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# General Permit for the Discharge of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater

## Section 1. Authority

This general permit is issued under the authority of section 22a-430b of the General Statutes.

## Section 2. Definitions

The definitions of terms used in this general permit shall be the same as the definitions contained in section 22a-423 of the General Statutes and section 22a-430-3(a) and section 19-13-B102(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. If any term has multiple definitions in such statutes and regulations, the definitions in section 22a-423 of the General Statutes, and section 22a-430-3(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies shall apply. In addition, the following definitions shall apply:

*“Authorized activity”* means any activity authorized by this general permit.

*“Commissioner”* means commissioner as defined by section 22a-423 of the General Statutes.

*“Computer-to-Plate”* or *“Direct-to-Plate”* or *“CTP”* or *“DTP”* means a printing prepress process in which a digital image is transmitted directly from a computer to a plate used on a printing press without requiring film as an intermediate step.

*“CTP processing wastewater”* means wastewater generated by the processing of CTP or DTP digital plates.

*“Day”* means the calendar day; if any date specified in the general permit falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or legal holiday, such deadline shall be the next business day thereafter.

*“Department”* means the Department of Environmental Protection.

*“Gravure cylinder preparation”* means the pre-press preparation of cylinders or wrap-around metallic plates for use in gravure printing, including but not limited to etching of cylinders, and the copper and chrome electroplating of cylinders.

*“Individual permit”* means a permit issued to a named permittee under section 22a-430 of the General Statutes.

*“Metallic plate making”* means the creation of an image on a printing plate using etching, engraving, casting, or electroplating.

*"Minor printing and publishing wastewater"* means wastewater generated by letterpress, flexography, screen, digital and/or lithography printing, including but not limited to: photo processing; CTP processing; nonmetallic plate making; and printing operations with water-based and non-water based inks, water-based coatings, and adhesives; but does not include wastewater generated by gravure cylinder preparation, metallic plate making, gravure printing, chromate bleach or dichromate based etch solutions, or solutions containing cyanide.

*"Municipality"* means a municipality as defined by section 22a-423 of the General Statutes.

*"Nonmetallic plate making"* means the developing of a photographic image on light sensitive coatings on printing plates or screens.

*"Permittee"* means any person who or municipality which initiates, creates, originates or maintains a discharge in accordance with Section 3 of this general permit.

*"Person"* means person as defined by section 22a-423 of the General Statutes.

*"Photo processing wastewater"* means wastewater generated by the processing of film transparencies and photographic paper used on or as templates for images on printing plates.

*"POTW"* means a publicly owned treatment works as that term is defined by section 22a-430-3(a) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies.

*"POTW authority"* means the chairperson, or duly authorized representative, of the Water Pollution Control Authority, which owns or operates a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW).

*"Registrant"* means a person who or municipality which files a registration in accordance with Section 4 of this general permit.

*"Registration"* means a completed registration form and registration fee filed with the commissioner pursuant to Section 4 of this general permit.

*"Site"* means geographically contiguous land on which an authorized activity takes place under this general permit. Non-contiguous land owned by the same person and connected by a right-of-way which such person controls and to which the public does not have access shall be deemed the same site.

*"Silver-rich wastewaters"* means those undiluted wastewaters containing more than 5 mg/l of silver, including but not limited to used fixers and bleach-fix wastewaters, low flow washes that follow fixers, stabilizers from washless minilab film and paper processes, and developers and rinsewaters from CTP systems.

### **Section 3. Authorization Under This General Permit**

#### **(a) Eligible Activities**

Provided the requirements of Section 3(b) of this general permit are satisfied, this general permit authorizes discharges to a POTW comprised solely of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater, as defined in this general permit.

Any discharge of water, substance or material into the waters of the state other than the one specified in this section is not authorized by this general permit, and any person who or municipality which initiates, creates, originates or maintains such a discharge must first apply for and obtain authorization under section 22a-430 of the General Statutes.

#### **(b) Requirements for Authorization**

This general permit authorizes the activity listed in Section 3(a) of this general permit provided:

##### **(1) Registration**

Except as provided in Section 4(a) of this general permit, a completed registration with respect to such activity has been filed with the commissioner.

##### **(2) Coastal Area Management**

Such activity is consistent with all-applicable goals and policies in section 22a-92 of the General Statutes, and will not cause adverse impacts to coastal resources as defined in section 22a-93 of the General Statutes.

##### **(3) Endangered and Threatened Species**

Such activity does not threaten the continued existence of any species listed pursuant to section 26-306 of the General Statutes as endangered or threatened and will not result in the destruction or adverse modification of habitat essential to such species.

##### **(4) The discharge is *not* authorized by a valid individual permit issued under section 22a-430 of the General Statutes.**

##### **(5) All discharges of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater are discharged to a publicly owned treatment works ("POTW") either directly by piping through a sanitary sewer or indirectly by means of a properly licensed transporter.**

##### **(6) The maximum daily flow of all discharges of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewaters, other than photo processing and CTP wastewater, does not exceed 1,000 gallons per day from a site.**

- (7) The maximum daily flow of all discharges of photo processing and CTP wastewater generated on one site does not exceed 5,000 gallons per day, or one percent of the design capacity of the POTW which receives the discharge, whichever is less, and includes no more than 250 gallons per week of treated silver-rich wastewater.
- (8) Such discharge is not subject to any provision of 40 CFR Part 403.6 National Pretreatment Standards: Categorical Standards for which a regulation containing pollutant discharge limits has been promulgated.
- (9) The POTW Authority receiving the discharge has approved the discharge in writing on a form provided by the commissioner.

**(c) *Geographic Area***

This general permit applies throughout the State of Connecticut.

**(d) *Effective Date and Expiration Date***

This permit is effective on the date it is issued by the commissioner and expires ten (10) years from such date of issuance.

**(e) *Effective Date of Authorization***

- (1) For a person or municipality *not* required to register under Section 4 of this general permit, an activity is authorized by this general permit on the date the general permit becomes effective or on the date the activity is initiated, whichever is later.
- (2) For a person or municipality required to register under Section 4 of this general permit, an activity is authorized by this general permit on the date the commissioner receives a completed registration with respect to such activity.

**(f) *Revocation of an Individual Permit***

If an activity meets the requirements of authorization of this general permit and such activity is presently authorized by an individual permit, the existing individual permit may be revoked by the commissioner upon a written request by the permittee. If the commissioner revokes such individual permit in writing, such revocation shall take effect on the effective date of authorization of such activity by this general permit.

**(g) *Issuance of an Individual Permit***

If the commissioner issues an individual permit authorizing an activity authorized by this general permit, this general permit shall cease to authorize that activity beginning on the date such individual permit is issued.

## Section 4. Registration Requirements

### (a) *Who Must File a Registration*

- (1) Any person who or municipality which initiates, creates, originates or maintains a discharge of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater as defined in this general permit and in accordance with Section 3 of this general permit with the exception of those discharges specified in this section, shall submit a completed registration form and fee before such discharge is initiated. If the source or activity generating the discharge for which a registration is submitted under this general permit is owned by one person or municipality but is leased or the legal responsibility of another person or municipality (the operator), the operator shall submit the registration required by this general permit.
- (2) Any person who or municipality which has previously registered under the *General Permit for the Discharge of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater* issued by the commissioner on May 24, 1995 and modified on December 8, 1995 shall file a renewal registration on or before 60 days following the reissuance of this general permit, except for facilities who have submitted a registration after January 1, 2006. Any person or municipality who have submitted a registration after January 1, 2006 need not file a new registration, re-register, or pay any additional permitting fee. Such facility may continue to operate under the terms and conditions of this general permit.
- (3) Any person who or municipality which will be the new owner or operator of a site or business registered under this general permit shall file a renewal registration on or before 30 days before the closing date of the site or business ownership transfer.

### (b) *Scope of Registration*

A registration shall only include discharges of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater from a single site. All discharges of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater occurring at a particular time for a single site shall be included in the same registration.

### (c) *Contents of Registration*

#### (1) Fees

- (A) The registration fee of \$500.00 for any person and \$250.00 for any municipality shall be submitted with a completed registration form. For those facilities with a total maximum flow of less than 40 gallons per day of minor printing and publishing wastewater, photo processing wastewater, and CTP wastewater combined, the fee shall be \$100.00 for any person and \$50.00 for any municipality. A registration shall not be deemed complete and no activity shall be authorized by this general permit unless the registration fee has been paid in full.

- (B) The registration fee shall be paid by check or money order payable to the **Department of Environmental Protection**. The check shall state on its face, "Water Management Permit Fee".
  - (C) The registration fee is nonrefundable.
- (2) Registration Form: A registration shall be submitted on a form prescribed by the commissioner and shall include, without limitation, the following:
- (A) Legal name, address, and telephone number of the registrant. If the registrant is an entity transacting business in Connecticut, provide the exact name as registered with the Connecticut Secretary of the State.
  - (B) Legal name, address, and telephone number of the owner of the property on which the discharge is proposed to be located.
  - (C) Legal name, address, and telephone number of the registrant's attorney or other representative, if applicable to this registration.
  - (D) Location address of the site of the discharge(s) for which the registration is submitted.
  - (E) A detailed description of the activity for which the registration is being submitted and estimates of the daily flows of various minor printing and publishing wastewaters to be discharged such as fountain solution, waste developer, CTP processing wastewater, rinse water, flush water, etc.
  - (F) A brief description of any wastewater treatment system or Best Management Practices (BMP's) proposed to be implemented by the registrant to minimize any adverse environmental effects of activities authorized by this general permit.
  - (G) The maximum daily flow of all Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater discharges, in gallons per day, to be discharged at the site.
  - (H) An estimate of when the discharge began or will begin.
  - (I) On a form prescribed and provided by the commissioner, an approval by the POTW Authority for connection to the POTW receiving the discharge.
  - (J) The following certification, for any facility discharging treated silver rich wastewater, signed by a silver recovery equipment manufacturer or vender, silver or photo processing trade association, certified hazardous materials manager, professional engineer licensed to practice in Connecticut, registered environmental professional or registered environmental manager listed with the National Registry of Environmental Professionals:

"I certify that in my professional judgment the proper operation and maintenance of any treatment system, including any silver recovery system, installed to treat photo processing and CTP wastewater will ensure that all silver effluent limitations specified in Section 5(b) of the *General Permit for the Discharge of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater* are met. This certification is based on my review of engineering reports and/or plans and specifications describing (1) the proposed activities and (2) the proposed treatment system for the wastewaters to be discharged. This certification is also based on any available wastewater sampling data associated with this discharge. I am aware that there are significant penalties for false statements in this certification, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowingly making false statements."

- (K) Any person who or municipality which submits a registration under this general permit shall sign the registration and shall make the following certification:

"I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify that a copy of this registration has been submitted to the applicable POTW Authority and written approval from the receiving POTW has been received. I certify that based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I certify that this general permit registration is on complete and accurate forms as prescribed by the commissioner without alteration of their text. I understand that a false statement made in the submitted information may be punishable as a criminal offense, in accordance with section 22a-6 of the General Statutes, pursuant to section 53a-157b of the General Statutes, and in accordance with any other applicable statute.

I certify that I have read the *General Permit for the Discharge of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater* issued by the Commissioner of the Connecticut Department of Environmental Protection and that the discharge which is the subject of this registration is eligible for authorization under such permit; that if such discharge commenced prior to the issuance of such permit, all applicable requirements of such permit are being met; and that a functioning and effective system is in place to assure that all such requirements are met so long as the discharge which is the subject of this registration continues."

**(d) *Where to File a Registration and Other Related Documents***

- (1) A registration shall be submitted to the following address:

CENTRAL PERMIT PROCESSING UNIT  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
79 ELM STREET  
HARTFORD CT 06106-5127

- (2) For any discharge of wastewater to a POTW, a copy of the completed registration form shall also be sent to the POTW Authority which receives or will receive the discharge.

**(e) *Additional Information***

The commissioner may require a registrant to submit additional information, which the commissioner reasonably deems necessary to evaluate the consistency of the subject activity with the requirements for authorization under this general permit.

**(f) *Action by Commissioner***

- (1) The commissioner may reject without prejudice a registration if it is determined that it does not satisfy the requirements of Section 4(c) of this general permit or more than thirty days (30) have elapsed since the commissioner requested that the registrant submit additional information or the required fee and the registrant has not submitted such information or fee. Any registration refiled after such a rejection shall be accompanied by the fee specified in Section 4(c)(1) of this general permit.
- (2) The commissioner may disapprove a registration if it is found that the subject activity is inconsistent with the requirements for authorization under Section 3 of this general permit, or for any other reason provided by law.
- (3) Disapproval of a registration under this subsection shall constitute notice to the registrant that the subject activity may not lawfully be conducted or maintained without the issuance of an individual permit.
- (4) Rejection or disapproval of a registration shall be in writing.

**Section 5. Conditions of This General Permit**

**(a) *Treatment and Control Requirements, BMPs, and Other Special Conditions***

The permittee shall comply with the following conditions:

- (1) Waste inks and waste printing press cleaning solvents shall not be discharged but shall either be treated and recycled or disposed of in accordance with applicable federal, state and local law.

- (2) Signs in English and other languages necessary to communicate to all employees shall be posted at sinks and drains in areas where printing and publishing take place reading: "Do Not Pour any inks, cleaning solvents, untreated computer-to-plate waste developer, or untreated silver bearing wastes down any sink and/or drain."
- (3) Silver-Rich Wastewater
  - (A) All silver-rich wastewaters shall be treated using a silver recovery treatment system, or shall be collected and disposed of by a waste transporter permitted for that purpose under the Connecticut General Statutes.
  - (B) If metallic replacement cartridges are used for silver recovery, at least two must be used in series preceded by a metering device to allow for adequate dwell time. If the silver recovery system is used in a closed-loop system and batch dumped, only one is required.
  - (C) Silver recovery treatment systems shall be inspected at least weekly to ensure proper operation of such system.
- (4) CTP Wastewater
  - (A) Silver-based CTP systems must meet the requirement in Section (5)(a)(3) of this general permit.
  - (B) Any CTP wastewater discharge that does not meet the requirement of Section (5)(b)(2) of this general permit must adjust pH to meet that requirement prior to discharge.
- (5) Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater, other than silver-rich wastewater and high pH CTP wastewater, including but not limited to waste developers, bleach without fixer, stop bath solutions without fixer, final stage stabilizers following a rinse stage, fountain solutions, screen reclamation wastewater, pre-press rinse water and aqueous coating flush water may be discharged to the sanitary sewer without treatment under this general permit provided all other conditions of this general permit are met.
- (6) The permittee shall prepare and implement written procedures for the treatment and/or disposal of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater. Such procedures shall include, but not be limited to the containment, clean-up and disposal of spills. In addition, appropriate employees shall be provided with routine training on these procedures. Such procedures and records of training dates shall be kept on-site.

- (7) Bulk photo processing or CTP solutions, inks, solvents, or wastewaters which are stored in containers of at least 50 gallons capacity shall be kept in a roofed containment area with impermeable flooring which will hold at least the volume of the largest container, or 10% of the total volume of all containers in the area, whichever is larger. Storage areas established inside a building shall be located away from floor drains, outside door openings, and high traffic areas for equipment such as fork lifts.
- (8) Printing equipment, including but not limited to plates and rollers, shall have excess ink, coating, or adhesive wiped or squeegeed off prior to washing in sinks.
- (9) Floor drains in printing or pre-press areas shall be connected to the sanitary sewer or a holding tank, and not to the storm drainage system, dry well, or septic system. Floor drains must be collared or protected in some way as to prevent spills from entering the floor drain.
- (10) Any permittee that generates, transports, or stores silver bearing waste(s) that are recycled for purposes of precious metals recovery is subject to the Connecticut Hazardous Waste Management Regulations, including but not necessarily limited to, sections 22a-449(c)-101(c) and 22a-449(c)-106(b) of the Regulations of the Connecticut State Agencies incorporating 40 CFR 261.6 and 40 CFR 266.70 respectively. The permittee should contact the Waste Engineering and Enforcement Division's Compliance Assistance telephone number at (860) 424-4193 or (888) 424-4193 for additional details regarding the aforementioned RCRA provisions, or to request a copy of the recyclable materials registration form prescribed by the commissioner.
- (11) Collection and Transport of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater  
Any person or municipality may install treatment and/or storage facilities for the collection of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater produced on-site and provide for the transport of these wastewaters to a POTW for further treatment in accordance with this paragraph with the prior approval of the POTW authority. It should be noted that all wastewaters to be hauled to a POTW shall 1) meet the effluent limits specified in Section 5(b) of this general permit prior to transport and 2) be transported by a permitted waste transporter in a manner acceptable to the commissioner. Any holding tank constructed for the storage of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater shall comply with the following:
  - (A) An above-ground holding tank shall have 110% secondary containment storage capacity.
  - (B) A below-ground holding tank shall be constructed of either fiberglass reinforced plastic, cathodically protected steel with a manufacturer applied anti-corrosive coating, or cathodically protected double-walled steel.

- (C) Any holding tank, whether located above or below-ground, shall be equipped with a hard-wired, high level alarm system clearly audible in the normal working range of responding personnel, which alarm system shall indicate when the volume of wastewater in such holding tank has reached 80% of its holding capacity.

**(b) Effluent Limitations**

- (1) Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater shall meet the pH and chemical limitation requirements of the POTW to which the wastewater will be discharged or the limitations in Sections 5(b)(2) and 5(b)(3) of this general permit, whichever is more stringent.

- (2) pH

The pH of discharges of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater shall not be less than 6.0 nor greater than 11.0 Standard Units at any time.

- (3) Chemical Limitations

- (A) Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater

**Table I**

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Maximum Concentration</i>
Arsenic, Total	0.1 mg/l
Cadmium, Total	0.5 mg/l
Chromium, Total	2.0 mg/l
Copper, Total	2.0 mg/l
Cyanide, Total	0.65 mg/l
Lead, Total	0.5 mg/l
Mercury, Total	0.1 mg/l
Nickel, total	2.0 mg/l
Silver, Total	2.0 mg/l
<b>*Total Volatile Organics</b>	<b>5.0 mg/l</b>

\*as measured by EPA test method 624

(B) Silver-rich Wastewater

**Table II**

<i>Parameter</i>	<i>Limit</i>	
Silver, Total	5.0 mg/l	For discharges of 100 gallons per week or less of treated silver-rich wastewater
Silver, Total	2.0 mg/l	For discharges of more than 100 gallons per week of treated silver-rich wastewater

(c) **Monitoring Requirements**

(1) Monitoring Parameters and Frequency

- (A) Discharges of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater, other than photo processing wastewater, with a maximum daily flow per site of 100 gallons per day or greater shall monitor such discharge for all parameters listed in Section 5(b)(2) and Section 5(b)(3)(A) Table I of this general permit. Sampling frequency shall be at least once every twelve months.
- (B) CTP wastewater shall be monitored as follows:
  - (i) Silver-rich wastewater shall be monitored in accordance with Section 5(c)(1)(C) of this general permit;
  - (ii) Wastewater with pH levels in accordance with Section 5(b)(2) of this general permit shall be monitored in accordance with Section 5(c)(1)(A) of this general permit;
  - (iii) Wastewater adjusted for pH and directly discharged to the sewer must meet the following:
    - a. pH adjust system must have an automatic alarm to alert operators if the system is malfunctioning.
    - b. pH adjust system must have a chart recorder or electronic memory recorder.
  - (iv) Wastewater adjusted for pH in a closed-loop system must monitor pH with a portable test kit or pH meter prior to discharge. Date, volume discharged and pH of wastewater must be recorded on a log.
- (C) Discharges of silver-rich wastewater shall be monitored as follows:
  - (i) The performance of any silver recovery system shall be evaluated by monitoring the effluent using silver test paper or a portable Colorimetric test kit and recording the results a minimum of once per month.

- (ii) In addition, testing to determine compliance with effluent limitations listed under Section 5(b)(3)(B) Table II of this general permit shall be performed using the methods approved in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136 annually for discharges of greater than or equal to 1 gallon per week of treated silver-rich wastewater.
- (iii) Discharges of less than one (1) gallon per week of treated silver-rich solutions are exempt from effluent monitoring using the methods approved in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136, but are responsible for monthly performance testing using silver test paper or a portable Colorimetric test kit.

(2) Chemical Analysis

Chemical analysis to determine compliance with effluent limits and conditions for discharges of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater other than photo processing shall be performed using the methods approved in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136, or as approved in writing by the commissioner.

(3) Monitoring Location

- (A) All wastewater samples shall be comprised only of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewaters, and shall be taken prior to combination with wastewaters of any other type. Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater should not be combined with silver-rich wastewater prior to sampling. A sample may consist of a composite of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewaters from several sources at one site, or can be a grab sample if there is only one source. All samples taken shall be representative of the discharge during standard operating conditions.
- (B) Samples collected for the purpose of determining compliance with the silver limitations specified in Section 5(b)(3)(B) Table II of this general permit shall be grab samples taken at or downstream of the location where treated and untreated photo processing or silver-based CTP system wastewaters combine. These samples shall be comprised solely of wastewater from equipment generating silver-rich wastewaters, and shall be taken prior to combination with wastewaters of any other type. All samples taken shall be representative of the discharge during standard operating conditions, and shall be taken while a discharge is occurring from the silver recovery unit in order to capture the treated effluent.

**(d) *Reporting and Recordkeeping Requirements***

Except as provided below, or as otherwise specified by the commissioner, all analytical results and other information required under this general permit shall not be required to be submitted to the commissioner but instead shall be retained on-site or at the permittee's principal place of business in Connecticut, for a period of five years as required by section 22a-430-3(j)(9)(B) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and shall be made available to the commissioner, or the local POTW authority immediately upon request.

**(e) *Recording and Reporting Violations***

- (1) If an analytical result of a wastewater sample taken or data generated by any other monitoring conducted under this general permit indicates that a violation of an effluent limitation or other condition of this general permit has occurred, the permittee shall immediately take all appropriate actions to abate such violation and prevent its recurrence. Within 24 hours of its occurrence, each such violation shall be recorded on a General Permit Violation Form prescribed and furnished by the commissioner. Upon completing such form, the permittee shall retain it for a period of at least five years at the subject site.

Within thirty days of the occurrence of such a violation, the permittee shall deliver a copy of such form to the applicable POTW Authority and to the commissioner.

Copies directed to the commissioner shall be submitted to the following address:

GENERAL PERMIT UNIT  
WATER PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
BUREAU OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
79 ELM STREET  
HARTFORD, CT 06106-5127

- (2) If analysis of a single sample shows three or more violations of any of the requirements of this general permit, or cumulatively three or more such violations are shown by successive sampling events, or four or more such violations occur during any calendar year, within 60 days of this determination the permittee shall deliver to the applicable POTW Authority and to the commissioner, a written report prepared by a certified hazardous materials manager or a professional engineer licensed to practice in Connecticut. Such report shall describe in detail all actions that have been taken with respect to the subject discharge and/or subject site to prevent any further violations of this general permit. Such report shall include the following certification by such manager or engineer:

“I certify that in my professional judgment the discharge which is the subject of this report, as well as any other authorized discharges generated at the subject site, comply with all effluent limitations and other conditions of the *General Permit for the Discharge of Minor Printing and Publishing Wastewater*, and that proper operation and maintenance of any equipment or system to treat each discharge will ensure that all such conditions are met or, if there is no such equipment or system, each such discharge will meet all such conditions without treatment. This certification is based in part on my review of chemical analyses of at least three grab samples collected, handled, and analyzed in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136, where the samples were representative of such discharge during routine operating conditions and were taken at least one week apart following the implementation of measures to correct any violations of the requirements of this general permit. I understand that a false statement made in this report, including all attachments thereto, or in this certification may, pursuant to section 22a-6 of the General Statutes, be punishable as a criminal offense under section 53a-157b of the General Statutes, and may also be punishable under section 22a-438 of the General Statutes and any other applicable law.”

Such certified report directed to the commissioner shall be sent to the following address:

GENERAL PERMIT UNIT  
WATER PERMITTING AND ENFORCEMENT DIVISION  
BUREAU OF MATERIALS MANAGEMENT AND COMPLIANCE ASSURANCE  
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION  
79 ELM STREET  
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- (3) The permittee shall also submit a copy of any report required under this subsection to the applicable POTW authority, including a copy of any completed General Permit Violation Form prepared under Section 5(e)(1) of this general permit.

***(f) Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies Incorporated into this General Permit***

The permittee shall comply with the following Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies which are hereby incorporated into this general permit, as if fully set forth herein:

- (1) Section 22a-430-3:

Subsection (b) General - subparagraph (1)(D) and subdivisions (2), (3), (4) and (5)

Subsection (c) Inspection and Entry

Subsection (d) Effect of a Permit-subdivisions (1) and (4)

Subsection (e) Duty to Comply

Subsection (f) Proper Operation and Maintenance

Subsection (g) Sludge Disposal

Subsection (h) Duty to Mitigate

Subsection (I) Facility Modifications, Notification-subdivisions (1) and (4)

Subsection (j) Monitoring, Records and Reporting Requirements-subdivisions (1), (6), (7), (8), (9) and (11) [except subparagraphs (9)(A)(2), and (9)(C)]

Subsection (k) Bypass  
Subsection (m) Effluent Limitations Violations  
Subsection (n) Enforcement  
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## **Section 6. General Conditions**

### **(a) *Reliance on Registration***

When evaluating a registration, the commissioner relies on information provided by the registrant. If such information proves to be false or incomplete, the authorization issued under this general permit may be suspended or revoked in accordance with law, and the commissioner may take any other legal action provided by law.

### **(b) *Duty to Correct and Report Violations***

Upon learning of a violation of a condition of this general permit, a permittee shall immediately take all reasonable action to determine the cause of such violation, correct such violation and mitigate its results, prevent further such violation, and report in writing such violation and such corrective action to the commissioner within five (5) days of the permittee's learning of such violation. Such report shall be certified in accordance with Section 6(d) of this general permit.

### **(c) *Duty to Provide Information***

If the commissioner requests any information pertinent to the authorized activity or to compliance with this general permit, the permittee shall provide such information in writing within thirty (30) days of such request. Such information shall be certified in accordance with Section 6(d) of this general permit.

### **(d) *Certification of Documents***

Any document, including but not limited to any notice, which is submitted to the commissioner under this general permit shall be signed by, as applicable, the registrant or the permittee in accordance with section 22a-430-3(b)(2) of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies, and by the individual or individuals responsible for actually preparing such document, each of whom shall certify in writing as follows:

“I have personally examined and am familiar with the information submitted in this document and all attachments thereto, and I certify that, based on reasonable investigation, including my inquiry of those individuals responsible for obtaining the information, the submitted information is true, accurate and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief. I understand that a false statement made in the submitted information may be punishable as a criminal offense, in accordance with section 22a-6 of the General Statutes, pursuant to section 53a-157b of the General Statutes, and in accordance with any other applicable statute.”

**(e) *Date of Filing***

For purposes of this general permit, the date of filing with the commissioner of any document is the date such document is received by the commissioner.

**(f) *False Statements***

Any false statement in any information submitted pursuant to this general permit may be punishable as a criminal offense, in accordance with section 22a-6 of the General Statutes, pursuant to section 53a-157b of the General Statutes, and in accordance with any other applicable statute.

**(g) *Correction of Inaccuracies***

Within fifteen (15) days after the date a permittee becomes aware of a change in any of the information submitted pursuant to this general permit, becomes aware that any such information is inaccurate or misleading, or that any relevant information has been omitted, such permittee shall correct the inaccurate or misleading information or supply the omitted information in writing to the commissioner. Such information shall be certified in accordance with Section 6(d) of this general permit. The provisions of this subsection shall apply both while a request for registration is pending and after the commissioner has approved such request.

**(h) *Transfer of Authorization***

Any authorization under this general permit shall be non-transferable.

**(i) *Other Applicable Law***

Nothing in this general permit shall relieve the permittee of the obligation to comply with any other applicable federal, state and local law, including but not limited to the obligation to obtain any other authorizations required by such law.

**(j) *Other Rights***

This general permit is subject to and does not derogate any present or future rights or powers of the State of Connecticut and conveys no rights in real or personal property nor any exclusive privileges, and is subject to all public and private rights and to any federal, state, and local laws pertinent to the property or activity affected by such general permit. In conducting any activity authorized hereunder, the permittee may

not cause pollution, impairment, or destruction of the air, water, or other natural resources of this state. The issuance of this general permit shall not create any presumption that this general permit should or will be renewed.

## **Section 7. Commissioner's Powers**

### **(a) *Abatement of Violations***

The commissioner may take any action provided by law to abate a violation of this general permit, including the commencement of proceedings to collect penalties for such violation. The commissioner may, by summary proceedings or otherwise and for any reason provided by law, including violation of this general permit, revoke a permittee's authorization hereunder in accordance with sections 22a-3a-2 through 22a-3a-6, inclusive, of the Regulations of Connecticut State Agencies. Nothing herein shall be construed to affect any remedy available to the commissioner by law.

### **(b) *General Permit Revocation, Suspension, or Modification***

The commissioner may, for any reason provided by law, by summary proceedings or otherwise, revoke or suspend this general permit or modify it to establish any appropriate conditions, schedules of compliance, or other provisions which may be necessary to protect human health or the environment.

### **(c) *Filing of an Individual Permit Application***

If the commissioner notifies a permittee in writing that such permittee must obtain an individual permit to continue lawfully conducting the activity authorized by this general permit, the permittee may continue conducting such activity only if the permittee files an application for an individual permit within sixty (60) days of receiving the commissioner's notice. While such application is pending before the commissioner, the permittee shall comply with the terms and conditions of this general permit. Nothing herein shall affect the commissioner's power to revoke a permittee's authorization under this general permit at any time.

Issued Date: February 15, 2008

GINA McCARTHY

Commissioner

This is a true and accurate copy of the general permit executed on February 15, 2008 by the Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection.