

Sections of Your Permit

Emergency and Routine Notification

Requirements: Describes typical emergency and routine notification requirements for your facility. If an accidental or intentional discharge of pollutants in violation of a company's permit and/or NBC regulations should occur, the permittee must immediately notify the NBC Pretreatment staff during business hours at 401/461-8848 or after business hours at its 24-hour Emergency Hotline Numbers (222-6781 for companies in the Field's Point service area and 434-6350 for companies in the Bucklin Point service area). Routine notification of operational changes in a company's facility is also required. This section specifies what a company is required to report.

Right of Entry: In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws, the NBC has the right to enter the permittee's premises during working hours and at other reasonable times, without delay, to carry out its responsibilities. NBC staff authorized to perform this function carry picture identification cards and NBC badges.

Permit Fees: All permit holders are assessed an annual permit fee in accordance with a rate tariff approved by the Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission. Copies of this tariff are available upon request from the NBC.

Closing, Selling, or Moving the Business: If a permittee intends to close, liquidate, sell or move the operations identified in the permit, the NBC must be given 30 days notice prior to disposal of any process waste associated with the cessation of business.

Transfer of Permit Not Allowed: Permits cannot be transferred, reassigned or sold to a new owner, user or to a new location without the written permission of the NBC.

Permit Violations: Outlines the penalties for violation of the user's permit.

Revocation / Suspension of Permit: Violations of the terms of a permit may result in its revocation or suspension by the NBC. The permit may be suspended if the permittee suspends operations for any period exceeding 30 days.

Civil and Criminal Liability: In accordance with Rhode Island General Laws, violations of an NBC permit may be subject to civil and/or criminal penalties, irrespective of any other provision of the permit.

Duty To Comply: Clearly states that a permittee must comply with all conditions of the permit.

Removed Substances: States that all solids removed in the operation of any treatment system by the permittee must be disposed of in accordance with applicable state or federal hazardous waste laws.

Permit Modification / Renewal: Allows the permit to be modified by the NBC for various reasons, several of which are identified in the permit. At the end of the term of the permit, the permittee may renew the permit. However, an application form must be filed at least 90 days prior to the expiration of the permit.

Integration: The permit is the entire agreement between the NBC and the user.

Jurisdiction: The permit is administered and interpreted in accordance with the laws of the State of Rhode Island

The NBC is committed to assisting your company in complying with its regulatory requirements. For further information about the pretreatment program, please contact us at pretreat@narrabay.com or call (401) 461-8848.

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WASTEWATER

DISCHARGE

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Wastewater treatment facilities are not designed to remove pollutants such as heavy metals, cyanide, and other toxic chemicals. Because of this, the federal Clean Water Act requires the NBC to regulate the discharge of pollutants into the sewer system. One way pollutants are regulated is through permits. The NBC requires industrial and commercial users to apply for and obtain a Wastewater Discharge Permit in order to discharge to the sewer. The general purpose of a permit is to define the conditions under which a sewer user may discharge wastewater to the NBC sewerage system

Conditions of a Permit

Each NBC permit is tailored to an individual user's process operations and is organized into sections. If there is a question on a section of your permit, please contact us at pretreat@narrabay.com or call us at (401)461-8848.

Tables

The number of tables in a permit will be specifically determined for each user. Tables may include:

- NBC Effluent Discharge Limitations:
 - Field's Point (Providence, North Providence, Johnston, small sections of Lincoln & Cranston)
 - Bucklin Point (Pawtucket, Central Falls, Lincoln, Cumberland, Rumford Section of East Providence, and the Eastern Section of Smithfield)
- Sampling Requirements

Permit Attachments

In addition to the terms, conditions, and tables, the permit typically has several attachments. Since all permits are customized to meet the specific regulatory needs of each company, the number of attachments will vary from permit to permit. A discharge certificate is also issued with most permits which is required to be displayed on the premises of the permitted facility.



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Title Page: Lists the permit number, the company name, the company owner or president's name, the facility's authorized agent, the NBC classification of the user and any applicable federal categorical discharge standards. Also lists the penalties for violation of the permit.

Signature Page: Includes signature of the NBC issuing agent, the Pretreatment Program Manager, and the date the permit was issued. Explains the concept of an authorized agent and how to designate additional authorized agents. This person is the primary contact for the NBC and the responsible agent for the company for all NBC matters. In the case of a Zero Discharge Permit, it must be signed by the company owner(s) or representative(s) and returned to the NBC.

Effluent Discharge Limitations: Outlines the company's discharge limits. Compliance is required for all parameters listed in the discharge limitation Table of the permit as well as Article 5 of the NBC rules and regulations. The volume of flow discharged by the facility is also regulated.

Permitted Discharges: Specifically defines what the facility may discharge into the NBC sewer system.

Prohibitions: Informs the permitted user of the discharge prohibitions contained in Article 5 of the NBC rules and regulations. May also contain a prohibition regarding the use of portable pumps and/or flexible hoses to transfer solutions or bypass treatment equipment unless approved in writing by the NBC.



Pretreatment Requirements: Defines wastewater discharge sampling locations in the facility. Requires that the permittee operate and maintain a pretreatment system at all times in accordance with approved plans on file with the NBC to ensure continued compliance.

Monitoring Requirements: Defines all monitoring requirements specific to each facility. In most cases, this is also summarized in a sampling requirements table which is located in the back of the permit.

Record Keeping Requirements: Outlines the requirements for maintaining records. The prime responsibility for a permittee is to keep and maintain a logbook that outlines various operational activities specific to their facility.

Spill and Slug Prevention Control Plans: Users must submit a Spill and Slug Prevention Control Plan to the NBC for approval. This plan provides the necessary measures for a company to prevent accidental spills or uncontrolled dumping of concentrated materials from entering the NBC sewerage system.

Toxic Organic/Solvent Management Plan: Similar to the Spill/Slug Control Plan, this plan requires the permittee to ensure that toxic organic compounds are not discharged to the NBC sewer system. Alternatively, as opposed to physical controls and when no toxic organics are used on site, the permit will require only that the permittee provide simple assurances that no discharges will occur.