered sludge storage tank 2.0 m diameter x 2.2 m SWD;
 - one (1) dewatered sludge (cake) transfer pump, rated at 20 m³/h (88 GPM) at 50 m TDH (72 psig) and 15 kW (20 hp);
 - one (1) Lystek reactor 1.8 m diameter x 2.5 m SWD, with a 75 kW (100 hp) mixer;
 - one (1) gas fired steam boiler rated at 981 kW (100 Boiler hp) to deliver low pressure steam to Lystek reactor;
 - one (1) potassium hydroxide (45-52% KOH) system with two (2) metering pumps and 19 m³ double walled storage tank of 2.6 m diameter x 5 m SWD;
 - two (2) product transfer pumps (one duty, one standby), each rated at 20 m³/h at 40 m TDH (60 psig) and 7.5 kW (10 hp);

- one (1) glass-lined bolted steel storage tank of 21.3 m diameter x 13.4 m SWD and volume of 4,613 m³;
- one (1) product loading pump, rated at 160 m³/h at 14 m TDH (20 psig) and 30 kW (40 hp);
- one (1) odour abatement unit, a biological unit of capacity up to 2,500 m³/hr (1,500 cfm) for odours from the product storage tank and main process areas to operate as needed and when processing;
- one (1) odour abatement unit, a physical carbon adsorption unit of up to 340 m³/h (200 cfm) for odours off the sludge storage tank;
- Digested Sludge Dewatering
 - one (1) belt press, having a flow capacity of 10 L/s, complete with feed pumps and polymer system;

Final Effluent Disposal Facilities

- manual gate to feed effluent to the wet well;
- one (1) concrete wet well measuring 5.4 m x 3.4 m x 4.6 m deep;
- three (3) axial flow propeller pumps (two duty, one standby) each rated at 315 L/s at 3.8 m TDH;
- effluent flow from each pump to discharge channel;
- effluent sewer from the UV/filter building to the outfall chamber discharging to Kettle Creek;

including all other mechanical system, electrical system, instrumentation and control system, standby power system, piping, pumps, valves and appurtenances essential for the proper, safe and reliable operation of the Works in accordance with this Approval, in the context of process performance and general principles of wastewater engineering only;

all in accordance with the submitted supporting documents listed in Schedule A.

For the purpose of this environmental compliance approval, the following definitions apply:

1. "Annual Average Daily Influent Flow" means the cumulative total sewage flow of Influent to the Sewage Treatment Plant during a calendar year divided by the number of days during which sewage was flowing to the Sewage Treatment Plant that year;
2. "Approval" means this environmental compliance approval and any schedules attached to it, and the application;

3. "BOD5" (also known as TBOD5) means five day biochemical oxygen demand measured in an unfiltered sample and includes carbonaceous and nitrogenous oxygen demands;
4. "Bypass" means diversion of sewage around one or more treatment processes, excluding Preliminary Treatment System, within the Sewage Treatment Plant with the diverted sewage flows being returned to the Sewage Treatment Plant treatment train upstream of the Final Effluent sampling point(s) and discharged via the approved effluent disposal facilities;
5. "CBOD5" means five day carbonaceous (nitrification inhibited) biochemical oxygen demand measured in an unfiltered sample;
6. "Combined Sewers" means pipes that collect and convey both wastewater from residential, commercial, institutional and industrial buildings and facilities (including infiltration and inflow) and stormwater runoff through a single-pipe system, but do not include Nominally Separate Sewers;
7. "Combined Sewer Overflow" (CSO) means a discharge to the environment from a Combined Sewer System that usually occurs as a result of a precipitation event when the capacity of the Combined Sewer is exceeded. An intervening time of twelve hours or greater separating a CSO from the last prior CSO at the same location is considered to separate one overflow event from another;
8. "Combined Sewer Systems" means collection systems that contains Combined Sewers and includes Combined Sewer Overflow structures if any, and also includes Partially Separated Sewer Systems in which roof leaders or foundation drains still contribute stormwater inflow to the sewer system conveying sanitary flows;
9. "Director" means a person appointed by the Minister pursuant to section 5 of the EPA for the purposes of Part II.1 of the EPA;
10. "District Manager" means the District Manager of the appropriate local district office of the Ministry where the Works is geographically located;
11. "*E. coli* " refers to coliform bacteria that possess the enzyme beta-glucuronidase and are capable of cleaving a fluorogenic or chromogenic substrate with the corresponding release of a fluorogen or chromogen, that produces fluorescence under long wavelength (366 nm) UV light, or color development, respectively. Enumeration methods include tube, membrane filter, or multi-well procedures. Depending on the method selected, incubation temperatures include 35.5 ± 0.5 °C or 44.5 ± 0.2 °C (to enumerate thermotolerant species). Depending on the procedure used, data are reported as either colony forming units (CFU) per 100 mL (for membrane filtration methods) or as most probable number (MPN) per 100 mL (for tube or multi-well methods);
12. "EPA" means the *Environmental Protection Act* , R.S.O. 1990, c.E.19, as amended;
13. "Equivalent Equipment" means alternate piece(s) of equipment that meets the design requirements and performance specifications of the piece(s) of equipment to be substituted;

14. "Event" means an action or occurrence, at a given location within the Works that causes a Bypass or Overflow. An Event ends when there is no recurrence of Bypass or Overflow in the 12-hour period following the last Bypass or Overflow. Overflows and Bypasses are separate Events even when they occur concurrently;
15. "Existing Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that have been constructed previously;
16. "Final Effluent" means effluent that is discharged to the environment through the approved effluent disposal facilities, including all Bypasses, that are required to meet the compliance limits stipulated in the Approval for the Sewage Treatment Plant at the Final Effluent sampling point(s);
17. "Influent" means flows to the Sewage Treatment Plant from the collection system but excluding process retrain flows;
18. "Limited Operational Flexibility" (LOF) means the conditions that the Owner shall follow in order to undertake any modification that is pre-authorized as part of this Approval;
19. "Ministry" means the ministry of the government of Ontario responsible for the EPA and OWRA and includes all officials, employees or other persons acting on its behalf;
20. "Monthly Average Effluent Concentration" is the mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured during a calendar month, calculated and reported as per the methodology specified in Schedule F;
21. "Monthly Average Daily Effluent Flow" means the cumulative total Final Effluent discharged during a calendar month divided by the number of days during which Final Effluent was discharged that month;
22. "Monthly Average Daily Effluent Loading" means the value obtained by multiplying the Monthly Average Effluent Concentration of a contaminant by the Monthly Average Daily Effluent Flow over the same calendar month;
23. "Monthly Geometric Mean Density" is the mean of all Single Sample Results of *E. coli* measurement in the samples taken during a calendar month, calculated and reported as per the methodology specified in Schedule F;
24. "Normal Operating Condition" means the condition when all unit process(es), excluding Preliminary Treatment System, in a treatment train is operating within its design capacity;
25. "Operating Agency" means the Owner or the entity that is authorized by the Owner for the management, operation, maintenance, or alteration of the Works in accordance with this Approval;
26. "Overflow" means a discharge to the environment from the Works at designed location(s) other than the approved effluent disposal facilities or via the effluent disposal facilities downstream of the Final Effluent

sampling point;

27. "Owner" means The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and its successors and assignees;
28. "OWRA" means the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.40, as amended;
29. "Partially Separated Sewers" means Combined Sewers that have been retrofitted to convey sanitary sewage only but in which roof leaders or foundation drains still contribute stormwater inflow to the separated sewer;
30. "Preliminary Treatment System" means all facilities in the Sewage Treatment Plant associated with screening and grit removal;
31. "Primary Treatment System" means all facilities in the Sewage Treatment Plant associated with the primary sedimentation unit process and includes chemically enhanced primary treatment;
32. "Professional Engineer" means a person entitled to practice as a Professional Engineer in the Province of Ontario under a license issued under the Professional Engineers Act;
33. "Proposed Works" means those portions of the Works included in the Approval that are under construction or to be constructed;
34. "Rated Capacity" means the Annual Average Daily Influent Flow for which the Sewage Treatment Plant is designed to handle;
35. "Secondary Treatment System" means all facilities in the Sewage Treatment Plant associated with biological treatment, secondary sedimentation and phosphorus removal unit processes;
36. "Sewage Treatment Plant" means all the facilities related to sewage treatment within the sewage treatment plant site excluding the Final Effluent disposal facilities;
37. "Single Sample Result" means the test result of a parameter in the effluent discharged on any day, as measured by a probe, analyzer or in a composite or grab sample, as required;
38. "Works" means the approved sewage works, and includes Proposed Works, Existing Works and modifications made under Limited Operational Flexibility.

You are hereby notified that this environmental compliance approval is issued to you subject to the terms and conditions outlined below:

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. The Owner shall ensure that any person authorized to carry out work on or operate any aspect of the Works is notified of this Approval and the terms and conditions herein and shall take all reasonable measures to ensure any such person complies with the same.
2. The Owner shall design, construct, operate and maintain the Works in accordance with the conditions of this Approval.
3. Where there is a conflict between a provision of any document referred to in this Approval and the conditions of this Approval, the conditions in this Approval shall take precedence.
4. The issuance of, and compliance with the conditions of, this Approval does not:
 - a. relieve any person of any obligation to comply with any provision of any applicable statute, regulation or other legal requirement, including, but not limited to, the obligation to obtain approval from the local conservation authority/the Ministry of Northern Development, Mines, Natural Resources and Forestry (MNDMNRF) necessary to construct or operate the sewage works; or
 - b. limit in any way the authority of the Ministry to require certain steps be taken to require the Owner to furnish any further information related to compliance with this Approval.

2. CHANGE OF OWNER AND OPERATING AGENCY

1. The Owner shall, within thirty (30) calendar days of issuance of this Approval, prepare/update and submit to the District Manager the Municipal and Local Services Board Wastewater System Profile Information Form, as amended (Schedule G) under any of the following situations:
 - a. the form has not been previously submitted for the Works;
 - b. this Approval is issued for extension, re-rating or process treatment upgrade of the Works;
 - c. when a notification is provided to the District Manager in compliance with requirements of change of Owner or Operating Agency under this condition.
2. The Owner shall notify the District Manager and the Director, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:
 - a. change of address of Owner;
 - b. change of Owner, including address of new owner;
 - c. change of partners where the Owner is or at any time becomes a partnership, and a copy of the most recent declaration filed under the *Business Names Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. B.17* , as amended, shall be included in the notification;
 - d. change of name of the corporation where the Owner is or at any time becomes a corporation, and a

copy of the most current information filed under the *Corporations Information Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.39* , as amended, shall be included in the notification.

3. The Owner shall notify the District Manager, in writing, of any of the following changes within thirty (30) days of the change occurring:
 - a. change of address of Operating Agency;
 - b. change of Operating Agency, including address of new Operating Agency.
4. In the event of any change in ownership of the Works, the Owner shall notify the succeeding owner in writing, of the existence of this Approval, and forward a copy of the notice to the District Manager.
5. The Owner shall ensure that all communications made pursuant to this condition refer to the environmental compliance approval number.

3. CONSTRUCTION OF PROPOSED WORKS

1. All Proposed Works in this Approval shall be constructed and installed and must commence operation within five (5) years of issuance of this Approval, after which time the Approval ceases to apply in respect of any portions of the Works not in operation. In the event that the construction, installation and/or operation of any portion of the Proposed Works is anticipated to be delayed beyond the time period stipulated, the Owner shall submit to the Director an application to amend the Approval to extend this time period, at least six (6) months prior to the end of the period. The amendment application shall include the reason(s) for the delay and whether there is any design change(s).
2. Within thirty (30) days of commencement of construction, the Owner shall prepare and submit to the District Manager a schedule for the completion of construction and commissioning operation of the Proposed Works. The Owner shall notify the District Manager within thirty (30) days of the commissioning operation of any Proposed Works. Upon completion of construction of the Proposed Works, the Owner shall prepare and submit a statement to the District Manager, certified by a Professional Engineer, that the Proposed Works is constructed in accordance with this Approval.
3. Within one (1) year of completion of construction of the Proposed Works, a set of record drawings of the Works shall be prepared or updated. These drawings shall be kept up to date through revisions undertaken from time to time and a copy shall be readily accessible for reference at the Works.

4. BYPASSES

1. Any Bypass is prohibited, except:
 - a. an emergency Bypass when a structural, mechanical or electrical failure causes a temporary reduction in the capacity of a treatment process or when an unforeseen flow condition exceeds the design capacity of a treatment process that is likely to result in personal injury, loss of life, health hazard, basement flooding, severe property damage, equipment damage or treatment process upset, if a

portion of the flow is not bypassed;

- b. a planned Bypass that is a direct and unavoidable result of a planned repair and maintenance procedure or other circumstance(s), the Owner having notified the District Manager in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the occurrence of Bypass, including an estimated quantity and duration of the Bypass, an assessment of the impact on the quality of the Final Effluent and the mitigation measures if necessary, and the District Manager has given written consent of the Bypass;
2. Notwithstanding the exceptions given in Paragraph 1, the Operating Agency shall undertake everything practicable to maximize the flow through the downstream treatment process(es) prior to bypassing.
3. At the beginning of a Bypass Event, the Owner shall immediately notify the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and the local Medical Officer of Health. This notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - a. the type of the Bypass as indicated in Paragraph 1 and the reason(s) for the Bypass;
 - b. the date and time of the beginning of the Bypass;
 - c. the treatment process(es) gone through prior to the Bypass and the treatment process(es) bypassed;
 - d. the effort(s) done to maximize the flow through the downstream treatment process(es) and the reason(s) why the Bypass was not avoided.
4. Upon confirmation of the end of a Bypass Event, the Owner shall immediately notify the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and the local Medical Officer of Health. This notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - a. the date and time of the end of the Bypass;
 - b. the estimated or measured volume of Bypass.
5. For any Bypass Event, the Owner shall collect daily sample(s) of the Final Effluent, inclusive of the Event and analyze for all effluent parameters outlined in Compliance Limits condition that require composite samples, following the same protocol specified in the Monitoring and Recording condition for the regular samples. The sample(s) shall be in addition to the regular Final Effluent samples required under the monitoring and recording condition. If the Event occurs on a scheduled monitoring day, the regular sampling requirements prevail. If representative sample for the effluent parameter(s) that require grab sample cannot be obtained, they shall be collected after the Event at the earliest time when situation returns to normal.
6. The Owner shall submit a summary report of the Bypass Event(s) to the District Manager on a quarterly basis, no later than each of the following dates for each calendar year: February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. The summary reports shall contain, at a minimum, the types of information set out in Paragraphs (3), (4) and (5) and either a statement of compliance or a summary of the non-compliance

notifications submitted as required under Paragraph 1 of Condition 11. If there is no Bypass Event during a quarter, a statement of no occurrence of Bypass is deemed sufficient.

7. The Owner shall develop a notification procedure in consultation with the District Manager and SAC and notify the public and downstream water users that may be adversely impacted by any Bypass Event.

5. OVERFLOWS

1. Any Overflow is prohibited, except:
 - a. an emergency Overflow in an emergency situation when a structural, mechanical or electrical failure causes a temporary reduction in the capacity of the Works or when an unforeseen flow condition exceeds the design capacity of the Works that is likely to result in personal injury, loss of life, health hazard, basement flooding, severe property damage, equipment damage or treatment process upset, if a portion of the flow is not overflowed;
 - b. a planned Overflow that is a direct and unavoidable result of a planned repair and maintenance procedure or other circumstance(s), the Owner having notified the District Manager in writing at least fifteen (15) days prior to the occurrence of Overflow, including an estimated quantity and duration of the Overflow, an assessment of the impact on the environment and the mitigation measures if necessary, and the District Manager has given written consent of the Overflow;
2. Notwithstanding the exceptions given in Paragraph 1, the Operating Agency shall undertake everything practicable to maximize the flow through the downstream treatment process(es) and Bypass(es) prior to overflowing.
3. At the beginning of an Overflow Event, the Owner shall immediately notify the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and the local Medical Officer of Health. This notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:
 - a. the type of the Overflow as indicated in Paragraph 1 and the reason(s) for the Overflow;
 - b. the date and time of the beginning of the Overflow;
 - c. the point of the Overflow from the Works, the treatment process(es) gone through prior to the Overflow, the disinfection status of the Overflow and whether the Overflow is discharged through the effluent disposal facilities or an alternate location;
 - d. the effort(s) done to maximize the flow through the downstream treatment process(es) and Bypass(es) and the reason(s) why the Overflow was not avoided.
4. Upon confirmation of the end of an Overflow Event, the Owner shall immediately notify the Spills Action Centre (SAC) and the local Medical Officer of Health. This notice shall include, at a minimum, the following information:

- a. the date and time of the end of the Overflow;
- b. the estimated or measured volume of the Overflow.

5. For any Overflow Event

- a. in the Sewage Treatment Plant, the Owner shall collect grab sample(s) of the Overflow, one near the beginning of the Event and one every eight (8) hours for the duration of the Event, and have them analyzed at least for CBOD5, total suspended solids, total phosphorus, total ammonia nitrogen, total Kjeldahl nitrogen, *E. coli*. except that raw sewage and primary treated effluent Overflow shall be analyzed for BOD5, total suspended solids, total phosphorus and total Kjeldahl nitrogen only.
6. The Owner shall submit a summary report of the Overflow Event(s) to the District Manager on a quarterly basis, no later than each of the following dates for each calendar year: February 15, May 15, August 15, and November 15. The summary report shall contain, at a minimum, the types of information set out in Paragraphs (3), (4) and (5). If there is no Overflow Event during a quarter, a statement of no occurrence of Overflow is deemed sufficient.
7. The Owner shall develop a notification procedure in consultation with the District Manager and SAC and notify the public and downstream water users that may be adversely impacted by any Overflow Event.

6. DESIGN OBJECTIVES

1. The Owner shall design and undertake everything practicable to operate the Sewage Treatment Plant in accordance with the following objectives:
- a. Final Effluent parameters design objectives listed in the table(s) included in Schedule B.
 - b. Final Effluent is essentially free of floating and settleable solids and does not contain oil or any other substance in amounts sufficient to create a visible film or sheen or foam or discolouration on the receiving waters.
 - c. Annual Average Daily Influent Flow is within the Rated Capacity of the Sewage Treatment Plant.

7. COMPLIANCE LIMITS

1. The Owner shall operate and maintain the Sewage Treatment Plant such that compliance limits for the Final Effluent parameters listed in the table(s) included in Schedule C are met.
2. The Owner shall operate and maintain the Sewage Treatment Plant such that the Final Effluent is disinfected continuously year-round.

8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

1. The Owner shall ensure that, at all times, the Works and the related equipment and appurtenances used to achieve compliance with this Approval are properly operated and maintained. Proper operation and maintenance shall include effective performance, adequate funding, adequate staffing and training, including training in all procedures and other requirements of this Approval and the OWRA and regulations, adequate laboratory facilities, process controls and alarms and the use of process chemicals and other substances used in the Works.
2. The Owner shall prepare/update the operations manual for the Works within six (6) months of completion of construction of the Proposed Works, that includes, but not necessarily limited to, the following information:
 - a. operating procedures for the Works under Normal Operating Conditions;
 - b. inspection programs, including frequency of inspection, for the Works and the methods or tests employed to detect when maintenance is necessary;
 - c. repair and maintenance programs, including the frequency of repair and maintenance for the Works;
 - d. procedures for the inspection and calibration of monitoring equipment;
 - e. operating procedures for the Works to handle situations outside Normal Operating Conditions and emergency situations such as a structural, mechanical or electrical failure, or an unforeseen flow condition, including procedures to minimize Bypasses and Overflows;
 - f. a spill prevention and contingency plan, consisting of procedures and contingency plans, including notification to the District Manager, to reduce the risk of spills of pollutants and prevent, eliminate or ameliorate any adverse effects that result or may result from spills of pollutants;
 - g. procedures for receiving, responding and recording public complaints, including recording any followup actions taken.
3. The Owner shall maintain the operations manual up-to-date and make the manual readily accessible for reference at the Works.
4. The Owner shall ensure that the Operating Agency fulfills the requirements under O. Reg. 129/04, as amended for the Works, including the classification of facilities, licensing of operators and operating standards.

9. MONITORING AND RECORDING

1. The Owner shall, upon commencement of operation of the Works, carry out a scheduled monitoring program of collecting samples at the required sampling points, at the frequency specified or higher, by means of the specified sample type and analyzed for each parameter listed in the tables under the monitoring program included in Schedule D and record all results, as follows:

- a. all samples and measurements are to be taken at a time and in a location characteristic of the quality and quantity of the sewage stream over the time period being monitored.
 - b. definitions and preparation requirements for each sample type are included in document referenced in Paragraph 3.b.
 - c. definitions for frequency:
 - i. Daily means once every day;
 - ii. Weekly means once every week;
 - iii. Monthly means once every month;
 - d. a schedule of the day of the week/month for the scheduled sampling shall be created. The sampling schedule shall be revised and updated every year through rotation of the day of the week/month for the scheduled sampling program, except when the actual scheduled monitoring frequency is three (3) or more times per week.
2. In addition to the scheduled monitoring program required in Paragraph 1, the Owner shall collect daily sample(s) of the Final Effluent, on any day when there is any situation outside Normal Operating Conditions, and analyze for all effluent parameters outlined in Compliance Limits condition that require composite samples, following the same protocol specified in this condition for the regular samples. If the Event occurs on a scheduled monitoring day, the regular sampling requirements prevail. If representative sample for the effluent parameter(s) that require grab sample cannot be obtained, they shall be collected after the Event at the earliest time when situation returns to normal.
 3. The methods and protocols for sampling, analysis and recording shall conform, in order of precedence, to the methods and protocols specified in the following documents and all analysis shall be conducted by a laboratory accredited to the ISO/IEC:17025 standard or as directed by the District Manager:
 - a. the Ministry's Procedure F-10-1, "Procedures for Sampling and Analysis Requirements for Municipal and Private Sewage Treatment Works (Liquid Waste Streams Only), as amended;
 - b. the Ministry's publication "Protocol for the Sampling and Analysis of Industrial/Municipal Wastewater Version 2.0" (January 2016), PIBS 2724e02, as amended;
 - c. the publication "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater", as amended.
 4. The Owner shall monitor and record the flow rate and daily quantity using flow measuring devices or other methods of measurement as approved below calibrated to an accuracy within plus or minus 15 per cent (+/- 15%) of the actual flowrate of the following:
 - a. Influent flow to the Sewage Treatment Plant by continuous flow measuring devices and instrumentations, or in lieu of an actual installation of equipment, adopt the flow measurements of the Final Effluent for the purpose of estimating Influent flows if the Influent and Final Effluent

streams are considered not significantly different in flow rates and quantities;

- b. Final Effluent discharged from the Sewage Treatment Plant by continuous flow measuring devices and instrumentations, or in lieu of an actual installation of equipment, adopt the flow measurements of the Influent for the purpose of estimating Final Effluent flows if the Influent and Final Effluent streams are considered not significantly different in flow rates and quantities;
5. The Owner shall retain for a minimum of five (5) years from the date of their creation, all records and information related to or resulting from the monitoring activities required by this Approval.

10. LIMITED OPERATIONAL FLEXIBILITY

1. The Owner may make pre-authorized modifications to the Sewage Treatment Plant in Works in accordance with the document "Limited Operational Flexibility - Protocol for Pre-Authorized Modifications to Municipal Sewage Works" (Schedule E), as amended, subject to the following:
 - a. the modifications will not involve the addition of any new treatment process or the removal of an existing treatment process, including chemical systems, from the liquid or solids treatment trains as originally designed and approved.
 - b. the scope and technical aspects of the modifications are in line with those delineated in Schedule E and conform with the Ministry's publication "Design Guidelines for Sewage Works 2008", as amended, Ministry's regulations, policies, guidelines, and industry engineering standards;
 - c. the modifications shall not negatively impact on the performance of any process or equipment in the Works or result in deterioration in the Final Effluent quality;
 - d. where the pre-authorized modification requires notification, a "Notice of Modifications to Sewage Works" (Schedule E), as amended shall be completed with declarations from a Professional Engineer and the Owner and retained on-site prior to the scheduled implementation date. All supporting information including technical memorandum, engineering plans and specifications, as applicable and appropriate to support the declarations that the modifications conform with LOF shall remain on-site for future inspection.
2. The following modifications are not pre-authorized under Limited Operational Flexibility:
 - a. Modifications that involve addition or extension of process structures, tankages or channels;
 - b. Modifications that involve relocation of the Final Effluent outfall or any other discharge location or that may require reassessment of the impact to the receiver or environment;
 - c. Modifications that involve addition of or change in technology of a treatment process or that may involve reassessment of the treatment train process design;
 - d. Modifications that require changes to be made to the emergency response, spill prevention and

contingency plan; or

- e. Modifications that are required pursuant to an order issued by the Ministry.

11. REPORTING

1. The Owner shall report to the District Manager orally as soon as possible any non-compliance with the compliance limits, and in writing within seven (7) days of non-compliance.
2. The Owner shall, within fifteen (15) days of occurrence of a spill within the meaning of Part X of the EPA, submit a full written report of the occurrence to the District Manager describing the cause and discovery of the spill, clean-up and recovery measures taken, preventative measures to be taken and schedule of implementation, in addition to fulfilling the requirements under the EPA and O. Reg. 675/98 "Classification and Exemption of Spills and Reporting of Discharges".
3. The Owner shall, upon request, make all manuals, plans, records, data, procedures and supporting documentation available to Ministry staff.
4. The Owner shall prepare performance reports on a calendar year basis and submit to the District Manager by March 31 of the calendar year following the period being reported upon. The reports shall contain, but shall not be limited to, the following information pertaining to the reporting period:
 - a. a summary and interpretation of all Influent and Imported Sewage monitoring data, and a review of the historical trend of the sewage characteristics and flow rates;
 - b. a summary and interpretation of all Final Effluent monitoring data, including concentration, flow rates, loading and a comparison to the design objectives and compliance limits in this Approval, including an overview of the success and adequacy of the Works;
 - c. a summary of all operating issues encountered and corrective actions taken;
 - d. a summary of all normal and emergency repairs and maintenance activities carried out on any major structure, equipment, apparatus or mechanism forming part of the Works;
 - e. a summary of any effluent quality assurance or control measures undertaken;
 - f. a summary of the calibration and maintenance carried out on all Influent and Final Effluent monitoring equipment to ensure that the accuracy is within the tolerance of that equipment as required in this Approval or recommended by the manufacturer;
 - g. a summary of efforts made to achieve the design objectives in this Approval, including an assessment of the issues and recommendations for pro-active actions if any are required under the following situations:
 - i. when any of the design objectives is not achieved more than 50% of the time in a year, or there

- is an increasing trend in deterioration of Final Effluent quality;
- ii. when the Annual Average Daily Influent Flow reaches 80% of the Rated Capacity;
- h. a tabulation of the volume of sludge generated, an outline of anticipated volumes to be generated in the next reporting period and a summary of the locations to where the sludge was disposed;
 - i. a summary of any complaints received and any steps taken to address the complaints;
 - j. a summary of all Bypasses, Overflows, other situations outside Normal Operating Conditions and spills within the meaning of Part X of EPA and abnormal discharge events;
 - k. a summary of all Notice of Modifications to Sewage Works completed under Paragraph 1.d. of Condition 10, including a report on status of implementation of all modification;
 - l. a summary of efforts made to achieve conformance with Procedure F-5-1 including but not limited to projects undertaken and completed in the sanitary sewer system that result in overall Bypass/Overflow elimination including expenditures and proposed projects to eliminate Bypass/Overflows with estimated budget forecast for the year following that for which the report is submitted. and a summary of efforts made to achieve conformance with Procedure F-5-5 and establish /maintain a Pollution Prevention and Control Plan (PPCP);
 - m. any changes or updates to the schedule for the completion of construction and commissioning operation of major process(es) / equipment groups in the Proposed Works;
 - n. a summary of any deviation from the monitoring schedule and reasons for the current reporting year and a schedule for the next reporting year.

The reasons for the imposition of these terms and conditions are as follows:

1. Condition 1 regarding general provisions is imposed to ensure that the Works are constructed and operated in the manner in which they were described and upon which approval was granted.
2. Condition 2 regarding change of Owner and Operating Agency is included to ensure that the Ministry records are kept accurate and current with respect to ownership and Operating Agency of the Works and to ensure that subsequent owners of the Works are made aware of the Approval and continue to operate the Works in compliance with it.
3. Condition 3 regarding construction of Proposed Works is included to ensure that the Works are constructed in a timely manner so that standards applicable at the time of Approval of the Works are still applicable at the time of construction to ensure the ongoing protection of the environment, and also ensure that the Works are constructed in accordance with the Approval and that record drawings of the Works "as constructed" are updated and maintained for future references.

4. Condition 4 regarding Bypasses is included to indicate that Bypass is prohibited, except in circumstances where the failure to Bypass could result in greater damage to the environment than the Bypass itself. The notification and documentation requirements allow the Ministry to take action in an informed manner and will ensure the Owner is aware of the extent and frequency of Bypass Events.
5. Condition 5 regarding Overflows is included to indicate that Overflow of untreated or partially treated sewage to the receiver is prohibited, except in circumstances where the failure to Overflow could result in greater damage to the environment than the Overflow itself. The notification and documentation requirements allow the Ministry to take action in an informed manner and will ensure the Owner is aware of the extent and frequency of Overflow Events.
6. Condition 6 regarding design objectives is imposed to establish non-enforceable design objectives to be used as a mechanism to trigger corrective action proactively and voluntarily before environmental impairment occurs.
7. Condition 7 regarding compliance limits is imposed to ensure that the Final Effluent discharged from the Works to the environment meets the Ministry's effluent quality requirements.
8. Condition 8 regarding operation and maintenance is included to require that the Works be properly operated, maintained, funded, staffed and equipped such that the environment is protected and deterioration, loss, injury or damage to any person or property is prevented. As well, the inclusion of a comprehensive operations manual governing all significant areas of operation, maintenance and repair is prepared, implemented and kept up-to-date by the Owner. Such a manual is an integral part of the operation of the Works. Its compilation and use should assist the Owner in staff training, in proper plant operation and in identifying and planning for contingencies during possible abnormal conditions. The manual will also act as a benchmark for Ministry staff when reviewing the Owner's operation of the Works.
9. Condition 9 regarding monitoring and recording is included to enable the Owner to evaluate and demonstrate the performance of the Works, on a continual basis, so that the Works are properly operated and maintained at a level which is consistent with the design objectives and compliance limits.
10. Condition 10 regarding Limited Operational Flexibility is included to ensure that the Works are constructed, maintained and operated in accordance with the Approval, and that any pre-approved modification will not negatively impact on the performance of the Works.
11. Condition 11 regarding reporting is included to provide a performance record for future references, to ensure that the Ministry is made aware of problems as they arise, and to provide a compliance record for this Approval.

Schedule A

1. Application for Environmental Compliance Approval submitted by The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas received on February 16, 2023 for the proposed St. Thomas Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrades, including design report dated April 20, 2023, final plans and specifications, prepared by R.V. Anderson Associates Limited.

Schedule B

Final Effluent Design Objectives

Concentration Objectives

Final Effluent Parameter	Averaging Calculator	Objective (milligrams per litre unless otherwise indicated)
CBOD5	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	10 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	15 mg/L
Total Phosphorus	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	0.8 mg/L
Total Ammonia Nitrogen	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	1.0 mg/L (May 1 - November 30) 3.0 mg/L (December 1 - April 30)
<i>E. coli</i>	Monthly Geometric Mean Density	*150 CFU/100 mL
pH	Single Sample Result	6.5 - 8.5 inclusive

*If the MPN method is utilized for *E. coli* analysis the objective shall be 150 MPN/100 mL

Schedule C

Final Effluent Compliance Limits

Concentration Limits

Final Effluent Parameter	Averaging Calculator	Limit (maximum unless otherwise indicated)
CBOD5	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	15 mg/L
Total Suspended Solids	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	20 mg/L
Total Phosphorus	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	1 mg/L
Total Ammonia Nitrogen	Monthly Average Effluent Concentration	5.0 mg/L
<i>E. coli</i>	Monthly Geometric Mean Density	*200 CFU/100 mL
pH	Single Sample Result	between 6.0 - 9.5 inclusive

*If the MPN method is utilized for *E. coli* analysis the limit shall be 200 MPN/100 mL

Loading Limits

Final Effluent Parameter	Averaging Calculator	Limit (maximum unless otherwise indicated)
CBOD5	Monthly Average Daily Effluent Loading	410 kg/d
Total Suspended Solids	Monthly Average Daily Effluent Loading	546 kg/d
Total Phosphorus	Monthly Average Daily Effluent Loading	27 kg/d
Total Ammonia Nitrogen	Monthly Average Daily Effluent Loading	137 kg/d

Schedule D

Monitoring Program

Influent - Influent sampling point

Parameters	Sample Type	Minimum Frequency
BOD5	24 hour composite	Weekly
Total Suspended Solids	24 hour composite	Weekly
Total Phosphorus	24 hour composite	Weekly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	24 hour composite	Weekly

Final Effluent - Final Effluent sampling point

Parameters	Sample Type	Minimum Frequency
CBOD5	24 hour composite	Weekly
Total Suspended Solids	24 hour composite	Weekly
Total Phosphorus	24 hour composite	Weekly
Total Ammonia Nitrogen	24 hour composite	Weekly
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen	24 hour composite	Weekly
Nitrate as Nitrogen	24 hour composite	Weekly
Nitrite as Nitrogen	24 hour composite	Weekly
<i>E. coli</i>	Grab	Weekly
pH*	Grab/Probe/Analyzer	Weekly
Temperature*	Grab/Probe/Analyzer	Weekly
Un-ionized Ammonia**	As Calculated	Weekly

*pH and temperature of the Final Effluent shall be determined in the field at the time of sampling for Total Ammonia Nitrogen.

**The concentration of un-ionized ammonia shall be calculated using the total ammonia concentration, pH and temperature using the methodology stipulated in "Ontario's Provincial Water Quality Objectives" dated July 1994, as amended.

Schedule E

Limited Operational Flexibility

Protocol for Pre-Authorized Modifications to Municipal Sewage Works

1. General

1. Pre-authorized modifications are permitted only where Limited Operational Flexibility has already been granted in the Approval and only permitted to be made at the pumping stations and sewage treatment plant in the Works, subject to the conditions of the Approval.
2. Where there is a conflict between the types and scope of pre-authorized modifications listed in this document, and the Approval where Limited Operational Flexibility has been granted, the Approval shall take precedence.
3. The Owner shall consult the District Manager on any proposed modifications that may fall within the scope and intention of the Limited Operational Flexibility but is not listed explicitly or included as an example in this document.
4. The Owner shall ensure that any pre-authorized modifications will not:
 - a. adversely affect the hydraulic profile of the Sewage Treatment Plant or the performance of any upstream or downstream processes, both in terms of hydraulics and treatment performance;
 - b. result in new Overflow or Bypass locations, or any potential increase in frequency or quantity of Overflow(s) or Bypass(es).
 - c. result in a reduction in the required Peak Flow Rate of the treatment process or equipment as originally designed.

2. Modifications that do not require pre-authorization:

1. Sewage works that are exempt from Ministry approval requirements;
2. Modifications to the electrical system, instrumentation and control system.

3. Pre-authorized modifications that do not require preparation of “Notice of Modification to Sewage Works”

1. Normal or emergency maintenance activities, such as repairs, renovations, refurbishments and replacements with Equivalent Equipment, or other improvements to an existing approved piece of equipment of a treatment process do not require pre-authorization. Examples of these activities are:

- a. Repairing a piece of equipment and putting it back into operation, including replacement of minor components such as belts, gear boxes, seals, bearings;
 - b. Repairing a piece of equipment by replacing a major component of the equipment such as motor, with the same make and model or another with the same or very close power rating but the capacity of the pump or blower will still be essentially the same as originally designed and approved;
 - c. Replacing the entire piece of equipment with Equivalent Equipment.
2. Improvements to equipment efficiency or treatment process control do not require pre-authorization. Examples of these activities are:
- a. Adding variable frequency drive to pumps;
 - b. Adding on-line analyzer, dissolved oxygen probe, ORP probe, flow measurement or other process control device.

4. Pre-Authorized Modifications that require preparation of “Notice of Modification to Sewage Works”

1. Pumping Stations

- a. Replacement, realignment of existing sewers including manholes, valves, gates, weirs and associated appurtenances provided that the modifications will not add new influent source(s) or result in an increase in flow from existing sources as originally approved.
- b. Extension or partition of wetwell to increase retention time for emergency response and improve station maintenance and pump operation;
- c. Replacement or installation of inlet screens to the wetwell;
- d. Replacement or installation of flowmeters, construction of station bypass;
- e. Replacement, reconfiguration or addition of pumps and modifications to pump suctions and discharge pipings including valve, gates, motors, variable frequency drives and associated appurtenances to maintain firm pumping capacity or modulate the pump rate provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the firm pumping capacity or discharge head or an increase in the peak pumping rate of the pumping station as originally designed;
- f. Replacement, realignment of existing forcemain(s) including valves, gates, and associated appurtenances provided that the modifications will not reduce the flow capacity or increase the total dynamic head and transient in the forcemain.

2. Sewage Treatment Plant

1. Sewers and appurtenances

- a. Replacement, realignment of existing sewers (including pipes and channels) or construction of new sewers, including manholes, valves, gates, weirs and associated appurtenances within the a sewage treatment plant, provided that the modifications will not add new influent source(s) or result in an increase in flow from existing sources as originally approved and that the modifications will remove hydraulic bottlenecks or improve the conveyance of sewage into and through the Works.

2. Flow Distribution Chambers/Splitters

- a. Replacement or modification of existing flow distribution chamber/splitters or construction of new flow distribution chamber/splitters, including replacements or installation of sluice gates, weirs, valves for distribution of flows to the downstream process trains, provided that the modifications will not result in a change in flow distribution ratio to the downstream process trains as originally designed.

3. Imported Sewage Receiving Facility

- a. Replacement, relocation or installation of loading bays, connect/disconnect hook-up systems and unloading/transferring systems;
- b. Replacement, relocation or installation of screens, grit removal units and compactors;
- c. Replacement, relocation or installation of pumps, such as dosing pumps and transfer pumps, valves, piping and appurtenances;
- d. Replacement, relocation or installation of storage tanks/chambers and spill containment systems;
- e. Replacement, relocation or installation of flow measurement and sampling equipment;
- f. Changes to the source(s) or quantity from each source, provided that changes will not result in an increase in the total quantity and waste loading of each type of Imported Sewage already approved for co-treatment.

4. Preliminary Treatment System

- a. Replacement of existing screens and grit removal units with equipment of the same or higher process performance technology, including where necessary replacement or upgrading of existing screenings dewatering washing compactors, hydrocyclones, grit classifiers, grit pumps, air blowers conveyor system, disposal bins and other ancillary equipment to the screening and grit removal processes.
- b. Replacement or installation of channel aeration systems, including air blowers, air supply main, air headers, air laterals, air distribution grids and diffusers.

5. Primary Treatment System

- a. Replacement of existing sludge removal mechanism, including sludge chamber;
- b. Replacement or installation of scum removal mechanism, including scum chamber;
- c. Replacement or installation of primary sludge pumps, scum pumps, provided that: the modifications will not result in a reduction in the firm pumping capacity or discharge head that the primary sludge pump(s) and scum pump(s) are originally designed to handle.

6. Secondary Treatment System

1. Biological Treatment

- a. Conversion of complete mix aeration tank to plug-flow multi-pass aeration tank, including modifications to internal structural configuration;
- b. Addition of inlet gates in multi-pass aeration tank for step-feed operation mode;
- c. Partitioning of an anoxic/flip zone in the inlet of the aeration tank, including installation of submersible mixer(s);
- d. Replacement of aeration system including air blowers, air supply main, air headers, air laterals, air distribution grids and diffusers, provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the firm capacity or discharge pressure that the blowers are originally designed to supply or in the net oxygen transferred to the wastewater required for biological treatment as originally required.

2. Secondary Sedimentation

- a. Replacement of sludge removal mechanism, including sludge chamber;
- b. Replacement or installation of scum removal mechanism, including scum chamber;
- c. Replacement or installation of return activated sludge pump(s), waste activated sludge pump(s), scum pump(s), provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the firm pumping capacity or discharge head that the activated sludge pump(s) and scum pump(s) are originally designed to handle.

7. Post-Secondary Treatment System

- a. Replacement of filtration system with equipment of the same filtration technology, including feed pumps, backwash pumps, filter reject pumps, filtrate extract pumps, holding tanks associated with the pumping system, provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the capacity of

the filtration system as originally designed.

8. Disinfection System

1. UV Irradiation

- a. Replacement of UV irradiation system, provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the design capacity of the disinfection system or the radiation level as originally designed.

2. Chlorination/Dechlorination and Ozonation Systems

- a. Extension and reconfiguration of contact tank to increase retention time for effective disinfection and reduce dead zones and minimize short-circuiting;
- b. Replacement or installation of chemical storage tanks, provided that the tanks are provided with effective spill containment.

9. Supplementary Treatment Systems

1. Chemical systems

- a. Replacement, relocation or installation of chemical storage tanks for existing chemical systems only, provided that the tanks are sited with effective spill containment;
- b. Replacement or installation of chemical dosing pumps provided that the modifications will not result in a reduction in the firm capacity that the dosing pumps are originally designed to handle.
- c. Relocation and addition of chemical dosing point(s) including chemical feed pipes and valves and controls, to improve phosphorus removal efficiency;
- d. Use of an alternate chemical provided that it is a non-proprietary product and is a commonly used alternative to the chemical approved in the Works, provided that the chemical storage tanks, chemical dosing pumps, feed pipes and controls are also upgraded, as necessary..

10. Sludge Management System

1. Sludge Holding and Thickening

- a. Replacement or installation of sludge holding tanks, sludge handling pumps, such as transfer pumps, feed pumps, recirculation pumps, provided that modifications will not result in reduction in the solids storage or handling capacities;

2. Sludge Digestion

- a. Replacement or installation of digesters, sludge handling pumps, such as transfer pumps, feed pumps, recirculation pumps, provided that modifications will not result in reduction in the solids storage or handling capacities;
- b. replacement of sludge digester covers.

3. Sludge Dewatering and Disposal

- a. Replacement of sludge dewatering equipment, sludge handling pumps, such as transfer pumps, feed pumps, cake pumps, loading pumps, provided that modifications will not result in reduction in solids storage or handling capacities.

4. Processed Organic Waste

- a. Changes to the source(s) or quantity from each source, provided that changes will not result in an increase in the total quantity already approved for co-processing.

11. Standby Power System

- 1. Replacement or installation of standby power system, including feed from alternate power grid, emergency power generator, fuel supply and storage systems, provided that the existing standby power generation capacity is not reduced.

12. Pilot Study

- 1. Small side-stream pilot study for existing or new technologies, alternative treatment process or chemical, provided:
 - a. all effluent from the pilot system is hauled off-site for proper disposal or returned back to the sewage treatment plant for at a point no further than immediately downstream of the location from where the side-stream is drawn;
 - b. no proprietary treatment process or propriety chemical is involved in the pilot study;
 - c. the effluent from the pilot system returned to the sewage treatment plant does not significantly alter the composition/concentration of or add any new contaminant/inhibiting substances to the sewage to be treated in the downstream process;
 - d. the pilot study will not have any negative impacts on the operation of the sewage treatment plant or cause a deterioration of effluent quality;
 - e. the pilot study does not exceed a maximum of two years and a notification of completion shall be submitted to the District Manager within one month of completion of the pilot project.

13. Lagoons

- a. installing baffles in lagoon provided that the operating capacity of the lagoon system is not reduced;
- b. raise top elevation of lagoon berms to increase free-board;
- c. replace or install interconnecting pipes and chambers between cells, provided that the process design operating sequence is not changed;
- d. replace or install mechanical aerators, or replace mechanical aerators with diffused aeration system provided that the mixing and aeration capacity are not reduced;
- e. removal of accumulated sludge and disposal to an approved location offsite.

14. Acceptance of Imported Sewage

- 1. This condition does not apply to Imported Sewage that is “hazardous waste”, other than hazardous waste that is “leachate toxic waste”, as defined in R.R.O. 1990, Regulation 347: General – Waste Management made under the Environmental Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.19.
- 2. Imported Sewage may be received at the STP in accordance with this condition provided the following requirements have been met:
 - a. The Owner has completed a site-specific treatability study demonstrating that the STP is capable of achieving the design objectives and compliance criteria when receiving the Imported Sewage for co-treatment;
 - i. For greater certainty, where the Imported Sewage consists of septic, portable toilet, or other residential sewage, the treatability study requirements are satisfied by the Owner providing written confirmation, signed by a licensed engineering practitioner, that there is adequate sewage treatment capacity at the plant, and that the achievement of effluent limits will not be negatively impacted, and;
 - ii. Imported Sewage that consists of septic, portable toilet, or other residential sewage, subsection 2.c. and 2.d shall not apply.
 - b. At least thirty (30) days prior to receiving new Imported Sewage for the first time, the Owner shall submit to the District Manager a report that includes, but not limited, to the following:
 - i. a description of the Imported Sewage to be received;
 - ii. the results of the treatability study; and

- iii. site-specific monitoring program including toxicity testing that specifies the frequency of influent, effluent monitoring.
 - c. Furthermore, it is recommended for receiving landfill leachate that the parameters listed in the following Table (Parameters for Receiving Landfill Leachate), in addition to the parameters outlined in the ECA and listed in Ministry's 1998 landfill standards entitled "Landfill Standard: A Guideline on the Regulatory and Approval Requirements for New or Expanding Landfill Sites" be incorporated the report.
 - d. The Owner has provided written notification to the Ministry through the hazardouswasteprogram@ontario.ca email address that includes the following:
 - i. a description of the Imported Sewage to be received;
 - ii. the waste class number and characteristic of the waste to be received, as described in the Ministry document entitled "Registration Guidance Manual for Generators of Liquid Industrial and Hazardous Waste";
 - iii. a copy of written concurrence from the District Manager;
 - iv. a copy of this Approval; and
 - v. a reference to this condition.
3. Upon fulfillment the requirements mentioned in 1 and 2 above, the Owner shall, within eighteen (18) months of the date of submission of the "Notice of Modification to Sewage Works", submit to the District Manager a report that includes, but not limited to, the following:
- a. Influent and effluent data when the monitoring is carried out;
 - b. The results of a monitoring program evaluating the effluent from the Works to determine whether the effluent is non-acutely lethal to rainbow trout and Daphnia Magna, where the monitoring is carried out over a period of at least twelve (12) consecutive months.
 - i. The frequency with respect to acute lethality to Rainbow Trout and Daphnia magna shall be quarterly as the minimum.
 - c. If the effluent from the Works is acutely lethal to rainbow trout and Daphnia Magna, the Owner should immediately stop receiving the Imported Sewage and carry out additional studies:
 - i. Evaluate the impact of Imported Sewage on the performance of the Works; and
 - ii. Characterize the Imported Sewage and pinpoint the parameter of concern.

- d. The results of flowrate/volume measurement of the Imported Sewage into the Works, carried out with an accuracy to within plus or minus ten per cent ($\pm 10\%$) of actual flowrate for the entire design range of the flow measuring device, recording the flowrate on a daily basis.

3. Final Effluent Disposal Facilities

- a. Replacement or realignment of the Final Effluent channel, sewer or forcemain, including manholes, valves and appurtenances from the end of the treatment train to the discharge outfall section, provided that the sewer conveys only effluent discharged from the Sewage Treatment Plant and that the replacement or re-aligned sewer has similar dimensions and performance criteria and is in the same or approximately the same location and that the hydraulic capacity will not be reduced.

Table (Parameters for Receiving Landfill Leachate)

Parameters		
Aluminum	Cobalt	Silver
Anthracine	Diphenyl ether	Fluoranthene
m-cresol	p-cresol	o-cresol
Napthalene	Phenanthrene	Pyrene
PCB: total	Nickel	2,4-dichlorophenol
Bis-2-ethylhexylphthalate	Biphenyl	Fluorene
Ethylbenzene	m- and p-xylene	Molybdenum
Vanadium	1-methylnapthalene	2-methylnapthalene
Diphenylamine	Chlorobenzene	Chloroform
o-xylene		

This page contains an image of the form entitled "Notice of Modification to Sewage Works". A digital copy can be obtained from the District Manager.



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Notice of Modification to Sewage Works

RETAIN COPY OF COMPLETED FORM AS PART OF THE ECA ON-SITE PRIOR TO THE SCHEDULED IMPLEMENTATION DATE.

Part 1 – Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) with Limited Operational Flexibility		
<i>(Insert the ECA's owner, number and issuance date and notice number, which should start with "01" and consecutive numbers thereafter)</i>		
ECA Number	Issuance Date (mm/dd/yy)	Notice number (if applicable)
ECA Owner		Municipality

Part 2: Description of the modifications as part of the Limited Operational Flexibility
<i>(Attach a detailed description of the sewage works)</i>
Description shall include: 1. A detail description of the modifications and/or operations to the sewage works (e.g. sewage work component, location, size, equipment type/model, material, process name, etc.) 2. Confirmation that the anticipated environmental effects are negligible. 3. List of updated versions of, or amendments to, all relevant technical documents that are affected by the modifications as applicable, i.e. submission of documentation is not required, but the listing of updated documents is (design brief, drawings, emergency plan, etc.)

Part 3 – Declaration by Professional Engineer	
I hereby declare that I have verified the scope and technical aspects of this modification and confirm that the design: 1. Has been prepared or reviewed by a Professional Engineer who is licensed to practice in the Province of Ontario; 2. Has been designed in accordance with the Limited Operational Flexibility as described in the ECA; 3. Has been designed consistent with Ministry's Design Guidelines, adhering to engineering standards, industry's best management practices, and demonstrating ongoing compliance with s.53 of the Ontario Water Resources Act; and other appropriate regulations. I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the information contained in this form is complete and accurate	
Name (Print)	PEIO License Number
Signature	Date (mm/dd/yy)
Name of Employer	

Part 4 – Declaration by Owner	
I hereby declare that: 1. I am authorized by the Owner to complete this Declaration; 2. The Owner consents to the modification; and 3. This modifications to the sewage works are proposed in accordance with the Limited Operational Flexibility as described in the ECA. 4. The Owner has fulfilled all applicable requirements of the <i>Environmental Assessment Act</i>. I hereby declare that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief the information contained in this form is complete and accurate	
Name of Owner Representative (Print)	Owner representative's title (Print)
Owner Representative's Signature	Date (mm/dd/yy)

Schedule F

Methodology for Calculating and Reporting Monthly Average Effluent Concentration, Annual Average Effluent Concentration and Monthly Geometric Mean Density

1. Monthly Average Effluent Concentration

- Step 1: Calculate the arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured during a calendar month and proceed as follows depending on the result of the calculation:
- If the arithmetic mean does not exceed the compliance limit for the contaminant, then report and use this arithmetic mean as the Monthly Average Effluent Concentration for this parameter where applicable in this Approval;
 - If the arithmetic mean exceeds the compliance limit for the contaminant and there was no Bypass Event during the calendar month, then report and use this arithmetic mean as the Monthly Average Effluent Concentration for this parameter where applicable in this Approval;
 - If the arithmetic mean exceeds the compliance limit for the contaminant and there was Bypass Event(s) during the calendar month, then proceed to Step 2;
 - If the arithmetic mean does not exceed the compliance limit for the contaminant and there was Bypass Event(s) during the calendar month, the Owner may still elect to proceed to Step 2 calculation of the flow-weighted arithmetic mean.
- Step 2: Calculate the flow-weighted arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured during a calendar month and proceed depending on the result of the calculation:
- Group No Bypass Days (**NBPD**) data and Bypass Days (**BPD**) data during a calendar month separately;
 - Calculate the arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured on all NBPD during a calendar month and record it as **Monthly Average NBPD Effluent Concentration**;
 - Obtain the “**Total Monthly NBPD Flow**” which is the total amount of Final Effluent discharged on all NBPD during the calendar month;
 - Calculate the arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured on all BPD during a calendar month

and record it as **Monthly Average BPD Effluent Concentration**;

- e. Obtain the “**Total Monthly BPD Flow**” which is the total amount of Final Effluent discharged on all BPD during the calendar month;
- f. Calculate the flow-weighted arithmetic mean using the following formula:

$$[(\text{Monthly Average NBPD Effluent Concentration} \times \text{Total Monthly NBPD Flow}) + (\text{Monthly Average BPD Effluent Concentration} \times \text{Total Monthly BPD Flow})] \div (\text{Total Monthly NBPD Flow} + \text{Total Monthly BPD Flow})$$

It should be noted that in this method, if there are no Bypass Event for the month, the calculated result would be the same as the non-flow-weighted arithmetic mean method;

- g. Report and use the lesser of the flow-weighted arithmetic mean obtained in Step 2 and the arithmetic mean obtained in Step 1 as the Monthly Average Effluent Concentration for this parameter where applicable in this Approval.

2. Annual Average Effluent Concentration

Step 1: Calculate the arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured during a calendar year and proceed as follows depending on the result of the calculation:

- a. If the arithmetic mean does not exceed the compliance limit for the contaminant, then report and use this arithmetic mean as the Annual Average Effluent Concentration for this parameter where applicable in this Approval;
- b. If the arithmetic mean exceeds the compliance limit for the contaminant and there was no Bypass Event during the calendar year, then report and use this arithmetic mean as the Annual Average Effluent Concentration for this parameter where applicable in this Approval;
- c. If the arithmetic mean exceeds the compliance limit for the contaminant and there was Bypass Event(s) during the calendar year, then proceed to Step 2;
- d. If the arithmetic mean does not exceed the compliance limit for the contaminant and there was Bypass Event(s) during the calendar year, the Owner may still elect to proceed to Step 2 calculation of the flow-weighted arithmetic mean.

Step 2: Calculate the flow-weighted arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured during a calendar year and proceed depending on the result of the calculation:

- a. Group No Bypass Days (**NBPD**) data and Bypass Days (**BPD**) data during a calendar year

separately;

- b. Calculate the arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured on all NBPD during a calendar year and record it as **Annual Average NBPD Effluent Concentration**;
- c. Obtain the “**Total Annual NBPD Flow**” which is the total amount of Final Effluent discharged on all NBPD during the calendar year;
- d. Calculate the arithmetic mean of all Single Sample Results of the concentration of a contaminant in the Final Effluent sampled or measured on all BPD during a calendar year and record it as **Annual Average BPD Effluent Concentration**;
- e. Obtain the “**Total Annual BPD Flow**” which is the total amount of Final Effluent discharged on all BPD during the calendar year;
- f. Calculate the flow-weighted arithmetic mean using the following formula:

$$[(\text{Annual Average NBPD Effluent Concentration} \times \text{Total Annual NBPD Flow}) + (\text{Annual Average BPD Effluent Concentration} \times \text{Total Annual BPD Flow})] \div (\text{Total Annual NBPD Flow} + \text{Total Annual BPD Flow})$$

It should be noted that in this method, if there are no Bypass Event for the calendar year, the calculated result would be the same as the non-flow-weighted arithmetic mean method;

- g. Report and use the lesser of the flow-weighted arithmetic mean obtained in Step 2 and the arithmetic mean obtained in Step 1 as the Annual Average Effluent Concentration for this parameter where applicable in this Approval.

3. Monthly Geometric Mean Density

Geometric mean is defined as the n^{th} root of the product of n numbers. In the context of calculating Monthly Geometric Mean Density for *E. coli*, the following formula shall be used:

$$\sqrt[n]{x_1 x_2 x_3 \cdots x_n}$$

in which,

" n " is the number of samples collected during the calendar month; and

" x " is the value of each Single Sample Result.

For example, four weekly grab samples were collected and tested for *E. coli* during the calendar month. The *E. coli* densities in the Final Effluent were found below:

Sample Number	<i>E. coli</i> Densities* (CFU/100 mL)
1	10
2	100
3	300
4	50

The Geometric Mean Density for these data:

$$\sqrt[4]{10 \times 100 \times 300 \times 50} = 62$$

*If a particular result is zero (0), then a value of one (1) will be substituted into the calculation of the Monthly Geometric Mean Density. If the MPN method is utilized for *E. coli* analysis, values in the table shall be MPN/100 mL.

Schedule G

Municipal and Local Services Board Wastewater System Profile Information Form

(For reference only, images of the form are attached on the next four pages. A digital copy can be obtained from the District Manger.)



Ministry of the
Environment,
Conservation and Parks

Municipal and Local Services Board Wastewater System Profile Information Form

The information in this form is necessary to administer the Ministry's approvals, compliance and enforcement programs with respect to wastewater treatment and collection systems owned by municipalities and local services boards. These programs are authorized under the *Ontario Water Resources Act*, the *Environmental Protection Act*, the *Nutrient Management Act* and their respective regulations.

Email the completed form to: waterforms@ontario.ca
For any questions call 1-866-793-2588.

[A] SYSTEM PROFILE INFORMATION				
Wastewater System Number (if assigned)		☐ New Profile ☐ Update Existing Profile		
Name of System		Level of Treatment (select one*) ☐ Primary ☐ Secondary ☐ Tertiary ☐ Secondary Equivalent ☐ Other (specify): *See Terms and Concepts on page 4		
Name of Municipality or Local Services Board				
Population Served	Population (Design)	Type of System ☐ Treatment & Collection System ☐ Collection System Only		
Design Rated Capacity (m ³ /day)	Peak Flow Rate (m ³ /day)	Current Environmental Compliance Approval (ECA) Number	Current ECA Issue Date (yyyy/mm/dd):	
The treatment plant receives sewage from: (Check all that applies. * If you have checked more than one option below, indicate the approximate %)				
☐ Sanitary Sewer ☐ Combined Sewer				
☐ Nominally Separated Sewer ☐ Partially Separated Sewer *See Terms and Concepts on page 4				
[B] OWNER INFORMATION				
Legal Name of Municipality or Local Services Board				
Unit No.	Street No.	Street Name.	Street Type (St, Rd, etc)	Street Direction (N,S,E,W)
PO Box	City/Town		Postal Code	
☐ Dr ☐ Miss ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms	Owner Contact First Name		Owner Contact Last Name	Owner Contact Job Title
Tel. No. () - ext.		Fax Number () -	Email address	
[C] OPERATING AUTHORITY ☐ Check if same as owner				
Legal Name of Operator				
Unit No.	Street No.	Street Name.	Street Type (St, Rd, etc)	Street Direction (N,S,E,W)
PO Box	City/Town		Postal Code	
☐ Dr ☐ Miss ☐ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms	Operator Contact First Name		Operator Contact Last Name	Operator Contact Job Title
Tel. No. () - ext.		Fax Number () -	Email address	

[D] 24/7 CONTACT					
☐ Dr ☐ Miss ☒ Mr ☐ Mrs ☐ Ms		First Name		Last Name	
Tel. No. () - ext.		Fax Number () -		Email address	
[E] SYSTEM CIVIC LOCATION ADDRESS (I.E. ADDRESS OF TREATMENT PLANT)					
Unit No.	Street No.	Street Name.			Street Type (St, Rd, etc)
PO Box	City/Town			Postal Code	
If the Wastewater System has no street address					
Geographical Township			Lot		Concession
Geographical Referencing (if known, enter the Geographical Reference Information for this Wastewater System)					
Map Datum		Geo-Referencing Method		Accuracy Estimate	
Latitude		Longitude		Location Reference	
		Zone		Easting	Northing
[F] TREATMENT PROCESS					
Preliminary	Primary	Secondary	Secondary Equivalent	Post-Secondary	Additional Treatment
☐ Screening ☐ Shredding/ grinding ☐ Grit Removal ☐ Other(specify):	☐ Settling/sedimentation/ clarification ☐ Scum Removal ☐ Polymer Addition ☐ Other(specify):	☐ Conventional Activated Sludge (CAS) ☐ Extended Aeration ☐ Membrane Bioreactor (MBR) ☐ Sequencing Batch Reactor (SBR) ☐ Rotating Biological Contactor (RBC) ☐ Trickling Filter (TF) ☐ Biological Aerated Filter (BAF) ☐ Other(specify):	☐ Aerated Lagoon ☐ Facultative Lagoon ☐ Anaerobic Lagoon ☐ Aerobic Lagoon ☐ Other(specify):	☐ Filtration ☐ Clarification ☐ Intermittent Sand Filter (after lagoons) ☐ Polishing Wetlands ☐ Polishing Lagoons ☐ Other(specify):	☐ Phosphorous Removal ☐ Biological ☐ Chemical If chemical is used, specify: ☐ Nitrification ☐ Denitrification ☐ Other(specify):
[G] DISINFECTION					
Method of Disinfection			Disinfection Period		
☐ Chlorination If you chlorinate, do you practice de-chlorination? ☐ Yes ☐ No			☐ Continuous ☐ Seasonal		
☐ Ultraviolet Irradiation			☐ Continuous ☐ Seasonal		
☐ Other (specify):			☐ Continuous ☐ Seasonal		

[H] SLUDGE	
Sludge Stabilization Process	Method of Sludge Disposal/Utilization
☐ Aerobic Digestion	☐ Agricultural
☐ Anaerobic Digestion	☐ Landfill
☐ Drying & Pelletization	☐ Incineration
☐ Lime Treatment	☐ Other (specify):
☐ Composting	
☐ Other (specify):	
Available Sludge Storage Capacity (m ³):	
[I] EFFLUENT	
Effluent Disposal Method	Effluent Discharge Frequency
☐ Surface Water Receiving Water Body Name:	☐ Continuous ☐ Seasonal
☐ Subsurface	☐ Continuous ☐ Seasonal
☐ Other (specify):	☐ Continuous ☐ Seasonal
Is the effluent discharged in a vulnerable area identified in the local source protection assessment report approved under the Clean Water Act, 2006?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
[J] INFLUENT	
Does the plant receive sewage from another municipality or local services board either through an interconnected collection system or hauled sewage?	
☐ Yes ☐ No	
(if yes, name(s) of other municipality or local services board):	
Plant receives:	☐ Leachate (approximate annual volume in m ³):
	☐ Septage (approximate annual volume in m ³):
	☐ Industrial input (approximate annual volume in m ³):
	or (approximate volume in %):

Terms and Concepts

The following Terms and Concepts are provided to assist you when completing Wastewater System Profile Information Form.

In order to determine the level of treatment that applies to the wastewater system, the effluent quality objectives that the wastewater treatment plant was designed to meet must be considered. The process based approach often used in the past has led to confusion and is open to interpretation due to recent developments and practices in the wastewater treatment industry. For example, a plant with a high rate filter (often referred to as a tertiary filter) after its secondary treatment was considered a tertiary treatment in the past since the filter was designed and operated to produce a tertiary quality effluent. However, secondary plants are now being constructed with these filters as a safeguard against any potential secondary clarifier performance degradation and not for the purpose of ensuring tertiary treatment performance. Also, new technologies have evolved that can produce tertiary quality effluent without having these high rate filters (e.g., membrane bioreactors). Lagoons were considered in the past as being capable of providing only secondary equivalent treatment. However, with add-on treatment after the lagoons (e.g. intermittent sand filters), many lagoon treatment systems are capable of producing secondary or tertiary quality effluent.

During the establishment of sewage works, site-specific effluent limits (including averaging periods) are provided by the Ministry's Regional Technical Support Section, considering the assimilative capacity of the receivers and the minimum treatment requirements provided in Procedure F-5-1. The designer of the sewage works then selects objective values that are acceptable to the Ministry and are less (i.e. more stringent) than the effluent limits, in order to provide an adequate safety factor based on the designer's confidence/experience with the technology chosen and other site-specific conditions. The sewage works are then designed (and operated) to meet these design objectives in a reliable and consistent manner. Therefore, the values that are to be used in the determination of the level of treatment that applies to the sewage works must be based on the design objectives, and not the effluent limits.

Two common parameters used in almost all sewage works designs and performance evaluations are CBOD₅ (carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand) (BOD₅ – biochemical oxygen demand - for primary sewage works) and total suspended solids (TSS). Therefore, it is logical that the **objective values** of these two parameters are used to determine the level of treatment at the sewage works.

Level of Treatment:

Primary:

Wastewater treatment plants that have only settling/sedimentation (with or without chemical addition) and providing 30% and 50% or better reduction of BOD₅ and TSS respectively are considered primary plants (MOE Procedures F-5-1 and F-5-5).

Secondary:

Wastewater treatment plants that have biological processes (e.g. activated sludge process and its variations, fixed film processes) or physical-chemical processes producing an effluent quality of CBOD₅ and TSS of 15 mg/L or better are considered secondary plants (MOE Design Guidelines for Sewage Works, 2008).

Secondary Equivalent:

Wastewater treatment plants producing an effluent quality of CBOD₅ of 25 mg/L and TSS of 30 mg/L or better are considered as secondary equivalent plants.

Note: Wastewater treatment plants that provide only primary settling of solids and the addition of chemicals to improve the removal of TSS (and phosphorus) are not considered as secondary treatment plants or secondary equivalent plants (MOE Design Guidelines for Sewage Works, 2008).

Tertiary:

Wastewater treatment plants that have biological processes (e.g. activated sludge process and its variations, fixed film processes) and/or physical-chemical processes producing an effluent quality of CBOD₅ and TSS of 5 mg/L or better are considered tertiary plants.

Note: Biological processes such as nitrification, denitrification and enhanced biological phosphorus removal can be part of either a secondary or tertiary treatment plant. They may be described as secondary treatment plant with nitrification, secondary treatment plant with enhanced biological phosphorus removal, tertiary treatment plant with nitrification etc.

Sewer System Type:

Sanitary Sewers:

Pipes that convey sanitary sewage flows made up of wastewater discharges from residential, commercial, institutional and industrial establishments plus extraneous flow components from such sources as groundwater and surface run off.

Combined Sewers:

Pipes that convey both sanitary sewage and stormwater runoff through a single-pipe system.

Partially Separated Sewers:

Exist when either a portion of the combined sewer area was retrofitted to separate (sanitary and storm) sewers and/or a service area with combined sewers has had a new development area with separate sewers added to the service area; whatever the case may be, the final flows will be combined sewage.

Nominally Separated Sewers:

These sewers are constructed as separate sewers, but the sanitary sewers accept stormwater from roof and foundation drains (i.e., these are separated sewers in name only).

Upon issuance of the environmental compliance approval, I hereby revoke Approval No(s). 6122-BRHL4L issued on July 28, 2020.

In accordance with Section 139 of the *Environmental Protection Act*, you may by written notice served upon me and the Ontario Land Tribunal within 15 days after receipt of this notice, require a hearing by the Tribunal. Section 142 of the *Environmental Protection Act* provides that the notice requiring the hearing ("the Notice") shall state:

- a. The portions of the environmental compliance approval or each term or condition in the environmental compliance approval in respect of which the hearing is required, and;
- b. The grounds on which you intend to rely at the hearing in relation to each portion appealed.

Pursuant to subsection 139(3) of the *Environmental Protection Act*, a hearing may not be required with respect to any terms and conditions in this environmental compliance approval, if the terms and conditions are substantially the same as those contained in an approval that is amended or revoked by this environmental compliance approval.

The Notice should also include:

1. The name of the appellant;
2. The address of the appellant;
3. The environmental compliance approval number;
4. The date of the environmental compliance approval;
5. The name of the Director, and;
6. The municipality or municipalities within which the project is to be engaged in.

And the Notice should be signed and dated by the appellant.

This Notice must be served upon:

Registrar*
Ontario Land Tribunal
655 Bay Street, Suite 1500
Toronto, Ontario
M5G 1E5
OLT.Registrar@ontario.ca

and

The Director appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*
Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks
135 St. Clair Avenue West, 1st Floor
Toronto, Ontario
M4V 1P5

* Further information on the Ontario Land Tribunal's requirements for an appeal can be obtained directly from the Tribunal at: Tel: (416) 212-6349 or 1 (866) 448-2248, or www.olt.gov.on.ca

The above noted activity is approved under s.20.3 of Part II.1 of the *Environmental Protection Act*.

DATED AT TORONTO this 21st day of March, 2024



Aziz Ahmed, P.Eng.

Director
appointed for the purposes of Part II.1 of the
Environmental Protection Act

LW/

c: District Manager, DWECD, MECP London - District
John Tyrrell, R.V. Anderson Associates Limited