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September 23, 2011

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
Compliance Assurance Section  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
Post Office Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: NPDES Biomonitoring Results- NPDES Permit No. IL0001392-1

Dear Sirs:

In accordance with special condition number 14 of NPDES permit No. IL0001392-1 issued to Emerald Performance Materials and PolyOne Corporation, attached please find the analytical results of the sampling completed in accordance with the letter from Emerald Performance Materials (Mr. Mike Strabley) to your office dated April 16, 2011. Analytical results for the biomonitoring samples scheduled to be collected in October 2011 and January 2012 will be submitted within one week of receipt from the analytical laboratory.

If you have any questions or need addition information, please contact Jim Hastings at (309)364-9479 or myself at (330) 916-6701.

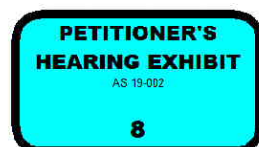
Sincerely,  
EMERALD PERFORMANCE MATERIALS, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brenda Abke".

Brenda Abke  
Director, HSE&S

Attachments: PDC Laboratories, Inc. Analytical Data Report dated 07/15/11 (sample #1061342-01)  
PDC Laboratories, Inc. Analytical Data Report dated 08/31/11 (sample #1072876-01 and 1072876-02)

cc: Jim Hastings, General Foreman, Emerald Performance Materials, Henry IL  
Todd Huson, IEPA-Regional Office  
John McKinley, PolyOne Corporation, Henry IL



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Attn: Jim Hastings

Date Received: 06/14/11 8:15  
Report Date: 07/15/11  
Customer #: 202011  
PO#: HE-40014063-UB

Sample No: 1061342-01  
Sample Description: PLANT

Collect Date: 06/13/11 17:30  
Matrix: Waste Water Grab

Parameters	Result	Qual	Analysis Date	Analyst	Method
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**Miscellaneous - Environmental Analysis South**

WET Testing Single Dilution - subcontracted	See Attached		06/15/11 00:00	Subco	Subcontracted
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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Stepping", is written over a horizontal line.

Certified by: Kurt C. Stepping, Senior Project Manager

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2231 WEST ALTORFER DRIVE  
PEORIA, IL 61615

PHONE # 800-752-6651  
FAX # 309-692-9689

State where samples collected: \_\_\_\_\_

# CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

ALL HIGHLIGHTED AREAS MUST BE COMPLETED BY CLIENT (PLEASE PRINT) - (SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE POLICY ON REVERSE)

<b>1. CLIENT INFORMATION</b> PROJECT NAME: <b>EMERALD PERFORMANCE</b> ADDRESS: <b>1550 CR 1450N</b> CITY: <b>HENRY IL</b> CONTACT: <b>MIKE STANLEY</b>		<b>2. PROJECT INFORMATION</b> PROJECT NUMBER: _____ P.D. NUMBER: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____		<b>3. MEANS SHIPPED</b> MEANS SHIPPED: <b>COVER</b> DATE SHIPPED: <b>6/4/11</b>		<b>4. (FOR LAB USE ONLY)</b> LOGIN: <b>1801312-2</b> LOGGED BY: <b>[Signature]</b> LAB PROJ. # _____ TEMPLATE: _____ PROC. WORK: _____	
<b>5. SAMPLE INFORMATION</b> SAMPLE TYPE: <b>WET TESTING</b> ANALYSIS: <b>* plant</b> <b>* liner hood</b>		<b>6. ANALYSIS INFORMATION</b> ANALYSIS: <b>6/13 1730 X</b> ANALYST: <b>[Signature]</b>		<b>7. MATRIX TYPES</b> WETWATER/SLURRY DRY-GROUND WATER WET-ALGAE WET-SOLID WET-SEAWATER OTHER: _____		<b>8. REMARKS</b> <b>INITIALS</b>	
<b>9. TURNAROUND TIME REQUESTED (PLEASE CIRCLE)</b> RUSH (RUSH FEE IS SUBJECT TO PDC LABS. APPROVAL AND SURCHARGE)		<b>10. DATE RESULTS NEEDED</b>		<b>11. SAMPLE TEMPERATURE</b> The sample temperature will be measured upon receipt at the lab. By indicating this area you request that the lab notify you, before proceeding with analysis, if the sample temperature is outside of the range of 0.1-8.0°C. By not indicating this area you allow the lab to proceed with analytical testing regardless of the sample temperature.			
<b>12. RELINQUISHED BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <b>[Signature]</b>		<b>13. RECEIVED BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <b>[Signature]</b>		<b>14. SAMPLE TEMPERATURE UPON RECEIPT</b> CHILL PROCESS STARTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT SAMPLES RECEIVED ONCE PROPER BOTTLES RECEIVED IN GOOD CONDITION BOTTLES FILLED WITH ADEQUATE VOLUME SAMPLES RECEIVED WITHIN HOLD TIMES (EXCLUDES TYPICAL FIELD PARAMETERS) DATE AND TIME TAKEN FROM SAMPLE BOTTLE			

Copies: white should accompany samples to PDC Labs. Yellow copy to be retained by the client.

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### REPORT OF ACUTE TOXICITY TESTING

City of Emerald, IL  
Plant Effluent, AEC = 100%

EAS LOG# 1311712  
June 15, 2011 through June 19, 2011

#### Tests performed by:

John P. Clippard / Chemical Analyst at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)  
Kelly J. Ray / Biologist at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)  
Sara C. Shields / Lab Supervisor - Chemist at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)  
David F. Warren / Lab Director - Chemist at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)

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## 1. REPORT SUMMATION:

## 1.1. Multiple Dilution Data Summation

Test Solution	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> Acute Toxicity Test 96 Hour Survival	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> Acute Toxicity Test 48 Hour Survival
Reconstituted Control (RC)	100%	100%
Upstream Control (UC)	100%	100%
6.25% Effluent	90%	100%
12.5% Effluent	0%*	35%*
25% Effluent	0%*	0%*
50% Effluent	0%*	0%*
100% Effluent	0%*	0%*
Estimated LC <sub>50</sub> Value	8.50% Effluent	11.27% Effluent

\* Indicates a significant difference at alpha = 0.5 between effluent and control survival data.

**Conclusion:**

Pimephales promelas 96 hour WET results:

LC 50 = 8.50% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber  
NOAEC = 6.25% using Steel's Many-One Rank Test

Ceriodaphnia dubia 48 hour WET results:

LC 50 = 11.27% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber  
NOAEC = 6.25% using Steel's Many-One Rank Test

Approved by \_\_\_\_\_

  
Sara C. Shields, Chemist

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## 2. TEST METHOD SUMMARY

## 2.1. TEST CONDITIONS AND METHODS:

	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> :	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> :
Test duration:	48 hours	96 hours
Temperature:	24 - 26 degree Celsius	24 - 26 degree Celsius
Light quality:	Ambient laboratory illumination	Ambient laboratory illumination
Photoperiod:	16 hour light, 8 hours dark	16 hour light, 8 hours dark
Control Water:	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water
Dilution Water:	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.
Size of test vessel:	30 milliliters	250 milliliters
Volume of test solution:	15 milliliters	200 milliliters
Age of test organisms:	<24 hours	1 -14 days (all same age)
Number of organisms/test vessel:	5	10
Number of replicates/concentration:	4	2
Number of organisms/concentration:	20	40 for a single dilution test and 20 for a multiple dilution test
Feeding regime:	None (fed prior to test)	None (fed prior to test)
Aeration:	None	None
Test acceptability criterion:	90% or greater survival in controls	90% or greater survival in controls

The methodology used for the chemistry data was taken from the *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, 18<sup>th</sup> edition (1992). The exception was hardness, which was determined using a Hach EDTA titration test kit. The toxicity tests follow guidelines laid out in the permittee's NPDES permit and were conducted according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002).

All test organisms were cultured according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002). The *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and the *Pimephales promelas* were obtained from C-K Associates Inc. located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and shipped overnight for use in the whole effluent toxicity test.

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#### 2.2. REFERENCE TOXICITY TEST:

Environmental Analysis South performs monthly reference toxicity tests. The most recent reference test was initiated on June 8, 2011 using KCL Lot #41713. Following are the results:

2.2.1. *P. promelas* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50} = 1.071$  g/l 95%CI (0.736-1.405 g/l)

EAS %CV = 15.6%

National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 19%CV

National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 33%CV

2.2.2. *C. dubia* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50} = 0.467$  g/l 95%CI (0.303-0.631g/l)

EAS %CV = 17.5%

National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 29%CV

National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 34%CV

#### 2.3. LITERATURE CITED:

1. APHA. 1992. *Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater*, 18th Ed. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C
2. USEPA. 2002. *Methods for measuring the acute toxicity of effluents and receiving waters to freshwater and marine organisms*, 5th Ed. EPA-821-R-02-012
3. USEPA 2000. Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (Table B-2). June 2000. EPA 833-R-00-003.





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CLIENT NAME: City of Emerald, IL (Plant)

NPDES NUMBER:

TYPE OF METHOD: multiple dilution, 96 hrs PP & 48 CD, AEC=100%

DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION: 06/16/11 0030 hrs by City of Emerald

DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION: 06/17/11 1030 hrs by UPS

Upstream: River

Collected: 06/15/11 1900 hrs by City of Emerald

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	INT EFFL	INT UC	INT RC					
LOG NUMBER / ID NUMBER													
pH - SU	06/17/11	1045 hrs	JPC	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.95	7.61	7.76	7.93					
TEMPERATURE °C RECEIVED	06/17/11	1045 hrs	JPC	EAS 106		1	1	24					
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	06/17/11	1045 hrs	JPC	ERA P185-506(359-407)	371	13330	624	239					
HARDNESS - ppm	06/17/11	1045 hrs	JPC	ERA P170-507(107-134)	120	340	260	80					
CHLORINE - ppm	06/17/11	1045 hrs	JPC	tap water	+	<.04	<.04	<0.04					
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	06/17/11	1045 hrs	JPC	cal@840		6.7	7.1	8.3					
TOTAL ALKALINITY - ppm	06/22/11	1200 hrs	SCS	Q029-506 (35.4-48.1)	37.6	460	148	52.8					
INITIAL AMMONIA - ppm	06/21/11	1245 hrs	JPC	EAS #1981 (8-12)	10.4	88.8	<0.050	<0.050					
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS -ppm													
0 HOUR OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	06/17/11	1200 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.95	8.02	8.06				7.96	8.00	
TEMPERATURE °C	06/17/11	1200 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.2	24.2				24.2	24.2	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	06/17/11	1200 hrs	SCS	ERA P185-506(359-407)	371	263	621				2370	1464	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	06/17/11	1200 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.3	7.9				7.7	7.5	
72 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	06/18/11	1200 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	9.07	7.57	8.06				8.30	8.18	
TEMPERATURE °C	06/18/11	1200 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.2	24.2				24.2	24.2	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	06/18/11	1200 hrs	SCS	ERA P185-506(359-407)	370	255	621				2430	1484	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	06/18/11	1200 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.9	7.9				7.6	7.6	
96 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	06/19/11	1200 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	9.07	7.72	8.31				8.45	8.35	
TEMPERATURE °C	06/19/11	1200 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.4	24.4				24.4	24.4	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	06/19/11	1200 hrs	SCS	ERA P185-506(359-407)	399	261	641				2440	1491	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	06/19/11	1200 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.6	7.6				7.5	7.6	
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

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Date Test Began: June 15, 2011

Time Test Began: 1100 hrs

Date Test Finished: 06/19/11PP&06/17/11CD

Time Test Finished: 1200 hrs

Analyst 1: DFW

Analyst 2: KJR

Analyst 3: SCS

P. promelas (PP)

AGE: 5 days

HATCH NUMBER: 8636 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	
24 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	10,10	10,10	
48 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	10,10	

Ceriodaphnia dubia (CD)

AGE: <24 hours

HATCH NUMBER: 2338 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	
24 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	5,2,5,2	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	
48 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	3,1,0,3	5,5,5,5	

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Time Test Finished: 1200 hrs

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P. promelas (PP)

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	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
48 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	10,10	
72 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	1,0	10,10	
96 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	9,9	


Approved by:

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Date:

06/20/2011



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Glow, IL

## SUBCONTRACT ORDER

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Phone :573-204-8817

Sample Origin (State) ILPO# L 70631

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
Sample ID: 1061342-01	Water	Sampled:06/13/11 17:30	Plant #1811712 temp rec'd = 7
01-Wet Single	06/24/11 16:00	06/15/11 17:30	Sc
Sample ID: 1061342-02	Water	Sampled:06/13/11 17:30	River #1811712 A temp rec'd = 3.5
01-Wet Single	06/24/11 16:00	06/15/11 17:30	SS

Relinquished By	Date/Time	Received By	Date/Time	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt	___ C
<i>[Signature]</i>	6-14-11 10:00	<i>[Signature]</i>	6/15/11	Sample(s) Received on Ice	Y or N
Relinquished By	Date/Time	Received By	Date/Time	Proper Bottles Received In Good Condition	Y or N
<i>[Signature]</i>		<i>[Signature]</i>	10:30 UPS	Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume	Y or N
				Samples Received Within Hold Time	Y or N
				Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle	Y or N

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Sample ID: 1061342-02	Water	Sampled:06/13/11 17:30	<u>Sent 6-19-11</u>
01-Wet Single	06/24/11 16:00	06/15/11 17:30	
Sample ID: 1061342-03	Water	Sampled:06/16/11 00:30	<u>Plant 1311920 temperature = 10°C</u>
01-Wet Single	06/24/11 16:00	06/18/11 00:30	
Sample ID: 1061342-04	Water	Sampled:06/16/11 19:00	<u>Upstream 1311920-A</u>
01-Wet Single	06/24/11 16:00	06/17/11 19:00	<u>temperature = 10°C</u> <u>SRS</u>

Relinquished By <u>William J. Long</u>	Date/Time <u>6-16-11 13:52</u>	Received By <u>Shirley Ann</u>	Date/Time <u>6/17/11</u>	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt <u>1.3 C</u>
Relinquished By	Date/Time	Received By	Date/Time	Sample(s) Received on Ice <u>Y or N</u>
				Proper Bottles Received in Good Condition <u>Y or N</u>
				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume <u>Y or N</u>
				Samples Received Within Hold Time <u>Y or N</u>
				Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle <u>Y or N</u>
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# CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

ALL HIGHLIGHTED AREAS MUST BE COMPLETED BY CLIENT (PLEASE PRINT) - (SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE POLICY ON REVERSE)

<b>1. CLIENT INFORMATION</b> NAME: <u>EMERALD</u> ADDRESS: <u>1510 CR 1450 N</u> CITY: <u>HENRY IL</u> CONTACT PERSON: <u>MIKE STABLER</u>		<b>2. PROJECT INFORMATION</b> PROJECT NUMBER: _____ P.O. NUMBER: _____ PHONE NUMBER: _____ FAX NUMBER: _____ DATE SHIPPED: _____		<b>3. MEANS SHIPPED</b> MEANS SHIPPED: <u>CARRIER</u> DATE SHIPPED: _____		<b>4. ANALYST INFORMATION</b> ANALYST: _____ LOGIN: <u>10728742</u> LOGGED BY: <u>[Signature]</u> LAB PROJ: _____ TEMPLATE: _____ PROJ MGR: _____	
<b>5. TURNAROUND TIME REQUESTED (PLEASE CIRCLE)</b> NORMAL: <input type="radio"/> PUSH: <input type="radio"/> DATE RESULTS NEEDED: _____		<b>6. THE SAMPLE TEMPERATURE WILL BE MEASURED UPON RECEIPT AT THE LAB. BY INITIATING THIS AREA YOU REQUEST THAT THE LAB NOTIFY YOU, LATER PROCEEDING WITH ANALYSIS, IF THE SAMPLE TEMPERATURE IS OUTSIDE OF THE RANGE OF 0.1-4.0°C. BY NOT INITIATING THIS AREA YOU ALLOW THE LAB TO PROCEED WITH ANALYTICAL TESTING REGARDLESS OF THE SAMPLE TEMPERATURE.</b>		<b>7. RECEIVED BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <u>[Signature]</u> DATE: <u>7/25/19</u>		<b>8. COMMENTS (FOR LAB USE ONLY)</b> SAMPLE TEMPERATURE UPON RECEIPT: _____ °C CHILL PROCESS STARTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT: <input type="checkbox"/> OR N SAMPLE(S) RECEIVED ON ICE: <input type="checkbox"/> OR N PROPER BOTTLES RECEIVED IN GOOD CONDITION: <input type="checkbox"/> OR N BOTTLES FILLED WITH ADEQUATE VOLUME: <input type="checkbox"/> OR N SAMPLE(S) RECEIVED WITHIN HOLD TIMES: <input type="checkbox"/> OR N (EXCLUDES TYPICAL FIELD PARAMETERS) DATE AND TIME TAKEN FROM SAMPLE BOTTLE: _____	
<b>9. RELINQUISHED BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <u>[Signature]</u> DATE: <u>7/25/19</u>		<b>10. RECEIVED AT LAB BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <u>[Signature]</u> DATE: <u>7/25/19</u>		<b>11. DATE AND TIME TAKEN FROM SAMPLE BOTTLE</b> <u>7/25/19</u>		<b>12. DATE AND TIME TAKEN FROM SAMPLE BOTTLE</b> <u>7/25/19</u>	

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# **WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING CHAIN OF CUSTODY**

CLIENT: PDC - EmeraldNPDES PERMIT NUMBER: IL 0001392EFFLUENT NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ GRAB ☒ 24 HR COMPOSITE ☒

(LEGAL NAME)

COLLECTION DATA: START DATE: 7/25START TIME: 1000 0000FINISH DATE: 7/25FINISH TIME: 1600UPSTREAM NAME: ILLINOIS RIVER

(GRAB SAMPLE)

(LEGAL NAME)

COLLECTION DATA: DATE: 7/25/11TIME: 1600SAMPLER NAME: MIKE STRALEY

CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_

(PRINT NAME)

Disclaimer: Environmental Analysis South, Inc. shall not be held financially liable for invalid whole effluent toxicity test (WET) or shipping charges resulting from the following reasons:

- Sampling & holding time errors (Will result in a setup charge of \$100 to the client)
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**SAMPLER CHECK LIST**NO HEADSPACE IN BOTTLES ☒SAMPLER BY NEXT DAY CARRIER OR DELIVER TO LAB ON 7-27-11SAMPLES TO BE HAND DELIVERED TO LABORATORY SAME DAY AS TEST SETUP ☒SUFFICIENT ICE TO COOL SAMPLES TO A RANGE OF 0 - 5°C WHEN SHIPPING OVERNIGHT ☒RELINQUISHED BY: [Signature]DATE: 7-26-11TIME: 1600**LABORATORY USE ONLY**

EFFLUENT LOG NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED TEMPERATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ °C THERMOMETER ASSIGNED NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HEADSPACE: YES or NO SAMPLES ICED or DELIVERED SAME DAY AS TEST

UPSTREAM LOG NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED TEMPERATURE: \_\_\_\_\_ °C THERMOMETER ASSIGNED NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

HEADSPACE: YES or NO SAMPLES ICED or DELIVERED SAME DAY AS TEST

RECEIVED BY: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_ TIME: \_\_\_\_\_

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### REPORT OF ACUTE TOXICITY TESTING

City of Emerald, IL  
Plant Effluent, AEC = 100%

EAS LOG# 1314124  
July 27, 2011 through July 29, 2011

#### Tests performed by:

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## REPORT OF ACUTE TOXICITY TESTING

City of Emerald, IL  
Plant Effluent, AEC = 100%EAS LOG# 1314124  
July 27, 2011 through July 29, 2011

## 1. REPORT SUMMATION:

## 1.1. Multiple Dilution Data Summation

Test Solution	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> Acute Toxicity Test 48 Hour Survival	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> Acute Toxicity Test 48 Hour Survival
Reconstituted Control (RC)	100%	100%
Reconstituted Control + Sodium Thiosulfate (RCT)	100%	100%
Upstream Control (UC)	100%	100%
6.25% Effluent	95%	100%
12.5% Effluent	0%*	50%*
25% Effluent	0%*	0%*
50% Effluent	0%*	0%*
100% Effluent	0%*	0%*
Estimated LC <sub>50</sub> Value	8.68% Effluent	12.50% Effluent (10.71% - 14.60%)

\* Indicates a significant difference at alpha = 0.5 between effluent and control survival data.

## Conclusion:

*Pimephales promelas* 48 hour WET results: LC 50 = 8.68% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber  
NOAEC = 6.25% using Steel's Many-One Rank Test

*Ceriodaphnia dubia* 48 hour WET results: LC 50 = 12.50% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber  
NOAEC = 6.25% using Steel's Many-One Rank Test

Note: Per the method, test duration for the *Pimephales promelas* should have been 96 hrs. However, due to UPS failure to deliver the renewal effluent, the test was terminated at 48 hours. These results were calculated using the 48 hour data.

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## 2. TEST METHOD SUMMARY

### 2.1. TEST CONDITIONS AND METHODS:

	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> :	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> :
Test duration:	48 hours	48 hours
Temperature:	24 - 26 degree Celsius	24 - 26 degree Celsius
Light quality:	Ambient laboratory illumination	Ambient laboratory illumination
Photoperiod:	16 hour light, 8 hours dark	16 hour light, 8 hours dark
Control Water:	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water
Dilution Water:	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.
Size of test vessel:	30 milliliters	250 milliliters
Volume of test solution:	15 milliliters	200 milliliters
Age of test organisms:	<24 hours	1 - 14 days (all same age)
Number of organisms/test vessel:	5	10
Number of replicates/concentration:	4	2
Number of organisms/concentration:	20	40 for a single dilution test and 20 for a multiple dilution test
Feeding regime:	None (fed prior to test)	None (fed prior to test)
Aeration:	None	None
Test acceptability criterion:	90% or greater survival in controls	90% or greater survival in controls

The methodology used for the chemistry data was taken from the *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, 18<sup>th</sup> edition (1992). The exception was hardness, which was determined using a Hach EDTA titration test kit. The toxicity tests follow guidelines laid out in the permittee's NPDES permit and were conducted according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002).

All test organisms were cultured according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002). The *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and the *Pimephales promelas* were obtained from C-K Associates Inc. located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and shipped overnight for use in the whole effluent toxicity test.

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#### 2.2. REFERENCE TOXICITY TEST:

Environmental Analysis South performs monthly reference toxicity tests. The most recent reference test was initiated on July 6, 2011 using KCL Lot #41713. Following are the results:

2.2.1. *P. promelas* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50} = 1.068$  g/l 95%CI (0.7311-1.405 g/l)

EAS %CV = 15.8%

National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 19%CV

National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 33%CV

2.2.2. *C. dubia* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50} = 0.463$  g/l 95%CI (0.294-0.632g/l)

EAS %CV = 18.3%

National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 29%CV

National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 34%CV

#### 2.3. LITERATURE CITED:

1. APHA. 1992. *Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater*, 18th Ed. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C
2. USEPA. 2002. *Methods for measuring the acute toxicity of effluents and receiving waters to freshwater and marine organisms*, 5th Ed. EPA-821-R-02-012
3. USEPA 2000. Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (Table B-2). June 2000. EPA 833-R-00-003.

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CLIENT NAME: City of Emerald, IL (Plant)

NPDES NUMBER:

TYPE OF METHOD: multiple dilution, 96 hrs PP & 48 CD, AEC=100%

DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION: 07/27/11 1600 hrs by City of Emerald

DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION: 07/27/11 1005 hrs by UPS

Upstream: River

Collected: 07/27/11 0710 hrs by Natalie Harris

LOG NUMBER / ID NUMBER	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	INT EFFL	INT UC	INT RC
pH - SU	07/27/11	1015 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.98	1314124	1314124A	4017
TEMPERATURE °C RECEIVED	07/27/11	1015 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		7.84	8.50	7.94
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	07/27/11	1015 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	434	19350	875	247
HARDNESS - ppm	07/27/11	1015 hrs	SCS	ERA P170-507(107-134)	120	320	200	80
CHLORINE - ppm	07/27/11	1015 hrs	SCS	tap water	+	0.72	<0.04	<0.04
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	07/27/11	1015 hrs	SCS	cal@840		<2	6.2	7.5
TOTAL ALKALINITY - ppm	07/28/11	1500 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(60.1-71.5)	65.8	949	212	64.7
INITIAL AMMONIA - ppm	08/03/11	1400 hrs	JPC	EAS #1981 (8-12)	10.1	99.9	0.227	<0.05
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS -ppm								

0 HOUR OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU	07/27/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.98	8.22	8.27	8.13	8.19	8.24	8.25	8.22	8.40
TEMPERATURE °C	07/27/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.1	24.0	24.5	24.5	24.3	24.1	23.9	24.1
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	07/27/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	434	257	843	18340	10090	5500	3150	1948	306
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	07/27/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.2	8.7	8.4	8.6	8.6	8.7	8.7	7.4

24 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.91	7.83	8.17	8.27	8.29	8.26	8.32	8.26	7.93
TEMPERATURE °C	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	427	267	846	18250	9990	5480	3130	1938	307
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.5	6.2	3.4	3.4	4.4	6.2	5.8	6.2

48 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	7.69	8.08	8.33	8.33	8.32	8.35	8.30	8.11
TEMPERATURE °C	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1	24.1
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	424	277	870	18540	10190	5570	3190	1988	326
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.5	6.5	2.2	3.1	4.1	5.0	5.5	6.8
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

24 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - CD	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.91	8.48	8.34	8.31	8.38	8.35	8.41	8.40	8.16
TEMPERATURE °C	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3	25.3
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	427	263	825	17970	9940	5250	3000	1920	280
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	07/28/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.1	7.0	6.0	6.6	7.0	7.2	7.2	6.9

48 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - CD	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	8.27	8.19	8.26	8.45	8.50	8.48	8.39	8.20
TEMPERATURE °C	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.1	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	424	255	795	17620	9770	5190	2980	1880	304
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	07/29/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.8	7.3	7.4	7.5	7.5	7.4	7.4	7.5
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

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CLIENT NAME:													
NPDES NUMBER:													
TYPE OF METHOD:													
DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION:													
DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION:	UPS failure to deliver sample												
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	INT EFFL	INT UC	INT RC					
LOG NUMBER / ID NUMBER													
pH - SU				SB114 (8.8-9.2)									
TEMPERATURE °C RECEIVED				EAS 106									
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos				ERA506-010511(401-457)									
HARDNESS - ppm				ERA P170-507(107-134)									
CHLORINE - ppm				tap water									
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm				cal@840									
TOTAL ALKALINITY - ppm				ERA P173-506(42.8-49.6)									
INITIAL AMMONIA - ppm				EAS #1981 (8-12)									
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS - ppm													
0 HOUR OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU				SB114 (8.8-9.2)									
TEMPERATURE °C				EAS 106									
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos				ERA506-010511(401-457)									
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm				cal@840									
72 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU				SB114 (8.8-9.2)									
TEMPERATURE °C				EAS 106									
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos				ERA506-010511(401-457)									
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm				cal@840									
96 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
pH - SU				SB114 (8.8-9.2)									
TEMPERATURE °C				EAS 106									
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos				ERA506-010511(401-457)									
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm				cal@840									
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

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City of Emerald, IL (Plant) EAS LOG# 1314124

Date Test Began: July 27, 2011

Time Test Began: 1100 hrs

Analyst 1: DFW

Date Test Finished: July 29, 2011

Time Test Finished: 1100 hrs

Analyst 2: KJR

Analyst 3: SCS

P. promelas (PP)

AGE: 6 days

HATCH NUMBER: 8078 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10
24 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	5,9	10,10	10,10
48 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	10,9	10,10

Ceriodaphnia dubia (CD)

AGE: <24 hours

HATCH NUMBER: 2357 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5
24 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	0,1,2,2	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5
48 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	2,3,3,2	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5

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City of Emerald, IL (Plant) EAS LOG# 1314124

Date Test Began:

Analyst 1: DFW

Date Test Finished:

Analyst 2: KJR

Analyst 3: SCS

P. promelas (PP)

AGE:  days

HATCH NUMBER:

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	RCT
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
48 HR-PP								
72 HR-PP								
96 HR-PP								


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Sample Origin (State) \_\_\_\_\_

PO#

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Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments	
Sample ID: 1072876-01	Water	Sampled: 07/25/11 16:00	<i>Emerald</i> <i>Upstream</i>	1314124A <i>pk</i>
01-Wet Single	08/05/11 16:00	07/27/11 16:00		
Sample ID: 1072876-02	Water	Sampled: 07/25/11 16:00	<i>Emerald</i> <i>Effluent</i>	1314124 <i>pk</i>
01-Wet Single	08/05/11 16:00	07/27/11 16:00		

Relinquished By	Date/Time	Received By	Date/Time	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt	_____ C
<i>Rogina M. Pearson</i>	<i>7/26/11</i>	<i>131352</i>	<i>7/27/11</i>	Sample(s) Received on Ice	Y or N
		<i>1005</i>	<i>UPS</i>	Proper Bottles Received in Good Condition	Y or N
				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume	Y or N
				Samples Received Within Hold Time	Y or N
				Date/Time Taken From Sample	Y or N

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November 4, 2011

Compliance Assurance Section  
Bureau of Water  
Illinois EPA  
1021 North Grande Avenue East  
PO Box 19276  
Springfield, IL 62794-9276

Re: NPDES Biomonitoring -- Permit No. IL0001392

Gentlemen:

In a letter to IEPA dated 11 April 2011, Emerald committed to performance of whole effluent toxicity testing of the Henry plant's WWTP effluent by the standards set in Special Condition 14 of the NPDES permit using an amended schedule. The proposed amended schedule was for testing during the 12<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> months prior to the expiration date of the current permit. Since no response was received, Emerald assumed that IEPA has no objection to the proposed rescheduling.

Samples were performed on October 10<sup>th</sup> to satisfy the requirement for testing six months prior to permit expiration. Results were received at the Henry plant on Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>. This submission fulfills the permit requirement that IEPA receive a copy of the report within one week following its receipt at the Henry plant.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Harold Crouch", is written over a horizontal line.

Harold Crouch  
Environmental Engineer

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Emerald Performance Materials  
1550 County Rd 1450 N  
Henry, IL 61537  
Attn: Jim Hastings

Date Received: 10/11/11 13:37  
Report Date: 10/28/11  
Customer #: 202011  
PO#: HE-40014063-UB

Sample No: 1101004-01  
Sample Description: UPSTREAM

Collect Date: 10/10/11 16:00  
Matrix: Waste Water Regular Sample

Parameters	Result	Qual	Analysis Date	Analyst	Method
<b>Miscellaneous - Environmental Analysis South</b>					
WET Testing Single Dilution - subcontracted	SUBCON		10/12/11 00:00		Subcontracted

Sample No: 1101004-02  
Sample Description: EFFLUENT

Collect Date: 10/10/11 16:00  
Matrix: Waste Water

Parameters	Result	Qual	Analysis Date	Analyst	Method
<b>Miscellaneous - Environmental Analysis South</b>					
WET Testing Single Dilution - subcontracted	SUBCON		10/12/11 00:00		Subcontracted

Sample No: 1101004-03  
Sample Description: ADDL UP

Collect Date: 10/12/11 16:00  
Matrix: Waste Water Regular Sample

Parameters	Result	Qual	Analysis Date	Analyst	Method
<b>Miscellaneous - Environmental Analysis South</b>					
WET Testing Single Dilution - subcontracted	SUBCON		10/12/11 00:00		Subcontracted

Sample No: 1101004-04  
Sample Description: ADDL EFF

Collect Date: 10/12/11 16:00  
Matrix: Waste Water Regular Sample

Parameters	Result	Qual	Analysis Date	Analyst	Method
<b>Miscellaneous - Environmental Analysis South</b>					
WET Testing Single Dilution - subcontracted	SUBCON		10/12/11 00:00		Subcontracted

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State where samples collected \_\_\_\_\_

## CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

ALL HIGHLIGHTED AREAS MUST BE COMPLETED BY CLIENT (PLEASE PRINT) - (SAMPLE ACCEPTANCE POLICY ON REVERSE)

<b>1. CLIENT</b> Name: <u>Edward Perdue, Jr. Material</u> Address: <u>1500 CR 1900 N</u> City: <u>Henry IL 61537</u> State: <u>IL</u> Zip: <u>61537</u> Contact Person: <u>Jim Hartman</u>		<b>PROJECT NUMBER</b> P.O. NUMBER PHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER		<b>MEANS SHIPPED</b> DATE SHIPPED <u>10/11/11</u>		<b>3. ANALYSIS REQUESTED</b> <u>WET TESTING</u>		<b>4. (FOR LAB USE ONLY)</b> LOGIN # <u>MS 4007101004-2</u> LOGGED BY: <u>MS</u> LAB PROJ # TEMPLATE: PROJ. MGR.:	
<b>2. SAMPLE DESCRIPTION AS YOU WANT ON REPORT</b> <u>Wet TESTING</u>		<b>DATE COLLECTED</b> <u>10/10/11</u>	<b>TIME COLLECTED</b> <u>1600</u>	<b>SAMPLE TYPE</b> GRAB <u>1</u> COMP <u>1</u>	<b>MATRIX TYPE</b> <u>WW</u>	<b>BOTTLE COUNT</b> <u>2</u>	<b>REMARKS</b>		
<b>5. TURNAROUND TIME REQUESTED (PLEASE CIRCLE)</b> (RUSH TAT IS SUBJECT TO PDC LABS APPROVAL AND SURCHARGE) RUSH RESULTS VIA (PLEASE CIRCLE) FAX PHONE FAX # PHONE # EMAIL ADDRESS		<b>6. The sample temperature will be measured upon receipt at the lab. By initiating this area you request that the lab notify you, before proceeding with analysis, if the sample temperature is outside of the range of 0.1-6.0°C. By not initiating this area you allow the lab to proceed with analytical testing regardless of the sample temperature.</b>		<b>7. RELINQUISHED BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <u>Brenda Lane</u> DATE <u>10/11/11</u> TIME <u>1333</u> <b>RECEIVED BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <u>Brenda Lane</u> DATE <u>10/11/11</u> TIME <u>1333</u> <b>RECEIVED AT LAB BY (SIGNATURE)</b> <u>Melissa Sibley</u> DATE <u>10/11/11</u> TIME <u>1333</u>					
<b>8. COMMENTS (FOR LAB USE ONLY)</b> SAMPLE TEMPERATURE UPON RECEIPT: _____ °C CHILL PROCESS STARTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT SAMPLE(S) RECEIVED ON ICE PROPER BOTTLES RECEIVED IN GOOD CONDITION BOTTLES FILLED WITH ADEQUATE VOLUME SAMPLES RECEIVED WITHIN HOLD TIME(S) (EXCLUDES TYPICAL FIELD PARAMETERS) DATE AND TIME TAKEN FROM SAMPLE BOTTLE									

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<b>1</b> CLIENT NAME: <u>Emerald Per Service Materials</u> ADDRESS: <u>1550 CR 1450 W</u> CITY: <u>Henry, IL</u> STATE: <u>61635</u> CONTACT PERSON: <u>Sam H. Hines</u>		PROJECT NUMBER P.O. NUMBER PHONE NUMBER FAX NUMBER		MEANS SHIPPED <u>Carrier</u> DATE SHIPPED <u>10/13/11</u>	<b>3</b> ANALYSIS REQUESTED <u>Wet Test</u>		<b>4</b> (FOR LAB USE ONLY) LOGIN # <u>1100844-102</u> LOGGED BY: _____ LAB PROJ. # _____ TEMPLATE: _____ PROJ. MGR.: _____	
<b>2</b> SAMPLE DESCRIPTION AS YOU WANT ON REPORT <u>WET TESTING</u>		DATE COLLECTED <u>10/12/11</u>	TIME COLLECTED <u>1600</u>	SAMPLE TYPE GRAB <u>1</u> COMP <u>1</u>	MATRIX TYPE <u>W</u>	BOTTLE COUNT <u>2</u>	REMARKS	
TURNAROUND TIME REQUESTED (PLEASE CIRCLE) (RUSH TAT IS SUBJECT TO PDC LABS APPROVAL AND SURCHARGE)		NORMAL <input type="checkbox"/> RUSH <input type="checkbox"/>		DATE RESULTS NEEDED		<b>5</b> The sample temperature will be measured upon receipt at the lab. By initialing this area you request that the lab notify you, before proceeding with analysis, if the sample temperature is outside of the range of 0.1-5.0°C. By not initialing this area you allow the lab to proceed with analytical testing regardless of the sample temperature.		
RUSH RESULTS VIA (PLEASE CIRCLE) FAX <input type="checkbox"/> PHONE <input type="checkbox"/>		FAX # _____ PHONE # _____		E-MAIL _____		<b>6</b> COMMENTS: (FOR LAB USE ONLY) SAMPLE TEMPERATURE UPON RECEIPT _____ °C CHILL PROCESS STARTED PRIOR TO RECEIPT <input type="checkbox"/> FOR N SAMPLE(S) RECEIVED ON ICE <input type="checkbox"/> FOR N PROPER BOTTLES RECEIVED IN GOOD CONDITION <input type="checkbox"/> FOR N BOTTLES FILLED WITH ADEQUATE VOLUME <input type="checkbox"/> FOR N SAMPLES RECEIVED WITHIN HOLD TIME(S) <input type="checkbox"/> FOR N (EXCLUDES TYPICAL FIELD PARAMETERS) DATE AND TIME TAKEN FROM SAMPLE BOTTLE _____		
<b>7</b> RELINQUISHED BY: (SIGNATURE) <u>[Signature]</u> DATE <u>10-13-11</u> TIME <u>1242</u>		RECEIVED BY: (SIGNATURE) <u>[Signature]</u> DATE <u>10-13-11</u> TIME <u>1500</u>		RECEIVED AT LAB BY: (SIGNATURE) <u>[Signature]</u> DATE <u>10-13-11</u> TIME <u>1242</u>				

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## REPORT OF ACUTE TOXICITY TESTING

City of Emerald, IL  
Plant Effluent, AEC = 100%

EAS LOG# 1402207  
October 12, 2011 through October 16, 2011

### Tests performed by:

John P. Clippard / Chemical Analyst at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)  
Kelly J. Ray / Biologist at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)  
Sara C. Shields / Lab Supervisor - Chemist at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)  
David F. Warren / Lab Director - Chemist at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)

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## 1. REPORT SUMMATION:

## 1.1. Multiple Dilution Data Summation

Test Solution	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> Acute Toxicity Test 96 Hour Survival	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> Acute Toxicity Test 48 Hour Survival
Reconstituted Control (RC)	100%	100%
Upstream Control (UC)	100%	100%
6.25% Effluent	95%	100%
12.5% Effluent	85%*	100%
25% Effluent	50%*	70%*
50% Effluent	0%*	15%*
100% Effluent	0%*	0%*
Estimated LC <sub>50</sub> Value	22.75% Effluent (18.36% - 28.18%)	31.86% Effluent (26.61% - 38.15%)

\* Indicates a significant difference at alpha = 0.5 between effluent and control survival data.

**Conclusion:**

Pimephales promelas 96 hour WET results:

LC 50 = 22.75% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber

NOAEC = 6.25% using Steel's Many-One Rank Test

Ceriodaphnia dubia 48 hour WET results:

LC 50 = 31.86% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber

NOAEC = 12.5% using Steel's Many-One Rank Test

Approved by

Sara C. Shields, Chemist

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## 2. TEST METHOD SUMMARY

## 2.1. TEST CONDITIONS AND METHODS:

	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> :	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> :
Test duration:	48 hours	96 hours
Temperature:	24 - 26 degree Celsius	24 - 26 degree Celsius
Light quality:	Ambient laboratory illumination	Ambient laboratory illumination
Photoperiod:	16 hour light, 8 hours dark	16 hour light, 8 hours dark
Control Water:	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water
Dilution Water:	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.
Size of test vessel:	30 milliliters	250 milliliters
Volume of test solution:	15 milliliters	200 milliliters
Age of test organisms:	<24 hours	1 -14 days (all same age)
Number of organisms/test vessel:	5	10
Number of replicates/concentration:	4	2
Number of organisms/concentration:	20	40 for a single dilution test and 20 for a multiple dilution test
Feeding regime:	None (fed prior to test)	None (fed prior to test)
Aeration:	None	None
Test acceptability criterion:	90% or greater survival in controls	90% or greater survival in controls

The methodology used for the chemistry data was taken from the *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, 18<sup>th</sup> edition (1992). The exception was hardness, which was determined using a Hach EDTA titration test kit. The toxicity tests follow guidelines laid out in the permittee's NPDES permit and were conducted according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002).

All test organisms were cultured according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002). The *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and the *Pimephales promelas* were obtained from C-K Associates Inc. located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and shipped overnight for use in the whole effluent toxicity test.

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#### 2.2. REFERENCE TOXICITY TEST:

Environmental Analysis South performs monthly reference toxicity tests. The most recent reference test was initiated on October 5, 2011 using KCL Lot #41713. Following are the results:

- 2.2.1. *P. promelas* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50} = 1.021$  g/l 95%CI (0.708-1.334 g/l)  
EAS %CV = 15.3%  
National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 19%CV  
National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 33%CV
- 2.2.2. *C. dubia* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50} = 0.460$  g/l 95%CI (0.297-0.623g/l)  
EAS %CV = 17.7%  
National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 29%CV  
National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 34%CV

#### 2.3. LITERATURE CITED:

1. APHA. 1992. *Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater*, 18th Ed. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C
2. USEPA. 2002. *Methods for measuring the acute toxicity of effluents and receiving waters to freshwater and marine organisms*, 5th Ed. EPA-821-R-02-012
3. USEPA 2000. Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (Table B-2). June 2000. EPA 833-R-00-003.

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CLIENT NAME: City of Emerald, IL (Plant)

NPDES NUMBER:

TYPE OF METHOD: multiple dilution, 96 hrs PP & 48 CD, AEC=100%

DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION: 10/10/11 1400 hrs

DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION: 10/12/11 0940 hrs by UPS

Upstream: River  
Collected: 10/10/11 1400 hrs by City of Emerald

INITIAL OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	INT EFFL	INT UC	INT RC
LOG NUMBER / ID NUMBER						1402207	1402207A	RC4023
pH - SU	10/12/11	1000 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	7.83	8.39	7.80
TEMPERATURE °C RECEIVED	10/12/11	1000 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		3	2	24
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/12/11	1000 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	442	7740	823	277
HARDNESS - ppm	10/12/11	1000 hrs	SCS	ERA P170-507(107-134)	120	420	300	80
CHLORINE - ppm	10/12/11	1000 hrs	SCS	tap water	+	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/12/11	1000 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.9	7.6	7.3
TOTAL ALKALINITY - ppm	10/12/11	1615 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(60.1-71.9)	68.9	168	175	61.9
INITIAL AMMONIA - ppm	10/17/11	1412 hrs	JPC	EAS #1981 (8-12)	9.77	27.1	0.126	<0.05
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS - ppm								

0 HOUR OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/12/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	8.01	8.20	8.12	8.18	8.33	8.40	8.39	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/12/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		23.8	24.4	23.5	23.6	23.7	24.0	24.2	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/12/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	442	235	772	7360	4350	2570	1630	1183	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/12/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.1	8.4	9.5	9.3	9.3	9.3	8.5	

24 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	9.1	7.35	8.12	8.08	8.14	8.17	8.23	8.20	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	431	252	839	7380	4380	2670	1653	1215	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.7	6.6	6.1	6.3	6.3	6.3	6.6	

48 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.97	7.59	7.99	8.13	8.16	8.17	8.16	8.10	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	436	280	835	7500	4500	2780	1670	1211	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.3	6.6	5.8	6.0	5.9	6.1	6.5	
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

24 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - CD	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	9.1	8.00	8.21	8.13	8.25	8.31	8.32	8.27	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	431	246	797	7180	4250	2560	1636	1216	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/13/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.1	7.1	7.0	7.0	7.0	7.0	6.9	

48 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - CD	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.97	8.09	8.01	8.24	8.28	8.28	8.26	8.16	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	436	276	780	7060	4210	2530	1616	1190	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.8	6.7	6.5	6.4	6.6	6.5	6.3	
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

Approved by: *[Signature]*

Date: 10/27/2011

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NPDES NUMBER:													
TYPE OF METHOD:	multiple dilution, 96 hrs PP & 48 CD, AEC=100%												
DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION:	10/12/11 1600hrs												
DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION:	10/14/11 1025 hrs UPS												
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	INT EFFL	INT UC	Upstream: River Collected: 10/12/11 1600 hrs by City of Emerald					
LOG NUMBER / ID NUMBER													
pH - SU	10/14/11	1030 hrs	JPC	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.97	1402417	1402417A	RC4023					
TEMPERATURE °C RECEIVED	10/14/11	1030 hrs	JPC	EAS 106		3	2	24					
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/14/11	1030 hrs	JPC	ERA506-010511(401-457)	436	14850	818	277					
HARDNESS - ppm	10/14/11	1030 hrs	JPC	ERA P170-507(107-134)	120	600	260	80					
CHLORINE - ppm	10/14/11	1030 hrs	JPC	tap water	+	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04					
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/14/11	1030 hrs	JPC	cal@840		5.4	7.4	7.3					
TOTAL ALKALINITY - ppm	10/19/11	1300 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(60.1-71.9)	71.3	86.3	187	61.9					
INITIAL AMMONIA - ppm	10/17/11	1412 hrs	JPC	EAS #1981 (8-12)	9.77	59.9	0.174	<0.05					
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS -ppm													
0 HOUR OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.97	7.86	7.93	8.01	8.21	8.28	8.26	8.24	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	24.7	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	436	246	788	14800	8220	4550	2670	1725	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/14/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.7	10.5	8.0	9.1	9.6	9.6	10.3	
72 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/15/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	9.01	8.05	8.10	8.05	8.15	8.23	8.27	8.30	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/15/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	24.5	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/15/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	431	249	802	14910	8120	4480	2600	1720	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/15/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		6.2	6.2	6.4	5.8	5.4	5.51	5.9	
96 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	10/16/11	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.94	7.88	8.01	7.97	8.11	8.18	8.15	8.10	
TEMPERATURE °C	10/16/11	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	10/16/11	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-010511(401-457)	437	280	809	15250	8390	4890	2650	1744	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	10/16/11	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.0	7.0	6.8	6.7	6.8	7.2	7.3	
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

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City of Emerald, IL (Plant) EAS LOG# 1402207

Date Test Began: October 12, 2011

Time Test Began: 1100 hrs

Date Test Finished: 10/14/11PP&10/16/11CD

Time Test Finished: 1100 hrs

Analyst 1: DFW  
Analyst 2: KJR  
Analyst 3: SCS

P. promelas (PP)

AGE: 8 days

HATCH NUMBER: 8152 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	
24 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	3,4	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	
48 HR-PP	10/17/2011	10,10	0,0	7,4	10,10	10,10	10,10	

Ceriodaphnia dubia (CD)

AGE: <24 hours

HATCH NUMBER: 2392 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	
24 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	2,2,0,1	1,3,4,3	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	
48 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	0,0,0,0	0,1,1,1	4,4,3,3	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	

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Date Test Began: October 12, 2011

Time Test Began: 1200 hrs

Date Test Finished: 10/14/11PP&10/16/11CD

Time Test Finished: 1200 hrs

Analyst 1: DFW  
Analyst 2: KJR  
Analyst 3: SCS

P. promelas (PP)

AGE: 8 days

HATCH NUMBER: 8152 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
48 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	7,4	10,10	10,10	10,10	
72 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	8,8	9,10	10,10	
96 HR-PP	10/17/2011	10,10	0,0	0,0	6,4	8,9	10,9	


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Project Manager: Kurt C. Stepping

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Phone : (573) 204-8817

Sample Origin (State) ILPO# L 40741*Emmald*

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
Sample ID: 1101004-01	Waste Water	Sampled: 10/10/11 14:00	<i>Upstream</i> <i>temp rec 20C</i>
Wet Testing - Single Dilution	10/21/11 16:00	10/12/11 14:00	<b>1402207</b>
Sample ID: 1101004-02	Waste Water	Sampled: 10/10/11 14:00	<i>Effluent</i> <i>20C</i>
Wet Testing - Single Dilution	10/21/11 16:00	10/12/11 14:00	<b>1402207</b>

Sample Temperature Upon Receipt \_\_\_\_\_ C

Sample(s) Received on Ice Y or N

Proper Bottles Received in Good Condition Y or N

Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume Y or N

Samples Received Within Hold Time Y or N

Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle Y or N

Relinquished By *Q. J. Stepping* Date/Time *10-11-11 14:00*

Relinquished By *[Signature]* Date/Time *10/12/11*

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Renewal  
for 1402207

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Analysis	Due	Expires	Laboratory ID	Comments
<del>Sample ID: 1101004-01</del>	<del>Water</del>	<del>Sampled: 10/10/11 16:00</del>	<del>[REDACTED]</del>	
<del>01-Wet Single</del>	<del>10/21/11 16:00</del>	<del>10/12/11 16:00</del>		
<del>Containers Supplied:</del>				
<del>Sample ID: 1101004-02</del>	<del>Water</del>	<del>Sampled: 10/10/11 16:00</del>	<del>[REDACTED]</del>	
<del>01-Wet Single</del>	<del>10/21/11 16:00</del>	<del>10/12/11 16:00</del>		
<del>Containers Supplied:</del>				
Sample ID: 1101004-03	Water	Sampled: 10/12/11 16:00	[REDACTED]	temp rec'd = 2°C (SS) - A ADDITIONAL SAMPLE
01-Wet Single	10/21/11 16:00	10/14/11 16:00		
Containers Supplied:				
Sample ID: 1101004-04	Water	Sampled: 10/12/11 16:00	[REDACTED]	temp rec'd = 3°C (SS) 11 11
01-Wet Single	10/21/11 16:00	10/14/11 16:00		
Containers Supplied:				

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27 February 2012

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Water Pollution Control  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
PO Box 19276  
Springfield IL 62794-9276

Attn: Compliance Assurance Section, MC-19

Certified Mail: 7006 0810 0006 5101 4229

**Re: NPDES Permit No. IL0001392**  
**Results of WET Testing**

Gentlemen:

In January 2012, effluent from Emerald's wastewater treatment facility and dilution water from the Illinois River was submitted to Environmental Analysis South, Inc. for whole effluent toxicity testing, as required by the facility's NPDES permit. Results were received by Emerald on 21 February 2012. Attached is a copy of the results.

If you have any questions, please contact me at [harold.crouch@emeraldmaterials.com](mailto:harold.crouch@emeraldmaterials.com) or 309-364-9472.

  
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Emerald Performance Materials  
1550 County Rd 1450 N  
Henry, IL 61537  
Attn: Jim Hastings

Date Received: 01/24/12 13:18  
Report Date: 02/21/12  
Customer #: 202011  
PO#: HE-40014063-UB

\*Laboratory Results\*

Sample No: 2012627-01  
Sample Description: EFFLUENT

Collect Date: 01/23/12 23:59  
Matrix: Waste Water

Parameters	Result	Qual	Analysis Date	Analyst	Method
<u>Miscellaneous - Environmental Analysis South</u>					
WET Testing Single Dilution - subcontracted	<				Subcontracted

Sample No: 2012627-02REAM  
Sample Description: UPSTREAM

Collect Date: 01/24/12 06:00  
Matrix: Waste Water

Parameters	Result	Qual	Analysis Date	Analyst	Method
<u>Miscellaneous - Environmental Analysis South</u>					
WET Testing Single Dilution - subcontracted	<				Subcontracted

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**\*Laboratory Results\***

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WET Analysis subcontracted, report attached.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kurt Stepping", written over a horizontal line.

Certified by: Kurt C. Stepping, Senior Project Manager



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**WHOLE EFFLUENT TOXICITY TESTING  
CHAIN OF CUSTODY**CLIENT: Emerald Performance MaterialsNPDES PERMIT NUMBER: IL 0001392EFFLUENT NAME: Outfall 001 GRAB ☐ 24 HR COMPOSITE ☐  
(LEGAL NAME)COLLECTION DATA: START DATE: 23 Jan 2012 START TIME: 00:01FINISH DATE: 23 Jan 2012 FINISH TIME: 23:59UPSTREAM NAME: Illinois River (GRAB SAMPLE)  
(LEGAL NAME)COLLECTION DATA: DATE: 24 Jan 2012 TIME: 06:40SAMPLER NAME: Harold Crouch CARRIER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(PRINT NAME)

Disclaimer: Environmental Analysis South, Inc. shall not be held financially liable for invalid whole effluent toxicity test (WET) or shipping charges resulting from the following reasons:

- Sampling & holding time errors (Will result in a setup charge of \$100 to the client)
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- Problems with health or delivery of test organisms by vendor (No setup charge to client)

**SAMPLER CHECK LIST**NO HEADSPACE IN BOTTLES ☒SHIP SAMPLES BY NEXT DAY CARRIER OR DELIVER TO LAB ON \_\_\_\_\_ ☐SAMPLES TO BE HAND DELIVERED TO LABORATORY SAME DAY AS TEST SETUP ☐SUFFICIENT ICE TO COOL SAMPLES TO A RANGE OF 0 - 6°C WHEN SHIPPING OVERNIGHT ☐RELINQUISHED BY: Harold Crouch DATE: 24 Jan 2012 TIME: 07:30**LABORATORY USE ONLY****EFFLUENT**LOG NUMBER: 2012027-2RECEIVED TEMPERATURE: 1 °C THERMOMETER ASSIGNED NUMBER: #6HEADSPACE: YES or NO ☒SAMPLES ICED or DELIVERED SAME DAY AS TEST ☒**UPSTREAM**

LOG NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

RECEIVED TEMPERATURE: 1 °C THERMOMETER ASSIGNED NUMBER: #6HEADSPACE: YES or NO ☒SAMPLES ICED or DELIVERED SAME DAY AS TEST ☒RECEIVED BY: [Signature] DATE: 1/24/12 TIME: 13:18

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## REPORT OF ACUTE TOXICITY TESTING Emerald Performance Materials Effluent, AEC = 100%

EAS LOG# 1407821  
January 25, 2012 through January 27, 2012

### Tests performed by:

John P. Clippard / Chemical Analyst at Environmental Analysis South (EAS)  
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## 1. REPORT SUMMATION:

## 1.1. Multiple Dilution Data Summation

Test Solution	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> Acute Toxicity Test 96 Hour Survival	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> Acute Toxicity Test 48 Hour Survival
Reconstituted Control (RC)	100%	100%
Upstream Control (UC)	100%	100%
6.25% Effluent	25%*	95%
12.5% Effluent	0%*	15%*
25% Effluent	0%*	0%*
50% Effluent	0%*	0%*
100% Effluent	0%*	0%*
Estimated LC <sub>50</sub> Value	<6.25% Effluent	9.42% Effluent (8.34% - 10.65%)

\* Indicates a significant difference at alpha = 0.5 between effluent and control survival data.

**Note:** Calculations were performed on the 48 hr *Pimephales promelas* data rather than 96 hr due to UPS failure to deliver the renewal effluent.

**Conclusion:**

*Pimephales promelas* 96 hour WET results:

LC 50 < 6.25% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber  
NOAEC < 6.25% by the Steel's Many-One Rank Test

*Ceriodaphnia dubia* 48 hour WET results:

LC 50 = 9.42% using Trimmed Spearman-Kärber  
NOAEC = 6.25% by the Steel's Many-One Rank Test

Approved by

Sara C. Shields, Chemist

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**Effluent, AEC = 100%**

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**2. TEST METHOD SUMMARY****2.1. TEST CONDITIONS AND METHODS:**

	<i>Ceriodaphnia dubia</i> :	<i>Pimephales promelas</i> :
Test duration:	48 hours	48 hours
Temperature:	24 - 26 degree Celsius	24 - 26 degree Celsius
Light quality:	Ambient laboratory illumination	Ambient laboratory illumination
Photoperiod:	16 hour light, 8 hours dark	16 hour light, 8 hours dark
Control Water:	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water	Moderately Hard Reconstituted Water
Dilution Water:	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.	Upstream Water - If unavailable or toxic, then control water will be used.
Size of test vessel:	30 milliliters	250 milliliters
Volume of test solution:	15 milliliters	200 milliliters
Age of test organisms:	<24 hours	1 -14 days (all same age)
Number of organisms/test vessel:	5	10
Number of replicates/concentration:	4	2
Number of organisms/concentration:	20	40 for a single dilution test and 20 for a multiple dilution test
Feeding regime:	None (fed prior to test)	None (fed prior to test)
Aeration:	None	None
Test acceptability criterion:	90% or greater survival in controls	90% or greater survival in controls

The methodology used for the chemistry data was taken from the *Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater*, 18<sup>th</sup> edition (1992). The exception was hardness, which was determined using a Hach EDTA titration test kit. The toxicity tests follow guidelines laid out in the permittee's NPDES permit and were conducted according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002).

All test organisms were cultured according to EPA approved methods (USEPA 2002). The *Ceriodaphnia dubia* and the *Pimephales promelas* were obtained from C-K Associates Inc. located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana and shipped overnight for use in the whole effluent toxicity test.

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Emerald Performance Materials

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#### 2.2. REFERENCE TOXICITY TEST:

Environmental Analysis South performs monthly reference toxicity tests. The most recent reference test was initiated on January 11, 2012 using KCL Lot #41713. Following are the results:

2.2.1. *P. promelas* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50}$  = 0.978 g/l 95%CI (0.733 g/l - 1.222 g/l)

EAS %CV = 12.5%

National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 19%CV

National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 33%CV

2.2.2. *C. dubia* - 48 hr. Acute Test -  $LC_{50}$  = 0.474 g/l 95%CI (0.304 g/l - 0.644g/l)

EAS %CV = 17.9%

National Warning Limits (75<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 29%CV

National Control Limits (90<sup>th</sup> percentile) = 34%CV

#### 2.3. LITERATURE CITED:

1. APHA. 1992. *Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater*, 18th Ed. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C
2. USEPA. 2002. *Methods for measuring the acute toxicity of effluents and receiving waters to freshwater and marine organisms*, 5th Ed. EPA-821-R-02-012
3. USEPA 2000. Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (Table B-2). June 2000. EPA 833-R-00-003.

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CLIENT NAME:	Emerald Purance Materials, Effluent,												
NPDES NUMBER:													
TYPE OF METHOD:	multiple dilution, 96 hrs PP & 48 CD, AEC=100%												
DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION:	01/23/12 2359 hrs by ARH												
DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION:	01/25/12 1030 hrs by UPS												
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	INT EFFL	INT UC	INT RC					
LOG NUMBER / ID NUMBER						1407821	1407821A	RC4029					
pH - SU	01/25/12	1045 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.95	7.74	7.70	7.99					
TEMPERATURE °C RECEIVED	01/25/12	1045 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		3	3	24					
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/25/12	1045 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)	496	12410	949	242					
HARDNESS - ppm	01/25/12	1045 hrs	SCS	ERA P170-507(107-134)	120	380	400	80					
CHLORINE - ppm	01/25/12	1045 hrs	SCS	tap water	+	<0.04	<0.04	<0.04					
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/25/12	1045 hrs	SCS	cal@840		4.6	7.5	7.4					
TOTAL ALKALINITY - ppm	01/26/12	1000 hrs	SCS	ERAP198-506(76.8-91.5)	86.4	610	229	74.8					
INITIAL AMMONIA - ppm	01/27/12	1100 hrs	JPC	EAS #2446 (8-12)	9.62	72.2	0.062	<0.05					
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS -ppm													
0 HOUR OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/25/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.95	8.25	7.84	8.00	8.00	8.00	7.98	7.93	
TEMPERATURE °C	01/25/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.3	24.6	25.0	24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/25/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)	496	282	936	12590	7370	4060	2430	1674	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/25/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		8.3	9.6	10.3	10.6	10.7	11.0	11.2	
24 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	7.70	8.26	8.39	8.38	8.37	8.36	8.27	
TEMPERATURE °C	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)	490	315	914	12640	7470	4170	2490	1693	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.9	7.7	7	7.4	7.4	7.4	7.5	
48 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	8.33	8.06	8.39	8.37	8.33	8.26	8.19	
TEMPERATURE °C	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	24.9	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)	501	390	942	12840	7600	4200	2530	1708	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		7.4	7.2	7.0	6.9	6.8	6.9	7.1	
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													
24 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - CD	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	7.99	8.28	8.48	8.52	8.48	8.45	8.44	
TEMPERATURE °C	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)	490	307	893	12370	7160	3960	2450	1627	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/26/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		8.4	8.2	8.2	8.2	8.3	8.3	8.3	
8 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - CD	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)	8.93	1.00	8.25	8.71	8.50	8.51	8.46	8.38	
TEMPERATURE °C	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106		25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)	501	304	897	12230	7160	4010	2390	1619	
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840		8.0	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.0	8.1	8.0	
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

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CLIENT NAME:	Emerald Purance Materials, Effluent,												
NPDES NUMBER:													
TYPE OF METHOD:	multiple dilution, 96 hrs PP & 48 CD, AEC=100%												
DATE & TIME OF COLLECTION:	Renewal was not received due to UPS error--calculations to be made at 48 hours												
DATE & TIME OF SUBMISSION:	Upstream: River												
INITIAL OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	INT EFFL	INT UC	INT RC					
LOG NUMBER / ID NUMBER								RC4029					
pH - SU				SB114 (8.8-9.2)				7.99					
TEMPERATURE °C RECEIVED				EAS 106				24					
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos				ERA506-0814(452-505)				242					
HARDNESS - ppm				ERA P170-507(107-134)	120			80					
CHLORINE - ppm				tap water				<0.04					
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm				cal@840				7.4					
TOTAL ALKALINITY - ppm				ERA P173-506(42.8-49.6)									
INITIAL AMMONIA - ppm				EAS #1981 (8-12)									
TOTAL DISSOLVED SOLIDS -ppm													
0 HOUR OBSERVATIONS	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)									
TEMPERATURE °C	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106									
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)									
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/27/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840									
72 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/28/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)									
TEMPERATURE °C	01/28/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106									
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/28/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)									
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/28/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840									
96 HOUR OBSERVATIONS - PP	DATE	TIME	ANALYST	QC LOT	QC EXP VALUE	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X %AEC
pH - SU	01/29/12	1100 hrs	SCS	SB114 (8.8-9.2)									
TEMPERATURE °C	01/29/12	1100 hrs	SCS	EAS 106									
SPECIFIC CONDUCTANCE umhos	01/29/12	1100 hrs	SCS	ERA506-0814(452-505)									
DISSOLVED OXYGEN - ppm	01/29/12	1100 hrs	SCS	cal@840									
FINAL AMMONIA - ppm													

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Emerald Purance Materials, Effluent, EAS LOG# 1407821

Date Test Began: January 25, 2012

Time Test Began: 1100 hrs

Analyst 1: DFW

Date Test Finished: 11/27/12CD&11/29/12PP

Time Test Finished: 1100 hrs

Analyst 2: KJR

Analyst 3: SCS

P. promelas (PP)

AGE: 7 days

HATCH NUMBER: 8257 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	10,10	
24 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	2,1	8,7	8,9	
48 HR-PP	10,10	10,10	0,0	0,0	0,0	0,0	4,1	

Ceriodaphnia dubia (CD)

AGE: <24 hours

HATCH NUMBER: 2429 c-k

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
0 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	
24 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	2,4,3,5	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	
48 HR-CD	5,5,5,5	5,5,5,5	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	0,0,0,0	0,0,1,2	5,4,5,5	

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*J. Child*

Date:

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Emerald Purance Materials, Effluent, EAS LOG# 1407821

Date Test Began: January 25, 2012

Time Test Began: 1100 hrs

Analyst 1: DFW

Date Test Finished: 11/27/12CD&11/29/12PP

Time Test Finished: 1100 hrs

Analyst 2: KJR

Analyst 3: SCS

P. promelas (PP)

AGE: 13 days

HATCH NUMBER: 052609cd aro

	RC	UC	100%	50%	25%	12.50%	6.25%	X% AEC
PERIOD	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE	ALIVE
48 HR-PP								
72 HR-PP								
96 HR-PP								


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Emerald Permance Materials, Effluent, EAS#: 1407821

**Notes & Comments**

Note #1: Effluent aerated prior to test initiation due low DO upon arrival.

Note #2: Effluent bright orange in color.

Prepared by:

*Michael*

Date:

*02/02/2012*

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## SUBCONTRACT ORDER

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1/24/2012

PDC Laboratories, Inc.  
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Project Manager: Kurt C. Stepping  
kstepping@pdclab.com Phone: 309-683-1719Environmental Analysis South  
4000 East Jackson Blvd  
Jackson, MO 63755  
Phone : (573) 204-8817Sample Origin (State) ILPO# L 40833Emerald

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments	
Sample ID: 2012627-01 <u>-Elkhart</u> Waste Water			Sampled: 01/23/12 23:59	<u>1407821</u> <sup>temp rec'd</sup> <u>3°C</u>
Wet Testing - Single Dilution	02/03/12 16:00	01/25/12 23:59		
Sample ID: 2012627-02 <u>-River</u> Waste Water			Sampled: 01/24/12 06:00	<u>1407821-A</u> <sup>3°C</sup> <u>SS</u>
Wet Testing - Single Dilution	02/03/12 16:00	01/26/12 06:00		

Relinquished By <u>Alan J. H.</u>	Date/Time <u>1-24-12 13:30</u>	Received By <u>[Signature]</u>	Date/Time <u>1/25/12 10:30</u>	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt <u>    </u> C
				Sample(s) Received on Ice Y or N
				Proper Bottles Received in Good Condition Y or N
				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume Y or N
				Samples Received Within Hold Time Y or N
				Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle Y or N



Emerald Performance Materials, LLC  
1550 County Road 1450 N  
Henry, Illinois 61537  
309-364-2311

CERTIFIED MAIL: 7016 1370 0002 2632 2248

November 7, 2017

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
Compliance Assurance Section  
1021 North Grand Avenue East  
Post Office Box 19276  
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

Re: NPDES Biomonitoring Results- NPDES Permit No. IL0001392

Dear Sir or Madam:

In accordance with special condition number 14 of NPDES permit No. IL0001392 issued to Emerald Performance Materials, attached please find the analytical results for sampling completed September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Attached you will also find a letter from Mr. Kurt Stepping, Senior Project Manager from PDC Labs. Mr. Stepping's letter is in explanation of the delayed submission of this report which is outside of the seven (7) day window required under special condition 14 of the above permit. Mr. David Sikes, EHS&S Manager for the Emerald Performance Materials - Henry, IL facility is responsible for reporting all wastewater treatment results to IEPA and the report attached from PDC was not provided to Mr. Sikes until October 1, 2017 due to an automated email oversight by PDC staff. Mr. Sikes and PDC have taken correction actions to ensure that this incident will not happen again. Emerald is requesting that leniency be shown given the cause of the delay is not a result of Emerald negligence or mistake.

If you have any questions or need addition information, please contact David Sikes at (309)364-9472.

Sincerely,  
EMERALD PERFORMANCE MATERIALS, LLC

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. David Sikes", is written over a horizontal line.

J. David Sikes  
EHS&S Manager

Attachments: Letter from Kurt Stepping, Senior Project Manager - PDC Laboratories, Inc.  
PDC Laboratories, Inc. Analytical Data Report (Project WO# 7094078)

cc Todd Huson, IEPA-Regional Office  
CERTIFIED MAIL: 7016 1370 0002 2632 2255

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November 3, 2017

Mr David Sikes  
Emerald Performance Materials  
1550 CR 1450 N  
Henry, IL 61537

Dear David,

This letter is to document the series of events related to the reporting of your WET testing results for your Henry IL facility.

PDC Laboratories received samples during the week of September 25, 2017. After all analyses, data entry, and data review were completed PDC Laboratories initially processed a report to Emerald on October 12, 2017. The report was processed through our automated Lab Messenger system and emailed to Emerald.

On November 1, 2017 you informed me that you had never received the report. I immediately regenerated a revised report with a comment on the report as to the reason for the revision and emailed this report to you.

On November 3, 2017 I further investigated the email submittal of the initial report. At this time, I discovered that we used a "project" in our LIMS system from several years past when PDC Labs last was involved with the WET testing for Emerald. The prior Emerald contact person's name was changed to yours. We did not however update a "report options" section of the LIMS that specifically directs the outgoing email from the automated system. This reporting options screen is accessed by clicking through a few more screens. This was an oversight on our end. When the initial report was processed it went to the email addresses at Emerald that are still active from when the project was initiated years ago. This did NOT include you.

I apologize for this oversight on the reporting of the WET testing and any inconvenience this may have caused.

Thank you for your attention to this matter, and please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

PDC Laboratories Inc.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kurt Stepping".

Kurt C. Stepping  
Senior Project Manager



## PDC Laboratories, Inc.

PROFESSIONAL DEPENDABLE COMMITTED

November 01, 2017

David Sikes  
Emerald Performance Materials  
1550 County Rd 1450 N  
Henry, IL 61537

Dear David Sikes:

Please find enclosed the revised analytical results for the sample(s) the laboratory received on **9/25/17 11:30 am** and logged in under work order **7094078**. All testing is performed according to our current TNI certifications unless otherwise noted. This report cannot be reproduced, except in full, without the written permission of PDC Laboratories, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding your report, please contact your project manager. Quality and timely data is of the utmost importance to us.

PDC Laboratories, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide you with analytical expertise. We are always trying to improve our customer service and we welcome you to contact the Vice President, John LaPayne with any feedback you have about your experience with our laboratory.

Sincerely,

Senior Project Manager  
(309) 692-9688 x1719  
kstepping@pdclab.com







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Peoria, IL 61615  
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## REVISED ANALYTICAL RESULTS

**Sample:** 7094078-01  
**Name:** EFFLUENT  
**Alias:** Pass. Pimephales Promelas LC50 = 3.78%, Ceriodaphnia Dubia LC50 = > 12.5%

**Sampled:** 09/25/17 09:00  
**Received:** 09/25/17 11:30  
**Matrix:** Waste Water - Composite  
**PO #:** HE40080120-UB

Parameter	Result	Unit	Qualifier	Prepared	Analyzed	Analyst	Method
<b><u>Distilled Nutrients - STL</u></b>							
Ammonia-N	42	mg/L		09/28/17 10:58	09/28/17 11:10	SCI	EPA 350.1*
<b><u>General Chemistry - SPMO</u></b>							
Chlorine - Total Residual	0.14	mg/L	H	09/26/17 16:38	09/26/17 16:38	KB	SM 4500-Cl G*
Conductivity	2900	umhos/cm		09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	SM 2510B
Dissolved Oxygen	8.6	mg/L	H	09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	SM 4500-O G*
pH	8.0	pH Units	H	09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	SM 4500-H B - SW 9040*
<b><u>General Chemistry - STL</u></b>							
Alkalinity - total as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	700	mg/L		09/27/17 09:30	09/27/17 13:30	SCI	SM 2320B*
<b><u>Total Metals - STL</u></b>							
Calcium	140	mg/L		09/28/17 11:00	10/02/17 15:08	KLA	EPA 200.7
Hardness	520	mg/L		09/28/17 11:00	10/02/17 15:18	KLA	SM 2340B
Magnesium	39	mg/L		09/28/17 11:00	10/02/17 15:18	KLA	EPA 200.7
<b><u>WETT - SPMO</u></b>							
Ceriodaphnia Dubia TUa	< 8.0	units		09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	EPA 2002.0*
Pimephales Promelas TUa	26	units		09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	EPA 2002.0*

**Sample:** 7094078-02  
**Name:** UPSTREAM  
**Matrix:** Waste Water - Grab

**Sampled:** 09/25/17 09:00  
**Received:** 09/25/17 11:30  
**PO #:** HE40080120-UB

Parameter	Result	Unit	Qualifier	Prepared	Analyzed	Analyst	Method
<b><u>Distilled Nutrients - STL</u></b>							
Ammonia-N	0.48	mg/L		09/28/17 10:58	09/28/17 11:10	SCI	EPA 350.1*
<b><u>General Chemistry - SPMO</u></b>							
Chlorine - Total Residual	0.33	mg/L	H	09/26/17 16:38	09/26/17 16:38	KB	SM 4500-Cl G*
Conductivity	700	umhos/cm		09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	SM 2510B
Dissolved Oxygen	8.8	mg/L	H	09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	SM 4500-O G*
pH	8.1	pH Units	H	09/26/17 12:28	09/26/17 12:28	RRG	SM 4500-H B - SW 9040*



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## NOTES

Specific method revisions used for analysis are available upon request.

### Memos

#### Report of Acute Toxicity Testing

##### Reference Toxicity Test:

PDC Laboratories, INC. conducts a monthly reference toxicant test to demonstrate and obtain consistent, precise results for permit compliance purposes. This demonstration is to ensure satisfactory laboratory performance. The most recent reference test results are as follows:

Date Initiated: September 20, 2017

Date Concluded: September 22, 2017

Reference Toxicant: Potassium Chloride (KCl)

Lot Number: 46345704

Expiration: N/A

Standards ID: SPMO1-22B

Moderately Hard Synthetic Water: 31BC3

Prepared: September 14, 2017

Expiration: September 30, 2017

Analyst: RRG

Pimephales promelas: 48 hour Acute Test - LC50 = 750 mg/L

SPMO %CV = 17.84%

National Limits (75th Percentile) = 17.9% CV

National Control Limit (90th Percentile) = 33% CV

Ceriodaphnia dubia: 48 hour Acute Test - LC50 = 736.8 mg/L

SPMO %CV = 26.44%

National Limits (75th Percentile) = 29%CV

National Control Limit (90th Percentile) = 34%CV

##### Literature Cited:

- 1.) APHA. 1992. Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 18th Ed. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2.) USEPA. 2002. Methods for measuring the acute toxicity of effluents and receiving waters to freshwater and marine organisms, 5th ed. EPA-821-R-02-012
- 3.) USEPA 2000. Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (Table B-2). June 2000. EPA 833-R-00-003

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**Certifications**

CHI - McHenry, IL

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Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 17556

PIA - Peoria, IL

TNI Accreditation for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Hazardous and Solid Wastes Fields of Testing through IL EPA Lab No. 100230  
Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 17553  
Drinking Water Certifications: Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338); Missouri (870)  
Wastewater Certifications: Arkansas (88-0677); Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338)  
Hazardous/Solid Waste Certifications: Arkansas (88-0677); Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338)

SPMO - Springfield, MO

USEPA DMR-QA Program

STL - St. Louis, MO

TNI Accreditation for Wastewater, Hazardous and Solid Wastes Fields of Testing through KS Lab No. E-10389  
Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 171050  
Drinking Water Certifications: Missouri (1050)  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

\* Not a TNI accredited analyte

**Qualifiers**

H - Test performed after the expiration of the appropriate regulatory/advisory maximum allowable hold time.

Certified by: Kurt Stepping, Senior Project Manager



**SUBCONTRACT ORDER**  
**Transfer Chain of Custody**

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7094078

**SENDING LABORATORY**
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(800) 752-6651
**RECEIVING LABORATORY**
PDC Springfield  
1805 W. Sunset  
Springfield, MO 65807  
(417) 864-8924

**Sample:** 7094078-01  
**Name:** EFFLUENT

**Sampled:** 09/25/17 09:00  
**Matrix:** Waste Water  
**Preservative:** Cool <6

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
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03-WET Multiple	10/05/17 16:00	09/26/17 21:00	
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**Sample:** 7094078-02  
**Name:** UPSTREAM

**Sampled:** 09/25/17 09:00  
**Matrix:** Waste Water  
**Preservative:** Cool <6

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
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03-WET Multiple	10/05/17 16:00	09/26/17 21:00	
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Please email results to Kurt Stepping at [kstepping@pdclab.com](mailto:kstepping@pdclab.com)
Date Shipped: 9-25-17 Total # of Containers: 9 Sample Origin (State): FL PO #: \_\_\_\_\_

Turn-Around Time Requested ☒ NORMAL ☐ RUSH Date Results Needed: \_\_\_\_\_

Relinquished By	Date/Time	Received By	Date/Time	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt	29 °C
<u>git by</u>	<u>9-25-17 1400</u>	<u>Kauwmed</u>	<u>9-26-17 9:26</u>	Sample(s) Received on Ice	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y or N
				Proper Bottles Received in Good Condition	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y or N
				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y or N
				Samples Received Within Hold Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y or N
				Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y or N

**Multiple Dilution WET Test**Sample # 7094078  
Client Emerald PolymerClient Permit # IL0001397PP Hatch 091817ACD Hatch 092617ICAMHSF 310C3Board/Shelf 212

Cup	Conc.	Initial	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	96 hour	Set Times		
P1	6.25	10	8	2	2	1	Start Date/Time:	9-16-17 01310	
P2	Lab	10	10	10	9	9	Date	Time	Analyst
P3	6.25	10	8	3	1	0	0 Hour	9-26-17	1310 RRG
P4	12.5	10	0	0	0	0	24 Hour	9-27-17	1320 RRG
P5	0.78	10	10	10	8	7	48 Hour	9-28-17	1240 RRG
P6	3.125	10	10	9	7	5	72 Hour	9-29-17	1307 RRG
P7	0.78	10	10	8	8	6	96 Hour	9-30-17	1320 KIM
P8	12.5	10	0	0	0	0	End Date/Time:	9-30-17 01320	
P9	1.565	10	10	10	10	9	Results		
P10	Lab	10	10	10	9	8	Pimephales promelas		
P11	1.565	10	10	9	8	5	96 Hour Result	Date	Analyst
P12	up	10	10	10	8	8	LC 50	3.87	10-2-17 RRG
P13 *	3.125	10	10	9	8	6	TUa	25.84	10-2-17 RRG
P14 *	up	10	10	10	10	9	P-Value	0.0038	10-2-17 RRG
C1	1.565	5	5	5			Ceriodaphnia Dubia		
C2	12.5	5	5	5			48 Hour Result	Date	Analyst
C3	Lab	5	5	4			LC 50	>12.5	10-2-17 RRG
C4	Lab	5	5	5			TUa	28	10-2-17 RRG
C5	up	5	5	5			P-Value	1.0000	10-2-17 RRG
C6	0.78	5	5	5			Date	Analyst	
C7	0.78	5	5	5			Filtered (Y/N):	upstream	9-26-17 RRG
C8	6.25	5	5	5			Light Check:	N/A	9-26-17 RRG
C9	Lab	5	5	5			PP Fry Age:	8 days	9-26-17 RRG
C10	Lab	5	5	5			CD Neonates Age:	224 hrs	9-26-17 RRG
C11	12.5	5	5	5			Comments: PP fry were set in 200 ml of conc. w/in a 250 ml cup. CD were set in 15 ml of conc. w/in a 30 ml cup		
C12	6.25	5	5	4					
C13	3.125	5	5	5					
C14	1.565	5	5	5					
C15	3.125	5	5	5					
C16	12.5	5	5	5					
C17	up	5	5	5					
C18	3.125	5	5	5					
C19	1.565	5	5	5					
C20	12.5	5	5	5					
C21	6.25	5	5	5					
C22	0.78	5	5	5					
C23	0.78	5	5	5					
C24	1.565	5	5	5					
C25 *	3.125	5	5	5					
C26 *	up	5	5	5					
C27 *	up	5	5	5					
C28 *	6.25	5	5	5					

\* These cups only used when upstream samples are provided.

Analyst Signature: [Signature]Date: 10-2-17

Read and

Understood By: [Signature]Date: 10-10-17Logbook: 1Report #: 42

		Date	Time	Analyst	48 Hour	Date	Time	Analyst	96 Hour	Date	Time	Analyst	DO (mg/L)	Initial	1 Hour	24 Hour	48 Hour	72 Hour	96 Hour
4.00	4.01	4/26/17	11:02	R26	4.01	9/28/17	12:42	R26	4.01	9/30/17	13:25	R26							
7.00	7.00				7.00				7.00										
	10.02				10.02				10.02										
	49				49.7				49.6										
DO (mg/L) Initial 1 Hour 24 Hour 48 Hour 72 Hour 96 Hour																			
Time 11:04 14:04 13:16 12:41 13:25 13:25																			
Analyst R26 R26 R26 R26 R26 R26																			
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**SUBCONTRACT ORDER**  
**Transfer Chain of Custody**

PDC Laboratories, Inc.

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**SENDING LABORATORY**

PDC Laboratories, Inc.  
 2231 W Altorfer Dr  
 Peoria, IL 61615  
 (800) 752-6651

**RECEIVING LABORATORY**

PDC Laboratories, Inc. - St Louis  
 3278 N Highway 67  
 Florissant, MO 63033  
 (314) 432-0550

Sample: 7094078-01  
 Name: EFFLUENT

Sampled: 09/25/17 09:00  
 Matrix: Waste Water  
 Preservative: Cool <6

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
04-Alk	10/05/17 16:00	10/09/17 09:00	
04-Ammonia-N Distill Gallery	10/05/17 16:00	10/23/17 09:00	
04-Ca 200.7 WWTot	10/05/17 16:00	03/24/18 09:00	
04-Mg 200.7 WWTot	10/05/17 16:00	03/24/18 09:00	

Sample: 7094078-02  
 Name: UPSTREAM

Sampled: 09/25/17 09:00  
 Matrix: Waste Water  
 Preservative: H2SO4, cool <6

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
04-Ammonia-N Distill Gallery	10/05/17 16:00	10/23/17 09:00	

Please email results to Kurt Stepping at [kstepping@pdclab.com](mailto:kstepping@pdclab.com)

Date Shipped: 9-26-17 Total # of Containers: 5 Sample Origin (State): MO PO #:         
 Turn-Around Time Requested ☒ NORMAL ☐ RUSH Date Results Needed:       

Relinquished By <u>Kavanaugh</u>	Date/Time <u>9-26-17 1500</u>	Received By <u>R. Shell</u>	Date/Time <u>9/27/17 10:30</u>	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt	<u>3.4</u> °C
				Sample(s) Received on Ice	<u>Y</u> or N
				Proper Bottles Received in Good Condition	<u>Y</u> or N
				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume	<u>Y</u> or N
				Samples Received Within Hold Time	<u>Y</u> or N
				Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle	<u>Y</u> or N



April 18, 2019

CERTIFIED MAIL – 9214-8901-0661-5400-0137-2800-05

Todd Huson  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
412 SW Washington Street, Suite D  
Peoria, Illinois 61602

**Re: 2018 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Test  
Emerald Performance Materials, Henry Illinois Plant  
NPDES Permit No. IL0001392, Special Condition #14**

Dear Mr. Huson:

On March 25, 2019, I called by telephone to inform you that we had missed our required 2018 annual WET Test at the above-referenced facility due to turnover in our on-site Health, Safety, and Environmental department during the third quarter of 2018. We subsequently sent you a letter dated March 27, 2019 to memorialize the details of our missed 2018 WET test. As discussed, we immediately collected samples for WET analysis of both our 24-hour composite effluent and an upstream location (used for the dilutions and background purposes). The enclosed report represents the laboratory WET analyses results from this sampling event.

From review of the report, Lethal Concentrations at 50% mortality (LC50) for both the Ceriodaphnia Dubia (greater than or equal to 12.5%) and Pimephales Promelas (2.6%) were higher than the lowest threshold dilution allowed in our NPDES Permit (2.1% - See Special Condition #14, Item #4). Thus, this numeric limit was satisfied. Furthermore, Ammonia-N was measured at 69 mg/L in the effluent sample, which is less than our permitted daily maximum limit of 140 mg/L.

I trust that this correspondence satisfies the requirements of our annual WET testing program and will conduct another round in August to represent the 2019 WET sampling event. If you have any questions or comments regarding this correspondence, please call Lance Richards at 309-364-9472.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Galen Hathcock", written in a cursive style.

Galen Hathcock  
Plant Director

Emerald Polymer Additives, LLC

1550 County Road 1450 N. / Henry, IL 61537 / Phone: 309-364-2311 / Fax: 309-364-9460  
[www.emeraldmaterials.com](http://www.emeraldmaterials.com)

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April 18, 2019

Jim Hastings  
Emerald Performance Materials  
1550 County Rd 1450 N  
Henry, IL 61537

Dear Jim Hastings:

Please find enclosed the analytical results for the sample(s) the laboratory received on 3/26/19 8:00 am and logged in under work order 9034090. All testing is performed according to our current TNI certifications unless otherwise noted. This report cannot be reproduced, except in full, without the written permission of PDC Laboratories, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding your report, please contact your project manager. Quality and timely data is of the utmost importance to us.

PDC Laboratories, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide you with analytical expertise. We are always trying to improve our customer service and we welcome you to contact the Director of Client Services, Lisa Grant with any feedback you have about your experience with our laboratory.

Sincerely,

Kurt Stepping  
Senior Project Manager  
(309) 692-9688 x1719  
kstepping@pdclab.com





**PDC Laboratories, Inc.**  
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Peoria, IL 61615  
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## ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Sample: 9034090-01  
Name: EFFLUENT COMP DAY ONE  
Alias: C.Dubia LC50= >12.5, P.Promelas LC50= 2.6.

Sampled: 03/26/19 00:00  
Received: 03/26/19 08:00  
Matrix: Waste Water - Composite  
PO #: HE40080120-UB

Parameter	Result	Unit	Qualifier	Prepared	Analyzed	Analyst	Method
<b>General Chemistry - SPMO</b>							
Chlorine - Total Residual	< 0.10	mg/L	H	03/28/19 14:10	03/28/19 14:10	smw	SM 4500-Cl G*
Conductivity	6900	umhos/cm		03/27/19 11:53	03/27/19 11:53	KMR	SM 2510B
Dissolved Oxygen	8.0	mg/L	H	03/27/19 11:53	03/27/19 11:53	KMR	SM 4500-O G*
pH	7.7	pH Units	H	03/27/19 11:53	03/27/19 11:53	KMR	SM 4500-H B - SW 9040*
<b>General Chemistry - STL</b>							
Alkalinity - total as CaCO3	940	mg/L		04/01/19 12:33	04/01/19 12:33	JS	SM 2320B*
<b>Nutrients - SPMO</b>							
Ammonia-N	69	mg/L		03/29/19 15:05	03/29/19 15:05	RRG	EPA 350.1 - QC 10-107-06-1-I & J*
<b>Total Metals - STL</b>							
Calcium	80	mg/L	Q4	04/02/19 09:35	04/03/19 11:17	WPS	EPA 200.7
Hardness	360	mg/L		04/02/19 09:35	04/03/19 11:17	WPS	SM 2340B
Magnesium	40	mg/L	Q4	04/02/19 09:35	04/03/19 11:17	WPS	EPA 200.7
<b>WETT - SPMO</b>							
Ceriodaphnia Dubia TUa	< 1.0	units		03/27/19 12:27	03/27/19 12:27	KMR	EPA 2002.0*
Pimephales Promelas TUa	39	units		03/27/19 12:27	03/27/19 12:27	KMR	EPA 2002.0*

Sample: 9034090-02  
Name: UPSTREAM GRAB DAY ONE  
Matrix: Surface Water - Grab

Sampled: 03/26/19 00:00  
Received: 03/26/19 08:00  
PO #: HE40080120-UB

Parameter	Result	Unit	Qualifier	Prepared	Analyzed	Analyst	Method
<b>General Chemistry - SPMO</b>							
Chlorine - Total Residual	< 0.10	mg/L	H	03/28/19 14:10	03/28/19 14:10	smw	SM 4500-Cl G*
Conductivity	790	umhos/cm		03/27/19 11:53	03/27/19 11:53	KMR	SM 2510B
Dissolved Oxygen	9.0	mg/L	H	03/27/19 11:53	03/27/19 11:53	KMR	SM 4500-O G*
pH	8.0	pH Units	H	03/27/19 11:53	03/27/19 11:53	KMR	SM 4500-H B - SW 9040*
<b>Nutrients - SPMO</b>							
Ammonia-N	< 0.10	mg/L		03/29/19 15:05	03/29/19 15:05	RRG	EPA 350.1 - QC 10-107-06-1-I & J*



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## NOTES

Specific method revisions used for analysis are available upon request.

### Memos

#### Report of Acute Toxicity Testing

##### Reference Toxicity Test:

PDC Laboratories, INC. conducts a monthly reference toxicant test to demonstrate and obtain consistent, precise results for permit compliance purposes. This demonstration is to ensure satisfactory laboratory performance. The most recent reference test results are as follows:

Date Initiated: March 5, 2019

Date Concluded: March 7, 2019

Reference Toxicant: Potassium Chloride (KCl)

Lot Number: 18A195207

Expiration: N/A

Standards ID: SPMO6-22A

Moderately Hard Synthetic Water: 3-3CC3

Prepared: February 27, 2019

Expiration: March 13, 2019

Analyst: KMR

Pimephales promelas: 48 hour Acute Test - LC50 = 750 mg/L

SPMO %CV = 19.60 %

National Limits (75th Percentile) = 17.9% CV

National Control Limit (90th Percentile) = 33% CV

Ceriodaphnia dubia: 48 hour Acute Test - LC50 = 722 mg/L

SPMO %CV = 21.12 %

National Limits (75th Percentile) = 29%CV

National Control Limit (90th Percentile) = 34%CV

##### Literature Cited:

- 1.) APHA, 1992. Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 18th Ed. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2.) USEPA, 2002. Methods for measuring the acute toxicity of effluents and receiving waters to freshwater and marine organisms, 5th ed. EPA-821-R-02-012
- 3.) USEPA 2000. Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (Table B-2), June 2000. EPA 833-R-00-003



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**Certifications**

**CHI - McHenry, IL**

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Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 17556

**PIA - Peoria, IL**

TNI Accreditation for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Hazardous and Solid Wastes Fields of Testing through IL EPA Lab No. 100230  
Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 17553  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources Certificate of Approval for Microbiological Laboratory Service No. 870  
Drinking Water Certifications: Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338); Missouri (870)  
Wastewater Certifications: Arkansas (88-0677); Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338)  
Hazardous/Solid Waste Certifications: Arkansas (88-0677); Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338)

**SPIL - Springfield, IL**

NELAP/NELAC accreditation through the Illinois EPA, PAS IL 100323

**SPMO - Springfield, MO**

USEPA DMR-QA Program

**STL - St. Louis, MO**

TNI Accreditation for Wastewater, Hazardous and Solid Wastes Fields of Testing through KS Lab No. E-10389  
Accreditation of Laboratories for Wastewater, Hazardous, and Solid Waste Analysis through IL EPA No. 200080  
Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 171050  
Drinking Water Certifications: Missouri (1050)  
Missouri Department of Natural Resources

\* Not a TNI accredited analyte

**Qualifiers**

- H Test performed after the expiration of the appropriate regulatory/advisory maximum allowable hold time.  
Q4 The matrix spike recovery result is unusable since the analyte concentration in the sample is greater than four times the spike level.  
The associated blank spike was acceptable.

Certified by: Chad Cooper For Kurt Stepping, Senior Project Manager





# SHIPPING ORDER

Emerald Performance Materials LLC

1550 County Road 1450 N

Henry, IL 61537

SHIPPING ORDER NUMBER

P19-15953

PLEASE USE THE ABOVE NUMBER  
WHEN CORRESPONDING

BILL OF LADING NUMBER

DESIGNER REPORT NUMBER

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This is to certify that the above named  
materials are properly classified,  
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labeled for transportation according to  
the applicable regulations of the  
Department of Transportation

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AUTHORIZED BY

Jim Hastings

PURCHASING DEPT APPROVAL

DATE ENTERED

PLANT LOCATION

HENRY, IL 61537

DEPT NO 2476

ACCOUNT 6100 1014

OUR PURCHASE  
ORDER NO

HE-40016024

YOUR INVOICE NO

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Plant Effluent

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WET Testing

INSTRUCTION TO READERS

MATERIAL RECEIVED BY

Users: HSE Shipping Orders, Emerald Shipping Order - PDC Lab for Plant & Primary Effluent Samples.xls

## Multiple Dilution WET Test

9034090-01  
 Sample # 9033040-01 KMR  
 Client Emerald

Client Permit # 16-0001392PP Hatch 031519ACD Hatch 0327191CBMHSF 3-413C2Board/Shelf 00212

Cup	Conc	Initial	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	96 hour	Set Times		
P1	Lab	10	10	10	10	10	Start Date/Time:	3-27-19	@ 1237
P2	1.565	10	10	10	10	9	Date	Time	Analyst
P3	6.25	10	7	2	2	0	0 Hour	3-27-19	1227 KMR
P4	up	10	10	10	10	9	24 Hour	3-25-19	1300 KMR
P5	up	10	10	10	10	10	48 Hour	3-29-19	1230 KMR
P6	12.5	10	2	0	0	0	72 Hour	3-30-19	1215 KLM
P7	1.565	10	10	10	10	9	96 Hour	3-31-19	1237 RDB
P8	3.125	10	9	5	5	2	End Date/Time:	3-31-19	@ 1237
P9	0.78	10	10	10	10	10	Results		
P10	Lab	10	10	10	10	10	Pimephales promelas		
P11	0.78	10	10	9	8	8	96 Hour Result	Date	Analyst
P12	6.25	10	10	3	3	0	LC 50	2.562	4-1-19 KMR
P13*	12.5	10	6	0	0	0	TUa	2.03	4-1-19 KMR
P14*	3.125	10	10	8	7	2	P-Value	—	—
C1	3.125	5	5	5			Ceriodaphnia Dubia		
C2	1.565	5	5	5			48 Hour Result	Date	Analyst
C3	12.5	5	5	5			LC 50	>100	4-1-19 KMR
C4	Lab	5	5	5			TUa	21	4-1-19 KMR
C5	up	5	5	5			P-Value	—	—
C6	1.565	5	5	5			Date	Analyst	
C7	12.5	5	5	5			Filtered (Y/N):	Y	4-1-19 KMR
C8	0.78	5	5	5			Light Check:	N/A	4-1-19 KMR
C9	12.5	5	5	5			PP Fry Age:	12 days	4-1-19 KMR
C10	0.78	5	5	5			CD Neonates Age:	24 hrs	4-1-19 KMR
C11	3.125	5	5	5			Comments: PP fry were set in 200 ml of conc. w/in a 250 ml cup. CD were set in 15 ml of conc. w/in a 30 ml cup		
C12	12.5	5	4	4					
C13	up	5	5	5					
C14	3.125	5	5	5					
C15	1.565	5	5	5					
C16	up	5	5	5					
C17	6.25	5	5	5					
C18	Lab	5	5	5					
C19	up	5	5	5					
C20	0.78	5	5	5					
C21	Lab	5	5	5					
C22	Lab	5	5	5					
C23	6.25	5	6	5					
C24	0.78	5	6	5					
C25*	1.565	5	5	5					
C26*	6.25	5	5	5					
C27*	3.125	5	5	5					
C28*	6.25	5	5	5					

Analyst Signature: Rusta Rice  
 Date: 4-1-19  
 Read and Understood By: Rylin  
 Date: 4-4-19  
 Logbook: 3 Report #: 11

\* These cups only used when upstream samples are provided

## Routine Chemistries

9031090-01 Client Permit # 1-0001392  
 Sample # 9031090-01 PP Hatch 031519  
 Client Emerald CO Hatch 032719158

MHSF 3-4800  
 Board/Sheet 00210

## Calibration data

pH	Initial	Date	Time	Analyst	48 hour	Date	Time	Analyst	96 hour	Date	Time	Analyst	DO (mg/L)	Initial	1 Hour	24 Hour	48 Hour	72 Hour	96 Hour
4.00	14.01	3-27-19	1109	KML	4.01	3-27-19	1247	KML	4.01	3-27-19	1233	RRG		Date	3-27-19	3-27-19	3-27-19	3-27-19	3-27-19
7.00	7.00				7.00				7.00					Time	1114	1152	1243	1143	1210
10.00	10.00				10.03				10.03					Analyst	KML	KML	YML	KML	KML
Curve	495			917					987					Pressure (mmHg)	737	735	732	729	730

## Initial/Received

Cup #	1	9	2	8	3	6	4	13	Date	Time	Batch	Analyst
Concentration	MHSF	0.78%	1.6%	3%	6%	12.5	*Upstream	12.5-DUP				
pH (EPA 150.1)	7.97	7.95	7.97	8.03	8.02	8.00	8.03	8.01	3-27-19		1153	KML
DO (mg/L) (SM 2510C)	7.99	8.56	8.60	8.68	8.77	8.73	8.98	8.65	3-27-19		1153	KML
Conductivity (µMhos) (SM 2510B)												
Method	4500Cl-G	0.07	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	0.06	3-27-19		1153	KML
Chlorine (mg/L)	EPA 350.1	6.94	6.94	6.94	6.94	6.94	6.94	6.94	3-27-19		1153	KML
Ammonia (mg/L)	2320B	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	9.41	3-27-19		1153	KML
Alkalinity (mg/L)	2007	300	300	300	300	300	300	300	3-27-19		1153	KML
Hardness (mg/L)												

Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.6%	3%	6%	12.5	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst
DO (mg/L)	7.36	7.05	6.94	6.99	7.09	6.86	7.02	3-27-19	1251	KML
Temperature (°C)	25.7	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	3-27-19	1251	KML

Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.6%	3%	6%	12.5	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst
DO (mg/L)	7.36	7.05	6.94	6.99	7.09	6.86	7.02	3-27-19	1251	KML
Temperature (°C)	25.7	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	3-27-19	1251	KML

Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.6%	3%	6%	12.5	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst
DO (mg/L)	7.36	7.05	6.94	6.99	7.09	6.86	7.02	3-27-19	1251	KML
Temperature (°C)	25.7	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	3-27-19	1251	KML

Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.6%	3%	6%	12.5	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst
DO (mg/L)	7.36	7.05	6.94	6.99	7.09	6.86	7.02	3-27-19	1251	KML
Temperature (°C)	25.7	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	3-27-19	1251	KML

Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.6%	3%	6%	12.5	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst
DO (mg/L)	7.36	7.05	6.94	6.99	7.09	6.86	7.02	3-27-19	1251	KML
Temperature (°C)	25.7	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	25.1	3-27-19	1251	KML

Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.6%	3%	6%	12.5	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst
DO (mg/L)	7.36	7.05	6.94	6.99	7.09	6.86	7.02	3-27-19	1251	KML
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Analyst Signature: Krista R. C.

Date: 4-1-19

Read and Understood By: [Signature]

Date: 4-4-19

\* Upstream only performed if supplied by the client

100% EFF

DO

7.99

DUP

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PH

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State where samples were collected IL

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**SUBCONTRACT ORDER**  
**Transfer Chain of Custody**

PDC Laboratories, Inc.

**9034090**

**SENDING LABORATORY**

PDC Laboratories, Inc.  
2231 W Altorfer Dr  
Peoria, IL 61615  
(800) 752-6651

**RECEIVING LABORATORY**

PDC Springfield  
1805 W. Sunset  
Springfield, MO 65807  
(417) 864-8924

Sample: 9034090-01  
Name: EFFLUENT COMP DAY ONE

Sampled: 03/26/19 00:00  
Matrix: Waste Water  
Preservative: Cool <6

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
03-WET Multiple	04/05/19 16:00	03/27/19 12:00	

Sample: 9034090-02  
Name: UPSTREAM GRAB DAY ONE

Sampled: 03/26/19 00:00  
Matrix: Waste Water  
Preservative: Cool <6

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
03-WET Multiple	04/05/19 16:00	03/27/19 12:00	

Please email results to Kurt Stepping at [kstepping@pdclab.com](mailto:kstepping@pdclab.com)

Date Shipped: 3/26/19 Total # of Containers: 6 Sample Origin (State): IL PO #: —  
Turn-Around Time Requested ☒ NORMAL ☐ RUSH Date Results Needed: 4/5/19

Relinquished By	Date/Time	Received By	Date/Time	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt	<u>12</u> °C
<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>3/26/19 14:00</u>	<u>[Signature]</u>	<u>0830</u> <u>32719</u>	Sample(s) Received on Ice	<u>Y</u> or N
				Proper Bottles Received in Good Condition	<u>Y</u> or N
				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume	<u>Y</u> or N
				Samples Received Within Hold Time	<u>Y</u> or N
				Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle	<u>Y</u> or N

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PDC Laboratories, Inc. - St Louis  
3278 N Highway 67  
Florissant, MO 63033  
(314) 432-0550

Sample: 9034090-01  
Name: EFFLUENT COMP DAY ONE

Sampled: 03/26/19 00:00  
Matrix: Waste Water  
Preservative: Cool <6

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
04-Alk	04/05/19 16:00	04/09/19 00:00	
04-Ca 6010 Tot	04/05/19 16:00	09/22/19 00:00	
04-Mg 6010 Tot	04/05/19 16:00	09/22/19 00:00	

Please email results to Kurt Stepping at [kstepping@pdclab.com](mailto:kstepping@pdclab.com)

Date Shipped: 3-27-19 Total # of Containers: 2 Sample Origin (State): MO PO #:         
Turn-Around Time Requested ☒ NORMAL ☐ RUSH Date Results Needed:       

Reinquired By	<u>1500</u> <u>3-27-19</u> <u>[Signature]</u>	Received By	<u>3-28-19 12:10</u> <u>[Signature]</u>	Sample Temperature Upon Receipt	<u>2.2</u>
	Date/Time		Date/Time	Sample(s) Received on Ice	<u>0</u> or <u>N</u>
				Proper Bottles Received in Gov't Container	<u>0</u> or <u>N</u>
				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume	<u>0</u> or <u>N</u>
				Samples Received Within Hold Time	<u>0</u> or <u>N</u>
				Date/Time Taken from Sample Bottle	<u>0</u> or <u>N</u>
Reinquired By	Date/Time	Received By	Date/Time		





October 28, 2019

Certified Mail – 9214 8901 0661 5400 0144 1437 06

Todd Huson  
Illinois Environmental Protection Agency  
Bureau of Water  
412 SW Washington Street, Suite D  
Peoria, Illinois 61602

Re: 2019 Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) Test  
Emerald Performance Materials, Henry Illinois Plant  
NPDES Permit No. IL0001392, Special Condition #14

Dear Mr. Huson

As noted on April 18, 2019, we had planned to do the 2019 WET test in August. Due to scheduled production outages in August, WET test sampling took place at the beginning of October for the 2019 required WET test. The enclosed report represents the laboratory WET analysis results from this sampling event.

From review of the report, lethal concentrations at 50% mortality (LC50) for both the Ceriodaphnia Dubia (greater than or equal to 12.5%) and Pimephales Promelas (greater than or equal to 12.5%) were higher than the lowest threshold dilution allowed in our NPDES Permit (2.1% - See Special Condition #14, Item #4). Thus, this numeric limit was satisfied.

I trust that this correspondence satisfies the requirements of our annual WET testing program and will return to annual WET testing in 2020. If you have any questions or comments regarding this correspondence, please contact me at 309.364.9487.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Galen Hathcock".

Galen Hathcock  
Plant Director

Attachment: WET Test 10-1-2019

**Emerald Performance Materials, LLC**

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October 14, 2019

Jim Hastings  
Emerald Performance Materials  
1550 County Rd 1450 N  
Henry, IL 61537

RE: WET TESTING

Dear Jim Hastings:

Please find enclosed the analytical results for the 4 sample(s) the laboratory received on 10/1/19 12:08 pm and logged in under work order 9100130. All testing is performed according to our current TNI accreditations unless otherwise noted. This report cannot be reproduced, except in full, without the written permission of PDC Laboratories, Inc.

If you have any questions regarding your report, please contact your project manager. Quality and timely data is of the utmost importance to us.

PDC Laboratories, Inc. appreciates the opportunity to provide you with analytical expertise. We are always trying to improve our customer service and we welcome you to contact the Director of Client Services, Lisa Grant, with any feedback you have about your experience with our laboratory at 309-683-1764 or lgrant@pdclab.com.

Sincerely,

Chad Cooper  
Laboratory Supervisor  
(417) 864-8924  
ccooper@pdclab.com





## ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Sample: 9100130-01  
Name: EFFLUENT COMP DAY ONE  
Matrix: Waste Water - Composite

Sampled: 10/01/19 01:00  
Received: 10/01/19 12:08  
PO #: HE40080120-UB

Parameter	Result	Unit	Qualifier	Prepared	Dilution	MRL	Analyzed	Analyst	Method
<b>General Chemistry - SPMO</b>									
Chlorine - Total Residual	0.10	mg/L	H	10/02/19 12:00	1	0.10	10/02/19 12:00	CIH	SM 4500-Cl G*
Conductivity	1500	umhos/cm		10/02/19 15:50	1	0.10	10/02/19 15:50	CIH	SM 2510B
Dissolved Oxygen	8.7	mg/L	H	10/02/19 15:45	1	1.0	10/02/19 15:45	CIH	SM 4500-O G*
pH	7.6	pH Units	H	10/02/19 15:50	1		10/02/19 15:50	CIH	SM 4500-H B - SW 9040
Temperature at pH measurement	25	°C		10/02/19 16:10	1		10/02/19 16:10	CIH	SM 4500 H B*
<b>General Chemistry - STL</b>									
Alkalinity - total as CaCO <sub>3</sub>	320	mg/L		10/09/19 07:21	1	20	10/09/19 07:21	JS	SM 2320B*
<b>Nutrients - SPMO</b>									
Ammonia-N	0.32	mg/L		10/04/19 12:00	1	0.10	10/04/19 12:00	CIH	EPA 350.1 - QC 10-107-06-1-I & J*
<b>Total Metals - STL</b>									
Hardness	360	mg/L		10/04/19 12:16	20	4.7	10/10/19 12:48	WMN	SM 2340B
Calcium	85	mg/L		10/04/19 12:16	20	1.9	10/10/19 12:48	WMN	EPA 200.7
Magnesium	35	mg/L		10/04/19 12:16	20	1.0	10/10/19 12:48	WMN	EPA 200.7
<b>WETT - SPMO</b>									
C. dubia - LC 50	>12.5	%		10/02/19 16:10	1	1.0	10/02/19 16:10	CIH	EPA 2000.0/2002.0*
P. promelas - LC 50	>12.5	%		10/02/19 16:10	1	1.0	10/02/19 16:10	CIH	EPA 2000.0/2002.0*



## ANALYTICAL RESULTS

Sample: 9100130-02  
Name: UPSTREAM GRAB DAY ONE  
Matrix: Waste Water - Grab

Sampled: 10/01/19 01:00  
Received: 10/01/19 12:08  
PO #: HE40080120-UB

Parameter	Result	Unit	Qualifier	Prepared	Dilution	MRL	Analyzed	Analyst	Method
<b>General Chemistry - SPMO</b>									
Chlorine - Total Residual	< 0.10	mg/L	H	10/02/19 12:00	1	0.10	10/02/19 12:00	CIH	SM 4500-Cl G*
Conductivity	410	umhos/cm		10/02/19 15:50	1	0.10	10/02/19 15:50	CIH	SM 2510B
Dissolved Oxygen	7.5	mg/L	H	10/02/19 15:45	1	1.0	10/02/19 15:45	CIH	SM 4500-O G*
pH	7.5	pH Units	H	10/02/19 15:50	1		10/02/19 15:50	CIH	SM 4500-H B - SW 9040
Temperature at pH measurement	25	°C		10/02/19 16:10	1		10/02/19 16:10	CIH	SM 4500 H B*
<b>Nutrients - SPMO</b>									
Ammonia-N	0.10	mg/L		10/04/19 12:00	1	0.10	10/04/19 12:00	CIH	EPA 350.1 - QC 10-107-06-1-I & J*



## NOTES

Specific method revisions used for analysis are available upon request.

\* Not a TNI accredited analyte

### Memos

#### Report of Acute Toxicity Testing

##### Reference Toxicity Test:

PDC Laboratories, INC. conducts a monthly reference toxicant test to demonstrate and obtain consistent, precise results for permit compliance purposes. This demonstration is to ensure satisfactory laboratory performance. The most recent reference test results are as follows:

Date Initiated: September 4, 2019

Date Concluded: September 6, 2019

Reference Toxicant: Potassium Chloride (KCl)

Lot Number: 18A195207

Expiration: N/A

Standards ID: SPMO6-22A

Moderately Hard Synthetic Water: 3-10CC1

Prepared: August 29, 2019

Expiration: September 12, 2019

Analyst: CIH

Pimephales promelas: 48 hour Acute Test - LC50 = 763.2 mg/L

SPMO %CV = 15.15 %

National Limits (75th Percentile) = 17.9% CV

National Control Limit (90th Percentile) = 33% CV

Ceriodaphnia dubia: 48 hour Acute Test - LC50 = 446.4 mg/L

SPMO %CV = 25.20 %

National Limits (75th Percentile) = 29%CV

National Control Limit (90th Percentile) = 34%CV

##### Literature Cited:

- 1.) APHA. 1992. Standard methods for the examination of water and wastewater, 18th Ed. American Public Health Association, Washington, D.C.
- 2.) USEPA. 2002. Methods for measuring the acute toxicity of effluents and receiving waters to freshwater and marine organisms, 5th ed. EPA-821-R-02-012
- 3.) USEPA 2000. Understanding and Accounting for Method Variability in Whole Effluent Toxicity Applications under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, (Table B-2). June 2000. EPA 833-R-00-003



### Certifications

CHI - McHenry, IL - 4314 W Crystal Lake Road A, McHenry, IL 60050

TNI Accreditation for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Fields of Testing through IL EPA Lab No. 100279

Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 17556

PIA - Peoria, IL - 2231 W Altorfer Drive, Peoria, IL 61615

TNI Accreditation for Drinking Water, Wastewater, Hazardous and Solid Wastes Fields of Testing through IL EPA Lab No. 100230

Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 17553

Drinking Water Certifications: Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338); Missouri (870)

Wastewater Certifications: Arkansas (88-0677); Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338)

Hazardous/Solid Waste Certifications: Arkansas (88-0677); Iowa (240); Kansas (E-10338)

SPIL - Springfield, IL - 1210 Capitol Airport Drive, Springfield, IL 62707

TNI Accreditation through IL EPA Lab No. 100323

SPMO - Springfield, MO - 1805 W Sunset Street, Springfield, MO 65807

USEPA DMR-QA Program

STL - St. Louis, MO - 3278 N Highway 67, Florissant, MO 63033

TNI Accreditation for Wastewater, Hazardous and Solid Wastes Fields of Testing through KS Lab No. E-10389

TNI Accreditation for Wastewater, Hazardous, and Solid Waste Analysis through IL EPA No. 200080

Illinois Department of Public Health Bacteriological Analysis in Drinking Water Approved Laboratory Registry No. 171050

Missouri Department of Natural Resources

Microbiological Laboratory Service for Drinking Water

### Qualifiers

H Test performed after the expiration of the appropriate regulatory/advisory maximum allowable hold time.

Certified by: Chad Cooper, Laboratory Supervisor





**Multiple Dilution WET Test**

Sample # 130  
9100175  
 Client Emerald Performance

Client Permit #: 16-0001392PP Hatch SPM07-12ECD Hatch 092519AMHSF 3-11CC1Board/Shelf 002/2

Cup	Conc.	Initial	24 hour	48 hour	72 hour	96 hour	Set Times			
P1	0	10	10	10	10	10	Start Date/Time:	10-2-19 / 1010		
P2	3.125	10	10	10	10	10	Date	Time	Analyst	
P3	6.25	10	10	10	10	10	0 Hour	10-02-19	1010	CHH
P4	0	10	10	10	10	10	24 Hour	10-3-19	1510	CHH
P5	12.5	10	10	10	10	10	48 Hour	10-4-19	1400	CHH
P6	0.78	10	10	10	10	10	72 Hour	10-5-19	1350	NSW
P7	12.5	10	10	10	10	10	96 Hour	10-6-19	1900	CHH
P8	888	10	10	10	10	10	End Date/Time:	10-6-19 / 1900		
P9	1.565	10	10	10	10	10	Results			
P10	888	10	10	10	10	10	Pimephales promelas			
P11	0.78	10	10	10	10	10	96 Hour Result	Date	Analyst	
P12	3.125	10	10	10	10	10	LC 50	712.5	10-10-19	CHH
P13*	1.565	10	10	10	10	10	TUa	<8	10-10-19	CHH
P14*	6.25	10	10	10	10	10	Ceriodaphnia Dubia			
C1	3.125	5	5	5			48 Hour Result	Date	Analyst	
C2	0	5	5	5			LC 50	>12.5	11-11-19	CHH
C3	6.25	5	5	4			TUa	<8	11-11-19	CHH
C4	1.565	5	5	5			Date	Analyst		
C5	0.78	5	5	5			Filtered (Y/N):	Y	10-2-19	CHH
C6	1.565	5	5	5			Light Check:			
C7	3.125	5	5	4			PP Fry Age:	7 days	10-2-19	CHH
C8	888	5	5	5			CD Neonates Age:	22 hrs	10-10-19	CHH
C9	0.78	5	5	5			Comments: PP fry were set in 200 ml of conc. w/in a 250 ml cup .CD were set in 15 ml of conc. w/in a 30 ml cup			
C10	888	5	5	4						
C11	6.25	5	4	3						
C12	0.78	5	4	4						
C13	6.25	5	3	2						
C14	3.125	5	5	4						
C15	888	5	5	5						
C16	3.125	5	5	5						
C17	12.5	5	5	4						
C18	0	5	5	5						
C19	12.5	5	4	2						
C20	1.565	5	4	4						
C21	6.25	5	3	2						
C22	888	5	5	5						
C23	0	5	5	5						
C24	0	5	5	5						
C25*	12.5	5	5	4						
C26*	0.78	5	5	5						
C27*	12.5	5	5	5						
C28*	1.565	5	3	3						

\* These cups only used when upstream samples are provided.

Analyst Signature: Anthony D. DwyerDate: 10-10-19Read and Understood By: CHHDate: 10-14-19Logbook: 3 Report #: 82

## Routine Chemistries

Sample # 91001830 Client Permit # 11-0001392  
 Client Emerald P. PP Hatch SPM07-12E  
 CD Hatch 092519A

MHSF 3-11001  
 Board/Shelf 002/12

Calibration data												
pH	Initial	Date	Time	Analyst	48 hour	Date	Time	Analyst	96 hour	Date	Time	Analyst
4.00	4.01	10.2.19	12:27	NSW	4.01	10.4.19	10:00	CIH	4.01	10.10.19	19:00	CIH
7.00	7.00				7.00				7.00			
10.00	10.01				10.01				10.01			
Curve	92.4				92.4				92.4			

Initial/Received												
Cup #	10	11	13	12	14	7	4	5				
Concentration	MHSF	0.78%	1.565%	3.125%	6.25%	12.5%	*Upstream	12.5%				
pH (EPA 150.1)	7.44	7.44	7.43	7.43	7.40	7.40	7.50	7.41				
DO (mg/L) (SM 5010)	7.44	7.43	7.41	7.41	7.45	7.35	7.44	7.47				
DO (mg/L) Received						8.64	7.54	8.64				
Conductivity (µMhos) (SM 2510B)	MHSF	332	1410 (1400)			*Upstream	411					
Chlorine (mg/L)	Method	Effluent	Upstream *	Date	Time	Batch	Analyst					
Ammonia (mg/L)	4500-G	0.1	0.1	10.2.19	12:00	B922461	CIH					
Alkalinity (mg/L)	EPA 350.1	0.319	0.099	10.4.19	12:00	B922447	CIH					
Hardness (mg/L)	2320B	318		10.9.19	07:21	B922307	JS					
	200.7	34m		10.10.19	12:42	B922877	WMM					
Fathead Minnow Cerodaphnia Dubia												
Temperature (°C)	24.7		24.2	10.02.19	10:10	10:10	CIH					
Test	MHSF	12.5% Effluent	Upstream *	Date	Time	Analyst						
DO (mg/L)	7.79	7.54	7.46	10.02.19	17:10	CIH						
Temperature (°C)	24.7		24.2	10.02.19	17:10	CIH						
Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.565%	3.125%	6.25%	12.5%	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst		
DO (mg/L)	7.10	6.54	6.48	6.50	6.33	6.22	6.47	10.05.19	15:10	CIH		
Temperature (°C)	24.7		24.2	10.05.19	15:10	CIH						
Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.565%	3.125%	6.25%	12.5%	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst		
pH	7.35	7.43	7.32	7.33	7.38	7.32	7.41	10.4.19	14:00	CIH		
DO (mg/L)	6.44	6.09	6.19	6.22	6.14	5.89	6.50	10.4.19	14:00	CIH		
Temperature (°C)	25.0		25.3	10.4.19	14:00	CIH						
Conductivity (µMhos)	342	1445 (1400)	415	10.4.19	14:00	CIH						
Renewal Period												
Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.565%	3.125%	6.25%	12.5%	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst		
DO (mg/L)	6.50	6.44	6.50	6.42	6.35	6.32	6.52	10.5.19	13:50	NSW		
Temperature (°C)	25.6							10.5.19	13:50	NSW		
Test	MHSF	0.78%	1.565%	3.125%	6.25%	12.5%	*Upstream	Date	Time	Analyst		
pH	7.35	7.43	7.32	7.33	7.38	7.32	7.41	10.6.19	19:00	CIH		
DO (mg/L)	6.44	6.09	6.19	6.22	6.14	5.89	6.50	10.6.19	19:00	CIH		
Temperature (°C)	25.0		25.3	10.6.19	19:00	CIH						
Conductivity (µMhos)	341	1488 (1407)	464	10.6.19	19:00	CIH						

Analyst Signature: *Carly H. H. H.*

Date: 10.10.19

Read and Understood By: *Carly H. H. H.*

Date: 10.10.19

MHSF 0.781

pH 7.74 8.11  
 DO 7.40 7.12

\* Upstream only performed if supplied by the client



SPRINGFIELD, MO 65807

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## CHAIN OF CUSTODY RECORD

State where samples collected MO

1 CLIENT		PROJECT NUMBER		P.O. NUMBER		MEANS SHIPPED		3 ANALYSIS REQUESTED		4 (FOR LAB USE ONLY)	
ADDRESS		PHONE NUMBER		FAX NUMBER		DATE SHIPPED				LOGIN #	
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CONTACT PERSON		SAMPLER'S SIGNATURE				OTHER:				LAB PROJ. #	
SAMPLE DESCRIPTION AS YOU WANT ON REPORT		DATE COLLECTED		TIME COLLECTED		SAMPLE TYPE		MATRIX TYPE		BOTTLE COUNT	
WET TEST EFFLUENT COMPOSITE		10/1/19		01:00		X		WW		3	
UPSTREAM GRAB (IF AVAILABLE)		10/1/19		01:00		X		WW		1	
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		TIME				TIME		BOTTLES FILLED WITH ADEQUATE VOLUME		OR N	
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**SUBCONTRACT ORDER**  
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**9100130**

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Springfield, MO 65807  
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**Sample: 9100130-01**  
**Name: EFFLUENT COMP DAY ONE**

**Sampled: 10/01/19 01:00**  
**Matrix: Waste Water**  
**Preservative: H2SO4, cool <6**

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
03-Ammonia-N	10/10/19 16:00	10/29/19 01:00	
03-Chlorine T	10/10/19 16:00	10/01/19 01:14	
03-Conductivity	10/10/19 16:00	10/29/19 01:00	
03-DO	10/10/19 16:00	10/01/19 01:14	
03-pH	10/10/19 16:00	10/01/19 01:14	
03-Shipping	10/10/19 16:00	01/29/20 01:00	
03-Temperature	10/10/19 16:00	10/29/19 01:00	
03-WET Multiple 96 Hour	10/10/19 16:00	10/02/19 13:00	
04-Alk	10/10/19 16:00	10/15/19 01:00	
04-Ca 6010 Tot	10/10/19 16:00	03/29/20 01:00	
04-Mg 6010 Tot	10/10/19 16:00	03/29/20 01:00	

**Sample: 9100130-02**  
**Name: UPSTREAM GRAB DAY ONE**

**Sampled: 10/01/19 01:00**  
**Matrix: Waste Water**  
**Preservative: H2SO4, cool <6**

Analysis	Due	Expires	Comments
03-Ammonia-N	10/10/19 16:00	10/29/19 01:00	
03-Chlorine T	10/10/19 16:00	10/01/19 01:14	
03-Conductivity	10/10/19 16:00	10/29/19 01:00	
03-DO	10/10/19 16:00	10/01/19 01:14	
03-pH	10/10/19 16:00	10/01/19 01:14	
03-Temperature	10/10/19 16:00	10/29/19 01:00	

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Date Shipped: 10/01/19 Total # of Containers: 5 Sample Origin (State): IL PO # \_\_\_\_\_

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				Bottles Filled with Adequate Volume	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N
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				Date/Time Taken From Sample Bottle	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Y or N
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**Sampled: 10/01/19 01:00**  
**Matrix: Waste Water**  
**Preservative: Cool <6**

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04-Ca 6010 Tot	10/10/19 16:00	03/29/20 01:00	
04-Mg 6010 Tot	10/10/19 16:00	03/29/20 01:00	

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Date Shipped: 10-2-19 Total # of Containers: 2 Sample Origin (State): MO-IL PO #: —

Turn-Around Time Requested ☒ NORMAL ☐ RUSH Date Results Needed: —

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				Samples Received Within Hold Time	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Y or N
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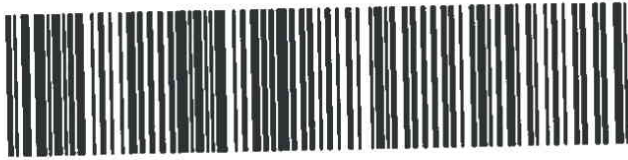
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**PETITIONER'S  
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AS 19-002

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(Adjusted Standard)

## I. INTRODUCTION

## II. QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE

3. I was retained by B.F. Goodrich Company in September 1988 to provide wastewater treatment consulting services and have continued to provide such services at the chemical manufacturing facility located at 1550 County Road 1450 N., in Henry, Illinois (Henry Plant or Emerald Plant) for the last 31 years. During this entire time period, I have served as lead engineer on all Henry Plant matters in which my firm, Brown and Caldwell, has been involved, first for B.F. Goodrich Company and then for its successors-in-interest, including Noveon, Inc. and Emerald Polymer Additives, LLC (Emerald).

4. I received two degrees from Vanderbilt University. I received my Bachelor of Engineering Degree in Civil Engineering in 1982 and my Master of Science Degree in Environmental and Water Resources Engineering in 1984.

5. I immediately went to work for AWARE Incorporated in 1984 and have remained with the same company for the last 35 years in progressively more responsible positions (beginning as a project engineer and eventually being named Executive Engineer) in the area of wastewater engineering. A copy of my resume providing more details on my experience has been marked as Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 10. My firm has changed names twice. In 1989, we renamed ourselves Eckenfelder Incorporated. In 1998, we were acquired by Brown and Caldwell.

6. During my career, I have personally conducted treatment (treatability) testing of industrial wastewaters and contaminated groundwaters and developed treatment process design criteria from test data. I have provided troubleshooting or optimization services for wastewater treatment facilities (WWTFs), conducted waste minimization studies and developed cost savings for treatment plants. I have also overseen the work described above, designed wastewater and contaminated groundwater treatment processes, assisted in effluent permit negotiations, supported expert testimony preparation and trained treatment plant operators in process operations and troubleshooting.

7. I am a licensed professional engineer in sixteen states, including Illinois. I am also a Board Certified Environmental Engineer with the American Academy of Environmental Engineers.

8. I have published several technical papers, of which more than 10 are directly related to the Henry Plant's issues. My publications are listed on pages 5-7 of my resume. I

have also served as a presenter at numerous conferences, including, most recently, at the 92nd Annual Water Environment Foundation Technical Exhibition and Conference (WEFTEC) in September 2019.

### **III. EXPERIENCE SPECIFICALLY RELATED TO AMMONIA REDUCTION**

9. I have developed the process design for the following biological nitrification facilities. Each of these are operational today and have been historically in compliance with their permits.

- American Cyanamid Superfund Site, Bridgewater, NJ
- BASF (formerly Ciba-Geigy), McIntosh, AL
- Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority, Pasadena, TX
- Phillips 66 (formerly ConocoPhillips), Roxana, IL
- Waste Management Services-Woodside Landfill- Walker, LA

10. I have provided optimization assistance for the following biological nitrification facilities. Each of these are operational today and have been historically in compliance with their permits.

- American Cyanamid Superfund Site, Bridgewater, NJ
- Ashland Chemical, Calvert City, KY
- CHS-Laurel, MT
- City of Rochester, MN
- Confidential ammunitions manufacturer, United States
- Gulf Coast Waste Disposal Authority, Pasadena,
- Republic Services-Middle Point Landfill- Murfreesboro, TN
- Valero, Benicia, CA

- Waste Management-Sainte-Sophie, Quebec, Canada

11. I have developed the process design for the following biological nitrification and denitrification facilities.

- Ashland Chemical, Calvert City, KY
- Bush Brothers, Dandridge, TN
- Chesterfield County, VA
- Confidential ammunitions manufacturer, United States
- Dairy Farmers of America, Garden, City, KS
- Dairy Farmers of America, Cass City, MI
- Great Lakes Cheese. Adams, NY
- Lily Del Caribe- Puerto Rico
- Valero-Pembroke, Wales
- Waste Management-Atlantic Waste Disposal, Waverly, VA

12. Lastly, I developed the process design for three breakpoint chlorination facilities: Koch Fertilizer Company, Enid, OK; Republic Services-Middle Point Landfill- Murfreesboro, TN; and Valero, Benicia, CA. The Koch facility was pilot-scale tested and is in final design currently. It treats approximately one-fifth of the effluent ammonia-nitrogen load as the Emerald-Henry Plant. Other treatment alternatives considered for the Koch facility were ozonation, perozone, alkaline air stripping, steam stripping, precipitation as struvite, electrochemical oxidation, reverse osmosis, suspended growth biological nitrification, and nitrification via artificial wetlands. The breakpoint chlorination system at Republic Services was ultimately replaced with single stage nitrification designed to accommodate a significantly inhibited

nitrification rate. One other option considered for interim treatment at Republic Services was a reported ammonia selective membrane treatment system that proved economically unviable.

#### **IV. HENRY PLANT EXPERIENCE**

13. From 1988 to 2004, I provided the following assistance in chronological order listed below.

- Setup, conduct and oversight of treatability testing that was used to develop process design of C-18 wastewater pretreatment system and aeration basin upgrade. Testing was also used to set allowable loading rates of various wastestreams.
- Setup, conduct and oversight of treatability testing that was used to develop conceptual level design criteria for alternative processes for effluent ammonia-nitrogen reduction. Developed conceptual level designs for these alternative processes. Worked with construction cost estimators and vendors to develop conceptual level cost estimates of these alternative processes.
- Provided guidance to B.F. Goodrich and Noveon, as requested, regarding WWTF operations and full-scale testing of processes and procedures intended to reduce effluent biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS) and/or ammonia-nitrogen.
- Authored or reviewed all reports submitted to B.F. Goodrich and Noveon by Brown and Caldwell (formerly AWARE Incorporated and Eckenfelder Inc) during entire period of 1988 through 2004.
- Represented Noveon in discussions with IEPA regarding the Petition for an Adjusted Standard, AS 2002-005, and testified during proceedings before the Illinois Pollution Control Board.

14. From 2005 to 2019, I provided the following assistance in chronological order listed below.

- In August 2012, prepared a letter report to Emerald's counsel regarding ammonia-nitrogen treatment alternatives for the Henry Plant that was identified as Exhibit 13 to Emerald's petition for an adjusted standard in AS 13-002 and advised Emerald in connection with discussions with IEPA.
- Design and oversight of treatability testing that was used to develop conceptual level design criteria for alternative processes for effluent ammonia-nitrogen reduction, including granular activated carbon treatment and river water dilution. Developed conceptual level designs for these alternatives processes. Worked with construction

cost estimators and vendors to develop conceptual level cost estimates of these alternative processes. This work is described in more detail in Section VI, below.

- Provide guidance to Emerald, as requested, regarding WWTF operations and full-scale testing of processes and procedures intended to reduce effluent BOD, TSS, and/or ammonia-nitrogen.
- Prepared my expert report for this case, AS 19-002, which has been marked as Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 12.
- Authored or reviewed all reports submitted to Emerald by Brown and Caldwell during entire period of 2005 through 2019.

## **V. MISCELLANEOUS TOPICS**

15. Pursuant to its discharge permits, the Henry Plant generally collects five samples of wastewater effluent each week and tests the samples for the concentration (mg/L) of ammonia nitrogen. Each concentration is then used with the flow rate to calculate a daily ammonia load (lbs/day), a 30-day average concentration and a 30-day average load. According to the definitions in the standard conditions in Attachment H to the Henry Plant's 2016 NPDES permit, a 30-day average value is calculated as the sum of all measured daily discharges during a calendar month divided by the number of measured values during that month. This produces a large amount of data, which can be unwieldy to analyze unless it is compiled and summarized.

16. Ammonia sample results and flow data from the Henry Plant's annual DMR summary reports, which have been identified as Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 2, were entered into excel worksheets with one worksheet for each calendar year. I reviewed those worksheets to verify that the data was correctly entered. Additional worksheets were prepared to present certain summary data from the annual worksheets. I checked the formulas for those worksheets to ensure that they accurately presented the data described. The documents marked as Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 3 provide the following summary data on the ammonia-nitrogen discharged from the Henry Plant from 2013 to June 2019. On EP003097-003099, the second

and third columns show the maximum daily ammonia sample result (mg/L) and the maximum calculated daily load (lb/day), respectively, for each month in each year. The fourth and fifth columns show the 30-day average of daily ammonia samples (mg/L) and calculated daily ammonia load (lb/day), respectively. The shaded values on EP003097-003099 are the highest monthly values during each year. The table at the bottom of EP003099 shows a percentage calculated by dividing the highest monthly value for each year by the corresponding limit in the Henry Plant's 2016 NPDES permit, which is the same as the limit established in AS13-2.

17. In preparation for this case, I reviewed my written testimony submitted to the Board in AS 02-5. In particular, I reviewed the portion of that testimony related to whether the Henry Plant is applying the best available technology economically available (BAT) as identified by USEPA for the Organic Chemical, Plastics, and Synthetic Fibers industrial category. That testimony is still accurate and the Henry Plant does apply BAT.

#### **VI. APRIL 13, 2018 TECHNICAL MEMORANDUM**

18. At the request of Emerald and as required by the Board in AS 13-002, Brown and Caldwell studied two treatment alternatives, as reported in our April 13, 2018 Technical Memorandum (the 2018 Technical Memorandum). The two alternatives were: (1) use of granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment on the polymer chemicals (PC) wastewater at the Henry Plant to remove mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT) so that nitrification can occur (GAC treatment); and (2) extracting water from the Illinois River and pumping it uphill to dilute the primary clarifier effluent so that MBT concentrations are reduced enough to allow nitrification to occur (river water dilution). A copy of my 2018 Technical Memorandum is included in Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 11.



19. The scope of work for these studies consisted of bench scale treatability testing and developing a preliminary design and cost estimate for each option. Laboratory testing was required to evaluate nitrification potential and feasibility.

20. Based on the results from the bench scale tests, preliminary designs and class 5 cost estimates were completed to investigate the economic feasibility of achieving nitrification (biological ammonia-nitrogen removal) through these two methods in comparison to NH<sub>3</sub>-N removal.

**a. Laboratory Testing**

21. Fed Batch Reactor (FBR) tests were performed on five combinations of biomass and test waters to investigate the viability of GAC treatment and river water dilution in facilitating nitrification at the Henry Plant. Table 1 to my 2018 Technical Memorandum outlines the five FBR tests run during this investigation. Further description of the pretreatment and testing process for the FBR tests is included in my 2018 Technical Memorandum at pages 3-12.

22. Based on the FBR testing performed, we reached the following conclusions:

- The untreated wastewater will continue to cause substantial nitrification inhibition due to high concentrations of MBT.
- Pretreatment of the PC/C-18 wastewater utilizing solids separation and GAC would allow the Henry Plant to nitrify in an uninhibited manner following removal of MBT from the biomass through alkaline washing.
- Diluting the untreated clarifier wastewater with water extracted and pumped from the Illinois River requires a dilution percentage in excess of 90% for uninhibited nitrification to occur. At 90% dilution, the nitrification rate observed could be sustainable as long as the MBT concentration in the PC/C-18 wastewater remained within the values used in the FBR testing. The sustainability of the performance of this treatment alternative for NH<sub>3</sub>-N removal is unlikely due to the inherent variability of the influent MBT concentration (that is, it can vary outside the FBR test range) and the difficulty in maintaining target temperatures in the biological treatment systems while heating a large river water flow (approximately 7 million gallons/day, or MGD).

These conclusions and the basis for them are described further in my 2018 Technical Memorandum at pages 12-13.

**b. Conceptual Level Design and Cost Estimates**

23. At the conclusion of treatability testing, we developed conceptual designs and Class 5 cost estimates to evaluate additional equipment facility changes needed for each alternative.

24. Class 5 estimates are used to prepare planning level cost scopes or evaluation of alternative schemes, long range capital outlay planning and can also form the base work for the Class 5 Planning Level or Design Technical Feasibility Estimate. As a result, these estimates are intended only for use as aids in conceptual level treatment selection.

25. A complete breakdown of the capital costs associated with each alternative is presented in Attachment A to my 2018 Technical Memorandum. The major annual operating and maintenance costs are summarized in Table 6 and Table 7 to my 2018 Technical Memorandum.

26. The conceptual level design of the GAC treatment alternative is described at pages 13-14 of my 2018 Technical Memorandum. A block flow diagram depicting the GAC treatment alternative is also included in Attachment B to my 2018 Technical Memorandum.

27. The estimated capital cost for the GAC treatment alternative was approximately \$5.3 million. Depending on the source of GAC, this treatment alternative would also increase plant operating costs by \$3.102 to \$4.160 million per year. We calculated a present worth cost for this alternative of \$27 million based on the combination of the capital cost and the increased annual operating costs and assuming a 10-year project duration, zero salvage value, 5% interest and 2% inflation. We concluded that this investment would result in approximately 1.9 million pounds of NH<sub>3</sub>-N being removed over the course of 10 years resulting in an average cost of

\$14/pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed. More details on these calculations are on pages 13-15 of my 2018 Technical Memorandum.

28. This estimate is 20-fold higher than the costs reported by the publicly owned treatment works serving Decatur, Illinois; Bloomington, Illinois; and Normal, Illinois in 2015 (less than \$0.70/pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed). Further, this estimate is 11-fold higher than the median cost reported by 15 reporting entities in the 2015 survey conducted by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (\$1.33 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed).

29. Based on this comparison, it is my opinion that the removal of NH<sub>3</sub>-N via GAC treatment at the Emerald plant is not economically reasonable. In addition, the alternative would have other negative environmental side-effects. It would require a significant increase in diesel truck traffic to bring in fresh GAC and haul-out spent GAC for disposal. This would increase greenhouse gas emissions along with being a burden on local roads and residents. Also, the spent GAC is usually taken to an incineration facility, which involves even more emissions of greenhouse gas.

30. The conceptual level design of the river water dilution alternative is described at pages 15-16 of my 2018 Technical Memorandum. A block flow diagram depicting the river water dilution alternative is also included in Attachment B to my 2018 Technical Memorandum.

31. The estimated capital cost for the river water dilution alternative was approximately \$23 million excluding the steam generation and supply system. This alternative would also increase operating costs for the Henry Plant by about \$4.4 million every year of operation. We calculated a present worth cost of \$54 million based on the combination of capital costs and increased annual operating costs and assuming a 10-year project duration, zero salvage value, 5% interest and 2% inflation. We concluded that this investment would result in roughly

1.9 million pounds of NH<sub>3</sub>-N being removed over the course of 10 years resulting in an average cost of \$28 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed. More details on these calculations are on pages 15-16 of my 2018 Technical Memorandum.

32. This estimate is 40-fold higher than the costs reported by the publicly owned treatment works serving Decatur, Illinois; Bloomington, Illinois; and Normal, Illinois in 2015 (<\$0.70 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed). Further, this estimate is 21-fold higher than the median cost reported by 15 reporting entities in the 2015 survey conducted by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (\$1.33 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed). So, this alternative is roughly twice the cost of the GAC treatment alternative while it would provide no added environmental benefit, probably could not reliably achieve compliance and would have several negative side-effects.

33. In my experience and opinion, the river water dilution alternative for NH<sub>3</sub>-N removal performance is unlikely to be consistently sustainable due to the inherent variability of the influent MBT concentration and the difficulty in maintaining target temperatures in the biological treatment systems while heating a large river water flow (approximately 7 MGD). In my opinion, although the treatability study for this alternative indicated it can achieve compliance, at plant scale with inherent process variability, it will not achieve compliance all of the time.

34. Emerald estimated in an April 17, 2018 letter to IEPA that is included in Exhibit 11 that the heating equipment required by the river water dilution alternative would emit 38,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e greenhouse gases, 35 tons of nitrogen oxides and 30 tons of carbon monoxide per year. In my opinion, this is another negative environmental side-effect from this alternative.

35. This alternative would also increase the heat load to the Illinois River 10-fold which would adversely impact localized water quality. It would also greatly complicate utility and treatment plant operations.

## **VII. OCTOBER 11, 2019 EXPERT REPORT**

36. In 2019, under my supervision, Brown and Caldwell updated its analysis of the costs of several alternatives previously considered and added the evaluation of an additional alternative. I was also asked to review the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's July 19, 2019 Recommendation and express my opinion on some of the positions taken by IEPA. That work resulted in the preparation of my expert report in this matter dated October 11, 2019 (Expert Report). My Expert Report has been marked as Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 12.

37. As regards IEPA's Recommendation, my Expert Report responds to and rebuts several of the bases upon which the IEPA opposed Emerald's request and also explains why some of the IEPA's suggestions would not help control ammonia-nitrogen in the Henry Plant's discharge.

### **a. Rebuttal of IEPA Suggestions**

38. IEPA objected on Page 16 of the Recommendation to my comparison of unit cost (dollars per pound of ammonia-nitrogen removed) as a means of comparing alternatives and judging economic reasonableness of ammonia-nitrogen removal. IEPA also objected, on this same page, to the use of present worth costs (accounting for both capital and operating costs) instead of capital costs alone when calculating cost of treatment.

39. At a conceptual level, comparing alternatives solely based on estimated capital costs makes no sense. That approach would favor alternatives that have proportionally lower capital costs even if the operating costs were much higher so that total costs of such alternatives

are higher. An example of the error in IEPA's position can be seen in Table 2 of my Expert Report. Breakpoint chlorination has the lowest capital cost of the alternatives considered. If the comparison is limited to capital costs, it appears to be the least costly. But, it has very high operating costs actually making it the second most costly alternative to implement. A comparison based solely on capital costs is incomplete and, in my opinion, deeply flawed.

40. IEPA's objection to considering unit costs is also flawed. Again, the reason can be seen by comparing two alternatives in my Tables 2 and 3. Looking at just the present worth cost, land application appears to be the least expensive alternative. But, that conclusion is wrong because it fails to understand that the land application can, at best, reduce the annual effluent ammonia-nitrogen discharged from the Henry Plant by approximately 22%. Calculating the present worth cost on a \$/lb of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed takes that additional factor into account and shows that land application is actually the second highest cost alternative.

41. In my opinion, comparing alternatives on present worth costs expressed on a unit of pollutant removed basis is the appropriate and best standard for evaluating true treatment costs. The latest cost document provided by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) reports that the median unit cost of ammonia-nitrogen treatment for 12 agencies was \$1.53 per pound of ammonia-nitrogen removed, which is higher than the cost reported by the Greater Peoria Sanitation District (\$0.81 per pound). The basis for these reported costs includes, in all cases, annual operating and maintenance costs. In some cases, these costs may include capitalized present worth cost (amount of money needed today to fund capital and operating costs for a defined project life). The exclusion of capitalized costs by most NACWA members in these reported unit costs is due to the nature of the municipal wastewater treatment plants. Exclusion of capital costs in unit costs by NACWA members is due to several factors. These

include the difficulty in separating capital costs into those required for treatment of flow, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and ammonia-nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N). In municipal plants, the same pieces of equipment contribute to treatment of all four components (flow, BOD, TSS and NH<sub>3</sub>-N). In the Emerald plant, the costs described herein are focused entirely on NH<sub>3</sub>-N removal, and therefore, delineation of capitalized present worth costs are straightforward. Contrary to NACWA, IEPA has focused strictly on capital costs of projects that included ammonia-nitrogen removal. Such focus is misguided and results in an incomplete understanding of ammonia-nitrogen removal costs.

42. IEPA's Recommendation also references a number of project capital costs reportedly incurred by public treatment works in the State of Illinois when including ammonia-nitrogen removal in their treatment plant upgrades, including facilities in Geneva, Batavia, Saint Charles, Fox River, Kishwaukee, Newark and Mount Carmel. A discussion of each of these seven "cost examples" is included in Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 12.

43. The "cost examples" referenced by IEPA all relied upon the lowest cost means of ammonia-nitrogen removal which is single-stage biological nitrification.

44. The Emerald plant provides the same degree of aerobic treatment conditions that allow single-stage nitrification in these IEPA-referenced plants, that is, a solids retention time in excess of 30 days, surplus alkalinity, and available phosphorus. However, the Emerald plant cannot nitrify within a single stage like these other plants due to the presence of MBT in the process wastewater.



45. This compound is foundational to the production processes at the Emerald Plant and has been consistently present in the primary clarifier effluent at 160 mg/L or higher for days at a time (versus a nitrification inhibition threshold of 3 mg/L). To establish reliable single-stage nitrification, MBT removal from the process wastewater would have to exceed 98 percent which has been demonstrated in prior documents as being complex and very costly.

46. Only five of the seven wastewater treatment facilities upgrades referenced by IEPA in its Recommendation had anything to do with ammonia-nitrogen removal. None of these five treatment plant upgrades were implemented solely to accomplish ammonia-nitrogen removal. They were implemented in large part to better accommodate higher flows, greater BOD removal, greater TSS removal, and/or improved disinfection.

47. Consequently, the total costs of these upgrades as reflected in the Recommendation cannot be legitimately used to compare or evaluate costs of ammonia-nitrogen removal at the Emerald plant.

48. IEPA's Recommendation (pages 6 and 27-28) makes reference to the fact that Emerald currently operates one biotreater at its facility and, in the event that the Board grants Emerald's Petition, requests that the Board require Emerald to operate three other biotreaters within four years. The problem with IEPA's position is that it is unsupported by any analysis that operating more biotreaters will reduce ammonia-nitrogen in the effluent.

49. Ammonia-nitrogen removal at the wastewater treatment facility is a function of solids retention time (SRT) and the extent of BOD removal. The maximum amount of ammonia-nitrogen removal will occur at the lowest achievable SRT that ensures sufficient BOD removal.

50. The wastewater treatment plant is already capable of operating at this condition (SRT of 30 to 60 days depending upon production) with only the North Biotreater in service. In fact, I recommended to plant personnel that they only operate the North Biotreater, which is the largest, and shut the others down.

51. In my opinion, operating additional biotreaters will have no impact on effluent ammonia-nitrogen but will make operations more complicated.

52. IEPA has recommended that Emerald implement an in-plant ammonia-nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N) monitoring program in hopes of reducing effluent ammonia-nitrogen through at-source detection and control. This strategy might work if effluent ammonia-nitrogen was strongly correlated to influent ammonia-nitrogen.

53. However, this is not the case since influent organic nitrogen (not ammonia nitrogen) is the primary contributor to effluent ammonia-nitrogen.

54. The two primary raw wastewater contributors to the wastewater treatment plant (PVC Tank and PC Tank) were monitored approximately 3 days per week for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) and ammonia-nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N) during the period of March 28, 2019 through August 8, 2019. The difference between TKN and NH<sub>3</sub>-N concentrations represent organic nitrogen. Under normal biological treatment conditions, organic nitrogen is converted to NH<sub>3</sub>-N. These data are summarized in Figure 1 to Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 12.

55. The results of the PVC Tank and PC Tank are discussed in detail at pages 4-5 of my Expert Report. The overall findings and conclusions are as follows:

- Only 40 percent of the TKN loading for the PVC tank is comprised of ammonia-nitrogen. This discharge stream includes the nitrogen loading of tertiary filter backwash water and sludge dewatering filtrate which is generated when treating both PVC tank and PC tank wastewaters. Nitrification of this stream alone has been considered in prior evaluations, but does not offer a means of complying with regulatory effluent limits. Recent sampling results continue to demonstrate this finding.
- Only 1 percent of the TKN loading in the PC tank was ammonia-nitrogen.
- Ammonia-nitrogen contributed only 30 percent of the TKN loading discharged by the PVC and PC tank combined. Consequently, in-plant monitoring of ammonia-nitrogen only has the ability to influence 30 percent of the potential final effluent NH<sub>3</sub>-N load. This finding that the bulk of the final effluent NH<sub>3</sub>-N loading is due to organic nitrogen present in the raw wastewaters that is converted to ammonia-nitrogen through biological treatment has been documented throughout the years.

56. The Emerald wastewater treatment plant did provide 46 percent removal of influent TKN reducing the effluent ammonia-nitrogen by 344 lbs/day. This removal was associated with nutrient requirements for the BOD removal accomplished by biological treatment within the plant.

57. Any in-plant monitoring would need to focus on TKN monitoring. Unlike NH<sub>3</sub>-N, there are no direct monitoring probes for TKN in wastewater. Consequently, real-time monitoring and quick response would be impractical.

58. In my opinion, additional sampling of process wastewater sources to determine the origin of effluent ammonia nitrogen is not needed.

**b. Updated Conceptual Level Designs and Cost Estimates for Alternatives, including Land Application.**

59. Brown & Caldwell was also asked to update its evaluation of the costs of various treatment alternatives previously considered and to evaluate the cost of a land application alternative. Updating costs for every alternative is not necessary because many alternatives are known not to achieve significant effluent ammonia-nitrogen reductions or would have costs in

excess of other more effective alternatives. Costs have been calculated for five alternatives considered most likely to be effective and for land application.

60. The conceptual level cost estimates prepared are the same kind of Class 5 estimates used in evaluating the GAC and river water dilution alternatives in 2018. These estimates were developed by generating equipment costs for each alternative and then applying multiplication factors for direct and indirect costs. The direct costs include freight, tax, purchased equipment installation, installed piping, installed electrical systems, buildings, other structural components, yard improvements, and installed service utilities. Indirect costs include engineering and supervision, construction expenses, legal expenses, and contractor's fee.

61. A contingency multiplication factor is applied to the sum of the direct and indirect costs. The sum of the direct, indirect and contingency results in the fixed capital cost (FCC).

62. The most economical and reliable processes for ammonia-nitrogen removal at the Emerald Plant would consist of further treating the plant final effluent (not plant raw wastewater influent). We updated the design final effluent wasteload information based on 2018 information when the plant was reportedly operating at typical production levels. A summary of the design final effluent wasteload is illustrated in Table 1 to Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 12.

63. This wasteload was used to update the conceptual level designs and cost estimates for the most economically feasible alternatives, including: (1) ozonation; (2) alkaline stripping; (3) tertiary nitrification; (4) breakpoint chlorination; and (5) ion exchange. Because of IEPA's interest, we also estimated costs for land application even though it will not achieve compliance. The details around each of these cost estimates are included as Attachment A to Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 12. Initially we had only intended to cost five alternatives in total. When I saw

data on the low levels of MBT in the treatment plant effluent (as opposed to higher levels in the treatment plant influent), I added the re-evaluation of tertiary nitrification.

64. A summary of treatment alternatives performance and costs are shown in Table 2 to Petitioner's Hearing Exhibit 12 and presented as unit costs in Table 3 of that exhibit.

65. These data indicate that tertiary nitrification and ion exchange offer the lowest unit cost for ammonia removal based on annual operations and maintenance costs with ion exchange having a much lower capital cost. On a present worth basis, Emerald would have to commit a minimum of \$12 per pound solely for NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed over the next 10 years, which is approximately 8-fold the median unit costs reported by NACWA.

66. In my opinion, there are no other treatment alternatives for ammonia-nitrogen removal that are worthy of being considered. All other alternatives have been shown to be incapable of achieving reliable compliance or have costs in excess of the alternatives re-evaluated in 2019 as described in my Expert Report.

67. My opinion in this regard also extends to the Algaewheel® technology alternative suggested in IEPA's Recommendation. That technology has similarities to the tertiary nitrification alternative using rotating biological contactors (RBCs) downstream of the secondary clarifier evaluated in my Expert Report. In our alternative, heterotrophic bacteria, which remove BOD, and nitrifying bacteria would grow on fixed film media offered in the RBCs. The bacteria on the RBC media should then be able to nitrify ammonia-nitrogen, if, that is, the level of MBT can be kept low enough in the current plant effluent. The Algaewheel® alternative works in a similar way except that algae replaces the bacteria on the RBCs. As compared to bacteria, use of algae as a nitrifier is a newer technology, which means it is less proven and likely more costly because the technology is still patent-protected.

**c. Environmental Impact of Effluent Ammonia-Nitrogen Removal**

68. The Illinois River over many years has shown no violations of the acute and chronic water quality standards for ammonia-nitrogen downstream of Emerald's discharge.

69. The results of Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing conducted at the Henry Plant have repeatedly shown no toxic effects from Emerald's effluent outside the approved zone of initial dilution.

70. These results demonstrate that Emerald's construction and continued use of the current wastewater treatment plant, the multi-port diffuser, replacement of the BBTS Wet Scrubber and other actions have produced an effluent that has no material negative effect on the environment. In contrast, every alternative that we have considered has identifiable negative side-effects on the environment.

71. Only one of the six treatment alternatives that we analyzed in 2019 does not require chemical addition to the final effluent. However, this alternative of land application only reduces the annual nitrogen load on the river by 22 percent and requires complexity related to operating and maintaining a river water treatment system, three pumping systems, and an elaborate irrigation system. It also generates hay which has no defined dependable outlet for use.

72. IEPA's further suggestion that the land application alternative be extended to farm land not owned by Emerald is even more implausible. While I am aware of some industrial waste water that is land applied, it is mostly from food processing plants. It is quite rare that the effluent from a chemical plant is land applied. I am also aware of no instance of a chemical plant effluent being land applied onto row crops, such as corn or soybeans, which are dominant crops in Illinois. In addition, corn and soybeans are less salt tolerant than hay (the crop we evaluated

for land application), so to spray the effluent on those crops would require even higher river water dilution than we planned for in our evaluation.

73. The other five alternatives require extensive chemical addition which will appreciably increase the effluent salt load to the Illinois River. These alternatives would either substitute salt for ammonia nitrogen in the Henry Plant's discharge with unknown repercussions for toxicity or require an even more costly fourth level of treatment to reduce the salt.

74. The only two alternatives that can reliably comply with the regulatory limits (breakpoint chlorination and ion exchange) either (a) generate an effluent that may cause failure of the existing effluent aquatic toxicity criterion or (b) generate a liquid waste whose disposal method, destination, and costs are uncertain.

75. In addition, every alternative will indirectly increase greenhouse gas emissions due to increased power consumption and additional diesel truck traffic.

76. The same is true for the GAC and river water dilution alternatives as described above.

77. The collateral negative environmental impact of the treatment alternatives (e.g., greenhouse gas emissions and decreased effluent water quality with respect to higher salt levels) is appreciably more adverse than the current effluent ammonia-nitrogen load.

78. Given that Emerald's effluent has no negative environmental impact and the treatment alternatives have negative collateral environmental effects, implementing any of those alternatives and incurring the estimated costs solely for ammonia-nitrogen removal would be a unique and unreasonable requirement.

79. In my opinion, implementing any of these alternatives is unwise from an environmental standpoint.



## Experience Summary

Houston Flippin has 35 years of experience in industrial water management. He is a Board Certified Environmental Engineer who is particularly adept at maximizing treatment process performance. This is due to years of conducting, evaluating, and developing full-scale process design and operating guidelines from bench-, pilot-, and full-scale wastewater treatment studies. These studies have evaluated both biological and physical/chemical processes for treating off-gas, water, groundwater, wastewater, and sludge laden with conventional pollutants, priority pollutants, and aquatic toxicants. Houston has used this experience to develop treatment cost savings (capital and operating), while maintaining reliable effluent and emissions compliance, and negotiate more reasonable limits. His hands-on experience and adept communication skills have made him a frequent workshop lecturer, client staff trainer, and negotiator.

### Assignment

*Senior Process Design Lead/  
Evaluation and Optimization*

### Education

*MS, Environmental and Water  
Resource Engineering with  
minor in Chemical Engineering,  
Vanderbilt University, 1984*

*BE, Civil and Environmental  
Engineering, Vanderbilt  
University, 1982*

### Registration

*Professional Engineer, Alabama  
(36124), Arkansas (12301),  
Delaware (15291), Florida  
(75197), Georgia (031884),  
Idaho (18867), Illinois  
(062.053488), Indiana  
(11100080), Kentucky (21150),  
Michigan (046604), Mississippi  
(20817), Ohio (72519), South  
Carolina (31331), Tennessee  
(21208), Texas (99149), and  
Virginia (042268).*

*Board Certified Environmental  
Engineer: American Academy of  
Environmental Engineers (99-  
20004)*

### Experience

35 years

### Joined Firm

1984

### Relevant Expertise

- *Developing site specific  
operating guidelines and  
treatment capacities*
- *Developing cost savings for  
treatment plants*
- *Training client staff in  
process operations and  
troubleshooting*

## Relevant Chemical Industry Experience

### Impact on POTW, American Cyanamid, Barceloneta, Puerto Rico

**Lead Engineer.** Houston was responsible for developing treatability studies that evaluated the impact of herbicide and pesticide wastestreams on publicly owned treatment works (POTWs). Testing indicated no adverse impact on biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) removal, nitrification, and sludge quality at the desired discharge rates. The test results were used to negotiate the allowed discharges of these wastestreams to the POTW without pretreatment.

### Management of Bio-Inhibiting Wastewater, Air Products, Calvert City, Kentucky

**Lead Engineer and Project Manager.** Houston defined operating guidelines for a wastewater treatment system to allow processing of a bio-inhibiting wastestream component.

### Groundwater Treatment Optimization, BASF, Toms River, New Jersey

**Lead Engineer.** Houston developed strategies to optimize the existing equalization, chemical conditioning system, and filtration of contaminated groundwater with minor modifications.

### Treatment Optimization, Borden Chemical Company, Fayetteville, North Carolina and Demopolis, Alabama

**Lead Engineer.** Houston developed operational and capital upgrades for two wastewater treatment systems to address concerns regarding effluent quality.

### Concept Design and Cost Sharing Estimates for Combined Municipal and Industrial Treatment Facility, Calvert City, Kentucky Industrial Complex

**Lead Process Engineer.** Houston directed treatability testing used to develop the process design for a treatment system capable of meeting direct discharge standards and the Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP), known as the MON, requirements while treating wastewaters from Calvert City municipal wastewater, Rail Car Services, Sekisui Specialty Chemicals, Wacker Chemical Corporation, and Westlake Chemical as well as leachate from Waste Path Services. The combined treatment facility consisted of wasteload monitoring at each facility, screening, equalization, anaerobic treatment of high-strength wastewaters, activated sludge treatment, chlorination, dechlorination, and post aeration. The process design and 60 percent design were developed, and individual sewer use fees were established to support the facility. The economic payback was longer

than desired (more than 5 years) for the participating industries to proceed forward with final design of the combined treatment facility.

#### **Treatment Facility Emissions Control, Celanese Chemicals, Calvert City, Kentucky**

**Technical Director.** Houston directed treatability testing used to develop the process design for a treatment system compliant with the MON requirements.

#### **Process Design of New Treatment Facility, Ciba-Geigy Corporation, McIntosh, Alabama**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston was responsible for onsite treatability studies, process design development, and a final report for the treatment of wastewaters discharged from Ciba-Geigy Corporation's largest U.S. organic chemicals manufacturing complex, including pesticides. The project began by evaluating conversion of the existing aerated lagoon system to activated sludge. This conversion was necessary to meet effluent requirements under higher loading conditions and to meet Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) closure requirements of onsite surface impoundments. This evaluation involved an activated sludge treatability study evaluating the impact of varying total dissolved solids (TDS) concentrations (0.5 percent to 2.5 percent), temperatures (8°C to 20°C) and RCRA-regulated stream discharge contributions. A process design for the aerated lagoon/activated sludge conversion was developed, presented, and implemented. Houston developed materials for and assisted in the operator training course that preceded startup of the activated sludge plant. A follow-up treatability study was conducted that focused on total Kjeldahl nitrogen, total organic carbon (TOC), acute toxicity, and color reduction through the use of PACT® treatment as compared to tertiary granular activated carbon (GAC) treatment. Special batch treatability testing evaluated alternative source control methods for a highly colored wastestream. A process design was developed to meet revised treatment objectives, a final report was issued, and a new wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) was constructed. Startup assistance and operator training were provided for both WWTFs.

#### **Process Design, Final Design, and Operational Changes of Treatment Facilities, Clariant Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina and Elgin, South Carolina**

**Supervising Engineer.** Houston directed treatability testing at the Charlotte facility to define operational and capital changes needed in the wastewater treatment system to accommodate new wasteloads. He directed treatability testing at the Elgin facility to develop a process and detailed design of treatment system upgrades required to comply with MON requirements. Houston provided treatment system alternatives analyses in order to select the best process design for advancement into final design.

#### **Treatment Facility Upgrades and Sidestream Management, Cognis Corporation, Charlotte, North Carolina and Cincinnati, Ohio**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston provided treatability testing to develop recommendations for operational and capital upgrades for the Charlotte wastewater treatment system. These upgrades addressed oil/water separation, solids separation, neutralization, high temperature activated sludge treatment, and alternative oxygen transfer systems. He determined beneficial reuse alternatives for select byproduct at the Ohio facility and that the byproduct discharge to the sewer could have compromised compliance with the site's air permit.

#### **Treatment Facility Alternative Upgrades Evaluation, Confidential Organic Chemical Manufacturer, Central United States**

**Supervising Engineer.** This project evaluated process alternatives to meet forecasted production increases. The work included equalization tank modeling to determine flow and loadings, review of possible anaerobic reactor configurations and technologies, modification to the existing activated sludge plant to treat higher loadings and comply with NESHAP regulations, repurposing to use a dissolved air flotation (DAF) for secondary clarification in addition to waste sludge thickening, modifications to the existing secondary clarifiers to improve the inlet distribution tub and flocculating centerwells, and new media and upgrading of the final filter. All projects were evaluated for life cycle costs and justified in terms of economics and process benefits. Overall, the project enabled the client to complete a very complicated process engineering analysis in a short time to ensure detailed design and construction could be accomplished in accordance with the schedule.

#### **Effluent Toxicity Reduction, Confidential Client, Indiana**

**Lead Engineer and Project Manager.** A toxicity identification evaluation (TIE) and toxicity reduction evaluation (TRE) were conducted for a large-volume producer of metal ingots and sheet aluminum. The TIE used Phase I

laboratory characterization procedures, single-stream toxicity testing, and resynthesis testing with major wastestreams treated for toxicity removal. Both the water flea (*Ceriodaphnia dubia*) and the fathead minnow were used in acute tests throughout the study. Study results indicated that adsorptive organic compounds associated with an internal waste treatment process were primarily responsible for toxicity. Pure chemical tests with the wastewater treatment polymer used at the site indicated that the polymer might play a role in effluent toxicity. Operational changes were identified that would provide the required effluent toxicity reduction.

**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Services Emerald Performance Materials, Inc, Henry, Illinois and Kalama, Washington**

**Supervising Engineer.** Houston provided comprehensive services, including process wastewater permit negotiations and expert testimony, wastewater characterization and minimization, conceptual level alternatives evaluations, treatability studies, process design development, equipment selection, clarifier optimization, operator training, WWTF startup assistance, and WWTF process troubleshooting and optimization. The treatment systems consisted of coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, peroxidation, aerobic biological treatment, anaerobic biological treatment, and tertiary filtration.

**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Services, Henkel Corporation, Kankakee, Illinois**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston provided comprehensive services, including wasteload surveying, waste minimization, water conservation, process design and equipment selection for capital upgrades, and WWTF operating guidelines development. He also prepared upgrades to the existing WWTF to accommodate the addition of a new production line.

**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Services, International Specialty Products, Linden, New Jersey; Spartanburg, South Carolina; Winder, Georgia; Huntsville, Alabama; Port Neches, Texas; Texas City, Texas; Calvert City, Kentucky; and San Diego, California**

**Supervising Engineer.** Houston provided comprehensive services, including stormwater and process wastewater permitting, effluent permit negotiations including use of water effects ratio testing wastewater characterization and minimization, conceptual-level alternatives evaluations, treatability studies, process design development, clarifier optimization, operator training, WWTF startup assistance, and WWTF process troubleshooting and optimization.

**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Services, Lubrizol Advanced Materials, Inc, Akron, Ohio; Louisville, Kentucky; Calvert City, Kentucky; Charlotte, North Carolina and Gastonia, North Carolina and Spartanburg, South Carolina**

**Supervising Engineer.** Houston provided comprehensive services, including process wastewater permitting, wastewater characterization and minimization, conceptual level alternatives evaluations, treatability studies, process design development, equipment selection, operator training, WWTF startup assistance, and WWTF process troubleshooting and optimization.

**Effluent Surfactant Reduction, Marietta Corporation, Courtland, New York**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston evaluated the feasibility of a pretreatment system to meet a 0.5 milligrams per liter (mg/L) methylene blue active substances pretreatment limit. The system consisted of phase separation, ultrafiltration, carbon adsorption, and ozonation.

**Pretreatment Alternatives Analyses, Reilly Industries, Lone Star, Texas and Provo, Utah**

**Lead Engineer and Project Manager.** Houston delivered a two-tiered project at these coal tar plants. Treatability studies were conducted, and process designs were developed, for alternative WWTF upgrades to allow the plant to meet more restrictive pretreatment limits. A work plan was developed in cooperation with the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission that enabled the POTW to seek permit relief and avoid WWTF upgrades.

**Effluent Toxicity Reduction, Rhodia, Mount Pleasant, Tennessee**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston was responsible for treatability studies, process design development, and a final report for the treatment of herbicide wastewaters. The treatments evaluated the impact of photolytic decomposition, carbon adsorption, and macroreticular resins. A solution was implemented that included minor treatment and recycle of waters. The site was converted to a nearly zero discharge operation.



**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Services, Rohm and Haas, Bristol, Pennsylvania; Louisville, Kentucky; Knoxville, Tennessee; and Moss Point, Mississippi**

**Supervising Engineer.** Houston provided comprehensive services ranging from process wastewater permit negotiations, wastewater characterization and minimization, conceptual level alternatives evaluations, treatability studies, process design development for nitrification facilities, equipment selection, whitewater treatment alternatives, and WWTF process troubleshooting and optimization.

**Treatment Process Troubleshooting and Operator Training, Solvay Advanced Polymers, Marietta, Ohio**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston provided WWTF troubleshooting services and operator training for this facility that included equalization, neutralization, pure oxygen activated sludge treatment, disinfection, and sludge dewatering.

**Comprehensive Wastewater Management Services, Solvay Chemicals, Deer Park, Texas**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston provided treatability testing to define WWTF upgrade measures needed to comply with effluent BOD, TOC, and aquatic toxicity limits. He assisted in equipment selection and operator training. Houston developed a compliance plan and schedule. The treatment system consisted of activated sludge treatment with denitrification and DAF for secondary clarification. Provisions were made for effluent GAC treatment.

**Process Design of New Treatment Facility , Thiokol Corporation, Brigham City, Utah**

**Lead Engineer and Project Manager.** The project involved TIE followed by TRE as a part of treatability studies for a newly designed WWTF. The new WWTF replaced two existing WWTFs that were abandoned. Acidification, air stripping, alkalization, chemical reduction with sodium thiosulfate, filtration, GAC, ion exchange (anion and cation), macroreticular resin, and metal complexation with ethylenediaminetetraacetic acid (EDTA), were evaluated as a means of achieving effluent toxicity reduction for a selected wastestream. High salinity was identified as the toxicant. The client decided to blend the selected wastestream with other wastestreams causing a decrease in wastewater salinity and an increase in wastewater BOD. Activated sludge treatment, followed by ozonation as a means of toxicity reduction and disinfection, was determined to provide consistent compliance with effluent BOD and toxicity limits. A process design was provided. The newly designed WWTFs included grit removal, equalization, activated sludge treatment, granular media filtration, and ozonation. The final design for the WWTF was reviewed for consistency with the process design.

**Fundamental Different Factor Determination, Union Carbide, Hahnville, Louisiana**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston provided treatability testing to demonstrate that the plant qualified for “fundamentally different factors” in developing effluent limitations. He provided troubleshooting assistance and developed operating procedures to prevent bio-inhibition to activated sludge and viscous sludge bulking.

**Process Design, Final Design and Start-Up of New Treatment Facility, Vi-Jon Corporation, Smyrna, Tennessee**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston designed and oversaw treatability testing for three major production area wastewaters (mouthwash, lotion, and shampoo). He developed a process design of the pretreatment facility to treat wastewaters from these production areas. Pretreatment consisted of zinc precipitation, activated sludge with DAF clarification, and sludge dewatering. Houston provided process oversight during detailed design, equipment procurement, and startup.

**Management of Bio-Inhibiting Wastewaters, Zeneca Fine Chemicals, Mount Pleasant, Tennessee**

**Lead Engineer.** Houston was responsible for treatability studies that evaluated the impact of various organic chemical, herbicide, and pesticide wastestreams on the site's biological WWTF. He developed an approach for screening the impact of new wastestreams on the WWTF. Houston prescribed maximum allowable discharge rates of each process wastestream to prevent upset of the WWTF.

### **Odor Control and Treatment Process Optimization, Chemical Industry and City of Springfield, Massachusetts**

**Project Engineer.** This project included odor identification and control, treatability study and process design of upgrades within existing tankage to accomplish nitrification, denitrification, and good sludge settleability. Houston evaluated the impacts of sludge heat treatment on plant performance.

### **Treatment Process Optimization, Chemical Industry and Greater Mentor, Ohio**

**Project Engineer.** Houston conducted treatability studies to evaluate the impact of the chemical industry on POTW effluent total suspended solids (TSS) concentrations. He developed operating guidelines that allowed the POTW to accommodate chemical industry discharge while maintaining effluent compliance with both effluent TSS and total phosphorus limits.

### **Pretreatment for Odor Control, Dalton Utilities, Dalton, Georgia**

**Senior Consultant.** Houston identified threshold odor numbers for a list of chemicals discharged from the chemical industry. This list, coupled with sampling data, identified which chemicals were responsible for sewer odor complaints. Odor control involved selecting pretreatment limits for these targeted compounds.

### **Process Design and Final Design of New Treatment Facility, Globe Manufacturing, Gastonia, North Carolina**

**Project Manager and Lead Engineer.** Houston managed a wastewater pretreatment project where the industrial discharge was cited as the source of the POTW's effluent aquatic toxicity problem. Treatability tests were conducted which screened the effects of the following treatment processes on effluent toxicity reduction: air stripping, cation exchange resin, activated silica, macroreticular resin, granular activated carbon, and biohydrolysis. Results of these tests and further desktop evaluations indicated the biotoxinant was ethylene diamine and that activated sludge treatment would provide the most cost-effective treatment. Continuous flow treatability studies were used to develop the process design for the selected process. Houston submitted a design basis report for the pretreatment facility, reviewed final design drawings and specifications, and provided startup assistance. The pretreatment facility eliminated all acute and chronic toxicity associated with the wastestream discharge at its flow contribution to the POTW.

## **Memberships**

American Academy of Environmental Engineer

Technical Association of the Pulp and Paper Industry (TAPPI)

Water Environment Federation

Chi Epsilon - National Civil Engineering Honor Society

## **Publications/Presentations**

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2. "Sludge Reduction Through Uncoupling: Treatability Surprise and Full-Scale Benefits", Kasey Moraveck, Jonathan Sandhu and Houston Flippin. 92nd Annual Water Environment Foundation Technical Exhibition & Conference (WEFTEC), Chicago, IL, September 2019.
3. "Two Case Studies of Ultrafiltration in Dairy Wastewater", Membrane Technology Forum, American Dairy Products, Institute, Minneapolis, MN, June 2019.
4. "Anaerobic Reactor Cover Replacement: Interim Operations and Plan", 49th Annual Food and Beverage Environmental Conference, American Frozen Food Institute, April 2019.
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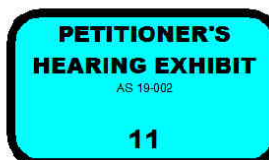




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**Re: Adjusted Standard 13-2 (NPDES Permit No. IL0001392) – Update Report**

To Whom It May Concern:

The Henry, IL Emerald Performance Materials facility is submitting the following report to show continued compliance with the all of requirements of Adjusted Standard 13-2, which are incorporated into NPDES Permit No. IL0001392 Special Condition 16. AS13-2 Conditions 2(c) and (d) require the plant to generally investigate new production methods and technologies that would generate less nitrification inhibitors (i.e., MBT) and new treatment technologies. AS13-2 Condition 2(e) specifically requires the plant to investigate and submit reports evaluating three alternative treatment ideas: granulated activated carbon (GAC), spray irrigation, and river water dilution.

**Report as to Conditions 2(c) and (d):**

The Henry facility has put together a continuous process improvement project to identify and evaluate potential modifications of the processes and product recipes to recover MBT as well as a few of the key organic nitrogen compounds that serve as the building blocks for most of Emerald's products. The team is comprised of facility personnel, consultants, and process improvement engineers from Emerald corporate services. The approaches taken by this team to evaluate process modifications and alternative treatment options to achieve the final goal of further reducing ammonia in the Emerald WWTF effluent have been unsuccessful since the issuance of AS13-2.

**Report as to Condition 2(e):**

Granulated Activated Carbon (GAC). The pretreatment of plant wastewater using GAC to remove mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT) was evaluated at a bench scale by Brown & Caldwell.

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In the bench scale testing, B&C found that GAC would sufficiently reduce MBT concentrations to allow the microorganisms in the plant wastewater treatment system to achieve adequate nitrification. B&C also evaluated the cost of this alternative and found that its estimated cost is 20x higher than the costs incurred by municipal wastewater treatment facilities in Illinois and 11x higher than the average cost of municipal facilities nationwide. The B&C report is Attachment A. Based on these findings, Emerald does not believe GAC is economically reasonable.

Spray Irrigation/Land Application. Emerald investigated the technical feasibility of a spray irrigation (land application) program. A spray irrigation program is not a technically feasible option for the Henry facility's treated wastewater. There are two principal flaws with this option: a lack of symbiosis between wastewater treatment operations and the agricultural needs for nitrogen amendments; and regulatory restrictions. The regulatory restrictions are paramount.

Condition 2(e) of AS13-2 asks for an evaluation of spray irrigation in accordance with 35 IAC Part 372. Those regulations establish design standards and other standards for low-rate land application of secondary and tertiary treated **domestic** wastewater. Emerald's discharge is industrial wastewater and the Part 372 regulations do not allow low-rate land application of the Henry plant treated effluent. Further, presently the discharge from the plant's wastewater treatment system is not subject to regulation as solid or hazardous waste because of the RCRA exemption for wastewater discharges subject to a NPDES permit under 35 IAC 721.104(a)(2) and its federal equivalent 40 CFR 261.4(a)(2). If a portion of the wastewater stream was diverted to spray irrigation, the diverted portion might be considered land disposal of a solid waste, or possibly a hazardous waste. USEPA considered an analogous circumstance at a landfill in Kentucky in 2007 that wanted to discharge treated leachate that was high in ammonia via spray irrigation. USEPA determined that the proposal – even if it was incorporated into the landfill's NPDES permit – would be prohibited land disposal of a hazardous waste. The USEPA determination is included as Attachment B.

Even if the regulations that restrict the land application of the wastewater were revised; spray irrigation would still not be a technically feasible option because there is a lack of symbiosis between wastewater treatment operations and agricultural needs. The Henry facility continuously discharges treated effluent to the Illinois River. The mass of ammonia discharged is not constant, but rather fluctuates with production. This would require frequent analysis and adjustment of the land application rate in order to meet the nitrogen requirements of the crops. And since the nitrogen is present as dissolved ammonia, the only way to get the nutrient to the crops is via irrigation. Crop irrigation and nitrogen needs do not occur continuously during the growing season and cease altogether outside the growing season.

Land application of biosolids and other soil amendments must follow 40 CFR 503 Subpart B regulations. One of the requirements is that soil amendments must only be applied during the active growing season. In this region of Illinois, the growing season is between 175 and 180

days (at most) in duration. The wastewater effluent would have to be discharged to the Illinois River during the other 185 to 190 days when land application is restricted. Emerald owns 80 acres of land, currently leased to a local farmer, onto which the effluent could be land applied. If the 80 acres were planted with corn, which has a fairly high nitrogen demand of 110 pounds of nitrogen per acre per growing season; 8,800 pounds of nitrogen would be required (assuming 100 bushels per acre). This quantity of nitrogen could be supplied by the wastewater effluent in less than 20 days. Thus, even during the growing season, the available cropland could only receive a small portion of the Henry plant's wastewater. For this additional reason, the spray irrigation option is not technically feasible.

River Water Dilution. Treatment of plant wastewater via river water dilution was evaluated at a bench scale by B&C. In the bench scale testing, B&C found that nitrification could be achieved if the plant wastewater were diluted by 90% with river water. See Attachment A. B&C cautioned, however, that the bench scale results might not be sustainable at plant-scale due to fluctuations in MBT production that would cause inconsistent nitrification and cold weather river water temperatures which would interfere with other wastewater treatment processes that require warm wastewater. B&C also evaluated the cost of this alternative and found that its estimated cost (even without including the capital cost of constructing an additional steam boiler, as discussed below) is 40x higher than the costs incurred by municipal wastewater treatment facilities in Illinois and 21x higher than the average cost of municipal facilities nationwide. Based on the B&C report and Emerald's own evaluation, the river water dilution alternative is not technically feasible or economically reasonable. There are three reasons why this option must be rejected: the option is not likely to achieve the desired ammonia removal; the ancillary environmental impacts outweigh the benefits of any reduction in the mass of ammonia discharged; and the economic cost is prohibitive as demonstrated by B&C.

For the reasons described in the B&C report, Emerald seriously doubts that the river water dilution option can consistently achieve the ammonia reductions that were achieved in the bench scale testing. Also, diluting the facility's wastewater by a factor of almost ten will also dilute the chemicals that the microorganisms metabolize. This may compromise the efficiency of the wastewater treatment plant, hampering the microbial degradation of the other contaminants. Thus, purely from the standpoint of the wastewater discharge, the river water dilution option is not technically feasible.

This alternative would also have significant negative cross-media environmental impacts. Temperature is a critical parameter for the microorganisms that digest the organic chemicals in the wastewater. Steam is injected into the wastewater in order to ensure the temperature is maintained within the optimum range at all times of the year. Since the Illinois River temperature is much colder than the optimal treatment system temperature in late fall, winter and early spring, additional steam would have to be injected to maintain the required temperature range. The volume of river water needed to achieve nitrification on a bench scale is nearly ten times the volume of wastewater the facility typically generates and would

require the installation of a 140 million Btu per hour boiler to provide the additional steam. Assuming the boiler ran for seven months of the year, was natural gas-fired, equipped with low-NO<sub>x</sub> burners and flue gas recirculation, it could emit as much as 38,000 metric tons of CO<sub>2</sub>e greenhouse gases, 35 tons of nitrogen oxides, and 30 tons of carbon monoxide per year to heat the river water. The atmospheric emissions coupled with the additional heat load discharged to the Illinois River would negate any benefit associated with the potential reduction in ammonia concentration in the effluent.

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## Section 1: Introduction

### 1.1 Background

The combined wastewater generated at the Emerald Performance Materials - Henry Plant (Emerald) has historically contained high concentrations of Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) and ammonia-nitrogen (NH<sub>3</sub>-N), as well as a known nitrification-inhibiting compound, mercaptobenzothiazole (MBT). This known inhibitor is the compound that serves as the foundational building block of essentially all products at the Emerald Henry Plant.

Both Emerald and Mexichem are co-located at the Henry Plant having at one time been all part of the BF Goodrich Specialty Chemicals plant. Together, these two industries discharge to a shared industrial wastewater treatment facility (IWTF) operated by Emerald (see Figure 1). The wastewaters from Emerald discharge to two equalization tanks: the C-18 Tank and the PC Tank. The wastewaters from Mexichem production discharge to an equalization tank with one Mexichem wastewater (213 Centrate) stream receiving special pretreatment. The wastewaters from the two Emerald tanks, one Mexichem tank, and the Mexichem pretreated wastewater are all discharged to an onsite IWTF. In addition, waters from groundwater recovery, production area stormwater, and utility waters are also treated in the IWTF. The IWTF provides chemical conditioning, primary settling to remove solids, activated sludge treatment to remove biologically degradable materials and tertiary filtration prior to discharge to the Illinois River. The solids from primary settling, Mexichem pretreatment and the waste solids from activated sludge treatment are dewatered using a precoat filter press. The dewatered solids are disposed of off-site. Figure 1 illustrates this wastewater collection and treatment system.

Due to the necessity of MBT use in Emerald's production processes, effluent NH<sub>3</sub>-N removal at the Henry Plant is typically low. Brown and Caldwell (BC), at the request of Emerald, has conducted the studies listed below and described herein to satisfy Condition 2 (e) of Adjusted Standard 13-2 issued by the Illinois Pollution Control Board (IPCB), which has been incorporated into Special Condition 15 of the Plant's National Pollution Discharge Elimination system permit (IL0001392) issued by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA):

- Emerald also requested BC to investigate the technical and economic viability of each.

The scope of work for these studies consisted of bench scale treatability testing and developing a preliminary design and cost estimate for each option. Laboratory testing was required to evaluate nitrification potential and feasibility. Based on the results from the bench scale tests, preliminary designs and a class 5 cost estimate were completed to investigate the economic feasibility of achieving nitrification (biological ammonia-nitrogen removal) through these two methods in comparison to  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removal technologies previously considered. Lastly, these costs were compared to the costs imposed by municipalities on industries to provide  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removal.

## Section 2: Laboratory Testing

Fed Batch Reactor (FBR) testing was performed to investigate the ability for nitrification to occur in pretreated and untreated wastewater. During an FBR test, a wastewater is fed to a batch reactor with a fixed biomass population. This configuration allows for the fraction of wastewater in the beaker to increase over time based on a chosen food to mass (F/M) ratio. Thus, the nitrification rate as well as the fraction of wastewater inhibitory to the biomass (generally washed return activated sludge (RAS) from the Henry Plant plus dissolved solids (salt) and pure culture nitrifying bacteria (nitrifiers)) can be ascertained from the results. FBR tests were performed on five combinations of biomass and test waters to investigate the viability of GAC treatment and river water dilution in facilitating nitrification in the IWTF. Table 1 outlines the five FBR tests run during this investigation.

Table 1. FBR Tests Performed		
Test	Biomass	Wastewater
FBR 1	Washed RAS + TDS Adjusted Nitrifiers	Unpretreated Primary Clarifier Effluent
FBR 2	Washed RAS + TDS Adjusted Nitrifiers	Primary Clarifier Effluent with PC and C-18 pretreated with GAC
FBR 3 (Control Rd.1)	Washed RAS + TDS Adjusted Nitrifiers	River water with NH <sub>4</sub> Cl
FBR 4	Washed RAS + River water TDS Adjusted Nitrifiers	10% Unpretreated Primary Clarifier Effluent and 90% River water
FBR 5 (Control Rd. 2)	Washed RAS + River water TDS Adjusted Nitrifiers	River water with NH <sub>4</sub> Cl

FBR Tests 3 and 5 were run as controls containing the pure culture nitrifiers at different design total dissolved solids (TDS) values. The controls were used to obtain an uninhibited nitrification rate. FBR Test 1 was designed to investigate any possible nitrification experienced with average levels of MBT fed to the current Henry biomass with nitrifying bacteria added. FBR 2 was designed to investigate the ability for nitrification to occur in a test fed GAC treated PC wastewater. FBR Test 4 was performed to investigate if nitrification inhibition would occur if the waste stream remained untreated, but heavily diluted with river water.

To simulate the pretreated clarifier effluent, settling tests and GAC tests were performed on combined wastewater collected from the PC and the Cure-Rite® 18 (C-18) equalization tanks. Both these wastewaters are generated through production processes in the Emerald plant. The purpose of these tests was to identify the required solids removal system and to determine the required GAC dose to achieve a target MBT concentration of less than 15 mg/L in the PC wastewater discharge. This settled and GAC treated PC/C-18 wastewater was fed to FBR Test 2.



## 2.1 Return Activated Sludge (RAS) Washing

The RAS samples provided by Emerald Performance Materials were washed as they arrived at BC's Industrial Treatability Laboratory in Nashville, TN. The RAS samples were washed 8,000-fold at a pH of nine in TDS adjusted river water. After this washing, decant from the RAS was characterized to insure MBT was less than 1 mg/L, pH was adjusted to 7.2, and the decant was re-sampled to ensure MBT was at target concentrations. MBT in both samples was less than 0.04 mg/L.

## 2.2 Settling Tests and Granular Activated Carbon Testing (GAC)

Prior to FBR testing, settling and GAC tests were performed on the PC/C-18 WW. The settling tests were performed to size a new inclined plate separator prior to GAC treatment. This would aid in the removal of total suspended solids (TSS) prior to carbon treatment. The GAC testing was performed to quantify the GAC dosage necessary so that PC/C-18 WW would not inhibit nitrification.

The PC and C-18 waste streams were blended proportionally to the current average flow of each stream. After being blended, pH was adjusted to 10 using sodium hydroxide (NaOH). While the pH was at 10, settling tests were performed. Table 2 provides the results from the settling tests.

Table 2. Settling Test Results	
HRT (gpd/ft <sup>2</sup> )	TSS (mg/L)
No Settling	127
50	9
300	63
600	65
900	63
1,200	80

The 50 gpd/ft<sup>2</sup> test was the only settling test performed that produced a supernatant TSS of 9 mg/L, with a goal of less than 20 mg/L. This was done to mimic the expected TSS quality after treatment with an inclined plate separator. This sample was collected and analyzed for MBT. The resulting MBT is seen in Table 3 as a GAC dosage equal to 0 mg/L.

After settling tests were performed, testing was conducted on the pretreated PC/C-18 WW to determine the concentration of GAC needed to decrease the MBT concentration below 15 mg/L. Table 3 provides the dosages and MBT results from the GAC testing.

Table 3. GAC Test Results	
GAC Dosage (mg/L)	MBT (mg/L)
0	320
1,200	230
5,800	83
10,300	10*
14,900	18
19,400	8.4
24,000	0.99

\* Suspect data point.

Results from the GAC tests show that the dosage of GAC to achieve less than 15 mg/L MBT is approximately 17,000 mg/L. In the makeup of the pretreated feed for FBR Test 2, a dosage of 20,000 mg/L was used for pretreatment of the PC/C-18 WW prior to the feed makeup. This dose was selected to provide a margin of safety in achieving adequate MBT removal. The Freundlich isotherm developed from the GAC doses is presented in Figure 2.

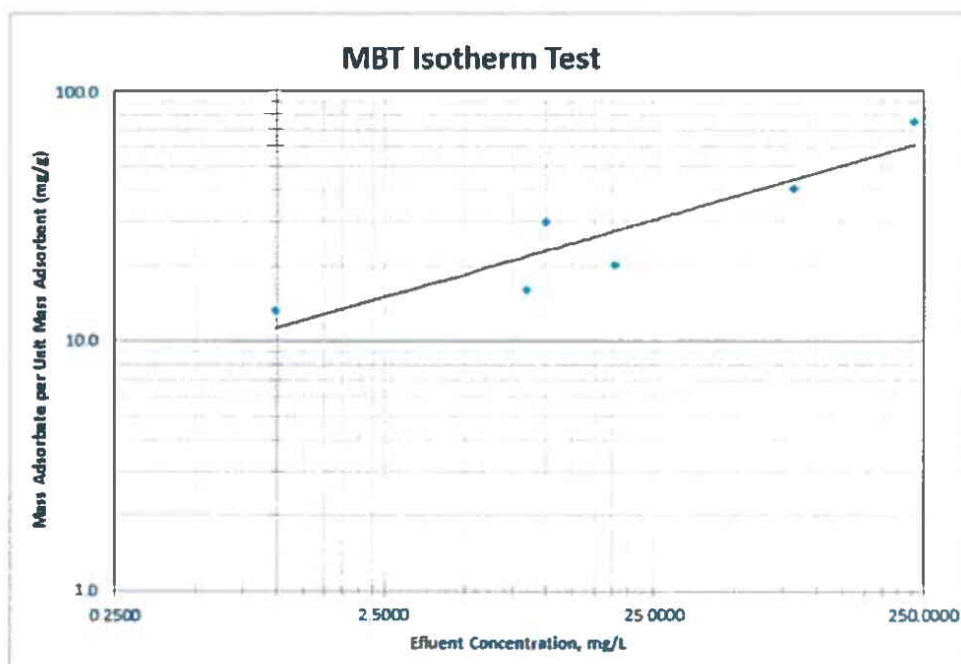


Figure 2. Freundlich Isotherm for MBT removal

Calgon Filtrasorb-300 (F-300), Calgon's most popular GAC media for industrial wastewater applications was deemed adequate and therefore used for the testing performed. Virgin F-300 was chosen for this investigation since it offers good adsorptive properties for a wide range of compounds including MBT.



When MBT is the primary compound being removed by GAC, Calgon Carbon recommends their OLC 12X40 product as being their most efficient product. The OLC 12X40 was recommended by Calgon based on GAC performance with benzotriazole (BTA) removal. BTA is similar in chemical structure to MBT. Calgon believed that removal of BTA through carbon adsorption would be similar to that of MBT. The quantity of MBT removed per mass of GAC (X/M) increase in performance was based on Figure 2 provided by Calgon. The 10 percent improvement in MBT removal assumes that a concentration of 320 mg/L MBT would exist in the PC/C-18 WW. Based on Figure 3, F-300 would have a capacity of approximately three grams of BTA/100 grams carbon. The OLC 12X40 would have an approximate capacity of 3.3 grams of BTA/100 grams carbon. This leads to the assumptions that the OLC 12X40 could potentially have a 10 percent better MBT removal compared to the F-300. In addition, the F-300 is 50 percent costlier. Based on these facts, BC assumed that the lower cost and potentially 10 percent better OLC 12X40 would be used in preparing cost estimates for full-scale application.

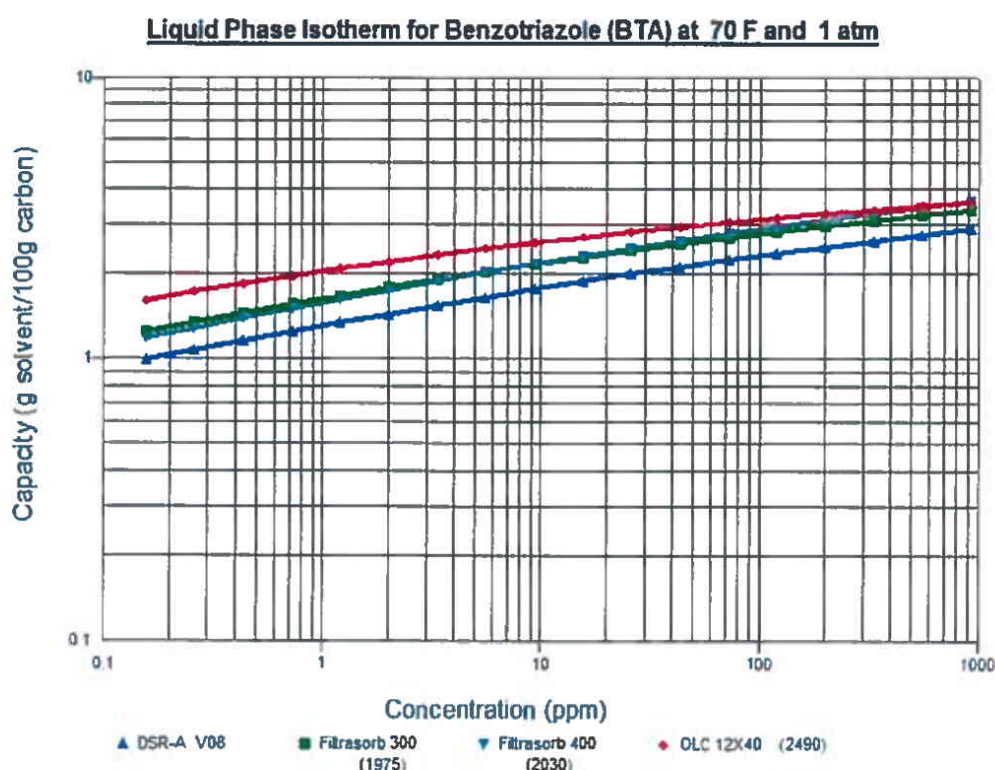


Figure 3. BTA Removal Isotherm

## 2.3 Feed Characterization

Following pretreatment, feeds were made for each FBR test. The feed makeup for FBR Tests 1 and 2 were based upon the current average waste stream flows experienced at the Henry facility as illustrated in Table 4. PC and C-18 wastewaters have been previously described as wastewaters that originate from Emerald production. Wastewaters from Mexichem polyvinyl chloride production were collected prior to the Polyvinyl Chloride (PVC) tank and termed PVC wastewater. Mexichem makes a product know as 213. The

product is centrifuged to remove water. The water removed is discharged to a pretreatment system that consists of chemical conditioning and gravity settling of the solids. The treated water from this process was termed 213 Centrate.

Feed 1 contained the composition of wastewaters illustrated in Table 4 and was subjected to simulated primary treatment and analyzed. This simulation consisting of coagulant addition (using  $\text{FeCl}_3$ ), rapid mix, flocculant addition, flocculation and gravity settling at pH 9 as practiced by the plant. Feed 2 was identical to Feed 1 except that the PC and C-18 wastewaters were treated with 20 grams per liter of F-300 GAC. The FBR control tests (Round 1 and Round 2) evaluated feeds composed of tap water, nutrients, alkalinity, and salt. The simulated river water dilution feed was composed of 90% tap water with nutrients, alkalinity, and salt. The other 10% of the feed consisted of Feed 1. The 10:1 dilution was provided in order that the FBR test could operate without nitrification inhibition at least during the beginning of the test. The characteristics of these respective streams are described in Table 5.

Table 4. Henry Waste Stream Composition

Stream	Flow (gpm)	Percent Makeup (%)
Emerald PC WW	82	18.6
Emerald C-18	1.8	0.4
Mexichem PVC WW	345	78.3
Mexichem 213 Centrate	11.7	2.7

Table 5. Feed Characterization

Test	Sample	TKN (mg/L)	$\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ (mg/L)	$\text{NO}_x\text{-N}$ (mg/L)	MBT (mg/L)	cBOD (mg/L)	COD (mg/L)
FBR 1	Feed 1	60	28.1	2.13	50	63.4	890
FBR 2	Feed 2	45.8	28.2	1.68	0.09	<37.5	390
FBR 3	Control Round.1	0	78.2	0	0	NA	0
FBR 4	River Water Dilution Feed	6	108.2	0.21	5	6.3	74
FBR 5	Control Round. 2	0	100.2	0	0	NA	0

Note: TKN test does not detect all forms of organic nitrogen. The average effluent flow and  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  concentration during 2017 were 0.70 million gallons per day (MGD) and 90 mg/L respectively, yielding an average  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  mass of 525 lbs/day.

A Potassium phosphate ( $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$ ) buffer containing NaOH was added to the feed of each FBR to provide sufficient alkalinity for complete nitrification. Supplemental  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  was added to FBR Tests 3, 4, and 5 so that nitrification rates could be established for each FBR. Using the  $\text{KH}_2\text{PO}_4$  buffer also provided sufficient phosphorous for each FBR. A micronutrient broth was also added to each FBR's feed to ensure that micronutrient limitations would not exist in any FBR test. The pH in all tests was maintained between 6.7 and 7.5.



## 2.4 FBR Testing

Two rounds of FBR testing were performed to investigate both treatment alternatives. The first round consisted of FBR 1, FBR 2, and FBR 3. Round two consisted of FBR 4 and FBR 5. During the FBR testing, wastewater is fed to a batch reactor with a fixed biomass population. This configuration allows for the fraction of wastewater in the beaker to increase over time based on a chosen F/M ratio. Thus, the nitrification rate as well as the fraction of wastewater inhibitory to the biomass can be ascertained from the results.

The FBR tests were designed to be fed based on the F/M currently targeted at the Henry, IL facility of 0.25 day<sup>-1</sup>. This was altered for FBR Test 2 so that the flow would match the flow experienced at the current facility and not the F/M outlier due to a drop in COD from pretreatment.

All tests were provided with TDS-adjusted, pure-culture nitrifying bacteria. Nitrifiers were TDS adjusted over several days to match the TDS in the feeds. Baseline nitrification rates were generated from the TDS adjusted nitrifiers. The rates developed were:

- active nitrification rate of 1.16 mg N/mg MLVSS/day for nitrifiers at 11,300 mg/L TDS
- active nitrification rate of 0.39 mg N/mg MLVSS/day for nitrifiers at 1,650 mg/L TDS

Based on these rates, 0.27 grams of nitrifiers at a TDS of 11,300 mg/L was added to FBR Tests 1, 2, and 3. For FBR Tests 4 and 5, 2.1 grams of nitrifiers at a TDS of 1,650 mg/L were added. Prior to FBR testing, the temperature of the biomass and the pure culture nitrifiers was slowly increased to 32 °C. The rates of each individual FBR test were compared with the rates measured in the controls (mg NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed/mg pure culture nitrifier/day).

The FBR tests progressed in the following manner:

1. The biomass (MLVSS) in each beaker was approximately the same in FBR Tests 1, 2, and 3. This was accomplished by concentrating the biomass via centrifugation to create a slurry of approximately 2.5 percent solids (25,000 mg/L) first. In FBR Tests 4 and 5, the concentration of biomass slurry was approximately 0.5 percent solids (5,000 mg/L).
2. The concentrated biomass slurry was placed in a 2-L beaker along with the nitrifiers, mixed with an overhead mixer and aerated with pure oxygen to maintain dissolved oxygen (DO) greater than 5 mg/L. The 2-L test beakers were then placed in a water bath at 32 °C.
3. As the wastewater was fed to the slurry, the volume of the beaker increased. The exposure concentration of the treated wastewater to the biomass (bacteria) increased from zero percent to the target 89 percent wastewater.
4. Samples collected represented effluent samples containing a desired percentage of biologically treated feed wastewater in the presence of the biomass. The sample was centrifuged to remove solids and the biomass were returned to the reactor in order to maintain a consistent mass of biomass in the test reactor. The sample volume was recorded during every sampling event.
5. During testing, samples were collected when treated influent wastewater comprised approximately 13 percent, 26 percent, 48 percent, 72 percent and 89 percent of the collected sample. These samples were then analyzed for indications of nitrification inhibition through NH<sub>3</sub>-N reduction and nitrate-nitrogen accumulation. Ideally, these values would be identical. In practice, the nitrification rate was calculated as the average between the ammonia-nitrogen reduction rate and the nitrate-nitrogen accumulation rate.

## 2.5 Results

Figures 4, 5, 6, and 7 summarize the results of the FBR testing. All tests in Round 1 and Round 2, except the untreated feed FBR, experienced consistent removal of  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  through the end. No nitrification was observed between 13% and 60% of the treated wastewater addition for FBR 1, which is consistent with the absence of nitrification in the full-scale facility.

In Round 1, Figures 4 and 5 illustrate that nitrification did not begin until two hours into the test. At this point, 22 percent by volume of treated wastewater was present in the test. This is to be expected since the nitrifiers required some acclimation time after being washed. In a full-scale system, this would not be experienced if a viable colony of nitrifiers existed. Based on the results from  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removal and  $\text{NO}_x\text{-N}$  generation, a relative nitrification rate was developed. The control reactor in Round 1 (FBR 3) had an average active nitrification rate of 1.32 mg N/mg MLVSS active nitrifier/day illustrating that the nitrifiers were uninhibited during testing. The simulated clarifier effluent with GAC pretreatment of PC and C-18 wastewaters exhibited minimal impacts on nitrification where an average active nitrification rate of 1.17 mg N/mg MLVSS/day was calculated for FBR test 2. Both rates were greater compared to the initial baseline proving that GAC treatment of the PC/C-18 wastewater would facilitate nitrification of the combined wastewater at the Henry Plant. These results indicate that without pretreatment to remove or greatly dilute MBT, no nitrification would be observed at the Henry Plant.

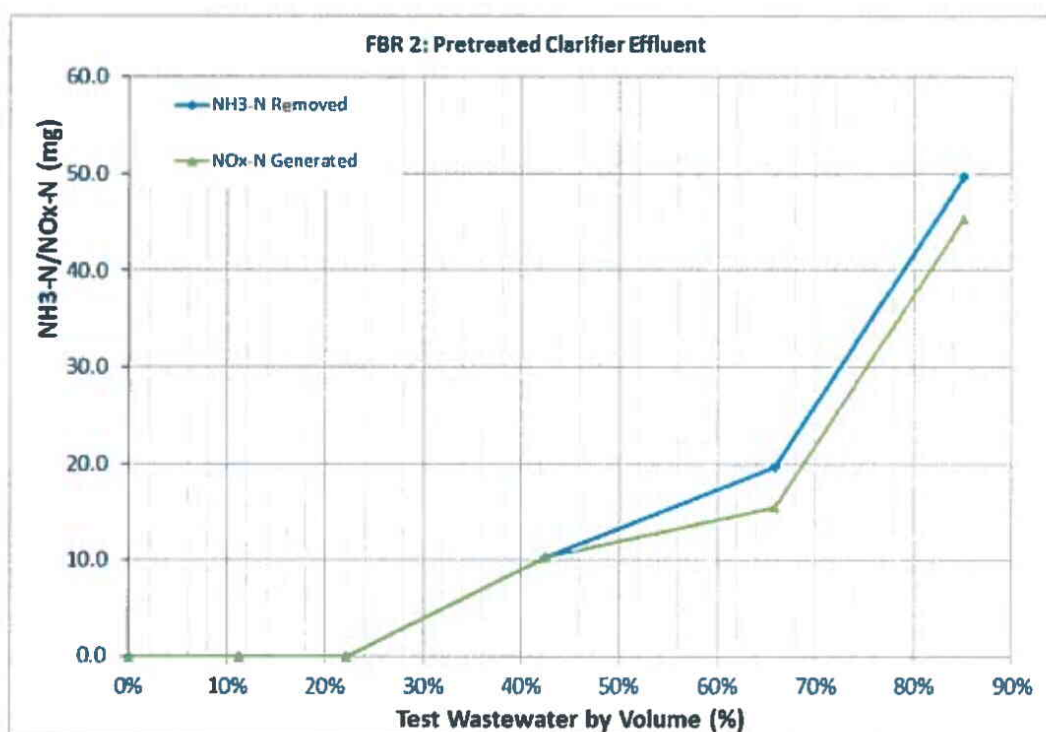
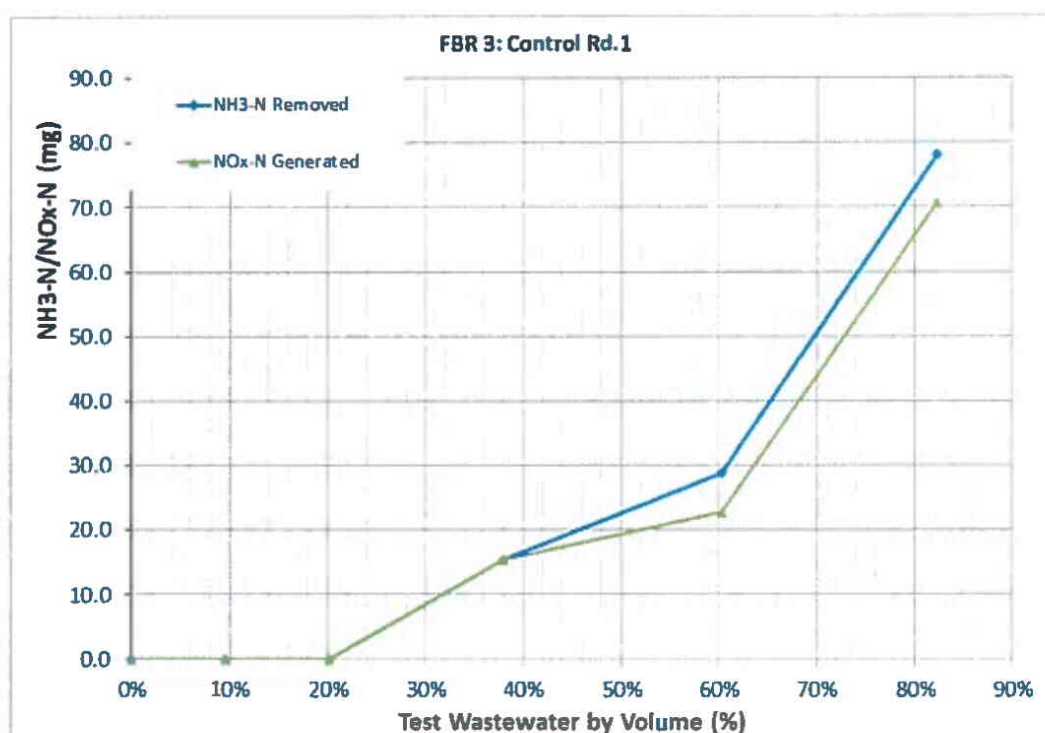


Figure 4. FBR 2  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  Removal and  $\text{NO}_x\text{-N}$  Generation

Figure 5. FBR 3 NH<sub>3</sub>-N Removal and NO<sub>x</sub>-N Generation

In Round 2, Figures 6 and 7 depict NH<sub>3</sub>-N degrading from the beginning of the test. NH<sub>3</sub>-N removal was slower at the beginning of the test as the biomass began to get acclimated to the addition of each feed. In round 2, the control reactor (FBR 5 as illustrated in Figure 7) had an average nitrification rate of 0.37 mg N/mg MLVSS active nitrifier/day with an increasing rate during the tests indicating that the nitrifiers were not inhibited during the control test. Utilizing river water to dilute the untreated clarifier effluent (FBR 4 as illustrated in Figure 6) by 90 percent did not completely eliminate nitrification inhibition as evidenced by the 20 percent lower average nitrification rate of 0.29 mg N/mg MLVSS active/day. This inhibition was anticipated since the concentration of MBT exceeded the published nitrification inhibition threshold of 3 mg/L during the second half of the test when the test wastewater exceeded 60 percent in volume.



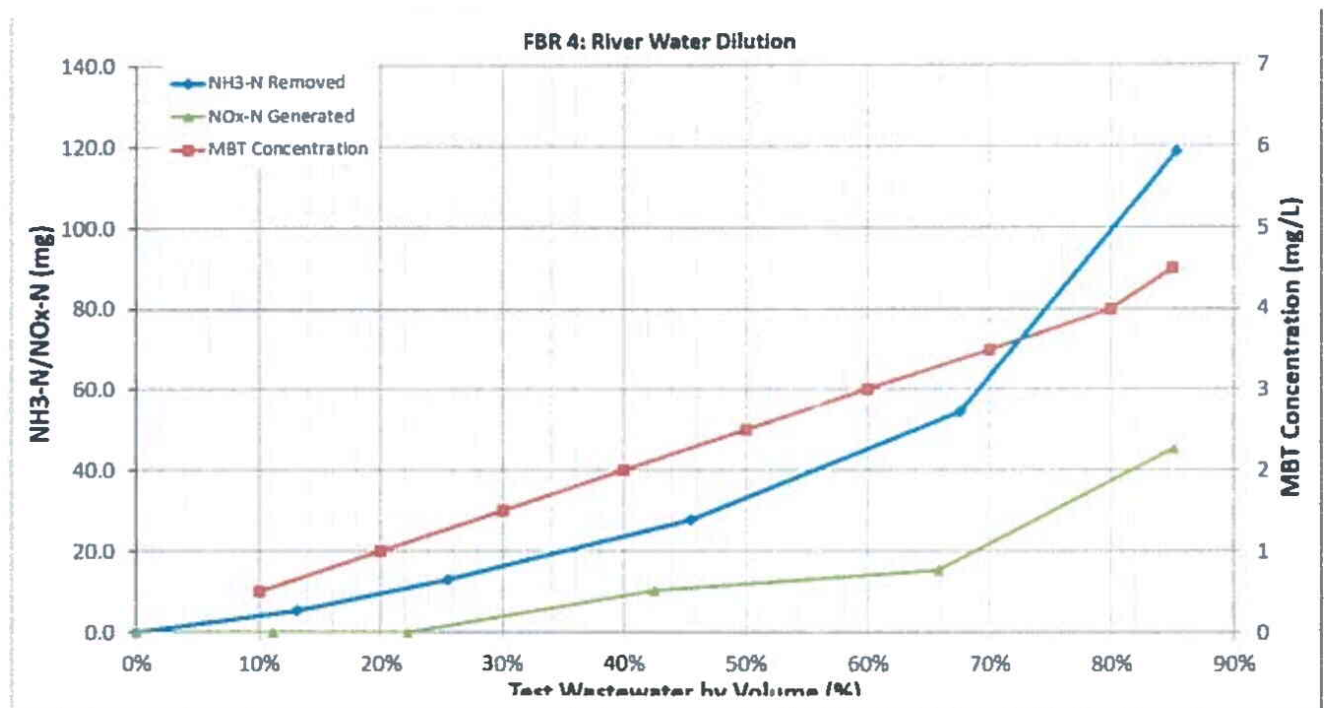
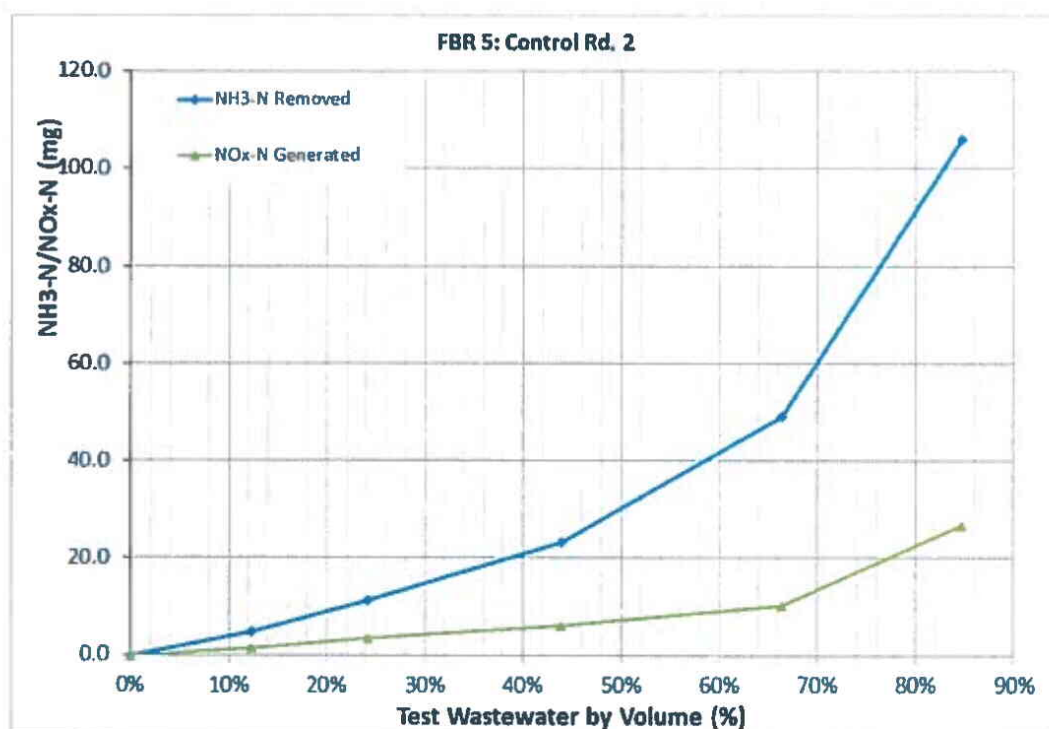


Figure 6. FBR 4 NH<sub>3</sub>-N Removal and NO<sub>x</sub>-N Generation



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Figure 7. FBR 5 NH<sub>3</sub>-N Removal and NO<sub>x</sub>-N Generation

Figures 6 and 8 illustrate the buildup in MBT concentration during the FBR tests. Based on published literature and previous testing performed by BC, MBT would be expected to cause nitrification inhibition at approximately 3 mg/L<sup>1</sup>. Based on this result, nitrification inhibition did occur at approximately 3.5 mg/L. Minimal concentrations of MBT were observed in the pretreated clarifier effluent allowing the reactor to nitrify uninhibited.

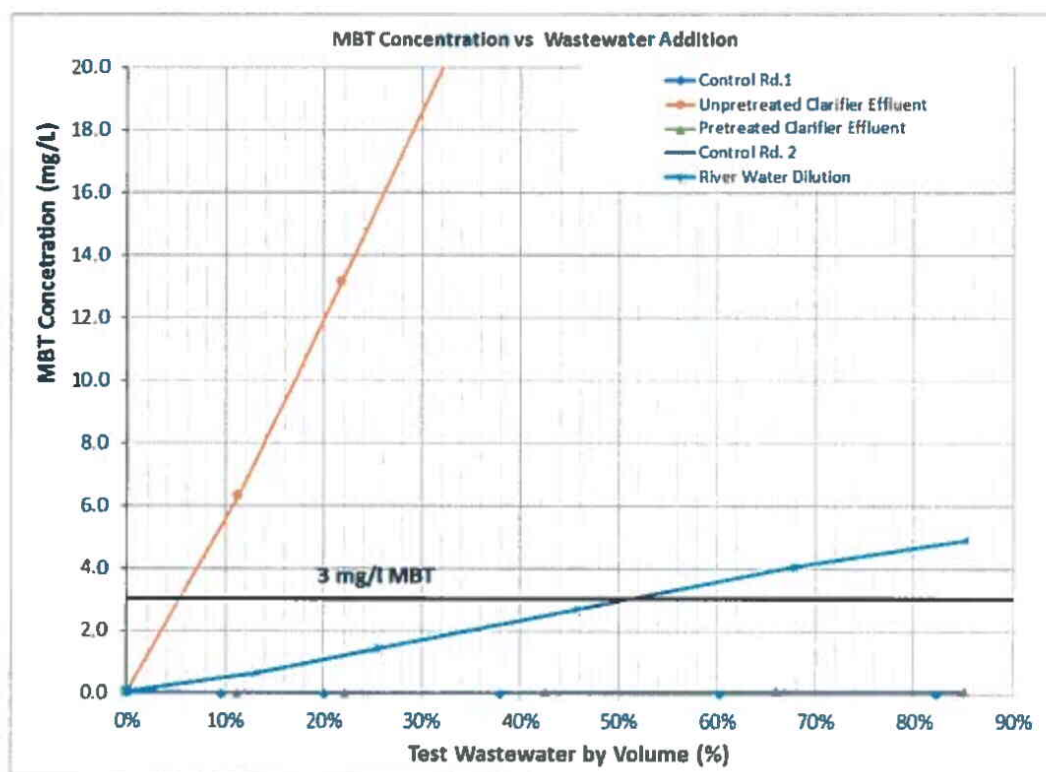


Figure 8. MBT Concentration

## 2.6 Summary of Treatability Testing

Based on FBR testing performed, the following conclusions were made:

- The untreated wastewater will continue to cause substantial nitrification inhibition due to high concentrations of MBT.
- Pretreatment of the PC/C-18 wastewater utilizing solids separation and GAC would allow the Henry Plant to nitrify in an uninhibited manner following removal of MBT from the biomass through alkaline washing.

<sup>1</sup> Hockenbury, M.R., and C.P.L. Grady: J. Water Pollut. Control Fed., vol.49, p 768, 1977.

- Diluting the untreated clarifier with river water requires a river water percentage in excess of 90% for uninhibited nitrification to occur. At 90% dilution, the nitrification rate observed could be sustainable as long as the MBT concentration in the PC/C-18 wastewater remained within values tested. The sustainability of this treatment alternative,  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removal, performance is unlikely due to the inherent variability of the influent MBT concentration and the difficulty in maintaining target temperatures in the biological treatment systems while heating a large river water flow (approximately 7 MGD).
- Both the pretreatment option and the river water dilution option would allow biological nitrification. However, neither would be economically reasonable as discussed below.

## Section 3: Conceptual Level Design and Cost Estimates

At the conclusion of treatability testing, BC developed conceptual designs and Class 5 cost estimates to evaluate additional equipment facility changes needed for each alternative. A Class 5 estimate is considered to be a conceptual level estimate and is performed when 0 to 2% of the design has been completed. Accuracy for a Class 5 estimate is expected to fall between -50% to +100% of the cost. Class 5 estimates are used to prepare planning level cost scopes or evaluation of alternative schemes, long range capital outlay planning and can also form the base work for the Class 5 Planning Level or Design Technical Feasibility Estimate. As a result, these estimates are intended only for use as aids in conceptual level treatment selection. In order to develop the cost estimates, the major equipment for each option were established and sized. Equipment costs were developed from vendor quotes as well as BC's cost database. The following assumptions were made in the development of the estimates:

- Adequate power is available
- Easy access to equipment installation locations
- No special requirements for electrical equipment (e.g., explosion proof)
- No buildings are included

A complete breakdown of the capital costs associated each alternative is presented in Attachment A. The major annual operating and maintenance (O&M) costs are summarized in Table 6 and Table 7.

### 3.1 Solids Separation and GAC treatment of PC/C-18 Wastewaters

In this alternative, wastewaters would be discharged to an inclined plate separator (lamella clarifier) sized for an average loading of 50 gpd/sq ft. BC has assumed that current pump conveying the PC/C-18 wastewater is sufficient for future use for conveying wastewater to the clarifier. The sludge from this clarifier would be discharged to the existing plate and frame filter press for dewatering. Effluent from the clarifier will be pumped to a 5,000-gallon poly holding tank that will be pumped to four GAC vessels (containing 40,000 lbs GAC each) operated in series to the existing primary treatment system. The GAC housed in the lead column would be changed approximately every seven days. Sizing of the GAC columns was based on average flow conditions. During peak conditions, the 40,000 lbs GAC vessels would be able to handle additional flow. GAC would need to be replaced more often during increased MBT loads. GAC effluent will flow from the GAC vessels to a 5,000-gallon poly tank. This tank will be used to dampen flow to the primary system, from the surge tank, flow will be pumped to the primary clarifier. A block flow diagram of this system is described in Attachment B.

Based on the new equipment and construction needed for this alternative, the expected total capital cost would be \$5,274,000 with a range from \$2,637,000 (-50%) to \$10,548,000 (+100%). The full capital estimate is described in Attachment A.

The O&M costs only consider the incremental O&M costs associated with the upgraded equipment. If regenerated carbon is used, the X/M will decrease by approximately 30 percent based on estimates provided by Calgon Carbon and the cost of carbon would decrease 50 percent. These prices assume that exhausted carbon will be hauled to Calgon Carbon's regeneration facility in Catlettsburg, Kentucky. BC has assumed that labor costs will not increase in this alternative. Table 6 and Table 7 provides the O&M costs associated with this alternative depending on GAC selection.

**Table 6. Virgin GAC (OLC12X40) Treatment O&M Costs**

Parameter	Quantity	Unit Cost	Annual Cost, \$/yr
Virgin Granular Activated Carbon	5,220 lbs/day	\$2.00/lb	\$3,811,000
Electricity	60 hp	\$0.0495/kwh	\$19,400
Maintenance		8% of motorized equipment cost	\$33,800
Alkalinity Addition	6000 lbs/day of 50% NaOH	\$250/ton	\$274,000
Additional Blower Operation	70 hp	\$0.0495/kwh	\$22,600
Total			\$4,160,000

**Table 7. Regenerated GAC (DSR-A) Treatment O&M Costs**

Parameter	Quantity	Unit Cost	Annual Cost, \$/yr
Regenerated Granular Activated Carbon	7,540 lbs/day	\$1.00/lb	\$2,752,100
Electricity	60 hp	\$0.0495/kwh	\$19,400
Maintenance		8% of motorized equipment cost	\$33,800
Alkalinity Addition	6000 lbs/day of 50% NaOH	\$250/ton	\$274,000
Additional Blower Operation	70 hp	\$0.0495/kwh	\$22,600
			\$3,102,000

The O&M costs for GAC treatment is driven by the low adsorptive capabilities of MBT by carbon experienced in the bench scale testing.



The capital cost for this option is approximately \$5.3 million with a present worth cost of \$27 million assuming a 10-year project duration, zero salvage value, 5% interest and 2% inflation. This investment would result in an approximately 1.9 million pounds of  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  being removed over the course of 10 years at an average cost of \$14/pound of  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removed. This is 20-fold higher than the costs reported by the Publicly Owned Treatment Works serving Decatur, Illinois; Bloomington, Illinois and Normal, Illinois in 2015 (less than \$0.70/pound of  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ ). This is 11-fold higher than the median cost reported by 15 reporting entities in the 2015 survey conducted by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (\$1.33 per pound of  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removed). Based on this comparison, the removal of  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  at the Emerald plant is not economically reasonable.

### 3.2 River Water Dilution System

In this alternative, all the current waste streams will remain routed as they currently are at the facility. The C-18 wastewater, PC wastewater, and PVC wastewater will all be chemically conditioned and be conveyed to the primary clarifier. From the clarifier, the waste stream will be conveyed to the aeration basin. In addition to the waste stream being routed to the aeration basin, a new lift station will be installed to pump river water from the Illinois River to provide a dilution stream to the waste water. The river water will be pumped to the aeration basin at approximately 7 MGD to dilute MBT. It is assumed that the river water requires no treatment. A steam injection will be installed to ensure that the temperature in the aeration basin will remain at 85 °F year-round. This is the operating temperature to achieve the required Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) removal based on historical performance. The capital cost of the steam generation and supply system was not added to the capital cost estimates due the excessive size needed for this application (a 140 million BTU/hr boiler output would be necessary which is 40-fold greater than the January 2018 consumption by the entire facility). After the aeration basin, a splitter box will be installed to split flow between three clarifiers. Two new 100-foot clarifiers will need to be installed and put into service along with the existing 60-foot clarifier. In addition to the new clarifiers, two new sludge pumps will be needed to convey the mixed liquor back to the aeration basin or to the existing belt filter press. BC has assumed for this evaluation that the current belt filter press will be sufficient for the future needs of the facility.

The supernatant from the clarifiers will also require filtration after clarification, this will require two, new sand filters (each with 1500 ft<sup>2</sup> of filtration area). Effluent from the clarifiers will gravity flow to the new sand filter units. The filtered effluent will then be conveyed back to the Illinois River. Piping would need to be upsized throughout the facility to handle the increased flow. No additional changes would be needed for the rest of the treatment system. A block flow diagram of this system is described in Attachment B.

The sustainability of this treatment alternative  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removal performance is unlikely due to the inherent variability of the influent MBT concentration and the difficulty in maintaining target temperatures in the biological treatment systems while heating a large river water flow (approximately 7 MGD). The addition of river water would be based on percent flow and not MBT concentration. The MBT concentration in the wastewater fluctuates with production. The fluctuation would cause inconsistent nitrification and take several days to remove excess MBT concentrations from the system resulting in several days of low nitrification (high effluent  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  concentrations). In addition to fluctuating MBT, the winter months would also negatively impact the treatment system if river water temperature control were not maintained. This river water (approximately 7 MGD) would have to be heated year-round to a target temperature of 85 °F from an initial temperature that varies by more than 40 °F (below 40 °F to 79 °F). Steam injector would be required year-round.

Based on the new equipment and construction needed for this alternative, the expected total capital cost would be \$22,600,000 with a range from \$11,286,500 (-50%) to \$45,146,000 (+100%) excluding the

steam supply system. The full capital estimate (excluding steam supply system) is described in Attachment A.

The O&M costs only take into account the new O&M costs associated with the upgraded equipment. BC has assumed that labor costs will not increase in this alternative. Table 8 provides the O&M costs associated with this alternative.

Table 8. River Water Dilution O&M Costs			
Parameter	Quantity	Unit Cost	Annual Cost, \$/yr
Electricity	260 hp	\$0.0495/kwh	\$136,000
Maintenance		8% of motorized equipment cost	\$288,000
Steam	22,600 therms/day	\$0.446/therm	\$3,679,000
Alkalinity Addition	6000 lbs/day of 50% NaOH	\$250/ton	\$274,000
Additional Blower Operation	70 hp	\$0.0495/kwh	\$22,600
Total			\$4,400,000

The capital cost for this option is approximately \$23 million (excluding steam supply system) with a present worth cost of \$54 million assuming a 10-year project duration, zero salvage value, 5% interest and 2% inflation. This investment would result in an approximately 1.9 million pounds of NH<sub>3</sub>-N being removed over the course of 10 years at an average cost of \$28 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed. This is 41-fold higher than the costs reported by the Publicly Owned Treatment Works serving Decatur, Illinois; Bloomington, Illinois and Normal, Illinois in 2015 (<\$0.70 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed). This is 21-fold higher than the median cost reported by 15 reporting entities in the 2015 survey conducted by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (\$1.33 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed).

In addition to the economical unreasonableness of this alternative, this alternative would increase the heat load to the Illinois River 10-fold which would adversely impact localized water quality. It would also greatly complicate utility and treatment plant operations.

## **Attachment A: Capital Cost Estimate**

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Alternative 1: Solids Separation and GAC Treatment of PC/C-18 Wastewater Class 5 Capital Cost Estimate

Item	Qty	Unit	Labor \$/unit	Materials \$/unit	Subs \$/unit	Equip \$/unit	Total \$/unit	Total Net Cost
Div 2- Sitework and Earthwork	3	%	\$ 35,438	\$ 12,656	\$ -	\$ 2,531	\$ 12,656	\$ 12,656
Div 3 - Concrete	8	%	\$ 67,500	\$ 54,000	\$ -	\$ 13,500	\$ 54,000	\$ 54,000
Div 5- Metals	5	%	\$ 16,875	\$ 63,281	\$ -	\$ 4,219	\$ 63,281	\$ 63,281
Div 9- Coating	2	%	\$ 16,875	\$ 16,875	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 16,875	\$ 16,875
Div 11 - Equipment								
Carbon Vessels ( 40,000 lb, series units)	2	ea	\$ 16,000	\$ 400,000	\$ -	\$ 5,000	\$ 421,000	\$ 842,000
Inclined Plate Separator	1	ea	\$ 16,000	\$ 190,000	\$ -	\$ 3,500	\$ 209,500	\$ 209,500
Inclined Plater Separator Solids Pumps	2	ea	\$ 8,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 35,500	\$ 71,000
5,000 Gallon Poly Tank	2	ea	\$ 8,000	\$ 6,000	\$ -	\$ 1,000	\$ 15,000	\$ 30,000
GAC Feed Pump	2	ea	\$ 8,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 35,500	\$ 71,000
GAC Effluent Pump	2	ea	\$ 8,000	\$ 25,000	\$ -	\$ 2,500	\$ 35,500	\$ 71,000
Div 11 Total	-	-	\$ 48,000	\$ 1,532,000	\$ -	\$ 33,500	\$ -	\$ 1,687,500
Div 15- Mechanical (piping, fittings, valves, etc.)	20	%	\$ -	\$ 337,500	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 337,500	\$ 337,500
Div 16- Electrical	25	%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 421,875	\$ -	\$ 421,875	\$ 421,875
Base Estimate	-	-	\$ 253,688	\$ 2,877,313	\$ 421,875	\$ 72,250	\$ 1,854,688	\$ 2,593,688
Labor Markup	8%							\$ 20,295
Material / Process Equipment Markup	8%							\$ 230,185.00
Subcontractor Markup	5%							\$ 21,093.75
Construction Equipment Markup	8%							\$ 5,780
Sales Tax	7.3%							\$ 208,805
Material Shipping and Handling	2%							\$ 57,546.25
Subtotal								\$ 3,137,193
Contractor General Conditions	7%							\$ 219,803.49
Subtotal								\$ 3,356,796

Startup, Training, O&M	1.5%	\$ 50,351.94
Subtotal		\$ 3,407,148
Contingency	25%	\$ 851,787.02
Subtotal		\$ 4,258,935
Builder's Risk, Liability Auto Insurance	2%	\$ 85,178.70
Subtotal		\$ 4,344,114
Bonds	1.5%	\$ 65,162
Subtotal		\$ 4,409,276
Engineering (Including Surveying)	15%	\$ 661,391
Subtotal		\$ 5,070,667
Project Management	4.0%	\$ 202,827
Subtotal		\$ 5,273,494
Grand Total		\$ 5,274,000
Low Range (-50%)		\$ 2,637,000
High Range (+100%)		\$ 10,548,000

Alternative 2: River Water Dilution System Class 5 Capital Cost Estimate								
Item	Qty	Unit	Labor \$/unit	Materials \$/unit	Subs \$/unit	Equip \$/unit	Total \$/unit	Total Net Cost
Div 2- Sitework and Earthwork	10	%	\$ 139,073	\$ 49,669	\$ -	\$ 9,934	\$ 49,669	\$ 49,669
Div 3 - Concrete	15	%	\$ 149,006	\$ 119,205	\$ -	\$ 29,801	\$ 119,205	\$ 119,205
Div 5- Metals	8	%	\$ 31,788	\$ 119,205	\$ -	\$ 7,947	\$ 119,205	\$ 119,205
Div 9- Coating	3	%	\$ 29,801	\$ 29,801	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 29,801	\$ 29,801
Div 11 - Equipment								
Lift Station (Includes Piping and pumps)	1	ea	\$ 540,000	\$ 2,880,000	\$ -	\$ 180,000	\$ 3,600,000	\$ 3,600,000
Clarifier (100' Diameter, Includes sludge pumps)	2	ea	\$ 195,000	\$ 1,040,000	\$ -	\$ 65,000	\$ 1,300,000	\$ 2,600,000
Splitter Box	1	ea	\$ 5,000	\$ 40,000	\$ -	\$ 2,000	\$ 47,000	\$ 47,000
Sand Filter (1500 ft^2 filtration area)	2	ea	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ -	\$ 850,000	\$ 1,700,000
Clarifier RAS Pump	4	ea	\$ 12,000	\$ 38,000	\$ -	\$ 4,000	\$ 54,000	\$ 216,000
Div 11 Total	-	-	\$ 935,000	\$ 5,000,000	\$ -	\$ 312,000	\$ -	\$ 7,947,000
Div 15- Mechanical (piping, fittings, valves, etc.)	20	%	\$ -	\$ 1,589,400	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,589,400	\$ 1,589,400
Div 16- Electrical	25	%	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 1,986,750	\$ -	\$ 1,986,750	\$ 1,986,750
Base Estimate	-	-	\$ 2,036,668	\$ 10,905,280	\$ 2,836,750	\$ 610,682	\$ 9,745,030	\$ 11,841,030
Labor Markup	8%							\$ 74,800
Material / Process Equipment Markup	8%							\$ 872,422.40
Subcontractor Markup	5%							\$ 141,837.50
Construction Equipment Markup	8%							\$ 48,854.56
Sales Tax	7.3%							\$ 790,633
Material Shipping and Handling	2%							\$ 218,105.60
Subtotal								\$ 13,987,683
Contractor General Conditions	7%							\$ 979,137.80
Subtotal								\$ 14,966,821
Startup, Training, O&M	1.5%							\$ 224,502.31
Subtotal								\$ 15,191,323

Contingency	20%	\$ 3,038,264.59
Subtotal		\$ 18,229,588
Builder's Risk, Liability Auto Insurance	2%	\$ 364,591.75
Subtotal		\$ 18,594,179
Bonds	1.5%	\$ 278,913
Subtotal		\$ 18,873,092
Engineering (Including Surveying)	15%	\$ 2,830,964
Subtotal		\$ 21,704,056
Project Management	4.0%	\$ 868,162
Subtotal		\$ 22,572,218
Grand Total		\$ 22,573,000
Low Range (-50%)		\$ 11,286,500
High Range (+100%)		\$ 45,146,000

## **Attachment B: Block Flow Diagram (BFD)**

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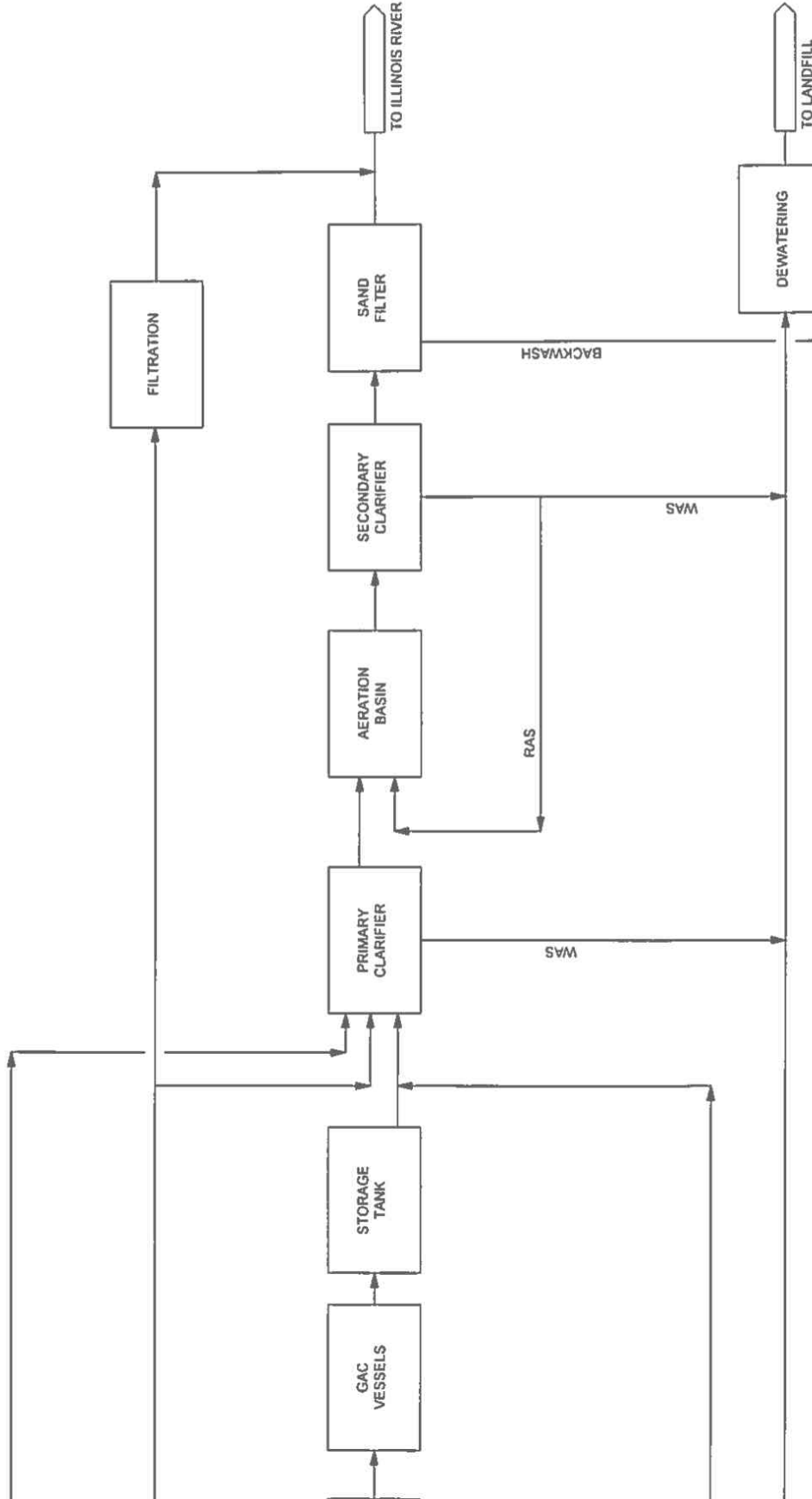
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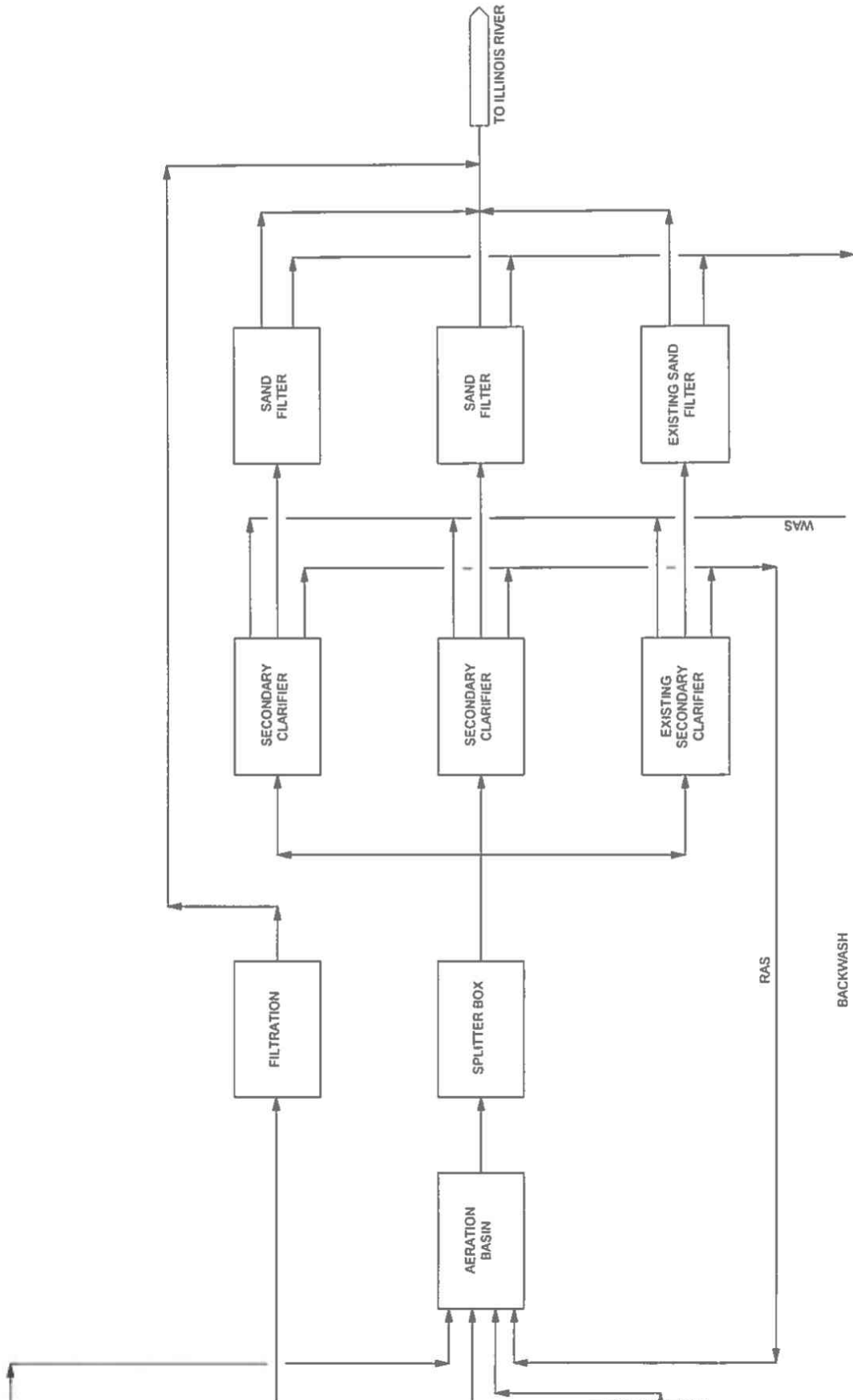
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## **ATTACHMENT B**



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RESPONSE

JUL 18 2007

Carolyn M. Brown, Esquire  
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Lexington, KY 40507-1665

Dear Ms. Brown:

Thank you for your May 18, 2006 letter, on behalf of Ashland, Inc. (Ashland), in which you request clarification regarding the applicability of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) regulatory program to a proposed spray irrigation system at Ashland's hazardous waste landfill located in Boyd County, Kentucky. Specifically, you ask that we clarify that the treated effluent permitted under Ashland's state National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit would be excluded from being a solid waste under 40 CFR 261.4(a)(2), even if a portion of the treated effluent is managed by spray irrigation to the cap of the hazardous waste landfill. (The regulation at 40 CFR 261.4(a)(2) excludes from the definition of solid waste wastewater discharges that are point source discharges subject to regulation under section 402 of the Clean Water Act (CWA).)

According to your letter, Ashland proposes to use the treated wastewater from the leachate collection system of the landfill for spray irrigation and maintenance of the landfill cap. The landfill leachate is classified as a listed hazardous waste with the hazardous waste code F039.

After reviewing the matter, we have determined that wastewater sprayed onto a landfill cap does not qualify for the Industrial Wastewater Discharge Exclusion under 40 CFR 261.4(a)(2). Although a portion of the effluent will continue to be discharged from Ashland's KPDES-permitted outfall to Chadwick Creek (and thus permitted under Section 402), wastewater that is diverted to land application and is not discharged to waters of the United States is not a point source discharge subject to regulation under the CWA and, therefore, does not qualify for the RCRA exclusion (even if it is part of the KPDES permit). Therefore, the wastewater remains a solid and hazardous waste. Unless it is delisted, the land application of this wastewater will constitute illegal disposal of hazardous waste. We believe a site-specific

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delisting, if granted, is the most appropriate action for removing the F039 hazardous waste code and allowing the proposed spray irrigation practice to occur.

Thank you for your inquiry regarding RCRA applicability to Ashland's proposed system. All inquiries regarding applicable permit requirements should be directed to Kentucky's Hazardous Waste Program. For other questions on this letter, please contact Jeff Gaines, at (703) 308-8655, or Ross Elliott, at (703) 308-8748.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Matt Hale", is written over a faint horizontal line.

Matt Hale, Director  
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Re: Applicability of Industrial Wastewater  
Discharge Exclusion

Dear Mr. Hale:

Our firm represents Ashland Inc. (Ashland) which is the owner/operator and permittee for the Route 3 Landfill in Boyd County, Kentucky. Ashland operated the Route 3 Landfill for disposal of hazardous and nonhazardous wastes from Ashland's Catlettsburg Refinery complex. Closure of the landfill was completed in October 2000. Postclosure monitoring was instituted after completion of closure, and the Kentucky Division of Waste Management issued RCRA Postclosure Permit No. KYD-000-615-898 for the landfill in May 2005. The purpose of this letter is to obtain clarification from your office as to the applicability of the RCRA regulatory program to a proposed spray irrigation system for maintenance of the landfill cap. The spray irrigation system will be covered by the Kentucky Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (KPDES) permit for the landfill as explained in more detail below.

### A. Background

The Route 3 Landfill has an extensive leachate collection system including sumps. The collection lines combine and discharge to a concrete wastewater treatment tank (WWTU). The influent from the leachate collection system is classified as F039 multi-source leachate. While in

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the tank, this wastewater is treated by sedimentation and aeration. In addition, a granulated activated carbon treatment system is brought on-site to polish the accumulated wastewater prior to periodic discharge to the KPDES-permitted outfall. There is also a separate treatment system for water (precipitation) collected by an underdrainage system. Both wastewater streams are treated and discharged to Chadwick Creek, pursuant to KPDES Permit No. KY0063096.

When the KPDES permit was renewed in 2005, different limitations were imposed. Ashland has discussed with the Divisions of Water and Waste Management possible amendment of the KPDES permit to allow use of the treated wastewater in a spray irrigation system for landfill cap maintenance during appropriate weather conditions while also continuing to allow discharge of the wastewater to Chadwick Creek. Ashland has undertaken extensive analysis of the wastewater as part of its evaluation of spray irrigation as an option. Testing has shown that the treated effluent is typically non-detect for F039 constituents that would be associated with the facility. In fact, ammonia appears to be the constituent that presents the greatest challenge for continued compliance with the KPDES permit -- of course, the ammonia in the effluent also makes it a good choice for cap maintenance. Although this approach would have environmental benefits in terms of reducing discharges to the creek and promoting healthy vegetation on the cap in lieu of fertilizer applications, a question has arisen as to whether the treated wastewater that is pumped from the WWTU and applied to the cap by the spray irrigation equipment may permissibly be considered excluded from the definition of solid (and thus, hazardous) waste pursuant to 40 CFR 261.4(a)(2). At a meeting in April with representatives of the Divisions and Ashland, it was decided that Ashland would submit this request in order to obtain clarification from EPA on the applicability of the exclusion for industrial wastewater discharges in this situation.

B. Regulatory Provisions

The wastewater collected in the WWTU has been classified as multi-source leachate, which is a listed hazardous waste with waste code F039.<sup>1</sup> However, 40 CFR 261.4(a) identifies certain materials which are not classified as a solid wastes and thus would not be hazardous wastes. Pursuant to 40 CFR 261.4(a)(2), the following are not classified as solid waste:

Industrial wastewater discharges that are point source discharges subject to regulation under section 402 of the Clean Water Act, as amended.

[Comment: This exclusion applies only to the actual point source discharge. It does not exclude industrial wastewaters while they are being collected, stored or

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<sup>1</sup> Ashland has considered seeking to delist the wastewater based on analyses obtained to date which typically are non-detect for the constituents of concern.



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treated before discharge, nor does it excluded sludges that are generated by industrial wastewater treatment.]

The Environmental & Public Protection Cabinet, Division of Water has been delegated authority to implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program under Section 402 of the Clean Water Act (known as the KPDES permit program in Kentucky). As stated above, Ashland presently holds KPDES Permit No. KY0063096 for discharges of treated wastewater to Chadwick Creek. Ashland intends to seek modification of the KPDES permit to add spray irrigation as a means of managing a portion of the wastewater from the landfill as an alternative to discharge to the creek. The spray irrigation would be strictly controlled to assure that appropriate amounts were applied. The wastewater will not be able to percolate into the closed landfill due to the liner that was part of the final cap design. Ashland requests confirmation from EPA that the wastewater at the point of application from the spray irrigation system would no longer be classified as hazardous waste provided that the spray irrigation is included in the KPDES permit. Having completed closure of the landfill, Ashland obviously wants to avoid inadvertently triggering any additional hazardous waste management requirements as a result of implementation of this proposed wastewater management option.

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please do not hesitate to call. We appreciate your attention to this inquiry.

Sincerely yours,



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Subject: Expert Report and Response to Recommendations of Illinois Environmental  
Protection Agency of July 19, 2019

Dear Mr. Dimond:

Brown and Caldwell (BC) is pleased to respond to part of the comments raised by the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) in the July 19, 2019 Recommendation to Deny Emerald Polymer Additives an Adjusted Standard (AS 19-002). This response specifically addresses comments regarding items listed below.

- Use of present worth costs to express costs of ammonia-nitrogen removal
- Projects and associated capital costs installed by others in the State of Illinois partially related to compliance with ammonia-nitrogen regulatory limits excluding Fox River
- In-plant monitoring of ammonia-nitrogen by Emerald
- Request for updates to conceptual level designs and cost estimates for treatment alternatives to remove ammonia-nitrogen from the Emerald Polymer Additives (Emerald) Plant wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) discharge into the Illinois River<sup>1</sup>
- Request for evaluation of land application for Emerald final effluent
- Impact of biotreater volume on effluent ammonia-nitrogen removal

**Cost of Ammonia-Nitrogen Removal**

IEPA objected on Page 16 of the Recommendation to BC's comparison of unit cost (dollars per pound of ammonia-nitrogen removed) as a means of judging economic reasonableness of ammonia-nitrogen removal. IEPA also objected, on this same page, to the use of present worth costs (accounting of capital and operating costs) instead of capital costs alone when calculating cost of treatment. BC firmly believes that unit costs and present worth costs are the standard for evaluating true treatment costs. The latest cost document provided by the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA)<sup>2</sup> reports that the median unit cost of ammonia-nitrogen treatment for 12 agencies was \$1.53 per pound of ammonia-nitrogen removed, which is higher than the cost reported

<sup>1</sup> Ammonia-Nitrogen Treatment Alternatives for Emerald Performance Materials, LLC submitted by Brown and Caldwell to Drinker, Biddle and Reath, LLP under Privileged and Confidential-Attorney/Client Work Product on July 8, 2013.

<sup>2</sup> 2017 NACWA Financial Survey: A National Survey of Clean Water Agency Financing and Management: Final Report, August 2018.

by the Greater Peoria Sanitation District (\$0.81 per pound). The basis for these reported costs includes, in all cases, annual operating and maintenance costs. In some cases, these costs may include capitalized present worth cost (amount of money needed today to fund capital and operating costs for a defined project life). The exclusion of capitalized costs by most NACWA members in these reported unit costs is due to the nature of the municipal wastewater treatment plants. Exclusion of capital costs in unit costs by NACWA members is due to several factors. These include the difficulty in separating capital costs into those required for treatment of flow, biochemical oxygen demand (BOD), total suspended solids (TSS), and ammonia-nitrogen ( $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ ). In municipal plants, the same pieces of equipment contribute to treatment of all four components (flow, BOD, TSS and  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ ). In the Emerald plant, the costs described herein are focused entirely on  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  removal, and therefore, delineation of capitalized present worth costs are straightforward. Contrary to NACWA, IEPA has focused strictly on capital costs of projects that included ammonia-nitrogen removal. Such focus is misguided and results in an incomplete understanding of ammonia-nitrogen removal costs.

IEPA references project capital costs reportedly incurred by others in the State of Illinois when including ammonia-nitrogen removal in their treatment plant upgrades. It should be noted that all of these plants relied upon the lowest cost means of ammonia-nitrogen removal which is single-stage biological nitrification. The Emerald plant provides the same degree of aerobic treatment conditions that allow single-stage nitrification in these IEPA referenced plants (solids retention time in excess of 30 days, surplus alkalinity, and available phosphorus). However, the Emerald plant cannot nitrify within a single stage like these other plants due to the unavoidable presence of a compound in the process wastewater. This compound (mercaptobenzothiazole, MBT) is foundational to the production processes at the Emerald Plant and is consistently present in the primary clarifier effluent at 160 mg/L or higher for days at a time (versus a nitrification inhibition threshold of 3 mg/L<sup>3</sup>). To establish reliable single-stage nitrification, MBT removal from the process wastewater would have to exceed 98 percent which has been demonstrated in prior documents as being complex and cost prohibitive<sup>4</sup>. Each cost example provided by IEPA is discussed below.

1. Geneva, IL (BATES 341 and 353) completed a two-phased project in 2004 for a reported cost of \$10.9 million dollars. These costs included multiple upgrades that had nothing to do with ammonia-nitrogen removal including the additions of fine screens, raw sewage pumps, grit tank, primary clarifier, UV disinfection, sludge digestion, sludge dewatering, flood proofing, and remodeling of administration/laboratory facilities. The only upgrades that would be partly linked to ammonia-nitrogen removal would have been addition of aeration tanks, blowers, and a final clarifier. These upgrades also provide increased capacity to treat higher flow, BOD, and TSS (BATES 360 through 369). It is uncertain what portion of these upgrades would be attributed to ammonia-nitrogen removal.
2. Batavia, IL (BATES 437) completed a project in 2001 for a reported cost of \$10.8 million. These costs included multiple upgrades that had nothing to do with

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<sup>3</sup> M.R. Hockenbury and C.P.L. Grady in Journal of Water Pollution Control Federation, Volume 49, page 768, 1977.

<sup>4</sup> Evaluation of Nitrification Alternatives for Emerald-Henry, Illinois Facility prepared by Brown and Caldwell and submitted to Emerald Performance Materials on April 13, 2018.

ammonia-nitrogen removal including the additions of influent flow measurement, mechanical bar screen, primary clarifier equipment in existing tanks, intermediate pump station pump, UV disinfection, effluent flow meter, and rehabilitation of sludge digestion. The only upgrades that would be partly linked to ammonia-nitrogen removal would have been addition of aeration tanks, blowers, diffusers, and secondary clarifier. These upgrades also provide increased capacity to treat higher flow, BOD, and TSS (BATES 454 through 456 and 460). It is uncertain what portion of these upgrades would be attributed to ammonia-nitrogen removal.

3. Saint Charles, IL (BATES 1365) completed a project in 2002 for a reported cost of \$8.4 million. These costs included multiple upgrades that had nothing to do with ammonia-nitrogen removal including the additions of headworks modifications, new scum troughs, existing aeration basin rehabilitation, baffles in existing secondary clarifiers, excess flow pump station and clarifier rehabilitation, new return activated sludge and waste activated sludge pumps, UV disinfection, and piping and electrical system upgrades. The only upgrades that would be partly linked to ammonia-nitrogen removal would have been the addition of aeration tanks and blower building. These upgrades also provide increased capacity to treat higher flow, BOD, and TSS (BATES 1387 through 1389 and 1397). It is uncertain what portion of these upgrades would be attributed to ammonia-nitrogen removal.
4. Fox River, IL (BATES 437) completed a project in 2007 for a reported cost of \$2.0 million. This project did not increase the rated capacity of the plant since it did not increase treatment capacity. It only provided for the installation of two flow equalization basins and associated appurtenances. This plant upgrade provided for more stable process control but did not enhance ammonia-nitrogen removal.
5. Kishwaukee, IL (BATES 00015) completed a project in 2017 for a reported cost of \$53 million. These costs included multiple upgrades that had nothing to do with ammonia-nitrogen removal including the additions of two primary clarifiers, anaerobic biological phosphorus removal tanks, fermenter, and UV disinfection. The only upgrades that would be partly linked to ammonia-nitrogen removal would have been additions of aeration tanks and secondary clarifiers. These upgrades also provide increased capacity to treat higher flow, BOD, and TSS (BATES 34 through 45). It is uncertain what portion of these upgrades would be attributed to ammonia-nitrogen removal.
6. Newark, IL (BATES 1571-1573) completed a project in 2001 for a reported cost of \$3.0 million. These costs included multiple upgrades to a lagoon-based treatment system to achieve improved performance (BOD and TSS removal). These included additions of a bar screen, reconfiguration of cells, installation of insulated covers and baffles. The only upgrade intended to provide ammonia-nitrogen and additional BOD removal was the addition of two polishing reactors. It is uncertain what portion of the polishing reactor cost would be attributed to ammonia-nitrogen removal.
7. Mount Carmel, IL (BATES 1601 and 1603) completed a project in 2018 for a reported cost of \$1.6 million. These costs included replacement and relocation of an effluent line and river outfall structure which had nothing to do with ammonia-nitrogen removal. Additionally, the plant replaced an existing mechanical aeration system with a diffused aeration system. It is uncertain if this replacement improved ammonia-nitrogen removal and what portion of this replacement was attributed to ammonia-nitrogen removal.

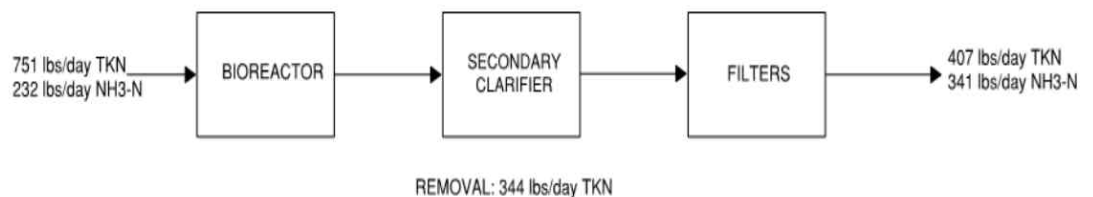


In summary, only five of the seven wastewater treatment facilities upgrades referenced above had anything to do with ammonia-nitrogen removal. None of these five treatment plant upgrades were implemented solely to accomplish ammonia-nitrogen removal. They were implemented in large part to better accommodate higher flows, greater BOD removal, greater TSS removal, and/or improved disinfection. Consequently, the costs of these upgrades cannot be legitimately used to compare or evaluate costs of ammonia-nitrogen removal at the Emerald plant.

### In-Plant Monitoring of Ammonia-Nitrogen

IEPA has recommended that Emerald implement an in-plant ammonia-nitrogen ( $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ ) monitoring program in hopes of reducing effluent ammonia-nitrogen through at-source detection and control. This strategy would work if effluent ammonia-nitrogen was strongly related to influent ammonia-nitrogen. However, this is not the case since influent organic nitrogen is the primary contributor to effluent ammonia-nitrogen.

The two primary raw wastewater contributors to the wastewater treatment plant (PVC Tank and PC Tank) were monitored approximately 3 days per week for Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) and ammonia-nitrogen ( $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ ) during the period of March 28, 2019 through August 8, 2019. The difference between TKN and  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  concentrations represent organic nitrogen. Under normal biological treatment conditions, organic nitrogen is converted to  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ . These data are summarized in Figure 1 and discussed below.



**Figure 1. Average TKN Removal Across Emerald WWTP**

- The PVC tank discharged on average 524 lbs/day TKN and 230 lbs/day  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  indicating that only 40 percent of the TKN loading was comprised of ammonia-nitrogen. It should be noted that this discharge stream includes the nitrogen loading of tertiary filter backwash water and sludge dewatering filtrate which is generated when treating both PVC tank and PC tank wastewaters. Nitrification of this stream alone has been considered in prior evaluations<sup>5</sup> and does not offer a means of complying with regulatory effluent limits because it would achieve less than 70 percent reduction in effluent ammonia-nitrogen reduction based on prior sampling results. Recent sampling results continue to demonstrate this finding.
- The PC Tank discharged, on average, 227 lbs/day TKN and 2 lbs/day  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  indicating that only 1 percent of the TKN loading was comprised of ammonia-nitrogen.
- Ammonia-nitrogen contributed only 30 percent of the combined TKN loading discharged by the PVC and PC tank (751 lbs/day TKN). Consequently, in-plant monitoring of ammonia-nitrogen only has the ability to influence 30 percent of the

<sup>5</sup> Evaluation of Treatment Alternatives for Reducing Final Effluent Ammonia Load submitted by Brown and Caldwell (formerly Eckenfelder Inc) to Emerald (Formerly BF Goodrich) in February 1997.

potential final effluent  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  load. This finding that the bulk of the final effluent  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$  loading is due to organic nitrogen present in the raw wastewaters and converted to ammonia-nitrogen through biological treatment has been documented throughout the years.<sup>1</sup> Additional sampling of raw wastewater sources to determine the origin of effluent ammonia-nitrogen is not needed.

- The Emerald Wastewater Treatment Plant did provide 46 percent removal of influent TKN reducing the effluent ammonia-nitrogen by 344 lbs/day. This removal was associated with nutrient requirements for the BOD removal accomplished by biological treatment within the plant.
- Any in-plant monitoring would need to focus on TKN monitoring. Unlike  $\text{NH}_3\text{-N}$ , there are no direct monitoring probes for TKN in wastewater. Consequently, real-time monitoring and quick response would be impractical.

### **Updated Conceptual Level Designs and Cost Estimates**

IEPA also faulted Emerald for not updating the costs of all compliance alternatives (Recommendation at 15). Updating costs for every alternative is not necessary because many alternatives are known not to achieve significant effluent ammonia-nitrogen reductions or would have costs in excess of other more effective alternatives. Costs have been calculated for five alternatives considered most likely to be effective and for land application.

Conceptual level cost estimates presented herein were developed using an approach recommended by the Association of the Advancement of Cost Estimating (AACE). The estimates are Class 5 estimates with an accuracy of -50 percent to +100 percent. These estimates were developed by generating equipment costs for each alternative and then applying multiplication factors for direct and indirect costs. The direct costs include freight, tax, purchased equipment installation, installed piping, installed electrical systems, buildings, other structural components, yard improvements, and installed service utilities. Indirect costs include engineering and supervision, construction expenses, legal expenses, and contractors fee.

A contingency multiplication factor is applied to the sum of the direct and indirect costs. The sum of the direct, indirect and contingency results in the fixed capital cost (FCC).

The prior 2013 cost estimates were calculated by using the 2002 cost estimates and applying an escalation factor. Due to inflation and other factors, the 2013 estimates underestimated costs and were not as precise as the Class 5 cost estimate contained herein.

The most economical and reliable processes for ammonia-nitrogen removal at the Emerald Plant would consist of further treating the plant final effluent (not plant raw wastewater influent). BC has updated the design final effluent wasteload based on 2018 information when the plant was reportedly operating at typical production levels. A summary of the design final effluent wasteload is illustrated below in Table 1. This wasteload was used to update the conceptual level designs and cost estimates for the most economically feasible alternatives determined in prior work (see footnote 3). The details around these cost estimates is included as Attachment A.



Table 1. Design Final Effluent Wasteload for Emerald Wastewater Treatment Plant			
	Average	Maximum Monthly	Daily Maximum
Flow, gpm	360	412	475
Flow, MGD	0.52	0.59	0.68
TKN, lbs/day	407	508	618
NH <sub>3</sub> -N, lbs/day	341	449	553
COD, lbs/day	2,300		
CBOD, lbs/day	47	115	312
TSS, lbs/day	87	220	485
pH, s.u.	7.5	7.7	8.2
Temperature, deg F	77	86	66 to 88 Range
Alkalinity, mg/L	940		
Hardness, mg/L	360		
TDS, mg/L	10,000		
TDFS, mg/L	10,000		
Na, mg/l	3,100		
K, mg/L	3		
Ca, mg/L	42		
Mg, mg/L	14		
Chlorides, mg/L	805		
Sulfate, mg/L	5,460		

## Ozonation

Ozonation has been demonstrated to reduce ammonia-nitrogen by 55 percent at an initial pH 11 and final pH 7.6<sup>6</sup>. Consequently, no further ammonia-nitrogen removal was assumed beyond 55 percent. The resulting effluent ammonia-nitrogen concentration would be an order of magnitude higher than the effluent ammonia-nitrogen regulatory limits (3 mg/L monthly average and 6 mg/L daily maximum in 35IAC304.122).

This process oxidizes ammonia-nitrogen to nitrate-nitrogen as does biological nitrification. The difference is that in ozonation only one of three oxygen atoms is used for oxidation while in biological nitrification all oxygen is used for oxidation. Both processes require caustic addition to neutralize the acid formed.



The process would be installed downstream of the existing sand filter as illustrated in Figure 2 to minimize the oxidant demand associated with effluent TSS.

<sup>6</sup> Treatment of Ammonia Nitrogen Wastewater in Low Concentration by Two-Stage Ozonation, Xianping Luo, et al., International Journal of Environmental Research and Public Health, 2015, Volume 12, pages 11975 through 11987

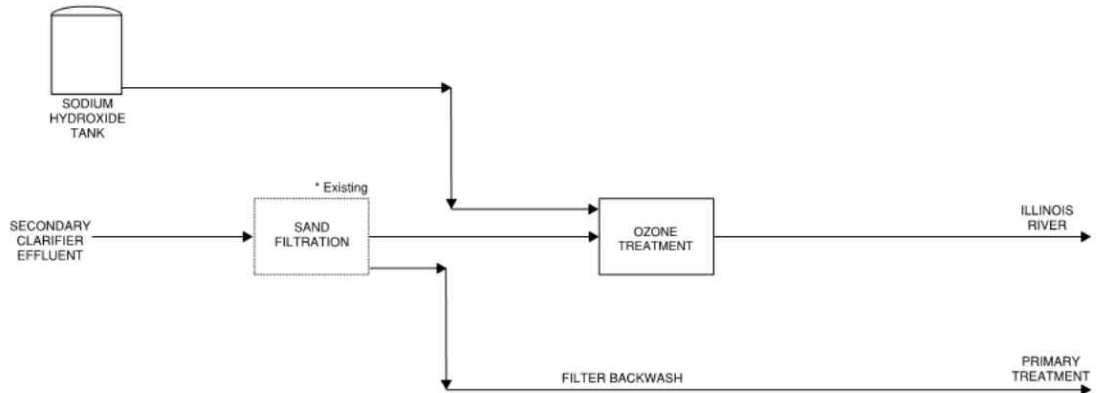


Figure 2. Ozone Treatment Block Flow Drawing

### Alkaline Stripping

Alkaline stripping can practically provide up to 95 percent removal of effluent ammonia-nitrogen. However, this degree of removal is inadequate to comply with the regulatory effluent limits.

In this treatment, caustic would be used to raise the filtered effluent to pH 11.5 and passed through an air stripping column packed with media. The column effluent would be lowered to pH 8.5 using sulfuric acid and discharge through the existing outfall as illustrated in Figure 3. The off-gas from the column would pass through an acid scrubber. The acid scrubber would produce a liquid waste (ammonium sulfate) that essentially concentrates the ammonia-nitrogen from one stream (final effluent) into a smaller liquid stream requiring off-site disposal. It is uncertain where this acid scrubber waste (approximately 4,500 gallons per day of 0.9 percent by weight nitrogen) could be disposed making this treatment alternative questionably viable. For purposes of costing this alternative, it was assumed that the waste could be hauled to Greater Peoria Sanitation District for disposal.

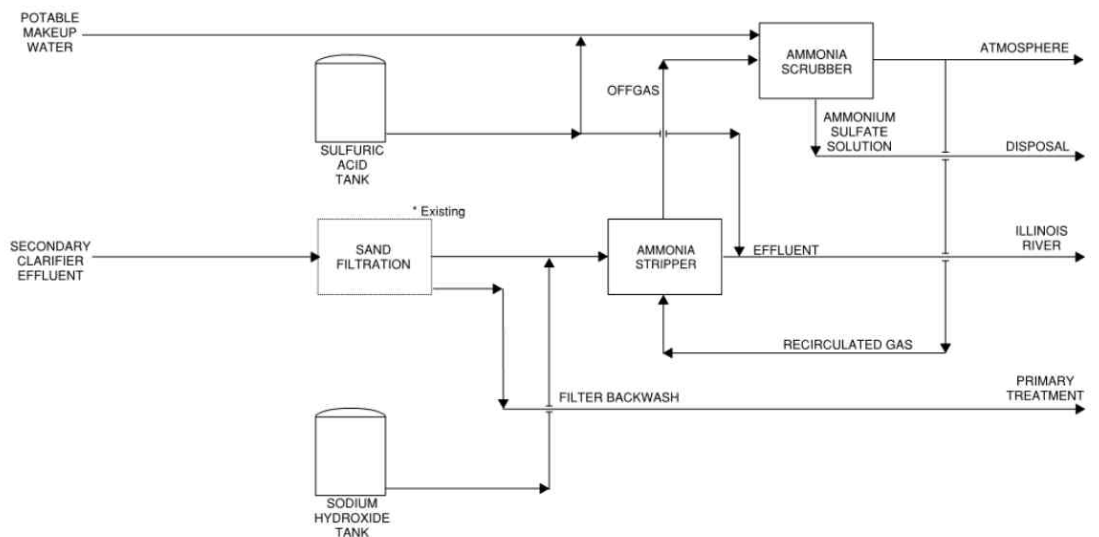


Figure 3. Alkaline Stripping Block Flow Diagram

## Tertiary Nitrification

Under normal operating conditions, the secondary clarifier reportedly discharges less than 3 mg/L mercaptobenzothiazole (the reported concentration at which nitrification is significantly inhibited). Under these conditions, tertiary nitrification should be capable of achieving compliance with proposed effluent ammonia-nitrogen limits. It is uncertain how often upstream biological treatment and secondary clarifier upsets would disrupt the performance of tertiary nitrification. The Emerald plant is subject to these upsets periodically due to the poorly degradable nature of the compounds present in the process wastewater and the heavy reliance upon chemical conditioning for secondary clarifier effluent quality control. Pilot-scale demonstration work would be required to demonstrate the reliability of this treatment process.

The process would consist of adding rotating biological contactors (RBCs) downstream of the secondary clarifier as illustrated in Figure 4. Sodium hydroxide would be added to satisfy the alkalinity demand. Heterotrophic bacteria (BOD removing bacteria) and nitrifying bacteria would grow on the fixed film media offered in the RBCs. Excess bacteria would slough off the fixed film and be caught by downstream rotary disk filters. The smaller particles exiting the rotary disk filters would be captured by the existing downstream tertiary filters. The captured solids from both filters would be discharged to the primary treatment system during filter backwashes.

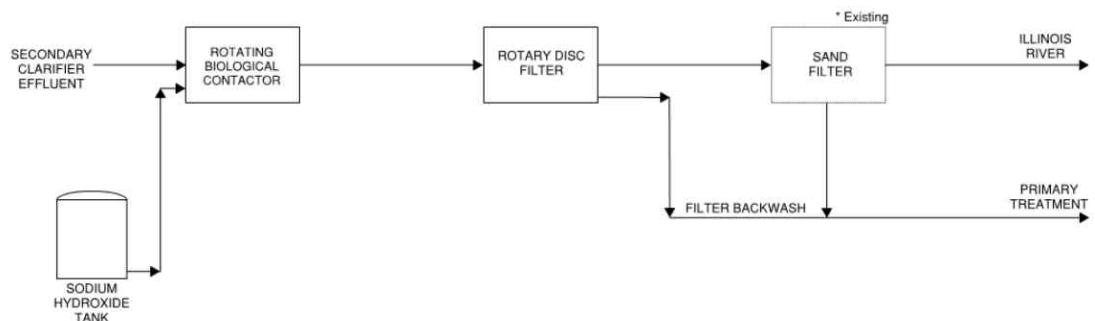


Figure 4. Tertiary Nitrification Block Flow Diagram

## Breakpoint Chlorination

Breakpoint chlorination can discharge an effluent in compliance with the effluent ammonia-nitrogen regulatory limits. However, the quantity of treatment chemical addition required increases the effluent salt load by more than 70 percent. Additionally, it is uncertain if this treatment process would form chlorination byproducts which could adversely impact the effluent aquatic toxicity and jeopardize compliance with the effluent acute toxicity criterion (<2.1 percent effluent lethal concentration that results in 50 percent mortality). Further testing would be required to address this uncertainty. In this process, ammonia is oxidized to nitrogen gas using chlorine while producing acid. The process is non-selective in its oxidation and would consume some residual biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and chemical oxygen demand (COD) as well as some organic nitrogen. Consequently, the dose of chlorine would be approximately 12 pounds chlorine applied per pound of ammonia-nitrogen oxidized and the alkalinity requirement would be approximately 14 pounds of alkalinity applied per pound of ammonia-nitrogen oxidized.

The process would be installed downstream of the existing tertiary filter as illustrated Figure 5. This location would minimize the required chlorine demand.

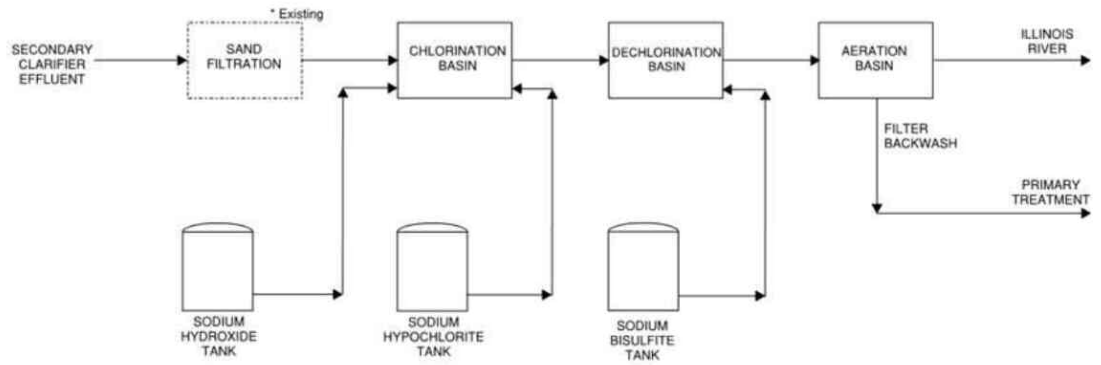


Figure 5. Breakpoint Chlorination Block Flow Diagram

### Ion Exchange

Ion exchange can discharge an effluent in compliance with the effluent ammonia-nitrogen regulatory limits. Purolite recommended a hydrogen-based cation exchange resin for this treatment which will remove ammonia ( $\text{NH}_4^+$ ) and other cations as well from the wastewater. Caustic will be used to maintain a minimum effluent pH 6.5. Hydrochloric acid will be used to regenerate the resin. In essence, this treatment concentrates the ammonia-nitrogen in one stream (the final effluent) into a smaller stream requiring off-site disposal. It is uncertain where this spent regenerant (ammonium chloride at approximately 4,500 gpd of 0.90 percent by weight nitrogen) could be disposed making this alternative questionably viable. For purposes of costing this alternative, it was assumed that the waste could be hauled to Greater Peoria Sanitation District for disposal.

The process would be installed downstream of the existing sand filter to prevent solids fouling of the ion exchange column as illustrated in Figure 6.

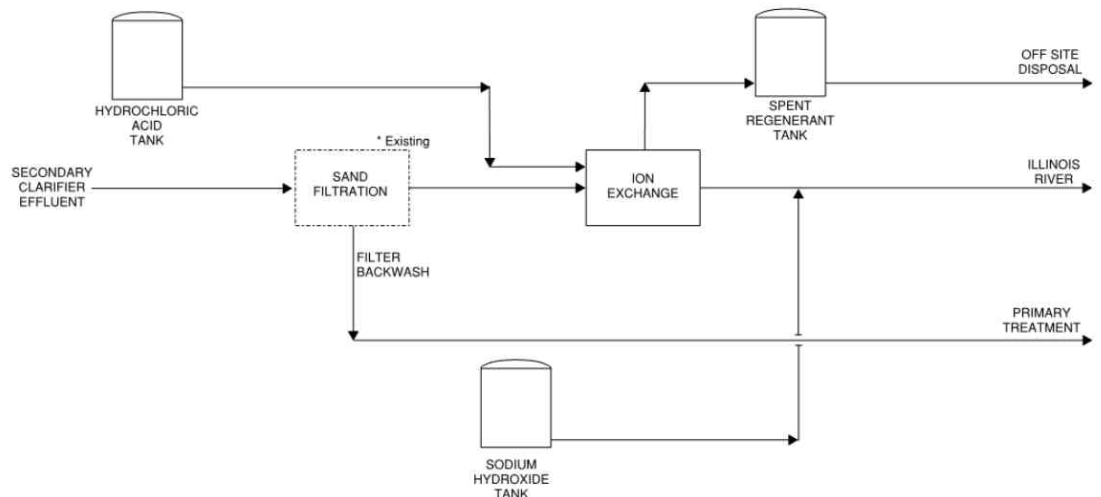


Figure 6. Ion Exchange Block Flow Diagram

### Land Application

The Emerald Plant owns 80 acres on land adjacent to the plant that could be used to grow a salt tolerant, high nitrogen uptake hay (e.g., Bermuda grass) which would exert a nitrogen uptake of approximately 350 pounds per acre per year. This nitrogen uptake

would support an average of 160,000 gpd (30 percent of the average final effluent flow) over the course of approximately 9 months per year when the ground is thawed. This effluent would be diluted with 360,000 gpd of clarified river water prior to irrigation to minimize salt impacts on plant growth and associated nitrogen uptake. An average root zone TDS of less than 3800 mg/L was targeted. The water not used for plant growth would discharge as groundwater into the Illinois River. Unlike the Akzo Nobel land application system, dilution water addition is required to mitigate salt impacts on the proposed crops. Tiling of this acreage would not be provided, like at Akzo Nobel, since it would not allow collection of the treated water. At the Emerald site, the normal groundwater level is deeper than tiles are installed (greater than 10 feet) and the soil is highly permeable.

The viability of this process would be contingent on being granted a river water withdrawal permit, being granted a permit that allows the river water clarifier to discharge solids removed back to the river, and finding an entity willing to cut and remove the hay at no cost to Emerald. Currently, the acreage is used to grow profitable crops (corn and soybeans). These crops offer a significantly lower nitrogen uptake and salt tolerance.

Combined the process illustrated in Figure 7 would only treat 22 percent of the annual nitrogen load. Furthermore, operation of this system would be complex.

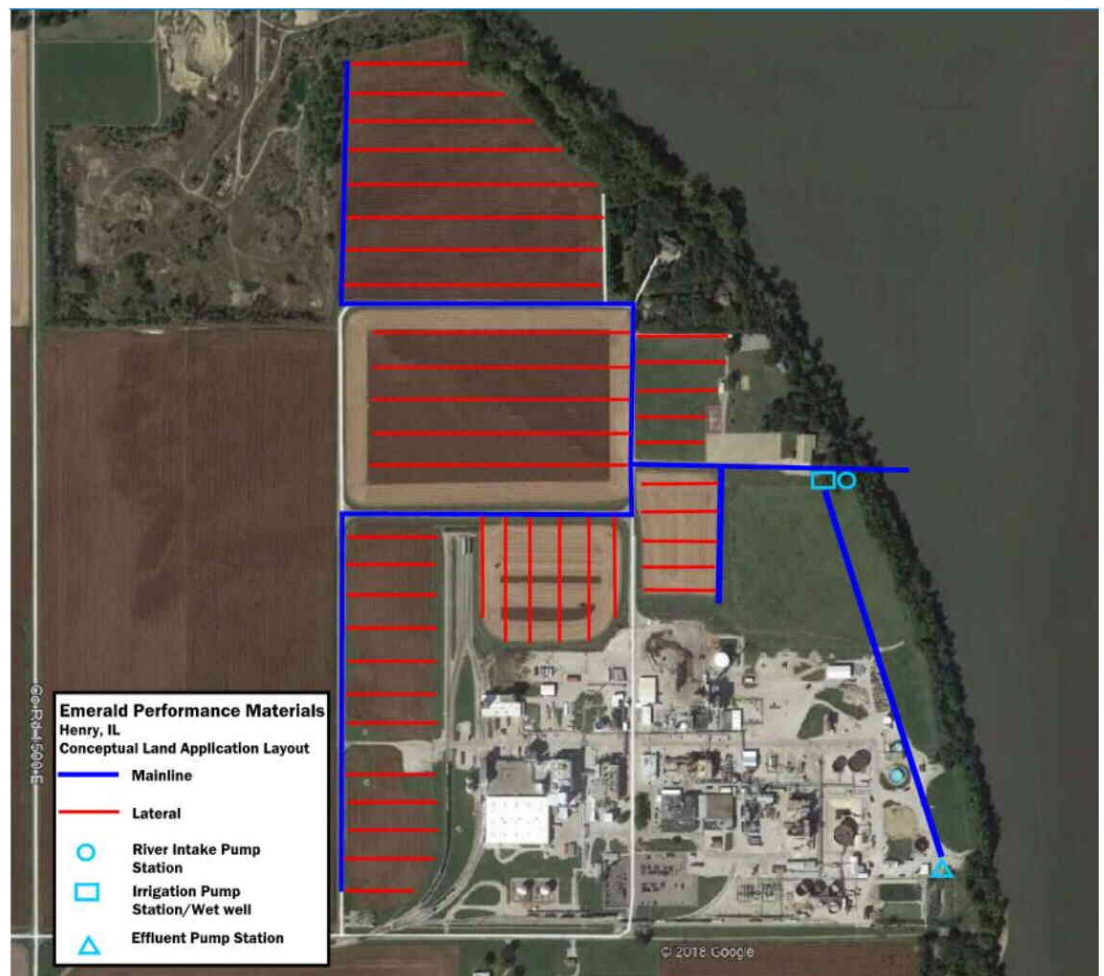


Figure 7. Land Application Layout Drawing



## Summary of Treatment Alternatives Performance and Associated Costs

A summary of treatment alternatives performance and associated costs are shown in Table 2. These costs are presented as unit costs in Table 3. These data indicate that tertiary nitrification and ion exchange offer the lowest unit cost for ammonia removal based on annual operations and maintenance costs with ion exchange having a much lower capital cost. These costs, even on an annual operations and maintenance basis, are 4-fold greater than the median unit costs reported by NACWA for others providing ammonia-nitrogen removal. On a present worth basis, Emerald would have to commit a minimum of \$12 per pound of NH<sub>3</sub>-N removed over the next 10 years (approximately 8-fold the median unit costs reported by NACWA).

Table 2. Treatment Alternatives and Associated Costs					
Alternative	Achieve Regulatory Limits?	Average NH <sub>3</sub> -N Removal (lbs/day)	Capital Costs (\$ million)	Annual O/M <sup>a</sup> Costs (\$ million)	Present Worth <sup>b</sup> (\$ million)
Ozonation	No	188	22	0.96	30
Alkaline Stripping	No <sup>d</sup>	324	7.3	1.4	19
Tertiary Nitrification	Uncertain	≤ 331	10	0.74	17
Breakpoint Chlorination	Yes <sup>c</sup>	331	4.1	2.5	24
Ion Exchange	Yes <sup>d</sup>	331	6.0	1.0	14
Land Application	No	77	6.0	0.39 <sup>e</sup>	9.2

<sup>a</sup> Annual operations and maintenance costs.

<sup>b</sup> Based on 10 years at 4 percent interest and no salvage value. Present worth of annual O/M costs is annual costs times 8.1 Total present worth is present worth of both the annual O/M and capital costs.

<sup>c</sup> Uncertain if treatment process would adversely impact compliance with effluent aquatic toxicity criterion.

<sup>d</sup> Uncertainty regarding spent regenerant disposal makes treatment alternative questionably viable.

<sup>e</sup> Excludes loss of income from current farming of 80 acres.

Table 3. Unit Costs of Treatment Alternatives		
Alternative	O/M Costs (\$/pound NH <sub>3</sub> -N removed)	Present Worth (\$/pound of NH <sub>3</sub> -N removed)
Ozonation	14	44
Alkaline Stripping	12	16
Tertiary Nitrification	>6.3	>14
Breakpoint Chlorination	21	20
Ion Exchange	8.5	12
Land Application	14	33

## Environmental Impact of Effluent Ammonia-Nitrogen Removal

This section describes the current water quality status of the Illinois River and the sensitivity of Emerald's ammonia-nitrogen discharge on water quality as well as the



negative collateral impacts to the environment that removing Emerald's ammonia-nitrogen would create.

As reflected in Emerald's petition for an adjusted standard, the Illinois River over many years has shown no violations of the acute and chronic water quality standards for ammonia-nitrogen downstream of Emerald's discharge. The petition also presents the results of Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET) testing that have repeatedly shown no toxic effects from Emerald's effluent outside the approved zone of initial dilution. These results demonstrate that Emerald's construction and continued use of the current wastewater treatment plant, the multi-port diffuser, replacement of the BBTS Wet Scrubber and other actions have produced an effluent that has no material negative effect on the environment. Additionally, the wastewater treatment plant operated by Emerald is considered by USEPA to provide the best degree of treatment economically achievable (BAT) for these type wastewaters<sup>7</sup>.

As described herein, only one of the six treatment alternatives does not require chemical addition to the final effluent. However, this alternative of land application only reduces the annual nitrogen load on the river by 22 percent and requires complexity related to operating and maintaining a river water treatment system, three pumping systems, and an elaborate irrigation system. It also generates hay which has no defined dependable outlet for use. The other five alternatives require extensive chemical addition which will appreciably increase the effluent salt load to the Illinois River. The only two alternatives that can reliably comply with the regulatory limits (breakpoint chlorination and ion exchange) either a) generate an effluent that may cause failure of the existing effluent aquatic toxicity criterion or b) generate a liquid waste whose disposal method, destination, and costs are uncertain. In addition, every alternative will indirectly increase greenhouse gas emissions due to increased power consumption and additional diesel truck traffic. The collateral negative environmental impact of the treatment alternatives (e.g., greenhouse gas emissions and decreased effluent water quality with respect to higher salt levels) is appreciably more adverse than the current effluent ammonia-nitrogen load.

Given that Emerald's effluent has no negative environmental impact and the treatment alternatives have possible negative collateral environmental effects, implementing any of those alternatives and incurring the estimated costs solely for ammonia-nitrogen removal would be a unique and unreasonable requirement.

### **Operation of Additional Biotreaters**

Ammonia-nitrogen removal at the wastewater treatment facility is a function of solids retention time (SRT) and the extent of BOD removal. The maximum amount of ammonia-nitrogen removal will occur at the lowest achievable SRT that ensures sufficient BOD removal. The wastewater treatment plant is already capable of operating at this condition (SRT of 30 to 60 days depending upon production) with only the North Biotreater in service. Operating additional biotreaters will have no impact on effluent ammonia-nitrogen but will make operations more complicated.

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<sup>7</sup> Code of Federal Register, Title 40, Subpart 414 Organic Chemical, Plastics and Synthetic Fibers.

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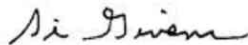
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## **Attachment A: Capital and Annual Cost Tables for Treatment Alternatives**

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	Ion Exchange		Tertiary Nitrification		Alkaline Stripping		Ozonation		Breakpoint Chlorination		Land Application	
	Selected Percentage	Cost	Selected Percentage	Cost	Selected Percentage	Cost	Selected Percentage	Cost	Selected Percentage	Cost	Selected Percentage	Cost
Direct Costs												
Purchased Equipment Delivered		\$ 1,256,445		\$ 2,583,927		\$ 1,817,733		\$ 4,781,859		\$ 855,271		\$ 1,265,210
Freight	3%	\$ 38,000	3%	\$ 78,000	3%	\$ 55,000	3%	\$ 143,000	3%	\$ 26,000	3%	\$ 38,000
Tax	6%	\$ 79,000	6%	\$ 161,000	6%	\$ 114,000	6%	\$ 299,000	6%	\$ 53,000	6%	\$ 79,000
Purchased Equipment Installation	6%	\$ 75,000	6%	\$ 155,000	6%	\$ 109,000	6%	\$ 287,000	6%	\$ 51,000	6%	\$ 76,000
Instrumentation and Controls (Installed)	18%	\$ 226,000	18%	\$ 465,000	18%	\$ 327,000	18%	\$ 861,000	18%	\$ 154,000	18%	\$ 228,000
Piping (Installed)	16%	\$ 201,000	16%	\$ 413,000	16%	\$ 291,000	16%	\$ 765,000	16%	\$ 137,000	16%	\$ 202,000
Electrical Systems (Installed)	10%	\$ 126,000	10%	\$ 258,000	10%	\$ 182,000	10%	\$ 478,000	10%	\$ 86,000	10%	\$ 127,000
Buildings		\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000		\$ 160,000		\$ 80,000		\$ 80,000
Structural	18%	\$ 226,000	18%	\$ 465,000	18%	\$ 327,000	18%	\$ 861,000	18%	\$ 154,000	18%	\$ 228,000
Yard Improvements	10%	\$ 126,000	10%	\$ 258,000	10%	\$ 182,000	10%	\$ 478,000	10%	\$ 86,000	10%	\$ 127,000
Service Utilities (Installed)	30%	\$ 377,000	30%	\$ 775,000	30%	\$ 545,000	30%	\$ 1,435,000	30%	\$ 257,000	30%	\$ 380,000
Direct Cost Subtotal		\$ 2,810,445		\$ 5,691,927		\$ 4,029,733		\$ 10,548,859		\$ 1,939,271		\$ 2,830,210
Indirect Costs												
Engineering and Supervision	10%	\$ 281,000	10%	\$ 569,000	10%	\$ 403,000	10%	\$ 1,055,000	10%	\$ 194,000	10%	\$ 283,000
Construction Expenses	34%	\$ 956,000	34%	\$ 1,935,000	34%	\$ 1,370,000	34%	\$ 3,587,000	34%	\$ 659,000	34%	\$ 962,000
Legal Expenses	4%	\$ 112,000	4%	\$ 228,000	4%	\$ 161,000	4%	\$ 422,000	4%	\$ 78,000	4%	\$ 113,000
Contractor's Fee	15%	\$ 422,000	15%	\$ 854,000	15%	\$ 604,000	15%	\$ 1,582,000	15%	\$ 291,000	15%	\$ 425,000
Indirect Cost Subtotal		\$ 1,771,000		\$ 3,586,000		\$ 2,538,000		\$ 6,646,000		\$ 1,222,000		\$ 1,783,000
Contingency	30%	\$ 1,374,000	30%	\$ 1,076,000	30%	\$ 761,000	30%	\$ 5,158,000	30%	\$ 948,000	30%	\$ 1,384,000
Fixed-Capital Cost (FCC)		\$ 6,000,000		\$ 10,400,000		\$ 7,300,000		\$ 22,400,000		\$ 4,100,000		\$ 6,000,000
Annual O&M Costs												
Energy/Power	\$ 2,675	\$ 5,314	\$ 68,480	\$ 55,884	\$ 6,420	\$ 43,870						
Power Cost (\$/kwh)	\$ 0.0657	\$ 0.0657	\$ 0.0657	\$ 0.0657	\$ 0.0657	\$ 0.0657						
Chemical	\$ 300,048	\$ 193,489	\$ 593,339	\$ 164,670	\$ 2,116,655	\$ -						
Equipment Maintenance	\$ 108,956	\$ 229,130	\$ 169,270	\$ 422,388	\$ 66,708	\$ 37,108						
Labor (\$/year)	\$ 312,000	\$ 312,000	\$ 312,000	\$ 312,000	\$ 312,000	\$ 312,000						
Labor Rate (\$/hr)	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50	\$ 50						
Number of Operators	3	3	3	3	3	3						
Hours per Operator	8	8	8	8	8	8						
Days	5	5	5	5	5	5						
Weeks per year	52	52	52	52	52	52						
Ion Exchange Media	\$ 20,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Hauling Disposal	\$ 282,072	\$ -	\$ 282,072	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Contingency (%)	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -						
Total Annual O&M Cost, \$	\$ 1,028,000	\$ 740,000	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 955,000	\$ 2,502,000	\$ 393,000						
Total Present Worth of Annual O&M Costs \$/yr	\$ 8,400,000	\$ 6,100,000	\$ 11,600,000	\$ 7,800,000	\$ 20,300,000	\$ 3,200,000						
Capital Cost, \$:	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 10,400,000	\$ 7,300,000	\$ 22,400,000	\$ 4,100,000	\$ 6,000,000						
Total Present Worth Cost, \$:	\$ 14,400,000	\$ 16,500,000	\$ 18,900,000	\$ 30,200,000	\$ 24,400,000	\$ 9,200,000						
Average Ammonia Removed, %	97%	95%	95%	55%	97%	22%						
Average Amount of Ammonia Removed, lb /day	331	324	324	188	331	77						
O&M Costs, \$/ lb of Ammonia Removed	\$ 8.50	\$ 6.26	\$ 12.05	\$ 13.95	\$ 20.72	\$ 13.98						
Total Present Worth Cost, \$/lb Ammonia Removed	\$ 11.93	\$ 13.95	\$ 15.98	\$ 44.12	\$ 20.21	\$ 32.73						