

**STATEMENT OF BASIS**

as required by LAC 33:IX.3109, for draft **Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit No. LA0122505 ; AI 43876; PER20040001** to discharge to waters of the **State of Louisiana** as per LAC 33:IX.2311.

The **permitting authority** for the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) is:

Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality  
 Office of Environmental Services  
 P. O. Box 4313  
 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70821-4313

**I. THE APPLICANT IS:** Ascension Wastewater Treatment, Inc.  
 Seven Oaks Subdivision (Flea Market)  
 17188 Airline Hwy., Suite M-157  
 Prairieville, LA 70769

**II. PREPARED BY:** Ronda Burtch

**DATE PREPARED:** March 16, 2007

**III. PERMIT ACTION:** reissue LPDES permit LA0122505, AI 43876; PER20040001

LPDES application received: January 9, 2004

LPDES permit issued: February 4, 1998

LPDES permit expired: August 27, 2002

Please note that upon issuance of LPDES permit LA0122505, the current LPDES permit LAG560085 will be terminated.

There are two Seven Oaks Subdivisions; therefore, this subdivision is identified as Seven Oaks (Flea Market) because it is located near the flea market off Airline Highway in Prairieville.

**IV. FACILITY INFORMATION:**

A. The application is for the discharge of treated sanitary wastewater from a privately owned treatment works serving the Seven Oaks Subdivision.

B. The permit application does not indicate the receipt of industrial wastewater.

C. The facility is located at 15455 Airline Highway in Prairieville, Ascension Parish.

D. The treatment facility consists of an extended air sewage treatment plant. Disinfection is by chlorination.

**E. Outfall 001**

Discharge Location: Latitude 30° 17' 28" North  
 Longitude 90° 57' 49" West

Description: treated sanitary wastewater

Expected Flow: 250 of homes x 400 gallons/day/home = 0.10 MGD

Calculations for gallons per day were based upon figures obtained from Chapter 15 of the State of Louisiana Sanitary Code, Department of Health and Hospitals, Office of Public Health.

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Type of Flow Measurement which the facility is currently using:

Bucket and Stop Watch (A condition of the permit is that the flow from the facility be measured continuously. Therefore, a continuous recorder will be required at this facility.)

Please note that if the facility grows to a discharge beyond the design capacity of the facility, additional sewage treatment may be required with prior approval of the facility's plans by the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals and notification must be submitted to the LDEQ. Also, if the expected flow reaches or exceeds the design capacity of the facility, a permit modification may be required.

**V. RECEIVING WATERS:**

The discharge is into a parish drainage ditch, thence into the Grand Goudine Bayou, thence into the New River in segment 040404 of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin. This segment is listed on the 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies.

The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 040404 of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin are as indicated in the table below<sup>1/</sup>:

Overall Degree of Support for Segment 040404	Degree of Support of Each Use						
	Primary Contact Recreation	Secondary Contact Recreation	Propagation of Fish & Wildlife	Outstanding Natural Resource Water	Drinking Water Supply	Shell fish Propagation	Agriculture
Not Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported	Not Supported	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

<sup>1/</sup>The designated uses and degree of support for Segment 040404 of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin are as indicated in LAC 33:IX.1123.C.3, Table (3) and the 2004 Water Quality Management Plan, Water Quality Inventory Integrated Report, Appendix A, respectively.

**VI. ENDANGERED SPECIES:**

The receiving waterbody, Subsegment 040404 of the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, is not listed in Section II.2 of the Implementation Strategy as requiring consultation with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS). This strategy was submitted with a letter dated September 29, 2006 from Watson (FWS) to Brown (LDEQ). Therefore, in accordance with the Memorandum of Understanding between the LDEQ and the FWS, no further informal (Section 7, Endangered Species Act) consultation is required. It was determined that the issuance of the LPDES permit is not likely to have an adverse effect on any endangered or candidate species or the critical habitat. The effluent limitations established in the permit ensure protection of aquatic life and maintenance of the receiving water as aquatic habitat.

**VII. HISTORIC SITES:**

The discharge is from an existing facility location, which does not include an expansion beyond the existing perimeter. Therefore, there should be no potential effect to sites or properties on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places, and in accordance with the 'Memorandum of Understanding for the Protection of Historic Properties in Louisiana Regarding LPDES Permits' no consultation with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer is required.

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#### VIII. PUBLIC NOTICE:

Upon publication of the public notice, a public comment period shall begin on the date of publication and last for at least 30 days thereafter. During this period, any interested persons may submit written comments on the draft permit modification and may request a public hearing to clarify issues involved in the permit decision at this Office's address on the first page of the statement of basis. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing.

Public notice published in:

Local newspaper of general circulation

Office of Environmental Services Public Notice Mailing List

For additional information, contact:

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#### IX. PROPOSED PERMIT LIMITS:

Subsegment 040404, New River - Headwaters to New River Canal, is listed on LDEQ's Final 2004 303(d) List as impaired for non-native aquatic plants, organic enrichment/low DO, and pathogen indicators. To date no TMDLs have been completed for this waterbody. A reopener clause will be established in the permit to allow for the requirement of more stringent effluent limitations and requirements as imposed by a TMDL. until completion of TMDLs for the Lake Pontchartrain Basin, those suspected causes of impairment which would be attributed to the sanitary wastewater point source category have been eliminated in the formulation of effluent limitations and other requirements of this permit. Additionally, suspected causes of impairment which could be attributed to pollutants which were not determined to be discharged at a level which would cause, have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an excursion above any present state water quality standard were also eliminated.

##### Organic Enrichment/Low DO

To protect against the potential for oxygen consuming pollutants that could cause instream DO problems and for the discharges of organic materials at levels exceeding state water quality standards, CBOD<sub>5</sub> limitations have been established in the permit.

##### Pathogen Indicators

To protect the receiving waterbody against high levels of pathogenic organisms, fecal coliform limitations have been established in the permit.

##### Non-Native Aquatic Plants

The non-native aquatic plant impairment for this subsegment is due to unknown sources. Therefore, the Department does not believe that the discharge from this facility will cause or contribute to the non-native aquatic plant impairment.

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**Interim Effluent Limits:**

**OUTFALL 001**

Interim effluent limits are being given to allow the facility time to install a continuous recorder at this facility and to meet ammonia and mass limitations for the first time.

Interim effluent limits shall become effective on the effective date of the permit and expire one (1) year from the effective date of the permit.

Effluent Characteristic	Monthly Avg. (lbs./day)	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.	Basis
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	Report	10 mg/l	15 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSELP) for facilities of this treatment type and size.
TSS	Report	15 mg/l	23 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSELP) for facilities of this treatment type and size.
Ammonia-Nitrogen	Report	Report	Report	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSELP) for facilities of this treatment type and size.

**Other Effluent Limitations:**

**1) Fecal Coliform**

The discharge from this facility is into a water body which has a designated use of Primary Contact Recreation. According to LAC 33:IX.1113.C.5.b.i, the fecal coliform standards for this water body are 200/100 ml and 400/100 ml. Therefore, the limits of 200/100 ml (Monthly Average) and 400/100 ml (Weekly Average) are proposed as Fecal Coliform limits in the permit. These limits are being proposed through Best Professional Judgement in order to ensure that the water body standards are not exceeded, and due to the fact that existing facilities have demonstrated an ability to comply with these limitations using present available technology.

**2) pH**

The pH shall not be less than 6.0 standard units nor greater than 9.0 standard units at any time. (Limits as established through BPJ considering BCT for similar waste streams in accordance with LAC 33:IX.5905.C.).

**3) Solids and Foam**

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1113.B.7.

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**Final Effluent Limits:**

**OUTFALL 001**

Final limits shall become effective one (1) year from the effective date of the permit and expire on the expiration date of the permit.

Effluent Characteristic	Monthly Avg. (lbs./day)	Monthly Avg.	Weekly Avg.	Basis
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	8	10 mg/l	15 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSEL) for facilities of this treatment type and size.
TSS	13	15 mg/l	23 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSEL) for facilities of this treatment type and size.
Ammonia-Nitrogen	4	5 mg/l	10 mg/l	Limits are set in accordance with the Statewide Sanitary Effluent Limitations Policy (SSEL) for facilities of this treatment type and size.

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**X. PREVIOUS PERMITS:**

**LPDES Permit No. LAG560085:** Issued: February 4, 1998  
 Expired: August 27, 2002

<u>Effluent Characteristic</u>	<u>Discharge Limitations</u>		<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	<u>Daily Avg.</u>	<u>Daily Max.</u>	<u>Measurement Frequency</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>
Flow	Report	Report	1/month	Measure
BOD <sub>5</sub>	20 mg/l	30 mg/l	1/month	Grab
TSS	20 mg/l	30 mg/l	1/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform Colonies	200	400	1/month	Grab

**XI. ENFORCEMENT AND SURVEILLANCE ACTIONS:**

**A) Inspections**

A review of the files indicates that there are no recent inspections on file for this facility.

**B) Compliance and/or Administrative Orders**

A review of the files indicates that there are no recent enforcement actions administered against this facility.

**C) DMR Review**

A review of the discharge monitoring reports for the period beginning July 1, 2004 through June 30, 2006 has revealed the following violations:

<u>Month</u>	<u>Parameter</u>	<u>DMR Reported Value</u>	<u>Permit Limit</u>
April 2006	TSS, Weekly Avg.	32 mg/l	23 mg/l
May 2006	BOD <sub>5</sub> , Monthly Avg.	11 mg/l	10 mg/l
	BOD <sub>5</sub> , Weekly Avg.	51.1 mg/l	15 mg/l
	TSS, Monthly Avg.	20.4 mg/l	15 mg/l
	TSS, Weekly Avg.	56 mg/l	23 mg/l
June 2006	TSS, Weekly Avg.	27.2 mg/l	23 mg/l

**XII. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:**

Please be aware that the Department will be conducting a TMDL in the Lake Pontchartrain Basin scheduled for completion in 2011. The Department of Environmental Quality reserves the right to impose more stringent discharge limitations and/or additional restrictions as a result of the TMDL. Therefore, prior to upgrading or expanding this facility, the permittee should contact the Department to determine the status of the work being done to establish future effluent limitations and additional permit conditions.

Final effluent loadings (i.e. lbs/day) have been established based upon the permit limit concentrations and the design capacity of 0.10 MGD.

Effluent loadings are calculated using the following example:

BOD: 8.34 lb/gal x 0.10 MGD x 10 mg/l = 8 lb/day

At present, the **Monitoring Requirements, Sample Types, and Frequency of Sampling** as shown in the permit are standard for facilities of flows between 0.10 and 0.50 MGD.

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<u>Effluent Characteristics</u>	<u>Monitoring Requirements</u>	
	<u>Measurement Frequency</u>	<u>Sample Type</u>
Flow	Continuous	Recorder
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	2/month	Grab
Total Suspended Solids	2/month	Grab
Ammonia-Nitrogen	2/month	Grab
Fecal Coliform Bacteria	2/month	Grab
pH	2/month	Grab

The permittee shall efficiently operate and maintain the existing treatment facility so as to discharge effluent which does not exceed the INTERIM EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS and MONITORING REQUIREMENTS.

The permittee shall achieve compliance with the FINAL EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS and MONITORING REQUIREMENTS as specified in accordance with the following schedule:

<b>ACTIVITY</b>	<b>DATE</b>
Achieve Interim 1 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements	Effective date of permit
Achieve Final Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements	One (1) year from the effective date of the permit

The above listed activities must be achieved on or before the deadline date. Additionally, the permittee shall submit a progress report outlining the status of all facility improvements on a yearly basis until compliance is achieved.

Within 14 days of completion of the new facility or facility upgrade and/or expansion, the Permittee shall notify the Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services in writing that construction has been completed.

The Permittee shall achieve sustained compliance with Final Effluent Limitations.

Where the percent project completion reported is less than would be required to assure completion of necessary upgrades by the required date, the report of progress shall also include an explanation for this delay and proposed remedial actions.

No later than 14 days following a date for a specific action (as opposed to a report of progress), the permittee shall submit a written notice of compliance or noncompliance.

If Ascension Wastewater Treatment, Inc. is unable to comply with the above issued Schedule of Compliance, the shall submit an alternative compliance schedule, for consideration by this Office, within the Draft Permit Public Notice Period.

**XIV REFERENCES:**

Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan / Continuing Planning Process, Vol. 8, "Wasteload Allocations / Total Maximum Daily Loads and Effluent Limitations Policy," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2005.

Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan / Continuing Planning Process, Vol. 5, "Water Quality Inventory Section 305(b) Report," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 1998.

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Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33 - Environmental Quality, Part IX - Water Quality Regulations, Chapter 11 - "Louisiana Surface Water Quality Standards," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2004.

Louisiana Administrative Code, Title 33 - Environmental Quality, Part IX - Water Quality Regulations, Subpart 2 - "The LPDES Program," Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, 2004.

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LPDES Permit Application to Discharge Wastewater, Ascension Wastewater Treatment, Inc., Seven Oaks - Flea Market, January 9, 2004.