

# **WPDES PERMIT**

# STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES permit to discharge under the wisconsin pollutant discharge elimination system

#### WI ELECTRIC POWER CO CONCORD STATION

is permitted, under the authority of Chapter 283, Wisconsin Statutes, to discharge from a facility located at N 8914 COUNTY HWY E, WATERTOWN, WISCONSIN

to

#### ROCK RIVER (SINISSIPPI LAKE WATERSHED, UR08 – UPPER ROCK RIVER BASIN) IN JEFFERSON COUNTY

in accordance with the effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in this permit.

The permittee shall not discharge after the date of expiration. If the permittee wishes to continue to discharge after this expiration date an application shall be filed for reissuance of this permit, according to Chapter NR 200, Wis. Adm. Code, at least 180 days prior to the expiration date given below.

State of Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources For the Secretary

By

Lisa Creegan Wastewater Field Supervisor

Date Permit Signed/Issued

PERMIT TERM: EFFECTIVE DATE - July 01, 2025

**EXPIRATION DATE - June 30, 2030** 

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# **1 Surface Water Requirements**

# 1.1 Sampling Point(s)

The discharge(s) shall be limited to the waste type(s) designated for the listed sampling point(s).

	Sampling Point Designation
Sampling Point Number	Sampling Point Location, Waste Type/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)
001	Effluent: Representative samples of the combined discharge shall be collected at the sampling manhole prior to discharge to the Rock River. The combined discharge includes, depending on operations, Reverse Osmosis concentrate (RO reject), flush water (well and demineralized water), CEDI reject (partially demineralized groundwater) and wastewater from the oil/water separator. Excess inlet air cooling coil condensate is also discharged when the chiller system is in operation.
002	Effluent: Partially demineralized groundwater discharge to the drainage ditch which follows a 1200 foot drainage course and normally infiltrates before reaching the Rock River. Flow estimated based on residual volume in trailer or pump runtime/capacity during fire protection testing and well flushing.
003	Effluent: Representative samples of the combined discharge shall be collected from the outlet located at the fence line which discharges to a drainage ditch that travels 500 feet before joining the 1200 ft ditch servicing Outfall 002 to the Rock River or at representative alternative locations. The combined discharge includes evaporative condenser blowdown, wastewater from the oil/water separator from the inlet cooling building and possible drainage of the ice water storage tank (if maintenance is necessary). THIS OUTFALL IS INACTIVE. THE PERMITTEE SHALL NOTIFY THE DEPARTMENT PRIOR TO RE-ACTIVATING THE INLET AIR COOLING SYSTEM (CHILLER SYSTEM). Flow calculated based on total of calculated flow rate and discharge time for each process stream. Grab samples collected from discharge sample tap under the ice water storage tanks.

# **1.2 Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations**

The permittee shall comply with the following monitoring requirements and limitations.

	Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations				
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and	Sample	Sample	Notes
		Units	Frequency	Туре	
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Estimated	
pH Field	Daily Max	9.0 su	Monthly	Grab	
pH Field	Daily Min	6.0 su	Monthly	Grab	
Oil & Grease	Monthly Avg	15 mg/L	Quarterly	Grab	
(Hexane)					
BETX, Total		µg/L	Once	Grab	Once in 2027.
PAHs		µg/L	Once	Grab	Once in 2027.
Suspended Solids,		mg/L	Monthly	Grab	See TMDL section.
Total		-			
Suspended Solids,		lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated	See TMDL section.
Total		-	-		
Phosphorus, Total		mg/L	Monthly	Grab	See TMDL section.

# 1.2.1 Sampling Point (Outfall) 001 - 12 Inch Concrete Pipe Outlet

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations						
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and	imit and Sample Sa	Sample	Notes	
		Units	Frequency	Туре		
Phosphorus, Total		lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated	See TMDL section.	
Temperature	Daily Max	120 deg F	3/Week	Grab	Monitoring and limits	
Maximum					effective only if Inlet Air	
					Cooling System is active.	

## 1.2.1.1 Phosphorus Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Limitations

The Rock River TMDL Waste Load Allocation (WLA) for Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on September 28, 2011. The Wisconsin Electric Power Company Concord Facility is located on Reach 28 of the Rock River from mile 249 to Oconomowoc River. The phosphorus load reduction target for facilities in this reach is unspecified, but total reduction for the reach is 16% (reduction target for nonpoint sources and MS4s in Reach 28.).

**Narrative Interim Phosphorus Limitation**: The permittee shall monitor phosphorus during periods of active discharge and operate the facility in accordance with a phosphorus optimization plan. See the schedules section for the required actions and compliance dates for creating an optimization plan linked to reactivating the Air Inlet Cooling System that would contribute to the discharge from outfall 003.

## 1.2.1.2 Total Suspended Solids Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Limitations

The Rock River TMDL Waste Load Allocation (WLA) for Phosphorus and Total Suspended Solids (TSS) was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on September 28, 2011. The Wisconsin Electric Power Company Concord Facility is located on Reach 28 of the Rock River from mile 249 to Oconomowoc River. The Total Suspended Solids load reduction target for facilities in this reach is unspecified, but total reduction for the reach is 16% (reduction target for nonpoint sources and MS4s in Reach 28.).

**Narrative Interim Total Suspended Solids Limitation**: The permittee shall monitor total suspended solids during periods of active discharge and operate the facility in accordance with a TSS optimization plan See the schedules section for the required actions and compliance dates for creating an optimization plan linked to reactivating the Air Inlet Cooling System that would contribute to the discharge from outfall 003.

#### 1.2.1.3 Effluent Temperature Monitoring

For manually measuring effluent temperature, grab samples should be collected at 6 evenly spaced intervals during the 24-hour period. Alternative sampling intervals may be approved if the permittee can show that the maximum effluent temperature is captured during the sampling interval. For monitoring temperature continuously, collect measurements in accordance with s. NR 218.04(13), Wis. Adm. Code. This means that discrete measurements shall be recorded at intervals of not more than 15 minutes during the 24-hour period. In either case, report the maximum temperature measured during the day on the DMR.

#### 1.2.1.4 Polychlorinated Biphenyls

There shall be no discharge of polychlorinated biphenyl compounds such as those commonly used for transformer fluid.

#### 1.2.1.5 Additives

The permittee shall maintain a record of the dosage rate of all additives used on a monthly basis. The additives may be changed during the term of the permit following procedures in the 'Additives' subsection of the Standard Requirements.

Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Estimated	

#### 1.2.2 Sampling Point (Outfall) 002 – Drainage Ditch

#### 1.2.3 Sampling Point (Outfall) 003 - Combined Outlet (003)

	Monitoring Requirements and Effluent Limitations				
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Calculated	
pH Field	Daily Max	9.0 su	Monthly	Grab	
pH Field	Daily Min	6.0 su	Monthly	Grab	
Oil & Grease (Hexane)	Monthly Avg	15 mg/L	Quarterly	Grab	
Halogen, Total Residual as Cl2	Daily Max	38 mg/L	5/Week	Grab	
BETX, Total		µg/L	Once	Grab	
PAHs		µg/L	Once	Grab	
Suspended Solids, Total		mg/L	Monthly	Grab	See TMDL section.
Suspended Solids, Total		lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated	See TMDL section.
Phosphorus, Total		mg/L	Monthly	Grab	See TMDL section.
Phosphorus, Total		lbs/day	Monthly	Calculated	See TMDL section.
Temperature Maximum	Daily Max	120 deg F	3/Week	Grab	
Time		hours	Daily	Calculated	Report the cumulative number of hours discharge occurred from the ice water storage system and the evaporative condenser blowdown for the 24-hr period.

#### 1.2.3.1 Total Metals Analyses

Measurements of total metals and total recoverable metals shall be considered as equivalent.

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#### 1.2.3.5 Polychlorinated Biphenyls

There shall be no discharge of polychlorinated biphenyl compounds such as those commonly used for transformer fluid.

#### 1.2.3.6 Halogen, Total Residual as Chlorine

Acceptable test methods for determining Halogens, Total Residual as Cl2 are the same as those for measuring Chlorine, Total Residual. These methods are listed for Chlorine, Total Residual in chapter NR 219, Table B, Wisconsin Administrative Code. The preferred test methods are the Spectrophotometric, DPD; the Electrode; and the Back Titration with amperometric endpoint.

#### 1.2.3.7 Additives

The permittee shall maintain a record of the dosage rate of all additives used on a monthly basis. The additives may be changed during the term of the permit following procedures in the 'Additives' subsection of the Standard Requirements.

#### 1.2.3.8 Additives Approval Required

The permittee shall request approval for all additives, except sulfuric acid and sodium bisulfate, prior to use and discharge from Outfall 003.

# 2 Schedules

# 2.1 Outfall 003 Reactivation

Required Action	Due Date
<b>Operation Evaluation Report:</b> In the event that Outfall 003 is reactivated, the permittee shall submit an operational evaluation report. The report shall include an evaluation of collected effluent data, possible source reduction measures, and operational improvements to optimize removal of total phosphorus and total suspended solids. The report shall contain a schedule for implementation of the measures and improvements. The report is due one year after reactivation of the Inlet Air Cooling System	
<b>Annual Progress Reports:</b> An annual progress report is required, however the department may waive the progress report(s) if the approved operational evaluation report concludes the permittee is currently implementing all necessary measures or if the permittee has completed all necessary measures for optimizing removal of phosphorus and total suspended solids. These annual reports are due each year upon activation of Outfall 003.	
<b>Additives Use Review:</b> In the event that Outfall 003 is reactivated, submit request for approval of all additives, except for sulfuric acid and sodium bisulfate prior to use (activation) and discharge at Outfall 003 in order to assess if any use restrictions are required. This request shall be submitted to the department at least 90 days prior to activation of Outfall 003.	

# **3 Standard Requirements**

**Chapter NR 205, Wisconsin Administrative Code (Conditions for Industrial Dischargers):** The conditions in ss. NR 205.07(1) and NR 205.07(3), Wis. Adm. Code, are included by reference in this permit. The permittee shall comply with all of these requirements. Some of these requirements are outlined in the Standard Requirements section of this permit. Requirements not specifically outlined in the Standard Requirement section of this permit can be found in ss. NR 205.07(1) and NR 205.07(3), Wis. Adm. Code.

# 3.1 Reporting and Monitoring Requirements

## 3.1.1 Monitoring Results

Monitoring results obtained during the previous month shall be summarized and reported on a Department Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report. The report may require reporting of any or all of the information specified below under 'Recording of Results'. This report is to be returned to the Department no later than the date indicated on the form. A copy of the Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report Form or an electronic file of the report shall be retained by the permittee.

Monitoring results shall be reported on an electronic discharge monitoring report (eDMR). The eDMR shall be certified electronically by a responsible executive or officer, manager, partner or proprietor as specified in s. 283.37(3), Wis. Stats., or a duly authorized representative of the officer, manager, partner or proprietor that has been delegated signature authority pursuant to s. NR 205.07(1)(g)2, Wis. Adm. Code. The 'eReport Certify' page certifies that the electronic report form is true, accurate and complete.

If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this permit, the results of such monitoring shall be included on the Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report.

The permittee shall comply with all limits for each parameter regardless of monitoring frequency. For example, monthly, weekly, and/or daily limits shall be met even with monthly monitoring. The permittee may monitor more frequently than required for any parameter.

## 3.1.2 Sampling and Testing Procedures

Sampling and laboratory testing procedures shall be performed in accordance with Chapters NR 218 and NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code, and completed by a laboratory certified or registered in accordance with the requirements of ch. NR 149, Wis. Adm. Code. Groundwater sampling shall be performed in accordance with procedures contained in s. NR 140.16, Wis. Adm. Code, and the WDNR publications, Groundwater Sampling Desk Reference (PUBL-DG-037-96) and Groundwater Sampling Field Manual (PUBL-DG-038-96). The analytical methodologies used shall enable the laboratory to quantitate all substances for which monitoring is required at levels below the effluent limitation and/or groundwater standard. If the required level cannot be met by any of the methods available in ch. NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code, then the method with the lowest limit of detection shall be selected. Additional test procedures may be specified in this permit.

#### 3.1.3 Recording of Results

The permittee shall maintain records which provide the following information for each effluent measurement or sample taken:

- the date, exact place, method and time of sampling or measurements;
- the individual who performed the sampling or measurements;
- the date the analysis was performed;
- the individual who performed the analysis;
- the analytical techniques or methods used; and
- the results of the analysis.

## 3.1.4 Reporting of Monitoring Results

The permittee shall use the following conventions when reporting effluent monitoring results:

- Pollutant concentrations less than the limit of detection shall be reported as < (less than) the value of the limit of detection. For example, if a substance is not detected at a detection limit of 0.1 mg/L, report the pollutant concentration as < 0.1 mg/L.
- Pollutant concentrations equal to or greater than the limit of detection, but less than the limit of quantitation, shall be reported and the limit of quantitation shall be specified.
- For purposes of calculating fees under ch. NR 101, Wis. Adm. Code, a reporting limit of 2.0 mg/L for BOD<sub>5</sub> and 2.5 mg/L Total Suspended Solids shall be considered to be limits of quantitation.
- For the purposes of reporting a calculated result, average or a mass discharge value, the permittee may substitute a "0" (zero) for any pollutant concentration that is less than the limit of detection. However, if the effluent limitation is less than the limit of detection, the department may substitute a value other than zero for results less than the limit of detection, after considering the number of monitoring results that are greater than the limit of detection and if warranted when applying appropriate statistical techniques.
- If no discharge occurs through an outfall, flow related parameters (e.g. flow rate, hydraulic application rate, volume, etc.) should be reported as "0" (zero) at the required sample frequency specified for the outfall. For example: if the sample frequency is daily, "0" would be reported for any day during the month that no discharge occurred.

## 3.1.5 Records Retention

The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings or electronic data records for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by the permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for the permit for a period of at least 3 years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application, except for sludge management forms and records, which shall be kept for a period of at least 5 years.

#### 3.1.6 Other Information

Where the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Department, it shall promptly submit such facts or correct information to the Department.

#### 3.1.7 Reporting Requirements – Alterations or Additions

The permittee shall give notice to the Department as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is only required when:

- The alteration or addition to the permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source.
- The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification requirement applies to pollutants which are not subject to effluent limitations in the existing permit.
- The alteration or addition results in a significant change in the permittee's sludge use or disposal practices, and such alteration, addition, or change may justify the application of permit conditions that are different from or absent in the existing permit, including notification of additional use of disposal sites not reported during the permit application process nor reported pursuant to an approved land application plan. Additional sites may not be used for the land application of sludge until department approval is received.

# 3.2 System Operating Requirements

## 3.2.1 Noncompliance Reporting

The permittee shall report the following types of noncompliance by a telephone call to the Department's regional office within 24 hours after becoming aware of the noncompliance:

- any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment;
- any violation of an effluent limitation resulting from a bypass;
- any violation of an effluent limitation resulting from an upset; and
- any violation of a maximum discharge limitation for any of the pollutants listed by the Department in the permit, either for effluent or sludge.

A written report describing the noncompliance shall also be submitted to the Department as directed at the end of this permit within 5 days after the permittee becomes aware of the noncompliance. On a case-by-case basis, the Department may waive the requirement for submittal of a written report within 5 days and instruct the permittee to submit the written report with the next regularly scheduled monitoring report. In either case, the written report shall contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times; the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance; and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the length of time it is expected to continue.

A scheduled bypass approved by the Department under the 'Scheduled Bypass' section of this permit shall not be subject to the reporting required under this section.

**NOTE:** Section 292.11(2)(a), Wisconsin Statutes, requires any person who possesses or controls a hazardous substance or who causes the discharge of a hazardous substance to notify the Department of Natural Resources **immediately** of any discharge not authorized by the permit. **The discharge of a hazardous substance that is not authorized by this permit or that violates this permit may be a hazardous substance spill. To report a hazardous substance spill, call DNR's 24-hour HOTLINE at 1-800-943-0003.** 

## 3.2.2 Bypass

Except for a controlled diversion as provided in the 'Controlled Diversions' section of this permit, any bypass is prohibited and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for such occurrences under s. 283.89, Wis. Stats. The Department may approve a bypass if the permittee demonstrates all the following conditions apply:

- The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
- There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities or adequate back-up equipment, retention of untreated wastes, reduction of inflow and infiltration, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance. When evaluating feasibility of alternatives, the department may consider factors such as technical achievability, costs and affordability of implementation and risks to public health, the environment and, where the permittee is a municipality, the welfare of the community served; and
- The bypass was reported in accordance with the 'Noncompliance Reporting' section of this permit.

## 3.2.3 Scheduled Bypass

Whenever the permittee anticipates the need to bypass for purposes of efficient operations and maintenance and the permittee may not meet the conditions for controlled diversions in the 'Controlled Diversions' section of this permit, the permittee shall obtain prior written approval from the Department for the scheduled bypass. A permittee's written request for Department approval of a scheduled bypass shall demonstrate that the conditions for unscheduled bypassing are met and include the proposed date and reason for the bypass, estimated volume and duration of the bypass, alternatives to bypassing and measures to mitigate environmental harm caused by the bypass. The department may require the permittee to provide public notification for a scheduled bypass if it is determined there is significant

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public interest in the proposed action and may recommend mitigation measures to minimize the impact of such bypass.

#### **3.2.4 Controlled Diversions**

Controlled diversions are allowed only when necessary for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation provided the following requirements are met:

- Effluent from the wastewater treatment facility shall meet the effluent limitations established in the permit. Wastewater that is diverted around a treatment unit or treatment process during a controlled diversion shall be recombined with wastewater that is not diverted prior to the effluent sampling location and prior to effluent discharge;
- A controlled diversion may not occur during periods of excessive flow or other abnormal wastewater characteristics;
- A controlled diversion may not result in a wastewater treatment facility overflow; and
- All instances of controlled diversions shall be documented in wastewater treatment facility records and such records shall be available to the department on request.

#### 3.2.5 Proper Operation and Maintenance

The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training as required in ch. NR 114, Wis. Adm. Code, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

#### 3.2.6 Operator Certification

The wastewater treatment facility shall be under the direct supervision of a state certified operator. In accordance with s. NR 114.53, Wis. Adm. Code, every WPDES permitted treatment plant shall have a designated operator-incharge holding a current and valid certificate. The designated operator-in-charge shall be certified at the level and in all subclasses of the treatment plant, except laboratory. Treatment plant owners shall notify the department of any changes in the operator-in-charge within 30 days. Note that s. NR 114.52(22), Wis. Adm. Code, lists types of facilities that are excluded from operator certification requirements (i.e. private sewage systems, pretreatment facilities discharging to public sewers, industrial wastewater treatment that consists solely of land disposal, agricultural digesters and concentrated aquatic production facilities with no biological treatment).

#### 3.2.7 Spill Reporting

The permittee shall notify the Department in accordance with ch. NR 706 (formerly NR 158), Wis. Adm. Code, in the event that a spill or accidental release of any material or substance results in the discharge of pollutants to the waters of the state at a rate or concentration greater than the effluent limitations established in this permit, or the spill or accidental release of the material is unregulated in this permit, unless the spill or release of pollutants has been reported to the Department in accordance with s. NR 205.07 (1)(s), Wis. Adm. Code.

#### 3.2.8 Planned Changes

In accordance with ss. 283.31(4)(b) and 283.59, Stats., the permittee shall report to the Department any facility expansion, production increase or process modifications which will result in new, different or increased discharges of pollutants. The report shall either be a new permit application, or if the new discharge will not violate the effluent limitations of this permit, a written notice of the new, different or increased discharge. The notice shall contain a description of the new activities, an estimate of the new, different or increased discharge of pollutants and a description of the effect of the new or increased discharge on existing waste treatment facilities. Following receipt of

this report, the Department may modify this permit to specify and limit any pollutants not previously regulated in the permit.

## 3.2.9 Duty to Halt or Reduce Activity

Upon failure or impairment of treatment facility operation, the permittee shall, to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with its permit, curtail production or wastewater discharges or both until the treatment facility operations are restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided.

# 3.3 Surface Water Requirements

#### 3.3.1 Permittee-Determined Limit of Quantitation Incorporated into this Permit

For pollutants with water quality-based effluent limits below the Limit of Quantitation (LOQ) in this permit, the LOQ calculated by the permittee and reported on the Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) is incorporated by reference into this permit. The LOQ shall be reported on the DMRs, shall be the lowest quantifiable level practicable, and shall be no greater than the minimum level (ML) specified in or approved under 40 CFR Part 136 for the pollutant at the time this permit was issued, unless this permit specifies a higher LOQ.

## 3.3.2 Appropriate Formulas for Effluent Calculations

The permittee shall use the following formulas for calculating effluent results to determine compliance with average concentration limits and mass limits and total load limits:

**Weekly/Monthly/Six-Month/Annual Average Concentration** = the sum of all daily results for that week/month/sixmonth/year, divided by the number of results during that time period. [Note: When a six-month average effluent limit is specified for Total Phosphorus the applicable periods are May through October and November through April, except in cases of Water Quality Trading, wherein the applicable periods are January through June and July through December.]

Weekly Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day): Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the week.

Monthly Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day): Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the month.

**Six-Month Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day):** Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the six-month period. [Note: When a six-month average effluent limit is specified for Total Phosphorus the applicable periods are May through October and November through April.]

Annual Average Mass Discharge (lbs/day): Daily mass = daily concentration (mg/L) x daily flow (MGD) x 8.34, then average the daily mass values for the entire year.

**Total Monthly Discharge:** = monthly average concentration (mg/L) x total flow for the month (MG/month) x 8.34.

**Total Annual Discharge:** = sum of total monthly discharges for the calendar year.

**12-Month Rolling Sum of Total Monthly Discharge:** = the sum of the most recent 12 consecutive months of Total Monthly Discharges.

#### 3.3.3 Effluent Temperature Requirements

**Weekly Average Temperature** – If temperature limits are included in this permit, Weekly Average Temperature shall be calculated as the sum of all daily maximum results for that week divided by the number of daily maximum results during that time period.

**Cold Shock Standard** – Water temperatures of the discharge shall be controlled in a manner as to protect fish and aquatic life uses from the deleterious effects of cold shock pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code, s. NR 102.28. 'Cold Shock'

means exposure of aquatic organisms to a rapid decrease in temperature and a sustained exposure to low temperature that induces abnormal behavior or physiological performance and may lead to death.

**Rate of Temperature Change Standard** – Temperature of a water of the state or discharge to a water of the state may not be artificially raised or lowered at such a rate that it causes detrimental health or reproductive effects to fish or aquatic life of the water of the state pursuant to Wis. Adm. Code, s. NR 102.29.

#### 3.3.4 Energy Emergency Events

The Department will use enforcement discretion whenever there are exceedances of effluent temperature limitations for the electric generating facility during an energy emergency warning or when an energy emergency event has been declared under a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission order (Standard EOP-002, North American Electric Reliability Corporation).

## 3.3.5 Visible Foam or Floating Solids

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts.

#### 3.3.6 Surface Water Uses and Criteria

In accordance with NR 102.04, Wis. Adm. Code, surface water uses and criteria are established to govern water management decisions. Practices attributable to municipal, industrial, commercial, domestic, agricultural, land development or other activities shall be controlled so that all surface waters including the mixing zone meet the following conditions at all times and under all flow and water level conditions:

- a) Substances that will cause objectionable deposits on the shore or in the bed of a body of water, shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- b) Floating or submerged debris, oil, scum or other material shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- c) Materials producing color, odor, taste or unsightliness shall not be present in such amounts as to interfere with public rights in waters of the state.
- d) Substances in concentrations or in combinations which are toxic or harmful to humans shall not be present in amounts found to be of public health significance, nor shall substances be present in amounts which are acutely harmful to animal, plant or aquatic life.

#### 3.3.7 Total Residual Chlorine Requirements

When total residual chlorine (TRC) limit(s) or monitoring are included in a permit, the permittee shall comply with the following conditions:

- a) The permittee shall perform TRC monitoring required in this permit using an approved method from ch. NR 219, Wis. Adm. Code, which produces a detection limit that is less than or equal to the permitted limit or produces the lowest economically feasible detection limit if the approved methods cannot meet the permit limit. If the facility cannot achieve a detection limit less than or equal to the permit limit using the approved methods, contact the laboratory accreditation program for guidance.
- b) The permittee shall determine the limit of detection (LOD) as specified in s. NR 149.48 (2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, or the permittee shall contact the laboratory accreditation program for information on how to determine a verified detection limit allowed just for TRC. If the verified detection limit is determined using the special procedure, then the LOD and limit of quantitation (LOQ) shall be set to be equal to the verified detection limit determined from this special procedure.
- c) The permittee shall determine compliance with the TRC limit(s) as follows:

- 1. If the facility determines a statistical LOD as specified in s. NR 149.48 (2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, and the measured TRC levels are less than the LOD, the permittee shall report the results as less than the LOD (<LOD). For this situation the LOQ shall be established at 3.33 times the LOD or at the concentration of the lowest standard in the calibration curve. TRC levels that are < LOD are in compliance with the TRC limit.
- 2. If the facility determines the verified detection limit using the laboratory accreditation program special procedure, this verified detection limit shall be reported as the LOD and LOQ. If the measured TRC levels are less than the LOD, the permittee shall report the results as < LOD. TRC levels that are < LOD are in compliance with the TRC limit.
- 3. If the facility determines the statistical LOD as specified in s. NR 149.48 (2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, and the measured TRC levels are greater than the statistical LOD but less than the LOQ, TRC levels are in compliance with the TRC limit except when the measured levels are consistently reported between the LOD and LOQ. When the measured TRC levels are consistently reported between the LOD and LOQ, the facility shall take action to determine the reliability of detected results (such as resampling and/or re-calculating dosages) and shall adjust the chemical feed system if necessary to reduce the chances of detecting levels between the statistical LOD and LOQ.
- 4. If the facility determines the statistical LOQ as specified in s. NR 149.48 (2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, or determines the verified detection limit using the laboratory accreditation program special procedure, TRC measured levels that are greater than the statistical LOQ and the TRC limit, are not in compliance with the TRC limit. The permittee shall report the level as a limit exceedance.
- 5. If the facility determines the statistical LOD as specified in s. NR 149.48 (2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, and the measured level is < LOD, then a "0" (zero) value may be substituted for any test result less than the statistical LOD when calculating the average or mass discharge values. Calculated values shall then be compared directly to the average or mass limits to determine compliance.
- 6. If the facility determines the verified detection limit using the laboratory accreditation program special procedure and the measured level is < LOD (set equal to the verified detection limit), then a "0" (zero) value may be substituted for any test result less than the LOD when calculating the average or mass discharge values. Calculated values shall then be compared directly to the average or mass limits to determine compliance.</p>

#### 3.3.8 Compliance with Phosphorus Limitation

Compliance with the concentration limitation for phosphorus shall be determined as a rolling twelve-month average and shall be calculated as follows:

First, determine the pounds of phosphorus for an individual month by multiplying the average of all the concentration values for phosphorus (in mg/L) for that month by the total flow for the month in Million Gallons times the conversion factor of 8.34.

Then, the monthly pounds of phosphorus determined in this manner shall be summed for the most recent 12 months and inserted into the numerator of the following equation.

Average concentration of P in mg/L = Total lbs of P discharged (most recent 12 months)

Total flow in MG (most recent 12 months) X 8.34

The compliance calculation shall be performed each month with a reported discharge volume after substituting data from the most recent month(s) for the oldest month(s). A calculated value in excess of the concentration limitation will be considered equivalent to a violation of a monthly average.

#### 3.3.9 Additives

In the event that the permittee wishes to commence use of a water treatment additive, or increase the usage of the additives greater than indicated in the permit application, the permittee must get a written approval from the Department prior to initiating such changes. This written approval shall provide authority to utilize the additives at the specific rates until the permit can be either reissued or modified in accordance with s. 283.53, Stats. Restrictions on the use of the additives may be included in the authorization letter.

# **4 Summary of Reports Due**

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Description	Date	Page
Outfall 003 Reactivation -Operation Evaluation Report	See Permit	5
Outfall 003 Reactivation -Annual Progress Reports	See Permit	5
Outfall 003 Reactivation -Additives Use Review	See Permit	5
Wastewater Discharge Monitoring Report	no later than the date indicated on the form	6

Report forms shall be submitted electronically in accordance with the reporting requirements herein. Any facility plans or plans and specifications for municipal, industrial, industrial pretreatment and non industrial wastewater systems shall be submitted to the Bureau of Water Quality, P.O. Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921. All <u>other</u> submittals required by this permit shall be submitted to:

South Central Region, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI 53711-5397