

PERMIT FACT SHEET

General Information

Permit Number:	WI-0047341-07-0
Permit Name:	Satellite Sewage Collection System
Permittee:	Owners of satellite sewage collection systems in the state of Wisconsin
Discharge Location:	Indirect discharge to another satellite sewage collection systems or another sewerage system that provides wastewater treatment and discharges under a separate WPDES permit
Receiving Water:	Groundwater or surface water in the state of Wisconsin from the wastewater treatment system that receives the wastewater from the satellite sewage collection system. Note: This general permit prohibits the discharge of wastewater from a satellite sewage collection system directly to receiving waters.

WPDES Permit Program Background

Chapter 283 of Wisconsin Statutes requires a Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit for the discharge of any pollutant through a point source into any waters of the state which includes surface waters and groundwater. WPDES permits are issued by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department) consistent with applicable federal requirements. These permits contain requirements that include pollutant discharge limitations, monitoring and reporting or record keeping requirements, best management practices and other provisions to reduce, eliminate, or minimize the risk of pollutants impacting human health and water quality.

A WPDES permit is an allowance for a facility to discharge a specified amount of a pollutant into the waters of the state under specific conditions. There are two basic types of WPDES permits:

- **Individual permit.** An individual permit is a permit specifically tailored to an individual facility. Once a facility submits a complete application(s), the department develops a draft permit for that particular facility based on the information contained in the permit application (e.g., type of activity, nature of discharge, receiving water quality). After a public participation process, the department may issue the permit to the facility for a specific time period (not to exceed five years) with a requirement that the facility reapply 180 days prior to the expiration date. Public notices are posted for each individual permit application and proposed individual permit permittee.
- **General Permit.** A general permit covers a group or category of dischargers with similar qualities within a designated area of the state under one WPDES permit. A general permit provides coverage to several dischargers. To obtain coverage under a general permit for a discharge of pollutants, an owner or operator must submit a notice of intent (NOI) requesting general permit coverage. General permits have an effective term of 5 years from the date of issuance. If a permittee submitted a complete and timely NOI to be covered by the general permit and the department approves coverage, the discharge of pollutants is then subject to all conditions of the general permit and these terms or conditions shall continue to apply until the effective date of the reissued general permit. Public notices are issued for the general permit and not for the permittee

covered under the general permit. A person may apply for general permit coverage at the time a general permit is issued or a person may apply during the term of the permit.

General Permit Objective

This general permit was created to regulate satellite sewage collection systems and provide proper operation, maintenance, and funding of satellite sewage collection systems. Also, the general permit provides standard procedures for monitoring and reporting sanitary sewer overflows statewide to protect public health and the water quality of groundwater and surface waters in the state of Wisconsin.

General Permit Description

Section NR 210.20, Wis. Adm. Code, requires that all municipally owned satellite sewage collection systems shall be operated under the authorization of a general permit or an individual permit issued by the department. The department may require privately owned satellite sewage collection systems to be operated under the authorization of a general permit or an individual permit issued by the department if the department determines a permit is necessary to assure compliance with the requirements of Subchapter IV of ch. NR 210, Wis. Adm. Code. The department recognized that many satellite sewage collection systems perform the same operations and have the same reporting requirements. As a result, the department developed this general permit that covers municipally-owned satellite sewage collection systems.

General Permit Summary

This general permit establishes applicability criteria, obtaining permit coverage requirements, system operating and reporting requirements, sanitary sewage overflow requirements, and standard requirements for the operation of a satellite sewage collection system.

Fact Sheet Organization

This fact sheet serves to explain the rationale and assumptions used in deriving the conditions and requirements set forth in the general permit. Additionally, this fact sheet highlights changes in permit conditions that the department proposes to make when reissuing the Satellite Sewage Collection System WPDES permit. This fact sheet compares conditions in the previous general permit to those in the reissued permit. The previous permit remains in effect until the new permit is reissued. The sections that follow are taken from the permit and are numbered in this fact sheet as they are numbered in the permit.

1 Applicability Criteria

According to s. NR 205.08(2), Wis. Adm. Code, the department may include applicability criteria in general permits.

Changes from Previous Permit

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1.1 Facilities Covered

This permit is applicable to municipally-owned satellite sewage collection systems as defined in s. NR 205.03(31r), Wis. Adm. Code. The satellite sewage collection system must only collect and convey domestic wastewater as defined in s. NR 205.03(14), Wis. Adm. Code, or municipal wastewater as defined in s. NR 205.03(19), Wis. Adm. Code. Also the satellite sewage collection system must be owned and operated by a municipality as defined in s. 283.01(7), Wis. Stats or a person as defined in s. 283.01(11), Wis. Stats. Lastly, the permittee must submit a complete and timely Notice of Intent (NOI) to the department in accordance with Section 2 and the permittee receives a letter from the department granting them coverage under this general permit.

All municipally owned satellite sewage collection systems shall be operated under the authorization of this general permit or an individual WPDES permit issued by the department. The department may require privately-owned satellite sewage collection systems to be operated under the authorization of this general permit if the department determines that this permit is necessary to assure compliance with the requirements in ch. NR 210, Wis. Adm. Code pursuant to s. NR 210.20, Wis. Adm. Code.

1.2 Facilities and Activities Not Covered

According to 40 CFR 122.28(a)(4)(ii), general permits may exclude specified sources from coverage. Below is an explanation for all facilities or activities not covered under the permit.

Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs): Section NR 210.21(1), Wis. Adm. Code, states that SSOs are prohibited and may not be approved by the department nor authorized in a permit issued by the department. Therefore, SSOs are not authorized whether or not a municipally or privately-owned collection system is covered by this general permit. Sanitary sewer overflow means a release of wastewater from a sewage collection system or an interceptor sewer directly into a water of the state or to the land surface pursuant to s. NR 210.03(10), Wis. Adm. Code. If an SSO does occur from a satellite sewage collection system covered under this general permit, please follow the SSO reporting procedures provided in the general permit.

Building Sewers: Building sewers or drain systems associated with buildings or individual private residences are not applicable to this general permit as these systems are owned by an individual owner and not the owner of the sewage collection system. Drain system includes all the piping or any portion of the piping within public or private premises which conveys wastewater to a legal point of disposal but does not include the mains of public sewer systems or a private onsite wastewater treatment system or public sewage treatment or disposal plant pursuant to s. SPS 381.01(82), Wis. Adm. Code. Building sewer means that part of the drain system not within or under a building which conveys its discharge to a public sewer, private interceptor main sewer, private onsite wastewater treatment system, or other point of discharge or dispersal pursuant to s. NR 110.03(6s), Wis. Adm. Code.

The department may require building sewers to be operated under the authorization of this general permit if the department determines that this permit is necessary to assure compliance with the requirements in ch. NR 210, Wis. Adm. Code pursuant to s. NR 210.20, Wis. Adm. Code.

Sewage Collection Systems: This general permit is not required for sewage collection systems that are owned and operated by the same entity as the publicly-owned treatment works or privately-owned

domestic treatment works. The publicly-owned treatment works or privately-owned domestic treatment works will have a WPDES permit that will include requirements for the sewage collection system and requiring this general permit for these systems would be duplicative.

Satellite Sewage Collection Systems with an individual WPDES permit: This general permit is not applicable to satellite sewage collection system covered under an individual WPDES permit. The individual permit will include many of the same requirements as this general permit. Also satellite sewage collection systems covered under individual WPDES permits require extra attention to correct and eliminate SSOs. This general permit may become applicable once the SSO problems are addressed in the system.

Industrial Wastewater Collection Systems: This general permit is not required for industrial wastewater collection systems associated with an industrial wastewater treatment or pretreatment facilities. The requirements of satellite sewage collection systems are included in Subchapter IV of Chapter NR 210, Wis. Adm. Code. Section NR 210.19, Wis. Adm. Code, states that Subchapter IV applies to all publicly owned treatment works and privately-owned domestic treatment works that own and operate a sewage collection system, including satellite sewage collection systems. Chapter NR 210, Wis. Adm. Code, does not include industrial wastewater collection systems associated with an industrial wastewater treatment or pretreatment facilities. However, this general permit may apply to private interceptor main sewers at industrial facilities that convey solely sanitary or domestic wastewater to a municipally owned sewage collection system if the department determines that this permit is necessary to assure compliance with the requirements in ch. NR 210, Wis. Adm. Code pursuant to s. NR 210.20, Wis. Adm. Code.

Commercial Domestic Establishments: Satellite sewage collection systems associated with commercial domestic establishments (e.g. mobile home parks, hospitals, motels) are considered privately-owned satellite sewage collection systems. Therefore, they would not require coverage under this general permit unless the department determines that this permit is necessary to assure compliance with the requirements in ch. NR 210, Wis. Adm. Code pursuant to s. NR 210.20, Wis. Adm. Code.

2 Application for Permit Coverage

Changes from Previous Permit

- The department has revised the permit application requirements in the reissued permit. The permit application requirements now specify the application requirement for new applications and existing permittees. The permit application requirements assures that all the necessary permittee information is properly reported to the department and will help the department determine if a satellite sewage collection system is eligible for the general permit. Data provided will be entered into the department permitting database to facilitate setting-up compliance annual maintenance reports or electronic discharge monitoring reports (if necessary). Also, the permit application requirements have been updated to reflect changes from paper to electronic submittals using the online ePermitting System consistent with the EPA eReporting rule in 40 CFR Part 127. The sections below explain the rationale and assumptions used in deriving the permit application requirements for this general permit.

2.1 New Permittees

2.1.1 Submittal of an Electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI)

Any new permittee meeting the applicability criteria in Section 1 of this general permit that owns and operates a satellite sewage collection system that was not previously covered under WPDES Permit No. WI-0047341-06-0 prior to the **Effective Date** of this general permit shall submit a complete electronic Notice of Intent (eNOI) for coverage under this general permit 30 days prior to operation of the satellite sewage collection system or being notified by the department for need of this general permit in accordance ss. NR 205.08(3) and NR 216.22(2), Wis. Adm. Code.

New permittees must submit an eNOI to obtain coverage under this general permit using the online ePermitting System pursuant to the eReporting Rule in 40 CFR Part 127. The ePermitting System is available for use at water permit applications (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/water>). The ePermitting System does not require any special software and is completely web-based and available using any internet browser.

Applicants must have or create a MyWisconsin ID to access the eNOI. If the applicant already has a MyWisconsin ID, then the applicant does not need to recreate one and they may access the eNOI. Note: Effective September 2025, MyWisconsin ID replaced the previous “WAMS ID” login requirement. Users are now required to log in to the ePermitting System using a MyWisconsin ID instead of their prior WAMS ID.

2.1.2 NOI Review Time Period

The department will evaluate the information submitted in the eNOI to determine whether the eNOI is true, accurate, complete, and whether the facility is eligible for coverage under the general permit within 30 calendar days of receipt of the complete NOI and associated attachments pursuant to ss. NR 205.08(3) and NR 216.22(5)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.

In accordance with s. NR 205.08(5), Wis. Adm. Code, if the department notifies an applicant that a discharge is ineligible for coverage under this general permit but still requires WPDES permit coverage, the applicant shall apply for and obtain coverage under an individual WPDES permit (or alternative general permit, if available). The necessary steps to apply for coverage under an individual permit can be found at the department website: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PermitApplications.html>.

2.1.3 Content of the eNOI

The contents of the notice of intent shall be specified in the general permit and shall require the submission of information necessary for adequate program implementation, including at a minimum, the legal name and address of the owner or operator, the facility name and address, type of facility or discharges, the receiving stream(s), and other required data elements as identified in appendix A to part 127 pursuant to 40 CFR Part 122.28(b)(2)(ii).

2.1.4 NOI Attachments

Attachments to a NOI are considered a part of the NOI and must be submitted pursuant to ss. NR 205.08(3) and NR 216.22(2), Wis. Adm. Code.

2.1.5 Incomplete eNOI

The department will evaluate the information submitted in the eNOI to determine whether the eNOI is true, accurate, complete, and whether the facility is eligible for coverage under the general permit. The department may require more information than what is provided in the notice of intent in order to determine if coverage under a general permit is appropriate. The applicant shall provide additional information requested by the department within 30 days from receipt of notification by the department pursuant to ss. NR 205.08(3), NR 216.22(6) and NR 216.22(8), Wis. Adm. Code.

2.1.6 Granting of Permit Coverage to New Permittees

The department will transmit a coverage letter via mail addressed to the permittee stating that the discharge from the facility is granted coverage under this general permit within 30 calendar days of receipt of the eNOI unless the department has otherwise notified the permittee of the need for additional information as identified in section 2.1.2 and 2.1.5 or the department determines that the permittee is ineligible for coverage under this general permit. Initial coverage under this permit will become effective at a new facility beginning upon the **Start Date** specified by the department in the coverage letter in accordance with ss. NR 205.08(3) and NR 216.22(5)(a), Wis. Adm. Code and 40 CFR 122.28(b)(2)(iv).

2.2 Existing Permittees

2.2.1 Granting of Permit Coverage to Existing Permittees

Any existing permittee that still meets the applicability criteria in Section 1 of this general permit and has an satellite sewage collection system that was previously covered under WPDES Permit No. WI-0047341-06-0 prior to the **Effective Date** of this general permit, the permittee is automatically granted coverage under this general permit upon the **Effective Date** in accordance with ss. NR 205.08(3) and NR 216.22(9), Wis. Adm. Code and 40 CFR 122.28(b)(2)(iv). For existing permittees, coverage under this permit will become effective at an existing facility beginning upon the **Effective Date** as the **Start Date** of coverage in accordance with 40 CFR 122.28(b)(2)(iii).

The department will transmit a reissuance letter via mail addressed to the existing permittee stating that the satellite sewage collection system is granted continued coverage under this general permit in accordance with s. NR 205.08(3) and NR 216.22(5)(a), Wis. Adm. Code and 40 CFR 122.28(b)(2)(iv).

3 System Operating and Reporting Requirements

The permittee shall comply with the following system operational requirements.

3.1 Sewer Cleaning Debris and Materials

These conditions are included by reference from s. NR 210.23(4)(d)4., Wis. Adm. Code.

3.2 Capacity, Management, Operation and Maintenance (CMOM) Program

All permittees shall implement a CMOM program. The requirements in the permit are included by reference from s. NR 210.23, Wis. Adm. Code.

3.3 Operator Certification

Operator certification is voluntary for the owners and operators of a satellite sewage collection system pursuant to s. NR 114.53(2), Wis. Adm. Code. If the owner or operator selects to pursue operator certification, the owner or operator shall be certified in the sanitary sewage collection system (SS) basic subclass.

3.4 Compliance Maintenance Annual Reports (CMAR)

All permittees are required to submit a CMAR to the department on or before June 30 of each year and shall meet all applicable requirements pursuant to s. NR 208.04(2), Wis. Adm. Code.

The eCMAR can be accessed and submitted through the DNR Switchboard (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Switchboard>). More information regarding the eCMAR including instructions, can be found at the department website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wastewater/CMAR>.

A MyWisconsin ID must be created and access requested for each facility in order to access the eCMAR. If a person already has a MyWisconsin ID, then they do not need to recreate one but must still request access to the facility and the eCMAR. On Switchboard, one person will need to request the eCMAR entry and eCMAR submit roles to access the eCMAR. Effective September 2025, MyWisconsin ID replaced the previous “WAMS ID” login requirement. Users are now required to log in to the Switchboard using a MyWisconsin ID instead of their prior WAMS ID.

3.5 Building Backups

These conditions are included by reference from s. NR 210.22, Wis. Adm. Code.

3.6 Emergency Operation — Lift Stations

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 210.25, Wis. Adm. Code.

3.7 Calibration of Flow Meters

The calibration of flow meters requirements are included by reference from s. NR 218.06(1), Wis. Adm. Code.

4 Sanitary Sewage Overflows (SSO)

Section NR 210.21(1), Wis. Adm. Code, states that SSOs are prohibited and may not be approved by the department nor authorized in a permit issued by the department. Therefore, SSOs are not authorized by this general permit and are prohibited from satellite sewage collection systems covered under this general permit. If an SSO does occur from a satellite sewage collection system covered under this general permit, please follow the SSO reporting procedures provided in the general permit.

Changes from Previous Permit

Changes to the standard requirements section include:

- Section 4.3 was updated to reflect changes from paper to electronic submittals for the Sanitary Sewage Overflow Notification Summary Report (Form 3400-184) using Switchboard consistent with the EPA eReporting rule in 40 CFR Part 127.

4.1 Contributing Circumstances

The conditions or causes of an overflow are based on s. NR 210.21(1)(a)-(d), Wis. Adm. Code.

4.2 Permittee Response to Overflows

The permittee response to overflow procedures are included by reference from s. NR 210.21(3), Wis. Adm. Code.

4.3 Permittee Reporting

The permittee reporting procedures of overflows are included by reference from s. NR 210.21(4), Wis. Adm. Code.

The Sanitary Sewage Overflow Notification Summary Report (Form 3400-184) is now available on the DNR Switchboard (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Switchboard>) and must be submitted electronically through Switchboard. Instructions for completing the form can be found at the department website: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wastewater/SSOreport.html>.

A MyWisconsin ID must be created and access requested for each facility in order to access the form. If you already have a MyWisconsin ID, then you do not need to recreate one but must still request access to the facility and the report. On Switchboard, one person will need to request the eCMAR entry and eCMAR submit roles to access the electronic Sanitary Sewage Overflow Notification Summary Report (Form 3400-184). Effective September 2025, MyWisconsin ID replaced the previous “WAMS ID” login requirement. Users are now required to log in to the Switchboard using a MyWisconsin ID instead of their prior WAMS ID.

4.4 Public Notification

The public notification procedures of overflows are included by reference from s. NR 210.21(5), Wis. Adm. Code.

4.5 Sewerage System Owner Notification

Other sewerage system owner notification procedures are based on s. NR 210.21(4)(e), Wis. Adm. Code.

4.6 Drinking Water Intake Owner Notification

Notification of drinking water intake owners is based on s. NR 210.21(6), Wis. Adm. Code.

4.7 Accurate Rainfall Data

If the SSO is associated with a wet weather event, permittee must report to the Department the amount and duration of a rainfall event. Therefore, the Department has added accurate rainfall data requirements to ensure that SSO reporting requirements can be met.

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5 Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Structures

A satellite sewage collection system may include sanitary sewer overflow structures as a measure to manage and mitigate the effects of SSO discharges that may occur under extreme conditions in accordance with s. NR 110.13(6), Wis. Adm. Code. However, the use of the overflow structure is not approved under this permit. Any overflow or discharge of wastewater from an SSO structure is prohibited under this general permit.

Changes from Previous Permit

Changes to Section 5.3 were made to maintain consistency with other WPDES General Permits:

- The wording in Section 5.3.1 and 5.3.2 was changed from “Sampling Points” to “Sample Points”

5.1 SSO Structure Design Requirements

The SSO structure design requirements are included by reference from s. NR 110.13(6), Wis. Adm. Code.

5.2 Inspections

Protocols in the overflow emergency response plan of the CMOM shall ensure that there is a prompt and appropriate response to and investigation of all overflows to protect, to the extent possible, water quality, the environment, and public health pursuant to s. NR 210.23(4)(f) 2., Wis. Adm. Code. Therefore, the Department has included requirements that all automatically activated SSO structures within a satellite sewage collection system covered by this general permit shall be inspected within 24 hours of the conclusion of each rainfall and/or snow melt event which totals $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch or greater in a 24-hour period for evidence of any SSO discharge occurrence. The Department, by written notification to the permittee, may require an inspection following any rainfall and/or snow melt event if information indicates events less than $\frac{3}{4}$ -inch may cause an SSO discharge from an SSO structure with a satellite sewage collection system covered by this general permit. Manually activated gates and valves are excluded from this inspection requirement.

5.3 Monitoring Requirements

According to s. NR 205.08(2), Wis. Adm. Code, the department may include monitoring requirements and effluent limitations in general permits. The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements.

5.3.1 Sample Point(s)

In accordance with s. NR 218.07, Wis. Adm. Code, the location of sample points shall be as specified in the permit. The discharge(s) shall be limited to the waste type(s) designated for the listed sample point(s).

Sample Point Designation	
Sample Point Number	Sample Point Location, WasteType/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
001	The permittee shall collect a representative sample of the SSO event from the SSO structure at a representative location prior to discharging to a water of the state (including to the land surface).

5.3.2 Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations

Samples shall be taken at the frequencies specified in the WPDES permit authorizing the discharge pursuant to s. NR 218.10, Wis. Adm. Code. The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements for each applicable outfall.

5.3.2.1 Sample Point (Outfall) 001 – SSO DISCHARGE

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations						
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Reporting Frequency	Notes
Volume	-	Gallons	Per Occurrence	Estimated	Monthly	Report total daily volume for the length of the SSO event.
E. coli	-	#/100 ml	Per Occurrence	Grab	Monthly	Sample once during the SSO event.

5.4 Reporting Requirements

According to s. NR 205.08(2), Wis. Adm. Code, the department may include reporting requirements in general permits. The permittee shall comply with the following reporting requirements.

5.4.1 Reporting of Monitoring Results

This permit requires that all monitoring data be submitted on a monthly electronic discharge monitoring report (eDMR) in accordance with s. NR 205.07(1)(r), Wis. Adm. Code. The eDMR is due 21 days following the end of the reporting period. For instance, if the reporting frequency is monthly, the eDMR is due 21 days following the end of each month. The eDMR shall be submitted to department regardless if there is an overflow event or not during any reporting period. The eDMR shall be certified electronically by a responsible executive or municipal officer, manager, partner, proprietor or other duly authorized representative as specified in s. NR 205.07(1)(g), Wis. Adm. Code, with an “eReport Certify” page that certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete. The eDMR can be accessed through DNR Switchboard (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Switchboard>).

A MyWisconsin ID must be created and access requested for each facility in order to access the eDMR. If a person already had a MyWisconsin ID, then they do not need to recreate one but must still request access to the facility and the eDMRs. On Switchboard, one person will need to request the eDMR entry and eDMR submit roles to access the eDMR. Note: Effective September 2025, MyWisconsin ID replaced the previous “WAMS ID” login requirement. Users are now required to log in to the Switchboard using a MyWisconsin ID instead of their prior WAMS ID.

Instructions and help with Switchboard/MyWisconsin ID Registration can be found here: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Switchboard/Help.html>.

Instructions and help with filling out and submitting monitoring forms can be found here: <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/Wastewater/eReporting.html>

6 Standard Requirements

According to s. NR 205.08(2), Wis. Adm. Code, the department may include general conditions (standard requirements) in general permits.

Changes from Previous Permit

Changes to the standard requirements section include:

- Section 6.1.3 was updated to reflect changes from paper to electronic submittals for the Notice of Termination using the online ePermitting System consistent with the EPA eReporting rule in 40 CFR Part 127.

6.1 General Conditions Specific to General Permits

6.1.1 Delegation of Signature Authority

The delegation of signature authority requirements for general permit are based on s. NR 205.07(1)(g), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.1.2 Permit Coverage Transfers

The transfer of permit coverage requirements for general permits are based on s. NR 203.136(1)(p), Wis. Adm. Code, s. 283.53(2d)(d), Wis. Stats, and 40 CFR Part 122.61(b).

6.1.3 Permit Coverage Terminations

The termination of permit coverage requirements for general permits are based on s. NR 203.136(3), Wis. Adm. Code, s. 283.53(2h), Wis. Stats, and 40 CFR Part 122.64(c).

Permittees must submit an electronic Notice of Termination (eNOT) to terminate coverage under this general permit using the online ePermitting System pursuant to the eReporting Rule in 40 CFR Part 127. The ePermitting System is available for use at water permit applications (<https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/permits/water>).

Permittees must have or create a MyWisconsin ID to access the eNOT. If the person already has a MyWisconsin ID, then the person does not need to recreate one and they may access the eNOT. Note: Effective September 2025, MyWisconsin ID replaced the previous “WAMS ID” login requirement. Users are now required to log in to the ePermitting System using a MyWisconsin ID instead of their prior WAMS ID.

6.1.4 Continuation of an Expired General Permit

The continuation of an expired general permit is based on s. NR 205.07(1)(n), Wis. Adm. Code and 40 CFR Part 122.28(b)(2)(i).

6.2 General Conditions for all WPDES Permits

The general conditions or standard requirements are included from s. NR 205.07(1), Wis. Adm. Code and are required to be included in all WPDES permits issued by the department.

6.2.1 Duty to Comply

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.2 Property Rights

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(c), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.3 Inspection and Entry

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(d), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.4 Recording of Results

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(e), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.5 Records Retention

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(f), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.6 Proper Operation and Maintenance

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(j), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.7 Signatory Requirement

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(g), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.8 Duty to Mitigate

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(k), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.9 Duty to Provide Information

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(L), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.10 Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(o), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.11 Sampling Procedures

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(p), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.12 Testing Procedures

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(p), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.13 Laboratory Certification or Registration

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 219.037, Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.14 More Frequent Monitoring

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(r), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.15 Noncompliance and Other Reporting

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(s), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.16 Other Information

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(t), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.17 Permit as Enforcement Shield

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(1)(x), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.2.18 Severability

This condition is included by reference from 33 USC 1251.

6.3 General Conditions Specific to POTW Permits

These general conditions are applicable to POTWs with general permits and are included from s. NR 205.07(2), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.3.1 Planned Changes

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(2)(a), Wis. Adm. Code.

6.3.2 Prohibited Wastes

This condition is included by reference from s. NR 205.07(2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code.

7 Summary of Reports Due

A summary of reports due has been added for informational purposes for permittee and to be consistent with individual WPDES permits.

Other Changes from Previous Permit

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Attachments

A. Definitions

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Attachment A – Definitions

The definitions of terms used in this general permit are based on their applicability to the type of operations and activity covered under this general permit. The definitions of these terms are included by reference from department guidance and chs. NR 108, NR 110, NR 200, NR 205, NR 210, NR 211, and NR 214, Wis. Adm. Code. Definitions not specifically outlined in this section can be found in Wisconsin Administrative Code, Wisconsin Statutes, or 40 CFR. Each term is provided with its code reference. If the terms below are found to be inconsistent with the definition in code, permittees shall refer to the code definition.

Building Backup

Building backup means an accumulation of sewage in any public or private building caused by blockage, failure, or other hydraulic constraint in the sewage collection system or by blockage or failure of the building sewer or private interceptor main sewer. (*s. NR 210.03(2m), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Building Sewer

Building sewer means that part of the drain system not within or under a building which conveys its discharge to a public sewer, private interceptor main sewer, private onsite wastewater treatment system, or other point of discharge or dispersal. (*s. NR 110.03(6s), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Business Days

Business days means each day except Saturday; Sunday; January 1; the third Monday in January, which shall be the day of celebration for January 15; the last Monday in May, which shall be the day of celebration for May 30; July 4; the first Monday in September; the 4th Thursday in November; December 24; December 25; December 31; and the day following if January 1, July 4 or December 25 falls on Sunday. (*s. NR 200.02(1), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Commercial Domestic Establishment

Commercial domestic establishment means any establishment which has the capability to collect, treat or dispose of domestic wastes including but not limited to restaurants, country clubs, mobile home parks, motels and hotels. (*s. NR 205.03(7), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Domestic Sewage

Domestic sewage means waste and wastewater from humans or household operations that is discharged to or otherwise enters a treatment works. (*s. NR 204.03(17), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Domestic Wastewater

Domestic wastewater means the type of wastewater normally discharged from plumbing facilities in private dwellings or commercial domestic establishments and includes, but is not limited to, sanitary, bath, laundry, dishwashing, garbage disposal and cleaning wastewaters. (*s. NR 205.03(14), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Groundwater

Groundwater means the portion of subsurface water which is within the zone of saturation and includes but is not limited to perched water tables, shallow regional groundwater tables, and aquifers or zones that are seasonally, periodically or permanently saturated. (*s. NR 205.03(17), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Industrial Pretreatment Facility

Industrial pretreatment facility means a facility which reduces or removes pollutants from industrial wastes prior to discharge to a publicly owned sewerage system. (*s. NR 108.02(6), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Industrial Wastewater Facility

Industrial wastewater facility means a facility which reduces or removes pollutants from industrial wastes prior to discharge to waters of the state, other than through publicly owned treatment works. (s. NR 108.02(7), Wis. Adm. Code)

Municipality

Municipality means any city, town, village, county, county utility district, town sanitary district, town utility district, school district or metropolitan sewage district or any other public entity created pursuant to law and having authority to collect, treat or dispose of sewage, industrial wastes or other wastes. (s. 283.01(7), Wis. Stats.)

Municipal Wastewater

Municipal wastewater means the mixture of domestic, process and other wastewater tributary to any given municipal sanitary sewage or treatment system. (s. NR 205.03(19), Wis. Adm. Code)

Person

Person means an individual, owner, operator, corporation, limited liability company, partnership, association, municipality, interstate agency, state agency or federal agency. (s. 283.01(11), Wis. Stats.)

Private Interceptor Main Sewer

Private interceptor main sewer means a sewer serving two or more buildings and not part of the municipal sewer system. (s. NR 110.03(26m), Wis. Adm. Code)

Privately-Owned Domestic Sewage Treatment Works

Privately owned domestic sewage treatment works means those facilities which treat domestic wastewater and are owned and operated by nonmunicipal entities or enterprises such as mobile home parks, restaurants, hotels, motels, country clubs, resorts, etc., which are permitted under ch. 283, Stats. (s. NR 210.03(9), Wis. Adm. Code)

Publicly Owned Treatment Works

Publicly owned treatment works or POTW means a treatment works which is owned by a municipality and any sewers that convey wastewater to such a treatment works. This definition includes any devices or systems used by a municipality in the storage, treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal sewage or liquid industrial wastes. The term also means the municipality or local unit of government which has jurisdiction over the indirect discharges to, and the discharges from, such a treatment works. (s. NR 211.03(30), Wis. Adm. Code)

Sanitary Sewer Overflow

Sanitary sewer overflow or SSO means a release of wastewater from a sewage collection system or an interceptor sewer directly into a water of the state or to the land surface. (s. NR 210.03(10), Wis. Adm. Code)

Sanitary Sewer Overflow Structure

Sanitary sewer overflow structure or SSO structure means the physical structure, hydraulic mechanisms, and piping specifically constructed to convey a sanitary sewer overflow. (s. NR 110.03(27m), Wis. Adm. Code)

Satellite Sewage Collection System

Satellite sewage collection system means a municipally owned or a privately-owned sewage collection system that conveys wastewater to another satellite sewage collection system or to another sewerage system that provides wastewater treatment and discharges under a separate WPDES permit. (s. NR 205.03(31r), Wis. Adm. Code)

Sewage Collection System

Sewage collection system means the common sanitary sewers, interceptor sewers, and appurtenant equipment, such as lift stations, within a sewerage system which are primarily installed to receive wastewaters directly from facilities which convey wastewater from individual structures or from private property, and which include service connection "Y" fittings designed for connection with those facilities. The facilities which convey wastewater from individual structures, such as building sewers and private interceptor sewers, from private property to the public sanitary sewer, or its equivalent, are specifically excluded from the definition of "sewage collection system"; except that pumping units and pressurized lines for individual structures or groups of structures are included as part of a "sewage collection system" when such units are cost effective and are owned and maintained by the sewerage system owner. (*s. NR 110.03(28), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Sewerage System

Sewerage system means all structures, conduits and pipes, by which sewage is collected, treated, and disposed of, except plumbing inside and in connection with buildings served, and service pipes, from building to street main. (*s. NR 110.03(30), Wis. Adm. Code*)

Waters of the State

Waters of the state means those portions of Lake Michigan and Lake Superior within the boundaries of Wisconsin, all lakes, bays, rivers, streams, springs, ponds, wells, impounding reservoirs, marshes, water courses, drainage systems and other surface or groundwater, natural or artificial, public or private within the state or under its jurisdiction, except those waters which are entirely confined and retained completely upon the property of a person. (*s. NR 205.03(44), Wis. Adm. Code*)