

PROPOSED DRAFT

Permit Type: Existing Manufacturing, Commercial, Mining and Silvicultural Discharge

Permit No. NV0022675

Nevada Division of Environmental Protection

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq. (CWA), and Chapter 445A of the Nevada Revised Statutes (NRS),

**NEVADA GOLD MINES LLC
1655 MOUNTAIN CITY HIGHWAY
ELKO, NV - 89801**

is authorized to discharge from a facility located at:

**BOULDER VALLEY WATER TREATMENT FACILITY
27 MILES N OF CARLIN, CARLIN, NV - 89822
LATITUDE: 40.946944, LONGITUDE: -116.444722
TOWNSHIP: ELKO, RANGE: 49E, SECTION: 33**

to receiving waters named:

HUMBOLDT RIVER

in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth in Sections A, B, and C hereof.

This permit shall become effective on May 01, 2025.

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, April 30, 2030.

Signed this 30th day of April 2025.

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Bureau of Water Pollution Control

SECTION A

A.1. INTRODUCTION

A.1.1. The Permittee, Nevada Gold Mines, LLC, has applied for renewal of their National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (Permit No. NV0022675) for the Boulder Valley Water Treatment Facility (hereinafter facility). The facility is designed to treat up to 100.8 million gallons per day (MGD) of groundwater from pit mine operations, as a 30-day average, and up to 110 MGD, as a daily maximum.

The treatment process at the facility includes precipitation, clarification/settling, and neutralization followed by cooling through cooling towers. An individual containment structure was constructed to contain 110 percent of the volume of the acid storage tank and the milk of lime slurry, magnesium sulfate tank. The other chemicals used in the treatment process do not require secondary containment. The treatment site is graded and bermed to divert any spills to an unlined pond that is designed to contain 110 percent of the clarifier volume, the largest vessel, plus the contribution from the 25-year, 24-hour storm event. The clarifier sludge will be trucked to the processing area and used in the autoclave processing of sulfide ores.

In addition to surface water discharges authorized under this permit, the Permittee also discharges groundwater from gold mine operations to the TS Ranch Reservoir, which supplies the center pivot irrigation of forage crops (e.g., alfalfa) on the TS Ranch. The TS Ranch is located approximately 3.5 miles southwest of the TS Ranch Reservoir. Water discharged from the mine to the TS Ranch for irrigation is separately regulated by the Division’s Bureau of Mining Regulation and Reclamation (BMRR). The gold mine also contains five injection dewatering wells regulated under the Underground Injection Control (UIC) Permit No. UNEV93209.

A.2. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND CONDITIONS

- A.2.1.** There shall be no discharge from the facility except as authorized by this permit.
- A.2.2.** There shall be no discharge of substances that would cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards.
- A.2.3.** During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit, and lasting until the permit expires, the Permittee is authorized to:

Discharge treated groundwater from pit mining operations to the Humboldt River via a pipeline outfall structure diffuser and via Whitehouse Ditch and Rock Creek.

Samples and measurements taken in compliance with the monitoring requirements specified below shall be taken at:

Sample Location	Location Type	Location Name
001	External Outfall	FACILITY OUTFALL TO LINED CANAL
002	Receiving Water - Ambient	PIPELINE OUTFALL TO HUMBOLDT RIVER
003	Receiving Water - Ambient	HUMBOLDT RIVER, 3 METERS UPSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE WITH PIPELINE, AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO CENTROID OF RIVER FLOW

004	Receiving Water - Ambient	HUMBOLDT RIVER, 10 METERS DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE WITH PIPELINE, AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO CENTROID OF DISCHARGE FLOW
005	Receiving Water - Ambient	HUMBOLDT RIVER, 3 METERS UPSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE WITH ROCK CREEK, AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO CENTROID OF RIVER FLOW
006	Receiving Water - Ambient	HUMBOLDT RIVER, 10 METERS DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE WITH ROCK CREEK, AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO CENTROID OF DISCHARGE FLOW
007	Receiving Water - Ambient	LINED CANAL OUTFALL TO WHITEHOUSE DITCH
008	Receiving Water - Ambient	ROCK CREEK, 3 METERS UPSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE WITH WHITEHOUSE DITCH, AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO THE CENTROID OF FLOW
009	Receiving Water - Ambient	ROCK CREEK, 10 METERS DOWNSTREAM OF CONFLUENCE WITH WHITEHOUSE DITCH, AS NEAR AS POSSIBLE TO THE CENTROID OF DISCHARGE FLOW

A.2.4. The discharge shall be limited and monitored by the Permittee as specified below. As applicable, exceptions to standard language in this permit are identified and authorized in the Special Approvals / Conditions table:

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Flow rate ^[1]	Daily Maximum	<= 110 Million Gallons per Day (Mgal/d)		Effluent Gross	001	Continuous	METER
Flow rate ^[1]	30 Day Average	<= 100.8 Million Gallons per Day (Mgal/d)		Effluent Gross	001	Continuous	METER
pH, maximum ^[2]	Daily Maximum		<= 8.6 Standard Units (SU)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
pH, minimum ^[2]	Daily Minimum		>= 7.0 Standard Units (SU)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
pH, maximum ^[2]	Maximum 30 Day Average		<= 8.4 Standard Units (SU)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
pH, minimum ^[2]	Monthly Average Minimum		>= 7.0 Standard Units (SU)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Arsenic, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 50 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Arsenic, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 50 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Boron, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 750 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Boron, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 750 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Cadmium, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 1.2 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Cadmium, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 1.2 Micrograms per Liter	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
			(ug/L)				
Chloride (as Cl)	Daily Maximum		<= 70 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Chloride (as Cl)	30 Day Average		<= 50 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Color, apparent (unfiltered sample)	Daily Maximum		<= 75 Color - Platinum Cobalt Unit (col unit (pc))	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Copper, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 14 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Copper, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 14 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Fluoride, total (as F) ^[4]	Daily Maximum		<= 1000 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Fluoride, total (as F) ^[4]	30 Day Average		<= 1000 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Iron, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 1000 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Iron, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 1000 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Lead, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 5.9 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Lead, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 5.9 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Mercury, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 0.77 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Mercury, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 0.77 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Nitrogen, ammonia total (as N) ^[2]	Daily Maximum		<= 0.32 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Nitrogen, ammonia total (as N) ^[2]	30 Day Average		<= 0.32 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Nitrogen, nitrite total (as N)	Daily Maximum		<= 1.0 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Nitrogen, nitrite total (as N)	30 Day Average		<= 1.0 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Nitrogen, total	Daily Maximum ^[5]		<= 4.0 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Nitrogen, total	30 Day Average		<= 1.9 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Phosphorus, total (as P)	Daily Maximum ^[6]		<= 0.33 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Phosphorus, total (as P)	30 Day Average ^[7]		<= 0.10 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Solids, total dissolved	Daily Maximum ^[8]		<= 520 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Solids, total dissolved	30 Day Average		<= 425 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Solids, total suspended	Daily Maximum		<= 30 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Solids, total suspended	30 Day Average		<= 20 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Temperature, water deg. centigrade ^[2]	Daily Maximum		M&R Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	INSTAN
Turbidity	Daily Maximum		<= 50 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU)	Effluent Gross	001	Monthly When Discharging	DISCRT
Zinc, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		<= 180 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT
Zinc, total recoverable	30 Day Average		<= 180 Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Weekly When Discharging ^[3]	DISCRT

Notes (Discharge Limitations Table):

1. If flow is directed to Whitehouse Ditch in the future, the discharge rate to Whitehouse Ditch will be limited to 50.8 MGD, as a daily maximum.
2. Monitoring for pH and temperature in the effluent (Sample Location 001) and receiving water (Sample Location 003) must be conducted concurrently with effluent monitoring for ammonia. If flow is directed to Whitehouse Ditch in the future, monitoring for pH and temperature in the effluent and receiving water must be conducted at Sample Location 001 and Sample Location 008, respectively, concurrently with effluent monitoring for ammonia.
3. Monitoring frequency may be reduced to monthly by the Division after one year of weekly monitoring with no exceedances of the discharge limitations. Monitoring frequency shall revert to weekly with a change in the source of the dewatering water as determined by the reporting required by Part I.A.3.
4. Analyze as total recoverable.
5. The daily maximum total nitrogen limit is based on a seasonal average and apply from April through November only.
6. This total phosphorus limit only applies when flow is directed to Whitehouse Ditch.
7. This total phosphorus limit is based on a seasonal average and applies from April through November only. This total phosphorus limit does not apply from December through March.
8. If flow is directed to Whitehouse Ditch in the future, the discharge of total dissolved solids to Whitehouse Ditch shall be limited to 500 mg/L, as a daily maximum.

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Quarterly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Sodium adsorption ratio	Quarterly Average		≤ 8 Ratio (Ratio)	Effluent Gross	001	Quarterly	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Antimony, total (as Sb)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Barium, total (as Ba)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Beryllium, total recoverable (as Be)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Chromium, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Chromium, Hexavalent [As CR] (Chromium (VI))	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Chromium, Trivalent [As CR] (Chromium (III))	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Cyanide, total (as CN)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Manganese, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Molybdenum, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Nickel, total recoverable	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Selenium, dissolved [as Se]	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
			M&R				

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Silver total recoverable	Daily Maximum		Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Sulfide, total (as S)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Thallium, total (as TI)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Acrolein	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Aldrin	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
.alpha.-Endosulfan	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
.beta.-Endosulfan	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Benzene	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Bis(2-chloroethyl) ether	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Chlordane (tech mix. and metabolites)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Vinyl Chloride (Chloroethylene (Vinyl))	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
			M&R				

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Chlorpyrifos	Daily Maximum		Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
2,4-Dichlorophenoxyacetic Acid (2 4-D)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
DDT	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
4,4-DDT	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Demeton	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Diazinon	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Dibutyl phthalate	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
1,3-Dichlorobenzene (M-Dichlorobenzene)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
1,2-Dichlorobenzene (O-Dichlorobenzene)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
1,4-Dichlorobenzene (P-Dichlorobenzene)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
1,2-Dichloroethane	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
			M&R				

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
1,1-Dichloroethylene	Daily Maximum		Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
2,4-Dichlorophenol	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
1,1-Dichloropropene (Dichloropropenes)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
1,3-Dichloropropene (Dichloropropenes)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Dieldrin	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Di-2-ethylhexyl phthalate	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Diethyl phthalate	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Dimethyl phthalate	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
2-Methyl-4,6-Dinitrophenol (4,6-Dinitro-2-Methylphenol)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
2,4-Dinitrophenol (Dinitrophenols)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Endosulfan, total	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
			M&R				

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Endrin	Daily Maximum		Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Ethylbenzene	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Fluoranthene (Fluoranthene (Polynuclear Aromatic Hydrocarbon))	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Azinphos-Methyl (Guthion)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Heptachlor	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Heptachlor epoxide	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Hexachlorocyclopentadiene	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Isophorone	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Lindane	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Malathion	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Methoxychlor	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
			M&R				

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Mirex	Daily Maximum		Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Monochlorobenzenes	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Nitrobenzene	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Nonylphenol	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Parathion	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Pentachlorophenol	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Phenol	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs)	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Silvex	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
2,4,5-TP(silvex) acids/salts, whole water sample	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Carbon Tetrachloride (Tetrachloromethane (Carbon Tetrachloride))	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
			M&R				

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 001 (External Outfall) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Toluene	Daily Maximum		Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Toxaphene	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Tributyltin	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
1,1,1-Trichloroethane	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Trichloroethylene	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Trihalomethane, tot.	Daily Maximum		M&R Micrograms per Liter (ug/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Hydrocarbons, total petroleum	Daily Maximum		M&R Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Sulfate (as S)	Daily Maximum		M&R Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Alkalinity, bicarbonate (as CaCO ₃)	Daily Maximum		M&R Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
E. coli	Daily Maximum		M&R Colony Forming Units per 100ml T (CFU/100mL)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT
Coliform, fecal general	Daily Maximum		M&R Number per 100 Milliliters T (#/100mL)	Effluent Gross	001	Annual	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 002 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Oxygen, dissolved (DO)	Weekly Minimum		≥ 5.0 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	002	Weekly When Discharging	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 003 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Color, apparent (unfiltered sample)	Maximum		M&R Color - Platinum Cobalt Unit (col unit (pc))	Upstream Monitoring	003	Monthly When Discharging ^[1]	DISCRT
Temperature, water deg. centigrade	Maximum		M&R Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Upstream Monitoring	003	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	INSTAN

Notes (Discharge Limitations Table):

1. Monitoring required only when discharge occurs from unnamed pipeline to Humboldt River. The Permittee shall compare upstream color results collected at Sample Location 003 with the downstream color results recorded at Sample Location 004 to determine compliance with the color difference limitation applicable to the Humboldt River included in the discharge limitations table for Sample Location 004.
2. Monitoring required only when discharge occurs from unnamed pipeline to Humboldt River. The Permittee shall compare upstream temperature results collected at Sample Location 003 with the downstream temperature results recorded at Sample Location 004 to determine compliance with the temperature difference limitation applicable to the Humboldt River included in the discharge limitations table for Sample Location 004.

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 003 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Annually

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Hardness, total (as CaCO ₃)	Annual Average		M&R Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Upstream Monitoring	003	Annual	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 004 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Color, apparent (unfiltered sample)	Maximum		M&R Color - Platinum Cobalt Unit (col unit (pc))	Downstream Monitoring	004	Monthly When Discharging ^[1]	DISCRT
Color, apparent (unfiltered sample)	Maximum Value		<= 10 Color - Platinum Cobalt Unit (col unit (pc))	Downstream Monitoring	004	Monthly When Discharging ^[1]	DISCRT
Temperature, water deg. centigrade	Maximum		M&R Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Downstream Monitoring	004	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	INSTAN
Temp. diff. between samp. & upstrm deg. C	Maximum Value		<= 2.0 Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Downstream Monitoring	004	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	CALCTD

Notes (Discharge Limitations Table):

- Monitoring required only when discharge occurs from unnamed pipeline to Humboldt River. The Permittee shall compare upstream color results collected at Sample Location 003 with the downstream color results recorded at Sample Location 004 to determine compliance with the color difference limitation of 10 PCU above natural conditions applicable to the Humboldt River.
- Monitoring required only when discharge occurs from unnamed pipeline to Humboldt River. The Permittee shall compare upstream temperature results collected at Sample Location 003 with the downstream temperature results recorded at Sample Location 004 to determine compliance with the temperature difference limitation of 2.0 degrees Celsius above natural conditions applicable to the Humboldt River.

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 005 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Color, apparent (unfiltered sample)	Maximum		M&R Color - Platinum Cobalt Unit (col unit (pc))	Upstream Monitoring	005	Monthly When Discharging ^[1]	DISCRT
Temperature, water deg. centigrade	Maximum		M&R Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Upstream Monitoring	005	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	INSTAN

Notes (Discharge Limitations Table):

1. Monitoring required only when discharge is directed to Whitehouse Ditch. The Permittee shall compare upstream color results collected at Sample Location 005 with the downstream color results recorded at Sample Location 006 to determine compliance with the color difference limitation applicable to the Humboldt River included in the discharge limitations table for Sample Location 006.
2. Monitoring required only when discharge is directed to Whitehouse Ditch. The Permittee shall compare upstream temperature results collected at Sample Location 005 with the downstream temperature results recorded at Sample Location 006 to determine compliance with the temperature difference limitation applicable to the Humboldt River included in the discharge limitations table for Sample Location 006.

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 006 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Color, apparent (unfiltered sample)	Maximum		M&R Color - Platinum Cobalt Unit (col unit (pc))	Downstream Monitoring	006	Monthly When Discharging ^[1]	DISCRT
Color, apparent (unfiltered sample)	Maximum Value		<= 10 Color - Platinum Cobalt Unit (col unit (pc))	Downstream Monitoring	006	Monthly When Discharging ^[1]	DISCRT
Temperature, water deg. centigrade	Maximum		M&R Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Downstream Monitoring	006	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	INSTAN
Temp. diff. between samp. & upstrm deg. C	Maximum Value		<= 2.0 Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Downstream Monitoring	006	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	CALCTD

Notes (Discharge Limitations Table):

- Monitoring required only when discharge is directed to Whitehouse Ditch. The Permittee shall compare upstream color results collected at Sample Location 005 with the downstream color results recorded at Sample Location 006 to determine compliance with the color difference limitation of 10 PCU above natural conditions applicable to the Humboldt River.
- Monitoring required only when discharge is directed to Whitehouse Ditch. The Permittee shall compare upstream temperature results collected at Sample Location 005 with the downstream temperature results recorded at Sample Location 006 to determine compliance with the temperature difference limitation of 2.0 degrees Celsius above natural conditions applicable to the Humboldt River.

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 007 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Oxygen, dissolved (DO)	Weekly Minimum		≥ 5.0 Milligrams per Liter (mg/L)	Effluent Gross	007	Weekly When Discharging	DISCRT

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 008 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Temperature, water deg. centigrade	Maximum		M&R Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Upstream Monitoring	008	Monthly When Discharging ^[1]	INSTAN

Notes (Discharge Limitations Table):

- Monitoring required only when discharge is directed to Whitehouse Ditch. The Permittee shall compare upstream temperature results collected at Sample Location 008 with the downstream temperature results recorded at Sample Location 009 to determine compliance with the temperature difference limitation applicable to Rock Creek included in the discharge limitations table for Sample Location 009.

Discharge Limitations Table for Sample Location 009 (Receiving Water - Ambient) To Be Reported Monthly

Discharge Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
Parameter	Base	Quantity	Concentration	Monitoring Loc	Sample Loc	Measurement Frequency	Sample Type
Temperature, water deg. centigrade	Maximum ^[1]		M&R Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Downstream Monitoring	009	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	INSTAN
Temp. diff. between samp. & upstrm deg. C	Maximum Value ^[1]		<= 3.0 Degrees Centigrade (deg C)	Downstream Monitoring	009	Monthly When Discharging ^[2]	CALCTD

Notes (Discharge Limitations Table):

1. When there is no flow in Rock Creek upstream of the confluence with Whitehouse Ditch, the discharge temperature from Whitehouse Ditch shall be ≤ 34 °C. When there is flow in Rock Creek, Whitehouse Ditch absolute temperature is M&R, but the temperature recorded at Sample Location 009 shall be no more than 3 °C greater than the Rock Creek water temperature recorded at Sample Location 008.
2. Monitoring required only when discharge is directed to Whitehouse Ditch. The Permittee shall compare upstream temperature results collected at Sample Location 008 with the downstream temperature results recorded at Sample Location 009 to determine compliance with the temperature difference limitation applicable to Rock Creek.

A.3. Schedule of Compliance: The Permittee shall implement and comply with the provisions of the schedule of compliance after approval by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (Division), including in said implementation and compliance, any additions or modifications, which the Division may make in approving the schedule of compliance. All compliance deliverables shall be addressed to the attention of the Bureau of Water Pollution Control.

A.3.1 The Permittee shall achieve compliance with the effluent limitations upon issuance of the permit.

SOC – Schedule of Compliance Table

Item #	Description	Due Date
1	The Permittee shall submit for review and approval two copies (one electronic and one hard copy) of a new O&M Manual, prepared in accordance with the Division's WTS2 guidance: Minimum Information Required for an Operations and Maintenance Manual. The O&M Manual shall be prepared by a Nevada registered Professional Engineer and shall address the dewatering system, water treatment system, discharge system, and sampling and monitoring protocols.	8/1/2025

SA – Special Approvals / Conditions Table

Item #	Description
1	In the event of any exceedances, the Permittee shall report about the exceedances to the Division within 24 hours and provide a written response within five (5) business days.
2	The Permittee is required to continue submitting their DMRs through the Bureau of Water Pollution Control's (BWPC) Nevada NetDMR system.
3	The Permittee shall provide written notification to the Division sixty (60) days prior to acceptance of water for treatment at the Boulder Valley Water Treatment Facility and/or discharge under this permit from any source other than the Permittee's mine dewatering activities.
4	Within fourteen (14) days of acceptance of water for treatment at the Boulder Valley Water Treatment Facility and/or discharge under this permit from any source other than the Permittee's mine dewatering activities, the Permittee shall notify the Division of such acceptance.
5	Thirty (30) days prior to discharge to Whitehouse Ditch, the Permittee shall submit Nevada registered Professional Engineer-stamped as-built drawings of the diversion to Whitehouse Ditch and all related control structures. A revised O&M Manual shall be submitted at the same time.
6	Within fourteen (14) days of discharge to Whitehouse Ditch, the Permittee shall notify the Division of the discharge.
7	If total chromium is detected in the discharge at a concentration greater than 5 µg/L, the normal analytical detection limit, the Permittee shall complete a study to determine the chromium speciation and submit the study to the Division within forty-five (45) days of chromium detection.
8	Within fourteen (14) days of detecting total chromium at a concentration greater than 5 µg/L, the Permittee shall notify the Division of the detection.
9	If no discharge occurs during the permit term, the Permittee shall monitor the treated groundwater 180 days prior to the expiration date of the permit to characterize the effluent for the toxic pollutants found at NAC 445A.1236 and allow the Division to conduct an RPA for the next permit term.
10	If the Permittee plans to enter into an agreement to accept, treat, and discharge water produced by other mining companies, the Permittee must submit a revised application to the Division to allow for coverage of those discharges under a modified NPDES permit.
11	There shall be no discharge of process wastewater associated with the extraction of gold by use of the cyanidation process from the facility to navigable waters.

DLV– Deliverable Schedule for Reports, Plans, and Other Submittals

Item #	Description	Interval	First Scheduled Due Date
1	Quarterly DMR	Quarterly	7/28/2025
2	Annual DMR	Annually	1/28/2026

SECTION B (Revised November 2023)

N/A

SECTION C (Revised January 2022)**C.1. MONITORING AND REPORTING:**

C.1.1. Schedule: Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) shall be received by the 28th day of the month following the third month of each quarter (reporting period). Quarterly and annual reporting periods are based on the standard annual cycle, January 1 through December 31.

C.1.1.1 If required, all Annual, Biosolids Monitoring Report (BMR), Pretreatment, Salinity Control, and Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing (WET) annual reports are due as defined in the Deliverable Table (DLV).

C.1.1.2 An original signed copy of these, and all other reports required herein, shall be submitted to the State at the following address:

**Nevada Division of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Pollution Control
901 South Stewart Street, Suite 4001
Carson City, Nevada 89701**

C.1.2. Annual Report: The fourth quarter report shall contain plots of concentration (y-axis) versus date (x-axis) for each analyzed constituent identified in the Discharge Limitations Tables. The plots shall include data from the preceding five years, if available. Plotting is not required for any constituent that has routinely been below the detection limit or if less than three data points exist (due to permit sampling requirements). Any data point from the current year that is greater than the limits identified in the applicable tables and conditions above must be explained by a narrative.

Once reporting through the Nevada NetDMR system has been performed for a continuous five year period annual plots are no longer required.

C.1.3. Reporting: Monitoring results obtained in accordance to the requirements of the permit, supporting laboratory data, and supporting documents shall be submitted through the Nevada NetDMR system.

<https://netdmr.ndep.nv.gov/netdmr/public/home.htm>

C.1.4. Sampling and measurements: Samples and measurements taken shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge and must comply with any Division approved sampling plan as required by the Discharge Limitations Tables in the permit. Analyses shall be performed by a Nevada Certified Laboratory. Lab results must accompany the DMR. If no discharge occurs during the reporting period, "no discharge" shall be indicated on the submitted DMR.

C.1.4.1. If it is believed that a sample and/or test result is not representative of the monitored discharge, it is incumbent on the Permittee, immediately after the Permittee becomes aware, to re-sample and/or re-test the required parameter. An explanation shall be included in the DMR along with a request to disregard the bad sample. All lab results of all samples taken must be submitted with the DMR.

C.1.5. Recording the Results: For each measurement or sample taken pursuant to the requirements of this permit, the Permittee shall record the following information:

C.1.5.1. The exact place, date, time of sampling and the person who performed the sampling;

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- C.1.5.2.** The dates the analyses were performed;
- C.1.5.3.** The person(s) who performed the analyses;
- C.1.5.4.** The analytical techniques or methods used; and
- C.1.5.5.** The results of all required analyses.
- C.1.6. Additional Monitoring by Permittee:** If the Permittee monitors any pollutant at the location(s) designated herein more frequently than required by this permit, using approved analytical methods as specified above, the results of such monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the values required in the Discharge Monitoring Report Form. Such increased frequency shall also be indicated.
- C.1.7. Test Procedures:** Test procedures for the analysis of pollutants shall conform to regulations (40 CFR, Part 136) published pursuant to Section 304(h) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), under which such procedures may be required unless other procedures are approved by the Division. Other procedures used may be:
- C.1.7.1.** Selected from SW-846 test method series 1000 through 3500. This test method series shall only be used for determining solid waste characteristics, organic and inorganic preparation, and extraction;
- C.1.7.2.** Selected from 40 CFR 503, which establishes the general requirements, pollutant limits, management practices, and operational standards for the use or removal of sewage sludge to be applied on a land surface disposal site, or fired in a sewage sludge incinerator; or
- C.1.7.3.** An alternate test procedure approved by the Division, Bureau of Safe Drinking Water, Laboratory Certification Program.
- C.1.7.4.** All laboratory analyses conducted in accordance with this discharge permit must have detection levels at or below the permit limits.
- C.1.7.5.** All analytical results must be generated by analytical laboratories certified by the Nevada Laboratory Certification Program.
- C.1.8. Reporting Limits:** Unless otherwise approved by the Division, the approved method of testing selected for analysis must have reporting limits which are:
- C.1.8.1.** Half or less of the discharge limit; or, if there is no limit,
- C.1.8.2.** Half or less of the applicable water quality criteria; or, if there is no limit or criteria,
- C.1.8.3.** The lowest reasonably attainable reporting limit using an approved test method.
- C.1.8.4.** This requirement does not apply if a water quality standard is lowered after the issuance of this permit; however, the Permittee shall review methods used and by letter notify the Division if the reporting limit will exceed the new criterion, and if so the Division may reopen the permit to impose new monitoring requirements.
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C.2. Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual:

- C.2.1.** An O&M Manual shall be prepared and submitted to the Division for review and approval in accordance with the Division's Operations and Maintenance Manual guidance (WTS-2).
- C.2.2.** The Permittee shall inspect the site at the frequency prescribed in the O&M Manual.
- C.2.3.** The Permittee shall maintain an operations logbook (hardcopy or electronic) on-site as referenced in the O&M Manual.
- C.2.3.1.** The logbook shall include the name of the operator, date, time, and general condition of the facility.
- C.3. Planned changes:** The Permittee shall give notice to the Division as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility and receive approval prior to commencing construction. Notice is required only when the alteration or addition to a permitted facility:
- C.3.1.** May meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source (40 CFR 122.29 (b));
- C.3.2.** Could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged; or
- C.3.3.** 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 or disposal sites not reported during the permit application process or not reported pursuant to an approved land application plan.
- C.4. Anticipated Non-Compliance:** The Permittee shall give advance notice to the Division of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
- C.5. Change in Discharge/Noticing Requirements:** All discharges authorized herein shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this permit. The discharge of any pollutant identified in this permit more frequently than or at a level in excess of that authorized shall constitute a violation of the permit. Any anticipated facility expansions or treatment modifications which will result in new, different, or increased discharges of pollutants must be reported by submission of a new application or, if such changes will not violate the effluent limitations specified in this permit, by notice to the permit issuing authority of such changes in accordance with paragraph C.3. Any changes to the permitted treatment facility must comply with Nevada Administrative Code (NAC) 445A. The permit may be modified to specify and limit any pollutants not previously limited.
- C.5.1 Publicly owned treatment works.** All POTWs must provide adequate notice (in the next DMR, at the latest) to the Division of the following:
- C.5.1.1.** Any new introduction of pollutants into the POTW from an indirect discharger which would be subject to section 301 or 306 of CWA if it were directly discharging those pollutants; and

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- C.5.1.2.** Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that POTW by a source introducing pollutants into the POTW at the time of issuance of the permit.
- C.5.1.3.** For purposes of this paragraph, adequate notice shall include information on (i) the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the POTW, and (ii) any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent to be discharged from the POTW.
- C.5.1.4.** Identify, in terms of character and volume of pollutants, any new Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) discharging into the POTW subject to Pretreatment Standards under section 307(b) of CWA and 40 CFR part 403.
- C.6. Facilities Operation-Proper Operation and Maintenance:** The Permittee shall at all times maintain in good working order and properly operate all treatment and control facilities, collection systems, and pump stations installed or used by the Permittee to achieve compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including appropriate quality assurance/quality control procedures.
- C.7. Adverse Impact – Duty to Mitigate:** The Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the impact of releases to the environment resulting from non-compliance with any permit limitations specified in this permit, including such accelerated or additional monitoring as necessary to determine the nature and impact of the non-complying discharge. The Permittee shall carry out such measures, as reasonable, to prevent significant adverse impacts on human health or the environment. If the monitoring program (as required by this permit) identifies exceedances of ambient water quality standards at the boundary of any approved mixing zone, the Permittee shall notify the Division of the exceedances and describe any mitigation measures being implemented as part of the quarterly monitoring report requirements.
- C.8. Non-compliance, Unauthorized Discharge, Bypass and Upset**
- C.8.1.** Any diversion, bypass, spill, overflow, upset, or discharge of treated or untreated wastewater from a permitted facility under the control of the Permittee is prohibited except as authorized by this permit. The Division considers these to be non-compliant events and may take enforcement action for a diversion, bypass, spill, overflow, upset or discharge of treated or untreated wastewater except as authorized by this permit. In the event the Permittee has knowledge that a diversion, bypass, spill, overflow, upset or discharge not authorized by this permit is probable or has occurred, the Permittee shall notify the Division.
- C.8.2. Notification:** The Permittee is responsible for carrying out notification in the event of a diversion, bypass, spill, overflow, upset or discharge not authorized by this permit, or any other non-compliance which may endanger human health or the environment with the following schedule;
- C.8.2.1. Immediately:** Permittee shall be responsible for the timely notification of potentially impacted downstream users for the protection of human health and the environment;
- C.8.2.2. Spill Hotline:** Notifying the Division through the NDEP Spill Hotline, 1-888-331-6337, as
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soon as practicable after the dispatch of emergency respondents and mitigating actions and no later than twenty-four (24) hours from the time of discovery;

- C.8.2.3. 5-Day Report:** A written report shall be submitted to the Division within five (5) days of the discovery of a diversion, bypass, spill, overflow, upset, or other noncompliant event with a detailed description of the event including;
- C.8.2.3.1.** The period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times;
 - C.8.2.3.2.** Exact location and estimated amount of discharge;
 - C.8.2.3.3.** Flow path and any bodies of water which the discharge contacts;
 - C.8.2.3.4.** The specific cause of the discharge; and
 - C.8.2.3.5.** The corrective actions taken and anticipated time it is expected to continue.
 - C.8.2.3.6.** Steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.
 - C.8.2.3.7.** For noncompliance events related to combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events, these reports must include the data described above as well as the type of event (combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, or bypass events), type of sewer overflow structure (e.g., manhole, combine sewer overflow outfall), discharge volumes untreated by the treatment works treating domestic sewage, types of human health and environmental impacts of the sewer overflow event, and whether the noncompliance was related to wet weather.
- C.8.3.** The Permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Section C.8. (Noncompliance, Unauthorized Discharge, Bypass and Upset) at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Section C.8. (Noncompliance, Unauthorized Discharge, Bypass and Upset).
- C.8.4. Bypass not exceeding limitations:** The Permittee may allow a bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. The bypass must be scheduled such that required monitoring/sampling will occur during the bypass event (or extra sampling, if necessary) in order to ensure effluent limitations have been met. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of the applicable Section of Section C.8. (Noncompliance, Unauthorized Discharge, Bypass and Upset including Prohibition of Bypass (C.8.6.)).
- C.8.5. Anticipated bypass:** If the Permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, he or she shall submit prior notice, if possible, at least ten days before the date of bypass.
- C.8.6. Prohibition of Bypass:** Bypass is prohibited, and the Division may take enforcement action against a Permittee for bypass, unless:
- C.8.6.1.** Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage (as defined in section C28 "Definitions");

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- C.8.6.2.** There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment down time. 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 preventative maintenance; and
- C.8.6.3.** The Permittee submitted notices as required under Section C.8. (Noncompliance, Unauthorized Discharge, Bypass and Upset).
- C.8.7. **Approved Bypass:**** The Division may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Division determines that it will meet the three conditions listed in Section C.8.6.
- C.8.8. **Effect of an upset:**** An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of Section C.8 (Noncompliance, Unauthorized Discharge, Bypass and Upset: Conditions necessary for a demonstration of an upset) are met. In accordance with 40 CFR 122.41 (n) (2): No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- C.8.9. **Conditions necessary for a demonstration of an upset:**** A Permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs or other relevant evidence, that:
- C.8.9.1.** An upset occurred and that the Permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
- C.8.9.2.** The permitted facility was at the time of upset being properly operated;
- C.8.9.3.** The Permittee submitted notice of the upset as required under this Section; and
- C.8.9.4.** The Permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Section C.8. (Noncompliance, Unauthorized Discharge, Bypass and Upset).
- C.8.10. **Enforcement:**** In selecting the appropriate enforcement option, the Division shall consider whether or not the noncompliance was the result of an upset. The burden of proof is on the Permittee to establish that an upset occurred.
- C.9. **Removed Substances:**** Solids, sludges, filter backwash, or other pollutants removed in the course of treatment or control of wastewaters shall be properly disposed as described in the Operations and Maintenance (O&M) Manual and the SWMP (Stormwater Management Plan) for the facility.
- C.10. **Right of Entry and Inspection:**** The Permittee shall allow the Administrator and/or his authorized representatives, upon the presentation of credentials, to:
- C.10.1.** Enter at reasonable times upon the Permittee's premises where an effluent source is located or in which any records are required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit;
- C.10.2.** Have access to and copy any records required to be kept under the terms and conditions of this permit at reasonable times;
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- C.10.3.** Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations required in this permit; and
- C.10.4.** Perform any necessary sampling or monitoring to determine compliance with this permit at any location for any parameter.
- C.11. **Transfer of Ownership or Control:**** In the event of any change in control or ownership of facilities from which the authorized discharge emanates, the Permittee shall notify the succeeding owner or controller of the existence of this permit, by letter, a copy of which shall be forwarded to the Division. This permit is not transferable to any person or entity except after notice to the Director and approval from the Division. The Division may require modification or revocation and reissuance of the permit to change the name of the Permittee and incorporate such other requirements as may be necessary under the Clean Water Act (see §122.61; in some cases, modification or revocation and reissuance is mandatory.).
- C.12. **Availability of Reports:**** Except for data determined to be confidential under NRS 445A.665, all reports prepared in accordance with the terms of this permit shall be available for public inspection at the office of the Division. As required by the CWA, effluent data shall not be considered confidential. Knowingly making any false statement on any such report may result in the imposition of criminal penalties as provided for in NRS 445A.710.
- C.13. **Furnishing False Information and Tampering with Monitoring Devices:**** Any person who intentionally or with criminal negligence makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any application, record, report, plan or other document filed or required to be maintained by the provisions of NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive, or by any permit, rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, or who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under the provisions of NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive, or by any permit, rule, regulation or order issued pursuant thereto, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor and, upon conviction, shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment, or both. (In accordance with 40 CFR 122.41 (j)(5): If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both.) This penalty is in addition to any other penalties, civil or criminal, provided pursuant to NRS 445A.300 to 445A.730, inclusive.
- C.14. **Penalty for Violation of Permit Conditions:**** NRS 445A.675 provides that any person who violates a permit condition is subject to administrative and judicial sanctions as outlined in NRS 445A.690 through 445A.705, inclusive.
- C.15. **Permit Modification, Suspension or Revocation:**** After notice and opportunity for a hearing, this permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked in whole or in part during its term for cause including, but not limited to, the following:
- C.15.1.** Violation of any terms or conditions of this permit;
- C.15.2.** Obtaining this permit by misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts;
- C.15.3.** A change in any condition that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge;
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- C.15.4.** A determination that the permitted activity endangers human health or the environment and can only be regulated to acceptable levels by permit modification or termination;
- C.15.5.** Material and substantial alterations or additions to the permitted facility or activity;
- C.15.6.** The Division has received new information;
- C.15.7.** The standards or regulations have changed; or
- C.15.8.** The Division has received notification that the permit will be transferred.
- C.15.9** The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.
- C.16. **Minor Modifications:**** With the consent of the Permittee and without public notice, the Division may make minor modifications in a permit to:
- C.16.1.** Correct typographical errors;
- C.16.2.** Clarify permit language;
- C.16.3.** Require more frequent monitoring or reporting;
- C.16.4.** Change an interim compliance date in a schedule of compliance, provided the new date is not more than 120 days after the date specified in the permit and does not interfere with attainment of the final compliance date;
- C.16.5.** Allow for change in ownership;
- C.16.6.** Change the construction schedule for a new discharger provided that all equipment is installed and operational prior to discharge;
- C.16.7.** Delete an outfall when the discharge from that outfall is terminated and does not result in discharge of pollutants from other outfalls except in accordance with permit limits; or
- C.16.8.** Reallocate anIWLA (Individual Waste Load Allocation) as long as the Σ IWLA does not change in accordance with the TMDL as pertaining to the affected water body.
- C.17. **Toxic Pollutants:**** Notwithstanding Section C (Permit Modification, Suspension or Revocation), if a toxic effluent standard or prohibition (including any schedule of compliance specified in such effluent standard or prohibition) is established under Section 307(a) of the CWA for a toxic pollutant which is present in the discharge and such standard or prohibition is more stringent than any limitation for such pollutant in this permit, this permit shall be revised or modified in accordance with the toxic effluent standard or prohibition and the Permittee so notified.
- C.18. **Liability:**** Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the Permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable Federal, State or local laws, regulations, or ordinances. However, except for any toxic effluent standards and prohibitions imposed under Section 307 of the
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CWA or toxic water quality standards set forth in NAC 445A.144, compliance with this permit constitutes compliance with CWA Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 318, 403, 405(a) and (b), and with NRS 445A.300 through 445A.730, inclusive.

- C.19. Property Rights:** The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights, in either real or personal property, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.
- C.20. Severability:** The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provisions of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected thereby.
- C.21. Duty to Comply:** The Permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit non-compliance constitutes a violation of the CWA and is grounds for enforcement action; permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application.
- C.21.1** The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants and with standards for sewage sludge use or disposal established under section 405(d) of the CWA within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards or prohibitions or standards for sewage sludge use or disposal, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.
- C.22. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense:** It shall not be a defense for a Permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with this permit.
- C.23. Duty to Provide Information:** The Permittee shall furnish to the Division, within a reasonable time, any relevant information that the Division may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The Permittee shall also furnish to the Division, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.
- C.24. Other information:** Where the Permittee becomes aware of failure to submit any relevant facts in a permit application or the submittal of incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Division, the Permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information.
- C.25. Reapplication:** If the Permittee desires to continue to discharge, he shall reapply not later than 180 days before this permit expires using the application forms then in use. The Permittee shall submit the sludge information listed in 40 CFR 501.15(a)(2) with the renewal application. The renewal application shall be accompanied by the fee required per NAC 445A.232.
- C.26. Signatures, Certification Required on Application and Reporting Forms:** All applications, reports, or information submitted to the Division shall be signed and certified by making the following certification. "I certify under penalty of law, that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering information, the information submitted is, to the
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best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for willful and deliberate violations.”

- C.26.1.** All applications, reports or other information submitted to the Division shall be signed by one of the following:
- C.26.2.** A principal executive officer of the corporation (of at least the level of vice president) or his authorized representative who is responsible for the overall operation of the facility from which the discharge described in the application or reporting form originates;
- C.26.3.** A general partner of the partnership;
- C.26.4.** The proprietor of the sole proprietorship; or
- C.26.5.** A principal executive officer, ranking elected official or other authorized employee of the municipal, state or other public facility.

C.27. Changes to Authorization: If an authorization under Section C.26 (Signatures, Certification Required on Application and Reporting Forms) is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of Section C.26 (Signatures, Certification Required on Application and Reporting Forms) must be submitted to the Division prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.

C.28. Definitions:

25-year, 24-hour storm event means a precipitation event with a probable recurrence interval of once in twenty-five years, as defined by the National Weather Service, NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 1, “Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates” found online at nws.noaa.gov , or equivalent regional or State rainfall probability information developed from this source.

100-year, 24-hour storm event means a precipitation event with a probable recurrence interval of once in one hundred years, as defined by the National Weather Service, NOAA Atlas 14, Volume 1, “Point Precipitation Frequency Estimates” found online at nws.noaa.gov or equivalent regional or State rainfall probability information developed from this source.

Acute Toxicity means the concentration that is lethal to 50 percent of the test organisms within 96 hours.

Agricultural land means land on which a food crop, a feed crop, or a fiber crop is grown. This includes rangeland and land used as pasture.

Agronomic rate means the whole sludge application rate (dry weight basis) designed: To provide the amount of nitrogen needed by the food crop, feed crop, fiber crop, cover crop, or vegetation grown on the land; and to minimize the amount of nitrogen that passes below the root zone of the crop or vegetation grown on the land to the groundwater.

Biosolids are non-hazardous sewage sludge or domestic septage.

Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.

CFR means Code of Federal Regulations.

Chronic precipitation event means a series of wet weather conditions that precludes reducing the volume of properly designed, constructed, operated, and maintained waste storage and/or treatment facilities and that total a volume in excess of the 25-year, 24-hour storm event.

Composite Sample (for flow-weighted measurements) sample means the arithmetic mean of no fewer than six individual measurements taken at equal time intervals for 24 hours, or for the duration of discharge, whichever is shorter.

Discrete sample means any individual sample collected in less than 15 minutes.

Feed crops means crops produced primarily for consumption by animals.

Food crops means crops consumed by humans. These include, but are not limited to, fruits, vegetables, and tobacco.

Grab sample means the same as discrete sample.

Land application means the spraying or spreading of sewage sludge onto the land surface; the injection of sewage sludge below the land surface; or the incorporation of sewage sludge into the soil so that the sewage sludge can either condition the soil or fertilize crops or vegetation grown in the soil.

Land application area means land under the control of the Permittee, whether it is owned, rented, or leased, to which manure or process wastewater from the production area is or may be applied.

Manure means animal excrement and is defined to include bedding, compost, and raw materials or other materials commingled with animal excrement or set aside for disposal.

Process wastewater means water directly or indirectly used in the operation of the facility.

Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.

Sewage sludge means solid, semi-solid, or liquid residue generated during the treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works. Sewage sludge includes, but is not limited to, scum or solids removed in primary, secondary, or advanced wastewater treatment processes; and a material derived from sewage sludge. Sewage sludge does not include ash generated during the firing of sewage sludge in a sewage sludge incinerator or grit and screening generated during preliminary treatment of domestic sewage in a treatment works.

Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary non-compliance with permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the Permittee. An upset does not excuse non-compliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.

Vegetated buffer means a permanent strip of dense perennial vegetation established parallel to the contours of and perpendicular to, the dominant slope for the purposes of slowing water runoff, enhancing water infiltration, and minimizing the risk of any potential pollutants leaving being released.