



OFFICE OF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES
Water Discharge Permit

MASTER PERMIT NUMBER LAG750000

**GENERAL PERMIT FOR DISCHARGES OF
EXTERIOR VEHICLE WASH WASTEWATER**

Pursuant to the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.), and the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act, as amended (La. R.S. 30:2001, et seq.), rules and regulations effective or promulgated under the authority of said Acts, this Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) General Permit is reissued. This permit authorizes persons who meet the requirements herein and who have been approved by this Office, to discharge to waters of the State wastewater from the exterior washing of vehicles and equipment, portable pressure washing operations, and treated sanitary wastewater totaling less than 5,000 GPD flow in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth herein.

This permit becomes effective on *March 15, 2014*

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire five (5) years from the effective date.

Issued on *March 5, 2014*

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Assistant Secretary

PART I

SECTION A. APPLICABILITY

Activities covered by this general permit include any discharge from a washrack for the exterior washing of vehicles, boats, aircraft, and/or heavy equipment; commercial vehicle washes that utilize tunnel, rollover/pressure, wand, hand wash/detail; and portable pressure washing equipment. This includes facilities that wash the exterior of vehicles including cars, busses, recreational vehicles (RVs), vans, pick-up trucks, fleet trucks, delivery trucks, 18-wheeled tractor trailer trucks, boats, aircraft (planes and helicopters), buildings, lawn-maintenance equipment, and construction equipment, e.g. bulldozers, backhoes, front loaders, fork lifts, etc. Coverage is also available for discharges resulting from washing the exterior of garbage trucks that haul municipal/household waste, if the trucks are washed at a transfer station or at a maintenance facility, provided that all free liquids are removed from the storage compartment prior to entry into the wash bay. Facilities eligible for coverage under this general permit include, but are not limited to, self service or full service gas stations, truck stops, and convenience stores; detail shops, coin-operated vehicle washes, brushless vehicle washes, and truck washes; airports and heliports; construction equipment rental companies; automobile rental facilities; municipal solid waste maintenance facilities; municipal solid waste transfer stations; and operators of portable pressure washing equipment.

Portable vehicle or pressure washing operations involved in the external washing of equipment, vehicles, boats, aircraft, buildings, and similar objects may also be covered by this general permit. This includes contract washing operations that utilize portable equipment which is moved from location to location. Typical customers might include delivery service companies, utility companies, trucking companies, heavy equipment operators, and other small businesses with fleets of cars, trucks, and equipment. This permit is intended to also cover the pressure washing of heavy equipment used by contractors in the construction business, timber sawing operations, and other activities where heavy equipment is pressure washed. Portable vehicle or pressure washing operations covered under this general permit will be covered on a statewide basis, thus the permit will regulate the discharge of wastewater from operations that move to various sites throughout the State. Each individual portable vehicle or pressure washing unit shall obtain a permit and a copy of this permit shall be kept with each unit at all times. Facilities serviced by a portable vehicle washing unit that is used to wash the exterior of vehicles may be required to obtain a site specific discharge permit, if portable equipment is used at that facility on such a regular basis that this Office determines that washing equipment and/or vehicles is a regular function of the facility's primary operation. Also, if this Office deems it in the best interest of the environment and water quality, a site specific discharge permit may be required for any given facility. Statewide authorization numbers shall be designated LAG759XXX while the site-specific authorization numbers are LAG75YXXX, where X equals a numeral from 0 to 9 and Y equals a numeral from 0 to 8.

Facilities as described above which have a sanitary wastewater discharge totaling less than 5,000 gallons per day maximum expected flow, in addition to a vehicle wash wastewater discharge, will also be eligible for coverage under this general permit.

All persons operating a source or conducting an activity that results in a discharge as

described above and who meet all eligibility conditions may be covered under this general permit and will become permittees authorized to discharge upon the receipt of a hand-delivered, correctly completed Notice of Intent (NOI) by the Office of Environmental Services, Water Permits Division or 48 hours after the postmark date on the envelope that contains the correctly completed NOI. Should electronic NOIs (e-NOIs) become available during the term of this permit, the Department may suspend use of paper NOIs.

Each NOI received to request authorization under this LPDES general permit will be evaluated by the Agency to assess the reasonable potential for the discharge of pollutants from the facility to cause or contribute to a violation of water quality standards for any known impairments. Coverage under the general permit may be denied and regulation under an individual permit required if more stringent limitations than the limitations contained in the general permit are required for protection of a receiving stream.

Submission of an NOI is an acknowledgement that the conditions of this general permit are applicable to the proposed discharge, and that the applicant agrees to comply with the conditions of this general permit. The applicant's signature on the NOI legally certifies that the applicant qualifies for coverage under the permit and agrees to comply with all terms and conditions of the authorization to discharge to waters of the State of Louisiana. Unless notified otherwise by the Secretary or his designee, eligible owners/operators are authorized to discharge vehicle and equipment wash wastewater, portable pressure wash wastewater, and/or treated sanitary wastewater under the terms and conditions of this permit.

Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered under this general permit shall be made using Form CW-G, or an equivalent, which can be downloaded from the LDEQ website at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/. Go through the following links to find the NOI form: DIVISIONS – Water Permits – LPDES Permits– LPDES Permit Application Forms – General Permit Notices of Intent – CW-G. An NOI must be submitted for each portable vehicle and/or pressure washing unit and for each permanent site. The appropriate box should be checked on the NOI to request either “Site-Specific Coverage” for a fixed location or “Portable Coverage” for a portable pressure washing unit.

If activity is currently being conducted on a site-specific basis or a statewide basis and has not been permitted, an NOI shall be submitted immediately. Dischargers who are currently permitted under the LPDES version of this permit that expires on March 14, 2014, are not required to submit a new NOI. Provided the applicability requirements of the reissued permit are met, these permitted dischargers will be automatically covered under the reissued LPDES permit; notification of coverage and a link to the permit will be sent to each permittee after permit finalization. Permit conditions in the reissued permit are effective for these automatically-authorized permittees upon the postmark date of the notification of coverage, with the exception of the new requirement for the use of low-phosphate, low-surfactant soaps and detergents (see Part I.A, page 5, item number 2). Automatically-authorized permittees shall comply with this requirement within 6 months of the effective date.

Any permittee covered by an individual permit or other general permit(s) may submit an NOI and request that the individual permit or other general permit(s) be canceled if the permitted source

or activity is also eligible for coverage under this general permit. Upon approval by this Office, the permittee will be notified of coverage by this general permit and of cancellation of the previous permit(s).

The permittee must keep a copy of the NOI that it submitted to the Water Permits Division and a copy of the general permit at the permitted facility. A copy of the NOI that was submitted for statewide permit coverage must be kept at the site where the portable vehicle or pressure washing operations are located.

If circumstances change in the future that result in the addition or elimination of permitted outfalls, or a change in the composition of the effluent from a permitted outfall, the permittee is required to notify the Water Permits Division of the elimination/change of any outfalls that were identified in the NOI or the addition of outfalls that were not identified in the NOI that was submitted for general permit coverage. Notification of the addition or elimination/change of permitted outfalls must be made in writing and must be accompanied by a site diagram that clearly illustrates and identifies current outfall locations at the site.

The permittee is required to submit a permit transfer request to the Permit Support Division either prior to or no later than 45 days after a permitted facility changes ownership/operator. The request must be made on the official LDEQ form NOC-1 which is available on the LDEQ website at: www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/ – Programs – Small Business/Small Community Assistance SB/SCAP – Forms and Publications – Forms – Name/Operator/Owner Change Form. Any questions related to making a permit transfer should be directed to the Permit Application Administrative Review Group at (225) 219-3292.

A printed hard copy of this permit may be obtained by contacting LDEQ's Water Permits Division at (225) 219-9371, or a copy can be downloaded from the LDEQ website at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/. Go through the following links to find the permit: Divisions – Water Permits – LPDES Permits – LPDES General Permits – LAG750000.

All wastewaters covered by this permit must be treated, if necessary, to meet the effluent limitations in the applicable RLP # Outfall # before being discharged from the site of origin. Wastewater types other than those described herein are not authorized under this general permit and discharge of such wastewaters at a site covered under this general permit will constitute a violation of the permit unless authorization to discharge has been granted under a separate LPDES permit.

Facilities which discharge the following wastewaters are eligible for coverage by this general permit:

1. exterior vehicle and equipment wash wastewater, portable pressure wash wastewater;
2. treated sanitary wastewater (totaling less than 5,000 GPD);
3. commingled discharges of treated vehicle wash and sanitary wastewater (less than 5,000 GPD); and
4. wastewater from portable vehicle or pressure washing operations which are discharged at a centralized location.

The general permit will authorize only discharges identified below in *Section B*, which typically are short-term discharges of low volume flows. This permit **shall not** apply to:

1. sites producing and/or receiving wastewater from sources other than those described above;
2. facilities which discharge substances that are not addressed by or would not be adequately regulated by the effluent limitations in this permit, including soaps and/or detergents that are not biodegradable, low-phosphate, and low-surfactant;
3. discharges that are mixed with other, non-covered discharge types unless those other discharges are in compliance with another LPDES permit;
4. washing of vehicles, boats, aircraft (planes and helicopters), buildings, or equipment determined by this Office to present an environmental risk or potential risk of discharging pollutants other than is intended to be regulated by this permit;
5. discharges which involve decontamination of equipment involved in remediation type activities;
6. discharges which have limits assigned to them in the Louisiana Water Quality Management Plan or an approved Waste Load Allocation which are different from the limits contained in this permit;
7. discharges which involve oil field service vehicles, vehicles with tanks or cargo compartments for the hauling or dispensing of pesticides, hazardous waste, or any material deemed by this Office to be a threat to the environment;
8. washing the inside of the storage compartment of garbage trucks that haul municipal/household solid waste;
9. washing garbage trucks that haul industrial waste materials;
10. washing garbage trucks that haul municipal/household solid waste if they are washed at any location other than a maintenance facility or a solid waste transfer station;
11. washing the outside of the storage compartment of garbage trucks that haul municipal/household solid waste if there is a visible accumulation of free liquids or waste materials on the outside of the compartment;
12. internal tank truck washing or the external washing of tank trucks that have a visible accumulation of product on the outside of the tank;
13. steam cleaning or pressure washing engines;
14. steam cleaning or pressure washing industrial equipment with non-biodegradable soaps and/or detergents or with chemicals containing any of the 126 priority pollutants;

15. discharges which are likely to have unauthorized adverse effects upon threatened or endangered species, or on the critical habitat for these species as determined in conjunction with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS);
16. discharges that will adversely affect properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places, unless they are in compliance with requirements of the National Historic Preservation Act and any necessary activities to avoid or minimize impacts have been coordinated with the Louisiana State Historic Preservation Officer (*for questions, the operator should contact the Section 106 Review Coordinator, Office of Cultural Development, P. O. Box 44247, Baton Rouge, LA 70804-44247 or telephone (225) 342-8170*);
17. discharges of wastewater determined by this Office to present an environmental risk or potential risk of discharging pollutants other than is intended to be regulated by this permit;
18. proposed discharges directly into a waterbody designated as an outstanding natural resource water, as defined in LAC 33:IX.1123.Table 3, except in accordance with LAC 33:IX.1119.C.4; and
19. discharges at operations classed as new sources or new dischargers, if the discharge will cause or contribute to the violation of water quality standards not addressed by the terms, conditions and schedules of this general permit (LAC 33:IX.2317.A.9).

At the discretion of this Office, coverage under this general permit **may not** be available to discharges:

- 1) from facilities not in compliance with a previously issued individual or general wastewater discharge permit;
- 2) from facilities which have previously been in violation of state water quality regulations;
- 3) from facilities which are located in an environmentally sensitive area;
- 4) into water bodies designated by the State pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act;
- 5) into waters that are likely to contain rare, threatened, or endangered species; or
- 6) from facilities which owe any outstanding fees or fines to the Department.

The Department may deny coverage under this permit and require submittal of an application for an individual LPDES permit based on a review of the NOI or other information. This Office reserves the right to issue such facilities an individual LPDES permit with more appropriate limitations and conditions.

The state administrative authority may require any discharger authorized by a general permit

to apply for and obtain an individual LPDES permit. Any interested person may petition the state administrative authority to take action under this Paragraph. Cases where an individual LPDES permit may be required include the following:

- i. the discharger or treatment works treating domestic sewage is not in compliance with the conditions of the general LPDES permit;
- ii. a change has occurred in the availability of demonstrated technology or practices for the control or abatement of pollutants applicable to the point source or treatment works treating domestic sewage;
- iii. effluent limitation guidelines are promulgated for point sources covered by the general LPDES permit;
- iv. a water quality management plan containing requirements applicable to such point sources is approved;
- v. circumstances have changed since the time of the request to be covered so that the discharger is no longer appropriately controlled under the general permit, or either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge is necessary; or
- vi. the discharge(s) is a significant contributor of pollutants. In making this determination, the state administrative authority may consider the following factors:
 - (a) the location of the discharge with respect to waters of the state;
 - (b) the size of the discharge;
 - (c) the quantity and nature of the pollutants discharged to waters of the state; and
 - (d) other relevant factors (such as, but not limited to, critical flow and harmonic mean flow determinations, environmental considerations, site operational data, designated uses, water quality characteristics and other applicable water quality and regulatory requirements).

SECTION B. EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

During the period beginning with coverage under this permit and lasting through the expiration date of this general permit, all permittees covered under this general permit are authorized to discharge exterior vehicle and equipment wash wastewater, portable pressure wash wastewater, treated sanitary wastewater (under 5,000 GPD), or a combination of these discharges as specified in the NOI submitted by the applicant and in accordance with the conditions that follow.

RLP 1 OUTFALL 001: EXTERIOR VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT WASH WASTEWATER, PORTABLE PRESSURE WASH WASTEWATER¹

Outfall numbers used in the NOI must correspond to the appropriate outfall numbers in the permit. The permittee shall designate an exterior vehicle and equipment wash wastewater discharge point as RLP1 Outfall 001. If more than one outfall **of this type** occurs at a facility, then each separate discharge point must be clearly identified as RLP1 Outfall 01A, RLP1 Outfall 01B, etc. Each outfall location for discharges of exterior vehicle and equipment wash wastewater or portable pressure wash wastewater shall be identified in the NOI and shall be monitored in accordance with the following table. In accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements section of the permit, DMRs shall be submitted for each outfall location.

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS	DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
	MONTHLY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY ^{2&3}	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow (GPD)	Report	Report	1/3 months	Estimate
TSS	----	45 mg/L	1/3 months	Grab
COD ⁴	----	300 mg/L	1/3 months	Grab
Oil and Grease	----	15 mg/L	1/3 months	Grab
pH - Allowable Range (Standard Units)	6.0 (Minimum)	9.0 (Maximum)	1/3 months	Grab
Visible Sheen ⁵	----	No Presence	1/week	Observation
Soaps and/or Detergents	Report ⁶	N/A	1/3 months	Inventory calculation

¹ See *Other Conditions*, Section D “Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP).”

² For portable vehicle or pressure washing operations, a representative sample of the wastewater to be discharged during each monitoring period shall be taken, provided that the same soaps and/or detergents are used throughout that monitoring period. If the soaps, detergents, or other additives being used are changed during a particular monitoring period, an additional representative sample of that wastewater shall be taken and reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form. For additional requirements, specifically for portable vehicle or pressure washing operations, see *Other Conditions*, Section C.

³ **If the value of an effluent characteristic exceeds the *daily maximum* limitation in any sample, then the measurement frequency for that parameter shall increase to 1/month. The increased frequency shall continue until a sample demonstrates a value less than or equal to the daily maximum.** (In the case of pH, if the sample is not within the allowable pH range, the increased frequency of sampling shall continue until a sample result is within the allowable pH range).

⁴ If storm water is commingled with the exterior vehicle, equipment, and/or portable pressure wash wastewater, i.e. if the vehicle wash is not constructed so as to prevent storm water from entering the treatment system, then the limitations for COD shall be a daily maximum effluent limitation of 125 mg/L. This daily maximum effluent limitation shall be the effluent limitation which such facilities shall follow at all times for COD.

⁵ Conduct weekly visual observations to determine if a visible sheen is present at the outfall. The permittee shall keep a manual log recording the results of the weekly visual observations. No DMR reporting is required for Visible Sheen [LAC 33:IX.2701.A]; therefore, do not report Visible Sheen on the quarterly DMR form that is used to report lab analysis for other parameters (flow, COD, TSS, Oil & Grease, and pH). However, if a visible sheen is noted during an inspection, a letter of noncompliance shall be submitted in

accordance with *Standard Conditions*, Section D.7. Retain the manual log at the facility. Individual entries in the manual log shall be retained for three years from the inspection date.

- ⁶ Keep inventory records of the quantity and type of each Soap and/or Detergent used and a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each material used. Retain the inventory records and the MSDSs at the facility for three years. No DMR reporting is required for Soaps and/or Detergents [LAC 33:IX.2701.J.2]; therefore, do not report Soaps and/or Detergents on the quarterly DMR form that is used to report lab analysis for other parameters (flow, COD, TSS, Oil & Grease, and pH).

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts, or of free oil or other oily materials, or of toxic materials in quantities such as to cause acute toxicity to aquatic organisms. Furthermore, there shall be no visible sheen or stains attributable to this discharge. There shall be no accumulation of solids in the receiving stream which has the potential to negatively impact aquatic life or hinder natural drainage. The use of dilution (see *Standard Conditions*, Section A.13) or flow augmentation (LAC 33:IX.3705.F) to achieve effluent concentration limitations is prohibited.

RLP 2 OUTFALL 002: TREATED SANITARY WASTEWATER (Less Than 5,000 GPD)

Outfall numbers used in the NOI must correspond to the appropriate outfall numbers in the permit. The permittee shall designate a treated sanitary wastewater discharge point as RLP2 Outfall 002. If more than one outfall **of this type** occurs at a facility, then each separate discharge point shall be clearly identified as RLP 2 Outfall 02A, RLP 2 Outfall 02B, etc. Each outfall location for discharges of treated sanitary wastewater shall be identified in the NOI and shall be monitored in accordance with the following table. In accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements section of the permit, DMRs shall be submitted for each outfall location.

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS	DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
	MONTHLY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow (GPD)	Report	Report	1/6 months	Estimate
BOD ₅	30 mg/L	45 mg/L	1/6 months	Grab
TSS ¹	30 mg/L	45 mg/L	1/6 months	Grab
Oil & Grease ²	----	15 mg/L	1/6 months	Grab
Fecal Coliform ^{3&4} Colonies/100 ml	200	400	1/6 months	Grab
pH - Allowable Range (Standard Units)	6.0 (Minimum)	9.0 (Maximum)	1/6 months	Grab

- ¹ For an oxidation pond treatment unit, the monthly average shall be 90 mg/L and the daily maximum shall be 135 mg/L.
- ² Required only for discharges which include food service waste.
- ³ If chlorination is chosen as a disinfection method, see *Other Conditions*, Section B.
- ⁴ If this discharge is directly to a water body which is named in the LAC 33:IX.1123 Table 3, and which has a designated use of Oyster Propagation, the Fecal Coliform limitations will be 14 colonies/100mL Monthly Average and 43 colonies/100 mL Daily Maximum. Instructions will be given in the cover letter attached to this permit if this more stringent fecal coliform limitation is required.

Sanitary wastewater from Outfall 002 shall not be reported as a combined outfall. It shall be monitored at the point of discharge from the treatment unit and prior to mixing with any other water. However, if sanitary wastewater cannot be sampled prior to commingling with vehicle wash wastewater, Outfall 003 is applicable.

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts, or of free oil or other oily materials, or of toxic materials in quantities such as to cause acute toxicity to aquatic organisms. Furthermore, there shall be no visible sheen or stains attributable to this discharge. There shall be no accumulation of solids in the receiving stream which has the potential to negatively impact aquatic life or hinder natural drainage. The use of dilution (see *Standard Conditions*, Section A.13) or flow augmentation (LAC 33:IX.3705.F) to achieve effluent concentration limitations is prohibited.

RLP 3 OUTFALL 003: COMMINGLED DISCHARGES OF TREATED EQUIPMENT WASH, VEHICLE WASH, AND SANITARY WASTEWATER (Less than 5,000 GPD)

Outfall numbers used in the NOI must correspond to the appropriate outfall numbers in the permit. The permittee shall designate commingled discharges of treated equipment wash, vehicle wash, and treated sanitary wastewater as RLP 3 Outfall 003. If more than one outfall of this type occurs at a facility, then each separate discharge point shall be clearly identified as RLP 3 Outfall 03A, RLP 3 Outfall 03B, etc. Each outfall location for discharges of commingled treated vehicle wash and treated sanitary wastewater shall be identified in the NOI and shall be monitored in accordance with the following table. In accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements section of the permit, DMRs shall be submitted for each outfall location.

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS	DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
	MONTHLY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY ¹	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow (GPD)	Report	Report	1/3 months	Estimate
COD ²	----	300 mg/L	1/3 months	Grab
BOD ₅	-----	45 mg/L	1/3 months	Grab
TSS ³	-----	45 mg/L	1/3 months	Grab
Oil & Grease	-----	15 mg/L	1/3 months	Grab
Fecal Coliform ^{4&5} Colonies/ 100 ml	-----	400	1/3 months	Grab
pH - Allowable Range (Standard Units)	6.0 (Minimum)	9.0 (Maximum)	1/3 months	Grab
Soaps and/or Detergents	Report ⁶	N/A	1/3 months	Inventory Calculation

¹ If the value of an effluent characteristic exceeds the *daily maximum* limitation in any sample, then the measurement frequency for that parameter shall increase to 1/month. This increased frequency shall continue until a sample demonstrates a value less than or equal to the daily maximum. (In the case of pH, if the sample is not within the allowable pH range, the increased frequency of sampling shall continue until a sample result is within the allowable pH range).

² If storm water is commingled with the equipment and/or vehicle wash wastewater, i.e. if the equipment/vehicle wash is not constructed so as to prevent storm water from entering the treatment system, then the limitations for COD shall be a daily maximum effluent limitation of 125 mg/L. This daily maximum effluent limitation shall be the effluent limitation which such facilities shall follow at all times for COD.

³ For an oxidation pond the daily maximum is 135 mg/L.

⁴ If chlorination is chosen as a disinfection method see *Other Conditions*, Section B.

⁵ If this discharge is directly to a water body which is named in the LAC 33:IX.1123 Table 3, and which has a designated use of Oyster Propagation, the Fecal Coliform limitation will be 43 colonies/100 ml Daily Maximum. Instructions will be given in the cover letter attached to this permit if this more stringent fecal coliform limitation is required.

- ⁶ Keep inventory records of the quantity and type of each Soap and/or Detergent used and a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each material used. Retain the inventory records and the MSDSs at the facility for three years. No DMR reporting is required for Soaps and/or Detergents [LAC 33:IX.2701.J.2]; therefore, do not report Soaps and/or Detergents on the quarterly DMR form that is used to report lab analysis for other parameters (flow, BOD₅, COD, TSS, Oil & Grease, fecal coliform, and pH).

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts, or of free oil or other oily materials, or of toxic materials in quantities such as to cause acute toxicity to aquatic organisms. Furthermore, there shall be no visible sheen or stains attributable to this discharge. There shall be no accumulation of solids in the receiving stream which has the potential to negatively impact aquatic life or hinder natural drainage. The use of dilution (see *Standard Conditions*, Section A.13) or flow augmentation (LAC 33:IX.3705.F) to achieve effluent concentration limitations is prohibited.

RLP 4 OUTFALL 004: WASTEWATERS FROM PORTABLE VEHICLE OR PRESSURE WASHING OPERATIONS WHICH ARE DISCHARGED AT A CENTRALIZED LOCATION¹

Outfall numbers used in the NOI must correspond to the appropriate outfall numbers in the permit. The permittee shall designate a discharge point for centralized discharges of wastewater from portable vehicle or pressure washing operations as RLP 4 Outfall 004. If more than one outfall of **this type** occurs at a facility, then each separate discharge point shall be clearly identified as RLP 4 Outfall 04A, RLP 4 Outfall 04B, etc. Each outfall location for centralized discharges of wastewater from portable vehicle or pressure washing operations shall be identified in the NOI and shall be monitored in accordance with the following table. In accordance with the Monitoring and Reporting Requirements section of the permit, DMRs shall be submitted for each outfall location.

EFFLUENT CHARACTERISTICS	DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS		MONITORING REQUIREMENTS	
	MONTHLY AVERAGE	DAILY MAXIMUM	MEASUREMENT FREQUENCY ²	SAMPLE TYPE
Flow (GPD)	Report	Report	1/month	Estimate
TSS	----	45 mg/L	1/month	Grab
COD	----	300 mg/L	1/month	Grab
Oil and Grease	----	15 mg/L	1/month	Grab
pH - Allowable Range (Standard Units)	6.0 (Minimum)	9.0 (Maximum)	1/month	Grab
Visible Sheen ³	----	No Presence	1/week	Observation
Soaps and/or Detergents	Report ⁴	N/A	1/month	Inventory calculation

¹ See *Other Conditions*, Section D “Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP).”

² If the value of an effluent characteristic exceeds the *daily maximum* limitation in any sample, then the measurement frequency for that parameter shall increase to 1/week. The increased frequency shall continue until a sample demonstrates a value less than or equal to the daily maximum. (In the case of pH, if the sample is not within the allowable pH range, the increased frequency of sampling shall continue until a sample result is within the allowable pH range).

³ Conduct weekly visual observations to determine if a visible sheen is present at the outfall. The permittee shall keep a manual log recording the results of the weekly visual observations. No DMR reporting is required for Visible Sheen [LAC 33:IX.2701.A]; therefore, do not report Visible Sheen on the quarterly DMR form that is used to report lab analysis for other parameters (flow, COD, TSS, Oil & Grease, and pH). However, if a visible sheen is noted during an inspection, a letter of noncompliance shall be submitted in accordance with *Standard Conditions*, Section D.7. Retain the manual log at the facility. Individual entries in the manual log shall be retained for three years from the inspection date.

⁴ Keep inventory records of the quantity and type of each Soap and/or Detergent used and a Material Safety Data Sheet (MSDS) for each material used. Retain the inventory records and the MSDSs at the facility for three years. No DMR reporting is required for Soaps and/or Detergents [LAC 33:IX.2701.J.2]; therefore, do not report Soaps and/or Detergents on the quarterly DMR form that is used to report lab analysis for other parameters (flow, COD, TSS, Oil & Grease, and pH).

There shall be no discharge of floating solids or visible foam in other than trace amounts, or of free oil or other oily materials, or of toxic materials in quantities such as to cause acute toxicity to aquatic organisms. Furthermore, there shall be no visible sheen or stains attributable to this discharge. There shall be no accumulation of solids in the receiving stream which has the potential to negatively impact aquatic life or hinder natural drainage. The use of dilution (see *Standard*

Conditions, Section A.13) or flow augmentation (LAC 33:IX.3705.F) to achieve effluent concentration limitations is prohibited.

SECTION C. MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

1. Samples shall be taken at the monitoring points specified in the facility's NOI, and unless otherwise specified, before the effluent joins or is diluted by any other wastestream, body of water, or substance (immediately after exiting the treatment mechanism, if treatment is required).
2. Provisions must be made during the installation of the treatment unit for obtaining a proper sample.
3. Proper sampling techniques shall be used to ensure that analytical results are representative of pollutants in the discharge.
4. The flow measurement sample type for the effluent schedules contained in this general permit are specified as "estimate". Flow measurements shall not be subject to the accuracy provisions established in Standard Conditions Section C of this permit. When collecting samples the flow value may be estimated using best engineering judgment. [LAC 33:IX.2701]
5. If a discharge is found to be in violation of specified limits, the permittee will be subject to enforcement action, including civil penalties, and may be required to obtain an individual permit.
6. All monitoring records must be retained for a period of at least three years from the date of the sample measurements. The permittee shall make available to this Office, upon request, copies of all monitoring data required by this permit (see *Standard Conditions*, Section C.4).
7. Monitoring results for each discharge point (outfall number) listed in the NOI must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form EPA No. 3320-1 or an LDEQ approved substitute. If there is no discharge event at any outfall(s) during the sampling period, write "No Discharge" in the upper right corner of the DMR. Permittees shall submit a DMR for each outfall identified in the facility's NOI for every monitoring period even if there were no discharges during a monitoring period.

When the permit stipulates that monitoring shall occur once/week, or at any frequency greater than once/month during any month, laboratory results for each regulated parameter in your discharge shall be averaged for each sample analyzed during the month and summarized on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form. DMR General Instruction Number 5 defines "Average" as the arithmetic average (geometric average for bacterial parameters) of all sample measurements for each parameter obtained during the "Monitoring Period". **Note that Daily Maximum values can not be averaged. If more than one sample is collected during a monitoring period, the Daily Maximum value that is reported on the DMR is the highest value recorded for a particular parameter during the monitoring events that occurred for that reporting period.** When the

Outfall schedule stipulates that monitoring at an outfall shall occur once/month or more frequently, the permittee must complete one DMR form each month for that outfall even if there were no discharges from the outfall. Collect your monthly DMR forms and submit them to LDEQ on a quarterly basis.

When the permit stipulates that monitoring at an outfall shall occur 1/3 months you must complete one DMR for each quarter and submit the DMRs to LDEQ on a quarterly basis. For monthly average discharge limitations, if samples are taken at a frequency of greater than 1/3 months, laboratory results for each regulated parameter in your discharge shall be averaged for each sample analyzed during the quarter and summarized on a DMR form. DMR General Instruction Number 5 defines "Average" as the arithmetic average (geometric average for bacterial parameters) of all sample measurements for each parameter obtained during the "Monitoring Period". **Note that Daily Maximum values can not be averaged. If more than one sample is collected during a monitoring period, the Daily Maximum value that is reported on the DMR is the highest value recorded for a particular parameter during the monitoring events that occurred for that reporting period.** When the Outfall schedule in the permit stipulates that monitoring at an outfall shall occur 1/3 months, the permittee must complete one DMR form each quarter for that outfall even if there were no discharges from that outfall during a quarter. Submit your DMR forms for these outfalls to LDEQ on a quarterly basis.

When the permit stipulates that monitoring at an outfall shall occur 1/6 months the permittee must complete one DMR every six months and submit the DMR to LDEQ on a semiannual basis. If samples are taken at a frequency of greater than 1/6 months, laboratory results for each regulated parameter in all samples analyzed during the six month period shall be summarized on a DMR form. For monthly average discharge limitations, if samples are taken at a frequency of greater than 1/3 months, laboratory results for each regulated parameter in your discharge shall be averaged for each sample analyzed during the quarter and summarized on a DMR form. DMR General Instruction Number 5 defines "Average" as the arithmetic average (geometric average for bacterial parameters) of all sample measurements for each parameter obtained during the "Monitoring Period". **Note that Daily Maximum values can not be averaged. If more than one sample is collected during a monitoring period, the Daily Maximum value that is reported on the DMR is the highest value recorded for a particular parameter during the monitoring events that occurred for that reporting period.** When the Outfall schedule in the permit stipulates that monitoring at an outfall shall occur 1/6 months, the permittee must complete one DMR form for that outfall each six month monitoring period even if there were no discharges from that outfall during the six month monitoring period. Submit your DMR forms for these outfalls to LDEQ on a semiannual basis.

Quarterly Submission

Monitoring Period

January, February, March
April, May, June
July, August, September
October, November, December

DMR Postmark Due

April 28th
July 28th
October 28th
January 28th

Semiannual Submission

Monitoring Period

January -June
July - December

DMR Postmark Due

July 28th
January 28th

The “Monthly Average” concentration that is reported on the DMR form is calculated using one formula when flow is not measured as a continuous record and is calculated using a different formula when flow is measured as a continuous record or with a totalizer. *Standard Conditions*, Section F.17 of the permit explains which formula should be used and how to calculate “Monthly Average” concentrations when flow is not measured as a continuous record versus when flow is measured as a continuous record or with a totalizer.

In accordance with LAC 33:IX.2503.A and B, DMRs must be signed and certified by an authorized person. Be aware that LDEQ will accept laboratory results only from “LDEQ accredited” laboratories (see *Standard Conditions*, Section C.10).

Discharge Monitoring Reports shall be submitted to the Enforcement Division, Office of Environmental Compliance, Department of Environmental Quality, P. O. Box 4312, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4312. **DMRs must be postmarked or hand delivered to LDEQ no later than the DMR Postmark Dates noted above in the Schedules for Quarterly Submission and Semiannual Submission.** Mailing addresses for the different Department offices are posted on the LDEQ web page at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/tabid/62/Default.aspx>. An electronic DMR reporting system (NetDMR) is available at www.deq.louisiana.gov/portal/ using the following path: Online Services – NetDMR. Permittees are encouraged to use this online system. At this time, LDEQ does not have plans to require facilities to use NetDMR; however, LDEQ may require DMRs to be electronically submitted in the future.

PART II
OTHER CONDITIONS

The permittee must comply with all applicable provisions of the Louisiana Water Quality Regulations including standard conditions found in LAC 33:IX.2701. This Office has established the following definitions and requirements in accordance with those regulations. The definition of other terms may be found in the Louisiana Water Pollution Control Regulations (LAC 33:IX.2313).

SECTION A. DEFINITIONS

For definitions of monitoring and sampling terminology see *Standard Conditions*, Section F.

Additional definitions:

1. Act: means Act 449 of the 1979 Louisiana Legislature which established Section 2001 et seq. of Title 30 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 and any subsequent amendment to these Sections.
2. Activity: means any conduct, operation or process which causes or may cause the discharge of pollutants into the waters of the State.
3. Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD): means the amount of oxygen required by bacteria during the decay of organic and nitrogenous materials.
4. Chemical Oxygen Demand (COD): means the amount of oxygen organic matter can consume in wastewater. It is expressed as the amount of oxygen consumed from a chemical oxidant in mg/L.
5. Commingled Discharges: means waste streams that are mixed prior to final discharge and can not be sampled separately as internal outfalls.
6. Discharge: when used without qualification means the “discharge of a pollutant”.
7. Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR): The form used (including any subsequent additions, revisions, or modifications) to report self-monitoring results of effluent discharges by NPDES permittees and permittees in delegated states. EPA Form 3320-1 is the DMR form that must be used by permittees in the state of Louisiana (LPDES permittees) to report self-monitoring results.
8. Facility: means a pollution source, or any public or private property or site and all contiguous land and structures, other appurtenances and improvements, where any activity is conducted which discharges or may result in the discharge of pollutants into waters of the State.
9. Fecal Coliform: means a gram negative, non-spore forming, rod-shaped bacteria found in the intestinal tract of warm-blooded animals.

10. General Permit: means an LPDES permit authorizing a category of similar discharges within a geographical area.
11. LPDES: means those portions of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act and the Louisiana Water Control Law and all regulations promulgated under their authority which are deemed equivalent to the National Pollutant Elimination System (NPDES) under the Clean Water Act in accordance with Section 402 of the Clean Water Act and all applicable federal regulations.
12. NetDMR: means a web-based tool that allows facilities to electronically sign and submit LPDES discharge monitoring reports (DMRs) to the LDEQ.
13. Office: means the Office of Environmental Services within the Department of Environmental Quality.
14. Operator: means the person or legal entity responsible for the operation and/or maintenance of a facility with a discharge covered by the Title 33 regulations.
15. Outfall: means the point at which wastewater or storm water from a facility is monitored prior to mixing with other waters. An outfall can be identified either at the point that effluent or storm water discharges by pipe from a treatment plant or treatment system or the point at which the effluent or storm water discharges into a drainage ditch on the property, into a roadside ditch, into a storm drain, or directly into a receiving water body such as a creek, coulee, bayou, canal or river.
16. Owner: means the person or legal entity holding legal title to a facility with a discharge covered by the Title 33 regulations.
17. Owner or Operator: means the owner or operator of any “facility or activity” subject to regulation under the LPDES program.
18. Person: means an individual, municipality, public or private corporation, partnership, firms, the United States Government and any agent or subdivision thereof, or any other juridical person.
19. Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP): means a written plan detailing the housekeeping practices to be carried out on a regular basis to prevent or reduce pollution to the receiving stream from storm water runoff and process wastewater discharges.
20. Portable Pressure Wash: means a portable high pressure mechanical sprayer that can be used to remove mold, grime, dust, mud, and dirt from surfaces and objects such as buildings, vehicles, concrete surfaces, and other similar objects. This does not include hydroblasting or hydodemolition activities.
21. Process Wastewater: means any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater

may include interior or exterior washing of plant trucks or product receptacles.

22. Secretary: means the secretary of the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality.
23. Sanitary Wastewater: means treated or untreated wastewater which contains human metabolic and domestic wastes.
24. Standard Methods: means Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater, American Public Health Association, Washington, DC.
25. State Administrative Authority: means the secretary of the Department of Environmental Quality or his designee or the appropriate assistant secretary or his designee.
26. Total Suspended Solids (TSS): means the amount of solid material suspended in water commonly expressed as a concentration in terms of mg/L.
27. Unauthorized Discharge: means a continuous, intermittent or one-time discharge, whether intentional, anticipated, or unanticipated, from any source, permitted or unpermitted, which is in contravention of any provision of the Act or of any permit terms and conditions, or of any applicable regulation, compliance schedule, variance or exception of the administrative authority
28. Vehicle: includes automobiles, trucks (except below), motor homes, busses, motorcycles, ambulances, fire trucks, tractor trailers, aircraft (planes and helicopters), boats, construction equipment (e.g. bulldozers, backhoes, front loaders, fork lifts), agricultural equipment (e.g. combines, harvesters, etc.), lawn maintenance equipment (e.g. riding lawnmowers), and other devices that convey passengers or goods on streets or highways. For the purposes of this permit, trucks or any other vehicle that haul or dispense pesticides or hazardous waste or oil field service vehicles are excluded.
29. Visible Sheen: a silvery or metallic sheen, gloss, or increased reflectivity; visual color; or iridescence on the water surface.
30. Waters of the State: for purposes of the Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, all surface waters within the state of Louisiana and, on the coastline of Louisiana and the Gulf of Mexico, all surface waters extending therefrom three miles into the Gulf of Mexico. For purposes of the LPDES, this includes all surface waters that are subject to the ebb and flow of the tide, lakes, rivers, streams (including intermittent streams), mudflats, sandflats, wetlands, sloughs, prairie potholes, wet meadows, playa lakes, natural ponds, impoundments of waters within the state of Louisiana otherwise defined as *Waters of the United States* in 40 CFR 122.2 and tributaries of all such waters. *Waters of the State* does not include wastewater treatment systems, including treatment ponds or lagoons designed to meet the requirements of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251, et seq.

SECTION B. SANITARY DISCHARGE

Future water quality studies may indicate potential toxicity from the presence of residual chlorine in the treatment facility's effluent. Therefore, the permittee is hereby advised that a future Total Residual Chlorine Limit may be required if chlorine is used as a method of disinfection. In many cases, this becomes a NO MEASURABLE Total Residual Chlorine limit. If such a limit were imposed, the permittee would be required to provide for dechlorination of the effluent prior to discharge. Please be aware, concentrations of Total Residual Chlorine above 0.01 mg/L can cause or contribute to significant toxicity in receiving streams and biomonitoring testing. It is the permittee's responsibility to assure that no Total Residual Chlorine remains in the effluent after dechlorination in order to prevent toxicity in the receiving stream.

The Department of Environmental Quality reserves the right to impose more stringent discharge limitations and/or additional restrictions in the future to maintain water quality integrity and the designated uses of the receiving water bodies based upon water quality studies. These studies may indicate the need for more advanced wastewater treatment. Studies of similar dischargers and receiving water bodies have resulted in monthly average effluent limitations of 5 mg/l CBOD₅ and 2 mg/l NH₃-N. 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.

SECTION C. PORTABLE VEHICLE OR PRESSURE WASHING OPERATIONS

The terms and conditions of this section apply only to portable vehicle or pressure washing operations involved in the external washing of cars, trucks, boats, aircraft, buildings, and equipment at various locations around the state, and which discharge wastewater at the location at which the washing activity occurs. This includes contract washing operations that utilize portable equipment which is carried from one customer's location to the next. This section is not applicable to washing activities at various locations where the wastewater is contained and conveyed to a centralized site for treatment and discharge.

Portable vehicle or pressure washing operations shall conform to the following terms and conditions, in addition to all other applicable conditions in this general permit.

1. Each portable vehicle or pressure washing unit shall obtain its own permit and a copy of this permit shall be kept with each unit at all times.
2. The permittee shall notify the appropriate regional office whenever washing activities are commenced in that regional office's jurisdiction. This notification shall be made in writing. Similar notification shall be made upon termination of operating within that region. Written notification shall be post marked no later than five working days prior to the initial start-up and termination notices shall be post marked no later than ten working days from the termination of the washing activity in a region. This notification is not required for each washing site. The purpose of this requirement is to notify the appropriate regional office that the operation is occurring in its region.
3. A written log of all current and past washing activities shall be kept. This log is to be kept

at the operator's main place of business and shall be provided to this Office upon request. The log entry for each washing activity shall include the following:

- a. facility name and mailing address;
 - b. facility physical address or location;
 - c. date of work performed;
 - d. the number and type of vehicle (e.g., car, panel truck, etc.) or building washed; and
 - e. the names of the soaps, detergents, and other chemicals used at the facility during the washing operation.
4. A work schedule must be available, upon request, which includes a schedule of where washing activities are planned for at least the next three days. Names and addresses of facilities on the three-day plan must be provided at the time of the request.
 5. The permittee shall prepare, implement, and maintain a Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP) for the control and reduction of wastewater pollutants as a result of this operation. In addition to any other pollution prevention practices, the permittee **shall** include the pollution prevention practices specified in *Other Conditions*, Section D. The PPP is to be recorded in writing and shall be provided to this Office and the Regional Office upon request. The PPP shall be completed and implemented no later than three months from the date of authorization to discharge under this general permit. The PPP shall be periodically updated with the changes duly recorded.
 6. The original permit, DMRs, Pollution Prevention Plan, and other records shall be kept at the operator's main place of business. A copy of the permit and the Pollution Prevention Plan shall be present at the job site where washing activities are being conducted.
 7. If a portable vehicle or pressure washing unit is operating at a facility which has an existing National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) or Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) permit, either of which contains terms and conditions pertinent to external car, truck, boat, aircraft, building, and equipment washing activities, then the portable vehicle or pressure washing unit shall comply with any of those terms and conditions which are more stringent than the terms and conditions of this general permit.

SECTION D. POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (PPP)

The following pollution prevention practices are recommended for all facilities covered under this general permit; however, they **shall** be incorporated into the Pollution Prevention Plan which is required for all portable vehicle and pressure washing operations (*Other Conditions*, Section C.5). **For newly permitted portable operations, a Pollution Prevention Plan (PPP) shall be prepared and implemented within three (3) months of the date of initial coverage under this permit.** Permittees covered under the version of Permit LAG750000 that was effective March 15, 2009 and

granted automatic coverage under this reissued permit, shall, if eligible for continuing coverage under the reissued permit, update their PPPs to comply with the requirements of the reissued permit. The PPP shall be updated within 90 days of notification of coverage under the reissued permit. The terms and conditions of the PPP shall be an enforceable part of this permit. A copy of the PPP shall be kept on site and a copy shall be provided to this Office and/or the regional office upon request. The PPP shall be periodically updated with the changes duly recorded.

1. All washing shall be conducted either without soaps and detergents or with biodegradable soaps used in minimal amounts. The use of non-biodegradable or emulsifying soaps and detergents, tire cleaners containing potentially hazardous chemicals, and solvents is prohibited.
2. If the washing activity takes place on an impermeable surface (such as concrete or asphalt paving), the area where the washing operation is to be conducted and the subsequent drainage path shall be swept clean of dirt and other dry substances immediately prior to commencing the washing operation.
3. Any spills, drips of fluids, or other contamination to the washing area and the subsequent drainage area shall be picked up by dry means prior to the beginning of the washing operation. The use of detergents, emulsifiers, or dispersants to clean up spilled contaminants is prohibited except where necessary to comply with State and Federal safety regulations (e.g., requirement for non-slippery work surface). In all such cases, initial cleanup shall be done by physical removal and chemical usage shall be minimized.
4. Any vehicle or piece of equipment that is in a state of disrepair which increases the potential for contaminating the discharge water (such as a vehicle leaking fluids) shall not be washed until the potential for contamination has been eliminated. Such means may include drip pans, recirculating waste streams, or repairs.

SECTION E. COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE

The permittee shall be in compliance with the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements specified herein on the date of authorization of coverage under this general permit. If a discharge is found to be in violation of specified limits, the permittee will be subject to enforcement action, including civil penalties, and may be required to obtain an individual permit.

SECTION F. STATE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

LAC 33:IX.1113 describes numerical and general criteria that apply to all water bodies of the State. Criteria are elements of the water quality regulations which set limitations on the permissible amounts of a substance or other characteristics of state waters. The General Criteria, as described in the Louisiana Administrative Code, limit discharges to maintain aesthetics, color, turbidity, the biologic and aquatic community integrity, and many other elements in the receiving water body. Any noncompliance with the General or Numerical Criteria is not authorized under this permit.

Discharges from facilities permitted under LPDES general permits typically consist of low volume flows, and discharges that are intermittent in nature. This general permit is applicable to very specific types of facilities and allows very limited types of discharges that specifically occur at industrial facilities that are eligible for coverage under this permit. The effluent limitations and other conditions are determined to be sufficient to assure protection to state waters. Pursuant to LAC 33:IX.2317.A.9, new source discharges or new discharges of wastewater from a facility whose discharges are in compliance with the general permit requirements should not adversely impact water quality of 303(d) listed impaired water bodies nor should they cause or contribute to the violation of state water quality standards in receiving water bodies throughout the state, including 303(d) listed impaired water bodies. Discharges from facilities which are authorized under this general permit will not negatively impact the water quality of receiving streams because permitted facilities are required to be in compliance with the general permit requirements immediately upon coverage by the permit. In accordance with *Other Conditions*, Section H.1 and Section K, measures can be taken by the permitting authority to prohibit any discharge that is not protective of state water quality standards.

LDEQ will review and evaluate each NOI submitted in accordance with the State Antidegradation Policy to assess eligibility for coverage under the general permit. Through the analysis of each discharge, its effects upon the receiving water body, the characteristics of the receiving water body in combination with other water quality factors (including point source discharges in near proximity), LDEQ will determine if the discharge is eligible for coverage. If LDEQ determines the discharge will have reasonable potential to adversely impact water quality, coverage under the general permit will not be granted.

SECTION G. OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCE 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 to which the permittee is or may be subject under Section 311 of the CWA or Section 106 of the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act of 1980 (CERCLA).

SECTION H. REQUIRING AN INDIVIDUAL PERMIT OR AN ALTERNATIVE GENERAL PERMIT

1. Applicants who fail to meet all permit eligibility conditions are not authorized and will be provided written notice of ineligibility. These operators may pursue coverage under an individual permit or alternative general permit by submitting the appropriate application form.
2. The State Administrative Authority may require any person authorized by this permit to apply for and/or obtain either an individual LPDES permit or an alternative LPDES general permit. Any interested person may petition the State Administrative Authority to take action under this paragraph. Where the State Administrative Authority requires a discharger authorized to discharge under this permit to apply for an individual LPDES permit, the State Administrative Authority shall notify the discharger in writing that a permit application or alternative general permit application is required. This notification shall include a brief statement of the reasons for this decision, an application form,

a statement setting a deadline for the discharger to file the application, and a statement that on the effective date of issuance or denial of the individual LPDES permit or the alternative general permit as it applies to the individual permittee, coverage under this general permit shall automatically terminate. The State Administrative Authority may grant additional time to submit the application upon request of the applicant. If a discharger fails to submit in a timely manner an application as required by the State Administrative Authority under this paragraph, then the applicability of this permit to the permittee is automatically terminated at the end of the day specified by the State Administrative Authority for application submittal.

3. Any discharger authorized by this permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of this permit by applying for an individual permit. In such cases, the permittee shall submit an individual application in accordance with the requirements of LAC 33:IX.2515.B.3.c., with reasons supporting the request, to the State Administrative Authority at the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, Office of Environmental Services, P. O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, ATTN: Water Permits Division. The request may be granted by issuance of an individual permit or an alternative general permit if the reasons cited by the permittee are adequate to support the request.

4. In order to appropriately cover all discharges that might occur at a facility, a permittee authorized to discharge under this LPDES permit might also need coverage under an individual LPDES permit or other LPDES general permits for discharges that occur at the facility/site that are not authorized by this general permit. The permittee shall maintain appropriate permit coverage for the permitted facility/site and shall maintain compliance with all effective LPDES permits issued to the facility/site.

5. When an individual LPDES permit is issued to cover discharges otherwise subject to this permit, or the discharger is authorized to discharge under an alternative LPDES general permit, the applicability of this permit to that LPDES permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit or the date of authorization of coverage under the alternative general permit, whichever the case may be. **When an individual LPDES permit is denied to an owner or operator otherwise subject to this permit, or the owner or operator is denied coverage under an alternative LPDES general permit, that owner or operator then becomes ineligible for authorization to discharge under this general permit, unless the State Administrative Authority determines that specific discharges from the owner or operator's facility may be authorized by this permit.**

SECTION I. STATE LAWS

1. 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 State law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the Clean Water Act.

2. No condition of this permit shall release the permittee from any responsibility or requirements under other environmental statutes or regulations.

SECTION J. ADVANCED WASTEWATER TREATMENT

Please be advised that future water quality studies may indicate the need for more advanced

wastewater treatment. Therefore, this Office reserves the right to impose more stringent and/or additional effluent limitations in the future. Prior to any future upgrade or expansion of the facility, you should contact this Office to determine the status of any work being done to establish future effluent limitations.

SECTION K. PERMIT REOPENER CLAUSE

If there is evidence indicating that the discharges authorized by this permit cause, have the reasonable potential to cause, or contribute to a violation of a water quality standard, the discharger may be required to obtain an individual permit or an alternative general permit in accordance with *Other Conditions*, Section H of this permit or the permit may be modified to include different requirements and/or limitations.

SECTION L. OTHER DISCHARGES

This permit does not in any way authorize the permittee to discharge a pollutant not listed or quantified in the notice of intent or as otherwise authorized in the permit.

SECTION M. COMBINED OUTFALLS

Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements for outfall numbers (types of wastewater and/or storm water discharges) that are permissible under this general permit are found in Section B. Effluent Limitations. The outfall number(s) listed in the NOI submitted by the applicant must properly identify the type(s) of wastewater and/or storm water that discharges from that outfall. The permittee must follow the effluent limitations page(s) found in Section B that corresponds to the outfall number(s) that is/are identified in the NOI submitted to the Water Permits Division. If two or more different wastewater types are to be discharged from a single outfall point, then that outfall shall be subject to all the effluent limitations and monitoring requirements which apply to each separate wastewater type (RLP Outfall schedule). If an effluent characteristic (monitoring parameter) is limited in more than one outfall schedule that applies to a combined outfall, then the more stringent numerical effluent limitation and/or monitoring requirement for that parameter must be met.

Each of the applicable outfall numbers (schedules) that accurately describe the commingled discharges in a combined outfall shall be checked separately on the NOI and the outfall location for each shall state that it is a combined outfall and state the outfall location. Laboratory analysis shall be conducted for all of the limited parameters (effluent characteristics) contained in each of the applicable outfall schedules. If the different outfall schedules contain different daily maximum values or different monitoring frequencies then the more stringent value or frequency is applicable to the outfall.

The permittee shall complete a separate DMR for each type of wastewater (RLP Outfall number) that is being discharged as combined outfalls (i.e., the permittee shall complete a separate DMR (according to the appropriate measurement frequency established in the permit) for every outfall (RLP Outfall number) that discharges through the combined outfalls).

SECTION N. 24-HOUR ORAL REPORTING: DAILY MAXIMUM LIMITATION VIOLATIONS

Under the provisions of *Standard Conditions*, Section D.6.b. of this permit, violations of daily maximum limitations for any pollutants listed below shall be reported to the Office of Emergency Response. Notification of all violations of daily maximum limitations for these parameters must be reported to the Office of Environmental Compliance Single Point of Contact (SPOC) within 24 hours upon discovering the unauthorized discharge or release. Notification can be made by email or orally utilizing any **one** of the following procedures: (1) use the Online Incident Reporting report and procedures found at www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/forms/irf/forms/; (2) use a direct email addressed to spoc@la.gov; or (3) verbally notify LDEQ by calling the LDEQ Hotline at (225) 342-1234, which is manned 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, or by calling the LDEQ-SPOC at (225) 219-3640 which is manned during normal office hours (M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm). The online notification procedure removes the need to make a verbal call to the LDEQ Hotline or the SPOC phone number and allows the notification to be submitted directly to the SPOC electronically. The Excursion Form found at www.deq.louisiana.gov/apps/forms/irf/forms/ may be completed and emailed to spoc@la.gov to satisfy the 24-hour reporting requirement. Under the provisions of *Standard Conditions*, Section D.6.d of this permit, the facility must also submit a Written Notification Report within seven (7) days after submitting the 24-hour electronic or verbal notification of any LPDES permit limit excursion. Written notification Reports may be either faxed or mailed to the LDEQ, Office of Environmental Compliance, Surveillance Division. Written Notification Reports should be **either** faxed to (225) 219-4044 or (225) 219-3695, or mailed to the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, ATTN: Surveillance Division SPOC, Unauthorized Discharge Notification Report, P. O. Box 4312, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4312.

Pollutants: None

SECTION O. FLOW MEASUREMENT

The flow monitoring sample type for the effluent schedules contained in this general permit is specified as “estimate”. Therefore, the permittee shall not be subject to the accuracy provisions for flow measurement established in the *Standard Conditions*, Section C.6 of this permit. When collecting samples for permit compliance purposes, the flow may be estimated using best engineering judgment. [LAC 33:IX.2701]