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Dear Friends:

I am pleased to present the 2011 Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) Pretreatment Program Annual Report for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. This annual report is a detailed summary of the many accomplishments associated with the NBC source reduction and control programs utilized in the two sewage districts.

The educational and regulatory source reduction and control programs of the NBC Pretreatment and Environmental, Safety & Technical Assistance Sections, coupled with the monitoring, analytical and enforcement work done by the Environmental Monitoring & Data Analysis, Laboratory, and Legal Sections, have been instrumental at ensuring that toxics are not discharged into the NBC sewer system. This NBC team is committed to protecting Rhode Island's greatest resource, Narragansett Bay.

Since the NBC acquired the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility in 1981, the total metal loadings to the Field's Point facility have been reduced by 927,855 pounds, which equates to 97.2%. In addition, the cyanide loadings were reduced by 79,019 pounds, a 98.2% reduction from 1981 levels.

The NBC takes its responsibility to protect the receiving waters of Narragansett Bay very seriously. During 2011, the NBC issued 1,904 Notice of Violation letters and collected \$3,000 in Administrative Penalties from violators. Funds collected are deposited into the NBC Environmental Enforcement Fund and used to further protect the environment.

The NBC continues to be a national leader in the field of wastewater treatment and environmental protection. The outstanding work done by the NBC staff members in environmental education, enforcement, monitoring and analysis will ensure a cleaner Narragansett Bay for all to enjoy. I trust you will find this report to be thoroughly detailed and informative.

Sincerely,

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Narragansett Bay Commission Mission Statement:

To maintain a leadership role in the protection and enhancement of water quality in Narragansett Bay and its tributaries by providing safe and reliable wastewater collection and treatment services to its customers at a reasonable cost.

Narragansett Bay Commission

Service Area

The Narragansett Bay Commission is Rhode Island's largest wastewater authority dedicated to providing reliable, cost-effective wastewater collection and treatment services to over 360,000 residents and 8,000 businesses in ten Rhode Island communities in the metropolitan Providence and Blackstone Valley areas. These communities include: Providence, North Providence, Johnston, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, the northern portion of East Providence and small sections of Cranston and Smithfield.



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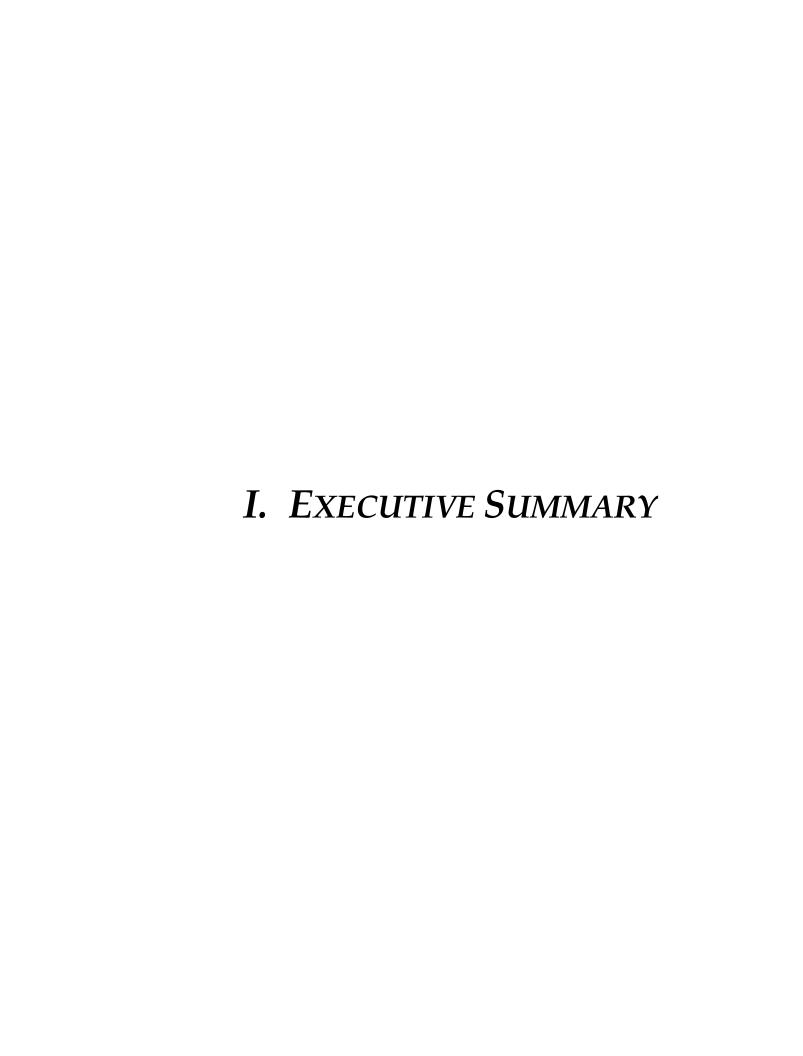
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The Narragansett Bay Commission

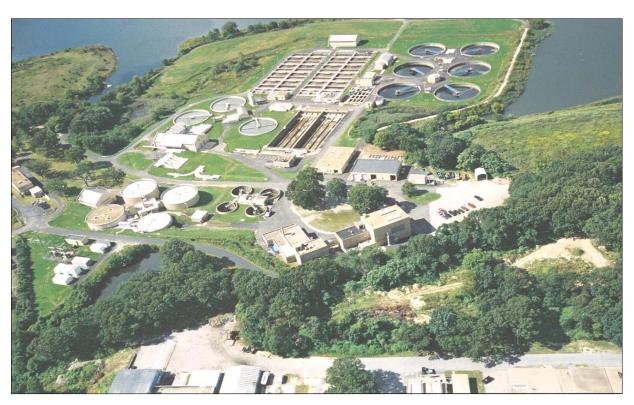
The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) was created in 1980 by the R.I. General Assembly. Shortly thereafter voters approved an \$87.7 million bond referendum to reduce the amount of pollutants the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility in Providence was discharging into Narragansett Bay and its tributaries. At that time, nearly 45 million gallons of untreated sewage flowed into Rhode Island's waterways everyday, resulting in temporary and permanent closures of shellfishing beds in Upper Narragansett Bay, violations of federal laws, and most importantly, threatening public health and the region's environmental and economic well-being.



Aerial View - Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility

The NBC acquired the Field's Point facility from the City of Providence in 1982 and has transformed the once failing, antiquated facility into a highly sophisticated, award winning facility. As the largest secondary wastewater treatment facility in Rhode Island and the second largest in New England, the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility provides preliminary and primary treatment for up to 200 million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater, secondary treatment for up to 91 MGD and in 2011 had an average dry weather flow to the facility of 48.7 MGD. Throughout 2011, the Field's Point plant was in the process of being upgraded to include nitrogen removal.

In 1992, the R.I. General Assembly expanded the NBC's mission by placing it in charge of the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility in East Providence. This facility is designed to provide secondary treatment of 46 million gallons per day, and the average daily flow was 22.1 MGD in 2011. During 1999, supervisory management of this plant was privatized. United Water is the current contractor at the Bucklin Point plant. During 2006 the Bucklin Point plant completed a series of upgrades that significantly reduced wet weather by-pass events by allowing the plant to process up to 116 MGD during wet weather events. The upgrades also incorporate nitrogen removal operations and disinfection by the use of ultraviolet light. As a result of the facility upgrades at Bucklin Point, the 2011 nitrogen loading from this facility to Narragansett Bay was reduced by 41% from 2005 loading levels before the upgrades went online.



Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility

The NBC owns and operates the state's two largest wastewater treatment facilities and provides quality wastewater collection and treatment services to about 360,000 people and 7,700 commercial and industrial customers located in Providence, North Providence, Johnston, Pawtucket, Central Falls, Cumberland, Lincoln, the northern portion of East Providence, and small sections of Cranston and Smithfield. The Pretreatment Program is charged with protecting these treatment facilities and Narragansett Bay from the discharge of toxic and nuisance pollutants.

Pretreatment Program Annual Report Overview

CHAPTER I of this report provides a brief overview of the NBC, its unique and innovative approaches to source reduction and control and provides a summary of each chapter of the annual report. Also contained in this chapter is a section regarding firms that have had their user classification changed during 2011, including a list of new significant industrial users and a section regarding firms that experienced major changes in water usage in 2011. A summary of the work done over the past year by the Pretreatment, Environmental Monitoring, and Enforcement Sections of the NBC is provided at the end of this chapter in TABLES 3, 4, 5, and 6, the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheets for both districts.

CHAPTER II describes the administration of the NBC Pretreatment Program including the status of Pretreatment, Environmental Monitoring & Data Analysis (EMDA), Environmental, Safety & Technical Assistance (ESTA), Permits & Planning, and Laboratory staff, a summary of the budgets for these sections, staff training, the Pretreatment information management system and public information and education methods used by the NBC.

CHAPTER III details the industrial and commercial user base of the NBC and includes the NBC permit classification system, user inspections and emergency and special investigations. During 2011, Pretreatment staff issued 371 permits to users located in the Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts, conducted 2,205 facility inspections, held 26 regulatory compliance meetings with users and responded to 38 emergency or special investigations.

CHAPTER IV details the compliance monitoring protocols and provides a review of all types of monitoring results including user self-monitoring, NBC monitoring of users, and surveillance manhole sampling results. During 2011, the NBC conducted 220 sampling inspections, performed 380 manhole sampling events, and reviewed 2,807 analytical reports of users located in the Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts.

CHAPTER V of this report provides an analysis of the toxic pollutant loadings contained in the wastewater influent, effluent, and sludge for the Field's Point and Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facilities. This analysis shows that the total metals loading to Field's Point slightly increased during 2011 by 5.0% when compared to 2010. The total metals loading to Bucklin Point decreased by 8.3% when compared to 2010. The cyanide loading to Field's Point decreased by 1,082.5 pounds, or 43.2% in 2011, and the cyanide loading to Bucklin Point decreased by 25.3 pounds or 8.1%. Loadings to both facilities were well within the Maximum Allowable Headworks Loadings (MAHL) established for each plant.

CHAPTER VI details the types of enforcement actions used by the NBC and reviews the enforcement actions initiated by the NBC over the past year. During 2011, the NBC issued 1,904 Notice of Violation letters. The NBC issues some type of enforcement action against 100% of the violators of the NBC Rules and Regulations.

CHAPTER VII of this report details projects and programs underway and those already completed by the Planning, Policy & Regulation Division of the Narragansett Bay Commission.

CHAPTER VIII reviews the status of the goals established by the Pretreatment, EMDA, ESTA, Laboratory, and Permits & Planning Sections for 2011 and describes the ambitious goals established by these sections for 2012.

Unique Program Elements, Activities, Awards And Accomplishments

The Narragansett Bay Commission utilizes many innovative and unique activities, projects and programmatic elements to control and reduce the discharge of toxic and nuisance pollutants into the sewer system. The following is a short summary of these innovations and unique programmatic elements, along with a summary of NBC awards and accomplishments for the past year. Details about each of these innovations, accomplishments, and awards can be found within the chapters of this report.

User Education, Training and Outreach

- Workshops regarding Pollution Prevention, Pretreatment, Storm Water Management, Sewer Connection, and Monitoring topics
- Periodic informational mailings to permitted users
- Press releases and public notices
- Development and distribution of fact sheets, Best Management Practice (BMP) documents, and case studies summary sheets
- NBC informational website (http://www.narrabay.com)
- Citizens Advisory Committee

Special Projects and Studies

- Environmental Merit Award Programs, include:
 - ~ Pollution Prevention Award
 - ~ Perfect Compliance Award
 - Stormwater Management Award
- Grease Control Program, which has greatly reduced sewage backups and overflows attributable to grease accumulations in sewer lines
- Silver and Mercury loading reduction and evaluation program
- River Water Quality Monitoring Program
- Residential Septage Hauler Discharge Control Permitting Program
- Wet Weather CSO Monitoring Program
- Regional Ocean Modeling Systems Hydrodynamic Model Development Project
- Evaluation of bacteria sources to receiving waters
- Fixed Site Monitoring Network Project to monitor Narragansett Bay water quality and provide on-line monitoring data to the public
- Computerization of Sewer System Mapping

- Woonasquatucket River Environmental Education
- River Restoration Initiative
- Energy Management Program including alternative energy evaluations
- Sustainable Energy Management of Wastewater Treatment Facilities Program

Permitting

- Prompt and standardized user plan reviews through weekly internal plan review meetings
- Permitting of all users with process wastewater discharges to the sewer system, as well as those having the potential to discharge
- Unique and equitable rate structure with varying rates dependent upon hydraulic/pollutant loadings, which covers the cost to operate the Pretreatment Program
- Zero discharge facilities are permitted as they have the potential to discharge to the sewer system via sanitary connections
- Aggressive program of permitting all users that greatly exceeds EPA permitting requirements
- Sewer connection permitting referral program with cities and towns

NBC Monitoring Program

- Aggressive program of sampling permitted users
- NBC internal goal to sample every Significant Industrial User (SIU) twice per twelve month period, exceeding EPA requirements
- Clean sampling programs utilized by the EMDA Section
- Extensive use and documentation of all standard operating procedures to ensure quality assurance and quality control that greatly exceeds EPA requirements
- Extensive river and POTW sampling programs
- Sanitary and industrial surveillance manhole monitoring conducted weekly to monitor compliance and loadings to the treatment facilities
- Septage monitoring program to scan for toxic, industrial and non-residential quality waste

NBC Inspection Program

- NBC internal goal to inspect every SIU at least twice per twelve month period, exceeding EPA requirements
- Development and use of SIU annual inspection form ensures thorough and standardized inspections of each SIU
- Zero discharge firms are inspected at least twice per year to ensure compliance with permit requirements
- Extensive inspections of non-significant industrial and commercial users performed annually
- Annual inspections of industrial areas/mill complexes are conducted to ensure all sources of non-sanitary wastewater are permitted in accordance with the NBC Rules and Regulations

- Intensive restaurant inspection program to verify grease trap maintenance
- All NBC inspections stress user education regarding EPA Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) criteria, NBC mission statement, and available compliance programs, in addition to addressing regulatory compliance issues. This has contributed to the decreased rates of SIU Significant Non-Compliance
- Response to 100% of reports regarding chemical spills, unusual influents, odors, etc.

User Self-Monitoring

- Permitted users are required to conduct regularly scheduled self-monitoring of their final effluent as well as batch discharges. The frequency of self-monitoring ranges from bi-annually to monthly and is dependent on the category and hydraulic loading from the facility
- Four consecutive weeks of resampling indicating full compliance is required for any effluent violation recorded. Benefits include: users are brought back into compliance quickly, SNC is reduced due to increased monitoring, reduced loadings to sewer, escalated enforcement due to additional evidence, etc.
- SIU permit required monitoring greatly exceeds that required by EPA regulations

Computerized Compliance and Data Tracking System

- Networked computer database consisting of all company, permit and compliance information which is available via desktop connections to all Pretreatment, ESTA, EMDA, and Enforcement staff
- Pretreatment system software has been upgraded to increase functionality and is expandable
- System automatically generates violation letters for any non-compliance event and tracks all user requirements
- System calculates SNC and enables flagging of any user approaching SNC, allowing staff to implement corrective actions

Pollution Prevention Program

- Free technical compliance assistance program
- On site consultations and pilot testing
- Routine referrals for pollution prevention assistance by regulatory staff in all Notices of Violation (NOV) and other user correspondence and communications
- Solicitations for pollution prevention assistance by ESTA staff directly to industries
- Extensive educational efforts
- Free water audits conducted of businesses, large residential buildings and manufacturing industries

Staff Training

- NBC provides extensive training to its employees
- NBC Pretreatment, EMDA and ESTA staff receive 40-hour HAZWOPER and annual 8-hour HAZWOPER refresher training
- NBC has a tuition reimbursement program to assist employees to further their education and enhance their performance
- Intrasectional Training
- Interagency Training

Enforcement

- Some type of enforcement action issued against 100% of violators
- Cost of SNC Public Notice billed to firms in violation
- Use of innovative settlement agreements, which may include:
 - ~ Community based environmental projects
 - ~ Development of public service announcements
 - ~ Purchase of Pollution Prevention and Monitoring Equipment
 - ~ Use of Supplemental Environmental Projects
- Environmental Enforcement Fund Penalties assessed are deposited into this NBC fund, from which special environmental projects and/or enforcement equipment and resources are funded. NBC received EPA Environmental Merit Award in 1995 and AMSA Public Service Award in 1995 and 2000 for this fund
- In-house legal staff available for quick enforcement response
- Work with state and federal criminal investigators regarding criminal pollution violations

2011 Accomplishments

~ Permitting:

- 371 Permits issued in 2011
- 158 New permits issued to previously unpermitted firms
- 213 Revised permits issued

~ Inspections and Sampling:

- 2,205 Non-sampling inspections conducted
- 394 Non-sampling inspections of SIUs
- 294 Non-sampling inspections of categorical users
- 100 Non-sampling inspections of significant non-categorical users
- 1,811 Non-sampling inspections of non-significant users
- 26 Regulatory Compliance meetings held with users
- Pretreatment staff reviewed 2,807 User Monitoring Reports
- 38 Emergency/Special Investigations Conducted
- 235 User Monitoring Reports generated by NBC in 2011
- 220 NBC Sampling Inspections of Industry

- 96 Different Facilities Sampled by NBC
- 217 Monitoring Reports of SIUs generated
- 160 Monitoring Reports of Categorical Users generated
- 57 Monitoring Reports of significant non-categorical users generated
- 17 Monitoring Reports of non-significant users generated
- 380 Manhole Sampling Events conducted
- 334 Industrial Surveillance Manhole Sampling Events conducted
- 42 Sanitary Manhole Sampling Events conducted

~ Enforcement:

- 1,904 NOV Letters Issued
- \$3,000 in Administrative Penalties Collected
- 5 Firms listed in the February 24, 2012 Public Notice in the Providence Journal as being in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC)
- 4 of the 5 Firms listed in SNC achieved compliance with cited violations prior to publication of the Public Notice

~ <u>User Compliance:</u>

- 4.3% Rate of SIU Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) in Field's Point District for 2011, a reduction from 39% in 1992
- Rate of SIU SNC reduced in Bucklin Point from 44.8% in 1994 to 4.8% for 2011
- Overall rate of SIU SNC is 4.5% in 2011
- 95.1% Overall Rate of Compliance for All Significant Users
- 94.4% Overall Rate of Compliance for All Categorical Users
- 97.4% Overall Rate of Compliance for All Non-Significant Users
- 96.2% Overall Rate of Compliance for All Users
- 68.2% of EPA categorically regulated users had perfect effluent compliance records with all effluent parameters excluding pH
- 73.0% of Significant Users <u>AND</u> 92.1% of <u>all</u> users had perfect effluent compliance records with effluent pollutants excluding pH
- Rate of SNC has been significantly reduced in both sewage districts over the past decade through Pretreatment's User Education Methods

Notification of Changes in User Status

During 2011, three users were reclassified from significant to non-significant. All three of the users that were reclassified were categorical users. Two of the three users were reclassified to non-significant because they went out of business. Two of the three users were located in the Field's Point district and eliminated 9,460 gallons per day of industrial flow to the Field's Point facility. The remaining user that was reclassified was located in the Bucklin Point district and eliminated 1,451 gallons per day of industrial flow to the Bucklin Point facility.

There was one user that was newly classified as a Significant Industrial User (SIU) in 2011. The new SIU is located in the Bucklin Point district and contributes 1,253 gallons per day of industrial flow to the plant. The new SIU is classified as categorical.

A review of the baseline monitoring reports submitted by the newly classified significant user indicates that the discharge from this facility should have no adverse effect on the quantity or quality of effluent discharged from the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility. The SIUs which were reclassified during 2011 and the reason for each reclassification are detailed in TABLE 1.

TABLE 1

2011 Significant Industrial Users Classification Changes Firms Reclassified to Non-Significant

<u>Field's Point Firms</u> <u>Reason for Reclassification</u>

Alpha Plating & Metallizing Firm is out of business.

Northland Environmental, LLC Firm ceased discharging categorically

regulated wastewater.

<u>Bucklin Point Firms</u> <u>Reason for Reclassification</u>

Tru-Kay Manufacturing Company Firm is out of business.

Newly Classified Significant Users

<u>Bucklin Point Firms</u> <u>Reason for Reclassification</u>

Richline Group, Inc.

This newly permitted firm conducts categorically regulated metal finishing

operations.

During 2011, 25 Field's Point SIUs experienced notable changes in water usage. Fifteen of the 25 firms increased their water usage by a combined total of 32,683 gallons per day. Ten of the 25 firms decreased their water usage by a combined total of 27,901 gallons per day. The net change to the Field's Point facility is an increase of 4,782 gallons per day of industrial flow. This increase in industrial flow did not have an adverse effect on the quality of wastewater discharged from the Field's Point treatment facility.

Twenty-six Bucklin Point SIUs experienced notable changes in water usage during 2011. Fifteen of the 26 SIUs increased their water usage by a combined total of 46,406 gallons per day. Eleven of the 26 SIUs decreased their water usage by a combined total of 52,926 gallons per day. The net change in flow to Bucklin Point is a decrease of 6,520 gallons per day of industrial flow. This decrease in industrial flow did not have an adverse effect on the quality of wastewater discharged from the Bucklin Point treatment facility.

The SIUs with significant changes in water usage during 2011 are detailed in TABLE 2.

2011 Significant Industrial User Changes in Water Usage **Firms with Increased Flow**

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<u>Company</u>	Change in Flow (gpd)	<u>% Change</u>
AG&G, Inc.	188	17.2%
A. Harrison & Company, Inc.	58	10.9%
Armbrust International, Ltd.	2,204	20.4%
C&C Rhode Island, LLC	1,573	6.3%
Dominion Energy Manchester Street, Inc.	8,193	26.6%
E&M Enterprises, Ltd.	3,136	59.0%
Eastern Color & Chemical Company	752	61.7%
General Plating Company	57	12.9%
Herff Jones, Inc.	1,751	42.1%
International Etching, Inc.	432	13.0%
Ira Green, Inc.	2,512	8.8%
JRB Associates, Inc.	928	12.5%
Mahr Federal, Inc.	509	34.1%
Monarch Metal Finishing, Inc.	6,922	48.9%
Umicore USA, Inc.	3,468	10.0%

Bucklin Point					
<u>Company</u>	Change in Flow (gpd)	% Change			
A.T. Cross Company	302	28.8%			
Accent Plating Company	353	14.6%			
Angelica Textile Service	11,370	13.3%			
Aspen Aerogels Rhode Island, LLC	14,918	110.7%			
HP Services, Inc.	160	64.0%			
Impco, Inc.	378	14.5%			
Interplex Engineered Products, Inc.	2,446	4.4%			
John H. Collins & Sons Co.	257	14.3%			
Materion Technical Materials, Inc.	8,827	19.6%			
Precision Dermatology	104	43.2%			
Providence Metallizing Company, Inc.	3,272	21.8%			
Summit Manufacturing Corporation	1,915	16.9%			
Teknicote, Inc.	679	18.4%			
Truex, Inc.	377	22.8%			
Vital Diagnostics, Inc.	1,048	3,493.3%			

TABLE 2 (continued)

2011 Significant Industrial User Changes in Water UsageFirms with Decreased Flow

Field's Point

<u>Company</u>	Change in Flow (gpd)	<u>% Change</u>
Austin Metal Finishing, Inc.	-749	-87.2%
Callico Metals, Inc. d/b/a Oster Pewter	-233	-17.7%
Crisloid, Inc.	-68	-17.6%
Evans Plating Corporation	-722	-17.5%
Induplate, Inc.	-9,287	-33.8%
International Insignia Corp.	-1,874	-21.3%
Lee's Manufacturing	-2,044	-18.0%
Narragansett Jewelry d/b/a C&J Jewelry	-512	-16.6%
Providence Journal Co Production Facility	-12,281	-37.0%
Universal Plating, Inc.	-131	-24.3%

Bucklin Point

<u>Company</u>	Change in Flow (gpd)	<u>% Change</u>
Bliss Manufacturing	-725	-42.3%
Cintas, Inc.	-6,442	-7.0%
Darlene Group	-252	-30.0%
Fujifilm Electronic Materials USA, Inc.	-4,686	-31.6%
Hord Crystal Corporation	-31	-25.8%
Liquid Blue	-1,941	-14.8%
Microfibres, Inc.	-34,396	-46.6%
Ronald Pratt Company, Inc.	-156	-16.3%
Tanury Industries	-3,757	-6.8%
Tiffany & Company	-319	-27.8%
W. T. Wilson, Inc.	-230	-88.5%

Pretreatment Program Performance Evaluation

Nationally, the EPA assesses the effectiveness of a pretreatment program by reviewing specific data submitted by each program. This data is reported on a standard EPA form entitled the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheet. The Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheet contains general information about the sewage agency, the permitting and compliance status of significant industrial users, and the enforcement actions issued.

The NBC believes that the Pretreatment Program has achieved its stated goals and has been quite effective at reducing and controlling the discharge of toxics into the sewage system. This is evidenced by the fact that user compliance rates are excellent, no incidents of pass through or interference occurred, and treatment plant influent loading goals are being met. As a result, the NBC Pretreatment Program has been recognized twice by the U.S. EPA as being the "Best Pretreatment Program in the Nation", receiving these awards in 1990 and 1998. In addition to the two national awards, the NBC Pretreatment Program received the 2009 EPA Region 1 Excellence Award. The NBC is one of only a few Pretreatment Programs in the nation to receive these prestigious designations three times.

Various factors are reviewed to properly evaluate and measure the effectiveness of a Pretreatment Program. These factors include the following:

- Industrial User Rate of Significant Non-Compliance;
- Effectiveness of Enforcement Response Program;
- Sufficiency of Program Funding and Staffing Levels;
- Application of Local Limits;
- Sufficiency of Statutory Authority and Rules and Regulations;
- Evaluation of recent and proposed program modifications;
- Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheet "Bean Counts".

The NBC routinely reviews all the aforementioned criteria to ensure that the Pretreatment Program satisfies and exceeds all EPA and DEM Pretreatment Program requirements. The following paragraphs detail the NBC efforts with regard to each criteria, as required by RIPDES permit requirements C(7)(i) and C(7)(j).

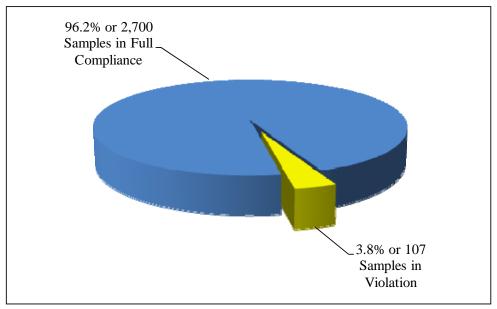
~ Evaluation of Significant Non-Compliance

Through extensive user education efforts, quick enforcement response to user violations and regular monthly reminder telephone calls to users, the Pretreatment Section has over the years reduced its SIU rate of significant non-compliance substantially in both sewage districts. The combined rate of SNC for significant industrial users located in the two NBC sewage districts for 2011 was 4.5%, a slight increase from 2.1% in 2010.

The SIU rate of SNC was dramatically reduced in the Field's Point District from a high of 39.0% in 1992 to 4.3% for 2011, while the SIU rate of SNC for Bucklin Point was reduced from a high of 44.8% in 1994 to 4.8% in 2011. These impressive reductions in the rate of SIU SNC are directly attributed to increased user education efforts made by the NBC Pretreatment staff and by stringent regulatory requirements to promptly identify and correct user violations. These Pretreatment educational efforts include informing users about the EPA SNC violation criteria during all inspections and by sending annual informational letters to remind users about permit requirements and SNC ramifications. Regulatory efforts to reduce SNC include imposing stringent resampling requirements over four consecutive weeks for any effluent monitoring violation, and by the implementation of a procedure to call users prior to a monitoring report being thirty (30) days late past the due date.

As a result of these efforts, the NBC has been able to maintain overall SIU rates of SNC to 10% or below. As can be seen from FIGURE 1, 96.2% of the 2,807 analytical reports reviewed by the Pretreatment staff during 2011 were in full compliance with effluent discharge limitations, standards which are <u>more stringent</u> than EPA categorical standards.

FIGURE 1 USER COMPLIANCE RATE FOR ALL EFFLUENT ANALYSES



2,807 Total Analyses Reviewed

In addition, as shown in CHAPTER IV of this report, the 2011 rate of compliance of categorical users in the two districts was 96.3%, while the compliance rate for significant users was 95.7%. These excellent rates of user compliance with effluent limits are reflected in the long term reductions in toxic loadings to the Field's Point and Bucklin Point treatment facilities, as shown in CHAPTER V of this report.

Five firms located in the Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts were listed in a Public Notice in the Providence Journal on February 24, 2012 as being in SNC for the period from October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. Of the five firms published for being in SNC, three users are located in Field's Point and two users are located in Bucklin Point.

The names of two categorical users were published for SNC, one from Field's Point and one from Bucklin Point. Two non-significant industrial users were listed in the Public Notice, one from Field's Point and one from Bucklin Point. Four of the five firms, or 80.0%, were listed as being in SNC solely for administrative violations such as submitting a report late. One firm listed in the notice was cited as being in SNC solely due to violations of effluent limitations. At the time of publication of this report, all of the facilities cited as being in SNC were back in full compliance with NBC regulations.

~ Effectiveness of NBC Enforcement Response Program

The NBC has a very aggressive and effective enforcement program. The Pretreatment Program issues some type of enforcement action for 100% of all violations observed, in accordance with the NBC's approved Enforcement Response Plan (ERP). The Pretreatment staff works very closely with the NBC Legal Section and has the capability to issue an Administrative Order or Cease and Desist Order immediately, if necessary, to halt illicit discharges as detailed in the approved ERP.

During 2011, the NBC issued 1,904 Notice of Violation letters and collected \$3,000 in administrative penalties. This is clear evidence of the effectiveness of the NBC Enforcement Program. Additional information regarding the Enforcement Program is provided in CHAPTER VI.

~ Sufficiency of Program Funding and Staffing Levels

The NBC has provided continual support and funding to the Pretreatment, EMDA, ESTA, Permits & Planning, and Laboratory Sections, the teams responsible for controlling and reducing toxic loadings to the NBC treatment facilities and Narragansett Bay. This funding commitment has ensured adequate staffing levels necessary to get the job done in an exemplary manner. Additional information regarding the budgets and staffing of these sections is provided in CHAPTER II.

~ Application of Local Limits

The two NBC Wastewater Treatment Facilities have separate and distinct local limits designed to protect each wastewater treatment facility from pass-through and interference, ensuring the proper operation of the facility, to protect the receiving waters of the state, to protect the sludge quality and to protect the health and safety of NBC workers and the

general public. The local limits are rigidly enforced by the NBC Pretreatment staff. The NBC routinely reviews influent, effluent, sludge and receiving water analytical data to ensure that the NBC local limits are appropriate for each treatment facility. Based upon this review and on-going studies being conducted by the NBC, the existing local limits are appropriate and enforceable. A review of the local limits and loading evaluations for each NBC plant is provided in CHAPTER V of this report.

During 2004, the NBC was required to submit a final metals compliance report as required by a Consent Agreement with the DEM (RIA-330). This report included a re-evaluation of local limits for both Field's Point and Bucklin Point using the July 2004 EPA Local Limits Development Guidance. Plant data, background loadings, and site-specific metal translators were developed for both facilities to determine local limits that protect plant operations and infrastructure, human health, and the NBC receiving waters, while allowing for the safe disposal of solids extracted from the collection system. The findings of this report indicate that the current local limits are both appropriate and enforceable. In addition, this report details analytical data indicating that the NBC receiving waters are meeting EPA Water Quality Criteria for toxic pollutants, clearly proving that the local limits are adequate for protecting the receiving waters of Narragansett Bay. A review of recommendations from this report is provided in CHAPTER VII.

~ Sufficiency of Statutory Authority and Rules and Regulations

The Narragansett Bay Commission has statutory authority detailed in the State of Rhode Island General Laws, Title 46, Chapter 25 et seq. This legislation permits the NBC to develop, adopt and enforce Rules and Regulations for use of the sewage system. In 2006, the NBC petitioned the DEM to revise the Rules and Regulations. The NBC requested revisions to the Significant Non-Compliance definitions as required by the EPA Pretreatment Streamlining rules as well as voluntary changes outlined by the Streamlining rules. These Revisions can be found in Article 2 of the Rules and Regulations. Other revisions concerning the Pretreatment Program were made to clarify existing regulations. In addition, the NBC made minor revisions to the Rules and Regulations regarding sewer connections. The DEM reviewed the submittal and deemed the revisions to be a non-substantial Pretreatment Program modification and approved them. A public hearing on the revisions was held on October 30, 2006. The revised Rules and Regulations became effective on December 20, 2006. The NBC Rules and Regulations satisfy all EPA and DEM requirements and are fully enforceable. The NBC Rules and Regulations are available on-line at www.narrabay.com.

~ Evaluation of Recent and Proposed Program Modifications

The NBC has an approved Enforcement Response Plan (ERP). The initial ERP was approved by the DEM and adopted by the NBC in 1994. This ERP outlined the actions the NBC would take to escalate enforcement against companies violating the NBC Rules and Regulations and the terms of their Wastewater Discharge Permits. Escalated enforcement actions may include the issuance of Administrative Orders, Compliance Orders or Cease and Desist Orders.

The NBC re-evaluated its approach to user compliance after the ERP was originally adopted in 1994. The revised approach is proactive and educational in nature. Many educational programs have been developed and implemented. These programs educate users on the NBC Rules and Regulations, their permit requirements, and assist them to achieve and maintain compliance. Pretreatment and ESTA staff work together with the implementation of these programs. These programs have been very successful at bringing non-compliant users into compliance and have contributed to the reduction in the number of users in significant non-compliance with NBC and EPA regulations.

Even with the implementation of these proactive, educational programs, the NBC takes non-compliance with its Rules and Regulations very seriously. Therefore, Notices of Violation (NOV) are issued for every violation of the NBC Rules and Regulations and permit requirements. The issuance of escalated enforcement action in the form of an Administrative Order may be necessary to protect the NBC's treatment facilities and subsequently Narragansett Bay. In cases where there is not imminent endangerment to NBC facilities or the health of Narragansett Bay, there may be a deferment in the time before the issuance of an Administrative Order to allow ESTA staff the opportunity to work with industry to address compliance issues. The NBC revised the ERP to accurately reflect the proactive, educational approach. The revision was required by the RIPDES permits issued by the DEM to the NBC in December 2001. The NBC revised the ERP in 2002 to accurately reflect the enforcement protocols followed by the NBC. The final ERP was approved by the DEM in September 2003.

In 2004, the NBC implemented a non-substantial change in the allowable pH limitations for both treatment facilities. The change standardized the pH limitations at both treatment facilities to 5.0 standard units (s.u.) - 11.0 s.u. at all times. Previously the pH limitations were 5.0 s.u. - 10.0 s.u. in Field's Point and 5.5 s.u. - 9.5 s.u. in Bucklin Point. The NBC requested this modification in a request to revise the Rules and Regulations. The DEM determined the modification to be a non-substantial program modification and these changes became effective on December 13, 2004. There were no Pretreatment Program modifications in 2011.

~ Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheets

The U.S. EPA measures the effectiveness of a Pretreatment Program by tracking routine activities performed by the program. These include the number of users of each type, number of violations cited, number of inspections conducted, number of permits issued, number of sampling events conducted, amount of penalties assessed, etc. This information, commonly referred to as "the bean counts", is provided in the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheets. The Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheets, one for each NBC sewage district, are provided in TABLES 3 and 5 and detail the 2011 accomplishments of the NBC Pretreatment, Environmental Monitoring, and Enforcement Programs. In early 2008, the EPA revised the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheet. The revised summary sheets can be found in TABLES 4 and 6.

NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

FIELD'S POINT DISTRICT

PRETREATMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

1. General Information

Control Authority Name	Narragansett Bay Commission	
Address (treatment facility)	2 Ernest Street, Providence, RI 02905	
(main office)	1 Service Road, Providence, RI 02905	
(pretreatment office)	2 Ernest Street, Providence, RI 02905	
Contact Persons	Raymond Marshall, P.E., Executive Director	
	Thomas P. Uva, PP&R Director	
	Kerry M. Britt, Pretreatment Manager	
Contact Telephone	(401) 461-8848	
RIPDES Number	RI 0100315	
Reporting Period	January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011	
Total Categorical Industrial Users as of the date of this report (throughout the reporting period)	36 (38) (See Note 1)	
Total Significant Non-Categorical		
IUs as of the date of this report (throughout	9 (9)	
the reporting period)		
Total # Significant Industrial Users	45 (47) (See Note 1)	
(SIUs)		

2. Significant Industrial User (SIU) Compliance

		Significant Industrial Users	
		Categorical	Non-Categorical
1.	# Of SIUs Submitting BMRs/# Required	6/6	0/0
2.	# Of SIUs Submitting 90-Day Compliance	1/1	0/0
	Reports/# Required	1/1	0/0
3.	# Of SIUs in SNC with Pretreatment		
	Compliance Schedule/ # Required To Meet	0/0	0/0
	Schedule		
4.	# Of SIUs In Significant Noncompliance With		
	Self Monitoring Reporting Requirements and	0	0
	have not returned to compliance		
5.	# Of SIUs in SNC for Violating Effluent or		
	Reporting Requirements and have Not had	0	0
	Adequate Enforcement Action by POTW		
6.	# Of SIUs in SNC with Reporting Requirements	0	0
	At End of Report Period	0	0
7.	# Of SIUs in SNC With Effluent Requirements	0	0
	At End of Report Period	0	U

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3. Compliance Monitoring Program

		Significant Industrial Users	
		Categorical	Non-Categorical
1.	# Of Control Documents Issued/# Required	6/6	0/0
2.	# Of SIUs Without Active (Expired) Permits	0	0
3.	# Of SIUs With Permits Expired For 180 Days Or More	0	0
4.	# Of Non-Sampling Inspections Conducted	183	45
5.	# Of Sampling Visits Conducted	97	27
6.	# Of Facilities Inspected (Nonsampling)	42	10
7.	# Of Facilities Sampled	40	10
8.	# Of SIUs (Both) Not Inspected And Not Sampled By POTW In Past 12 Months	0	0
9.	# Of SIUs Not Sampled/Not Inspected By POTW In Past 12 Months	0	0/0
10.	# Of SIUs in SNC with Self Monitoring and Not Inspected and Not Sampled in the Past 12 Months	0	0

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PRETREATMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

4. Enforcement Actions

		Significant Users			
		Categorical	Non- Categorical	Non- Significant	Total All Users
1.	Compliance Schedules Issued	0	0	0	0
2.	Notices Of Violation Issued	293	19	918	1,230
3.	Admin. Orders Issued	0	0	0	0
4.	Combined Total Of Administrative Orders and Notices of Violation	293	19	918	1,230
5.	Civil Suits Filed	0	0	0	0
6.	Criminal Suits Filed	0	0	0	0
7.	Combined Total of Civil and Criminal Suits	0	0	0	0
8a.	Published IUs in SNC (See Newspaper Notice in Enforcement Chapter)	4	0	9	13
8b.	Rate of IUs in SNC	1/38 = 2.6%	1/9 = 11.1%	N/A	N/A
9a.	Amount Of Penalties Collected (Total Dollars/IUs Assessed)	0/0	0/0	\$0/0	0/0
9b.	Amount Of Penalties Assessed (Total Dollars/IUs Assessed)	\$0/0	\$0/0	\$0/0	\$0/0
10.	# of IUs Subject to Any Enforcement Action	33	6	406	445
11.	Other Actions (Permit Suspensions, Sewer Bans, Etc.)	0	0	0	0

I certify that the information contained in the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheet is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

/s/ Kerry M. Britt March 15, 2012

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PRETREATMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

Notes Regarding the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheets

Note 1: Numbers in parentheses () reflect totals for users classified as

significant for some time during the reporting period. Some of these companies are no longer classified as SIUs since they may have changed process operations eliminating discharges to the

sewer.

NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION FIELD'S POINT DISTRICT

REVISED PRETREATMENT REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

POTW Name:	Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)
NPDES Permit #:	RI0100315
Pretreatment Report Period Start Date:	January 1, 2011
Pretreatment Report Period End Date:	December 31, 2011
# of Significant Industrial Users (SIUs):	45 (47) (See Note 1)
# of SIUs Without Control Mechanisms:	0
# of SIUs not Inspected:	0
# of SIUs not Sampled:	2
# of SIUs in Significant Noncompliance (SNC) with Pretreatment Standards:	1
# of SIUs in SNC with Reporting Requirements:	1
# of SIUs in SNC with Pretreatment Compliance Schedule:	0
# of SIUs in SNC Published in Newspaper:	2
# of SIUs with Compliance Schedules:	0
# of Violation Notices Issued to SIUs:	312
# of Administrative Orders Issued to SIUs:	0
# of Civil Suits Filed Against SIUs:	0
# of Criminal Suits Filed Against SIUs:	0
# of Categorical Industrial Users (CIUs):	36 (38) (See Note 1)
# of CIUs in SNC:	1
Penalties Total Dollar Amount of Penalties Collected:	\$3,000.00
# of IUs from which Penalties have been collected:	1

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FIELD'S POINT DISTRICT

REVISED PRETREATMENT REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Local Limits Date of Most Recent Technical Evaluation of Local Limits:	September 30, 2004
Date of Most Recent Adoption of Technically Based Local Limits:	1987

Pollutant	Limit (mg/l)	MAHL (lb/day) (See Note 2)
Cadmium	0.11	6.1
Chromium	2.77	102.2
Copper	1.20	46.3
Lead	0.60	23.4
Mercury	0.005	0.5
Nickel	1.62	57.9
Silver	0.43	10.8
Zinc	2.61	137.0
Cyanide	0.58	2.4
Selenium	-	436.5
Arsenic	-	2.5

Note 1: Numbers in parentheses () reflect totals for users classified as significant for some time during the reporting period.

Some of these companies are no longer classified as SIUs since they may have changed process operations eliminating discharges to the sewer.

Note 2: MAHL values were recalculated as a part of the Local Limits Re-evaluation that was submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in September 2004.

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PRETREATMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

1. General Information

Control Authority Name		Narragansett Bay Commission		
Address	(treatment facility)	102 Campbell Avenue, East Providence, RI 02916		
	(main office)	1 Service Road, Providence, RI 02905		
	(pretreatment office)	2 Ernest Street, Providence, RI 02905		
Contact Pe	ersons	Raymond Marshall, P.E., Executive Director		
		Thomas P. Uva, PP&R Director		
		Kerry M. Britt, Pretreatment Manager		
Contact Te	elephone	(401) 461-8848		
RIPDES N	umber	RI 0100072		
Reporting	Period	January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011		
Total Cate	gorical Industrial Users			
as of the da	te of this report (throughout	26 (27) (See Note 1)		
the reportin	g period)			
Total Signi	ificant Non-Categorical			
IUs as of the date of this report		15 (15)		
	t the reporting period)			
Total # Significant Industrial Users (SIUs)		41 (42) (See Note 1)		

2. Significant Industrial User (SIU) Compliance

		Significant Industrial Users		
		Categorical	Non-Categorical	
1.	# Of SIUs Submitting BMRs/# Required	4/4	3/7	
2.	# Of SIUs Submitting 90-Day Compliance Reports/# Required	1/1	0/0	
3.	# Of SIUs in SNC with Pretreatment Compliance Schedule/ # Required To Meet Schedule	0/0	0/0	
4.	# Of SIUs In Significant Noncompliance With Self Monitoring Reporting Requirements and have not returned to compliance	0	0	
5.	# Of SIUs in SNC for Violating Effluent or Reporting Requirements and have Not had Adequate Enforcement Action by POTW	0	0	
6.	# Of SIUs in SNC with Reporting Requirements <u>At</u> <u>End</u> of Report Period	0	0	
7.	# Of SIUs in SNC With Effluent Requirements <u>At</u> <u>End</u> of Report Period	0	0	

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PRETREATMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

3. Compliance Monitoring Program

		Significant Industrial Users			
		Categorical	Non-Categorical		
1.	# Of Control Documents Issued/# Required	4/4	3/3		
2.	# Of SIUs Without Active (Expired) Permits	0	0		
3.	# Of SIUs With Permits Expired For 180 Days Or More	0	0		
4.	# Of Non-Sampling Inspections Conducted	124	61		
5.	# Of Sampling Visits Conducted	69	32		
6.	# Of Facilities Inspected (Nonsampling)	27	16		
7.	# Of Facilities Sampled	27	16		
8.	# Of SIUs (Both) Not Inspected And Not Sampled By POTW In Past 12 Months	0	0		
9.	# Of SIUs Not Sampled/Not Inspected By POTW In Past 12 Months	0/0	0/0		
10.	# Of SIUs in SNC with Self Monitoring and Not Inspected and Not Sampled in the Past 12 Months	0	0		

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PRETREATMENT PERFORMANCE SUMMARY SHEET

4. Enforcement Actions

		Significant Users			
		Categorical	Non- Categorical	Non- Significant	Total All Users
1.	Compliance Schedules Issued	0	0	0	0
2.	Notices Of Violation Issued	86	89	499	674
3.	Admin. Orders Issued	0	0	0	0
4.	Combined Total Of Administrative Orders and Notices of Violation	86	89	499	674
5.	Civil Suits Filed		0	0	0
6.	Criminal Suits Filed	0	0	0	0
7.	Combined Total of Civil and Criminal Suits	0	0	0	0
8a.	Published IUs in SNC (See Newspaper Notice in Enforcement Chapter)	4	1	4	9
8b.	Rate of IUs in SNC	1/27 = 3.7%	1/15 = 6.7%	N/A	N/A
9a.	Amount Of Penalties Collected (Total Dollars/IUs Assessed)	\$0/0	\$0/0	\$0/0	\$0/0
9b.	Amount of Penalties Assessed (Total Dollars/IUs Assessed)	\$0/0	\$0/0	\$0/0	\$0/0
10.	# of IUs Subject to Any Enforcement Action	19	10	218	247
11.	Other Actions (Sewer Bans, Etc.)	0	0	0	0

I certify that the information contained in the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheet is complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

Kerry M. Britt March 15, 2012

AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE

DATE

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Notes Regarding the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheets

Note 1: Numbers in parentheses () reflect totals for users classified as significant for some time during the reporting period. Some of

these companies are no longer classified as SIUs since they may have changed process operations eliminating discharges to the

sewer.

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REVISED PRETREATMENT REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

POTW Name:	Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC)
NPDES Permit #:	RI0100072
Pretreatment Report Period Start Date:	January 1, 2011
Pretreatment Report Period End Date:	December 31, 2011
# of Significant Industrial Users (SIUs):	41 (42) (See Note 1)
# of SIUs Without Control Mechanisms:	0
# of SIUs not Inspected:	0
# of SIUs not Sampled:	0
# of SIUs in Significant Noncompliance (SNC) with Pretreatment Standards:	0
# of SIUs in SNC with Reporting Requirements:	0
# of SIUs in SNC with Pretreatment Compliance Schedule:	0
# of SIUs in SNC Published in Newspaper:	0
# of SIUs with Compliance Schedules:	0
# of Violation Notices Issued to SIUs:	175
# of Administrative Orders Issued to SIUs:	0
# of Civil Suits Filed Against SIUs:	0
# of Criminal Suits Filed Against SIUs:	0
# of Categorical Industrial Users (CIUs):	26 (27) (See Note 1)
# of CIUs in SNC:	1
Penalties Total Dollar Amount of Penalties Collected:	\$0
# of IUs from which Penalties have been collected:	0

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BUCKLIN POINT DISTRICT

REVISED PRETREATMENT REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011

Local Limits Date of Most Recent Technical Evaluation of Local Limits:	September 30, 2007
Date of Most Recent Adoption of Technically Based Local Limits:	1991

Pollutant	Limit (mg/l)	MAHL (lb/day) (See Note 2)
Cadmium	0.11	1.4
Chromium	2.77	28.6
Hexavalent Chromium	-	51.3
Copper	1.20	8.0
Lead	0.69	7.5
Mercury	0.06	0.03
Nickel	1.62	3.6
Silver	0.40	1.1
Zinc	1.67	45.2
Cyanide	0.50	0.3
Selenium	0.40	1.7
Arsenic	0.20	0.68

Note 1: Numbers in parentheses () reflect totals for users classified as significant for some time during the reporting period. Some of these companies are no longer classified as SIUs since they may have changed process operations eliminating discharges to the sewer.

Note 2: MAHL values were recalculated as a part of the Local Limits Re-evaluation that was submitted to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management in September 2004.

II.	PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION

RIPDES Permit Numbers

On September 30, 1992, the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, (DEM) Office of Water Resources issued RIPDES permit number RI 0100315 to the NBC for its Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility. This permit became effective on October 30, 1992 and superseded the permit issued on April 4, 1979. The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) RIPDES permit number for the Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facility is RI 0100072. This permit was issued on January 2, 1991 to the former Blackstone Valley District Commission. On December 31, 2001, the DEM issued new RIPDES permits for the two NBC wastewater treatment facilities. The NBC had appealed several conditions of these permits and worked with the DEM throughout 2003 to resolve issues of concern. A Consent Agreement, RIA-330, resolving the appealed conditions was signed by both parties and became effective in January 2004. In June 2006 Consent Agreements (CA) for both facilities were signed by the DEM and the NBC and became effective. The CAs imposed nutrient limitations for both the Field's Point and Bucklin Point wastewater treatment facilities. Both CAs detail requirements which the NBC must satisfy in order to achieve compliance with the limitations, and impose interim limitations until such requirements are implemented. The RIPDES permits for both facilities have expired, however these permits remain in full effect until the DEM issues new permits the NBC.

Personnel

At the NBC, the control and reduction of toxic and nuisance discharges to the sewer system is a team effort consisting of staff from all sections of the Division of Planning, Policy & Regulation (PP&R). The PP&R Division works closely with and relies upon the resources of many other NBC Sections to achieve its goal of protecting the two NBC treatment facilities and ultimately Narragansett Bay. From the wastewater operators that report unusual influents to the legal staff that issues escalated enforcement actions against violators, environmental protection is a team effort at the NBC. The organizational plan of the NBC is provided in FIGURE 2, while the organizational plan of the PP&R Division is provided in FIGURE 3.

The PP&R Division consists of the Pretreatment, Environmental, Safety & Technical Assistance (ESTA), Permits & Planning, Environmental Monitoring & Data Analysis (EMDA), and the Laboratory Sections. The PP&R Division is responsible for developing, implementing, and performing source reduction and control activities and programs for the NBC. The Pretreatment Section works to control the discharge of toxics through regulatory and user educational mechanisms, while the ESTA Section achieves pollutant reductions through user education efforts and by providing free technical assistance. Both sections rely upon the services and expertise of the EMDA and Laboratory Sections. The EMDA Section conducts user, river, treatment facility, and manhole monitoring activities and is responsible for logging and reviewing data reported on samples analyzed by the Laboratory Section.

FIGURE 2 Narragansett Bay Commission

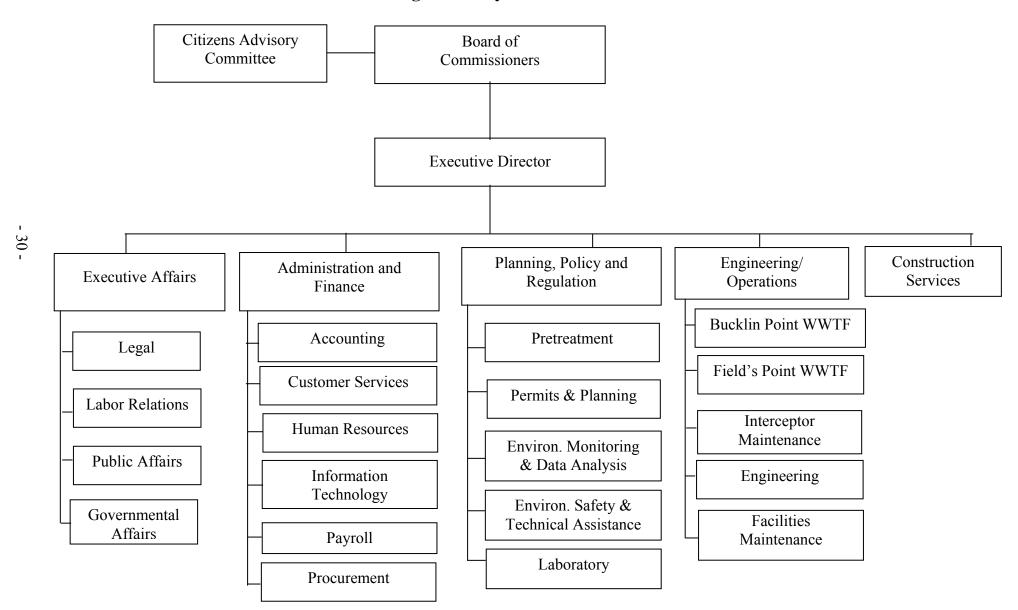
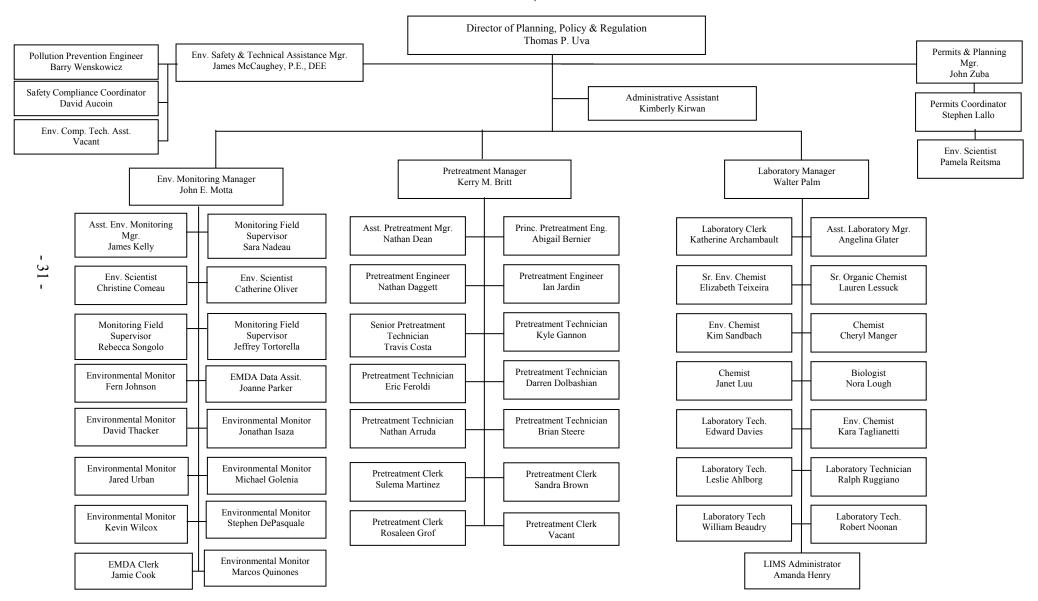


FIGURE 3
Narragansett Bay Commission
Division of Planning, Policy & Regulation
March 15, 2012



During 2011, there were no personnel changes in the Pretreatment, Laboratory and Permits and Planning Sections.

During 2011 there was one personnel change in the EMDA Section. In April 2011 Ernest Nastari vacated his Environmental Monitor position. This vacant Environmental Monitor position was filled in June 2011 by Jonathan Isaza.

In 2011, David Aucoin vacated the Environmental Compliance Technical Assistant position to fill the vacant Safety Compliance Coordinator position. The Environmental Compliance Coordinator position remains vacant.

Staff Training

The NBC provides extensive training to its employees and has a tuition reimbursement program to assist employees in furthering their education. During 2011, various personnel received training by attending seminars and classes in many areas including safety, technical and office productivity.

The NBC places a high value on the safety of its employees. Therefore safety training is provided to all personnel. The following lists the safety trainings provided in 2011:

- Air Monitoring Equipment
- CPR/AED
- Defensive Driving
- Emergency Action Plans
- Environmental Health & Safety Awareness
- Facility Action Plans
- Fire Safety
- Port of Providence Evacuation Drill
- Personal Protective Equipment

- Healthy Back, Slips, Trips and Falls
- Occupational Hearing Safety
- Permit Required Confined Space
- Violence Risk Reduction
- Man Overboard Training
- Infectious Materials Exposure Control Training
- Work Zone Safety
- First Aid
- Supervisor Awareness

To ensure that staff can adequately perform their job functions technical training is provided. Staff often suggests topics for training. The following is a list of the technical trainings provided to Pretreatment, EMDA, ESTA and Laboratory personnel during 2011:

- Significant Non-Compliance Determination
- Interdepartmental Training
- Spill Response and Tracking
- 40 Hour HAZWOPER Training
- NBC Hazardous Waste Training
- YSI Sonde
- Importance of Facility Flow Data
- New Employee Safety Training
- 8-Hour HAZWOPER Refresher Training
- NBC Sewer Connection, Sewer Alterations and Storm Water Programs
- Permit System Computer Training
- Boating Safety Education
- Sewer Connection Permit Review
- Vacation Shut Down Inspections
- Boom Deployment



Boom Deployment Training at Bucklin Point

PP&R staff are encouraged to attend conferences and workshops to educate themselves on current and emerging issues in the wastewater and environmental fields. The technical conferences and workshops that were attended in 2011 are as follows:

- 2011 EPA New England Regional Pretreatment Coordinators Conference
- 2011 National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Conference
- DEM/URI Auto Body Environmental Results Program Workshop
- Massachusetts Pretreatment Forum
- North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium 2011 Annual Pretreatment Conference
- 2011 NEWEA Annual Conference
- North East Bio-Solids and Energy Conference
- Greenhouse Gas Reporting
- National Grid Energy Conservation Workshop for Wastewater Treatment Facilities
- 2011 NFPA Conference and Expo
- Implementing Globally Harmonized System of Classification in Labelling for Workplace Results
- Emerging Pollutants/Passive Sampling
- 13th Annual Laboratory Symposium: Current Issues Impacting Drinking Water Laboratories
- Thermo Scientific AA, ICP-OES and ICP-MS User Group
- QA/QC Requirements for Accurate & Defensible NPDES Data
- Wastewater Microbiology & Process Control
- Identification and Control of Filamentous Bacteria
- Trace Metals Analysis and Contamination Control Update

- X Series ICP-MS Operations
- iCAP 6000 Series Operation
- Whole Effluent Toxicity Under the Micro (Constituents) Scope: What Can We See?
- A Day on the Upper Bay: Current Monitoring, Research, Source Reduction Progress & Future Challenges.
- Occupational Health and Safety (OSHA) 10 Hour General Industry
- OSHA Injury and Record Keeping
- Prevent and Predict Workplace Injuries
- Workplace Violence
- Tornadoes Workshop
- 2011 Atlantic States Water and Wastewater Association (ASRWWA) Conference
- National Grid on Energy Efficiency Expo
- Solar Energy Workshop
- Wind Power as a Neighbor Experience and Techniques
- ARRA Grants
- Time to Replace Your AEDs
- Evaluating Human Health Risks in Recreational Waters: New Insights from Epidemiology and Microbial Risk Assement
- EPA Mussel Toxicity
- Tools for Developing State Nitrogen and Phosphorus Pollution reduction Strategies
- Electrical ARC-Flash Safety and Risk Management in Water and Wastewater Facilities
- Reputation Repair: How to Restore Your Image After a Crisis

In order to ensure productivity remains efficient and of high quality, staff participate in many administrative trainings. The trainings that staff participated in during 2011 are as follows:

- Excel I
- Sharepoint Training
- Microsoft Word I
- Performance Management
- Communicating with Diplomacy and Professionalism
- Excel II
- Outlook Email & Beyond

- Windows 7
- Improving Communication Skills for Success
- OSHA Compliance 2011
- Microsoft Office 2010
- Civil Rights & Sexual Harassment Orientation
- Microsoft Word II
- Hansen 8

The NBC provides a tuition reimbursement program to encourage its employees to further their education. The college courses that staff attended during 2011 are as follows:

Abstract Algebra

The NBC provides 40 Hour HAZWOPER training to all new Pretreatment, ESTA and EMDA personnel. The 40 hour training program is required by OSHA of all emergency response personnel that may be first responders to chemical spills or who may work at hazardous waste sites. This training includes hands-on use of Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment, respirators, personal protective equipment, air and water monitoring equipment, etc. Staff members were instructed in First Aid, CPR, confined space entry, hazardous waste handling, toxicology and spill and hazardous waste site control and coordination.



An eight hour HAZWOPER recertification training session is provided annually to Pretreatment, EMDA, and ESTA personnel that have previously completed the 40-hour HAZWOPER training program. The eight hour recertification training session is required by OSHA annually as a refresher class. Since 2003, the NBC has conducted the eight hour HAZWOPER Recertification Training in house. The recertification program consists of many sessions, such as confined space entry, spill tracking, boom deployment, personal protective equipment, basic chemistry, use of air monitoring equipment, CPR/AED and first aid. The training sessions are held throughout the year. This inhouse method of training is a more comprehensive program that is better suited to the NBC's needs.

NBC Toxics Reduction, Control and Monitoring Program Budgets

The NBC is committed to protecting the two wastewater treatment facilities and Narragansett Bay from toxic discharges. This pledge to protect the environment is evidenced by the NBC's continued commitment to ensure adequate staffing and funding levels for the PP&R Division as necessary to ensure environmental protection. The PP&R Division budget for fiscal year 2012 (FY12) was \$5,283,399. The FY12 PP&R Division budget allocated \$4,353,073 or 82.4% to personnel costs.

The approved FY12 Pretreatment budget was \$1,015,382, a decrease from the prior year's budget of \$1,051,753. The FY12 Pretreatment budget allocated 97.0%, or \$985,302, to personnel costs.

The budget for the EMDA Section in FY12 was \$1,569,367, of which 79.8% or \$1,251,657 was attributed to personnel expenses. The FY12 EMDA budget increased by 11.5%, or \$161,565 from the previous year.

The ESTA budget for FY12 was \$350,001 a decrease of \$4,896 from the FY11 budget of \$354,897. The approved FY12 Laboratory budget was \$1,863,197, a decrease of 1.1% or \$20,376 from the previous year. The approved FY12 Permits & Planning budget was \$485,452. Personnel costs associated with the ESTA, Laboratory and Permits & Planning Sections budgets were 95.0%, 71.4% and 96.8% respectively.

In 1983, the R.I. General Assembly passed Public Law 1983, Chapter 235 which required that the NBC begin direct billing of sewer users effective July 1, 1985 and that all sewer use rates be subject to review and approval by the RI Public Utilities Commission (PUC). On July 1, 1995, a new permit fee rate structure approved by the PUC became effective to ensure recovery of Pretreatment costs. These rates were increased in 2003 in accordance with a PUC Rate hearing. This permit fee rate structure is provided in CHAPTER III.

Pretreatment Information Management Computer System

The NBC Pretreatment software system is a Graphical User Interface (GUI) System that was completely developed in-house by the NBC Information Technology (IT) Section and was put on line during 2004. User Wastewater Discharge Permits and Zero Process-Sanitary Discharge Permits are now uploaded to the Pretreatment System and can be viewed on all desktop computers. The software also allows entry of photographs of users' sampling locations, pretreatment systems and surveillance manholes to be uploaded to the system. The Pretreatment software currently interfaces with the NBC Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS). It also currently interfaces with the Customer Service software which was also developed by NBC IT Staff. The Pretreatment software will eventually be able to interface with a Geographic Information System (GIS)

The Pretreatment software system was developed to track the requirements specified by the DEM in the RIPDES permits issued to the NBC. The Pretreatment software package has the following capabilities:

- Ability to track users in multiple drainage districts with different local limits and analyze the user data either separately or collectively.
- Ability to create a file for each user containing information pertinent to the user such as company name, address, permit number, company contacts, compliance status, solvents and chemicals used, user classification, user category, water usage, permit history, inspection history, the key manhole that the user discharges to, sample locations, monitoring requirements, reporting requirements, etc.
- Automatically generate form letters, based on data entered into the system, to notify users that are not meeting standards or have failed to submit monitoring results.
- Subroutines that summarize compliance monitoring and other user requirements and print the data in a format suitable for inclusion in the annual report.

- Maintain a user requirements file for tracking of user compliance with administrative orders, compliance schedules, submittal due dates, and other requirements that are issued to users to ensure that user requirements are met on time. Notice of Violation letters are generated automatically to notify the user of noncompliance with specified deadlines.
- Ability to maintain files of NBC and EPA pretreatment standards and compare monitoring results with these standards to automatically generate a Notice of Violation form letter notifying user of Failure to Meet Standards.
- Subroutines to review monitoring data to determine a user's compliance with standards for any time period specified. These subroutines are used to determine the "List of Firms in Significant Non-Compliance" for exceeding discharge standards 66% of the time or the EPA TRC value of 1.2 times the standard for metals and cyanide and 1.4 times the standard for oil and grease 33% of the time.
- Ability to send out mailings to specific users or various categories or classifications of users to notify them of changes in standards, requirements, etc.
- Subroutines that allow input, output, tracking and maintenance of a list of all
 inspections performed and the type of the inspection conducted for any specified
 reporting period.
- Ability to run an "EPA Counts" program that will review and analyze all user data for any specified time period and print out pertinent data that must be routinely reported to the EPA and the local control authority.
- Subroutines that track worker performance, such as number of inspections and meetings conducted, permits written, number of active assigned users, and the number of days required by the worker to process user submittals.
- Ability to enter industrial and sanitary manhole monitoring data and create reports based upon this data.
- Ability to track and print out any changes in user classification from significant to non-significant status or vice versa, the date of the change, and the engineer that made the change.
- Ability to print out a report of all companies with the number of batch, non-batch, and pH violations for any specified reporting period.
- Ability to print out a list of all companies indicating the number of months since the last sampling or non-sampling inspection.
- Subroutines that track the number of user parameter violations and analyze and track pollutant loadings for various classes of users.

The Pretreatment and IT Sections continue to develop subroutines to provide more comprehensive reports.

Public Information and Education Methods

One of the most effective means of ensuring user compliance is through continued user education regarding environmental problems, NBC programs and ever-changing regulations. The NBC is committed to user education and public information. The NBC Public Affairs Office, in conjunction with the staffs of the ESTA and Pretreatment Sections continually inform users of various NBC activities. The Commission uses several means for providing public education about the goals, requirements, and accomplishments of the NBC source reduction and control programs. These include the following:

- Mailings to users informing them of pretreatment requirements;
- Newspaper and Magazine Articles, Public Notices, and the NBC Newsletter;
- Development and distribution of educational fact sheets and technical bulletins;
- Public Meetings, Workshops, and Hearings;
- Displays at Public Events;
- The NBC's Citizens Advisory Committee.

During the past twelve months, the Commission used all of these means to keep users and the community informed of the requirements, activities and accomplishments of the NBC source reduction and control program. Activities in each of the above-listed categories are described in the following paragraphs.

Mailings

During 2011, the NBC sent ten informational letters to various categories of regulated users located in the two districts. The first informational letter was issued on March 4, 2011. This letter was issued to all users who were published in the Providence Journal on February 22, 2011 for being in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) for the reporting period of October 1, 2009 through December 31, 2010 as mandated by EPA regulations. The letter included an invoice to be paid by the user for its share of the cost to publish the notice.

The second informational letter was sent to all Significant Industrial Users (SIU) on March 11, 2011 and notified the users they were classified by the NBC as SIUs. This form letter is issued annually to remind SIUs of their reporting requirements outlined in 40CFR §403.12.

The third informational letter was issued to all permitted users on March 17, 2011. This letter announced the seventeenth annual NBC Environmental Merit Awards program and invited users to nominate their companies for an award.

The fourth informational letter was sent to all SIUs on March 17, 2011. This letter recognized and congratulated the thirteen SIUs that achieved perfect compliance in 2010.

The fifth informational letter was sent to all industrial users on March 23, 2011 and notified the users of the EPA SNC criteria which is used by the NBC. The letter explained the NBC permit and reporting requirements.

The sixth form letter was issued to all industrial users on June 2, 2011 notifying them that prohibited substances should not be discharged to the NBC sewer system during the summer shut down and clean-up period. The letter warned users that civil and criminal penalties would be strictly enforced against violators caught illegally dumping.

The seventh informational letter was sent to auto body companies located in the NBC districts on October 24, 2011. This letter informed these companies about the RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) self-certification program to comply with the regulations overseeing auto body repair facilities.

The eighth informational letter was sent on December 1, 2011 to all industrial users. The letter reminded the industrial users to manage and dispose of wastes properly during the holiday shut down and wished them a happy holiday season.

The ninth informational letter was issued on December 7, 2011 to all facilities using #4, #5, or #6 fuel oil. The letter recommended that the companies inspect their heating systems to prevent accidental releases of fuel oil to the sewer system.

The ninth and final form letter was issued to all permitted septage haulers on December 23, 2011 to transmit vehicle identification stickers and to notify the haulers that discharges would not be permitted without a valid sticker.

Copies of these nine informational letters are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME 1, SECTION 1.

Newspaper and Magazine Articles, and Public Notices and the NBC Newsletter

The NBC routinely issues press releases on its activities and discusses events relating to pretreatment and other environmental matters with reporters. Articles pertaining to the NBC have appeared in newspapers and magazines over the past year relating to:

- Educational workshops, meetings and articles by the ESTA and Pretreatment Programs;
- Articles regarding NBC personnel;

- NBC Progress on Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project;
- Public and community outreach projects;
- Capital Improvements for NBC facilities;
- Water Quality;
- Permitting Issues;
- NBC Energy Projects.

Copies of each of the aforementioned newspaper and magazine articles are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 1. The NBC also published numerous Public Notices regarding the following topics:

- Public Notice listing the names of firms in Significant Non-Compliance;
- Public Notice listing the names of Significant Industrial Users in Perfect Compliance;
- Public Notice announcing the NBC Environmental Merit and Regulatory Compliance Award winners;
- Public Notices of Rate Filing and Public Hearings regarding various NBC projects and informational meetings.

In addition to public notices, newspaper and magazine articles, the NBC also publishes notices requesting proposals and qualifications, issues press releases, publishes a newsletter which is sent to all permitted users, and develops educational brochures and fact sheets. The NBC newsletter informs the users of various NBC activities including: improvements at the treatment facilities, billing activities, reductions in toxic loadings, water conservation, and pollution prevention. Copies of the 2011 public notices and NBC newsletters are included in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 1.

Public Relations & Outreach Events

Public participation and outreach has played an essential part of fulfilling the challenging goal of increasing public awareness and understanding of wastewater treatment. A summary of this year's highlights include:

Facility Tours - In 2011, over 2,000 visitors took a complimentary tour of the NBC wastewater treatment facilities. These visitors ranged from school children to university students to engineers. To make the tours even more accessible to area students, the NBC offered school bus scholarships to help defray transportation costs for schools in the NBC service district.

- World Toilet Day 2011 In 2011, the NBC again asked local student artists to celebrate World Toilet Day. Over 100 students provided "artistically enhanced" toilet seats that illustrated a variety of global and local clean water issues. The seats were displayed at the Firehouse 13 Gallery in Providence in November 2011. The NBC received a national public education award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) for this event.
- Maintaining a Presence on the World Wide Web (www.narrabay.com) To further improve communications with our customers, the NBC continued to enhance its website. Traffic and construction information relating to the NBC Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) project are regularly updated on the site. In 2011, the website was enhanced with more news and communication venues for users and rate payers. In June 2011, the NBC launched a water quality website "Snapshot of Upper Narragansett Bay". This website contains fact sheets, monitoring and data reports regarding water quality. The public is able to easily download all NBC receiving water monitoring data. The NBC also launched a Facebook page and twitter feed in 2011
- Advocacy for Clean Water In 2011, the NBC worked with over 1600 WWTFs nationwide to advocate for federal funding for clean water infrastructure. The NBC Executive Director communicated directly with the Rhode Island Congressional delegation, presenting the municipal perspective on infrastructure needs for the next two decades.
- Teaching Children About Water Conservation and Wastewater Treatment During 2011, the NBC continued to work with area schools to educate children about the impacts of pollution on water quality. During the year the NBC worked with eleven schools and 500 students. The program named Woon Watershed Explorers Program, involved monthly classroom visits, journal writing and awarding student achievement badges. In 2007, the program won a national public education award from the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA). In 2011, the NBC continued its successful 2009 pilot water quality education program with high school students from The Met School in Providence.
- Celebrating the Importance of Narragansett Bay For the seventeenth year, the NBC sponsored its annual poster contest for elementary school students in kindergarten through sixth grade. Over 600 students enthusiastically illustrated clean water themes with colorful, original depictions of the importance of our water resources. Winners received a U.S. savings bond and had their artwork showcased in a year 2012 calendar poster. In addition, the winning posters were exhibited at the Blackstone Valley Visitors Center.
- Recognizing Students for Environmental Awareness For the nineteenth consecutive year, the NBC has participated in the Rhode Island State Science and Technology Fair and presented savings bonds to those junior and senior high school students who best demonstrate how to achieve a cleaner Narragansett Bay.

- Student Internships The NBC continued its tradition of opening its doors to provide experiential education opportunities for local high school and college students. This year, students gained practical hands-on experience in areas as diverse as wastewater treatment operations, public affairs, and environmental monitoring and data analysis.
- Career Opportunities Outreach Through the efforts of the NBC Affirmative Action Committee, the NBC delivered career day presentations to students in Lincoln, Central Falls and Providence.
- Supporting Community Programs Each year, the NBC solicits funding ideas from employees and the public for the monies collected from environmental violators. This year, several environmental projects were given financial support including: a scholarship program for students in the Blackstone Valley and support for the environmental education programs at the Providence Children's Museum.
- Honoring Industrial and Commercial Users for Environmental Performance This year, the NBC recognized thirteen companies in the service district with Environmental Merit Awards for Pollution Prevention and Perfect Compliance Awards with regulatory requirements. In 2011, the NBC continued its program to recognize firms that implement storm water management plans and minimize storm flow to the sewer. The environmental strides made by these companies were honored at a special breakfast. Additional information regarding this program is provided in CHAPTER VII.
- Supporting the Local Shellfishing Industry In 2011, the NBC again co-sponsored five shellfish relocation efforts, in partnership with the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management, Rhode Island Department of Health, the Rhode Island Shellfishermen's Association, and the Nature Conservancy. In April and May, shellfishermen gathered in five different locations to scoop more than 500,000 pounds of shellfish from lush beds which lie in restricted fishing areas. The quahogs were transplanted to management waters throughout the bay and allowed time to cleanse themselves and to reproduce. In December, local shellfishermen were permitted to harvest the transplanted shellfish from the management area. The harvest contributed a significant boost to the state's economy, and an abundance of shellfish for consumers during a time of year when demand is traditionally high.
- Keeping Our Stakeholders Informed The NBC enhanced its communications by tackling social media. The NBC Facebook page and twitter feed offer up-to-theminute information on construction, water quality monitoring, and public events. In addition, the NBC continued to make available its 22-minute DVD about the CSO Project, entitled The Biggest Project You'll Never See and the 30-minute DVD about the NBC Environmentalism at Work. The DVDs are available free to the public.

- *Bi-lingual Information* During 2011, the NBC continued distributing Spanish language versions of its billing and collections information.
- Casual Days Throughout the year, the NBC continued to participate in a casual day program. The proceeds benefited various local and state organizations, such as the American Cancer Society, Water for People, and the American Red Cross.
- State Employee Charitable Appeal NBC employees participated in the 2011 State Employees Charitable Appeal (SECA) and raised over \$17,000 for a host of worthwhile, appreciative charitable organizations.

NBC Speakers Bureau

The NBC has a well established Speakers Bureau to address the many requests received to speak at schools, workshops and meeting, both locally and nationally. During 2011, NBC personnel gave many presentations to educate public and professional organizations about the NBC and its many programs and accomplishments. The following paragraphs detail these activities:

~Tanury Industries

On April 7, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave a presentation to the employees of Tanury Industries on the effects of metal finishing wastewater on the sewer system.

~ RI Department of Environmental Management (DEM) – University of Rhode Island (URI) Auto Body Environmental Results Program (ERP) Workshop

On April 27, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave a presentation at the DEM-URI Auto Body ERP Workshop. The presentation educated the participants on the NBC, Pretreatment requirements and the impacts of discharges from auto body shops on the sewer system.

~Groundworks Providence

On April 28, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave a presentation to the Groundwoks Providence, Brownfields Job Training class. The presentation educated the participants on the NBC and how the training they were receiving was applicable to the NBC.

National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) 2011 National Pretreatment &

Pollution Prevention Workshop

On May 18, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave a presentation at the 2011 NACWA Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Workshop held in St. Louis, MO. The presentation was on the NBC Dental Best Management Practices (BMP) program.

On May 19, 2011 Kerry Britt, also led a Roundtable Discussion on Zero Discharge Categorical Limits at the workshop.



~Massachusetts Pretreatment Forum

On June 1, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave an overview of the 2011 NACWA Pretreatment & Pollution Prevention Workshop to the Massachusetts Pretreatment Forum.

~North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium

On September 26, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave a presentation on the NBC Dental BMP program at the North Carolina Pretreatment Consortium 2011 Annual Pretreatment Conference held in Asheville, NC. The presentation outlined how the program was developed, implemented, its effect on the sewer system and compliance with the program. In addition to the presentation, Kerry Britt served as a moderator during a roundtable discussion on amalgam separators.

EPA New England Region Pretreatment Conference

On October 26, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave a presentation on the NBC Dental BMP program at the 13th Annual EPA New England Region Pretreatment Conference.

~ Women in Science and Engineering (WISE) Conference

On November 19, 2011, Kerry Britt, Pretreatment Manager, gave a presentation on the NBC and the Pretreatment Program at the WISE workshop held at St. Mary Academy – Bay View for Middle School girls. During the presentation the girls conducted experiments for dissolved oxygen, nitrate, phosphate, pH and turbidity.

~Providence Zoning Board

On March 14, 2011, Thomas Uva, Director of PP&R, gave a presentation to the Providence Zoning Board. The presentation outlined the NBC wind turbine project.

~ NEWEA Laboratory Practices & Microconstituents Seminar

On September 14, 2011, Pamela Reitsma, Environmental Scientist, gave a presentation at the NEWEA Laboratory Practices & Microconstituents Seminar on the NBC passive sampler projects for detecting contaminants of emerging concern.

Save The Bay Climate Change Workshop

On October 24, 2011, Thomas Uva, Director of PP&R, gave a presentation at the Save the Bay Adapting to Climate change workshop.

~Environmental Business Council

On March 25, 2011, James McCaughey, ESTA Manager gave a presentation on NBC Sustainable Environmental Management Practices at a meeting of the Rhode Island Chapter of the Environmental Business Council.

~WEF Water and Energy Conference

In July 2011, James McCaughey, ESTA Manager, presented a poster and gave a presentation on the EF-EMS Project at the 2011 WEF Water and Energy Conference in Chicago.

North East Bio-Solids and Energy Conference

On November 9, 2011, Barry Wenskowicz, Pollution Prevention Engineer, gave a presentation on the Bucklin Point Bio-Gas Engine Project at the North East Bio-Solids and Energy Conference.

~RI Society of Environmental Professionals

On November 17, 2011, Thomas Uva, Director of PP&R, gave a presentation on the NBC construction projects, alternative energy projects as well as the NBC regulatory permitting and monitoring programs at the monthly RI Society of Environmental Professionals meeting.

New England Water Environment Association (NEWEA) annual Conference

On January 24, 2011, Christine Comeau and Catherine Oliver, Environmental Scientists, gave a presentation on Extreme Wet Weather Monitoring in Narragansett Bay at the NEWEA Annual Conference.

~ NEWEA Stormwater and CSO Seminar

On May 3, 2011, Christine Comeau, Environmental Scientist, gave a presentation entitled "Two years and 2.2 Billion Gallons: Evaluating the Narragansett Bay Commission CSO Abatement Project" at a NEWEA Conference on CSO and Wet Weather issues.

NBC Symposium, A Day on the Upper Bay: Current Monitoring, Research, Source Reduction Progress & Future Challenges

On June 16, 2011, NBC sponsored a water quality symposium entitled A Day on the Upper Bay: Current Monitoring, Research, Source Reduction Progress & Future Challenges numerous NBC staff made presentations at this event. Catherine Oliver, Environmental Scientist gave a presentation entitled "Extreme Wet Weather Monitoring in Narragansett Bay" and Christine Comeau, Environmental Scientist, gave a presentation entitled "Evaluating the Narragansett Bay Commission SCO Project" during a symposium hosted by the NBC on monitoring research and source projects on upper Narragansett Bay. Tom Uva, Director PP&R, gave a presentation on NBC monitoring initiatives and an overview of the new website, Snapshot of the Bay. Tom Brueckner, Engineering Manager, and Philip Albert, Chief Environmental Engineer, gave a presentation the nutrient projects being conducted at the NBC.

~Blackstone River User's Conference

On September 16, 2011, Christine Comeau, Environmental Scientist, gave a presentation highlighting updated information from the river nutrient monitoring program, and the status of major upgrades at the NBC facilities at the annual Blackstone River User's Conference.

~New England Water Works Association

On February 28, 2011, Walter Palm, Laboratory Manager, gave a presentation on Laboratory Precision and Accuracy at the NEWWA Annual Conference.

~Classes at the Community College of Rhode Island (CCRI)

Walter Palm, Laboratory Manager, is an adjunct professor at CCRI. Courses he taught during 2011 included Chemistry of Hazardous Materials and Survey of Biomedical Chemistry.

James McCaughey, ESTA Manager, is an adjunct professor at CCRI. Courses he taught during 2011 included Chemical Technology 1A and Basic Skills for Chemistry.

Water Conservation Education Programs

The NBC makes great efforts to educate its users about water conservation. The NBC has a Non-Regulatory Water Audit and Technical Assistance Program, which is available free to its commercial and industrial sewer users. Additional information about this program is provided in CHAPTER VII.

Due to the success of the pilot program, the NBC expanded the What's in Your River program in the fall of 2003 to accommodate the overwhelming school response. The NBC improves the program each year. In 2005, What's In Your River became the Woon Watershed Explorers Program, and an expanded version of the program continued throughout 2011. This program includes several new components including classroom visits once a month, student achievement badges and journal writing. Over fifteen schools and 1500 students have participated. The most impressive characteristic of the program is the extreme diversity represented in each school. Some students have never taken a field trip to their local river, while others live adjacent to one.

The program encourages each school to take ownership of their local rivers and to pass on messages about clean water to their fellow students, families and neighbors. The Narragansett Bay Commission considers this program to be imperative to its success in its relentless pursuit of public outreach and education. Eleven schools and over 500 students participated in the program in 2011. Additional information regarding this program is provided in CHAPTER VII.

Citizen's Advisory Committee

The NBC has a permanent Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC) established as part of its organizational structure. The CAC meets monthly and is routinely informed of NBC activities by staff. The CAC serves to advise and assist the NBC in its dealings with the public. Its members consist of representatives of the industrial community, environmental advocacy groups, and concerned citizens. Pretreatment staff made the annual presentation to the Citizens Advisory Committee on May 11, 2011 to review the progress and achievements of the Pretreatment Program during the prior year.

Professional Affiliations

The NBC has affiliated itself with many professional groups and organizations, both locally and nationally, to learn from these groups and to educate them about the NBC. The NBC is a member of the Providence Chamber of Commerce, the Northern Rhode Island Private Industry Council, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA), the Water Environment Federation, American Electroplaters & Surface Finishers Society, and the American Academy of Environmental Engineers, to name a few. Various NBC staff routinely attend association meetings and conferences and often are speakers at such events.

III. INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL USERS, PERMITS, AND INSPECTIONS

User Classification System

Since the inception of the Pretreatment Program, the NBC has identified and inspected 6,995 different industrial and commercial users located within the two NBC sewer districts. During 2011 the Pretreatment staff identified and entered information on 192 previously unknown users into the NBC Pretreatment database. Pretreatment users are categorized according to the classification system shown in TABLE 7. This classification system categorizes users in nine general categories. Each class of users is subdivided into more specific classes of users. Firms classified by the Pretreatment Section as industrial facilities may be listed in Categories 1 through 7, while commercial facilities can be classified in Categories 5 through 9. Users in Categories 1, 2 and 3 are of primary concern to the NBC Pretreatment Section as their discharges contain toxic and conventional pollutants that can have an impact on the NBC's facilities. Category 4 consists of users with the potential to discharge toxics. Category 5 users may have non-toxic discharges such as cooling water. Category 6 users have no discharges or potential for discharge to the sewer and Category 7 users have gone out of business or moved out of the district. Commercial users with the potential to discharge conventional pollutants are classified in Category 8, while commercial users with the potential to discharge toxic or prohibited pollutants are listed in Category 9.

Significant Industrial Users

In 1995, the NBC standardized its definition of Significant Industrial User (SIU) in both sewage drainage districts by modifying the NBC Rules and Regulations. This definition was essentially an adoption of the Field's Point SIU definition, and classifies a Significant Industrial User as any industrial user that satisfies any one of the following criteria:

- Firm is subject to Federal EPA categorical standards;
- Firm discharges an average of 5,000 or more gallons per day of process waste water;
- Firm contributes a process waste stream which makes up 5 percent or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the NBC's Treatment Plant;
- Firm is designated as significant by the NBC on the basis that the user has reasonable potential for adversely affecting the POTW's operation or for violating any pretreatment standard or requirement.

NBC User Classification System Industrial User Categories

Category 1: Industries subject to Federal EPA Categorical Standards.

- 10. Other Categorical Users
- 11. Electroplaters, Metal Finishers
- 12. Metal Molding and Casting
- 13. Organic/Inorganic Chemical Manufacturers
- 14. Pharmaceutical Manufacturers
- 15. Metal Formers
- 16. Steam Electric Power Generators
- 17. For Future Use
- 18. Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities
- 19. Transportation Equipment Cleaning

Category 2: Industries discharging toxic and/or prohibited pollutants, but who are not subject to Federal EPA Categorical Standards.

- 20. For Future Use
- 21. Tubbing/Vibratory/Mass Finishing
- 22. Chemical Transporters, Refiners, Recyclers, Manufacturers
- 23. Textile Firms
- 24. Printers
- 25. Industrial Laundries
- 26. Machine Shops/Machinery Rebuilding
- 27. Other Facilities discharging toxic and/or prohibited pollutants
- 28. Central Treatment Facilities Hazardous Waste
- 29. Central Treatment Facilities Non-Hazardous Waste

Category 3: Industries discharging or having the potential to discharge conventional pollutant (BOD, TSS, pH, oil and grease, fecal coliforms) loads in sufficient quantities to cause violation of RIPDES permit or local discharge limitations.

- 30. For Future Use
- 31. For Future Use
- 32. For Future Use
- 33. For Future Use
- 34. Manufacturers with high BOD/TSS waste
- 35. Other Facilities Discharging Conventional Pollutants
- 36. For Future Use
- 37. Automotive Maintenance/Service Facilities
- 38. For Future Use
- 39. For Future Use

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NBC User Classification System Industrial User Categories

- **Category 4:** Industries with sanitary or non-toxic discharges using solvents, toxic and/or hazardous chemicals that could potentially be discharged to the sewer.
 - 40. Groundwater Remediation/Excavation Projects
 - 41. Recycled or Disconnected Electroplating or Chemical Processes
 - 42. Other Process Operations that are Disconnected or Recycled
 - 43. Recycle Electroplating or Chemical Processes with Non-contact Cooling Water or Boiler Discharges
 - 44. Other Recycled or Disconnected Processes with Cooling Water, Boiler or other Discharges
 - 45. For Future Use
 - 46. Cooling Water Discharges with Solvents, Toxic and/or Hazardous Chemicals on site
 - 47. For Future Use
 - 48. For Future Use
 - 49. Other Discharges with Solvents, Toxic and/or Hazardous Chemicals on site
- **Category 5:** Industries discharging only sanitary wastes and/or non-toxic discharges.
 - 50. For Future Use
 - 51. Cooling Water
 - 52. Boiler Blowdown/Condensate Discharges
 - 53. Cooling Tower Discharges
 - 54. For Future Use
 - 55. For Future Use
 - 56. For Future Use
 - 57. For Future Use
 - 58. For Future Use
 - 59. Other Non-Toxic Industrial Discharges
- **Category 6:** Dry industries with no wastewater discharges to the sewer using solvents, toxics and/or hazardous chemicals.
 - 60. All users

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NBC User Classification System Commercial User Categories

Category 7: Industries with no waste discharges to the sewer.

- 70. Septic System Discharger
- 71. Out of Business
- 72. Moved out of the District
- 73. Permit Expired/Not Renewed or Reissued
- 74. Proposed Discharges Permit Not Issued
- 75. Accidental Discharges/Spills/Non-Permitted Discharge

Category 8: Commercial Users with the potential to discharge conventional pollutants (BOD, TSS, pH, oil and grease, fecal coliforms) loads in sufficient quantities to cause violation of RIPDES permit or local discharge limits.

- 80. Septage Haulers/Dischargers
- 81. Food/Fish/Meat Produce Processing (Wholesale)
- 82. Supermarkets (Retail Food Processing)
- 83. Parking Garages/Lots
- 84. Cooling Water/Groundwater/Boiler Discharges
- 85. Restaurants/Food Preparation Facilities
- 86. Commercial Buildings with Cafeteria and/or Laundry Operations
- 87. For Future Use
- 88. For Future Use
- 89. Other Commercial Facilities with Potential to Discharge Conventional Pollutants

Category 9: Commercial Users with the potential to discharge toxic substances, prohibited pollutants and/or conventional pollutants.

- 90. Hospitals
- 91. Cooling Water/Groundwater/Boiler Discharges
- 92. Laundromats/Dry Cleaners
- 93. Photo Processing
- 94. X-Ray Processing
- 95. Clinical, Medical, and Analytical Laboratories
- 96. Funeral Homes/Embalming
- 97. Motor Vehicle Service/Washing
- 98. For Future Use
- 99. Other Commercial Users with Potential to Discharge Toxic, Prohibited and/or Conventional Pollutants.

A list of the industrial and commercial users, separated by district, is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 1. The users' category and designation as significant or non-significant is also provided in this listing. As of the date of submission of this report 7,268 industrial and commercial users have been identified through user surveys, 4,269 are still conducting business in the NBC service areas and 89 were classified as SIU sometime during 2011. Of the 89 SIUs reported for 2011, there were 65 classified as categorical industries which are subject to both NBC and EPA regulations, and 24 significant non-categorical industrial users of the NBC sewer system. During this reporting period, three SIUs were reclassified to non-significant due to operational changes implemented within their facilities. These operational changes may range from installation of a wastewater recycle pretreatment system to the firm going out of business or moving out of the NBC district. A total of one firm was newly classified as significant during 2011. A listing of these firms, detailing the specific reason for reclassification, is provided in CHAPTER I.

Wastewater Discharge Permits

As of the date of this submission, the NBC has 1,621 Wastewater Discharge Permits in effect, which were issued to facilities located in the Field's Point and Bucklin Point drainage districts. Presently, 1,067 permits are in effect for users in the Field's Point District, while 554 permits are in effect in the Bucklin Point service area. Discharge permits which are no longer in effect may have been terminated for one of the following reasons:

- The permit expired, was revised, and reissued.
- The firm has gone out of business (Category 71).
- The firm has moved out of the NBC District (Category 72).
- The firm's Wastewater Discharge Permit was terminated and reissued in a new classification to reflect operational changes.
- The firm has ceased process discharge to the sewer system (Categories 41, 42, 43, 44, 60 or 73).

TABLE 8 provides a summary of the number of permits issued and presently in effect by category of user for each district. Permits have been issued and are in effect for industries classified in 43 of the 77 categories listed in TABLE 7. During this reporting period, the Pretreatment staff issued 371 permits to users located in the two NBC districts. Of the 371 permits issued during 2011, there were 158 new permits issued to new commercial and industrial users and 213 permits were reissued to existing users because the old permit expired or the firm changed process operations.

TABLE 8 Narragansett Bay Commission Summary of Wastewater Discharge Permits in Effect

Category	Company	Field's Point District	Bucklin Point District	Total Permits In Effect
11	Electroplaters, Metal Finishers	35	21	56
12	Metal Molding And Casting	1	0	1
13	Organic Chemical Manufacturer	0	0	0
14	Pharmaceuticals	0	3	3
15	Metal Formers	0	1	1
16	Steam Electric Power Generating	0	1	1
18	Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities	0	0	0
19	Transportation Equipment Cleaning	1	0	1
21	Tubbing/Vibratory/Mass Finishing	5	5	10
22	Chemical Transporters, Refiners, Recyclers, Manufacturers	3	3	6
23	Textile Firms	1	10	11
24	Printers	8	8	16
25	Industrial Laundries	1	3	4
26	Machine Shops/Machinery Rebuilding	2	1	3
27	Other Firms Discharging Toxics	9	15	24
28	Central Treatment Facilities, Hazardous	0	0	0
29	Central Treatment Facility, Non-Hazardous	0	0	0
34	Manufacturers With High BOD/TSS	1	2	3
35	Firms Discharging Conventional Pollutants	2	1	3
37	Automotive Maintenance/Service Facilities	11	3	14
40	Groundwater Remediation/Excavation Projects	6	2	8
41	Regulated Electroplating Or Chemical Processes Disconnected Or Recycled	14	5	19
42	Other Regulated Processes That Are Disconnected Or Recycled	21	22	43
43	Recycle Electroplating Or Chemical Processes With Cooling Water Or Boiler Discharges	11	1	12
44	Other Recycle Processes With Non-contact Cooling Water Or Boiler Discharges	3	3	6
46	Cooling Water With Solvents/Toxics On Site	7	2	9
49	Firms With Solvents, Toxics, Etc. On Site	1	1	2
51	Cooling Water	3	0	3
52	Boiler Blowdown/Condensate Discharges	10	5	15
53	Cooling Tower Discharges	6	7	13
59	Other Nontoxic Discharges	1	5	6
80	Septage Haulers/Dischargers	0	15	15
81	Food/Meat/Fish Produce Processing (Wholesale)	33	23	56
82	Supermarkets (Retail Food Processing)	18	13	31
83	Parking Garages/Lots	1	0	1

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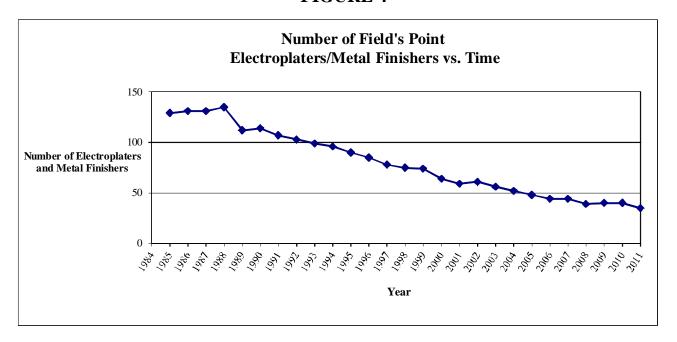
Narragansett Bay Commission Summary of Wastewater Discharge Permits in Effect

Category	Company	Field's Point District	Bucklin Point District	Total Permits In Effect
84	Cooling Water/Groundwater/Boiler Discharges	10	0	10
85	Restaurants/Food Preparation Facilities	455	217	672
86	Comm. Buildings With Cafeteria/Laundry	144	39	183
89	Other Commercial Users With Potential to Discharge - Conventional Pollutants	19	5	24
90	Hospitals	11	1	12
91	Cooling Water/Ground Water/Boiler Discharges	0	0	0
92	Laundromats/Dry Cleaners	46	25	71
93	Photo Processing	9	1	10
94	X-Ray Processing	60	41	101
95	Clinical, Medical, And Analytical Laboratories	18	4	22
96	Funeral Homes/Embalming	14	10	24
97	Motor Vehicle Service/Washing	45	14	59
99	Other Commercial Users With Potential To Discharge Toxic Or Conventional Pollutants	21	16	37
	Total Permits in Effect	1,067	554	1,621

There were twelve permits revised and reissued to SIUs in the two drainage districts during 2011, while one new permit was issued to this class of users. Nine of the twelve revised permits were issued to categorical users during 2011, while the three remaining revised permits were issued to significant non-categorical users.

As can be seen from TABLE 8, the largest number of permits in effect are issued to the commercial restaurant and food preparation facilities classified in Category 85, followed by Category 86 permits which are issued to commercial buildings with cafeterias and/or laundry facilities. The next largest category of permitted users are the x-ray processing facilities in Category 94. Facilities classified in Category 11, contribute the majority of the toxic metal and cyanide loadings to the NBC treatment facilities due to the nature of the electroplating operations they conduct. The dramatic decline of electroplaters and metal finishers in the Field's Point district over the past decade is clearly detailed in FIGURE 4. A similar decline in the number of electroplating and metal finishing firms has been observed in the Bucklin Point district. During 2011 the number of electroplaters and metal finishers in both districts decreased by 8.2%, a reduction of five firms from 2010.

FIGURE 4



The NBC issues Wastewater Discharge Permits to all sewer users that discharge non-domestic wastewater into the NBC system and is presently in the process of permitting the remaining non-significant commercial users located throughout the two NBC drainage districts. Copies of the various typical Wastewater Discharge Permits issued by the NBC are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 2.

Permits issued by the NBC typically include the following conditions and requirements:

- A requirement that the user meet local and federal discharge standards at all times.
- Maintenance of a logbook requiring record keeping regarding the operation of the pretreatment system, quantity of sludge generated, completed manifest forms, a list of all batch discharges, quantity of chemicals used to provide pretreatment, etc.
- Self-monitoring requirements regarding monitoring and reporting of effluent characteristics and concentrations.
- Reporting requirements for accidental discharges to the sewer system. The user is required to immediately notify the NBC of a spill into the sewer system and is required to file a written report within five (5) days of the incident.
- Submission of a Spill and Slug Prevention Control Plan and a Toxic Organic/Solvent Management Plan. The user is required to contain all spills within the facility as part of the Spill and Slug Control Plan. The Toxic Organic/Solvent Management Plan requires the user to detail process operations, perform a mass balance on the quantity of solvents used in the facility, to sample the waste stream to verify that no solvents are being discharged to the sewer system, and to provide containment of all solvents in case of a spill. Copies of these documents are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I. SECTION 3.

- A prohibition against batch discharges without prior written approval from the NBC to prevent the discharge of concentrated solutions to the sewer system. The NBC developed the prohibited discharge sticker shown in FIGURE 5. This sticker is affixed to all tanks which the industrial user is prohibited from discharging.
- Administrative provisions regarding inspection powers, retention of records, civil and criminal liability and associated penalties, selling the facility, revocation and transferability of the permit, etc.



Tanks at a shutdown plating shop are stickered "PROHIBITED DISCHARGE"

FIGURE 5

PROHIBITED DISCHARGE STICKER





Dumping this tank is prohibited by Narragansett Bay Commission regulations pursuant to R.I.G.L. Section 46-25-25. Violators are subject to civil and criminal penalties of up to \$25,000 per day per violation for any discharge from this tank. If you are told to dump this tank, report it to the Narragansett Bay Commission Pretreatment Program at 461-8848 ext. 483.

Most permits are issued for a five-year period, but may be issued for shorter periods of time. Permits may be revoked, after notice and hearing, for violations of the NBC Rules and Regulations. On June 30, 2003, the Public Utilities Commission approved a new rate structure for NBC wastewater discharge permit fees. Permit fees range from \$217 to \$14,492 per year and are based on the time required for NBC personnel to regulate the particular type of industry. Rates are standardized in both NBC drainage districts and most categories are also flow dependent to encourage water conservation. The existing NBC wastewater discharge permit fee rate structure is provided in TABLE 9.

TABLE 9
Narragansett Bay Commission
Pretreatment Permit Fee Rate Structure

User Category Number	User Classification	Permit Fee
10	Other Categorical Users	\$1,087.00
11	Electroplater/Metal Finisher	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$1,811.00
	$2,500 \le \text{Flow} < 10,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$3,623.00
	$10,000 \le \text{Flow} < 50,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$7,246.00
	$50,000 \le \text{Flow} < 100,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$10,144.00
	Flow ≥ 100,000 GPD	\$10,869.00
12	Metal Molding and Casting	\$1,087.00
13	Organic Chemical Manufacturers	\$7,246.00
14	Pharmaceuticals	\$1,087.00
15	Metal Formers	\$5,797.00
16	Steam Electric Power Generating	\$1,087.00
18	Centralized Waste Treatment Facilities	
19	Transportation Equipment Cleaning	\$1,087.00
21	Tubbing/Vibratory/Mass Finishing	
	Flow < 5,000 GPD	\$725.00
	Flow ≥ 5,000 GPD	\$1,449.00
22	Chemical Transporters, Refiners, Recyclers, Manufacturers	\$2,898.00
23	Textile Processing Firms	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$1,449.00
	2,500 ≤ Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$3,768.00
	$10,000 \le \text{Flow} < 50,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$5,072.00
	Flow ≥ 50,000 GPD	\$7,246.00
24	Printers	
	Gravure	\$3,623.00
	Other Flow $\geq 2,500$ GPD	\$1,087.00
	Other Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$725.00

TABLE 9 (Continued) Narragansett Bay Commission **Pretreatment Permit Fee Rate Structure**

User Category Number	User Classification	Permit Fee
25	Industrial Laundries	\$3,623.00
26	Machine Shops/Machinery Rebuilders	\$1,449.00
27	Other firms discharging toxics and/or prohibited pollutants	
	Flow $\geq 10,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$2,898.00
	$2,500 \le \text{Flow} < 10,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$1,449.00
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$725.00
28	Central Treatment Facilities - Hazardous Waste	\$14,492.00
29	Central Treatment Facilities - Non-Hazardous Waste	\$4,348.00
34	Manufacturers with high BOD/TSS wastestreams	
	Flow ≥ 100,000 GPD	\$5,797.00
	$50,000 \text{ GPD} \le \text{Flow} < 100,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$3,623.00
	$10,000 \text{ GPD} \le \text{Flow} < 50,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$1,811.00
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$1,087.00
35	Other facilities discharging conventional pollutants	
	Flow ≥ 10,000 GPD	\$1,449.00
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725.00
37	Automotive Maintenance/Service Facilities	
	Small ≤ 2 Bays	\$435.00
	Large ≥ 3 Bays	\$1,449.00
40	Groundwater Remediation/Excavation Projects	
	Flow $\geq 10,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$1,449.00
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725.00
41	Recycle or Disconnected Electroplating or Chemical Processes	\$725.00
42	Other Process Operations Disconnected or Recycled	\$290.00
43	Recycle or Disconnected Electroplating or Chemical Processes with Cooling Water or Boiler Discharges	\$870.00
44	Other Recycled or Disconnected Process Operations with Cooling Water or Boiler Discharges	\$362.00
46	Cooling Water with Solvent, Toxic and/or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	\$362.00
49	Other Discharges with Solvents, Toxics and/or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	
	Flow ≥ 10,000 GPD	\$1,087.00
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725.00

TABLE 9 (Continued) Narragansett Bay Commission **Pretreatment Permit Fee Rate Structure**

User Category Number	User Classification	Permit Fee
51	Cooling Water with No Solvents, Toxic or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	\$362.00
52	Boiler Blowdown/Condensate Discharges	\$362.00
53	Cooling Tower Discharges	\$362.00
59	Other Non-Toxic Industrial Discharges	
	Flow $\geq 5,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$725.00
	Flow < 5,000 GPD	\$362.00
80	Septage Haulers/Dischargers	\$435.00
81	Food/Fish/Meat/Produce Processing (wholesale)	
	Flow < 1,000 GPD	\$362.00
	$1,000 \text{ GPD} \le \text{Flow} < 10,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$725.00
	Flow ≥ 10,000 GPD	\$1,449.00
82	Supermarkets (Retail Food Processing)	\$725.00
83	Parking Garages/Lots	\$725.00
84	Cooling Water/Groundwater/Boiler Discharges with Potential to Discharge Conventional Pollutants	\$362.00
85	Restaurants	
	< 50 seats	\$217.00
	\geq 50 seats < 100 seats	\$435.00
	≥ 100 seats of fast food (2 or more fryolators and/or drive through window)	\$580.00
86	Commercial Buildings with Cafeteria and/or laundry operations	\$725.00
89	Other Commercial Facilities with Potential to Discharge Conventional Pollutants	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$362.00
	Flow ≥ 2,500 GPD	\$725.00
90	Hospitals	\$3,623.00
91	Cooling Water/Groundwater/ Boiler Discharges with Potential to Discharge Toxic, Prohibited and/or Conventional Pollutants	\$362.00
92	Laundries/Dry Cleaners	
	Laundromats	\$725.00
	Dry Cleaners with 1 washer or less	\$362.00
	Dry Cleaners with ≥ 2 washers	\$725.00
93	Photo Processing	
	Flow < 1,000 GPD	\$362.00
	$1,000 \text{ GPD} \le \text{Flow} < 2,500 \text{ GPD}$	\$725.00
	2,500 GPD ≤ Flow < 5,000 GPD	\$1,087.00
	Flow $\geq 5,000 \text{ GPD}$	\$1,449.00

TABLE 9

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Narragansett Bay Commission Pretreatment Permit Fee Rate Structure

User Category Number	User Classification	Permit Fee
94	X-Ray Processing	
	≤ 2 processors	\$362.00
	3 - 4 processors	\$725.00
	5 - 9 processors	\$1,087.00
	≥ 10 processors	\$1449.00
95	Clinical, Medical and Analytical Laboratories	\$725.00
96	Funeral Homes/Embalming Operations	\$362.00
97	Motor Vehicle Service/Washing Operations	
	rate per tunnel	\$725.00
	rate per bay	\$217.00
	maximum rate per facility	\$1,449.00
99	Other Commercial Users with Potential to Discharge Toxic, Prohibited and/or Conventional Pollutants	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$362.00
	Flow ≥ 2,500 GPD	\$725.00

Zero Process Discharge Wastewater Systems

During 2011, there were 80 users in the two NBC districts operating facilities which have eliminated or significantly reduced their process discharges to the sewer system through the installation of closed loop or zero discharge systems. Although still conducting operations which generate wastewater containing toxic materials, this wastewater is treated and reused in the process operation, resulting in no discharge of industrial process wastewater, or in some cases, insignificant discharges to the sewer system consisting primarily of boiler condensate or non-contact cooling wastestreams. Once the Pretreatment staff has verified that the process wastewater discharge has been eliminated or significantly reduced, the user is reclassified into Category 41 through 44 depending upon the type of recycle process operations conducted.



Part of an Ion Exchange System at a Permitted Zero Discharge Facility

Although an industrial user may cease discharging process wastewater into the sewer system by installing a wastewater recycle system, the firm will still be permitted and inspected by the NBC. Since the facility has sanitary sewer connections, it could still be a potential source of pollutant discharges into the NBC sewer system which could potentially contribute to a plant upset or a pass-through situation. For this reason, the Pretreatment Section routinely issues Zero Process Wastewater-Sanitary Discharge Permits to Category 41 and 42 industries. Sixty-two facilities are presently classified in Categories 41 and 42 and do not discharge process wastewater to the sewer system. Users with recycle process operations but still discharge condensate, boiler or cooling water wastestreams are issued discharge permits. There are 18 of these users which are classified in categories 43 and 44. Of the 80 users classified in categories 41 through 44, 49 facilities are permitted to operate zero process discharge wastewater recycle systems in the Field's Point District, while 31 users in the Bucklin Point district are permitted to perform zero discharge recycle operations. Prior to the issuance of a Zero Process Wastewater-Sanitary Discharge Permit, the NBC thoroughly notifies the industrial users of all DEM and RCRA requirements and the user must satisfy the following NBC requirements:

- Submit a Zero Discharge Permit Application.
- Submit a Facility Sewer Access Site Plan showing all sewer connections.
- Submit Process Operation Plans.
- Submit Pretreatment System Plans.

- Submit a Spill and Slug Control Plan.
- Seal all floor drains and cap off all sewer access locations.
- Install prohibited dumping signs at all sanitary sewer connections.

Once all the aforementioned tasks have been completed by the user, the facility is inspected, and the Zero Process Wastewater-Sanitary Discharge Permit is issued. The Zero Discharge Permit requires the user to submit a written certification either monthly or biannually, depending upon facility process operations, listing water meter readings and certifying that no process discharges have occurred. Pretreatment staff use this water meter data to routinely calculate daily water usage. Deviations from the expected zero discharge water usage are promptly investigated by pretreatment staff. In addition, unannounced inspections of every zero discharge firm are conducted at least twice annually. A copy of the Zero Process Wastewater-Sanitary Discharge Permit can be found in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 2.

User Survey Methods

The Pretreatment Program utilizes many methods to identify and locate new and previously unknown users of the sewer system. These NBC methods have been very successful at maintaining an accurate inventory of non-domestic regulated users and at ensuring that modifications to existing user facilities are quickly discovered. The following is a summary of the survey methods:

- Newspaper Reviews The local newspapers are routinely reviewed to identify and locate new or previously unknown and unpermitted users. Review of the classified, business and new corporation sections of the local newspapers have allowed the NBC to successfully identify many new sewer users over the years. Form letters are issued to new corporations to alert them to NBC Rules and Regulations and permitting requirements. Routine reviews of the bankruptcy and auction sections of the newspaper alert Pretreatment staff to firms which may be in financial trouble or ceasing operations. This allows the Pretreatment inspectors to be proactive at preventing illegal discharges from financially troubled firms. Such firms are promptly inspected, inventoried and required to comply with a rigid facility shutdown procedure. The NBC will often seal the sewer connections at these firms once operations have ceased to ensure that hazardous waste and chemicals are not illegally discharged into the sewer system.
- Telephone Book Reviews The Pretreatment staff reviews telephone books when
 they are published to identify new non-domestic users that may require regulation.
 Particular attention is given to reviewing categorically regulated user categories
 such as electroplaters, metal finishers, metal formers, etc.

- Directory Reviews The State of Rhode Island, Department of Economic Development publishes a Rhode Island Directory of Manufacturers annually which the Pretreatment staff subscribes to and reviews. This directory lists all manufacturing facilities located within the state by type of manufacturing operation and by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code. An annual review of this directory allows the NBC to identify potential non-domestic users that may require a Wastewater Discharge Permit. The Pretreatment office also subscribes to the Polk Directory. This directory lists the names and locations of all businesses and homes located in the metropolitan area. Polk Directory listings are arranged utilizing various methods, including by type of business, premise location, and even by telephone exchange. For example, if a firm is advertising in the help wanted section of the newspaper for an electroplating position and does not list the company name, Pretreatment staff can determine the premise location and company name from the phone number and will then inspect the firm if previously unpermitted.
- Intra-Governmental Agency, Building and Sewer Connection Permit Referrals The Pretreatment Section becomes aware of many new facilities through the building permit issuance process. New facilities under construction in the NBC districts must obtain a sewer connection permit and a discharge permit, if necessary, prior to beginning construction and/or process operations. Firms performing construction modifications to their buildings are referred to the NBC by the local building inspectors and must obtain NBC approval in order to obtain the necessary city or town building permit or certificate of occupancy. Local building inspectors, plumbing inspectors and inspectors from the Department of Health, DEM and EPA New England routinely refer information to the Pretreatment staff regarding new or unpermitted users. This cooperative work effort has resulted in the permitting of many users over the years.
- Mill Complex and Industrial Park Inspection Program Regular inspections of industrial mill complexes within the NBC service district are performed to identify new and possibly transient users of the NBC facilities. Each staff member is assigned several mill complexes and industrial areas located throughout the NBC districts. Staff members are required to inspect at least one mill complex or industrial area per month to identify potential new nondomestic users of the NBC sewer system. During the mill complex and industrial area inspections, staff members compile a listing of all unpermitted facilities located within the mill or area, and systematically inspect each unpermitted facility to determine whether a wastewater discharge permit is necessary based upon the operations performed, wastewater generated and discharged to the sewer system. A listing of each facility, the type of operations performed, and whether or not a wastewater discharge permit is necessary is maintained for each mill complex and industrial area and filed by the mill complex street address or by the streets forming the boundaries of the industrial area. This procedure enables the NBC to track changes within individual mills and prevents duplication of efforts by ensuring that this information is continually

updated. Industrial neighborhoods are routinely driven through and all industrial facilities in the area are cross-checked against the NBC Pretreatment database. Unknown or unpermitted users are promptly inspected and permitted, if necessary.

Public Information Programs - Over the years, the NBC has routinely published public notices to alert NBC users of the need to obtain a wastewater discharge permit if specific operations are conducted. The NBC has also met with various user groups and held workshops that focused on educating any new class of users required to obtain a discharge permit. These public education programs have been very effective at identifying new and previously unknown users of the sewer systems.

NBC User Inspection Programs

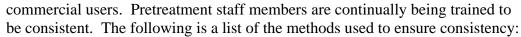
One of the main objectives of the Pretreatment Program is to protect the NBC wastewater treatment plants from toxic discharges which could result in pass through to the receiving waters or interference with their proper operation, as outlined in 40CFR §403.5. In addition, Pretreatment staff ensure that federal, state and local pretreatment regulations pertaining to the Clean Water Act are met. The strategy the NBC adopted and implemented to satisfy these objectives include developing local discharge limitations to protect the treatment facilities and public health, permitting of industrial and commercial facilities to control the discharge of toxics, inspecting and sampling nondomestic facilities to ensure user compliance, and the development and implementation of extensive user education programs. The extensive user education efforts implemented by the NBC as part of routine inspections have been very effective at improving user compliance rates. The ESTA staff educates users of the many pollution prevention alternatives available instead of discharging toxics into the sewer system, while the Pretreatment staff incorporates user education into every regulatory inspection.

- Innovative and Effective Inspection Techniques Pretreatment staff employs many effective and innovative inspection techniques to aid in achieving the objectives of the NBC to control and reduce pollutant loadings to the POTWs and hence Narragansett Bay. These techniques range from implementing simple internal procedures to standardize inspection activities to forming partnerships with the regulated industrial community. The following is a summary of these highly effective and innovative techniques and programs:
 - Standardization of User Inspection Activities and Documents The Pretreatment Program has made great efforts to thoroughly standardize all aspects of the inspection process from inspection scheduling to writing the inspection report and letter. The Pretreatment Section has standardized and customized annual inspection report checklists for various classes of users, including for SIUs, non-significant industrial users, restaurants, septage haulers, etc. Pretreatment has also developed form letters to schedule the annual SIU inspection and to summarize and transmit the results of facility inspections for various user classes. The various inspection checklists ensure Pretreatment staff inspect and

review all items of importance at a particular type of facility in a uniform, clear, and concise manner consistent with NBC and EPA protocols. The annual inspection checklist for SIUs has been developed to ensure full NBC compliance with all EPA regulations and to ensure uniform inspections of all SIUs, irrespective of the inspector conducting the facility inspection. The inspection summary form letters may be a Notice of Violation or a "Job Well Done" letter. The Notice of Violation form letter has all routine deficiencies clearly listed. The inspector can then quickly check off the violations observed, add any special facility requirements and the letter can be promptly prepared and issued. In addition to citing the deficiency, the letter explains in an educational manner the reason for the regulation and the importance for ensuring compliance. The standardization of inspection documents has resulted in speedy completion and issuance of uniform inspection reports and summary letters to the user. An inspection report and summary letter are issued for each and every user inspection, typically within fourteen (14) days from the site visit.

- Specialized and Innovative Inspector Training Programs The NBC provides extensive training to new employees and continued training to existing personnel. Pretreatment, EMDA, and ESTA staff receive training in all aspects of their positions. On an annual basis, the NBC conducts its own training or contracts outside vendors for the training in the following areas:
 - Confined Space Entry Training
 - □ 40 Hour OSHA HAZWOPER Training
 - □ 8 Hour OSHA HAZWOPER Recertification Training
 - □ OSHA Right to Know Training
 - □ CPR/AED Training
 - □ First Aid Training
 - □ Spill Tracking Training
 - □ Emergency Response Training
 - □ Boom Deployment

The NBC stresses consistency to Pretreatment staff in regulating industrial and



- □ In-box reviews of staff members
- Weekly Plan Review Meetings consisting of all technical staff
- □ Supervisors accompany staff members on inspections
- Supervisors review staff members' letters, memos, and permits



In addition to the forementioned methods used to ensure consistency, Senior Pretreatment staff conduct training sessions on Pretreatment procedures. The training includes the following topics:

- □ Rules & Regulations
- Permit Writing
- □ Letter and Memo Writing
- Process Operations
- □ Pretreatment Technologies
- □ Spill Response and Tracking
- Map Reading
- Permitted User Flow Data

Pretreatment staff also routinely attend technical seminars to further their knowledge and productivity. The Pretreatment Section has developed several innovative employee-training programs which resulted in more efficient inspection procedures. The Assistant Pretreatment Manager and Principal Pretreatment Engineer work very closely with the engineers and technicians charged with performing the daily user inspections. New staff members are closely supervised by senior staff members to ensure that they properly learn the standard operating procedures.

In-box reviews are conducted of new members to ensure that they understand users' requests and what response is required and monthly in-box reviews are conducted of all staff members to ensure standardization of methods and conformance with work schedules. Senior staff members accompany new staff members on their inspections to help them become familiar with NBC user education presentations, process operations, pretreatment systems, and permit requirements. In addition, senior staff routinely conduct inspections with veteran inspectors to ensure continued conformity with NBC inspection policies and protocols.

Feedback, detailing what aspects of the inspection were done well and what aspects need improvement, is provided to the inspector verbally as well as in writing. The Pretreatment Section developed a Pretreatment Inspector Feedback Form for this purpose. The feedback form consists of several sections which cover all aspects of the facility inspection process, including pre-inspection preparation, inspection interaction with the user, user education, facility inspection observational abilities, inspection documentation, professionalism, self-confidence, etc. New employees are not permitted to conduct inspections alone until all aspects of a good inspection, as noted on the feedback form, are satisfactory.

Another innovative training program implemented the annual Spill Response and Tracking Drill. Staff participate in a classroom presentation which includes tabletop exercises simulating unusual discharges to the treatment plant and spills occurring in the sewer system. In addition, staff participate in training exercises in the field. Senior staff establish a source of "illegal discharge" and identify key manholes for the staff to follow. Senior staff assign a team leader to head the mock investigation to track the



Pretreatment staff participate in the annual Spill Response and Tracking Drill

"illegal discharge" to the source. For the training drill, a newer employee is typically chosen to be the team leader.

The "spill" is tracked through the sewer system in an attempt to identify the source, where a thorough facility inspection is conducted. Inspectors are trained to collect evidentiary samples necessary for a good enforcement action. This annual tracking, evidence gathering and inspection drill has greatly improved the awareness and inspection abilities of all NBC Pretreatment staff.

- Pollution Prevention Referral Program During all Pretreatment regulatory inspections, Pretreatment staff routinely refer the user to the ESTA Section for free technical assistance. All Notice of Violation letters also advise the user to obtain the free expertise of the ESTA Section. These referrals have resulted in improved compliance rates and non-compliant users achieving compliance more quickly.
- Inspection Educational Efforts User education is by far the single most important aspect of any user inspection. During the annual NBC inspection, industrial users are educated regarding all aspects of the NBC including the NBC Mission Statement, the purpose and types of all NBC inspections, and the SNC criteria. The inspector clearly explains what constitutes SNC, the importance of maintaining full compliance and all permit requirements are explained to the user in detail. NBC inspection summary letters are also very educational in nature. Instead of simply requiring a user to perform a task, the letter educates the user regarding the reason for the imposed requirement. This often results in quick user compliance with the imposed requirements. These extensive user education efforts have been very effective at encouraging user compliance. The SIU rate of SNC was impressively reduced in the Field's Point District from a high of 39.0% in 1992 to 4.3% in 2011, while the SIU Rate of SNC for Bucklin Point was reduced from a high of 44.8% in 1994 to 4.8% in 2011. The overall rate of SNC for all NBC SIUs for 2011 was 4.5%, an increase from 2.1% observed in 2010. This is well within the EPA level of 10%

recommended for EPA Pretreatment Program Excellence recognition. These impressive reductions in the Rate of Significant Industrial User SNC are clearly attributable to improved user education, prompt resampling requirements for any effluent violation and proactive communication with users to encourage correcting the violation before being in SNC.

- Types of Pretreatment Inspections The NBC conducts six types of inspections of industrial and commercial users. The following is a summary of the inspection types utilized by the NBC:
 - Initial Inspection The initial inspection can be an announced or unannounced inspection and is performed to determine if the user is regulated under pretreatment regulations and to inform the user of pretreatment requirements.
 - Annual Inspection An annual inspection is a thorough, announced inspection of the facility and the user's records to determine if the firm is complying with all NBC and permit requirements. This inspection is done once per 12 month period for SIUs and covers all the items shown in the Annual Inspection Checklist which is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 3. The annual inspection consists of an extensive review of paperwork, processes, pretreatment systems, treatment procedures, sampling procedures, spill containment measures, and chemical/waste storage areas.
 - Follow-up Inspection This inspection may be an announced or unannounced inspection to determine if specific items noted in an annual inspection were completed as required. Follow-up inspections may be conducted to view work in progress, work completed or discuss problems that the firm may be having in complying with or understanding NBC or Pretreatment Program requirements.
 - Sampling Inspection The sampling inspection is an unannounced inspection which must be conducted of every SIU at least once every 12 months, as required by EPA regulations. The NBC typically conducts sampling of each SIU twice every 12 months.
 - Emergency Response or Special Investigation Inspection This is an immediate unannounced inspection initiated in response to a complaint or spill to determine the source of problems occurring in the sewer system. These problems or complaints are typically reported by NBC employees, local authorities or by district residents.

~ Facility Shutdown Inspection – This is typically an announced inspection to conduct an inventory of all chemicals and solutions on-site, to observe facility decontamination procedures, to seal sewer connections to prevent illegal discharges to the sewer, and to install prohibited discharge stickers on all tanks.



Facility Shutdown Inspection of an electroplating facility that is no longer in operation.



Follow-up inspection of the same facility to verify that the firm has disposed of all solutions and complied with NBC Shutdown Procedures.

From January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, Pretreatment staff conducted 2,205 inspections of users, not including sampling visits. Of the 2,205 non-sampling inspections conducted by the Pretreatment staff, 424 were inspections of SIUs and 1,704 were inspections of non-significant users. Pretreatment staff conducted 310 facility inspections of categorical users and 114 inspections of significant non-categorical industrial users in both districts, excluding sampling visits. Pretreatment staff conducted 26 regulatory compliance meetings with users during 2011.

All facilities classified as SIUs were inspected at least twice during the 12 month report period with the exception of one company, Tru-Kay Manufacturing Company which was only inspected once during the review period. This company was purchased by Richline Group in mid-January 2011. Tru-Kay Manufacturing was inspected late in December 2010 and then prior to the sale in early 2011. The Pretreatment Section satisfied and exceeded EPA requirements to inspect every significant industrial user at least once every 12-month period.

During 2011, EMDA staff conducted 220 industrial user sampling inspections of 96 industrial user facilities resulting in the collection of 1,680 composite and grab samples. These 1,680 samples translated to 234 user monitoring reports. Of the 234 monitoring reports, 217 were issued to significant users and 17 were issued to non-significant users. There were 164 sampling inspections of 65 categorical industries and 49 sampling inspections of 24 significant non-categorical users.

During 2011, the EMDA Section sampled every SIU at least once within the 12-month period. Many SIUs were sampled more than twice due to effluent violations observed at the firms. TABLE 10 summarizes the status of each firm that was not sampled or inspected by the NBC at least twice in 2011.

TABLE 10 Summary of SIUs Sampled or Inspected Less than Twice in 2011

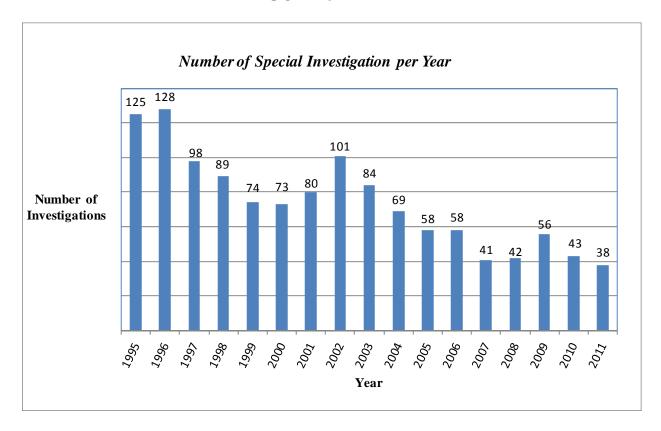
COMPANY NAME	2011 SAMPLE & INSPECTION SUMMARY	EXPLANATION	
	Field's Point Dist	rict	
Alpha Plating & Metallizing	1 sample only	Firm ceased discharges in early 2011.	
Kirk's Folly	1 sample only	Firm discharges on an infrequent batch basis and only discharged once in 2011.	
Bucklin Point District			
Nulco Manufacturing Corporation	1 sample only	Firm ceased discharges in early 2011.	
Tru-Kay Manufacturing Company	1 inspection only	Firm ceased discharges in early 2011.	

A summary of the number of types of inspections performed by the NBC this reporting period is provided in TABLES 3 and 5, the Pretreatment Performance Summary Sheets, which are contained in CHAPTER I of this report. A list of each NBC sampling and nonsampling user inspection and the inspection date is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 2.

Emergency or Special Investigations

During 2011, Pretreatment staff investigated 38 reports of spills, odors, blockages, unusual plant influents, and illegal discharges to the sewer system within the Field's Point and Bucklin Point service areas. A listing of 2011 emergency or special investigations is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 4. FIGURE 6 is a graphical trend analysis detailing the number of pretreatment investigations conducted annually since 1995.

FIGURE 6



As can be seen from FIGURE 6, the number of investigations and spill response activities fluctuates from year to year, but has been significantly reduced from the number of investigations conducted in the early 1990s. This is attributed to better education of users regarding spill prevention practices and overall environmental awareness by industry.

FIGURE 7
Breakdown of 2011 Investigations

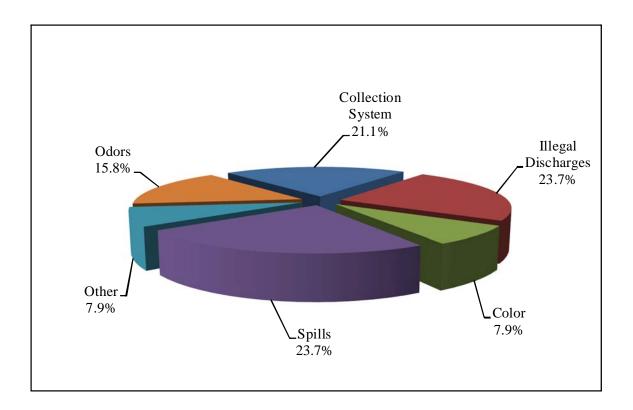


FIGURE 7 graphically depicts the breakdown of the types of investigations that occurred in 2011. As can be seen from the chart, the majority of the investigations resulted from four types of investigations, illegal discharges and spills each accounted for nine, problems in the collection system accounted for seven and reports of odor accounted for six.

These investigations often require frequent follow-up activities, subsequent inspections and clean-up activities, and may result in the initiation of enforcement actions by the NBC. Numerous follow-up inspections were required as a result of these initial 38 investigations. Those NBC investigations of major concern and interest to the NBC over the past year are described in the following paragraphs.

Spills

During 2011, Pretreatment staff conducted nine investigations in response to reports of spills. Three of the nine investigations were in response to chemical spills. All three of the investigations took place in the Field's Point district. The first report of a chemical spill was from Rhode Island Hospital. It was stated that battery acid from a pallet jack had spilled and a small amount had entered a catch basin. The hospital hired a contractor to handle the cleanup including the pump out of the catch basin. The Field's Point plant was not impacted by the spill. The second report was from the Field's Point plant stating oil droplets were observed on the surface of one of the primary tanks. An inspection of the plant was conducted. Oil was not seen in any of the waste streams entering the primaries. The area behind the Synagro building was also inspected. An oily sheen was observed on a manhole cover. The Synagro operator stated that an anti-foam agent, which is oil based, had been washed down the drain. The anti-foam agent did not adversely impact the treatment processes. The third and final report of a chemical spill was from Hasbro Children's Hospital of a lithium chromate spill from an air absorber. A small amount of the material entered a floor drain. The drain was isolated and a contractor was hired to clean up the spill and pump out the drain. The Field's Point plant was not impacted by this spill.

The remaining six spills were response to oil spills. Five of the six oil spills occurred in the Field's Point district. The Field's Point plant was not adversely impacted by any of these spills. The first report was from the Harry Kizirian School, located in Providence, of a #2 fuel spill from a faulty pressure gauge in the boiler room. Approximately 10-15 gallons entered a floor drain. A contactor was hired to clean up the spill and pump out the drain. The second report stated there was oil sheen on the Woonsasquatucket River near a NBC outfall. The storm line was inspected and appeared normal. However, there was noticeable oil sheen on the street. It appeared the sheen on the surface of the river was a result of the oil spill on the street running off to the river due to the previous rain. The third report was of oil sheen in a storm water stream on Salem Street in Providence. The stream was tracked to a dumpster located on the property of Aluminum & Copper Recycling, Inc. The oil was from engines that were being stored in the dumpster. The company was notified and absorbent material was placed around the dumpster. The fourth report was an oily substance observed in a manhole located on DeSoto Street in Providence. The manholes on the street were inspected and found to contain dark grit. Oil was not observed. The fifth and final oil spill report in the Field's Point district stated oil was dumped in the sewer near the Frank Spaziano Elementary School Annex located on Laban Street in Providence. An inspection of the area and catch basin did not show any evidence of oil being dumped. However, there was an oil stain in the parking lot of the school. No catch basins were in the parking lot.

The last oil spill occurred in the Bucklin Point district and is discussed below.

#6 Fuel Oil Release

On September 6, 2011, Pretreatment staff was notified by Bucklin Point Operations staff that thick oil was impacting the treatment plant. During the inspection of the plant it was determined the oil was coating equipment in the screening building and accumulating in the wet weather tanks due to heavy rains. A crew was dispatched to try to track the oil back to the source. The oil was tracked to a manhole upstream of the Seekonk Syphon but the source was not located. While the crew was tracking the oil, another Pretreatment crew deployed a curtain boom in the chlorine contact tank to prevent the oil from discharging to the Seekonk River.



Boom Deployed in the Chlorine Contact Tank

On September 8, 2011, the plant was inspected again. The influent did not appear to contain oil. However, the suction tube on the Blackstone Valley Interceptor (BVI) sampler was coated with oil. It was decided to try to track oil to the source again. Pretreatment staff began tracking the oil up BVI. It was difficult to see the oil in samples collected in bottles so it was decided to submerge oil absorbent pads in the waste stream. Using this method the oil was tracked to the source, Rhode Island Novelty, Inc., located on Industrial Road in Cumberland. This company uses #6 fuel oil to heat the facility. The company was inspected and all appeared to be in working order. The company was required to investigate and cease the oil discharge. The company immediately shut off the oil recirculation pumps. Their investigation revealed there was a ruptured pipe that allowed the oil to leak into an abandoned steam condensate line which was connected to the sewer. Upon discovering the source of the oil, the company immediately repaired the pipe.

On September 9, 2011, Mr. Bogdan Nowak, the president of Rhode Island Novelty, was contacted to discuss the oil release. Mr. Nowak, stated the oil discharge had been stopped and the work to prevent future occurrences had been completed. Mr. Nowak was informed the Bucklin Point plant was heavily impacted by the oil and needed to be cleaned up. He acknowledged his company was responsible for the release.



Wet Weather Influent Channel Gate

Bucklin Point staff hired a contractor to perform the cleanup of the facility. The company cleaned the oil off the surface of the wet weather tanks and a primary clarifier as well as the walls of the impacted tanks. The cleanup of the facility took approximately three weeks. Pretreatment, Bucklin Point Operations and Legal staff met with representatives of Rhode Island Novelty, to discuss the release and paying for the cleanup. During this meeting, the representatives from the company stated they would be responsible for the cost of cleanup. Legal staff negotiated with the contractor and Rhode Island Novelty. The result of the negotiations was the contractor invoiced Rhode Island Novelty directly. The invoices totaled approximately \$130,000. The company paid the invoices and the matter has been settled.

Illegal Dumping & Unpermitted Discharge Investigations

The Pretreatment staff investigates all reports of illegal dumping and unpermitted discharges into the sewer system, storm drains and/or NBC receiving waters. In 2011, Pretreatment staff investigated nine reports of illegal dumping or unpermitted discharge. Six of the nine investigations took place in the Field's Point district. The first report was of raw sewage being pumped to a parking lot from a building located on Plainfield Street in Providence. The investigation revealed there were plumbing problems inside the building so the owner decided to pump the sewage to the parking lot. The owner was required to cease discharging to the parking lot and correct the plumbing problems. A contractor was hired to clean up the sewage in the parking lot. The second report was of a cable company contractor dewatering manholes in Providence and discharging to the sewer system without a permit. The company was contacted and required to apply for Wastewater Discharge permits in both the Field's Point and Bucklin Point districts. The third report was of a white substance being dumped in a parking lot located on Cromwell Street in Providence. The investigation revealed the business located in the building was dumping wastewater from its mass finishing operation outside of the building. The company was instructed to cease discharging outside of the building as well as apply for a permit. The fourth report of illegal discharge stated Eagle Plating Company, a metal finishing company located in Providence, was dumping electroplating waste in a trench located outside of the building. The investigation did not reveal any evidence of the dumping. The fifth report was of a manhole surcharging on Cherry Hill Road in Johnston. It was determined the surcharge was caused by a buildup of rags in the line. The investigation of the area upstream of the manhole was conducted. The source could not be determined. However, all companies that were inspected were instructed to train their employees not to flush rags down the drain. The sixth report stated that the East Side/Mount Hope YMCA located on Hope Street in Providence, was discharging the contents of its swimming pool on to Hope Street. The investigation revealed the pool was being pumped out in order to perform the annual maintenance. The company was required to immediately stop discharging to the street and discharge in accordance with the terms of its permit. None of the discharges from the six investigations adversely impacted the Field's Point plant.

The remaining three investigations of illegal dumping and unpermitted discharges occurred in the Bucklin Point district. The first report was of a restaurant located in Cumberland discharging grease laden wastewater outside of the building. The investigation revealed the grease removal unit inside the restaurant had overflowed on to the floor. The company was required to repair the grease removal unit. The second report was from a textile company, Microfibres, Inc. located in Pawtucket, stating there was an accidental release of red pigment to the sewer system. The company stopped the release prior to Pretreatment

staff arriving at the company. The third and final report was from Interceptor Maintenance staff observing an unusual color in a regulator manhole in Pawtucket. The investigation of the area revealed a nearby building was in the process of being renovated. It was believed the contractor may have washed equipment. The contractors onsite were instructed not to dump any paint down the drain. None of the discharges from these investigations adversely impacted the Bucklin Point plant.

Food Preparation Related Grease Investigations

During 2011, Pretreatment staff responded to a total of eight grease related investigations. There were seven investigations in the Field's Point district and one in the Bucklin Point district. All eight grease investigations conducted by the Pretreatment Section were associated with food preparation. All facilities located within the investigation drainage areas with the potential to discharge grease laden wastewater were investigated. These investigations resulted in nine previously unpermitted facilities being required to obtain Wastewater Discharge Permits. One of the eight reports of excessive amounts of grease was determined to be from solely residential sources.

Color Investigations

During 2011, Pretreatment staff responded to three reports of colored wastewater. Two of the three reports were from the Bucklin Point plant stating the influent was abnormal in color. The first report stated the influent was darker than usual. Pretreatment staff inspected the influent as well as the Blackstone Valley and East Providence Interceptors (BVI and EPI respectively). The wastewater at each location appeared normal in color. The second report stated the Bucklin Point influent was red. It was stated during the report the influent had already returned to normal. All companies with the potential to impact the plant with colored wastewater were contacted and required to submit their color logs. The source could not be determined. The Bucklin Point plant was not adversely impacted by the colored wastewater.

The third report of colored wastewater was from the Field's Point plant stating the four grit chambers were pink in color. It was further stated the primary tanks were beginning to be impacted. Pretreatment staff worked with Operations staff to redirect the flow to the wet weather tanks which were empty at the time. Diverting the flow to these tanks allowed it to be held so the colored wastewater would not impact the treatment process and subsequently pass through to the Providence River. Pretreatment staff contacted the one known company with the potential to impact the plant with color. The company representative stated nothing unusual occurred at the facility. The company was inspected and its color logs were reviewed. The color pink was not recorded in their effluent color log. The pink wastewater ceased entering the plant prior to completing the redirection to the wet weather tanks. However, the treatment processes were not adversely impacted and the effluent discharged to the Providence River was normal in color.

Pass-through and Interference

During 2011 the NBC Pretreatment Section conducted 38 special or emergency investigations within the Field's Point and Bucklin Point districts. All reports of spills, dumping activities, unusual influents, and other related incidents during 2011 were thoroughly investigated. It is not known at the onset of an unusual influent report if the influent pollutant will cause interference with either mechanical equipment or with the microbial organisms utilized at the treatment facilities to break down the sanitary waste. Nonetheless, each report must be investigated to ensure that the unusual influent does not cause interference with NBC operations, pass through the facility into the receiving waters, or cause a discoloration of the receiving body of water, all of which would result in NBC being in violation of its RIPDES permits. None of the unusual influent incidents, dumping reports or spills investigated during 2011 resulted in interference or pass-through situations at either of the NBC wastewater treatment facilities. This is a testament to the excellent job done daily by the NBC to control the discharge of toxic and nuisance pollutants.



Compliance Monitoring

The Narragansett Bay Commission utilizes two types of monitoring to determine user compliance with effluent discharge limitations. These are:

- User Self-Monitoring;
- Compliance monitoring conducted by NBC personnel.

A description of both types of monitoring is provided in the following sections.

User Self-Monitoring

User self-monitoring is monitoring conducted by an industrial or commercial user in accordance with the terms of their permit. The frequency of self-monitoring required by the permit may vary from once every twelve months (one time per year) to once per month (twelve times per year) depending on the nature and volume of the wastewater discharges. In some cases, permits may require compliance monitoring of each facility discharge. The frequency of self-monitoring is automatically increased to weekly when a user fails to meet standards as demonstrated by self-monitoring required under the terms of a permit or by NBC sampling results. Once the user has demonstrated full compliance during four consecutive sampling events, the user is returned to the monitoring frequency specified in the permit.

User self-monitoring must be conducted in accordance with federal pretreatment requirements as specified in 40CFR §403 and analytical techniques specified in 40CFR §136. Results must be submitted with a properly completed Self-Monitoring Compliance Report (SMCR) form and Chain of Custody documentation. The SMCR form requires the user to review the analytical results prior to submittal, to notify the NBC of any violation within twenty-four (24) hours of becoming aware of the violation and to enter the analytical report identification number on the SMCR form. The SMCR form notifies the users of the NBC requirement to resample their wastewater for any parameters violating standards. This resampling must be done and results submitted within thirty (30) days of becoming aware of the violation. The SMCR form also requires the user to notify the NBC of the reasons for the violation and the steps and time frame necessary to correct the violations. This form must be signed by an authorized agent of the company. A sample SMCR form is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 3.

In 1993, the Pretreatment staff developed the 24 Hour Violation Notification Fax form so that the user could quickly report an effluent violation to the NBC. This form also provides a good file record that the proper NBC violation notification requirement was satisfied by the user. A sample 24 Hour Violation Notification Fax form is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I. SECTION 3.

Samples collected by industrial and commercial users can be either composite samples or grab samples. Composite samples consist of a number of samples taken over a period of time that are combined. Most permit sampling consists of composite samples.

Grab samples consist of a single sample taken at one point in time. This type of sample is typically used to monitor the pollutant concentrations of batch discharges from facilities and to ensure that wastewater treated on a batch basis is receiving proper pretreatment. A batch discharge usually occurs from one tank over a short period of time.

Many users are required to perform both composite and grab sampling of their discharges. Composite sample results are evaluated for compliance with the NBC's discharge limitations shown in TABLE 11. This table indicates the discharge standards that must be maintained by users located in the Field's Point and Bucklin Point drainage districts. Batch discharges are evaluated for compliance by means of a concentrated discharge formula. This formula is based on the allowable mass loading from a facility and is essentially equivalent to the EPA combined wastestream formula.

In addition to regular wastewater sampling, many industrial users, including all electroplaters and metal finishers, are required to continuously record the pH of the effluent discharged from their firm. These users are required to submit a monthly pH Monitoring Report summarizing the maximum, minimum, and average pH values for each day of operation. The pH Monitoring Report form requires the user to certify that the data reported to the NBC was taken directly from the pH recording chart and is reported to an accuracy of 0.1 standard units. Firms that discharge wastewater on a batch basis must record the final pH of the batch prior to discharge. This data must also be reported monthly. The NBC Batch and Continuous pH Monitoring Report forms are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 3.

NBC Industrial User Sampling Program

EMDA staff conduct compliance monitoring of industrial and commercial facilities to assess the users' compliance status and to verify the validity of user self-monitoring results. Sampling is conducted inside the facility and is random and unannounced. A chain of custody procedure is used which includes completion of a chain of custody document. Sample bottles are sealed with bottle sealing tape to prevent tampering after sampling and preservation has been completed. A sample submission sheet is completed by EMDA staff conducting the sampling and specifies the exact sampling procedure to be implemented, the laboratory analysis requested to be conducted, facility water consumption data, sample preservation documentation and a certification of split sample acceptance or refusal signed by the user. Copies of these sampling and chain of custody documents are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 3.

TABLE 11

NBC FIELD'S POINT EFFLUENT DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS*

(Providence, North Providence, Johnston, small sections of Lincoln and Cranston)

<u>Maximum Daily</u>	<u>Average</u>
(Composite daily for 1 day)	<u>(10 day)</u>
0.11	0.07
2.77	1.71
1.20	1.20
0.58	0.58
0.60	0.40
0.005	0.005
1.62	1.62
0.43	0.24
2.61	1.48
	0.11 2.77 1.20 0.58 0.60 0.005 1.62 0.43

Parameter	Limitation (Max.)

Total Toxic Organics (TTO)	2.13
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	300.00**
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	300.00**
Total Oil and Grease (Fats, Oil and Grease)	125.00
Oil and Grease (Mineral Origin)	25.00
Oil and Grease (Animal/Vegetable Origin)	100.00
pH range (at all times)	5.0 - 11.0 standard units

NBC BUCKLIN POINT EFFLUENT DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS*

(Pawtucket, Central Falls, Lincoln, Cumberland, Rumford Section of East Providence, and the Eastern Section of Smithfield)

<u>Parameter</u>	Maximum Daily (Concentration Limit mg/l)	Monthly Average (Concentration mg/l)
Arsenic (Total)	0.20	0.10
Cadmium(Total)	0.11	0.07
Chromium (Total)	2.77	1.63
Copper (Total)	1.20	1.20
Cyanide (Total)	0.50	0.50
Lead (Total)	0.69	0.29
Mercury (Total)	0.06	0.03
Nickel (Total)	1.62	1.62
Selenium (Total)	0.40	0.20
Silver (Total)	0.40	0.20
Tin (Total)	4.00	2.00
Zinc (Total)	1.67	1.39

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Limitation (Max.)</u>	
Total Toxic Organics (TTO)	2.13	
Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)	300.00**	
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	300.00**	
Total Oil and Grease (Fats, Oil and Grease)	125.00	
Oil and Grease (Mineral Origin)	25.00	
Oil and Grease (Animal/Vegetable Origin)	100.00	
pH range (at all times)	5.0 - 11.0 standard units	

^{*} All limitations are in units of mg/l unless otherwise specified.

^{**} Exceeding these limitations may be permitted but exceedance will be subject to surcharge in accordance with rates approved by the Public Utilities Commission and R.I.G.L. §39-1-1-1 et seq.

The EMDA Section utilizes many controls to insure the legal integrity of the samples collected for compliance and enforcement monitoring. Quality Assurance and Quality Control begins with the purchase of materials. The sample bottles purchased are high quality and pre-cleaned. New bottles are purchased and utilized for each sampling event and all old bottles are discarded. Only the bottles used in automatic samplers and cyanide sample bottles are washed and reused by NBC staff. Preservatives purchased are reagent grade with ultra low levels of impurities.



Laboratory staff entering data into LIMS

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) have been established for glassware and equipment cleaning. These were developed in accordance with EPA established protocols. A copy of the Standard Operating Procedures Manual is kept in each NBC EMDA field laboratory at all times for reference. The procedures include specific information relative to the types of chemicals used, such as phosphate free detergents, de-ionized water, types and strengths of acids, and solvents. EMDA sampling equipment and protocols were modified several years ago to satisfy EPA Clean Sampling requirements.

A logbook is maintained for each automatic sampler to document all usage, cleaning and repairs, as well as all preventive maintenance. All sample lines are prepared in the same manner as sample containers. Acids used in this process are also periodically analyzed for contaminants. A blank water sample of the sampler hose and pump lines is collected and preserved upon completion of the cleaning process. This blank is submitted to the laboratory with the samples that are collected with that sampler. In addition, the deionized water system used by EMDA is checked each week at the ppb level to ensure the integrity of the final de-ionized water rinse.

Whenever the NBC conducts user sampling, the user is offered a replicate sample that they may have analyzed by an independent laboratory for comparison with the NBC's results. The user is notified of the NBC's results as soon as they are reported by the NBC Laboratory.



NBC Laboratory Building

In addition to compliance monitoring inside the industrial and commercial user facilities, the NBC also monitors manholes strategically located throughout the sewer system on a regular basis. The purpose of this manhole monitoring is to track spills, concentrated or non-compliant discharges, and to sample users without them being aware that sampling is being conducted.



NBC Lab Staff Member Performing Microscopic Analysis

The majority of samples collected in 2011 by the EMDA staff were analyzed at the NBC Laboratory located at Field's Point. The NBC Bucklin Point and Field's Point Laboratories were consolidated as of November 2001. A state of the art, full service wastewater laboratory was constructed at that time to combine the two NBC labs and to accommodate EPA regulations that call for more sensitive detection of various materials contained in wastewater.

The EPA has outlined several analyses that require ultra low level detection. These analyses are for trace metals utilizing an inductively coupled plasma/mass spectrometer (ICP/MS), mercury using a cold vapor atomic fluorescence spectrometer, and cyanide. To achieve these ultra low levels, the instruments must be kept in an environment free of contaminants. The major contaminant of concern is metals. An area of the lab is classified as approaching Class 1000 Clean Room Criteria. This means that there is very minimal exposed metal in this area. Everything in this area from the light fixtures to the door jambs are coated or made of a non-metallic material.

There are separate areas of the laboratory designated for digestion of metals, metals analysis on the ICP and metals analysis on the mercury analyzer. The mercury analyzer uses EPA Method 245.7 and currently has a detection limit of 2.0 parts per trillion (ppt). This detection limit is expected to improve as protocols for this new equipment are further refined. The laboratory's ultimate goal is to use EPA Method 1631 for the measurement of total mercury, with an estimated method detection limit of 0.05 ppt and minimum reporting limit (ML) of 0.2 ppt. The ICP/MS is used for ultratrace multi-elemental analysis. The method used is EPA Method 200.8 for trace metals at EPA Water Quality Criteria levels.

The NBC Laboratory has a microbiology lab dedicated to fecal coliform and various other bacterial analysis. A microscope, camera, and monitor are some of the tools used in the "Micro" room. There is also a room specifically used for making media, which is the material used to promote bacteria growth. The use of a separate room for media preparation is important to control contamination concerns. To accommodate the projects conducted by NBC and to satisfy new EPA regulations, it is vital to properly maintain and continuously improve the NBC state of the art laboratory.

Between the period of January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011, NBC personnel conducted 220 sampling inspections of industries located within the NBC Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts, resulting in the collection of 1,639 composite and grab sample results. These 1,639 samples translated to 234 monitoring reports. Of these 234 monitoring reports, 200 were in full compliance with the NBC standards and 34 were not in compliance, resulting in a user compliance rate of 85.5% based upon NBC analyses, a slight decrease from the 86.7% rate of compliance reported for 2010 NBC monitoring results.

The NBC satisfied all EPA requirements regarding sampling SIUs at least once every twelve months, as all significant industrial users with discharges were sampled in 2011. NBC personnel collected samples from all significant categorical and non-categorical users that discharged into the NBC sewer system during 2011.

The NBC conducted sampling of 89 SIUs and seven non-significant user facilities in the two NBC districts during 2011. Of the 96 facilities sampled by the NBC, 65 facilities were classified as categorical industries at the time of the sampling event. There were 24 firms classified as significant non-categorical facilities when sampled by the NBC during 2011.

Computer printouts of the past year's sampling results for significant and non-significant users, separated by district, are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTIONS 5 and 6 respectively. NBC analyses are indicated by a "Y" in the printout. These printouts list cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, nickel, silver, zinc, cyanide, BOD, TSS, Oil and Grease, and other categorical parameters specific to the user. The compliance status of each result is also indicated.

Analysis of Monitoring Results

NBC permits required industrial and commercial users to submit 2,149 wastewater monitoring reports for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. For this period, the industrial and commercial users actually submitted 2,573 sample results, 2,500 of which were in full compliance with NBC and EPA standards. This is a user self monitoring report rate of compliance of 97.2%. The users submitted 19.7% more analyses than required by permits due to the NBC requirement to conduct weekly sampling once non-compliance has occurred.

TABLE 12 provides a summary of the batch and non-batch compliance monitoring results for categorical and non-categorical industries located in both NBC districts for the period from January 1, 2011 through December 31, 2011. TABLE 13 provides a summary of the batch and non-batch compliance monitoring results for the significant and non-significant industrial users. The data reported in TABLES 12 and 13 is shown graphically in FIGURES 8 and 9. TABLE 14 is a comparison of the percent compliance for both self-monitoring and NBC sampling results for the aforementioned period. This table clearly indicates that there may be inconsistencies between NBC and user sampling results. While user self-monitoring compliance reports submitted by significant users indicate a compliance rate of 97.0%, NBC results indicate a compliance rate of 84.3% for this class of users.

TABLE 12

Narragansett Bay Commission Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts

Summary of All Compliance Monitoring Results for Categorical and Non-Categorical Users

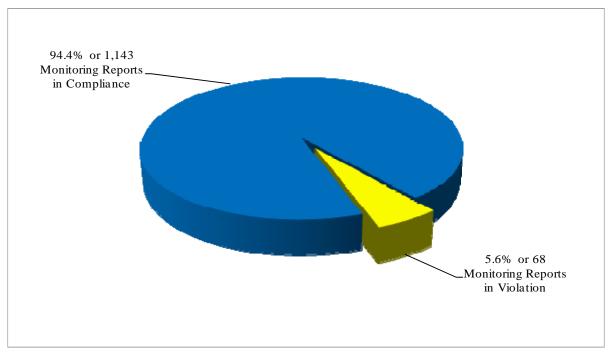
January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

<u>User Self-Monitoring Results</u>	Categorical	Non-Categorical	Totals
Total Monitoring Reports Required	824	1,325	2,149
Total Monitoring Reports Submitted	1,052	1,521	2,573
Total Monitoring Reports In Compliance	1,015	1,485	2,500
Total Monitoring Reports Not In	37	36	73
Compliance			
NBC Monitoring Results			
14De Montoring Results			
Total Monitoring Reports Collected	159	75	234
Total Monitoring Reports In Compliance	128	72	200
Total Monitoring Reports Not In	31	3	34
Compliance			
All Results			
Total Monitoring Reports Reviewed	1,211	1,596	2,807
Total Monitoring Reports With Violations	68	39	107
Total Monitoring Reports In Compliance	1,143	1,557	2,700
Total Users Sampled	66	489	555
Total Users With Violations	21	23	44
Total Users Without Violations	45	466	511

FIGURE 8

2011 Rates of Compliance for Categorical and Non-Categorical Users Field's Point & Bucklin Point Districts

Categorical User Analyses Total Number of Monitoring Reports = 1,211



Non-Categorical User Analyses Total Number of Monitoring Reports = 1,596

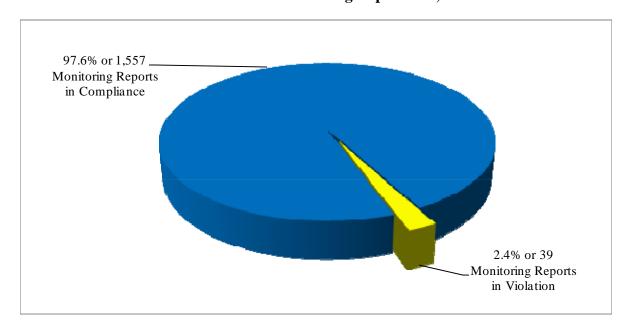


TABLE 13

Narragansett Bay Commission Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts

Summary of All Compliance Monitoring Results for Significant and Non-Significant Users

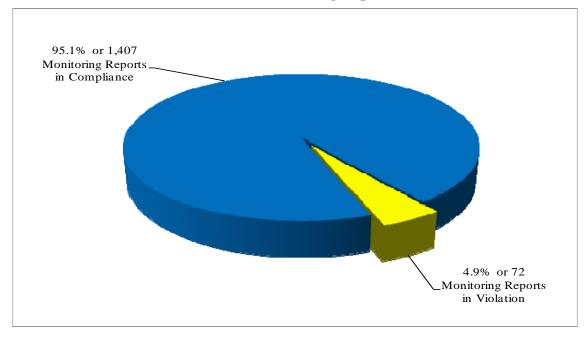
January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

<u>User Self-Monitoring Results</u>	Significant Users	Non- Significant Users	Totals
Total Monitoring Reports Required Total Monitoring Reports Submitted Total Monitoring Reports In Compliance Total Monitoring Reports Not In Compliance	1,003 1,262 1,224 38	1,146 1,311 1,276 35	2,149 2,573 2,500 73
NBC Monitoring Results			
Total Monitoring Reports Collected Total Monitoring Reports In Compliance Total Monitoring Reports Not In Compliance	217 183 34	17 17 0	234 200 34
All Results			
Total Monitoring Reports Reviewed Total Monitoring Reports With Violations Total Monitoring Reports In Compliance Total Users Sampled Total Users With Violations Total Users Without Violations	1,479 72 1,407 89 24 65	1,328 35 1,293 466 20 446	2,807 107 2,700 555 44 511

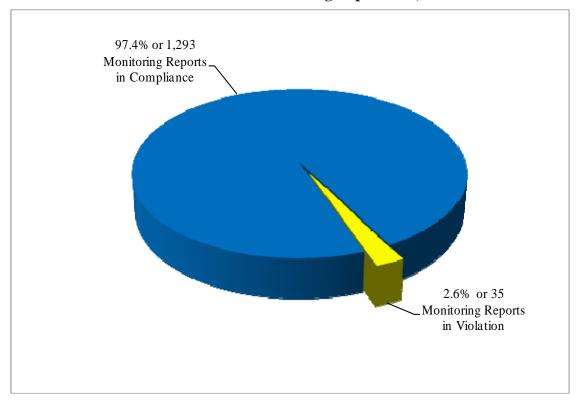
FIGURE 9

2011 Rates of Compliance for Significant and Non-Significant Users Field's Point & Bucklin Point Districts

Significant User Analyses Total Number of Monitoring Reports = 1,479



Non-Significant User Analyses Total Number of Monitoring Reports = 1,328



Narragansett Bay Commission Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts

Comparison of Compliance Rates for Self-Monitoring and NBC Monitoring Reports

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

	User Self-	NBC	All
	Monitoring	Monitoring	Results
Significant Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	97.0%	84.3%	95.1%
	3.0%	15.7%	4.9%
Non-Significant Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	97.3%	100.0%	97.4%
	2.7%	0%	2.6%
Categorical Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	96.5%	80.5%	94.4%
	3.5%	19.5%	5.6%
Non-Categorical Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	97.6%	96.0%	97.6%
	2.4%	4.0%	2.4%
All Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	97.2%	85.5%	96.2%
	2.8%	14.5%	3.8%

This data review indicates the overall SIU compliance rate remained virtually unchanged based upon user monitoring and NBC results when compared to the previous reporting year, as the overall SIU rate of compliance was 95.7% in 2010 and 95.1% in 2011. There was a 12.6% difference in significant industrial user compliance rates observed between user and NBC sampling results. The difference in compliance rates observed for categorical users for these two types of effluent monitoring was even greater at 16.0%.

User self monitoring reports submitted by categorical users indicated full compliance 96.5% of the time, while NBC monitoring found categorical users to be in compliance for only 80.5% of NBC sampling events. These differences in NBC and user monitoring compliance rates indicate that some users may not be properly collecting samples or reporting results that are truly representative of the quality of their effluent discharge and may even indicate that some firms may be falsifying monitoring reports. The NBC aggressively investigates these discrepancies through its industry and manhole sampling programs.

TABLE 15 provides a comparison of the compliance rates for different classes of users located in the Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts. The compliance rates for each class of users in both districts were similar. The overall rate of compliance for Field's Point users was 95.6%, while it was 97.1% in the Bucklin Point District.

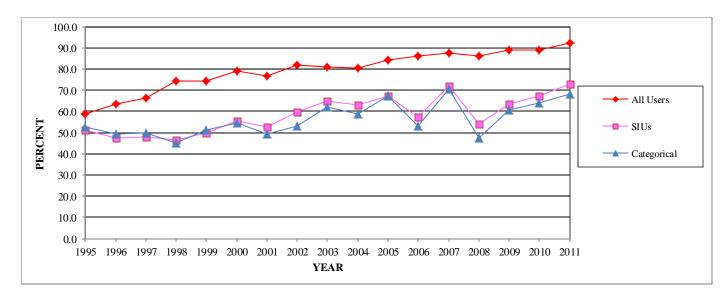
The Field's Point categorical users were in full compliance for 92.5% of the sampling events at their facilities in 2011. This compliance rate slightly decreased from 95.0% in 2010. SIUs in the Field's Point district had a rate of compliance of 93.3%, slightly less than the 97.8% SIU compliance rate observed in the Bucklin Point district.

As can be seen from TABLE 15, non-categorical users in Field's Point had the highest rate of compliance, 98.2%, while the catergorical user located in the Field's Point district had the highest rates of non-compliance, 7.5%. The rate of user compliance for all users in both districts increased to 96.2% in 2011 when compared to 2010, at 88.9%.

TABLE 16 provides an analysis of the percentage of firms in each user class with perfect compliance records for effluent monitoring occurring during 2011. This analysis indicates that 68.2% of categorical users and 73.0% of significant users had perfect compliance records for all effluent parameters and sampling events. Non-significant users had the highest percentage of firms with perfect compliance records, 95.7%. During 2011, of the 555 firms that sampled their wastestream, 511 firms or 92.1% of users were in full compliance with NBC and EPA discharge standards. This analysis excludes the pH parameter and only reviews compliance with toxic pollutant discharge parameters. The perfect compliance rate for each year since 1995 is presented in FIGURE 10. The rate of all users with perfect compliance for effluent monitoring has shown marked improvement over the years. In 1995 the overall rate of compliance for all users was 58.7% compared with 92.1% in 2011.

The increase in user compliance rates can be attributed to NBC resampling requirements, communications with users and to educational efforts by the Pretreatment and ESTA staff regarding EPA and NBC requirements. In addition to educating users, the ESTA staff offer free assistance to companies to resolve compliance issues. The NBC user education and technical assistance programs have resulted in significantly improved rates of compliance by NBC users.

FIGURE 10
Rate of Perfect Compliance with Effluent Parameters for All Users, Significant, and Categorical Users



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Comparison of Compliance Rates Between Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts for All Monitoring Results

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

	Field's Point District	Bucklin Point District	Both Districts
Significant Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	93.3% 6.7%	97.8% 2.2%	95.1% 4.9%
Non-Significant Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	98.0% 2.0%	96.3% 3.7%	97.4% 2.6%
Categorical Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	92.5% 7.5%	97.9% 2.1%	94.4% 5.6%
Non-Categorical Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	98.2% 1.8%	96.6% 3.4%	97.6% 2.4%
All Users			
Compliance Rate Non-Compliance Rate	95.6% 4.4%	97.1% 2.9%	96.2% 3.8%

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Analysis of Percentage of Firms With and Without Effluent Violations* for Various User Classes Field's Point and Bucklin Point Districts

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

	% Firms Without Effluent Violations*	% Firms With Effluent Violations
Categorical Users	68.2%	31.8%
Non-Categorical Users	95.3%	4.7%
Significant Users	73.0%	27.0%
Non-Significant Users	95.7%	4.3%
All Users	92.1%	7.9%

^{*}Excludes pH Parameter Violations.

Of the 2,807 analytical reports reviewed during 2011, there were 107 reports that indicated non-compliance with one or more of the NBC or EPA effluent parameters (excluding pH). Of these 107 non-compliant sample reports, 72 analyses were of samples collected from 24 significant industrial user facilities and 35 non-compliant samples were collected from 20 non-significant facilities.

Five of the 24 SIUs that had effluent violations during 2011 had five or more effluent parameter violations during the report period. In fact, of the 6,228 various pollutant parameters tested for by SIUs, five firms were responsible for 46 parameter violations out of a total of 86 parameter violations reported by all significant users during 2011. These five firms accounted for 53.5% of all SIU parameter violations over the past year. As required by the EPA and DEM, the NBC has initiated some type of enforcement action against each of these firms. A listing of these five firms and the current status of each of these users is provided in TABLE 17.

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Status of Significant Users With 5 or More Parameter Violations

January 1, 2011 - December 31, 2011

Company Name	Number of Parameter <u>Violations</u>	<u>User Status</u>
C&C Rhode Island, LLC	7	This Field's Point metal finishing firm experienced three copper violations and four nickel violations. Five of the seven violations occurred during NBC sampling events. The firm attributed three copper violations and the three nickel violations to pretreatment equipment malfunctions which have been corrected. The firm attributed one nickel violation to inadequate treatment. The firm has completed resampling for the aforementioned violations but is still experiencing compliance issues and is not in compliance with effluent discharge.
Ideal Plating & Polishing Co. Inc.	6	This Field's Point metal finishing firm experienced four cyanide and two copper violations. One cyanide and two copper violations were from NBC sampling events. The remaining three cyanide violations were from user resampling events. The firm has completed resampling and is currently in compliance with effluent discharge limitations.
Evans Plating Corporation	6	This Field's Point metal finishing firm experienced two cadmium, two cyanide, one nickel and one silver violation. All violations were from a NBC sampling event. The firm has completed resampling and is currently in compliance with effluent discharge limitations.

General Plating Company

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This Field's Point metal finishing firm experienced five copper and six cyanide violations. Five copper and five cyanide violations were from NBC sampling events. The firm attributed the violations to a leaking copper cyanide tank. The firm corrected the problem. The firm has completed resampling and is currently in compliance with effluent discharge limitations.

Monarch Metal Finishing, Inc.

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This Field's Point metal finishing firm experienced one copper violation, seven nickel violations, and eight cyanide violations. One of the sixteen violations occurred during a NBC sampling event. The firm attributed the seven nickel violations to poor rinsing techniques. The firm retrained employees on proper rinsing techniques. The firm attributed the copper violation and six cyanide violations to inadequate treatment. The firm has completed resampling and is currently in compliance with effluent discharge limitations.

2011 Industrial User Compliance Status Summary

During 2011, the NBC continued to monitor and track the compliance status of all industrial users in both the Field's Point and Bucklin Point districts. Notices of Violation were issued for all instances of non-compliance. A total of 1,904 Notice of Violation letters were issued in 2011. A table detailing each type of Notice of Violation letter issued to each firm can be found in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 8. A summary of the monthly compliance status for Significant Industrial Users can be found in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 5. A summary of NBC Enforcement Actions, including the penalties assessed, is also provided in CHAPTER VI.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole Monitoring Program

During 2011, EMDA staff conducted sampling of an average of seven manholes each week. The automatic samplers for manholes are typically programmed to take a grab sample every 15 minutes over an approximately 32 hour period and utilize either one large bottle to obtain a single composite sample or a 24 bottle carrousel to obtain 24 discrete samples. For carrousel installations, 24 composite samples consisting of five grab samples per bottle are obtained over the 32 hour sampling period. EMDA staff analyze each of the 24 sample bottles for

pH and any unusual wastewater characteristics. Should any unusual conditions be observed, one or possibly all of the 24 samples would be analyzed separately. If no unusual characteristics are observed, an equal volume aliquot of each of the 24 samples is composited into two separate samples for laboratory analyses for metals and cyanide. After obtaining results indicating noncompliance, Pretreatment staff attempts to determine the potential source of these noncompliant discharges. Manhole monitoring results continue to indicate declines in the quantities of toxics discharged into the sewer system.

During 2011, the NBC conducted a total of 334 industrial manhole sampling events at manholes located throughout the two districts. In addition to collecting industrial manhole samples, 42 sampling events at residential manholes and 4 sampling events related to sewer line cleaning. A total of 380 samples were collected from manholes in 2011. This is an increase from the 311 manhole samples collected in 2010. In addition to the 380 monitoring events, 12 additional manholes were attempted to be monitored in both Field's Point and Bucklin Point. However, due to flow conditions or mechanical problems, effluent could not be collected by the automatic samplers at these sites.

EMDA staff conducted 138 monitoring events at industrial surveillance manholes located in the Bucklin Point district. The compliance rate for industrial manhole samples for the Bucklin Point district was 98.6%. This compliance rate compares well to the rate of compliance observed for self monitoring reports submitted by significant industrial users. EMDA staff conducted 196 monitoring events from industrial surveillance manholes located in the Field's Point district. The rate of compliance for industrial samples in the Field's Point district was 88.3%. This compliance rate is somewhat less than that observed for SIUs, which indicates that at various times and in several locations, NBC discharge standards may have been violated in this drainage district. A discussion of the results of sanitary monitoring is provided in CHAPTER V of this report and a discussion of the manholes with elevated concentrations of toxics is provided in the following paragraphs. Industrial surveillance and sanitary manhole monitoring results for 2011 are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 7.

INDUSTRIAL SURVEILLANCE MANHOLE VIOLATIONS

FIELD'S POINT DISTRICT

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 04A & 04B

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 04A and 04B are located on Chapman Street in Providence downstream and upstream of Armbrust International, Ltd, which conducts metal finishing operations. On January 20, 2011 and September 15, 2011 the concentration of silver in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 04A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 0.43 ppm. The upstream manhole, Industrial Surveillance Manhole 04B, was in full compliance with NBC discharge limitations. The firm was issued Notices of Violation which required a report detailing the cause of the high silver concentration to be submitted. The firm reviewed its operations and questioned employees and nothing unusual was noted. The firm indicated it would continue to monitor its operations to determine potential sources of the silver. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 07, 10A, 11A, 12A, 12B, 181A and 181B

Throughout 2010, periodic monitoring detected elevated metals and cyanide in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 07. This manhole is located downstream of the Ellenfield industrial area in Providence which includes many metal finishing firms. Manhole sampling continued throughout 2011 to monitor the metals and cyanide concentrations in this manhole. On February 23, 2011 the concentrations of copper and nickel in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 07 were in excess of the NBC discharge limitations of 1.20 ppm and 1.62 ppm respectively. In January 2011, February 2011, and August 2011 additional monitoring of surveillance manholes up and down stream of individual companies was conducted to determine the source of the elevated concentrations metals observed in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 07.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 10A is located on Georgia Avenue. On January 13, 2011 the concentrations of copper and nickel in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 10A were in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.20 ppm and 1.62 ppm respectively. Companies located in the area upstream of Industrial Surveillance Manhole 10A were inspected and nothing unusual was noted.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 11A is located on Virginia Avenue downstream of Monarch Metal Finishing, Inc. which conducts metal finishing operations. On January 13, 2011 and February 24, 2011 the concentration of copper in this manhole was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.20 ppm. On January 13, 2011 and August 18, 2011 the concentration of nickel in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 11A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.62 ppm. Inspections of the facility were conducted after each incident of high concentrations in the manhole. In addition, the firm was experiencing compliance problems inside the facility at the beginning of 2011. The firm attributed the high concentrations of metals to improper rinsing techniques in its plating line and/or inadequate treatment. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 12A and 12B are located on Virginia Avenue downstream and upstream of C&C Rhode Island, LLC which conducts metal finishing operations. On February 24, 2011 and August 18, 2011 the concentration of nickel in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 12A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.62 ppm. The firm was inspected. The firm attributed the high concentration on February 24, 2011 to a pretreatment equipment malfunction. The firm was issued a Notice of Violation for the high concentration of nickel on August 18, 2011. The firm attributed the violation to inadequate treatment. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 181A and 181B are located on Carolina Avenue downstream and upstream of International Insignia Corporation, which conducts metal finishing operations. On February 24, 2011 the concentration of copper in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 181A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.20 ppm. Inspections of the facility were conducted after each violation. In addition, at the time of the manhole monitoring the firm was experiencing violations during Self-Monitoring and/or NBC sampling events. The firm attributed the high concentrations of metals to inadequate treatment of its batch acid/alkaline tank. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 23A & 23B

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 23A and 23B are located on Public Street in Providence, downstream and upstream of Ideal Plating & Polishing Company, Inc. which conducts metal finishing operations. On March 17, 2011 the concentration of cyanide in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 23A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 0.58 ppm. The upstream manhole, Industrial Surveillance Manhole 23B, was in full compliance with NBC discharge limitations. The firm was inspected and indicated it had contacted NBC for help from NBC ESTA staff. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 39A

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 39A is located on Chestnut Street in Providence. On March 10, 2011 the concentration of nickel in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 39A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.62 ppm. Companies located in the area upstream of Industrial Surveillance Manhole 39A were inspected and nothing unusual was noted. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of the companies upstream of this manhole.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 43A

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 43A is located on Dupont Drive in Providence. On July 21, 2011 the concentration of copper in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 43A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitations of 1.20 ppm. Companies in the area were inspected to determine the potential source. At the time of the inspections the companies were operating properly and nothing unusual was noted. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this area.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 53A & 53B

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 53A and 53B are located on Plymouth Street in Providence downstream and upstream of Surface Coatings Division of Westwell Industries Inc., which conducts metal finishing operations. On December 8, 2011 the concentration of nickel in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 53A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.62 ppm. The upstream manhole, Industrial Surveillance Manhole 53B, was in full compliance with NBC discharge limitations. The firm was issued a Notice of Violation which required a report detailing the cause of the high nickel concentration to be submitted. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 65A

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 65A is located on Addison Place in Providence downstream of International Chromium Plating, which conducts metal finishing operations. On May 28, 2011 the concentration of chromium in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 65A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 2.77 ppm. The firm was issued a Notice of Violation which required a report detailing the cause of the high chromium concentration to be submitted. The firm reviewed its operations and indicated the cause to be increased flow through its treatment system. In response, employees were retrained on proper rinsing and dragout techniques for the plating lines. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 78A

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 78A is located on Delaine Street in Providence. On December 22, 2011 the concentrations of copper, nickel, and zinc in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 78A were in excess of the NBC discharge limitations of 1.20 ppm, 1.62 ppm, and 2.61 ppm respectively. The area upstream of Industrial Surveillance Manhole 78A will be inspected in early 2012 to determine potential sources of the high metals concentrations. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this area.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 123A & 123B

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 123A and 123B are located on Starr Street in Johnston downstream and upstream of DiFruscia Industries, Inc., which conducts metal finishing operations. On September 29, 2011 the concentration of copper and nickel in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 123A was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.20 ppm and 1.62 ppm respectively. The upstream manhole, Industrial Surveillance Manhole 123B, was in full compliance with NBC discharge limitations. The firm was issued a Notice of Violation which required a report detailing the cause of the high metals concentration to be submitted. The firm indicated that an overflow of a seal tank was the cause of the violation. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 125A

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 125A is located on Industrial Lane in Johnston downstream of Tri-Jay Company, which conducts metal finishing operations. On December 22, 2011 the concentration of copper was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.20 ppm. The firm was issued a Notice of Violation which required a report detailing the cause of the high copper concentration to be submitted. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this area.

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 154A & 154B

Industrial Surveillance Manholes 154A and 154B are located on Humbert Street in North Providence downstream and upstream of Alpha Plating & Metallizing, which conducted metal finishing operations. On March 29, 2011 the concentrations of copper, lead, and zinc were in excess of the NBC discharge limitations of 1.20 ppm, 0.60 ppm, and 2.61 ppm respectively. On April 19, 2011, and April 21, 2011 the concentrations of lead were in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 0.60 ppm. On all dates the upstream manhole, Industrial Surveillance Manhole 154B, was in full compliance with NBC discharge limitations. The firm had ceased process operations and was in the process of cleaning out the facility. The facility was inspected numerous times and closely monitored while shut down operations were conducted. The final discharge pipe at the facility had a temporary cap in place in May 2011 preventing discharges to the sewer. The final discharge pipe was verified to be permanently capped in August 2011. As of September 2011 all chemicals, solutions and wastes had been removed from the facility and all manifests documenting proper disposal have been submitted to the NBC.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 167

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 167 is located on Warren Avenue in North Providence downstream of Aro-Sac, Inc. and Karoway Polishing which conduct zero discharge mass finishing operations. On June 11, 2011 the concentrations of cadmium, copper, lead, and silver in this manhole were in excess of the NBC discharge limitations of 0.11 ppm, 1.20 ppm, 0.60 ppm, and 0.43 ppm respectively. The firms were inspected and it was noted that Karoway Polishing was no longer in operation and had closed its facility. Aro-Sac, Inc. was issued a letter which required a report detailing the cause of the high metals concentration be submitted. The firm reviewed its operations and nothing unusual was noted. The firm indicated it would continue to monitor its operations and review procedures with employees. The company was inspected several times after the date of the violations. The company was in compliance with its permit during the inspections. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

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Industrial Surveillance Manhole 96

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 96 is located on Crownmark Drive in Lincoln downstream of Liquid Blue, which conducts textile processing operations. On January 6, 2011 the concentration of copper was in excess of the NBC discharge limitation of 1.20 ppm. The firm was issued a Notice of Violation which required a report detailing the cause of the high copper concentration to be submitted. The firm indicated that an increased work load and use of a specific dye may have been the source of the copper. The company indicated that it would monitor its effluent more closely. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this company.

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 124C

Industrial Surveillance Manhole 124C is located on Highland Corporate Drive in Cumberland downstream of Tedor Pharma and Precision Dermatology. On April 7, 2011 the concentration of copper, zinc and cyanide in Industrial Surveillance Manhole 124C was in excess of the NBC discharge limitations of 1.20 ppm, 1.67 ppm, and 0.50 ppm respectively. Companies in the area were inspected to determine the potential source. At the time of the inspections nothing unusual was noted. Continued industrial manhole monitoring will be conducted by NBC personnel in 2012 to monitor the compliance status of this area.

SURVEILLANCE MANHOLE MONITORING CONCLUSIONS

The NBC conducts surveillance manhole monitoring throughout the sewer districts on a routine basis. These manholes are located up and down stream of significant industrial users, zero discharge facilities as well as in residential areas. Pretreatment staff reviews the analytical data from all manhole monitoring events. When the results indicate non-compliance with NBC local discharge limitations, Pretreatment and EMDA staff work together to find the source. In 2011, Pretreatment staff investigated all incidents of non-compliant manhole results. Notices of Violation letters were issued to companies discharging to the manhole and the companies were inspected. This aggressive manhole monitoring program will continue in 2012.

V. NBC IMPACT OF PRETREATMENT PROGRAM ON CONTROL OF TOXICS AND INCOMPATIBLE WASTE

NBC Impact on the Control of Toxics and Incompatible Wastes

The continuing goal of the NBC is to improve receiving water quality by meeting and exceeding compliance with RIPDES discharge standards thereby limiting the impact wastewater treatment facility effluent has on Narragansett Bay. To this end, influent and effluent metals and cyanide loading data are evaluated to provide a measure of the amount of industrial waste being discharged to the sewer system, as well as a means of quantifying the NBC effectiveness at controlling and reducing the discharge of toxic pollutants into the collection system. The NBC has analyzed and tracked the toxic pollutant loading trends at its treatment facilities since the creation of the agency.

The data and analyses presented in this chapter summarize the 2011 monitoring initiatives performed by the EMDA Section, including monitoring of the treatment facilities, the collection system, Significant Industrial Users (SIU) and the receiving waters of Narragansett Bay. The Pretreatment Section works in conjunction with the EMDA, Laboratory, Operations, and Engineering Sections to control toxics from entering and impacting the sewer system. EMDA conducts sampling of wastewater from all discharge sources into the NBC system, throughout the collection and treatment systems, and ultimately to its final fate as either sludge or as treated effluent discharged into Narragansett Bay.

NBC RIPDES Permit Requirements

On December 31, 2001, both wastewater treatment facilities were issued updated RIPDES discharge permits. Of significant interest was the removal of several pollutants from the permits due to five years of data that had revealed discharge levels well below the detection limits or aquatic life criteria as it is applied to the NBC receiving waters.

At Field's Point, the following parameters were removed from the permit:

- Cadmium
- Hexavalent chromium
- Lead
- Tetrachloroethylene
- 1,1,1-trichloroethane
- Trichloroethylene
- 1,2-dichloroethylene
- Methylene chloride
- Bis(2-ethylhexyl) phthalate

At Bucklin Point, pollutants were also removed from frequent monitoring due to historically low concentrations. The following parameters were removed from the Bucklin Point permit:

- Cadmium
- Tetrachloroethylene
- 1,1,1-Trichloroethane
- Trichloroethylene
- Dichloromethane

Monitoring of these pollutants continues through routine sampling and semi-annual priority pollutant scans. Data from these scans indicate that concentrations are either well below saltwater water quality criteria or not detectable in plant effluent.

The removal of a parameter from a RIPDES permit, or a downgrade to monitor only status, can be directly attributed to effective efforts by Pretreatment, ESTA, Laboratory, Operations, and EMDA staff. The timely collection of samples by EMDA staff, low-level trace analysis by the Laboratory Section, effective regulation of industry by Pretreatment, technical assistance provided to industry by ESTA, and effective treatment performed by Operations staff are the key components of an efficient wastewater treatment organization.

Permit requirements were modified by the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) during 2005 as part of the nutrient permit limits issued to reduce the amount of nitrogen discharged to Narragansett Bay. The updated permit requirements mandate monitoring of nitrate, nitrite, and Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) three times per week. TKN analyses determine both ammonia nitrogen and organic nitrogen in samples. The organic nitrogen component is necessary to determine and monitor total nitrogen in the treatment plant effluent. Permit monitoring requirements for ammonia remained at twice weekly, but the NBC sampled all nutrient parameters three times per week beginning on August 1, 2005.

Consent Agreement RIA-330 between the NBC and DEM was fully executed and took effect on January 1, 2004. This agreement resolved the NBC appeal of certain conditions within RIPDES permits RI100072 and RI10100315, which were issued to the Bucklin Point and Field's Point treatment facilities respectively, on December 31, 2001. As a result of this consent agreement, consent decree permit limits at Bucklin Point for copper, mercury, nickel, silver, and zinc were developed based on historical effluent concentrations rather than water quality criteria. Similarly, Field's Point consent decree permit limits for copper were also developed. At both plants, cyanide permit limits were agreed upon that recognize the EPA quantitation limit of this parameter. As a result of these updated consent decree limits, NBC facilities are better able to meet these effluent limits.

Additional changes in the consent agreement included the addition of a second daily fecal coliform bacteria grab sample at the final effluent to improve the testing of this important water quality indicator. Seasonal limits were also set at Bucklin Point for ammonia in the final effluent based on ammonia toxicity criteria.

Consent Agreement RIA-330 was modified on February 27, 2007, to address compliance with biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) and total suspended solids (TSS) percent removal from the wet weather facilities at Bucklin Point, outfall 003A. The consent agreement includes an equation to be used to calculate percent removal based upon wet weather influent concentration, wet weather influent flow, wet weather effluent concentration, wet weather effluent flow, and monthly average percent removal from Bucklin Point.

Sample Collection at the Wastewater Treatment Facilities

All sample collections, preservations, and storage at the NBC treatment facilities are performed with strict adherence to EPA protocols. As detailed in the NBC current RIPDES permits, the Field's Point and Bucklin Point treatment facilities are required to sample the influent and effluent wastewater streams for toxic and conventional pollutants on a regular basis.

Toxic pollutant monitoring requirements include 24-hour composite sample collections for the analysis of copper, lead, mercury, nickel, silver, chromium, and zinc. Metals and cyanide measurements are required twice-weekly at both plants. During 2011, EMDA staff collected all permit-required 24-hour composite samples of the waste streams at the two treatment facilities.

Field's Point influent samples are collected at the single interceptor that feeds the facility, after bar screening and prior to the grit removal tanks. At Bucklin Point, influent composite samples are collected from both interceptors, the Blackstone Valley Interceptor (BVI) and the East Providence Interceptor (EPI), that bring wastewater to the plant. Previously, collections from BVI and EPI were made on a flow-paced schedule and analyzed independently, with the independent analytical results combined based on the flow percentages for the sample collection period after chemical analysis. The EMDA Section conducted a study during 2005 to determine whether combining these separate collections prior to analysis would improve accuracy of the analytical results. A substantial number of metals samples collected from EPI are below the detection limit of the NBC Laboratory instrumentation. This is due to both low flow and the small number of industrial users in this portion of the Bucklin Point service district. The flow proportioned combination of the samples prior to analysis was investigated to determine whether the resultant sample would provide a more accurate influent concentration. Results from this study indicated that, for samples above the detection limits, there is no significant difference between the two methods. For samples that were routinely below the method detection limits, the combination of the samples improved the accuracy of analytical results. By providing more representative influent data, evaluation of plant performance at the Bucklin Point facility is more accurate, and the improved results can, in turn, be used to more easily fine tune processes within the wastewater treatment facility. The improved influent interceptor sampling change took effect for both metals and cyanide on September 26, 2005.

Twice-weekly influent cyanide samples are collected at the two Bucklin Point interceptor locations and are composites of nine separate grab samples at each location. These samples are mixed flow proportionally in the same way as the metals and conventional pollutant composite collections.

Final effluent sample collections at both facilities are downstream of all treatment processes. Composite effluent samples are analyzed by the Laboratory for conventional pollutants and metals including copper, lead, mercury, nickel, silver, and zinc, as well as nutrients. The nutrients analyzed are nitrite, nitrate, ammonia, and total phosphorus. Nitrate is determined by difference from a combined nitrite/nitrate measurement and a

nitrite measurement. In 2004 the NBC purchased a state-of-the-art nutrient auto-analyzer to process treatment plant samples. A second instrument was acquired in September 2005 to process salt water samples. These instruments show improved analysis efficiency for nutrient measurements, and analytical results from this equipment continue to produce better precision and accuracy than previous analyses.

Other required sample collections for plant monitoring include daily fecal coliform bacteria, BOD, TSS, oil and grease, pH, and total residual chlorine (TRC). Effluent samples are collected and analyzed for dissolved metals at both facilities on a monthly basis. Whole effluent bioassay toxicity tests are also conducted quarterly at both facilities.

As previously noted, on August 1, 2005 nutrient monitoring was increased from two to three times per week. A consent agreement was signed on June 16, 2006 which imposed interim seasonal total nitrogen limits of 10 ppm and 18.2 ppm for Bucklin Point and Field's Point respectively. As required by the consent agreement, the Biological Nutrient Removal (BNR) facility performance at Bucklin Point was closely observed through the end of the summer 2007 so that an engineering analysis could be performed. The engineering analysis determined that the facility cannot achieve a seasonal total nitrogen limit of 5.0 ppm and would require an additional upgrade. The NBC has completed a facilities plan for Bucklin Point that includes upgrades that will allow the facility to meet the permit limit of 5.0 ppm. The upgrades will begin in 2012. An interim permit limit of 8.5 ppm total nitrogen is now in effect.

At Field's Point, construction is underway to upgrade the treatment plant to meet a 5.0 ppm total nitrogen discharge limit. Major facility upgrades and renovations are necessary to implement BNR technology. Construction is expected to be completed in 2014.

Clean Sampling Implementation

In 1998, a comparative study was conducted of various sample collection methods at the Field's Point and Bucklin Point effluents. The EPA determined that one of the greatest difficulties in measuring pollutants, particularly trace metals, is avoiding sample contamination during collection, transport, and analysis. In response, the EPA developed the 1600-Series Methods Guidance for "Ultra-Clean" sampling and analysis of trace metals. The NBC comparative study was conducted to determine the level of "cleanliness" necessary for routine effluent sampling and the level of background contamination which may be present with existing sampling methods. The study concluded that improved sampling techniques reduce background sampling contamination and certain trace metal levels in the effluent.

As of January 1, 2000, all treatment facility sampling is performed with methods outlined in *US-EPA Method 1669 – Sampling Ambient Water for Trace Metals at EPA Water Quality Criteria Levels*. As laboratory detection limits continue to be lowered, EMDA is constantly evaluating its sample collection and handling procedures to ensure that contamination will not significantly affect the data results. EMDA adopted and is adhering to ultra-clean

sampling methodology developed by Hampton Roads Sanitation District of Virginia via participation in a National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) mercury study begun in 2003. This methodology uses sample bottles, tubing, and pumps that allow sample collection and transfer without opening bottle tops, eliminating many potential sources of contamination. The experience gained in this study assisted EMDA in determining the best ways to improve the performance-based clean sampling methods.

EMDA has implemented a plant sampling quality assurance program to evaluate the success of its current clean sampling program in limiting contamination in nutrient and metals composite sampling of the influent and effluent at the two treatment facilities. The program defines a strict protocol for cleaning the 10 and 15 liter HDPE composite carboys used in the sampling. In short, this procedure involves dishwasher cleaning with laboratory-grade soap, followed by acid-cleaning with nitric acid. Carboys are then acidcleaned using hydrochloric acid and rinsed with distilled, de-ionized (DI) water that has been treated with a Barnstead Nano Pure four cartridge filtration system to a purity minimum of 15 mega ohms per centimeter resistivity. Another key element of the plant sampling quality assurance program is the regular cleaning of the suction pump tubing used in the drawing of the wastestream sample into the composite carboy container. This cleaning follows the same steps as the carboy cleaning. The success of the carboy and tubing cleaning is evaluated with the collection of blank samples. For these blank samples, DI water is added to cleaned carboys and held for a minimum of 12 hours to simulate normal sample holding times. This water is then analyzed for the same parameters as performed on the wastewater sample. Tube cleaning is evaluated by drawing DI water through the tubing into pre-cleaned containers. Results from these samples have helped EMDA, in conjunction with the Laboratory, determine the steps needed to continue to improve the clean sampling protocols as analytical detection limits continue to be reduced through improved laboratory procedures and instrumentation.

Field's Point Special Sampling Activities

The following summarizes the special sampling activities conducted at Field's Point during 2011:

■ EMDA staff continued to check the agreement between the continuous, in-situ influent and effluent pH probes with discrete pH grab samples analyzed by the Laboratory. Two grab samples were collected each day at both sites. Working with the Laboratory on this calibration effort helped to improve data quality and comparability. The results of this comparison were documented in a daily log sheet. EMDA staff contacted Operations staff to calibrate the continuous, in-situ probes whenever its values were outside of the normal agreement range with the laboratory instrument which is calibrated daily.

- EMDA staff performed daily checks of the influent and effluent wastestream channels for the presence of total residual chlorine and sulfides which may interfere with cyanide sample analyses. EMDA staff used standard potassium iodide, starch, and lead acetate indicator papers for this testing. In 2011, all tests for these constituents yielded non-detectable results at Field's Point. If either of these constituents was detected, the cyanide sampling, if in progress, would have been suspended and re-started the following day to ensure that these chemicals did not interfere with the cyanide analysis.
- In an effort to learn more about the concentrations of bacteria in the treated effluent, the NBC instituted a study to monitor the effluent for enterococcus bacteria. This study began in May 2010 and continued throughout 2011. The data has not shown a strong correlation between fecal coliform concentrations and enterococcus concentrations. Work is continuing on this project in anticipation of RIPDES permit changes requiring compliance with a limit for enterococcus.
- In an effort to evaluate the ongoing upgrades of the Field's Point treatment tanks, the NBC initiated a study to evaluate the performance of the upgraded final clarifiers compared to the existing tanks. This study showed the upgraded tank slightly improved TSS removal.
- In order to comply with stricter nitrogen limits, the aeration tanks are being updated to perform biological nitrogen reduction (BNR) using Integrated Fixed Film Activated Sludge (IFAS) media. During 2011 several of the aeration tanks were completely upgraded to the new configuration, however carbon addition equipment and some additional process control upgrades had not yet been completed. A study was conducted where grab samples were collected from strategic points in one of the upgraded aeration tanks as well as some tanks that had not yet been upgraded to compare the BNR performance of the tanks as they were currently configured.

Bucklin Point Special Sampling Activities

The following activities summarize special sampling activities conducted at Bucklin Point during 2011:

- EMDA staff picked up septage samples weekly at the Lincoln Septage Receiving Station and delivered them to the Laboratory for analysis. Three daily composite samples of septage trucked to the Lincoln station were analyzed for trace metals and cyanide each week. Interceptor Maintenance staff sampled and screened each septage truck delivery for quality by measuring pH during the pump-out at the septage facility.
- EMDA staff performed daily laboratory analyses of both permit and process samples collected daily for effluent pH and temperature. EMDA staff also performed regular daily checks of the influent for pH. This grab sample was collected at the Grit and Screening Building, in the channel just prior to the bar

screens. Results were communicated to the Laboratory and Operations staff for permit compliance and process control applications. Abnormal pH measurements would have triggered additional grab samples being collected and an investigation by Pretreatment staff. The QA/QC program requires calibration, checks, and documentation that the pH meter and colorimeter used for these tests are operating properly.

- EMDA staff performed daily checks of the influent and effluent wastestream channels for the presence of total residual chlorine and sulfides which may interfere with cyanide sample analyses. EMDA staff used standard potassium iodide, starch, and lead acetate indicator papers for this testing. In 2011, all tests for these constituents were non-detected at Bucklin Point. If either of these constituents was detected, the cyanide sampling, if in progress, would be suspended and re-started the following day to ensure that these chemicals did not interfere with the cyanide analysis.
- In an effort to learn more about the concentrations of bacteria in the treated effluent, the NBC instituted a study to monitor the effluent for enterococcus bacteria. This study began in June 2010 and continued throughout 2011. The data has not shown a strong correlation between fecal coliform concentrations and enterococcus concentrations. Work is continuing on this project in anticipation of RIPDES permit changes requiring compliance with a limit for enterococcus.
- In support of the ongoing efforts to improve the BNR process, a study was continued to evaluate the benefits from a carbon source addition to the existing treatment system. The study consisted of adding a carbon source, in this case glycerin, to one of the three aeration tanks. A series of grab samples were collected from the tank where the glycerin was added and a control tank to determine if the carbon source addition was beneficial. However, before the study could be completed, the ambient temperature dropped so low that the BNR process was adversely affected.

Analysis of Influent Loading Data

Comparing recent and historical influent loading data is a useful tool for evaluating the success of the Pretreatment Program in controlling the quality of industrial wastewater discharged to the collection system. Analysis of toxic pollutant loadings to the two NBC wastewater treatment facilities has indicated a historical downward trend.

Records of data for metals and cyanide in the Field's Point collection system have been collected and analyzed since 1981. Significantly less historical loading data is available for Bucklin Point, which was acquired by the NBC in 1992. The historical Bucklin Point data presented here covers the period from 1994 to present for metals, and 1991 to present for cyanide.

~Field's Point District - Influent Loading Analysis

FIGURES 11 and 12 depict the reduction in metals and cyanide loadings to Field's Point between 1981, the year before the NBC assumed the ownership and operation of the Field's Point treatment facility and portions of the metropolitan Providence sewer system, and the present.

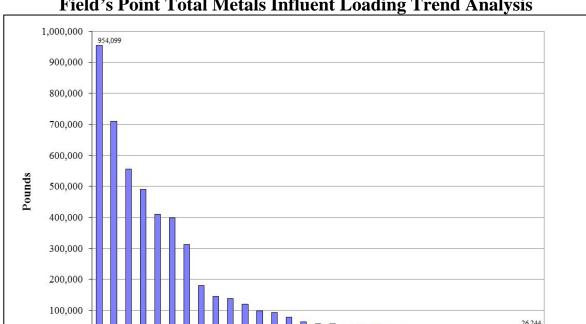


FIGURE 11
Field's Point Total Metals Influent Loading Trend Analysis

Over the past 31 years, there has been a significant downward trend in the total loadings of metals as can be seen in FIGURE 11. Total metals loadings is defined as the sum of cadmium, copper, chromium, lead, mercury, nickel, silver, and zinc loadings. These loadings showed a decrease of 97.3% since 1981. In fact the total metals loadings to Field's Point have been below the Maximum Allowable Headworks Loadings (MAHL) of 140,283 pounds since the early 1990s. Since 2002 the total metals loading has been consistent though there have been minor fluctuations during this time period. Influent metals loadings in 2011 had a slight increase of 1,252.6 pounds from 2010.

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Cyanide loading data for the same time period indicates a similar overall downward trend, as can be seen in FIGURE 12, with a dramatic 98.2% decrease in loadings between 1981 and 2011. Between 2010 and 2011 there was a 1,082.5 pound, or 43.2% decrease in cyanide influent loading into Field's Point. The influent cyanide loading in 2011 is actually the lowest loading documented since 1981. The success in reducing the metal and cyanide inputs to the treatment facilities is largely due to the efforts and success of the NBC Pretreatment and ESTA programs.

FIGURE 12
Field's Point Cyanide Influent Loading Trend Analysis

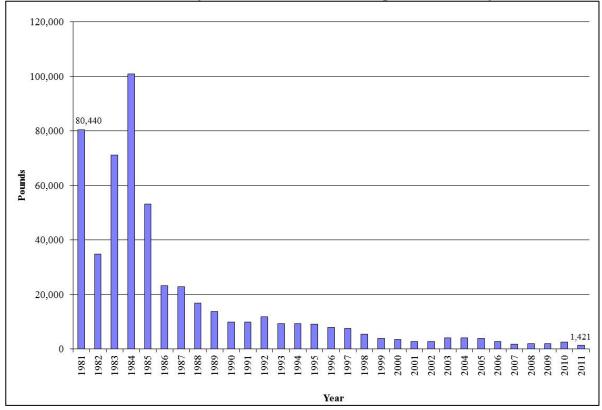


TABLE 18 provides a comparison of the 2010 and 2011 metals and cyanide loadings to Field's Point. Loading figures were calculated based on monthly averages of concentration and flow. As illustrated in TABLE 18, the annual influent loading for all metals except for lead and mercury showed increases in 2011 compared to 2010. Overall there was a 5.0% increase in total metals in 2011 over 2010 and overall there has been a 97.2% decrease in metals since 1981. Of the metals that exhibited an increase in 2011, the largest increase was seen in nickel by 870.4 pounds or 29.2%. The smallest increase was in copper by 26.6 pounds or 0.5%. Lead decreased by 137.9 pounds or 7.3% and mercury had a substantial decrease over 2010 of 55.4%. Cyanide had a decrease of 43.2% from 2010, or 1,082.5 lbs. Overall, loading of metals remains low due to strict regulation by the Pretreatment Section and the educational efforts by the Pretreatment and ESTA Sections and the NBC proactive approach to pollution prevention. The decreases since NBC has taken over the operation of Field's Point demonstrate the continued commitment to vigilant enforcement and continued encouragement to users to implement pollution prevention measures. Total flow to Field's Point increased by 2.5% in 2011 compared to 2010, with an average daily influent flow of 48.7 MGD in 2011. In addition, there was a 4,782 gallons per day increase in industrial flow from SIUs.

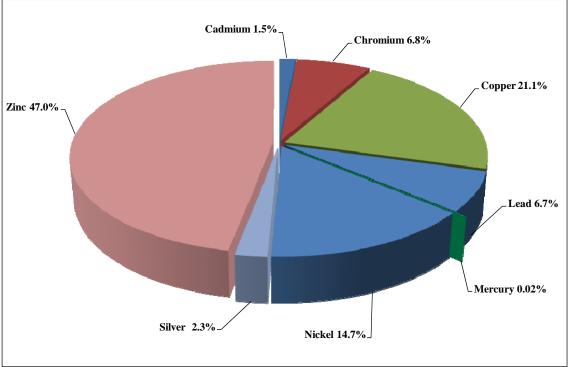
TABLE 18 Comparison of 2010-2011 Annual Loadings to Field's Point

Pollutant	2010 (Pounds)	2011 (Pounds)	Total Pound change	% Change
Total Cadmium	361.5	384.7	23.2	6.4%
Total Chromium	1,639.2	1,780.7	141.5	8.6%
Total Copper	5,517.9	5,544.5	26.6	0.5%
Total Lead	1,886.0	1,748.1	-137.9	-7.3%
Total Mercury	12.89	5.75	-7.14	-55.4%
Total Nickel	2,977.8	3,848.1	870.3	29.2%
Total Silver	573.9	595.1	21.2	3.7%
Total Zinc	12,022.4	12,337.2	314.8	2.6%
Total Metals	24,991.6	26,244.2	1,252.6	5.0%
Total Cyanide	2,503.1	1,420.6	-1,082.5	-43.2%

In 2011, the Field's Point facility provided secondary treatment to an additional 1.2 billion gallons of flow that was captured in the CSO Tunnel, approximately 122 million gallons more than in 2010. Past sampling has shown that the metals loading received into Field's Point from the tunnel is not a significant portion of the total metals loading to the plant. The net effect on influent loading from the tunnel is difficult to determine, given the uncertainties of identifying and quantifying the new flow that reaches the plant, but is not a significant source of influent metals loading.

A percentage breakdown of the various metals discharged to Field's Point is provided in FIGURE 13. The majority of metal loadings to Field's Point is from zinc, copper, and nickel. These metals account for 82.8% of the total metal loadings to Field's Point, roughly equivalent to the relative contribution observed during 2010. The loading of total zinc in 2011 was 12,337.2 pounds, or 47.0%, the highest of any toxic pollutant discharged into the Field's Point system. As will be shown later in this chapter, the majority of zinc loadings are attributed to residential sources. Copper was the next highest pollutant load to Field's Point at 5,544.5 pounds or 21.1%, followed by nickel at 3,848.1 pounds or 14.7%. The loadings levels of toxic pollutants to Field's Point in 2011 were all well within the MAHL levels for each pollutant of concern. This is a testament to the success of the NBC toxic reduction and control programs.

FIGURE 13 Breakdown of Total Metals – Field's Point 2011 Influent Loading



~Oil and Grease Inputs to Field's Point

Monthly sampling of oil and grease inputs to Field's Point reveals low and consistent concentrations. Influent concentrations ranged from 7.07 ppm to 22.58 ppm during 2011. Effluent concentrations are significantly lower than influent with results of <4.0 ppm or not detectable, for all samples. Low inputs are the direct result of Pretreatment efforts to permit, inspect, and monitor industrial and commercial establishments, including restaurants, with the potential to impact the NBC with fats, oils, and grease. The NBC RIPDES permit requires monthly sampling, with three grab samples collected over the course of a 24-hour period, one grab per shift. The grab samples are analyzed separately and the maximum is reported. The RIPDES permit does not set a discharge limit for oil and grease. The 2011 oil and grease data is listed in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II SECTION 10.

~Field's Point Influent and Effluent Organics

Volatile organic compounds (VOC) were monitored six times in the influent and seven times in the effluent at the Field's Point facility in 2011. These samples are collected as composite and grab samples. The analysis of 31 organic compounds using EPA method 624 is routinely performed to ensure that the amount of organics introduced to the facility is being adequately regulated by the Pretreatment Section. High levels of organics can be dangerous to the health and safety of NBC employees and can potentially pose a significant hazard to the microbial population that is responsible for the removal of organic

carbon in the influent wastewater. Of the 187 analytical results for influent samples obtained during 2011, 87.7% of all samples had non-detectable concentration levels of volatile organic compounds. This is a slight improvement compared to the 2010 influent results, where 84.4% had non-detectable VOC concentration levels. For effluent VOC samples, only 6% of samples had detectable concentration levels. The low levels of VOCs observed demonstrates the effectiveness of Pretreatment and ESTA efforts to reduce the amount of organic pollutants introduced to the NBC facilities, thereby dramatically reducing the potential for adverse impacts on NBC receiving waters.

~pH Variability at Field's Point: Influent and Effluent

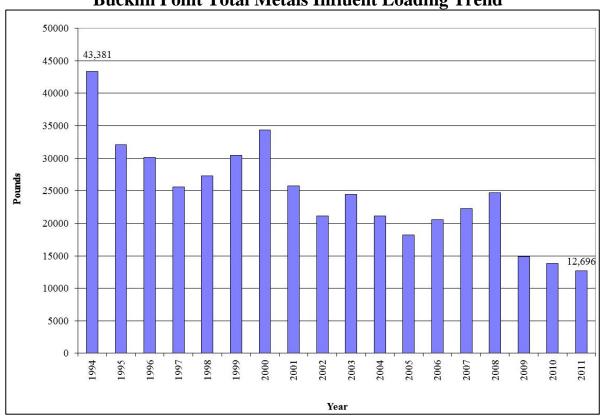
The pH of the Field's Point influent is measured twice daily by Laboratory staff on a highprecision Orion pH meter. Grab samples are collected by EMDA staff and immediately transferred to the lab for analysis. EMDA staff collected 724 influent samples for this parameter during 2011. The pH range of the influent sample measurements was between 6.2 and 7.5 standard units (s.u.). The influent wastestream is also monitored with a continuous pH probe. This record shows a clear diurnal pattern with differences of approximately 1 s.u. No NBC wastewater treatment facility process has knowingly been negatively impacted by influent pH fluctuations during the year. There were also no persistent excursions in influent pH during 2011 and no negative effect on normal plant operation process controls was noted. Effluent grab samples are also collected twice daily. Over the year, the effluent pH ranged from 5.9 to 7.5 s.u. There was one excursion from the permitted 6.0 to 9.0 s.u. discharge range at Field's Point. On December 31, 2011, the NBC laboratory recorded an effluent pH measurement of 5.93 s.u. on a grab sample collected at 9:56 AM, a violation of the 6.0 s.u. permit limit. The NBC investigated this result and strongly believes that this measurement was not representative of the wastewater that was discharged from our facility. All sampling procedures were reviewed and Laboratory staff also reviewed and checked sampling and analysis procedures and all appeared to have been followed correctly. Since the cause of the suspected erroneous reading could not be identified, the 5.93 s.u. pH measurement was reported in the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR).

~Bucklin Point District - Influent Loading Analysis

The Bucklin Point influent data demonstrated a downward trend in total metals loading between 1994 and 1997, followed by an upward trend between 1997 and 2000 as can be seen in FIGURE 14. Data from 2001 and 2002 showed reductions in influent metals loadings, while data from 2003 showed another increase, the majority coming from short-lived high chromium inputs that occurred from January 28, 2003 through June 3, 2003. The 2006 through 2008 data indicated another increase in metals loading to Bucklin Point. The influent metals loading during 2008 showed an increase of 10.9% over 2007. This increase was once again primarily due to an increase in chromium loading. Throughout 2008, Pretreatment and EMDA staff worked closely to find the source of chromium.

Extensive manhole sampling was conducted throughout the district and all firms with the potential to discharge chromium were thoroughly inspected. The chromium loading was within the MAHL established for Bucklin Point. Influent metals loading has since decreased, with an 8.3% decrease in 2011 as compared to 2010. The total metals loading to Bucklin Point was below the MAHL of 43,304 pounds and has been since 1995.

FIGURE 14
Bucklin Point Total Metals Influent Loading Trend



Cyanide loadings at Bucklin Point have similarly been variable but exhibit an overall decrease as can be seen in FIGURE 15. The results from the past four years show a dramatic drop in cyanide influent loadings. In 2011 there was a 26.7 pound or 8.5% decrease from the 2010 level of 315 pounds. Since 1991, cyanide loading has decreased by 90.1%. The 2011 cyanide loading was the second lowest into Bucklin Point since 1991. Loadings have been below 1,000 pounds per year since 2000 and are well below the MAHL level established to protect the treatment facility and the environment.



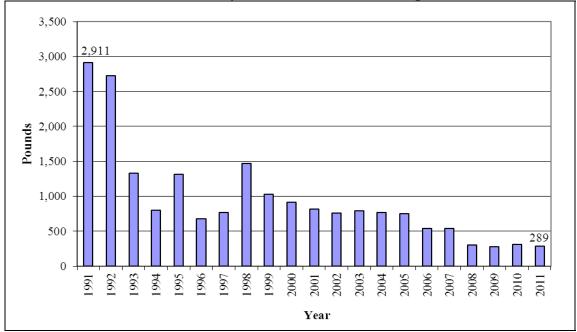


TABLE 19 shows the comparison of Bucklin Point metals and cyanide loadings for 2010 and 2011. In 2011, all influent metals showed a decrease as compared to 2010 except for lead which increased by 31.1 pounds or 4.4%. The single largest reduction on a pound basis was for zinc, reduced by 644.6 pounds, or 9.2%, in 2011. The metal that had the highest percent reduction was mercury with a 25.3% reduction in loading in 2011. The overall decrease in total loading in pounds to the Bucklin Point facility between 1994 and 2011 is 70.7% for total metals and 90.1% for cyanide between 1991 and 2011. Between 2010 and 2011 there was an 8.3% decrease in total metals into Bucklin Point.

TABLE 19 Comparison of 2010-2011 Annual Loadings to Bucklin Point

Pollutant	2010 Pounds	2011 Pounds	Total Pound Change	% Change		
Total Cadmium	169.4	168.5	-0.90	-0.53%		
Total Chromium	985.0	819.1	-165.9	-16.8%		
Total Copper	3,713.6	3,408.5	-305.1	-8.2%		
Total Lead	711.0	742.1	31.1	4.4%		
Total Mercury	5.25	3.92	-1.33	-25.3%		
Total Nickel	947.8	887.9	-59.9	-6.3%		
Total Silver	272.1	269.9	-2.2	-0.81%		
Total Zinc	7,041.0	6,396.4	-644.6	-9.2%		
Total Metals	13,844.2	12,696.3	-1,147.9	-8.3%		
Total Cyanide	315.2	288.5	-26.7	-8.5%		

FIGURE 16 provides a breakdown of the relative contribution of various metals discharged to Bucklin Point while TABLE 19 provides a comparison of 2010-2011 annual loadings to the facility. Zinc and copper are the largest contributors to total metals loading to Bucklin Point accounting for 77.2% of the total percentage of metal inputs. The total number of pounds of zinc decreased by 644.6 pounds in 2011 and was 50.4% of the total metals loading to the facility. The contribution of copper also decreased by 305.1 pounds in 2011, accounting for 26.8% of the total metals loading to the facility. Chromium, nickel and lead account for another 19.3% of the total percentage of metal inputs.

FIGURE 16
Breakdown of Total Metals – Bucklin Point 2011 Influent Loadings

Cadmium 1.3%

Chromium 6.5%

Copper 26.8%

Nickel 7.0%

Mercury 0.03%

~Oil and Grease Inputs to Bucklin Point

Monthly sampling of oil and grease inputs to Bucklin Point reveals mostly low and consistent concentrations. Influent concentrations ranged from 10.4 ppm to 24.2 ppm during 2011. Effluent concentrations are significantly lower than influent with results of <4.0 ppm or not detectable, for all samples. Low inputs are the direct result of Pretreatment efforts to permit, inspect, and monitor industrial and commercial establishments, including restaurants, with the potential to impact the NBC with fats, oils, and grease. The NBC RIPDES permit requires monthly sampling, with three grab samples collected over the course of a 24-hour period, one grab per shift. The grab samples are analyzed separately and the maximum is reported. The RIPDES permit does not set a discharge limit for oil and grease. The 2011 oil and grease data is listed in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II SECTION 10.

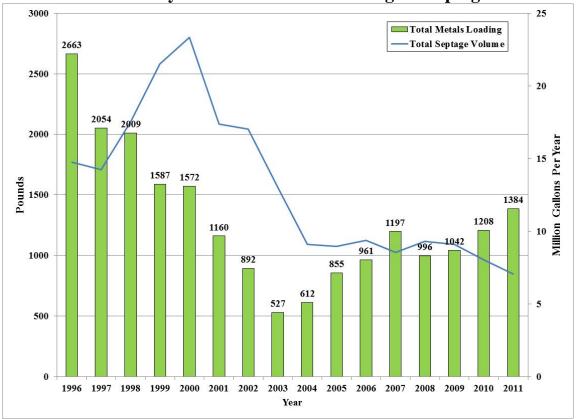
~Bucklin Point Influent and Effluent Organics

Volatile organic compounds (VOC) were monitored six times in the influent and six times in the effluent at the Bucklin Point facility in 2011. The analysis of 31 organic compounds using EPA method 624 is routinely performed to ensure that the amount of organics introduced to the facility is being adequately regulated by the Pretreatment section. High levels of organics can be dangerous to the health and safety of NBC employees, and can potentially pose a significant hazard to the microbial population that is responsible for the removal of organic carbon in the influent wastewater. Of the 186 analytical results for influent samples obtained during 2011, 87.1% of these were at non-detectable concentration levels. Of the 186 analytical results for effluent samples obtained in 2011, 100% of the results were at non-detectable concentration levels. Given the number of samples collected, this demonstrates that the control of organic pollutants both introduced and discharged from Bucklin Point are well regulated and controlled.

~Septage Loading to Bucklin Point

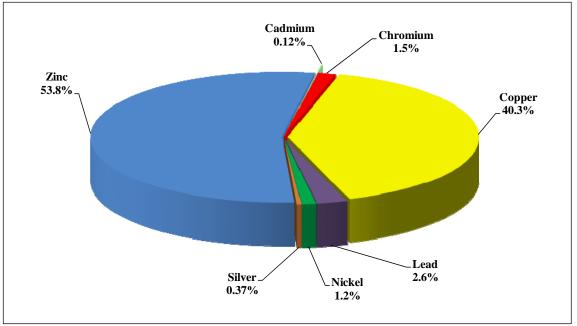
The NBC accepts residential quality septage only in the Bucklin Point district. Septage haulers discharge their loads at the Lincoln Septage Receiving Station, where solids are removed prior to the wastestream entering the collection system for final transport to the Bucklin Point plant for processing. A sample from each truck is collected after the sample port is flushed thoroughly, usually after the load has discharged for approximately one minute. The sample from an individual truck is screened for pH, odor, and other unusual characteristics. If any anomaly is observed, the load may be rejected or the sample may be targeted for individual analysis. Otherwise each grab sample is combined with the day's delivery and sent to the laboratory for analysis. This sampling protocol has helped to more quickly locate potential non-residential inputs to the collection system from septage haulers. Grit removal at the septage facility removes a portion of the metals loading prior to its introduction to the sewer system and the treatment plant. An analysis of recent volume trends indicates a decrease for 2011 of 11.9% from the volume reported in 2010. Septage haulers discharged 8.02 million gallons in 2010, while the NBC received 7.07 million gallons in 2011. Overall, the volume reported in 2011 is approximately 52% lower than the volume discharged in 1996. From 2010 to 2011 there was a 14.6% increase in total metals from septage, or 176 pounds. The overall reduction in total metals from septage since 1996 is 48.0%, illustrating the diminishing impact of septage metals on influent loadings. This can be seen in FIGURE 17. Overall, septage is not a substantial source of metals loading to Bucklin Point. Despite the fact that discharges to the septage facility increased from 1997 to 2000, total metals loading consistently decreased over the same time period. The relative septage contribution to total influent metals at Bucklin Point increased slightly in 2011, with 10.9% of total influent metals originating with septage versus 8.7% in 2010.





Copper and zinc continue to be the major metal contributors to the septage load, with 558 pounds and 745 pounds, respectively, in 2011. These two metals make up 94.1% of the total metals observed in the septage. Zinc loading from septage represented 11.6% of the total influent zinc loading to Bucklin Point during 2011. Copper from septage amounted to 16.4% of the total copper loading to Bucklin Point for 2011. FIGURE 18 illustrates the average relative composition of metals in the septage received at the NBC facility in 2011. The septage monitoring data generated during 2011 are provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 10.

FIGURE 18 2011 Breakdown of Total Metals in Septage



Background Sources of Metals to the Influent Load

<u>Sewer Collections for Determining Non-Industrial Background Contributions to Influent Metals Loading</u>

The NBC has continued to study possible background sources contributing to the total metal influent loadings to the Bucklin Point and Field's Point facilities. Sample collection from sanitary and combined sewers in residential neighborhoods began in 1993. Sewers in residential neighborhoods have shown significant levels of trace metals and other toxic pollutants. In May 2000, EMDA began sample collections using EPA approved guidance on clean sampling techniques to quantify background, non-industrial metals inputs to the Bucklin Point and Field's Point facilities. During 2011, EMDA staff collected 42 samples in residential sanitary and combined sewers. Samples were collected as 24-hour composites in wet and dry weather conditions.

TABLE 20 summarizes the results for the background, non-industrial sewer collections for 2011 and compares them to influent concentrations at the facilities. Industrial and commercial sources account for only 3.4% of total flow into Bucklin Point and 4.0% of the total flow at Field's Point. Due to the high proportion of flow from residential and non-industrial sources, this direct comparison of concentrations gives some approximation of the loadings from background sources. Detection limit values were entered for samples with concentrations at or below the laboratory's detection limits. Average influent

concentration values were determined, while geometric means were calculated for the background data in order to reduce the impact of highly variable data on the comparison. Results of samples taken from both collection districts were used to determine the background values. All concentrations are expressed as parts per billion (ppb).

TABLE 20
Results from 2011 Background Metals and Cyanide Contribution Study
(ppb)

	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Hg	Ni	Ag	Zn	CN	As	Se	Sn	Mo
Background	0.15	1.62	23.73	7.20	0.04	3.02	0.22	104.84	4.23	0.66	0.68	2.45	0.89
FP Influent	2.59	12.03	37.66	11.87	0.04	26.65	4.01	84.19	9.65	1.31	3.20	1	4.01
% of Influent at FP	*	*	63.0%	*	94.2%	11.3%	*	124.5%	43.9%	50.1%	21.2%	ı	22.1%
BP Influent	2.50	12.38	51.67	11.21	0.06	13.24	4.01	96.69	4.31	1.32	0.78	5.30	2.98
% of Influent at BP	*	*	45.9%	*	61.4%	22.8%	*	108.4%	*	49.9%	*	*	29.7%

^{*}These pollutants are regularly measured at or below the detection limit making it impossible to accurately determine the POTW loading percentage.

These results can be used to approximate the impact of domestic loading to the Bucklin Point and Field's Point facilities. Several pollutants are regularly measured at or below the detection limit at the plant influent as well as in the background sampling, which makes it impossible to determine an accurate POTW loading percentage, these include cadmium, chromium, lead and silver at both facilities and cyanide, selenium and tin at Bucklin Point. These percentages are therefore not included in TABLE 20. From TABLE 20 it is evident that a large percentage of the influent copper, mercury, zinc, cyanide and arsenic concentrations observed at the Field's Point wastewater treatment facility are from background sources. The same is true for copper, mercury, zinc, and arsenic at the Bucklin Point wastewater treatment facility.

The sources of these background loading contributions are likely discharges from domestic users, street runoff, leaching from residential plumbing piping, and contaminated soils. Much lower contributions from domestic sources are observed for nickel, selenium and molybdenum at Field's Point and nickel and molybdenum at Bucklin Point. From this comparison it is apparent that most if not all of the zinc, the trace metal with the highest concentration at the treatment plants and septage loads, is coming from non-industrial sources.

TABLE 21 below shows the geometric mean results of all background metals and cyanide samples collected since 2002 in both NBC drainage areas. As can be seen from the total metals, the lowest amount of total metals input into the treatment facility systems occurred in 2008, while 2007 had the highest metal contribution.

TABLE 21 Historical Background Metals and Cyanide Results 2002 -2011 (ppb)

	Cd	Cr	Cu	Pb	Hg	Ni	Ag	Zn	CN	As	Se	Sn	Mo	Total Metals*
2002	0.40	5.93	32.18	11.22		6.66	0.85	99.52	4.59					156.76
2003	0.45	6.31	29.48	8.77		8.13	0.89	105.04	6.49					159.07
2004	0.68	2.99	36.49	10.79	0.07	6.21	1.79	102.49	6.58	1.01	0.76	6.31		161.50
2005	0.17	3.61	23.55	7.87	0.07	5.39	0.36	84.22	6.75	0.64	0.65	1.75	0.75	125.24
2006	0.14	4.49	24.80	6.65	0.03	5.76	0.28	90.05	4.81	0.99	0.65	0.95	0.68	132.20
2007	0.14	9.70	38.13	8.86	0.04	11.67	0.22	121.35	2.36	0.61	0.64	1.63	0.80	190.11
2008	0.12	4.07	19.88	6.77	0.04	5.11	0.13	64.17	3.82	0.80	0.99	1.45	0.80	100.30
2009	0.14	2.43	35.04	10.09	0.04	6.16	0.20	91.93	4.16	0.91	1.58	1.85	0.76	146.04
2010	0.13	1.78	22.68	7.11	0.04	4.05	0.14	85.54	3.84	0.66	1.36	2.55	0.74	121.48
2011	0.15	1.62	23.73	7.20	0.04	3.02	0.22	104.84	4.23	0.66	0.68	2.45	0.89	140.82

*Total Metals = Cd+Cr+Cu+Pb+Hg+Ni+Ag+Zn

EMDA continues to improve and update studies of pollutant loads throughout the collection system. Understanding non-industrial sources is important to permit development and planning to reduce loading to the treatment facilities and to Narragansett Bay. EMDA is working to use flow measurements and manhole monitoring data to choose study sites that will accurately describe mass loading from domestic, storm runoff, and major drainage basins as well as at metering stations on NBC interceptors. From this analysis, it is obvious that large percentages of the toxic pollutant loads to the Field's Point and Bucklin Point Wastewater Treatment Facilities are from residential and other background sources that are beyond the control of the NBC regulatory program.

Influent Loading Conclusions

The development of the National Pretreatment Program was a direct result of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (Act) of 1972. The Program was established at that time to monitor and regulate the introduction of pollutants from non-domestic sources into Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). Section 307 of the Act required the Environmental Protection Agency to develop standards designed to:

- Prevent the discharge of pollutants which would interfere with the operation of a POTW;
- Prevent the discharge of pollutants which would pass through the treatment works;
- Prevent the discharge of pollutants which would accumulate in POTW sludge thereby reducing the potential for beneficial reuse or reduce the opportunities for safe disposal or which would be otherwise incompatible with POTW operations.

In 1977 the Act was amended to include additional pretreatment requirements which made POTWs responsible for the establishment of local pretreatment programs to ensure compliance with EPA categorical pretreatment standards. Categorical standards have been developed to achieve a nationally uniform system of water pollution control for selected industries and pollutants. Local limits are intended to protect the wastewater treatment facility, the receiving waters, sludge quality, the health of the public and prevent environmental problems as a result of discharges from any non-domestic user.

The development of local limits is not a one-time event for POTWs. Local limits need to be periodically reviewed and revised to respond to changes in Federal or State regulations, environmental protection criteria, treatment facility design and operational criteria, and the nature of industrial contributions to POTW influent. The existing local limits for the Bucklin Point facility became effective in the late 1980s. Local limits for Field's Point were first developed in 1982 as part of the NBC original pretreatment program and were subsequently revised by the NBC Pretreatment staff in 1987.

In 2004, NBC re-evaluated local limits for both facilities. The re-evaluation of these limits resulted in revised permit limits for several metals based on new EPA data handling methods and criteria in its updated Local Limits Development Guidance issued in July 2004, as well as a special study of metals in NBC receiving waters. Between July 2001 and May 2002 a study was conducted by NBC, University of Rhode Island/Graduate School of Oceanography (URI/GSO), and MicroInorganics, Inc. to better understand metal partitioning in the Seekonk and Providence Rivers. Multiple transects during seasonal surveys were performed over complete tidal cycles to capture the in-situ metal partitioning between dissolved and particulate phases in these estuarine waters. Dissolved and particulate cadmium, copper, lead, nickel and silver concentrations were analyzed and used to develop site specific metal translator values for each POTW. The metal translator is used to convert dissolved water quality criteria concentrations into total metal concentrations in order to calculate the effective total metals concentration, combined with dilution factors within the receiving waters, that correspond to a given water quality criteria.

As a result of an extensive review of the data from the metals study and facility data collected between January 2000 and June 2004, new MAHL values were calculated. The MAHL values represent the loadings that the treatment facilities can effectively treat without upset to plant operations or pass-through of toxins that could adversely affect water quality and aquatic life, while also allowing for the safe disposal of solids removed from incoming wastewater. The recommendations from this evaluation were documented in a Metal Compliance Plan that was submitted to DEM in September 2004.

TABLE 22 provides a comparison of the calculated MAHL goals with the total metal influent loadings for 2011. In the case of cyanide, loading goals for both plants were calculated using the EPA 20 ppb quantitation-based effluent permit limit. For Bucklin Point, copper and cyanide loading goals were computed using the RIPDES effluent permit

limits found in the consent agreement. From this data, it is clear that NBC is meeting the calculated loading goals for every toxic pollutant at both wastewater treatment facilities with a considerable margin of safety. Meeting these goals attests to the overall effectiveness of NBC initiatives and measures to control pollutant input and effectively remove them during plant operations.

TABLE 22 Comparison of 2011 Influent Loadings to Maximum Allowable Headworks Loadings (MAHL)

	Fie	ld's Point	Bucklin Point			
Parameter	Preliminarily Calculated Loading Goal lbs/yr	2011 Loading lbs/yr	Goal Met?	Preliminarily Calculated Loading Goal lbs/yr	2011 Loading lbs/yr	Goal Met?
Cadmium	2,227	384.7	Yes	511	168.5	Yes
Chromium	37,303	1,780.7	Yes	10,439	819.1	Yes
Copper	16,900	5,544.5	Yes	4,015	3,408.5	Yes
Lead	8,541	1,748.1	Yes	2,738	742.1	Yes
Mercury	183	5.75	Yes	11	3.92	Yes
Nickel	21,134	3,848.1	Yes	1,314	887.9	Yes
Silver	3,942	595.1	Yes	402	269.9	Yes
Zinc	50,005	12,337.2	Yes	16,498	6,396.4	Yes
Total Metals	568,378	26,244.2	Yes	53,556	12,696.3	Yes
Cyanide	4,453	1,420.6	Yes	2,446	288.5	Yes

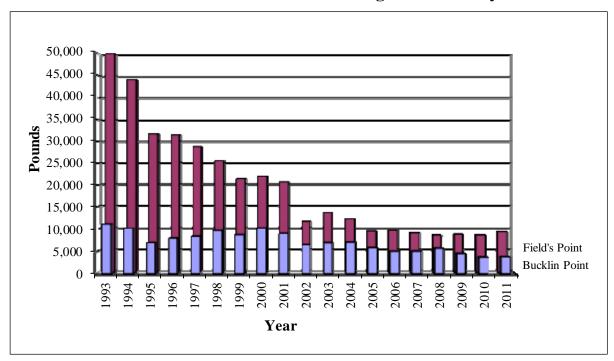
The annual loading goals presented in TABLE 22 should only be used as an initial evaluation of a facility's ability to meet discharge compliance. Discharge permits enforce daily maximum and monthly average limits based on acute and chronic water quality criteria. While the annual means used to calculate the loadings and goals are instructive when evaluating a facility's function over longer time periods, meeting annual mean goals does not always translate to compliance with daily or monthly limits.

Analysis of Effluent Loading Data

This chapter attempts to quantitatively measure the efforts and results of the work of the Pretreatment and ESTA Programs by analyzing the loadings of toxics in the influent of the NBC POTWs. It is also important to consider the discharge loadings into the receiving waters after the wastewater treatment has been provided. Issues pertaining to these impacts are included later in this chapter and in CHAPTER VII. To maintain continuity with influent data, current and historical effluent data for both the Field's Point and Bucklin Point facilities for the period from 1993 to 2011 were compiled and analyzed. The overall effluent trends are similar to those for the influent data, as concentrations and loadings have been decreasing over time at Field's Point and Bucklin Point.

Historical total metals discharges from both NBC facilities are shown in FIGURE 19. The Field's Point facility handles approximately twice the flow volume of Bucklin Point. Total metals effluent loadings have been steadily decreasing, with minor fluctuations at Field's Point since 1993 through 2011. In 2011, total metals in the Field's Point effluent increased by 9%, or 761 lbs. compared to 2010 values, while Bucklin Point effluent showed a slight increase of 2% or 86 lbs. from 2010 effluent metals loading. Bucklin Point effluent loading has been below 6,000 pounds since 2005, whereas prior to 2005 the average effluent loading was 8,554 pounds. As mentioned previously, throughout 2005, enhanced processes including tertiary treatment were being brought online at the Bucklin Point facility contributing to improved total metals removal. Since 2000, effluent metals from Bucklin Point have decreased by 65%. The decrease in effluent metals loadings demonstrates that Pretreatment and pollution prevention efforts continue to be successful in reducing the amount of toxics entering and being discharged from the NBC facilities.

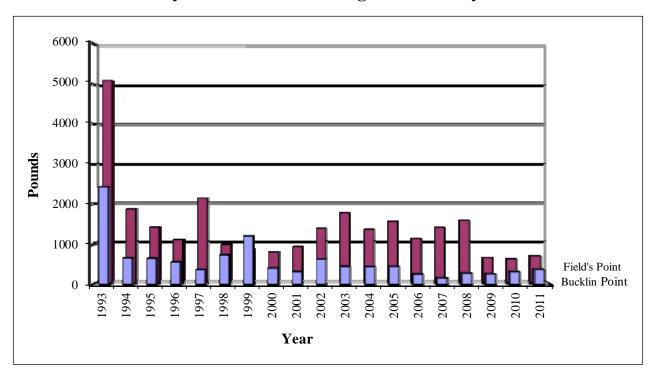
FIGURE 19 NBC Total Metals Effluent Loadings Trend Analysis



During the months of February through April 2011, analysis of effluent metals was completed on equipment that is usually used to analyze influent metals samples. This lead to higher detection limits for effluent samples that affected the concentration and loading averages for cadmium, chromium, lead, and silver. Several samples for these metals were not able to be analyzed down to typical concentrations since the higher detection limits prevented such low levels of analysis. Loading during these 3 months for these four metals ranged anywhere from 3 to 23 times (297% to 2,871%) higher than typical monthly loadings at Field's Point and 6 to 39 times higher (614% to 3,993%) at Bucklin Point. This

very well could have contributed to the increase of effluent loading of total metals seen at both plants during 2011. A quick analysis revealed that had these four metals during these months been average values, Field's Point effluent loadings would have increased only by about 3%, and at Bucklin Point effluent total metals loadings would have actually decreased by about 4%. As seen in FIGURE 20, effluent cyanide loadings into both plants increased by 18% at Bucklin Point and by 13% at Field's Point during 2011. At Bucklin Point, cyanide appears to have experienced an increase in loading in the effluent (369.7 lbs) as compared to the influent (288.5 lbs) in 2011. However, this increase was only due to an analysis and detection limit issue seen in Bucklin Point effluent samples. Some cyanide effluent samples analyzed at the Laboratory must be analyzed at a detection limit of 8 ppb instead of the typical 4 ppb due to foaming/dilution issues with the samples. This twofold increase in detection limits creates a false increase in effluent cyanide loadings as compared to influent cyanide since many of the samples are reported at less than the detection limit. Therefore, during statistical analysis these samples are used at a concentration of 8 ppb instead of 4 ppb. If zeros were used in place of the detection limits concentrations, then cyanide loading in the effluent would be significantly less than what is measured in the influent.

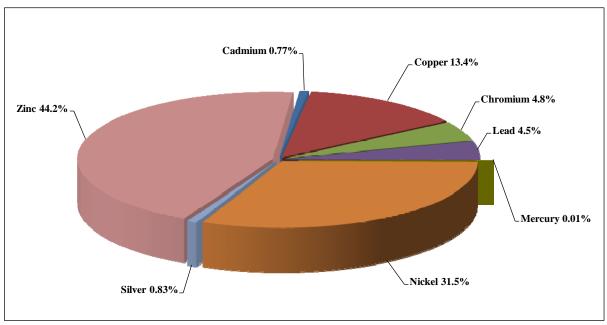
FIGURE 20 NBC Cyanide Effluent Loadings Trend Analysis



Breakdown Analysis of POTW Effluents

The portioning of total metals loading in the effluent from both plants can be seen in FIGURES 21 and 22. The relative proportions of Field's Point effluent show zinc, nickel and copper to be the largest contributors in the effluent as can be seen in FIGURE 21. These metals accounted for 89.1% of the total metals effluent loading from Field's Point in 2011. The relative proportions for Bucklin Point shows zinc, copper, and nickel to be the largest contributors in the effluent as can be seen in FIGURE 22. These metals accounted for 90.1% of total metals effluent loading for Bucklin Point in 2011. Nickel comprises a higher percentage of the effluent total metals at 31.5% versus only 14.7% of the effluent at Field's Point. At Bucklin Point, nickel comprises 7.0% in the influent and 12.7% in the effluent. The reason for the increase in relative contribution of nickel in the effluent is due to its strong association with the effluent in the dissolved phase. Nickel does not readily settle out in the solids of the wastewater treatment process as other metals do. Therefore, nickel comprises a higher percentage of the metals measured in the effluent.

FIGURE 21 Breakdown of Total Metals – Field's Point 2011 Effluent Loading



Cadmium 0.54%

Cadmium 0.54%

Copper 15.2%

Chromium 4.1%

Mercury 0.01%

Nickel 12.7%

FIGURE 22 Breakdown of Total Metals – Bucklin Point 2011 Effluent Loading

Bioassay Data

The two NBC POTWs are required to conduct quarterly bioassay studies to determine effluent toxicity to various test organisms. NBC conducts chemical analysis and aquatic toxicity testing, using the response of organisms to detect and measure the effect of substances, wastes, or environmental factors, alone or in combination, have on these organisms. NBC met the quarterly bioassay sampling frequency requirements during 2011 for both facilities. At both facilities *Americamysis bahia* and *Arbacia punctulata* are tested. Effluent samples are collected only in dry weather, defined as 48 hours prior to or during sampling.

Analysis of the acute toxicity data provided determination of the LC₅₀ and the A-NOEC. The LC₅₀ result is defined as the concentration of wastewater that causes mortality to 50% of the test organisms. A-NOEC or Acute-No Observable Effect Concentration is defined as the highest concentration of the effluent in which 90% or more of the test animals survive. The permit requirement limit of 100% or greater is defined as a sample which is composed of 100% effluent. In addition to the acute toxicity test, a chronic test is also performed on *A. punctulata*, which examines for the sublethal effects of effluent concentration on the fertilization of eggs. The C-NOEC or Chronic-No Observed Effect Concentration and the C-LOEC or Chronic-Lowest Observed Effect Concentration are reported. The permit limit for Bucklin Point is 50% or greater for this parameter while at Field's Point the permit requires only monitoring.

At Field's Point all four acute toxicity tests for *A. bahia* gave LC₅₀ and A-NOEC results of 100%. For the chronic toxicity test, the C-NOEC for *A. punctulata* was 100% in all quarters. This means that undiluted effluent showed no observable effect on the survival of *A. bahia* or *A. punctulata* in all four quarters.

At Bucklin Point all four acute toxicity tests for *A. bahia* also gave LC₅₀ and A-NOEC results of 100%. For the chronic test, the C-NOEC for *A. punctulata* was 100% in the first, second, and third quarters and 50% in the fourth quarter. The 50% reported in the fourth quarter was still within permit limits. Undiluted effluent showed no observable effect on the survival of *A.bahia* and there was no significant biological or environmental impact on this species. The C-NOEC test for *A. punctulata* also had no adverse affect of undiluted effluent on this species for the first three quarters and a 50% C-NOEC affect in the last quarter, though still within permit limits. Results of the quarterly bioassay data for 2011 are included in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 10.

RIPDES Compliance

~Analysis of Toxic Pollutant Loadings for Discharge Monitoring Reports

The Laboratory strives to use analytical methods that are sufficiently sensitive in order to measure the concentrations of pollutants that are in the influent and effluent of each facility as accurately as possible. Often times some pollutants are present in such minute quantities that they cannot be detected by the analytical method that is appropriate for the sample matrix. There are various means of dealing with those results that are below the detection limit. In this report all calculations have dealt with non-detectable results by replacing them with one that is equal to the detection limit. This is the method that had been specified in RIPDES permits. Calculations have also been performed in this manner and reported in all previous Pretreatment Annual Reports. This method results in an over estimation of loading whenever there are results that are below the detection limit and will no longer necessarily correlate with the data that is reported to the DEM in our Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR). This is a result of DEM changing the below detection limit reporting requirements beginning in September 2010. NBC has been required to replace non-detected results with a zero for the purposes of DMR calculations. For the remainder of this chapter, compliance with RIPDES Permit limitations is evaluated with values calculated using the new method. So as not to interrupt the historical data trend, the prior method of using the value of the detection limit was used when analyzing the data.

The newly mandated calculation method can dramatically affect averages and loading especially when a large percentage of the results are below the detection limit. With these new guidelines, NBC evaluated the influent and effluent loading of toxic pollutants described in this report. For 2011, data was compared to the prior methods of using the value of the detection limit and it was shown that influent total metals loading from Bucklin Point decreased by 3,117 pounds, or by 11.9% and effluent total metals decreased by 609 pounds, or 6.7%. At Field's Point influent total metals decreased by 1,895 pounds, or 14.9%, and effluent total metals loadings decreased by 412 pounds, or 11.3%.

~Field's Point Facility

In September 1992, the DEM issued a RIPDES Permit for the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility. The permit contained effluent limitations for priority pollutants for the first time in the history of the facility. In recognition that the Field's Point facility might not be able to immediately comply with all limitations, the DEM issued a Consent Agreement (RIA-029) in December 1992 that included adjusted effluent discharge limits. On December 31, 2001, Field's Point was issued a new permit. As mentioned previously, DEM and NBC resolved differences over the contested items in January 2004 and agreed to a new Consent Agreement, RIA-330, which went into effect on January 1, 2004. TABLE 23 lists the current permit's limits for metals and cyanide and the Consent Agreement values for the contested parameters. TABLE 23 also presents the measured maximum daily values and maximum monthly averages for the Field's Point facility for parameters of interest.

TABLE 23
Comparison of Field's Point RIPDES & Consent Agreement Limits
With 2011Wastewater Treatment Facility Results

	RIPDES Permit Limits		Consent Agreement Limits		2011 Results	
Parameter	Maximum Daily (ppb)	Average Monthly (ppb)	Maximum Daily (ppb)	Average Monthly (ppb)	Maximum Daily* (ppb)	Average Monthly** (ppb)
Copper	23	23	86.2	35.9	21.5	13.3
Mercury	8.5	0.4	-	-	0.02	0.0080
Nickel	332	127	-	-	71.0	39.1
Silver	10	-	-	-	0.46	0.128
Zinc	380	380	-	-	56.2	40.3
Cyanide	4	4	49.6	20.0	12.64	3.82
BOD Percent Removal	-	<u>≥</u> 85%	-	-	ı	>85% in all months
TSS Percent Removal	-	≥85%	-	-	ı	>85% in all months
Fecal Coliform	400 MPN/100	200 MPN/100	-	-	535 MPN/100	68 MPN/100
Americamysis bahia (LC ₅₀)	100% or greater	-	-	-	>100%	-
Arbacia punctulata (C-NOEC)	%	-	-	-	100%	-

^{*}In order to compare results to the permit limits, the maximum daily value reported for the year listed in the table as the maximum daily.

^{**}The highest average monthly value reported for 2010 is listed in the table for comparison against the RIPDES permit. Note that the limits for compliance/noncompliance determinations are based on the quantitation limit, which is defined as 0.2 micrograms per liter for mercury and 20.0 micrograms per liter for cyanide.

TABLE 24 details the compliance status of the Field's Point Facility with the limits established by the RIPDES permit and Consent Agreement in effect during 2011.

TABLE 24
2011 Compliance Status with RIPDES & Consent Agreement Limits
For Field's Point Facility

For Field 31 ome Facility						
Parameter		pliance with rmit Limits?	2011 Compliance with Consent Agreement Limits?			
1 arameter	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly		
Copper	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		
Mercury	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A		
Nickel	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A		
Silver	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A		
Zinc	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A		
Cyanide	No	Yes	Yes	Yes		
BOD Percent Removal	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A		
TSS Percent Removal	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A		
Fecal Coliform	No	Yes	N/A	N/A		
Americamysis bahia (LC ₅₀)	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A		
Arbacia punctulata (C-NOEC)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A		

TABLE 24 shows that in 2011, Field's Point was in compliance with the daily and monthly discharge limitations specified in the Consent Agreement for all toxic pollutant parameters listed in TABLE 23. However, additional work will be necessary to ensure NBC compliance with toxic pollutant discharge limits specified in the RIPDES permit for cyanide. All 2011 cyanide results were reported as "available cyanide" and no results exceeded the consent agreement limits. In 2011, 85% of effluent cyanide samples were reported below the detection limit of 4 ppb.

The NBC met BOD and TSS percent removals in all months of 2011. Field's Point exceeded the fecal coliform daily maximum on one day, May 3, 2011, as a result of one high fecal sample that had a result of 1,300 MPN/100 mL. The reason for this high fecal result was unknown. As for bioassays, Field's Point was in compliance for the acute LC_{50} throughout 2011.

The NBC is actively working to ensure full compliance with all the toxic and conventional pollutants specified in its RIPDES permit. In 2004, at the request of DEM, the NBC recalculated toxic pollutant permit limits based on the metal translator study conducted by NBC in years 2001 and 2002. The results of the metal translator studies performed by NBC found the Providence and Seekonk Rivers met water quality criteria for the trace metals analyzed: cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, and silver. This data resulted in both rivers being removed from the EPA 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies for metals.

~Bucklin Point Facility

When the NBC acquired the Bucklin Point facility, the RIPDES permit in effect had been issued to the Blackstone Valley District Commission in December 1990, and was then transferred to the NBC in 1991. This permit listed several discharge limitations for metals, organic compounds and nutrients, but was modified to reflect alternative effluent limitations when the NBC stressed that permitted discharge levels for some pollutants were not attainable. A new permit was issued to the facility on December 31, 2001.

NBC contested the new permit limits for copper, mercury, nickel, silver, zinc, cyanide, nutrients and TSS and BOD requirements during rain events when primary effluent had to be diverted to the chlorine contact tank. NBC contested the above parameters due to the inability to meet limits that were set as low as saltwater quality criteria in certain cases. Consent Agreement RI-330 was issued and imposed interim limits in January 2004, which are being used to measure compliance. As mentioned in the previous section, NBC has presented to DEM new information from water quality monitoring on the Seekonk River, the receiving waters for the Bucklin Point facility, and is awaiting approval of the new permit limits. The study data shows that the Seekonk River meets water quality criteria for metals, outside of the mixing zones assigned to the outfall. TABLE 25 outlines the current permit limits and monitoring requirements for Bucklin Point and the 2011 effluent results.

TABLE 25 Comparison of Bucklin Point RIPDES & Interim Effluent Limits with 2011 Wastewater Treatment Facility Results

	RIPDES Permit Limits		Consent Agreement Limits		2011 Results	
Parameter	Maximum Daily (ppb)	Average Monthly (ppb)	Maximum Daily (ppb)	Average Monthly (ppb)	Maximum Daily* (ppb)	Average Monthly** (ppb)
Hexavalent Chromium	997	60	-	-	13.0	5.3
Copper	5.2	5.2	86.1	29.8	16.2	11.1
Lead	199	10.3	1	-	1.82	0.63
Mercury	1.7	0.04	1.7	0.2	0.0152	0.068
Nickel	67	13.7	67	53.3	35.3	9.1
Silver	-	2	4.5	-	0.27	0.112
Zinc	76	76	88	76	56.6	44.9
Cyanide	0.8	0.8	69.3	20	9.6	7.0
BOD Percent Removal	-	<u>></u> 85%	-	-	-	>85% in all months
TSS Percent Removal	-	<u>></u> 85%	-	-	-	>85% in all months
Fecal Coliform	400 MPN/100	200 MPN/100	-	-	230 MPN/100 ml	15 MPN/100 ml
Americamysis bahia (LC ₅₀)	100% or greater	-	-	-	100%	-
Arbacia punctulata (C-NOEC)	50%	-	-	-	50%	-

^{*}In order to compare results to the permit limits, the maximum daily value reported for the year is listed in this table as the maximum daily. Note that the limit for compliance /noncompliance determinations is based on the quantitation limit, which is defined as 0.2 micrograms per liter for mercury and 20.0 micrograms per liter for cyanide.

TABLE 26 indicates that the facility was unable to meet the originally issued Maximum Daily and Average Monthly permit limits for copper and cyanide. However, the facility was able to meet the limits detailed in the Consent Agreement for both copper and cyanide. Toxic influent events did not cause any known upsets to process control at the Bucklin Point facility in 2011.

^{**}The highest average monthly value reported for the year is listed in this table for comparison against the RIPDES permit.

Bucklin Point met the RIPDES Maximum Daily and Average Monthly permit limits for fecal coliform throughout 2011. Bioassay results met limits for both Acute (LC₅₀) met maximum daily permit requirements and for chronic results (C-NOEC) RIPDES permit requirements. Removal efficiencies for BOD and TSS were greater than 85% during each month of 2011.

TABLE 26
2011 Compliance Status with RIPDES & Consent Agreement Limits for Bucklin Point Facility

	2011 Compliance with RIPDES Permit Limits?		2011 Compliance wit Consent Agreement Limits?	
Parameter	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly	Maximum Daily	Average Monthly
Hexavalent Chromium	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Copper	No	No	Yes	Yes
Lead	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Mercury	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Nickel	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Silver	-	Yes	Yes	-
Zinc	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Cyanide	No	No	Yes	Yes
BOD Percent Removal	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A
TSS Percent Removal	N/A	Yes	N/A	N/A
Fecal Coliform	Yes	Yes	N/A	N/A
Americamysis bahia (LC ₅₀)	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A
Arbacia punctulata (C-NOEC)	Yes	N/A	N/A	N/A

~Bucklin Point Final Effluent pH Variability and Permit Compliance

The pH of the Bucklin Point facility is measured daily by EMDA staff with the use of a high precision Orion pH meter. This analytical program is under the supervision of the NBC Laboratory. The range of values measured for 2011 was between 5.7 and 7.4 s.u. The addition of soda ash (sodium bicarbonate) to the process at Bucklin Point enables more effective biological nutrient reduction and maintains the effluent pH within the desired permit range. There was one minimum pH violation on August 29, 2011 when there was a pH value of 5.7 s.u. It is believed that this was a result of low pH rainwater impacting the plant due to Tropical Storm Irene on August 28, 2011. The rainfall from the tropical storm totaled 1.90 inches which resulted in the plant receiving 46.43 MGD which is more than double the average of 22.14 MGD. Once the plant transitioned back to typical flows, the pH values were back within the acceptable range of the permit limit. NBC RIPDES permit, section A(7)(a) states: "The pH of the effluent shall not be less than

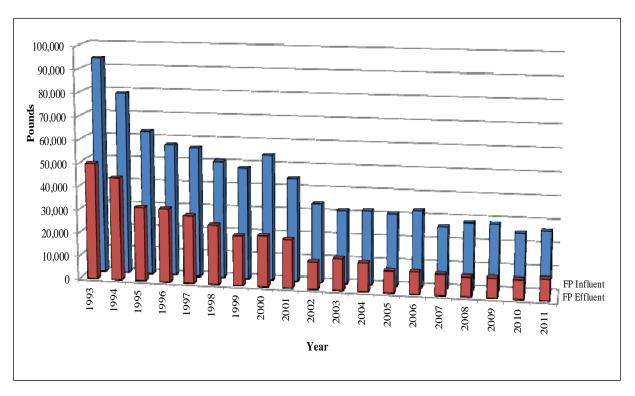
6.0 s.u. nor greater than 9.0 s.u. at any time, unless these values are exceeded due to natural causes or as a result of the approved treatment processes." The NBC attributes this exceedance to natural causes resulting from Tropical Storm Irene and as a result it was not a permit violation.

There were no high or low pH events which caused any process upset during the year. All other measured values were within the permit range of 6.0 to 9.0 s.u., which is a testament to the fine job done by the NBC Bucklin Point Operations staff.

~Comparison of Influent and Effluent Loadings

FIGURE 23 provides a comparison of historic Field's Point influent and effluent loadings for total metals.

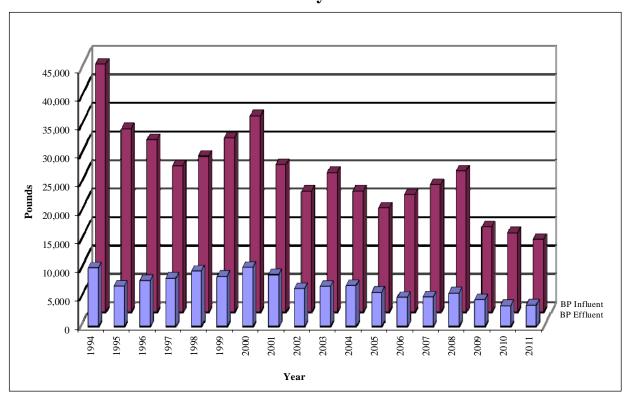
FIGURE 23
Field's Point Influent and Effluent Total Metals Loadings Trend Analysis



The removal rate of metals entering the Field's Point facility varied from 25.1% to 88% at Field's Point in 2011 depending upon the pollutant in question. Influent loadings had an increase of 5.0%, or 1,252.6 pounds in 2011 from 2010 and effluent loadings increased by 761 pounds, or 8.4% from the prior year.

FIGURE 24 provides a comparison between the historic influent and effluent total metal loadings for Bucklin Point. As noted for the Field's Point facility, a major portion of each pollutant observed in the plant influent is removed in grit and sludge during the treatment process. It is also clear that as influent concentrations increase, the effluent concentrations increase. In 2011 there was a decrease in influent loadings and an increase in effluent loadings at Bucklin Point. There was a 1,147.9 pound decrease in influent metals and 86 pound increase in effluent metals. Percent removal of the various metals at Bucklin Point ranged between 46% to 93%.

FIGURE 24
Bucklin Point Influent and Effluent Total Metals Loadings Trend
Analysis



The term removal means the reduction of pollutants in the wastewater through their incorporation into settleable solids, which are then concentrated into sludge material. Municipal wastewater treatment plants are not designed to treat and remove industrial waste such as heavy metals. Those metals that are strongly associated with the dissolved phase (e.g. nickel) will be discharged to the receiving waters with less removal than those with higher particulate phase partitioning (e.g. copper or lead) which are particle reactive and settle, with particles, into the sludge. TABLE 27 provides removal rates for metals and cyanide at both NBC Wastewater Treatment Facilities. Several influent and effluent metals measured at the plants are found to be non-detectable in accordance with the NBC Laboratory detection limits. The metals shown with asterisks in the table below are

generally analyzed to be non-detectable and therefore are statistically analyzed at their detection limits resulting in higher values than actually measured in the samples. From TABLE 27 it is easy to see that a major portion of all toxic pollutants, with the exception of nickel and cyanide, are removed from the wastestream at the NBC plants prior to effluent discharge to the receiving waters of Narragansett Bay. The Field's Point facility was able to remove 75% or more of the cadmium, chromium, copper, lead, mercury and silver discharged in the Field's Point district, while 80% or more of the cadmium, chromium, copper, mercury, and silver loadings were removed at Bucklin Point. Cyanide loadings for Bucklin Point in 2011 show a negative percent removal; however, the majority of effluent cyanide is reported below the detection limit. There were several instances in 2011 where the effluent cyanide samples required more dilution making the detection limit <8.0 ppb rather than the typical 4.0 ppb, These samples resulted in what appears to be a higher effluent concentration than influent concentration at Bucklin Point, though this was not what was actually happening in the plant.

TABLE 27
Percent Removal of Metals and Cyanide for NBC Facilities

1 01 001	Tereent Removal of Metals and Cyamac for MDC Lacinities						
	Field's Point Concentrations			Bucklin	Bucklin Point Concentrations		
	Influent (ppb)	Effluent (ppb)	% Removal	Influent (ppb)	Effluent (ppb)	% Removal	
Cadmium*	2.59*	0.46	82.13%	2.50*	0.28	88.63%	
Chromium	12.03	2.88	76.03%	12.38	2.19	82.29%	
Hex.Chromium	NM	NM	NM	27.75	10.05*	63.79%	
Copper	37.66	8.35	77.84%	51.67	8.42	83.71%	
Lead*	11.87*	2.72	77.05%	11.21*	2.37	78.88%	
Mercury	0.039	0.005	86.27%	0.060	0.004	93.31%	
Nickel	26.65	19.96	25.10%	13.24	7.12	46.22%	
Silver*	4.01*	0.48	87.98%	4.01*	0.46	88.47%	
Zinc	84.19	27.36	67.50%	96.69	34.86	63.94%	
Cyanide*	9.65	4.52*	53.20%	4.31*	5.61*	-30.12%	
Total Metals	179.04	62.22	65.25%	219.51	65.76	70.04%	

^{*}These parameters are generally not detectable and are statistically analyzed at the detection limit

POTW Effluent Dissolved Metals Study

In 2000, the NBC began a study to monitor the dissolved metals fraction of the effluent discharged to the receiving waters of the Providence and Seekonk Rivers. Dissolved metals were typically analyzed once per week at each POTW. Total metals were measured twice weekly. In 2011, Field's Point and Bucklin Point effluent samples were analyzed monthly. The NBC and DEM use this data to better understand the fate, effect, and physical partitioning of metals discharged from the POTWs. Understanding the dissolved

and total fractions for each metal, a measure of its phase partitioning, between dissolved and particulate, is important for the calculations of permit discharge limitations. POTWs are permitted in total metals. Therefore, the DEM must use a "metal translator conversion factor" to estimate the POTWs total metal fraction in the receiving waters that will be in the dissolved phase when writing a permit for a wastewater treatment plant.

Metals in the dissolved form are more readily absorbed by marine life than metals associated with particles. Resultantly, the EPA and DEM have established fresh and saltwater water quality criteria in dissolved metals concentrations. By sampling for total and dissolved metals, the NBC will be able to better assess the ratio of dissolved to total metals in POTW effluent and in the receiving waters.

TABLE 28 summarizes the data from 2011. The values are calculated by dividing the dissolved concentration by the total concentration. Dissolved phase is operationally defined as that portion which passes through a 0.45 micron filter. Due to implementation of more sensitive methods for analysis of dissolved metals, cadmium and chromium have been added to the summary table below. Previously, these metals were predominantly found at levels below the method detection limit. However, at both Field's Point and Bucklin Point, several dissolved lead samples were reported at less than the detection limit. For the calculated dissolved to total ratios listed below, ratios were calculated for each date there was a dissolved metals result, using the dissolved metals concentration and the total metals concentration for that day. Annual averages were then calculated from this data and are presented in TABLE 28 below.

TABLE 28
2011 Final Effluent Phase Partitioning Study Results

	Dissolved/Total Shown as a Fraction				
	Field's Point Mean	Bucklin Point Mean			
Cadmium	0.72	0.82			
Chromium	0.72	0.58			
Copper	0.71	0.79			
Lead	0.41	0.70			
Nickel	0.90	0.89			
Silver	0.35	0.43			
Zinc	0.91	0.87			
Aluminum	0.40	0.17			
Iron	0.51	0.39			

At Bucklin Point the results of this study show nickel and zinc to be the elements with the highest fraction in the dissolved phase, followed by cadmium and copper in the final effluent. At Field's Point, zinc and nickel were shown to be the elements with the highest fraction in the dissolved phase, followed by cadmium, chromium and copper. Silver, aluminum and iron are more strongly associated with particles, and thus the fraction of the metal in the dissolved phase is lower, less than 0.51 at both plants.

Data for 2011 total and dissolved metals analysis results are included in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 10.

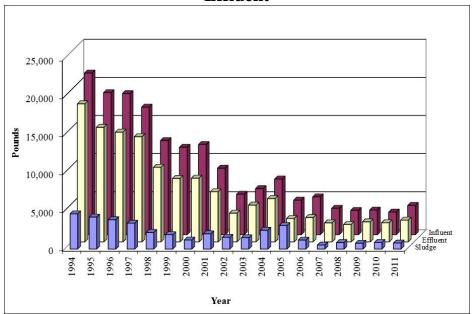
Sludge Analysis

To provide further insight into influent trends and POTW removal efficiency for metals, sludge-loading trends have been compared to influent and effluent loads since 1994 for three metals at both facilities. Nickel was included in this comparison due to its high incidence in the dissolved phase, since approximately 100% of nickel in the final POTW effluent is in the dissolved form. Nickel is also a metal commonly associated with industrial sources. Copper was also chosen due to its relatively high abundance and similar dissolved partitioning. Zinc was selected because of its relative abundance and significant influent loadings. In the following figures, please note that the final sludge loading is an approximation since there is insufficient data for loading attributed to grit. During 2011, sludge metals measurements were conducted bimonthly as opposed to weekly for the years prior to 2006. The mass balance agreement of these metals is calculated by subtracting the effluent and sludge loadings from the influent loading. Historical and 2011 sludge data are included in ATTACHMENT VOLUME II, SECTION 11.

In 2011, all sludge analyses from both Field's Point and Bucklin Point during January through June were deemed invalid due to a malfunction of laboratory sludge blender which contributed metals to the sludge samples. Therefore, all metals concentrations in the sludge were estimated for January through June 2011. The average concentration of each metal from results of samples collected in 2011 was used for January through June 2011. Loading for each month (January through June) was then calculated using this average concentration. The yearly total pounds loading was then calculated by taking the sum of loading from each month. This may account for some of the discrepancy in the mass balance agreement of these metals, though the discrepancies in 2011 were very similar to those seen in past years.

As can be seen in FIGURE 25, the Field's Point sludge loading results for nickel show general agreement with declining nickel inputs to Field's Point influent. Note that the center row of columns on the figure represents final effluent loading. The discrepancy between influent loading compared to sludge and effluent loadings was 5% during 2011. This 5% discrepancy is attributed to loading in grit.

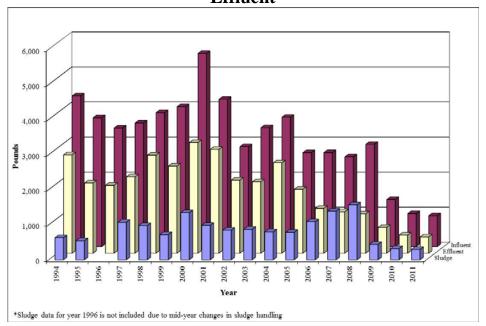
FIGURE 25 Nickel Loading Trend Analysis in Field's Point Sludge, Influent and Effluent



At Field's Point, nickel loading has increased slightly in the influent and effluent and decreased in the sludge during 2011 as compared to 2010. Nickel in the sludge has remained below 1,000 pounds since 2007. In the last five years, the influent, effluent and sludge nickel loading at Field's Point has been the lowest in recorded history and has remained relatively stable.

At Bucklin Point, nickel loading has decreased in the sludge as well as in the influent and the effluent over the last 17 years and is the lowest since 1994. In 2011, there was a 17% discrepancy between measured influent loading and loading going out in the effluent and sludge. This 17% discrepancy is attributed to loading in the grit.

FIGURE 26
Nickel Loading Trend Analysis in Bucklin Point Sludge, Influent and
Effluent



Nickel is highly partitioned in the dissolved phase and shows the least removal in the treatment facilities, except for cyanide. Of the three metals represented here, nickel had the second highest concentration found in the dissolved phase of the final effluent at Field's Point and it had the highest concentration in the dissolved phase at Bucklin Point. This agreement seems to indicate the following:

- Measurements of influent and effluent nickel concentrations are accurate;
- Sludge moisture measurements are valid;
- Little nickel contamination is present in sludge sampling at both Field's Point and Bucklin Point.

FIGURES 27 and 28 show the loading trends for zinc for the Field's Point and Bucklin Point facilities respectively. Zinc loading at Field's Point has increased slightly in the influent and effluent and decreased slightly in the sludge. The discrepancy between influent zinc loading and the combined sludge and effluent zinc is 5% for 2011. At Bucklin Point, zinc loading decreased slightly in the influent, increased slightly in the effluent and decreased slightly in the sludge. The discrepancy at Bucklin Point was 9% for 2011.

FIGURE 27
Zinc Loading Trend Analysis in Field's Point Sludge,
Influent and Effluent

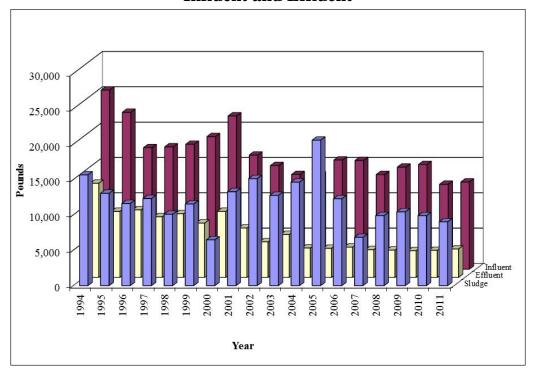
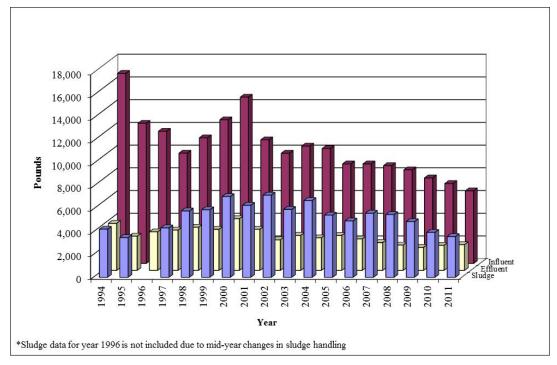


FIGURE 28
Zinc Loading Trend Analysis in Bucklin Point Sludge,
Influent and Effluent



FIGURES 29 and 30 present the copper loading trend analyses. NBC data show that about 79% of the copper in the final effluent at Bucklin Point and 71% at Field's Point is in the dissolved phase. At Field's Point, copper loading increased by a very small amount in the influent, decreased slightly in the effluent, and decreased in the sludge in 2011 when compared to 2010. The discrepancy between the influent and the combined effluent and sludge loading was 10%. At Bucklin Point, copper loadings decreased in the influent and effluent as well as in the sludge, with a 26% discrepancy. This 26% discrepancy can be attributed to loading in the grit.

FIGURE 29 Copper Loading Trend Analysis in Field's Point Sludge, Influent and Effluent

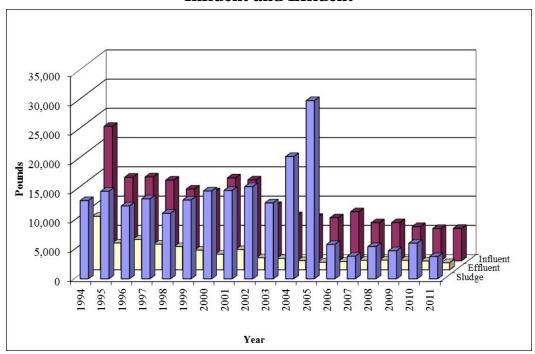
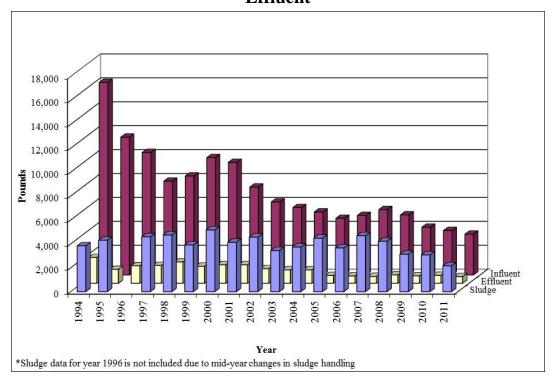


FIGURE 30 Copper Loading Trend Analysis in Bucklin Point Sludge, Influent and Effluent



BOD and TSS Loadings

BOD and TSS loading historical trend analysis provide an interesting means of determining the ability of the individual facility to handle variability in influent loadings without disruption of plant operations. For Bucklin Point, FIGURES 31 and 32 show the 30-day averaged trend for TSS and BOD influent and effluent, respectively. Effluent BOD and TSS show a decline beginning in 2005 through 2011 at Bucklin Point which is largely attributable to initiation of improved treatment processes as a result of a comprehensive facility upgrade which began to go on-line in 2005 and was completed in 2006.

FIGURE 31
TSS Loading Trend Analysis for Bucklin Point Influent and Effluent

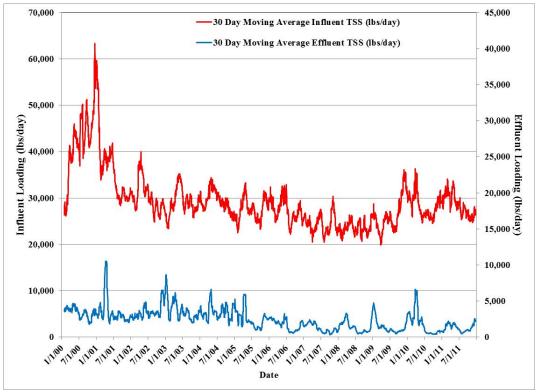
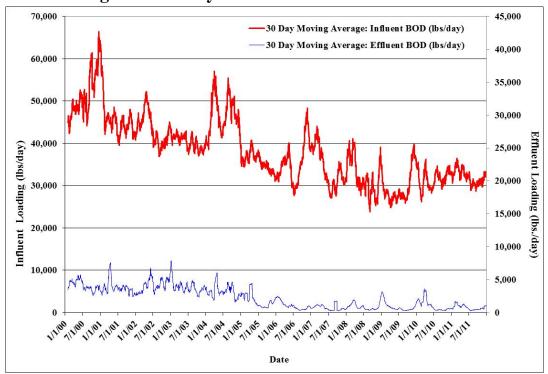


FIGURE 32
BOD Loading Trend Analysis in Bucklin Point Influent and Effluent



FIGURES 33 and 34 show the 30-day averaged TSS and BOD data for Field's Point. Periods of high influent loading are possibly attributable to maintenance within the collection system, or wet weather events. It is estimated that at Field's Point flow coming from the CSO tunnel accounts for about 10% of the influent TSS and only about 2% of the influent BOD. It is interesting to note that, despite these transient increases in the influent loading rates, effluent loadings show very little variability. This demonstrates the buffering capacity of both facilities, the ability of Operations to effectively adjust conditions to treat incoming pollutants, and an overall improvement in the removal of these conventional pollutants.

FIGURE 33
TSS Loading Trend Analysis in Field's Point Influent and Effluent

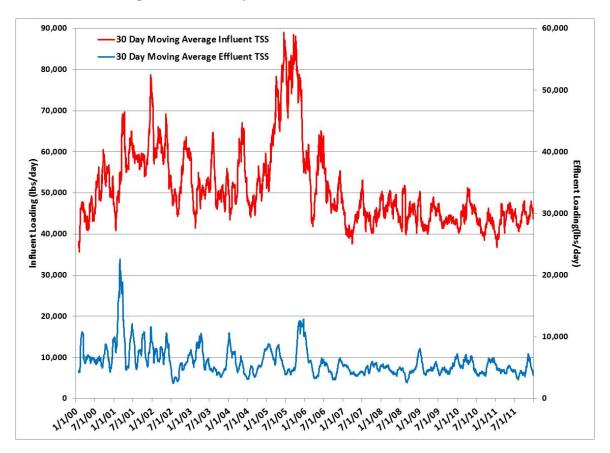
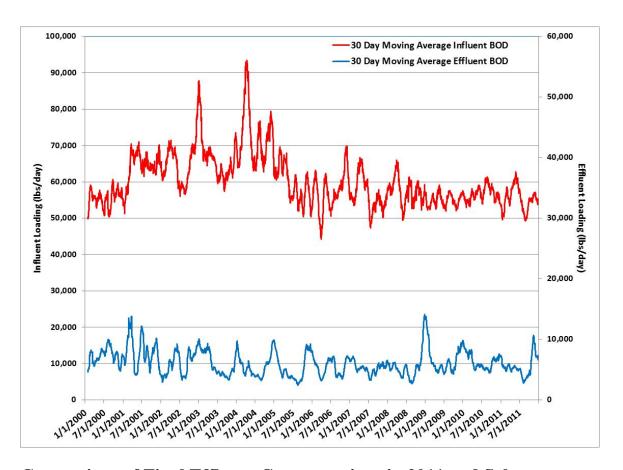


FIGURE 34
BOD Loading Trend Analysis in Field's Point Influent and Effluent



<u>Comparison of Final Effluent Concentrations in 2011 and Saltwater</u> <u>Quality Criteria of Receiving Waters</u>

A comparison of final effluent concentrations of permitted parameters and water quality criteria is useful to evaluate potential impact of the treatment plants on the receiving waters. TABLE 29 lists measured dissolved and total metal concentrations in the effluent, as well as cyanide, pH, and fecal coliform bacteria compared to saltwater quality criteria determined by DEM. Comparisons are made between annual averages and chronic criteria that protect long-term exposure and annual maximums to acute criteria that are established to protect marine life and waters from short-term exposures to pollutants. The results listed are the result of analyses by the NBC laboratory. The laboratory has implemented many improved clean sampling and clean analysis procedures in order to routinely achieve these low detection levels.

The trace metal study conducted by NBC and URI in 2001 and 2002 found both the Seekonk and Providence River reaches of Narragansett Bay meeting EPA water quality criteria for metals. These findings were presented to DEM, and as a result of this work, the Seekonk and Providence Rivers have been removed from the state's EPA 303(d) list of impaired waterbodies for metals.

TABLE 29
Comparison of 2011 Final Effluent Concentrations and Water
Quality Criteria of Receiving Waters

		Bucklin Point Effluent results	Field's Point	Character WOC	AA- WOC
Pollutant	Phase and statistical category		Effluent results in ppb	Chronic WQC in ppb	in ppb
	Dissolved phase effluent annual average	5.96	6.00	3.1	
	Dissolved phase effluent annual maximum	11.60	9.77		4.8
Copper	Total effluent annual average	7.64	7.96		
	Total effluent annual maximum	16.20	21.50		
	Dissolved phase effluent annual average	0.37	0.37	8.1	
T 3	Dissolved phase effluent annual maximum	0.5	0.50		210
Lead	Total effluent annual average	0.39	0.80		
	Total effluent annual maximum	1.82	2.18		
	Dissolved phase effluent annual average	5.77	21.97	8.2	
N. 1 1	Dissolved phase effluent annual maximum	7.51	63.80		74
Nickel	Total effluent annual average	5.47	19.96		
	Total effluent annual maximum	35.30	71.00		
	Dissolved phase effluent annual average	0.03	0.04	N/A	
C21	Dissolved phase effluent annual maximum	0.06	0.12		1.9
Silver	Total effluent annual average	0.07	0.10		
	Total effluent annual maximum	0.27	0.46		
	Dissolved phase effluent annual average	31.43	22.87	81	
Zinc	Dissolved phase effluent annual maximum	41.70	35.70		90
Zinc	Total effluent annual average	34.86	27.36		
	Total effluent annual maximum	56.60	56.20		
	Dissolved effluent annual average	NM	NM	0.94	
Mercury	Dissolved effluent annual maximum	NM	NM		1.8
Wiercury	Total effluent annual average	0.0038	0.0054		
	Total effluent annual maximum	0.0152	0.0173		
Cyanide	Total effluent annual average	0.707	1.13	1.0	
Cyamue	Total effluent annual maximum	9.6	12.64		1.0
pН	Total effluent annual minimum (s.u.)	5.7	5.9	> 6.5 < 8.5	
pm	Total effluent annual maximum (s.u.)	7.4	7.5		> 6.5 < 8.5
Fecal	Total effluent annual geomean				
Coliform	(MPN/100 ml.)	7	10	50	
Bacteria	% > 400 MPN/100 ml.	0.20%	0.64%		< 10%

Dissolved metals are measured monthly at the two plants and total metals are measured twice weekly. TABLE 29 details the annual averages and annual maximums for dissolved and total metals. Saltwater quality criteria are written as dissolved values, based on a metal translator conversion factor, converting from total to dissolved phase. Default EPA conversion factors range from 0.83 to 1.0, a ratio without units. Dissolved concentrations in the effluent can be compared to the saltwater quality criteria with the understanding that dilution occurring in the established mixing zones at the outfalls quickly lowers the concentrations in the Bay waters. This was demonstrated in the 2001 and 2002 trace metal study of the Bay waters by NBC, URI, and Microinorganics, Inc.

From TABLE 29, the following conclusions can be made regarding the various pollutant parameters:

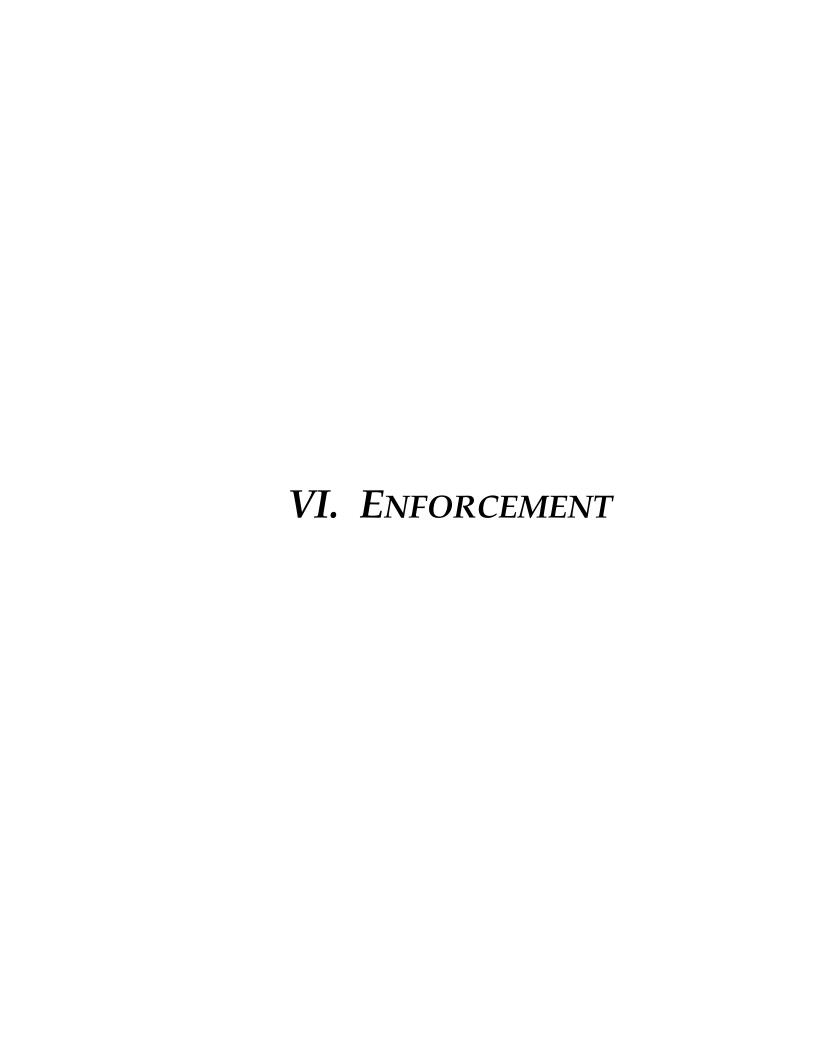
- Lead continues to show annual average and maximum dissolved concentrations significantly lower than the chronic and acute water quality criteria at both facilities. The annual maximum for total lead at both Field's Point and Bucklin Point are nearly two orders of magnitude lower than the acute dissolved lead criteria.
- Both the dissolved annual maximum concentration and total annual maximum nickel concentration at both facilities are below the acute saltwater quality criteria, as well as dissolved annual averages and total annual averages are below the chronic saltwater criterion at Bucklin Point.
- Silver shows annual maximum dissolved concentrations lower than the acute water quality criteria. There is no chronic saltwater quality criterion established for silver.
- Maximum values for total zinc at both facilities are less than the corresponding chronic and acute criteria for the dissolved species.
- Mercury analyses of the total sample, particulate and dissolved combined, at both facilities, have annual averages roughly ten times lower than the chronic saltwater quality criteria and acute saltwater quality criteria. The mercury chronic saltwater water quality criterion was increased from 0.025 ppb to 0.94 ppb as a result of changes in EPA mercury toxicity methodology.
- Fecal coliform bacteria daily geometric mean values were used to determine whether the facilities met chronic water quality criteria for fecal coliform, and a count of the number of samples that exceeded 400 was used to establish whether acute water quality criteria were met. Both facilities were well below the 50 MPN chronic water quality criteria and each facility had less than 0.64% of fecal samples above 400 MPN, the criteria for acute concentrations. Field's Point and Bucklin Point effluents both meet saltwater quality criteria for both chronic and acute comparisons based on these calculations.
- Copper concentrations in the effluent of both plants exceed saltwater quality criteria.
- Cyanide shows effluent concentrations less than the chronic water quality criteria at Bucklin Point and just barely over the chronic limit at Field's Point. Both facilities were above the saltwater acute water quality even though loadings have generally decreased at both facilities over time.
- Hydronium ion concentration, or pH, shows the annual effluent minimums are slightly below the 6.5 minimum water quality criteria and maximums are within saltwater quality criteria at both plants. The annual minimum effluent pHs recorded at both plants were not thought to be representative of the effluent at the time the measurement was taken as explained in the previous paragraphs.

Summary

In general, the two POTWs continue to show significant improvements in operations and effluent quality since NBC took over operations and with the implementation of the NBC Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention Programs. The Pretreatment and ESTA Sections have implemented educational programs to assist firms in achieving and maintaining compliance. The NBC has also significantly improved sampling methods over the past several years and improved sampling of septage and sludge have shown clear results. The aim of the EMDA sampling program is to collect representative samples at every stage, reduce contamination, and provide valuable information to POTW and regulatory staff in order to protect the environment and serve the public interest. The Laboratory Section continues to improve analytical procedures and research new technologies to improve the accuracy of all analytical results of this sampling. Facilities upgrades at Bucklin Point are making very clear improvements in effluent quality for conventional pollutants, as well as metals, cyanide, and nutrients. The Field's Point treatment plant is currently undergoing upgrades that are expected to not only reduce nutrients but improve effluent quality for other parameters as well.

Despite NBC studies showing that significant portions of toxic metal pollutants originate from residential sources, overall the toxic pollutant loadings to the two NBC Wastewater Treatment plants have decreased over time. This is a clear reflection of the fine work done by the NBC toxic reduction and control programs. Influent metals loading decreased at Bucklin Point in 2011 as compared to 2010 by 8.3%, while Field's Point showed a slight increase in influent loadings by 5.0%. The level of toxics in the effluent discharged from the NBC plants also continues a general downward trend. Though effluent loadings increased slight by 2% at Bucklin Point and 9% at Field's Point, a majority of this increase is thought to be due to change in analytical equipment that was needed during February through April.

Furthermore, the NBC Rivers Study performed in 2002 showed excellent results. Four seasonal surveys were conducted during 2001 and 2002 that monitored the receiving waters of Bucklin Point and Field's Point. Based upon the results of these seasonal surveys, DEM has removed these NBC receiving waters from the EPA 303(d) List of Impaired Waters. This is a clear testament to the effectiveness of the NBC toxic reduction and control programs.



NBC Enforcement Actions

The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) will initiate some type of enforcement action against 100% of those persons and companies who violate the NBC Rules and Regulations. A wide range of enforcement actions are used to bring industrial and commercial users into compliance with NBC requirements and effluent limitations. The action can be as routine as a telephone call or as serious as an administrative order and assessment of penalty. Hundreds of phone calls were made during 2011 and 1,904 Notices of Violation were issued for various violations of NBC Rules and Regulations. The following is a description of the most common types of enforcement actions utilized by the NBC and a brief summary of the number of each type initiated by the NBC over the past year:

- Telephone calls to users are made daily to discuss violations and problems. These calls are often sufficient to bring the user into compliance. A telephone discussion sheet documenting the conversation is prepared and placed in the user's file or in some cases a letter may be sent to the user summarizing the discussion.
- Notices of Violation are issued by the NBC to inform a user of its noncompliance with NBC Rules and Regulations and warn the user that escalated enforcement action may result for continued noncompliance. These letters can be computer generated or may be tailored by the Pretreatment staff. A Notice of Violation specifically states that its issuance does not prohibit other enforcement action. It also informs the violator that the non-compliance may result in publication of the firm's name in the state's largest daily newspaper and explains that inclusion on that list will subject the violator to liability for payment of the publication. In addition, the Notice of Violation letters refer the user to free technical and compliance assistance from the ESTA Section. The most typical Notices of Violation are described below. Examples may be viewed in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 4.
 - Letters of Deficiency are Notices of Violation issued to notify the user of deficiencies observed during a facility inspection. The Letter of Deficiency is prepared and issued by the engineer or technician that conducted the inspection or observed the violation, is sent to the user via certified mail, and requires the user to correct the noted deficiency within a specific time period. The NBC issued 112 Letters of Deficiency to users during 2011. An example of a Letter of Deficiency is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 4.
 - Notices for Failure to Meet Standards are issued by the Pretreatment staff each time NBC or user self-monitoring results indicate a violation of NBC or EPA discharge limitations, including violations of the monthly average limits. The NBC issued 130 notices of this type to industrial and commercial users during the past year.

- Notices of pH Violations are issued by the Pretreatment staff each time a user submits a monthly pH self-monitoring report that reveals violations of NBC pH discharge limitations. The NBC issued 172 notices of this type during 2011.
- Notices of Failure to Submit Monitoring Reports are Notice of Violation letters issued to users for failure to submit a Self-Monitoring Compliance Report, pH Monitoring Report, Zero Discharge Certification or Best Management Practices (BMP) Certification on time. A similar letter is issued for failure to properly complete or sign a Self-Monitoring Compliance Report or pH Monitoring Report. The NBC issued 654 Notices of Violation to industrial and commercial users during 2011 detailing these various types of violations. A similar Notice of Violation is issued for failure to sample and/or analyze for all required parameters. During 2011, thirteen such letters were issued to users that either failed to sample or analyze for all required parameters.
- ~ Notices of Failure to Immediately Report Violations are issued to users that fail to notify the NBC within twenty-four (24) hours of becoming aware of a violation of NBC effluent limitations in accordance with EPA 40 CFR§403.12(g)(2). During 2011, there were 17 notices of this type issued to violators of this regulation.
- Notices of Failure to Satisfy NBC Requirements are issued by the Pretreatment staff when a user exceeds a specified deadline for submission of any of a number of various types of documents or for exceeding the completion date specified for tasks required by the NBC. Examples of such tasks may include installation of spill control facilities, pretreatment equipment, sample ports, etc. During 2011, the NBC issued a total of 420 notices of this type.
- Failure to Pay Permit Fees is a Notice of Violation issued by the Customer Service Section to firms greater than 90 days late in paying permit fees.
 During 2011, the NBC issued 386 letters of this type to users in the NBC district.
- Letters requiring an increase in frequency of self-monitoring are issued to users who violate NBC discharge limitations and require the user to sample their wastewater weekly, or even daily, to demonstrate progress toward meeting effluent limitations. Once the user violates NBC discharge limitations, the Failure to Meet Standards Notice of Violation letter is automatically issued. During 2011, the Pretreatment Section issued 103 Notice of Violation letters that required resampling to be conducted immediately by violating users. This Notice of Violation requires weekly sampling to be conducted and continued until the user demonstrates at least four (4) consecutive monitoring reports indicating full compliance with

effluent standards. This enforcement protocol is effective at bringing the user into compliance with effluent standards because the added expense and burden of weekly sampling encourages the quick correction of existing problems.

- Letters of Wastewater Discharge Permit Suspension are typically issued to Significant Industrial Users who have not discharged process wastewater to the NBC sewer system for at least 30 days. These letters are issued by the Executive Director. During 2011, the NBC did not issue any letters of suspension. These letters require the user to permanently disconnect the final process discharge line from the NBC sewer line due to their potential to adversely impact the NBC should illegal or unpermitted discharges occur. The suspension of a user's permit relieves the user from having to submit monthly monitoring reports. Inspections of these users by Pretreatment staff are still conducted since they still have the potential to impact the NBC sewer system.
- Annual publication of the user's name in the state's largest daily paper will result if a violator meets the criteria for Significant Non-Compliance as defined in 40 CFR 403.8(f)(2)(vii). All Notice of Violation letters issued during the preceding year contained language warning the industrial user that the name of their firm would be published if their outstanding violation was not quickly corrected. Despite these warnings, the names of 5 firms found to be in Significant Non-Compliance with NBC regulations were listed in an advertisement in the PROVIDENCE JOURNAL on February 24, 2012 for violations occurring between October 1, 2010 and December 31, 2011. A copy of this public notice is provided later in this chapter in FIGURE 10.
- Meetings with a user are held to discuss problems or violations the firm may be experiencing and often produce good results. Before initiating an administrative action and/or assessing an administrative penalty, the parties may reach a resolution of the issues without further enforcement action. At these meetings, the user is informed of its potential financial liability should its non-compliance status continue, often resulting in compliance.
- Administrative Orders (AO) are Orders issued by the NBC to address repeated or serious instances of noncompliance. AO are classified into one of four general types, Compliance Orders, Cease and Desist Orders, Consent Orders/Settlement Agreements and Termination/Suspension of Permit/Service Orders. The AO may or may not assess an administrative penalty. Depending on the type of AO issued, the user may be required to immediately cease discharging or achieve compliance with NBC Rules and Regulations within a specified time frame. AO are considered the harshest control vehicle for ensuring compliance with NBC regulations. All AOs entitle the alleged violator the right to request a hearing before an independent hearing officer with regard to both the issue of compliance and penalties. AOs are issued by the NBC Chief Legal Counsel.

• Civil Suits are filed against users for nonpayment of pretreatment fees or to enforce the terms of an Administrative Order, Consent Order or Final Decision and Order. Depending on the amount outstanding, the suits are filed either in District or Superior Court. These suits are filed only after all other collection avenues have been attempted and were unsuccessful. Firms may pay in full, establish a payment schedule or negotiate a settlement as a result of these suits. During 2011, no civil suits were filed.

2011 Administrative Orders

During 2011, the NBC did not issue any Administrative Order (AO) for violations of NBC Rules and Regulations and/or permit requirements.

A sample AO is provided in ATTACHMENT VOLUME I, SECTION 4. Furthermore, a history of all enforcement actions taken by the NBC as of December 31, 2011 is found at the end of this chapter in TABLE 31. The table provides a history of the penalties assessed, the penalties paid and the present status of each enforcement action. A brief summary to update the status of pending Administrative Orders is provided later in this chapter.

Update of Past Enforcement Actions

Field's Point District

AO #FP-01-09 was issued against Mazey Alarachi d/b/a Mazey's Restaurant – Charles Street Facility (Charles Street) and AP #FP-02-09 was issued against Mazey Alarachi d/b/a Mazey's Restaurant – Smith Street Facility (Smith Street). Collectively these companies will be referred to as Mazey's. Both of these AOs were issued on October 8, 2009. The AOs cited Mazey's for failure to submit five day sampling for total oil & grease, failure to submit permit required monitoring reports for October 2007, April 2008, October 2008 and April 2009. Smith Street was further cited for failure to install a sample port. Charles Street was assessed an administrative penalty of \$9,000 and Smith Street was assessed an administrative penalty of \$9,500. The AOs ordered Mazey's to install the sample port, conduct all required sampling, submit all past due monitoring reports required by the permits, comply with all the terms of the permits, and install a grease removal unit at each facility. For the purpose of negotiating with Mazey's, the decision was made to combine the two AOs. A status conference was conducted on November 19, 2009. Mr. Alarachi appeared and responded to the AO. Mr. Alarachi submitted a brief proposal offering to conduct five day sampling. Negotiations resulted in a Consent Order (CO) executed on September 16, 2010. Mr. Alarachi agreed to submit all past due samples and pay a \$5,000 penalty. Mr. Alarachi, by the terms of the CO would be required to install a grease removal unit at each location by June 2011. A meeting was held with Mr. Alarachi on June 30, 2011, to discuss the progress with

meeting the requirements of the CO. Based on the issues Mr. Alarachi outlined during the meeting, a revised schedule to complete the required work was sent to Mazey's. As of the end of 2011, Mazey's had not complied with the revised schedule or the CO. A complaint will be filed with the RI Superior Court in early 2012.

AO #FP-01-08 was issued against James Brown and JRB Associates, Inc. (JRB) on August 25, 2008. The AO cited JRB with failure to comply with the NBC's effluent pH limitations, failure to continuously monitor effluent pH, failure to comply with the NBC effluent discharge limitations for copper, failure to comply with the NBC effluent discharge limitations for nickel, failure to comply with the NBC effluent discharge limitations for cyanide, failure to operate and maintain the pretreatment system, failure to submit required reports and results on time, failure to comply with terms of the permit, discharging untreated wastewater, failure to maintain the pretreatment logbook, failure to provide accurate and reliable information in required logs, failure to notify NBC within 24 hours of becoming aware of an effluent violation, failure to properly perform self-monitoring sampling pursuant to the terms of its permit, and failure to notify the NBC prior to making changes in its process operations or pretreatment. An administrative penalty of \$67,000 was assessed. The AO further ordered JRB to immediately employ all steps necessary to comply with NBC effluent pH limitations, immediately employ all steps necessary to comply with all NBC effluent discharge limitations, immediately employ all steps necessary to ensure entry of accurate entries in its pretreatment system logbook, immediately employ all steps necessary to ensure the proper operation of its pretreatment system, immediately institute all steps necessary to ensure continuous recording of its effluent pH discharges, immediately institute all steps necessary to ensure that quantities of all chemical solutions necessary for providing proper treatment are maintained, immediately institute all steps necessary to ensure that the NBC is notified prior to changes being made to process operations or pretreatment, immediately comply with all NBC effluent discharge limitations, and immediately institute all steps necessary to ensure that all required reports are received on time. JRB preserved its right to a hearing. Negotiations resulted in the execution of a Consent Order on April 15, 2009 wherein JRB agreed to pay an administrative penalty of \$24,000 over a 24 month period. JRB also agreed to pay stipulated penalties for violating effluent discharge limitations set forth in its Wastewater Discharge Permit as follows: beginning on May 1, 2009 and continuing for 24 months, JRB shall pay \$50 for each exceedence of effluent pH limitations and \$125 for each exceedence of discharge limitations for copper, nickel and cyanide. To date, JRB has complied with all of the terms and conditions of the Consent Order, including prompt monthly payments and payment of all stipulated penalties.

Bucklin Point District

 AO #BV-01-10 was issued against James Martins and Coastal Collision & Towing, Inc. (Coastal) on June 15, 2010. The AO cited Coastal with discharging wastewater in violation of its Wastewater Discharge Permit, failure to submit a self-monitoring compliance report for February 2010, failure to allow NBC employees access to the Coastal property to conduct an inspection. An administrative penalty of \$5,000 was assessed. The AO further ordered Coastal to immediately submit the selfmonitoring compliance report for February 2010, immediately cease and desist from washing vehicles in any area where the wastewater does not discharge to the oil and solids/grit separation tank approved in the permit or submit written certification that vehicle washing operation has ceased, immediately pay all outstanding NBC fees and assessments, and immediately comply with all terms and conditions of its permit, including allowing authorized NBC personnel onto its property to conduct inspections. Coastal has ceased washing vehicles in areas where the wastewater does not discharge to its pretreatment system and submitted the required monitoring report. A Consent Order (CO) was executed on September 17, 2011. The CO required Coastal to pay an administrative penalty of \$1,000 and stipulated penalties of \$1,000 anytime NBC personnel is denied access to the property for a 24 month period. Coastal has complied with the terms of the CO.

Permit Suspensions

As stated in Article 8.14 of the NBC Rules and Regulations, the Executive Director may suspend the Wastewater Discharge Permit of any user who ceases operations for any period exceeding one month. The suspension does not act as a revocation of the permit, but rather as a temporary suspension of the users' rights under the permit while operations have ceased. During 2011, no Letters of Wastewater Discharge Permit Suspension were issued.

Supplemental Environmental Projects

Supplemental Environmental Projects (SEPs) are additional requirements and/or extra activities that may be undertaken by a violator of environmental laws or regulations against whom enforcement action has been taken. In settlement negotiations, the violator or the regulating authority may propose that an environmental project be undertaken in consideration of a reduced penalty.

In no case should the cost of the project to the violator be less than the offset amount of the penalty. A SEP may only be considered for inclusion in a settlement if the total settlement agreement ensures future compliance through corrective measures, a substantial monetary payment is made in addition to the SEP and if an appropriate nexus is demonstrated between the violation and the environmental benefits to be derived from the SEP.

The EPA recognizes five categories of acceptable supplemental environmental projects. The first four categories: pollution prevention projects, pollution reduction projects, environmental restoration projects and environmental auditing projects require that the

project demonstrate an appropriate nexus between the nature of the violation and the environmental benefits to be derived. For example, if the violator was cited for repeated pH reporting violations, the purchase and installation of digital or computerized pH monitoring and recording equipment would provide sufficient nexus between the violation and the anticipated benefit to be derived from use of the equipment. The last category, public awareness projects, is not subject to this strict nexus requirement, but must still be related to the type of violation which is the subject of the underlying violations. Pursuant to EPA regulation, general educational and environmental awareness projects are not acceptable as SEPs. In addition, SEPs are less appropriate for repeat offenders.

Environmental Enforcement Fund

During the 1989 Legislative Session, 89-S-786 was passed into law which established the Narragansett Bay Commission Environmental Enforcement Fund. This fund consists of sums recovered by administrative or civil enforcement actions brought under the authority of Rhode Island General Laws, Chapter 46-25 (the NBC's enabling legislation) and may be used for the following:

- Emergency response activities such as site inspections, investigatory reports, collection, monitoring, and analysis of samples of wastewater, spill response, etc.
- Enforcement activities, such as legal activities, to enforce the provisions of this chapter, etc.
- Additional activities such as professional and emergency response training, environmental research, public information and education, etc.
- Bay bond debt retirement (discretionary in the event that funds have not been committed for projects within a three year period following their deposit into the fund).



Shellfish Transplant

In 2011, eight proposals were submitted to the NBC Board of Commissioners for review and were approved. These proposals are listed below in TABLE 30.

TABLE 30 2011 Approved Environmental Enforcement Fund Proposals

EEF#	Company	Project	Amount
	Company	Ů	Awarded
11-001	Blackstone Valley Tourism Council	Blackstone Valley Tourism Council River Classroom Program to allow for underprivileged children to partake in water quality testing and their environmental education program.	\$2,400.00
11-002	Save the Bay	Save the Bay Project to support a statewide environmental monitoring project to update Narragansett Bay's eelgrass inventory.	\$2,000.00
11-003	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council	Woonasquatucket River Watershed Council Project to help fund their 2011 River Rangers Program.	\$5,000.00
11-004	NBC – Planning, Policy & Regulation Division – Water Quality Workshop	Sponsor a full day educational workshop for scientists, stakeholders and regulators to discuss current monitoring findings and research in the Narragansett Bay.	\$2,500.00
11-005	Providence Children's Museum	Funds to provide support and maintenance for upgrades to the Water Ways Educational Exhibit	\$7,500.00
11-006	The MET School - Leonard Walker Scholarship Fund	Contribution to the Leonard Walker Scholarship Fund to help school children in RI receive a better education at the MET School.	\$2,500.00
11-007	Blackstone Valley Tourism Council	Blackstone Valley Tourism Council to support the Chocolate Mill Overlook Project along the Blackstone River in Central Falls.	\$3,000.00
11-008	NBC – Public Affairs Section	Funding for a public information and education program to address clean water and sanitation in celebration of World Toilet Day.	\$2,800.00
Total App	proved in 2011		\$27,700.00

Enforcement Response Plan

In accordance with 40 CFR§403.8(f)(5), the Narragansett Bay Commission developed and submitted an Environmental Response Plan to the DEM on February 1, 1993. The plan was officially approved by the DEM on January 12, 1995. The purpose of the plan is to clearly establish anticipated reactions of the agency to specific violations of the relevant environmental laws and regulations. The plan explains the enforcement tools and mechanisms available and employed by the NBC and its Pretreatment Program. The `proposed plan suggests timetables for the initiation of enforcement actions that would be followed as soon as practicable after the NBC staff becomes aware of any non-complying event. These timetables serve two goals. The timetables avoid continued user noncompliance for extended periods of time by requiring quick enforcement response by the NBC. Secondly, the quick enforcement response guarantees that evidence and memories will not become stale by the time delay that can occur when initiating an enforcement action. The NBC has revised the Enforcement Response Plan to comply with DEM requirements imposed during the year 2000 DEM Pretreatment Compliance Inspection and the RIPDES permits issued by the DEM on December 31, 2001. The revised Enforcement Response Plan was submitted to the DEM on August 28, 2002 in accordance with DEM requirements. The plan was approved by the DEM on September 26, 2003.

Publication of Firms in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC)

Federal regulation 40 CFR§403.8(f)(2)(vii) requires the Commission to publish at least annually the names of all industrial users in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) with pretreatment standards or other pretreatment requirements during the preceding 15 months. A list of industrial users found to be in Significant Non-Compliance with pretreatment standards and/or administrative requirements for the period of October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011 was published in an advertisement in the PROVIDENCE JOURNAL on February 24, 2012. A copy of this advertisement is provided in FIGURE 35, while the Confirmation of Publication is provided in FIGURE 36.

During 2006 the NBC Rules and Regulations were modified to incorporate the revised EPA definition of Significant Non-Compliance (SNC), detailed in the EPA Pretreatment Streamlining Regulations. The NBC complied with Federal regulations to cite any industrial user as being in SNC for violating any of the following criteria:

- (a) Chronic violations of wastewater discharge limitations, defined here as those in which 66% or more of all measurements taken in a six (6) month period exceed (by any magnitude) a numerical Pretreatment Standard of Requirement for the same pollutant parameter;
- (b) Technical Review Criteria (TRC) violation, defined here as those in which 33% or more of all the measurements for each pollutant parameter taken during a six (6) month period equal or exceed the product of the numerical Pretreatment Standard or Requirement multiplied by the applicable TRC value. (TRC = 1.4 for BOD, TSS, fats, oil, and grease and 1.2 for all other pollutants except pH);

- (c) Any other violation of a pretreatment effluent limit (daily maximum or long-term average) that the Commission determines has caused, either alone or in combination with other discharges, pass through or interference (including endangering the health of Commission personnel or the general public);
- (d) Any discharge of a pollutant that has caused imminent endangerment to human health, welfare, or the environment, or causes the POTW to exercise its emergency authority to halt or prevent such discharge;
- (e) Failure to meet, within 90 days after the scheduled date, a compliance milestone contained in a permit or enforcement order, for starting construction, completing construction, or attaining final compliance;
- (f) Failure to provide within 30 days after the due date, required reports such as Baseline Monitoring Reports, 90-day reports, periodic reports, and compliance schedule milestone reports;
- (g) Failure to accurately report non-compliance;
- (h) Any violation or group of violations that the NBC determines will adversely affect the operation or implementation of the Pretreatment Program.

Based upon extensive user file reviews, the names of five firms were listed in the February 24, 2012, public notice in the Providence Journal. Of the five firms listed in Significant Non-Compliance, three users are located in the Field's Point district and two are Bucklin Point users. There were two firms in SNC subject to EPA categorical standards. Both of these firms are classified as either electroplaters or metal finishers. One is located in the Field's Point district and the other is located in Bucklin Point.

Two firms are classified as non-significant industrial users. One of the firms manufactures insulation material and the other conducts mass finishing operations.

The number of firms listed in SNC for 2011 was five, a decrease from the twelve firms listed in SNC in 2010. Four of the five users listed in the February 24, 2011, SNC Public Notice, had achieved full compliance with the EPA and NBC Rules and Regulations for which they were published prior to the date of publication. Additional information regarding the firms listed in SNC is provided in CHAPTERS I and IV. The cost to publish the public notice was billed to the firms listed as being in Significant Non-Compliance.

FIGURE 35 PUBLIC NOTICE OF USERS IN SNC

The Narragansett Bay Commission

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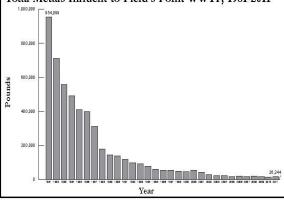
Firms in Significant Non-Compliance

THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGULATION 40 CFR 403 &(f) (2) (vii) and Article 10 of the Narraganest Bay Commission, Rules and Regulations require the NBC to publish annually the names of all industrial users in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) with pretreatment standards and other pretreatment requirements during the preceding year Companies deemed to be in Significant Non-Compliance are those industrial users who have violated any of the Significant Non-Compliance criteria issted, as defined by Article 2 of the NBC Rules and Regulations during the time period form October 1, 2010 through December 31, 2011. The parameter for which a company was not in compliance and/or the specific administrative deficiency are listed after the company name. The number(s) in parentheses correspond to the type of SNC cateria specified below. Some of the firms listed below may have been issued an Administrative Order in which administrative and/or avail penalties may have been assessed. Many of the companies listed have made significant progress toward correcting the violation and may now be in compliance.

Significant Non-Compliance Criteria:

- (1) Chronic wolations of wastewater discharge firmts, defined here as those in which 60% or more of all of the measurements taken during a six-month period exceed (by any magnitude) a numerical Pretreatment Standard or Requirement for the same collisation parameter.
- (2) Technical Review Criteria (TRC) violations, defined here as those in which 33% or more of all the measurements for each pollutant parameter taken during a six-month period equal or exceed the product of a numerical Pretreatment Standard or Requirement multiplied by the applicable TRC value (TRC = 1.4 for BOD, TSS, fats, oil, and gresse and 1.2 for all other pollutants except pH);
- (3) Any other violation of a pretreatment effluent limit (daily maximum or long-term average) that the Commission determines has caused, alone or in combination with other discharges, interference or pass through (including endangeing the health of Commission personnel or the general public).
- (4) Any discharges of a pollutant that has caused imminent endangement to human health, welfare or the environment or has resulted in the Commission's exercise of its emergency authority to halt or prevent such a discharge,
- (5) Failure to meet, within 90 days after the scheduled date, a compliance milestone contained in a Commission notification, permit or enforcement order, for starting construction, completing construction or attaining final compliance.
- (6) Failure to provide, within 30 days after the due date, required reports such as baseline monitoring reports, 90-day compliance reports, self-monitoring compliance reports and reports on compliance with compliance schedules;
- (7) Failure to accurately report noncompliance
- (8) Any other violation or group of violations which the Commission determines has adversely effected the operation or implementation of the Industrial Pretreatment Program. •





HE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION IS COMMITTED TO PROTECTING THE STATE'S TWO LARGEST WASTE-WATER TREATMENT PACILITIES AND NARRAGANSETT BAY FROM TOXIC DISCHARGES. This is accomplished by the issuance of discharge permits to commercial and industrial sewer users. These discharge permits specify the level of pollutants that can be discharged in a facility's wastestream and may require a firm to conduct wastewater monitoring to verify compliance with discharge limits, to implement a Spill Control Plan and/or Toxic Organic/Solvent Management Plan, and to install pretreatment equipment. Various reporting and record keeping requirements may also be written into discharge permits. The firms listed in this public notice violated one or more of the significant non-complance cateria specified above. The Commission is required by the RI DEM and the US EPA to annually publish the names of all firms violating any of these cateria. Therefore, firms must be sure to comply with all the terms specified in their discharge permit to ensure that the name of their firm is not listed in this annual public notice. The NBC offers FREE technical assistance to firms located in the NBC service area through its non-regulatory. Office of Environmental, Safety & Technical Assistance. For information on how the NBC Environmental, Safety & Technical Assistance Program Staff at 461-8848/TDD 461-6549.

Most businesses located in the NBC district are to be commended for the fine job they have done treating their process discharges to remove toxic pollutants. In 1981, local industries discharged 954,099 pounds of heavy metals such as copper, nickel and zinc and 80,440 pounds of cyanide to the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility Since 1981, the total metals can cyanide loadings to the Field's Point facility have been reduced by 97.2% and 98.2% respectively. Similar toxic loading reductions have been observed at the NBC Bucklin Point facility.

Bucklin Point Service Area

East Providence Company Name	Violations Cited	Present Status
Aspen Aerogels Rhode Island, LLC	Failure to submit reports on time (6)	Reports have been received.
Cumberland		

Firm is now in compliance

Field's Point Service Area

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Ronald Pratt Company, Inc.

Providence Company Name	Violations Cited	Present Status
Precision Industries, Inc.	Failure to submit reports on time (6)	Reports have been received.
Crisloid, Inc	Failure to submit report on time (6)	Report has been received
North Providence		
Alpha Plating & Metallizing	Failure to submit reports on time (6)	Reports have been received. Firm is now out of business.

The Narragansett Bay Commission will continue to be a leader in the field of wastewater treatment, environmental protection, and environmental education to ensure a cleaner Narragansett Bay for all to enjoy.

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Twitter @narrabay * Facebook www.facebook.com/narrabay
The cost of this public notice will be billed to the forms listed above that were in significant non-ampliana.

FIGURE 36 CONFIRMATION OF PUBLICATION OF SNC PUBLIC NOTICE

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Today's birthdays

Army colonel gets 20 years for rape rampage

treated for rape after New Year's Day attack on their village

By MICHELLE PAUL

Narragansett Bay Commission Perfect Compliance

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least some protesters there calling for his execution as a

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Get more for your Assisted Living dollar.

Not all Assisted Living communities are created equal. Compare carefully and you'll discover more for your money at West Bay Retirement Living. More services, done experience. More innovation, More value. We let you pinch pennies without letting you down. Because our comprehensive programs are tailored to meet each individual's needs, you never pay for services you don't use. Call 799+700 or visit soon.
And start getting the most for your Assisted Living dollar.

West Shore Road, Warwick Your Story Continues Here...

Total Metals Influent to Field's Point WWTF, 1981-2010

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NOV #1 F. RONCI CO.	01/31/1986	HEARING AWARDED \$219,950.00 COURT REVERSED AWARD	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #2 ABATE & URSILLO COMPANY	03/20/1987	CONSENT ORDER 05/01/87 BANKRUPT	N/A	\$23,000.00	\$2,683.31	\$20,316.69	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00
NOV #3 ASTRO PLATING WORKS	05/13/1987	CONSENT ORDER 08/20/87	N/A	\$70,000.00	\$70,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$19,500.00	\$19,500.00	\$0.00
NOV #4 A & J JEWELRY CO.	10/07/1987	CONSENT ORDER 11/13/87	N/A	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #5 RAU FASTENERS, INC.	10/12/1987	CONSENT ORDER 07/23/90	N/A	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$117,500.00	\$117,500.00	\$0.00
NOV #6 H.M. PLATING CO.	12/10/1987	NOV RESCINDED	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #7 ANTONELLI PLATING CO.	12/07/1987	NOV RESCINDED	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #8 H.M. PLATING CO.	09/14/1988	CONSENT ORDER 01/13/89 BANKRUPT	N/A	\$15,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,750.00	\$0.00
NOV #9 BIANCO PLATING CO.	10/04/1988	CONSENT ORDER 03/10/89 BANKRUPT	N/A	\$23,000.00	\$7,800.00	\$15,200.00	\$8,400.00	\$8,400.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
NOV #10 PROCRAFT, INC.	02/16/1989	CONSENT ORDER 04/27/90	N/A	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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NOV #11 CONCORDE BUCKLE CO.	08/04/1989	CONSENT ORDER 03/20/90	N/A	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #12 GALAXY GOLD, INC.	11/01/1989	CONSENT ORDER 04/27/90 PERMIT REVOKED 10/26/89	N/A	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	\$0.00	\$2,193.00	\$2,193.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #13 SCIENTIFIC METAL FINISHING	11/01/1989	NOV RESCINDED	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #14 EASTLAND/ NU- WAY FOOD PRODUCTS	11/01/1989	CONSENT ORDER 03/29/90	N/A	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$12,254.00	\$12,254.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #15 GOLD CROWN, INC.	02/15/1990	CONSENT ORDER 09/11/90	N/A	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,270.00	\$2,270.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #16 SCIENTIFIC METAL FINISHING/S. MARCOS	12/22/1989	CONSENT ORDER 07/25/90 BANKRUPT	N/A	\$12,500.00	\$5,200.00	\$7,300.00	\$7,700.00	\$2,500.00	\$5,200.00	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$1,000.00
NOV #17 SCIENTIFIC METAL FINISHING/ J. ROACH	12/22/1989	TERMS INCORPORATED INTO THE ABOVE CONSENT ORDER		\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #18 ELECTRONIC PRECISION	02/15/1990	NOV RESCINDED MERGED W/ NOV #27	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #19 AMICARELLI & EASTMAN	05/15/1990	NOV RESCINDED	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #20 ARC ENTERPRISE	05/15/1990	HEARING ORDER 08/29/90 DEBTOR INSOLVENT	N/A	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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NOV #21 ELECTROLIZING	06/07/1990	CONSENT ORDER 01/16/91	\$68,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #22 RHODE ISLAND CLEANERS	06/11/1990	HEARING ORDER 10/02/90 CONSENT ORDER 07/14/92	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00 w/ \$4,000.00 SUSPENDED	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #23 QUALITEX, INC.	07/05/1990	CONSENT ORDER 10/19/90	N/A	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,193.92	\$5,193.92	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00
NOV #24 PROVIDENCE HOUSING AUTHORITY	08/23/1990	CONSENT ORDER 11/01/90	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$7,614.88	\$7,614.88	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #25 JOHNSTON DRESSED BEEF & VEAL CO.	08/29/1990	HEARING ORDER 11/14/90	N/A	\$23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #26 J.V. PLATING CO.	09/04/1990	CONSENT ORDER 04/09/91 BANKRUPT	\$22,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$1,750.00	\$1,250.00	\$2,260.00	\$1,130.00	\$1,130.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$750.00
NOV #27 ELECTRONIC PRECISION CIRCUITRY	09/24/1990	CONSENT ORDER 01/07/91	N/A	\$12,300.00	\$12,300.00	\$0.00	\$7,700.00	\$7,700.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #28 WALLACE COMPANY	10/26/1990	BANKRUPT	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #29 APAC TOOL, INC.	10/26/1990	CONSENT ORDER 04/23/91	\$8,000.00	\$2,498.00	\$2,498.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #30 D'AMBRA CONSTRUCTION	12/19/1990	CONSENT ORDER 06/11/92	N/A	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #31 NEW ENGLAND TELEPHONE & TELEGRAPH CO.	01/10/1991	CONSENT ORDER 06/13/91	\$9,910.00	\$8,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,910.00	\$1,910.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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NOV #32 ALLENS MANUFACTURING CO.	01/10/1991	CONSENT ORDER 09/06/91	\$54,000.00	\$2,870.00	\$2,870.00	\$0.00	\$2,810.00	\$2,810.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #33 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE	02/07/1991	MERGED WITH NOV #34 CONSENT ORDER 07/15/91	\$7,200.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,320.00	\$2,320.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #34 PROVIDENCE COLLEGE	02/15/1991	MERGED WITH NOV #33 SEE ABOVE	N/A	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
NOV #35 VANITY JEWELRY	03/13/1991	CONSENT ORDER 05/10/91	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #1 QUALITY STAMPING	06/25/1991	CONSENT JUDGMENT 04/26/96	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #2 JOHN OLSON & SONS	07/03/1991	CONSENT ORDER 06/09/92	\$22,000.00	\$4,500.00	\$4,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #3 D & D PLATING	08/26/1991	CONSENT ORDER 02/11/92	\$9,250.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #4 DON-LIN JEWELRY CO.	08/26/1991	CONSENT ORDER 01/13/92	\$4,218.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #5 FEDERAL PRODUCTS	08/26/1991	CONSENT ORDER 12/26/91	\$4,250.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #6 SMITH JEWELRY SERVICE CO.	08/26/1991	IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #7 F. RONCI (SMITH ST.)	10/10/1991	BANKRUPT	\$171,850.00	\$170,850.00	\$0.00	\$170,850.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #8 F. RONCI (ATLANTIC BLVD.)	10/10/1991	BANKRUPT	\$52,200.00	\$51,700.00	\$0.00	\$51,700.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #9 CH SPRAGUE	10/10/1991	CONSENT ORDER 05/06/92	\$15,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #10 QUALITY PLATING	12/04/1991	DEBTOR INSOLVENT	\$40,135.00	\$39,650.00	\$0.00	\$39,650.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$485.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #11 GENERAL ELECTRIC	10/28/1991	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$6,885.00	\$6,885.00	\$6,885.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #12 ALLENS MFG. CO.	12/04/1991	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #13 ELECTROBRITE COATING CO.	12/14/1991	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #14 MERCURY POLISHING & PLATING	12/14/1991	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #15 GABRIELE'S, IND.	12/14/1991	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #16 DUNC'S PLATING	12/14/1991	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #17 SAMSON MFG., LTD.	12/14/1991	AO RESCINDED	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #18 STARBRITE PLATING	12/14/1991	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #19 ASTRO PLATING WORKS	12/14/1991	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #20 QUALITY PLATING CO.	12/14/1991	AO RESCINDED	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #21 CLAYTON CO.	01/22/1992	CONSENT ORDER 12/07/92	\$9,882.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$382.00	\$382.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #22 JEWELS BY PATRICIA	01/22/1992	CONSENT ORDER 05/18/92	\$10,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #23 J.V. PLATING	01/22/1992	BANKRUPT	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #24 QUAKER PLATING	01/23/1992	CONSENT ORDER 06/19/92	\$14,600.00	\$5,900.00	\$5,900.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #25 GOLD CROWN	01/23/1992	CONSENT ORDER 07/08/93	\$19,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #27 QUEBECOR PRINTING	01/07/1992	CONSENT ORDER 06/29/93	\$22,250.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-01-92 ANTONELLI PLATING	04/03/1992	MERGED WITH #FP-02-92 CONSENT ORDER 07/23/92	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-02-92 ANTONELLI CASTING	04/03/1992	MERGED WITH #FP-01-92 SEE ABOVE	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-03-92 GOLD CROWN	05/26/1992	IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO # FP-04-92 ALLENS MFG.	06/04/1992	BANKRUPT	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00	\$0.00	\$11,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-05-92 GENERAL ELECTRIC	09/01/1992	CONSENT ORDER 08/10/93	\$9,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-06-92 DUNC'S PLATING	11/12/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-07-92 BROAD STREET CAR WASH	11/12/1992	CONSENT ORDER 01/06/93	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-08-92 CAFFE PAZZO	12/16/1992	CONSENT ORDER 07/07/93 BUSINESS CHANGED OWNERSHIP	\$2,500.00	\$500.00	\$100.00	\$400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-09-92 AIR CLEANING CONCEPTS	12/23/1992	COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-93 FEDERATED METALS	03/29/1993	CONSENT ORDER 06/17/93	\$12,250.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-02-93 EASTERN COLOR & CHEMICAL	03/29/1993	CONSENT ORDER 07/08/93	\$23,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-93 B B GREENBERG	03/29/1993	BANKRUPT	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-04-93 ROCCHIO & SONS	05/05/1993	CONSENT ORDER 05/19/97	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-05-93 RI DEPT OF TRANS.	05/05/1993	SAME CASE AS ABOVE	SAME CASE AS ABOVE	SAME CASE AS ABOVE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO # FP-06-93 GFB/ADMIRAL NORGETOWN	05/18/1993	OUT OF BUSINESS	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-07-93 NEW RIVERS RESTAURANT	07/14/1993	CONSENT ORDER 12/03/93	\$1,500.00	\$200.00	\$200	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-08-93 MERCURY POLISHING & PLATING CO.	07/22/1993	BANKRUPT/ TERMINATION OF PERMIT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-09-93 RAU FASTENER	07/23/1993	CONSENT ORDER 05/06/94	\$25,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-10-93 ALLENS MFG. CO.	07/26/1993	BANKRUPT	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # FP-11-93 MERIT PLATING	08/06/1993	CONSENT ORDER 04/28/94 BUSINESS CLOSED	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-12-93 R.E.STURDY COMPANY	12/08/1993	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-13-93 PROVIDENCE ELECTRO-PLATING	12/30/1993	CONSENT ORDER 10/17/95	\$20,000.00	\$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 (SEP)	\$1,000.00 \$5,000.00 (SEP)	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-14-93 FBF, INCORPORATED	12/30/93 AMENDED 09/13/95	CONSENT ORDER 10/31/95 BUSINESS CLOSED	\$31,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$5,000.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-15-93 GEMCRAFT	12/30/1993	CONSENT ORDER 07/21/94	\$16,000.00	SEP (\$11,000)	SEP(\$11,000)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-94 JOHNSTON DRESSED BEEF	04/08/1994	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #FP-02-94 QUAKER PLATING	04/19/1994	CONSENT ORDER 06/06/94	\$13,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-94 YEA, YEA INC./SGUMBATO & SONS	4/19/94 AMENDED 11/20/95	CONSENT ORDER 09/23/96	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-04-94 SHOOTER'S AT INDIA POINT	04/22/1994	CONSENT ORDER 10/12/94	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-05-94 EVANS PLATING	06/24/1994	CONSENT ORDER 08/03/95	\$29,000.00	\$2,500 \$6,000.00 (SEP)	\$2,500.00 \$6,000.00 (SEP)	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-06-94 RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY	07/13/1994	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$11,000.00 CONDITION ON NON- COMPLIANCE	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-07-94 T & J CONTAINER	07/20/1994	CONSENT ORDER 09/27/94	\$4,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$152.94	\$152.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-08-94 COLORLAB, LTD.	08/25/1994	CONSENT ORDER 11/09/94	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-09-94 PDQ PHOTO	08/25/1994	CONSENT ORDER 11/09/94	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-11-94 IDEAL PLATING	11/02/1994	CONSENT ORDER 08/07/95	\$15,000.00	\$2,500.00 \$2,500.00 (SEP)	\$2,500.00 \$2,500.00 (SEP)	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-12-94 BLUE GROTTO RESTAURANT	10/07/1994	CONSENT ORDER 05/30/95 BANKRUPT	\$5,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$700.01	\$1,299.99	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-13-94 GOLDEN DRAGON RESTAURANT	10/07/1994	CONSENT ORDER 02/02/95	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #FP-14-94 T. SARDELLI & SONS	10/07/1994	CONSENT ORDER 01/03/95	\$15,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-15-94 LINCOLN PARK	10/27/1994	SETTLEMENT	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-16-94 PASTA ETC	11/07/1994	BUSINESS CLOSED	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-17-94 A.A. WRECKING	11/18/1994	SETTLEMENT	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$5,997.44	\$5,997.44	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-95 EAGLE PLATING CO, INC	05/30/1995	CONSENT ORDER 09/03/96	\$50,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-02-95 RUMSTICK DINNER	06/08/1995	AO RESCINDED 10/18/95 BUSINESS CLOSED	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-95 D'AGOSTINO'S AUTO SALVAGE, INC	07/10/1995	CONSENT ORDER 11/27/95	\$11,000.00	\$2,750.00	\$2,750.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-04-95 CENTURY PLATING INTERNATIONAL INC	07/10/1995	CONSENT ORDER 08/30/95	\$33,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-05-95 CARABELLA'S RESTAURANT	09/14/1995	AO RESCINDED	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-06-95 KELLY'S CAR WASH	10/04/1995	CONSENT ORDER 02/29/96	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-07-95 FINISHING CONCEPTS, INC	10/05/1995	CONSENT ORDER 11/27/95	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #FP-08-95 CRC, CORP	11/21/1995	CONSENT ORDER 04/01/96	\$1,000.00	PUBLIC AWARENESS AD \$519.70	\$519.70	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-09-95 THAILAND RESTAURANT	10/10/1995	CONSENT ORDER 11/20/96	\$5,000.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-10-95 RAU FASTENERS, LLC	12/28/1995	CONSENT ORDER 02/20/96	\$13,000.00	\$9,900.00	\$9,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-96 OPTI FINISHING TECHNOLOGIES	04/09/1996 AMENDED 06/13/1996	PERMIT REVOKED	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-02-96 RIBCO MFG. INC	04/09/1996	CONSENT ORDER 05/31/96	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-96 DUNC'S PLATING CO.	04/25/1996	CONSENT ORDER 06/24/96	\$5,000.00	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-04-96 NORTH PROVIDENCE MEDICAL SERVICES, INC.	07/02/1996	CONSENT ORDER 09/18/96	\$0.00 COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-05-96 PRECISION INDUSTRIES	09/04/1996	CONSENT ORDER 11/20/96	\$7,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-06-96 A&F PLATING CO., INC.	09/25/1996	MERGED WITH # FP-08-96	\$25,000.00	MERGED WITH FP-08-96	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-07-96 REGENCY PLAZA ASSOCIATES	09/25/1996	CONSENT ORDER 01/13/97	\$10,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-08-96 A&F PLATING CO., INC.	12/19/1996	PROSECTUED CRIMINALLY	\$160,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$15,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #FP-01-97 FOTO FINISH	06/12/1997	PERMIT FEES PAID CONSENT JUDGMENT 10/15/97 BUSINESS CLOSED	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$751.06	\$248.94	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-02-97 BEAUCRAFT, INC.	11/20/1997	CONSENT ORDER 01/15/98	\$14,000.00	\$5,750.00	\$5,750.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$400.00	\$400.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-97 QUAKER PLATING COMPANY, INC.	12/30/1997	CONSENT ORDER 10/14/99	\$52,000.00	\$26,500.00	\$26,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-98 HAB TOOL, INC.	02/24/1998	CONSENT ORDER 05/21/98	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-02-98 AD-TECH, INC.	03/17/1998	HEARING HELD APPEAL PENDING	\$40,500.00	\$75,000.00 AWARDED AT HEARING	\$0.00	\$75,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-98 ALLENS MFG. CO., INC.	03/25/1998	RESOLUTION THRU BANKRUPTCY	\$23,000.00	23,000.00	\$23,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-04-98 DIMEO CONTRUCTION	06/18/1998	CONSENT ORDER 12/16/98	\$1,500.00	\$500.00 PUBLIC NOTICE (\$459.60)	\$959.60	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-05-98 RAWCLIFF CORPORATION	12/10/1998	CONSENT ORDER 03/30/99	\$2,500.00	PUBLIC NOTICE (\$597.75)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-06-98 RENCLIF, INC.	12/29/1998	CONSENT ORDER 03/18/99	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-99 HAMILTON TOOL, INC.	03/02/1999	CONSENT ORDER 04/06/00 PERMIT FEES PAID	\$5,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-00 CROWN PLATING, INC.	06/20/2000	SUPERIOR COURT STIPULATION FOR PAYMENT OF \$12,000 FOR PERMIT FEES FINE WAIVED	\$6,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #FP-02-00 ULTRA METAL FINISHING, INC.	12/28/2000	INCOPORATED INTO AO#FF-02-01 BANKRUPT	\$22,000.00	\$22,0000	\$0.00	\$22,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-00 EASTERN WIRE PRODUCTS CORP.	12/28/2000	CONSENT ORDER 10/30/01	\$105,000.00	\$10,000.00	\$9,150.00 (per accelerated payment plan)	\$0.00	\$2,000.00	\$1,925.00 (per accelerated payment plan)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#FP-01-01 MICHAEL MARSOCCI	10/31/2001	CONSENT ORDER 05/02/02	\$5,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#FP-02-01 ULTRA METAL FINISHING CO., INC.	12/27/2001	PERMIT REVOKED BUSINES CLOSED BANKRUPT	\$5,000.00	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$5,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#FP-01-02 RICHARD FULLER	02/05/2002	CONSENT ORDER 05/16/02	\$5,000.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#FP-02-02 D&L SALES	04/11/2002	CONSENT ORDER 02/25/03	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#FP-03-02 RI CESSPOOL CLEANERS, INC.	05/14/2002	CONSENT ORDER 06/17/02	\$5,000.00	\$1,250.00	\$1,250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#FP-04-02 C&J JEWELRY COMPANY, INC.	10/17/2002	CONSENT ORDER 12/11/02	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#FP-05-02 TOWN OF JOHNSTON	10/24/2002	AO SUSPENDED FOR COMPLIANCE	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-03 TOWN OF JOHNSTON	09/10/2003	AO SUSPENDED FOR COMPLIANCE	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #FP-02-03 VICTORY FINISHING TECHNOLOGIES	09/10/2003	CONSENT ORDER 6/8/05	\$55,000.00	\$5000.00	\$5000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-03-03 NEW ENGLAND INDUSTRIES	09/10/2003	CONSENT ORDER 3/9/04	\$35,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-04 ELMHURST EXTENDED CARE	3/5/2004	CONSEANT ORDER 10/27/04	\$20,000.00	\$7,500.00	\$7,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-02-04 ROGER WILLIAMS MEDICAL CENTER	03/05/2004	CONSENT ORDER 10/27/04	\$30,000.00	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-05 WAL-MART STORES, INC.	10/17/2005	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 09/18/06 \$40,000 CONTRIBUTION MADE FOR MAINTENANCE AND RIVER CLEANUPS	\$61,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-07 PHILIP McKENDALL D/B/A LA PRIMA CAFFE	09/05/2007	CONSENT ORDER 11/19/07	\$7,500	\$2,500	\$2,500	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-08 JRB ASSOCIATES INC.	08/25/08	CONSENT ORDER 4/15/09	\$67,000	\$24,000.00	\$24,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$575.00	\$575.00	\$0.00
AO #FP-01-09 AO #FP-02-09 MAZEY'S RESTAURANTS	10/8/2009	CONSENT ORDER 9/16/10	\$18,500	\$5,000.00	\$140.00	\$4,860.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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BVDC NOV/ORDER LYNCH PAINT	JAN-87	BANKRUPT	\$5,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER LIBERTY PLATING	12/04/1987	CONSENT AGREEMENT 01/29/88	\$85,500.00	\$18,000.00 (\$85,500.00 W/ \$67,500.00 SUSPENDED)	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$266.35	\$266.35	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER #1 COLFAX, INC.	06/10/1988	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 09/08/88	\$324,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$60,000.00	\$0.00	\$57,793.10	\$57,793.10	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER TANYA CREATIONS	02/03/1989	CONSENT AGREEMENT 03/07/89	\$54,000.00	\$24,000.00 (\$54,000 W/ \$30,000 SUSPENDED)	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC CHEMART COMPANY	04/17/1989	CONSENT AGREEMENT 09/29/89	\$20,000.00	\$5,000.00 (\$10,000.00 w/ \$5,000.00 SUSPENDED)	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER NULCO MFG CORP	08/21/1989	CONSENT ORDER 05/01/90	\$126,000.00	\$21,000.00 (\$42,000.00 W/ \$21,000.00 SUSPENDED)	\$21,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER #2 COLFAX, INC.	03/16/1990	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 07/11/90	\$125,000.00	\$12,500.00 (\$20,000.00 W/ \$7,500 SUSPENDED)	\$12,500.00	\$0.00	\$10,117.98	\$10,117.98	\$0.00	2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER NEWMAN CROSBY	04/10/1990	CONSENT ORDER 08/20/90	\$10,500.00	\$6,000.00 (\$10,500.00 W/ \$4,500.00 DEFERRED)	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$4,403.26	\$4,403.26	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER #3 COLFAX, INC.	07/06/1990	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 09/25/90	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$6,562.15	\$6,562.15	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER #4 COLFAX, INC.	08/08/1990	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 10/16/90	\$380,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$13,000.00	\$0.00	\$42,056.29	\$42,056.29	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV/ORDER #5 COLFAX, INC.	12/13/1990	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 02/26/91	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,867.65	\$2,867.65	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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BVDC NOV/ORDER MICROFIBRES	07/31/1991	COMPLIED WITH CONDITIONAL ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
BVDC NOV VITRUS, INC.	09/17/1991	SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT 10/2/91	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$1,025.54	\$1,025.54	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
A0 #BP-01-92 DORETTE, INC.	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-02-92 CELTIC PUB	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-03-92 PIZZA PALACE	04/22/1992	BUSINESS CLOSED FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # BP-04-92 BILL'S RESTAURANT	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-05-92 CHRISTINE'S OF CUMBERLAND	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-06-92 VISTAWALL, INC.	04/22/1992	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # BP-07-92 JACY'S SALAD BAR	04/22/1992	BUSINESS CLOSED FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # BP-08-92 KING'S LAUNDRY	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-09-92 WASHING WELL LAUNDROMAT	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #BP-10-92 BRAXTON'S, INC.	04/22/1992	BUSINESS CLOSED FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-11-92 WOODLAWN FISH & CHIPS	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-12-92 LITTLE ANTHONY'S RESTAURANT	04/22/1992	CHANGED OWNERSHIP FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # BP-13-92 SMITHFIELD AVENUE LAUNDROMAT	04/22/1992	CHANGED OWNERSHIP FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-14-92 JEHA'S TEXACO	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-15-92 ESTRELA DO MAR RESTAURANT	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-16-92 RICOTTI'S SANDWICH SHOP	04/22/1992	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-17-92 UNCLE TONY'S PIZZA	04/22/1992	PERMIT FEES PAID FINE WAIVED	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-18-92 SERRA DE ESTRELA RESTAURANT	04/22/1992	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-19-92 REGINA MFG.	04/22/1992	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-20-92 WOODLAWN CLEANERS & LAUNDRY	04/30/1992	COMPLIED WITH CEASE AND DESIST ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO #BP-21-92 STANDARD UNIFORM SERVICES	06/17/1992	COMPLIED WITH CEASE AND DESIST ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-22-92 METROPOLITAN PLATING	04/22/1992	OUTSTDG FEES RESCINDED SUBJ. TO SHUTDOWN	\$5,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-23-92 Chn Anodizing	06/18/1992	CONSENT ORDER 03/30/93	\$17,500.00	\$7,000.00	\$7,000.00	\$0.00	\$262.50	\$262.50	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-24-92 PARAMOUNT CARDS	06/18/1992	CONSENT ORDER 02/09/93	\$17,500.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-26-92 SLATER SCREEN PRINT	03/10/1992	CONSENT ORDER 01/01/94	\$18,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO # BP-28-92 A.T.CROSS CO.	02/06/1992	CONSENT ORDER 03/31/93	\$3,250.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-93 SLATER SCREEN PRINT	03/18/1993	CONSENT ORDER 01/01/94	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$6,500.00	\$6,500.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-03-93 ELIZABETH WEBBING MILLS	05/04/1993	CONSENT ORDER 10/12/93	\$25,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-04-93 CHN ANODIZING	07/19/1993	CONSENT ORDER 03/08/94	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-05-93 STANDARD UNIFORM	10/29/1993	CONSENT ORDER 05/03/94	\$18,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$11,000.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-06-93 BILL'S RESTAURANT	10/29/1993	COMPLIED WITH ORDER FINE RESCINDED	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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AO # BV-01-94 AAFCO, INC.	03/17/1994	CONSENT ORDER 09/26/96	\$11,000.00	\$6000 (SEP)	\$6000 (SEP)	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-94 UNCLE TONY'S PIZZA & PASTA	07/12/1994	CONSENT ORDER 11/21/94	\$12,000.00	PUBLIC AWARENESS PROJECT	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-03-94 MCDONALD'S RESTAURANT	07/19/1994	CONSENT ORDER 11/01/94	\$10,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-04-94 MCCONNELL & CARPENTER	07/28/1994	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$0.00 COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-05-94 COLFAX	10/13/1994	CONSENT ORDER 01/09/95	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-07-94 UNCLE BEAN'S DINER	10/07/1994	CONSENT ORDER 12/06/94 BUSINESS CLOSED	\$10,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$183.34	\$816.66	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-95 LIBERTY PLATING	01/04/1995	CONSENT ORDER 08/03/95	\$75,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-95 JOSEPH'S FAMILY RESTAURANT	02/08/1995	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$0.00 COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-03-95 SCOLA ENTERPRISES, INC.	05/30/1995	CONSENT ORDER 10/04/95	\$20,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-04-95 ELIZABETH WEBBING	10/02/1995	CONSENT ORDER 02/26/97	\$50,000.00	\$35,000.00 (SEP)	\$35,000.00 (SEP)	\$0.00	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-05-95 SLATER SCREEN PRINT	10/31/1995	CONSENT ORDER 11/20/97	\$150,000.00	\$35,000.00 \$5,000. (SEP)	\$35,000.00 \$5,000. (SEP)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,500.00	\$5,500.00	\$0.00

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AO #BV-06-95 TEKNOR APEX COMPANY	11/02/1995	CONSENT ORDER 06/19/96	\$6,000.00	\$3000.00 \$3,000.00 (SEP)	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-96 STI, INC.	05/15/1996	CONSENT ORDER 07/31/96	\$7,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-96 MOBIL OIL CORPORATION	05/15/1996	AO RESCINDED	\$10,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-03-96 MICROFIBRES, INC.	06/12/1996	CONSENT ORDER 04/10/97	\$0.00 COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-97 EL PANAL RESTAURANT	06/12/1997	AO RESCINDED	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-97 REGEN CORPORATION	11/20/1997	PERMIT FEES PAID CONSENT ORDER	\$5,000.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-98 BOWCAM CONTAINERS	05/19/1998	COMPLIED WITH ORDER	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-98 NATIONAL RING TRAVELER	05/27/1998	CONSENT ORDER 07/28/99	\$33,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$16,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-03-98 MICROFIBRES, INC.	12/08/1998	CONSENT ORDER 05/17/01	\$112,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-04-98 ELIZABETH WEBBING MILLS, INC.	12/10/1998	COMPANY BANKRUPT	\$134,000.00	\$134,000.00	\$0.00	\$134,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-05-98 CHN ANODIZING	12/10/1998	CONSENT ORDER 03/18/99	\$30,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$175.00	\$175.00	\$0.00

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AO #BV-01-99 TANURY INDUSTRIES	06/08/1999	CONSENT ORDER 08/03/99	\$22,000.00	\$9,800.00	\$9,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$900.00 AGREED UPON \$600	\$600.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-99 BRISTOL COUNTY SEPTIC, INC.	12/22/1999	CONSENT ORDER 08/09/00	\$30,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$1,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-00 ELIZABETH WEBBING MILLS, CO., INC.	06/29/2000	COMPANY IN BANKRUPTCY	\$0.00 COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-02-00 WOODLAWN LAUNDRY & CLEANERS	12/28/2000	CONSENT ORDER NOT SIGNED COMPANY CLOSED	\$2,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#BV-01-02 CENTRAL SOYA COMPANY, INC.	02/21/2002	AO RESCINDED	\$100,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#BV-02-02 D.C.L. d/b/a SEWERMAN	04/22/2002	CONSENT ORDER 06/11/02	\$30,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,00000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#BV-03-02 C.H.N. ANODIZING	6/28/2002	CONSENT ORDER 8/20/02	\$1,500.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$250.00	\$250.00	\$0.00	\$50.00	\$100.00	\$0.00
AO#BV-04-02 INSTANT SEPTIC ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	08/08/2002	HEARING HELD DECISION 8/13/04 COMPLAINT FILED COMPANY OUT OF BUSINESS	\$20,000.00	\$20,000.00 (AWARDED AT HEARING)	\$0.00	\$20,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO#BV-05-02 ESTRELA DO MAR	09/23/2002	CONSENT JUDGMENT 3/24/03	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-03 C.H.N. ANODIZING	03/27/2003	CONSENT ORDER 8/6/04	\$50,000	\$12,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-05 TANURY INDUSTIRES	9/14/2005	CONSENT ORDER 12/31/05	\$108,500.00	\$24,000.00 (\$94,000.00 W/\$70,000.00 SUSPENDED)	\$24,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$200.00	\$200.00	\$0.00

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AO #BV-01-07 KIK CUSTOM PRODUCTS, INC.	9/10/2007	CONSENT ORDER 07/10/08	\$109,500	\$73,000	\$73,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00	\$500.00	\$0.00
AO #BP-01-09 COASTAL COLLISION & TOWING, INC.	07/22/09	IMMEDIATE COMPLIANCE ORDER	\$0	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
AO #BV-01-10 COASTAL COLLISION & TOWING, INC.	06/15/10	CONSENT ORDER 09/17/11	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

VII. SPECIAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS

Introduction

The Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) implements many projects, programs and studies to reduce and control the discharge of toxic and other non-conventional pollutants from industrial, commercial, and residential sewer users. These projects and programs are a team effort consisting of many sections of the NBC, including the Pretreatment, Environmental, Safety & Technical Assistance (ESTA), Permits & Planning, Laboratory and Environmental Monitoring & Data Analysis (EMDA) Sections.

The Pretreatment Section implements many projects and programs and educates users to reduce and control the release of toxics to the sewerage system. The Pretreatment Program controls, reduces and prevents pollutant discharges by issuing discharge permits to industrial and commercial users. These discharge permits may require installation of pretreatment systems and implementation of Spill and Slug Prevention Control Plans.

In addition to the Pretreatment Section reducing toxic discharges through its permitting and educational programs, the ESTA Section further reduces toxic loadings to the two NBC wastewater treatment facilities by providing free technical assistance and educational programs to local industries. Through this program, the NBC educates firms about pollution prevention measures, such as product substitutions, so that hazardous materials can be eliminated from process operations and toxic byproducts are not generated or discharged.

The EMDA Section routinely samples permitted NBC users, providing monitoring data necessary for the Pretreatment Section to evaluate user compliance with discharge limitations. EMDA conducts water quality studies in the receiving waters of the NBC treatment facilities, contributing to the statewide effort of many agencies, institutions and organizations to understand water quality problems and determine the solutions needed to restore Narragansett Bay. The EMDA Section also performs wastewater sampling at the two treatment facilities every day in accordance with RIPDES permit requirements. The Laboratory Section operates daily to analyze and process the thousands of samples delivered annually by EMDA. This Chapter details the projects, studies, and programs that the Pretreatment, ESTA, Permits & Planning, EMDA and Laboratory Sections have worked on in 2011.

Status of Projects, Programs and Studies

Environmental, Safety and Technical Assistance (ESTA) Program

The NBC initiated a pollution prevention technical assistance program in September of 1991 with the assistance of a \$300,000 grant from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Pollution Prevention Incentives for States (PPIS) Program for the purpose of promoting the use of pollution prevention and source reduction techniques and technologies among the industrial community serviced by the NBC. Over the years the Pollution Prevention Section evolved from a traditional pollution prevention program, into a section that provides technical assistance both internally and externally, overseeing the NBC safety training program, assisting with environmental compliance and energy conservation issues as well as providing pollution prevention assistance. In 2006 the name of the NBC Pollution Prevention Section was changed to the Environmental, Safety & Technical Assistance (ESTA) Section to recognize the many responsibilities performed by this section. The ESTA section continues to assist the industrial community with implementing pollution prevention techniques and technologies that result in less waste generation, smoother running and less costly operations, and improved environmental regulatory compliance. The ESTA Section's pollution prevention services are free of charge, non-regulatory and confidential.

The goals and objectives of the ESTA Section's pollution prevention efforts are to:

- Promote pollution prevention philosophies and methodologies among the industrial users of the NBC system;
- Identify and address regulatory and non-regulatory barriers and incentives to implementing source reduction and pollution prevention activities;
- Develop a readily available, easily accessible and efficient source of pollution prevention information for use by the industrial community.

The ESTA staff performs technical assistance site visits of NBC industrial users, organizes and conducts workshops and seminars, and produces educational fact-sheets. The ESTA staff conducted 21 individual site visits during 2011 on a variety of pollution prevention, energy efficiency, and environmental regulatory compliance improvement projects.

ESTA Section Pollution Prevention Activities

Since the creation of the Pollution Prevention Program in 1991 NBC has been awarded many additional PPIS grants and several grants from other sources to initiate a variety of industrial user environmental educational and technical assistance programs. TABLE 32 summarizes the project periods and funding amounts for each of these grant awards.

TABLE 32
Summary of Grant Awards

Program	Grant ID#	Project Period	Original Grant Award
Initial Pollution Prevention	NP818873-01-0	10/01/91 - 09/30/97	\$300,000
Training Grant – CCRI Pollution Prevention Course	NP991705-01-1	10/01/95 - 09/30/98	\$60,000
Clean P2 – Regulatory Relief Program	NP991756-01-0	10/01/96 - 09/30/00	\$85,000
NBC Metal Finishing 2000 Program	NP991195-01-0	10/01/97 - 09/30/00	\$35,000
NBC Metal Finishing Seminars	NP991402-01-0	07/01/98 - 09/30/00	\$25,000
Environmental Management Systems	NP991679-01-0	10/01/99 - 09/30/01	\$32,000
Environmental Best Management Practices	NP98121801-0	10/01/00 - 03/31/03	\$35,000
MP&M Pollution Prévention Audits	NP98142601	10/01/01 - 09/30/03	\$50,000
Pollution Prevention in RI Hospitals	NP98154501-0	10/01/02 - 09/30/04	\$25,000
Auto Salve Yard Pollution Prevention	NP98182201-0	10/01/03 - 09/30/05	\$25,000
Stormwater Pollution Prevention	NP97107901-0	10/01/04 - 12/31/07	\$35,000
Energy Conservation	NP97126001-0	10/01/05 - 09/30/08	\$35,000
Renewable Energy - Wind	RI State Energy Grant	07/01/06 - 09/30/08	\$25,000
Renewable Energy - Biogas	RI State Energy Grant	07/01/06 - 09/30/08	\$25,000
Energy-EMS Project	EI-97187901	10/01/08-09/30/11	\$275,000
Energy Technical Assistance Assessments	3232910	05/16/11-03/31/12	\$86,000
Energy Efficiency Projects	3233807	05/16/11-03/31/12	\$311,750
Total Grants Awards To NBC			\$1,414,750

In addition to grant funded projects, the ESTA Section is involved with numerous environmental programs and projects that promote the use of pollution prevention and sound environmental management practices among NBC users and the industrial community throughout the State of Rhode Island. Detailed descriptions of both grant funded and NBC funded programs and projects are as follows:

Stormwater Pollution Prevention – In October 2004 NBC was awarded a \$35,000 EPA Pollution Prevention Grant to address stormwater management issues. This project has focused on two stormwater issues – management of stormwater runoff from industrial and commercial sources and MS4s in urbanized areas and identification, quantification and minimization of industrial and commercial operations on CSO discharges.

Stormwater Management

The NBC Rules and Regulations prohibit the discharge of stormwater to a public sewer unless the NBC determines that a combined sewer is the only reasonable means available for disposal. In order to help address this issue NBC has and continues to develop best management practices for minimizing stormwater discharges. Information contained in these Best Management Practices is based on experiences working with industrial/commercial users that have developed successful stormwater management programs along with information found in existing stormwater management best management practices.

Combined Sewer Overflow Discharges

ESTA and Pretreatment staff, with assistance from and in cooperation with URI and DEM, continue to identify industrial/commercial facilities within the NBC service districts that have the potential to impact CSO discharges. ESTA, through on-going Pollution Prevention Assessments, helps to identify the various sources of pollutants and ways of preventing/minimizing pollutant discharges. Information gained through these assessments will help NBC to direct additional technical assistance and educational efforts to the wider universe of industrial/commercial users and will help to identify environmental performance metrics by which to measure the overall success of project efforts.

The ESTA Section continues to assist the Interceptor Maintenance (IM) Section as they develop and implement a Capacity, Management Operations and Maintenance (CMOM) Program. The IM Section is responsible for maintaining more than 96 miles of NBC owned interceptor sewers, seven pump stations, 84 regulators, 32 tide gates, 500 catch basins and 66 CSOs. Information collected through this pollution prevention project will help with identifying environmental objectives and targets within the IM CMOM.

■ Energy Conservation Program – In October 2005 NBC was awarded a \$35,000 Pollution Prevention Grant from EPA to initiate a program to investigate energy conservation and renewable energy opportunities at the NBC. Municipal wastewater treatment operations utilize tremendous amounts of energy. With current rising energy costs, safety and environmental impact concerns over the storage and use of conventional fuels such as liquefied natural gas, petroleum derived fuels and nuclear energy, it is imperative that wastewater treatment facilities have an in-depth understanding of available energy conservation techniques and alternative energy sources.

As part of this project NBC is conducting detailed energy audits of its various facilities and operations in order to identify energy conservation opportunities and is researching the feasibility of utilizing renewable energy on a large scale to reduce its dependency on more conventional non-renewable energy sources.

Renewable energy sources investigated have included:

- Low impact hydroelectric energy captured from wastewater flow
- Wind derived energy
- Combined heat and power utilizing biogas
- Fuel Cells utilizing
 - Bio-gas
 - Hydrogen derived from solar electro-dialyses of treated wastewater effluent
 - Energy derived from nitrification/de-nitrification chemical reactions
- Geothermal energy
- Solar energy

Information collected as part of these energy audits and studies will be used to develop written energy use and conservation best management practices and fact sheets to help other wastewater treatment plants make informed decisions regarding their energy use and conservation practices. Overall project results will be presented to other Rhode Island and regional wastewater treatment facilities as part of an energy use workshop.

In March 2006 NBC applied for and received \$50,000 in grant funds from the Rhode Island Office of Energy to conduct feasibility studies into the use of Wind Energy at the Field's Point Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) and bio-gas in a Combined Heat and Power Process (CHP) at the Bucklin Point WWTF. In October 2006 NBC received approval from the Internal Revenue Service to issue \$2.6 million in Clean Renewable Energy Bonds (CREB) to implement these projects.

In December 2009 NBC completed final Feasibility Project Reports on the Field's Point Renewable Wind Energy Project and Bucklin Point Renewable Biogas Energy Project. Both projects were found to be technically and economically achievable. Grant funding to help support the development and implementation of these projects is being sought through the Rhode Island Office of Energy Resources, the Rhode Island Economic Development Corporation and other sources. In January 2010 NBC received approval from the Federal Aviation Administration to erect three wind turbines at Field's Point.

Throughout 2011, preliminary design and preliminary construction tasks were completed. The three wind turbines will be constructed in early 2012.

In 2010 NBC applied for and received \$750,000 in ARRA funding for this project However, the funds for this project was returned due to timing restraints associated with ARRA funding.

• Sustainable Energy Management of Wastewater Treatment Facilities – In October 2008, NBC was awarded a \$275,000 grant from the EPA to initiate a program for developing sustainable energy management plans for the nineteen wastewater treatment facilities in Rhode Island. The NBC State Innovation Grant Project has two components. First, NBC and its partners will develop a program for Rhode Island WWTFs on Energy Focused Environmental Management Systems (EF-EMS) using the plan-do-check-act approach to continuous process improvement, to reduce energy use and improve energy efficiency for WWTFs. Second, NBC will institute a Fats Oils & Grease Management Environmental Results Program (ERP) for the food processing sector through the Pretreatment Program working with the DEM and URI. The ERP will help these businesses improve compliance with the NBC's Grease Control Program and create incentives to encourage the use of collected grease as a renewable energy source.

The project goal for the Sustainable Energy Management component of the project will be to develop and implement EF-EMS for WWTFs including:

- Use of the plan-do-check-act approach;
- Use of the EPA Energy Guidebook to train participating facilities on how to establish and implement a successful EF-EMS;
- Develop energy-use baselines for each participating WWTF;
- Conduct energy use assessments for participating facilities;
- Identify potential Energy Conservation and Efficiency Measures (ECEMs);
- Assess renewable energy resource opportunities;
- Assess the implementation of the Plan-Do-Check-Act aspect of each EF-EMS.

Additionally, the project will establish a roundtable to assist each participating WWTF with implementation of their EF-EMS.

The goal of the ERP for the food processing sector will be to improve management of fats, oils & grease resulting in reduction in total oil & grease discharges to the sewer system through:

- Enrollment of food processing facilities in the program;
- Development of a checklist and a set of Best Management Practices (BMP) for business operators;
- Development of a baseline compliance estimate for participating facilities through facility assessments.

In 2011, a final Fats, Oil and Grease Compliance and Best Management Practices Workbook was completed and will be distributed to local restaurants and food service establishments in 2012.

By combining the EF-EMS and ERP approaches to environmental programs, NBC will test an innovative approach to wastewater management and regulation as well as renewable energy practices. This State Innovation Grant Project is designed to take full advantage of NBC's experiences and expertise with respect to efficient WWTF energy management and apply those experiences initially to a wider community of WWTFs within the State of Rhode Island and eventually to WWTFs on a regional and national level.

NBC anticipates that this project will improve the energy efficiency of participating WWTFs by a minimum of 5-10% and, by utilizing renewable energy opportunities, decrease energy demand from the local power grid by as much as 10-20%. By reducing the energy demand of participating WWTFs through more efficient energy use and the use of renewable energy sources, the project will reduce the generation of greenhouse gases while accomplishing the same or better level of wastewater treatment. The project outcomes include cleaner air and water resulting in healthier communities and healthier ecosystems.

In May 2011, NBC applied for and received an \$86,000 ARRA grant through the RI Office of Energy Resources to perform Energy Management Technical Assessments of various RI WWTFs operations. During 2011 NBC worked with National Grid to perform eleven of these Energy Management Technical Assessments.

NBC Environmental Merit Awards Program

In 1995, the NBC developed the Environmental Merit Awards Program to recognize companies that have demonstrated environmental efforts and commitments that go beyond mandated compliance requirements. As part of this awards program, the NBC also recognizes all SIUs that have achieved full compliance with all NBC requirements during the previous calendar year.

In 2011, the NBC recognized numerous firms for their exemplary environmental activities performed in 2010. NBC recognized a record twenty-one companies with Perfect Compliance Awards for achieving 100% compliance with all NBC regulatory requirements and one company was recognized for its efforts with managing stormwater. The award recipients are as follows:

Perfect Compliance Award Winners:

A. Harrison & Company, Inc.
Callico Metals Inc. d/b/a Oster Pewter
Darlene Group, Inc.
Fujifilm Electronic Materials USA, Inc.
General Cable Industries, LLC
Impco, Inc.
Interplex Metals RI Corporation
Nortland Environmental LLC
Providence Metallizing Company, Inc.
Stackbin Corporation
Tanury Industries PVD, Inc.
Materion Technical Materials, Inc.
Umicore USA Inc.



Each award recipient received a plaque and had their company name and environmental accomplishments published in the Providence Journal. Applications for the 2011 NBC Environmental Merit Awards will be sent out in March 2012 and the presentation of these awards will take place in mid 2012.

Water Audit and Technical Assistance Program

The Water Audit & Technical Assistance Program was established with the goals of reducing water use and wastewater production of its major water users and to minimize where possible, the NBC capital expenditures towards sewer facility improvements and/or expansion due to increased wastewater flow. Given these goals, the Water Audit & Technical Assistance Program assists commercial, industrial, and institutional customers to utilize water more efficiently and ultimately reduce wastewater flow into the sewer system.

The Water Audit & Technical Assistance Program is non-regulatory, free of charge and voluntary. It typically consists of the following:

- Reviewing the customer's water sources and water-using systems;
- Developing and recommending methods and procedures to reduce the customer's water usage;
- Evaluating the cost-effectiveness of these recommendations;
- Assisting the customer in implementing these recommendations;
- Tracking the customer's future water use to determine the effectiveness of these new methods and procedures.

As part of a water audit, the NBC supplies participants with reports containing recommendations and cost/benefit analyses of saving water. Water Audit Reports provide a breakdown of current water usage, recommends water reduction methods, and summarizes the cost savings for their water, sewer, and heating bills. By compiling these reports, the NBC can obtain valuable information about future flows into the sewer system. During 2011, Permits & Planning staff continued to offer these services to NBC customers.

Sewer Connection Permit Program

Since 1982, the NBC has been reviewing all applicants' requests to connect to its sewer system either directly to NBC owned and maintained sewers, or indirectly to City/Town maintained sewer lines. The sewer connection permit process is necessary to ensure that the structural integrity of the sewer line is preserved, to control and monitor wastewater flow capacity, to minimize storm water discharges, to control toxic pollutant discharges, to maintain quality customer service and to ensure accurate billing of new users.

Open communication is an integral part of the sewer connection permit process. Once a permit application is received, Permits & Planning staff reviews it for accuracy and adequacy, then forwards it for further review and comment to various NBC sections. The sections that may be required to review the permit application include Pretreatment, Interceptor Maintenance, and Engineering. The development of stormwater mitigation plans (SMP) are required for all commercial developments that have stormwater on-site. Additional information about the NBC SMP is provided below.

As the Permit & Planning Section receives comments from the various sections, they are compiled and addressed. After all comments have been satisfactorily addressed, a permit is prepared and issued. In 1994, the Permit & Planning Section recognized the need for a database management computer program to efficiently and effectively analyze data such as changing wastewater flow per district or by City/Town, generate reports such as customer listings for the Customer Service Section, and most importantly, to expedite the Sewer Connection Permitting process. In 2011, Permit Section software was developed and put on-line. This software allows additional information to be entered and tracked. This automated the processing of permits. In 2011, 206 Sewer Connection Permits Applications were processed, the majority of which were for residential connections. The Pretreatment Section reviewed 20 of the 206 sewer connection permit applications in 2011 to determine if a wastewater discharge permit would be necessary. As a result all of the applications reviewed by Pretreatment were responded to accordingly.

Stormwater Mitigation Program

The Permits & Planning staff regularly work with building officials and developers to implement Stormwater Management for new construction projects. As part of the Sewer Connection Permit Application process, a Stormwater Management Plan must be developed. This plan must evaluate storm water mitigation for the site, including the use of Low Impact Development (LID) or Best Management Practices to eliminate or reduce stormwater flows to the treatment facilities as well as the investigation of alternative options to direct discharges into





natural waterways. By requiring these plans and LID, 356,443

gallons, based upon a three month storm, were eliminated from the Field's Point sewer system in 2011. These are stormwater flows that would have impacted the NBC sewer system and CSO tunnel. Since this program was established in 2003 over five million gallons of stormflow have been mitigated from the Field's Point system based on a three month storm event, the design basis for the CSO tunnel. This provides additional capacity in the CSO tunnel for raw sewage requiring capture and treatment. Annually the NBC issues a Stormwater Management Excellence Award to the firm that implements the best

stormwater reductions by utilizing LID technologies. The success of this program has been recognized on a local and national level. In 2008, the National Association of Clean Water Agencies (NACWA) presented the NBC with an Environmental Merit Award and the Environmental Business Council, presented the NBC with the Leadership Award for a Non-Profit Organization for this program.

Mercury Loading Reduction Program

The NBC has long been a participant in the Rhode Island Mercury Education and Reduction Group. The objective of this group is to identify sources of mercury discharge

and pollution in Rhode Island, educate the public regarding mercury issues and eliminate mercury pollution for future generations. Studies indicate that the majority of mercury loadings observed in the sewer system are the result of mercury/silver dental amalgams. As a result, dental operations were evaluated so that the mercury amalgam issue could be addressed and incorporated into wastewater discharge permits issued to dental facilities.

In January 2004, the NBC completed a Best Management Practice (BMP) document for dental facilities to ensure that dental mercury is properly handled, treated and disposed. The NBC worked closely with the Rhode Island Dental



Association during the BMP development process to ensure that the BMP addressed both environmental concerns and those of the dentists.



As part of the BMP, dental facilities are given two options to discharge wastewater that may be contaminated with waste dental amalgam. The first option requires the installation of an amalgam separator. The second option does not require the installation of pretreatment equipment but requires the dental facility to sample the waste streams potentially contaminated with mercury and be in compliance with stringent mercury discharge limits. All dental facilities are required to implement other programs regarding training of staff and storage and disposal of amalgam waste. During 2004, Pretreatment staff initiated the Dental BMP Program and began issuing permits to dental facilities that implemented the BMP standards.

A half-day workshop to introduce the Dental BMP was held on March 31, 2004. Another half-day workshop focusing on the installation, operation and maintenance of amalgam separators was held on May 12, 2004. This workshop also addressed concerns regarding the BMP and further explained BMP requirements. Both workshops were well attended by representatives of the dental community.

Throughout 2005 Pretreatment and ESTA staff continued to work with the dental community to ensure compliance with the BMP. As of the end of 2005, all dental facilities elected to implement Option 1 of the BMP.



In November 2004, the NBC was awarded a Citation by the Governor of Rhode Island for the development and implementation of the BMP. The citation acknowledged the cooperative efforts of the ESTA, Pretreatment and Public Relations Sections of the NBC along with the Rhode Island Dental Association. The NBC Dental Amalgam BMP Program has been recognized on a national level by NACWA, and was awarded on Environmental Achievement Award for developing the BMP.

The NBC participated in a NACWA sponsored three year international mercury loading study of treatment plants that have implemented mercury amalgam discharge control programs. From 2003 through July 2006 EMDA has collected influent, effluent, sludge and grit samples monthly at Field's Point using "Clean Sampling" techniques and the samples were analyzed by both the Hampton Roads Sanitation District in Virginia and NBC laboratories. The comparison of these results helped the laboratory achieve low level mercury "clean analysis" of <1.0 ppt. To date the laboratory detection limit for mercury is 2.0 ppt the lowest levels achievable in the state of Rhode Island. The NBC mercury reduction project has been very successful at reducing mercury loading. Since

the inception of the BMP program mercury influent loadings to the NBC wastewater treatment facilities were reduced by 56.8% at Field's Point and 30.0% at Bucklin Point.

Throughout 2011, the dental facilities permitted by the NBC continued to comply with their permits and follow the BMPs. Annual certification of adhering to the BMPs continue to be submitted in compliance with permit requirements.

The Grease Control Program is a well established and successful program. Pretreatment Programs from across the region and the nation request training and assistance from the NBC in their guest to resolve grease issues at their facilities. In 2011, the EPA began to develop categorical standards for dental facilities. The NBC participated in conference calls with representatives from the EPA, multiple states and other pretreatment programs that have implemented programs to control the discharge of dental amalgam. The EPA used the information obtained during these calls to develop the standards. The categorical regulations will be issued for comment in early 2012. In anticipation of the promulgation of the regulations a session on dental amalgam issues was held at the 2011 NACWA Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention workshop held in St. Louis, MO. The NBC Pretreatment Manager presented an overview of the NBC Dental BMP. In addition, the Pretreatment Manager was invited to give a presentation on the Dental BMP program at the 2011 North Carolina Pretreatment Consteritium Annual Meeting.

Grease Control Program

In 1990, the NBC instituted a Grease Control Program to control the discharge of grease and animal fats from restaurants and food preparation facilities into the sewer system. At that time, the NBC was experiencing major operational problems within the sewer system and at the wastewater treatment facility, problems directly attributable to grease accumulation. These problems ranged from grease fouling equipment and controls at the wastewater treatment facility to grease completely blocking the flow in sewer lines, resulting in sewage backups into the basements of homes and businesses. The NBC Grease Control Program has essentially resolved these problems.

The NBC Grease Control Program is a permitting program which requires users with the potential to discharge grease laden wastewater from food preparation operations to install one of two acceptable types of grease removal equipment, the automatic electrical grease removal unit (GRU) or the in-ground passive grease interceptor (GI). The permit requires the user to implement a series of Best Management Practices (BMP) which are incorporated into the permit to ensure the proper operation of the grease removal unit. Over the years, the NBC has held many workshops regarding grease removal technologies and is presently conducting studies regarding the effectiveness of the various types of grease removal units.

The Grease Control Program is a well established, successful program. Pretreatment Programs from other municipalities often request assistance from the NBC in establishing their programs and resolving grease related issues. In 2011, the Pretreatment Section was contacted by representatives from the City of Fall River, MA to assist them to develop a grease control program. Staff from Fall River spent a day with Pretreatment staff conducting inspections of restaurants.

<u>Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans</u>

During 2010, the Field's Point facility was required to develop a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures Plan (SPCC) in accordance with 40CFR112. The task to develop the SPCC was assigned to the PP&R Section. Pretreatment, ESTA and Permits & Planning staff reviewed the regulation to determine the best approach. This review revealed the requirements for the SPCC were also the same as the requirements for the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) required by the NBC General Storm Water Permit issued by the DEM. These requirements include facility site plans, topographical maps, spill control measures, secondary containment, emergency response procedures, a list of emergency response team members and inspection protocols. Based upon the commonality of the plans it was decided to create an operations manual for Field's Point which incorporated both the SPCC and SWPPP. The manual also included standard operating procedures for deliveries of chemicals and waste handling, spill response for oil products and other materials, a list of emergency response contractors, spill/release response forms and checklists to aid in performing required inspections. The SPCC/SWPPP Operations Manual for the Field's Point facility was submitted to the EPA on October 26, 2010. PP&R staff evaluated the other NBC properties to determine where SPCCs and SWPPPs were required. It was determined that these plans needed to be developed for the Bucklin Point facility and the Ernest Street/CSO Tunnel Pump Station site due to the volume of oil stored at these locations. The operations manuals for the locations were developed during the latter part of 2010 and early 2011. The manual for the Ernest Street/Tunnel Pump Station site was submitted to EPA on January 7, 2011 and the Bucklin Point manual was submitted on January 31, 2011. PP&R staff will continue to monitor the facilities and revise the plans as necessary.

Both the SPCC and SWPPP require annual inspections of the facilities and training on the plans. PP&R staff conducted the inspections at Field's Point, Ernest Street/Tunnel Pump Station Site and Bucklin Point throughout 2011. The training at both facilities was conducted in February and March of 2011.

Nine Minimum Controls Compliance Program for CSOs

Throughout 2011 the NBC Pretreatment, ESTA and EMDA Sections continued to ensure compliance with the pretreatment, pollution prevention and monitoring elements of the Nine Minimum Controls Program for CSOs detailed in the NBC RIPDES permits. The Pretreatment and ESTA Sections continued to work with industry to ensure compliance with these requirements. Companies are required to install and implement adequate spill control measures to ensure prohibited materials are not incidentally or accidentally discharged to the sewer system or storm drains. Firms are also required to conduct routine self-monitoring to demonstrate compliance with NBC discharge limitations. Firms experiencing compliance problems are encouraged to contact ESTA staff for help to come back into compliance. These programs ensure that industrial wastewater is properly treated to levels acceptable for discharge and ensure that materials cannot be spilled into the sewer system or through a CSO.

The effectiveness of the NBC Nine Minimum CSO Controls Program is routinely evaluated by sampling conducted by EMDA. EMDA staff collect numerous samples to ensure compliance with the Nine Minimum Controls Program. In addition to the industrial and manhole sampling discussed in CHAPTER IV, EMDA collects twice weekly samples for fecal coliform from the Woonasquatucket, Providence, West, Blackstone, Seekonk, and Moshassuck rivers. Sampling of these rivers is conducted during both wet and dry weather events. The results from these sampling events for fecal coliform are promptly reviewed to identify dry weather discharges and CSOs are immediately inspected by Interceptor Maintenance staff to ensure they are properly functioning. EMDA also re-samples sites that show high fecal coliform bacteria concentrations during dry weather periods. Samples greater than 1000 MPN/100 ml are re-sampled under dry weather conditions. EMDA works with the IM Section to analyze the data in order to identify dry weather overflows or other sources of bacteria to the rivers where combined sewer overflows are located. Other extensive monitoring of the Providence and Seekonk Rivers has indicated the rivers are meeting the EPA aquatic life criteria standards for toxics, including dissolved metals and ammonia. This demonstrates the effectiveness of the Pretreatment and ESTA Programs and the effectiveness of the NBC Nine Minimum Controls Program. This data also has been used to remove the Providence and Seekonk Rivers from the EPA 303(d) list of impaired water bodies for dissolved metals impairment.

In 2011, EMDA staff collected samples at CSOs located in the Field's Point and Bucklin Point districts to measure contaminant levels discharged during wet weather overflow events. Samples are collected at various times throughout the storm event, at the first flush, the height of the storm and near the termination of the event. CSO sites located downstream of industrial areas were selected for this sampling. Grab samples were collected for toxics, including total metals, TSS, BOD, VOCs, Oil & Grease, TPH and cyanide. The results were compared to the NBC local discharge limitations for the district. All parameters met the local limits, indicating the NBC pretreatment and pollution prevention elements of the NBC Nine Minimum Controls Program are effective.

The NBC also works with the community to minimize the impacts of CSOs and prevent pollutants from entering storm lines and CSOs. A program to stencil and label catch basins in the districts has been ongoing. The stencils say "Don't Dump Drains to the Bay". In addition, the NBC works with the City of Providence during river clean up events to ensure the streets in the surrounding area are swept after the event to minimize the impact on the river. As an element of the NBC Nine Minimum

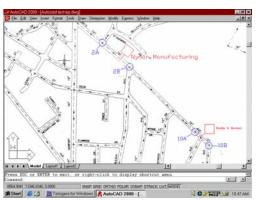


CSO Control Program, Save the Bay received a \$3,500 grant from the NBC to install these labels throughout the NBC district.

Computerization of Sewer System Maps Project

The Pretreatment Section maintains a set of 33 different maps to identify the location of each significant industrial user and the manholes that are used for surveillance monitoring of each SIU. Paper copies of these maps are stored in each Pretreatment and EMDA vehicle for reference during special investigations and for manhole monitoring activities. The status of the SIUs is always changing, since new facilities open and existing facilities close or relocate. This creates a challenge with the paper map system because each time a new SIU begins operating, the master map must be updated, copied, and distributed to each of the 15 locations where copies of the maps are stored. In order to simplify the process and make the maps more useful and accessible, the NBC initiated a goal of converting existing maps to a digital format in an AutoCAD platform.

During 2003, the NBC began to identify the locations of each permitted user and the location of the keymanholes associated with SIUs and Zero Discharge companies. This process was completed in early 2004 for existing permitted users. As new companies are permitted the information is entered on the computerized maps. Information regarding each user's location is placed on a layer of the AutoCAD drawing associated with the user's category. By storing information in different layers staff is able to filter out information that does not pertain to the current needs of the investigator. For example, investigating colored wastewater impact to a NBC

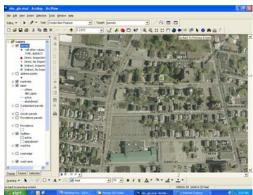


Portion of East Providence map showing the location of two SIUs and their surveillance monitoring manholes

facility is more effective with the computerized maps since Pretreatment staff is able to show only those users who have the potential to discharge colored wastewater.

These maps are stored on the NBC computer network and are widely available to NBC staff from their computer workstations. This tool is more powerful than the paper maps and can be updated easily so they contain the most current information.

During 2006 the Permits & Planning Section began to incorporate GIS into the sewer connection permitting process. All new sewer connections are located on the NBC GIS system maps. Direct and indirect connections are differentiated. A database which includes the applicant name, address and connection type has been input into the GIS system and this information is readily available from computers located throughout the NBC. The Permits & Planning Section also completed a project to upload all historical sewer connections on the GIS software. In 2008, Permits & Planning staff



GIS image showing indirect connections to the NBC sewer system

developed a layer on the GIS maps and corresponding database for the location of privately owned pump stations to comply with the DEM O&M Regulations. Data points continued to be entered on the layer throughout 2011. In late 2006 Pretreatment staff began working with Permits & Planning and Engineering staff to locate industrial and commercial users on the NBC GIS software and this work continued throughout 2011.

River Restoration Initiative

In response to the chronic pollution visible on the Woonasquatucket River in downtown Providence, Narragansett Bay Commission Chairman Vincent Mesolella established the Woonasquatucket River Restoration Initiative in 2002. With an aggressive goal to involve NBC employees, local business owners and members of the community in reclaiming the Woonasquatucket as a valuable community resource, and guided by the expertise of the Woonasquatucket River Greenway Association, the Chairman appointed the NBC Director of Policy, Planning & Regulation Division to spearhead volunteer clean-up efforts.

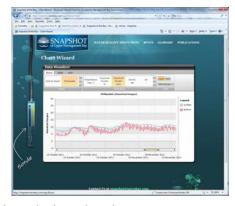
In early 2011, the NBC sponsored its annual Earth Day River Clean-Up event of the Woonasquatucket River on April 14, 2011. The event took place at sites along the river from Park Street to Olneyville in Providence. NBC staff as well as volunteers from the public and private sector participated. The clean up was successful as 75 cubic yards of material was removed from the river and its banks. The items removed from the river included tires, bottles, cans, autoparts, scrap metals and trash. The NBC is exploring an expansion of the Chairman's River Restoration Initiation in 2012 to include cleanups at additional urban rivers located within the NBC service area.

<u>Fixed-Site On-Line Water Quality Monitoring</u>

In 2011, the EMDA Section continued work on the fixed site water quality monitoring program which was initiated under an EPA-funded Environmental Monitoring for Public Access and Community Tracking (EMPACT) Project. The monitoring stations established under the EMPACT project extend water quality monitoring of Narragansett Bay into the upper, urbanized reaches of the estuary and the important data generated by this project is available in real-time on the internet at www.narrabay.com.

There are two fixed site monitoring stations that have been established in proximity to the Field's Point and Bucklin Point wastewater treatment plant outfalls. The Bullock's Reach buoy station is located between Gaspee Point and Conimicut Point in the Providence River and the Phillipsdale Landing station is a dock site located on the Seekonk River in East Providence. These monitoring stations directly benefit Narragansett Bay research by allowing for continuous, real-time water quality monitoring in the Providence and Seekonk Rivers. Through radio telemetry and phone connections, Bay researchers can consistently track changes in the rivers from a remote location, saving valuable resources and decreasing the response time to anomalous conditions. This data provides a baseline of water quality across seasons, and provides continuous tracking of major waterway changes such as dredging, man-made, extreme weather or other environmental impacts.

In late 2003, uncorrected raw data from both water quality stations also became available for use by the general public via a link on the NBC website. State-of-the-art technology at these sites collects measurements for depth, temperature, salinity, pH, dissolved oxygen, turbidity (at the bottom) and fluorescence, a proxy for chlorophyll and phytoplankton activity (at the surface). Data is collected by the sondes at the Bullock's Reach buoy and Phillipsdale Landing dock site every 15 minutes. Data from the buoy is transmitted via radio signal to a base station at Field's Point every hour and data from the Phillipsdale Landing station is transmitted every hour



by phone connection. In 2011 the web interface was completely redesigned and expanded to improve public access to NBC monitoring data, the new website is located at http://snapshot.narrabay.com/app/.

Emergency Situation/Extreme Conditions Sampling

The NBC has established a program to immediately provide monitoring in the event of an extreme weather condition or an emergency that may adversely affect water quality in our receiving waters. The NBC is prepared to immediately undertake any monitoring necessary to evaluate the impacts from this type of event. In August 2011, the State of Rhode Island was adversely impacted by extreme weather conditions from Tropical Storm Irene. On August 29, 2011 and August 31, 2011, the NBC implemented an extreme weather monitoring initiative. EMDA staff collected 133 river and bay nutrient samples to gauge the effect the storm had on the NBC receiving waters. In the southern portion of the Providence River near Conimicut Point the total dissolved nitrogen concentrations were elevated and were approximately twice their average concentration. The concentrations decreased slightly and were similar to normal concentrations farther up the bay.

Regional Ocean Modeling System – ROMS

In October of 2004, the NBC entered into a two-year contract to fund joint work with the coastal physical oceanography lab led by Dr. Chris Kincaid of the URI - Graduate School of Oceanography to further circulation and hydrodynamic modeling efforts for the Providence and Seekonk Rivers and upper Narragansett Bay. The goal of this work is to develop highly accurate models of circulation and transport within the Providence and Seekonk Rivers and Upper Narragansett Bay that will support NBC management decisions. The development of hydrodynamic modeling will allow the NBC to predict and track the fate of a pollutant through Narragansett Bay once it was discharged from one of the two NBC treatment plants. It is hoped that this model provides an important tool to evaluate and predicts water quality in Narragansett Bay as nutrient loadings are dramatically reduced. This modeling project may ultimately be useful in the development of a nutrient Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for Narragansett Bay.

During the first year of the project, the most comprehensive set of field data to date on Upper Narragansett Bay circulation was acquired using Acoustic Doppler Current Profilers (ADCP) in the Providence River. Three separate bottom mounted ADCPs were deployed in the Providence River from July through October 2005 by the Kincaid group with assistance from the NBC Environmental Monitoring Section. ADCP data over complete tidal cycles was also acquired at three transect locations in the upper Bay. The data acquisition was performed using an ADCP mounted on the side of the NBC's R/V Monitor, and a Seabird SB19 CTD was towed behind the R/V Monitor at a depth of approximately 1 meter. In 2006, the Seekonk River was added to the hydrodynamic modeling project using data from additional bottom mounted ADCPs. In accordance with model development criteria noted by the DEM, the calibration of salinity in the model was checked and found to have proper conservation within the system. A modeling expert was hired by the NBC to review the work of URI-GSO to date, and recommendations were provided to ensure the model will ultimately satisfy DEM criteria. The model will be used to predict equilibrium nutrients concentrations at various levels of input from area wastewater treatment facilities and other nutrient loading sources. During 2008, the Kincaid group continued multiple model simulation runs utilizing model boundary data at various locations within and just outside Narragansett Bay. They also ran model simulations with varying grid sizes. The goal of these model changes and runs was to produce the most accurate model attainable. By the end of 2008, the Kincaid group was obtaining very good simulations which closely matched observed data. A final report was provided to the NBC in late 2008 but the team continued work on the model through the end of 2008 and new information was included in a report submitted in 2009.

In 2010, the NBC continued its work with URI-GSO to deploy multiple instruments in strategic areas of Narragansett Bay. Specifically, the NBC supported five of twenty tilt current meters deployed in the Edgewood Shoal area of Narragansett Bay, which is an area of known degraded water quality. This data was incorporated into the ROMS model of the Upper Bay to further refine modeling in this shoal area, which shows unusual water circulation patterns. Once this was complete, the Kincaid group began the work of incorporating advection and dispersion dye fields into the ROMS model. This would allow the model to simulate inputs from nutrient sources and track their flushing or accumulation in the Upper Bay. Model simulation runs using various forcing scenarios to track the transport of pollutants continued in 2011 will be ongoing into 2012.

CSO Tunnel Evaluation Study

On November 1, 2008, Phase I of the NBC Combined Sewer Overflow abatement project became operational. The tunnel drastically reduces the volume of CSO discharges that occur during rain events by capturing excess flows in an underground storage tunnel. In order to better characterize the water quality improvements realized by the CSO storage tunnel the NBC began a monitoring program in 2008 to study the effects that an individual storm has on water quality in Upper Narragansett Bay. Fecal coliform bacteria are an important indicator of water quality. The focus of this study is to evaluate bacteria levels, which are expected to be dramatically reduced due to the tunnel operation. This monitoring program consists of collecting samples from numerous sample locations in the upper bay the day prior to the rain event and then every day thereafter until water

quality returned to normal bacteria levels. Data collected prior to the tunnel going online will be used as a baseline to compare similar sampling events conducted after the CSO tunnel was put online. In 2009 the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management (DEM) became a partner in this project and this has continued into 2010. By working with the DEM the NBC was able to expand the study area to evaluate fecal coliform inputs from other sources in the area and incorporate a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) approved laboratory for some of the analyses. A FDA approved laboratory must analyze samples if the results will be used to make management decisions for shellfish harvesting grounds. DEM used data from this study to re-evaluate the existing shellfish closure criteria which were developed before the CSO tunnel began operation.

An agreement reached between DEM and the FDA allows DEM and to re-open Conditional Areas A and/or B to shellfish harvesting as soon as post-storm monitoring data demonstrates it is safe to do so. In order to maximize the benefits of the CSO tunnel the NBC collaborated closely with the DEM to ensure that samples were collected after suitable storms to allow early re-opening. This monitoring resulted in eleven additional days of shellfish harvesting in Conditional Areas A or B during 2011.

In May 2011 the DEM announced that as a result of improved water quality conditions in Upper Narragansett Bay attributed to the NBC CSO tunnel, the amounts of rainfall allowed before Conditional Areas A and B are closed to shellfish harvesting were increased for the first time in over 20 years.

On Going Projects

Over the years the Pretreatment, ESTA and EMDA Sections initiated many projects that have become integral parts of the routine program activities of each department. Work continues to be performed on these long established NBC projects. The following is a listing of some of these projects:

Commercial Pesticide Control Program
Copper Sulfate Root Killer Prohibition
Fuel Oil Discharge Control Program
Medical Waste Control Program
Environmental Management Systems Program
Pollution Prevention for Hospitals and Health Care Facilities
Pollution Prevention for Auto Salvage Yards
Septage Permitting Program
Treatment Plant Influent Computer Monitor Program
Floatables Control Program
Mussel Study
Emerging Pollutants Study

Woonasquatucket River Education Project.

The NBC will continue to be a leader, locally and nationally, developing programs, projects and initiatives that will control and reduce the discharge of pollutants to our treatment facilities, and ultimately Narragansett Bay. This work will continue in 2012.

VIII. NBC PRETREATMENT PROGRAM GOALS

Status of 2011 Goals

This chapter outlines the progress made during 2011 toward meeting the goals established in the 2010 Pretreatment Annual Report and defines goals for 2012.

• **2011 Goal:** Publish Pretreatment Program Annual Report

Accomplishment: The 2010 Pretreatment Program Annual Report was completed and submitted to the DEM on March 10, 2011 in compliance with the NBC RIPDES permits. In order to make the report accessible to the public, it is uploaded to the NBC website, www.narrabay.com annually. The 2010 Pretreatment Annual Report was uploaded to the internet on March 15, 2011. The content of the annual report is also presented to the NBC Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). The 2010 report was presented to the CAC during their May meeting held on May 11, 2011.

■ 2011 Goal: Satisfy all EPA and DEM Pretreatment Program mandates such as sampling and inspecting each Significant Industrial User (SIU) at least once every twelve (12) months. As an additional goal, the Pretreatment and Environmental Monitoring personnel will attempt to inspect and sample all SIUs at least twice each twelve month period.

Accomplishment: The Pretreatment and EMDA Sections satisfied the EPA and DEM mandates for conducting sampling and non-sampling inspections of each SIU at least once every twelve (12) month period. Each SIU was inspected at least once during this report period, and within twelve months of their previous inspection date. The Pretreatment Section performed well toward satisfying its goal to try to inspect each SIU twice, as all SIUs were inspected two or more times during 2011, with the exception of one, Tru-Kay Manufacturing Company. This company was purchased by Richline Group, Inc. very early in 2011. Tru-Kay Manufacturing was inspected late in December 2010 and then again in early January 2011 prior to the sale of the company. The EMDA Section performed well toward satisfying the NBC goal to sample each SIU at least twice in 2011. However, three companies were only sampled once. Two companies, Alpha Plating & Metallizing and Nulco Manufacturing Corporation went out of business in early 2011. A sample was collected at each of these facilities prior to process discharges ceasing. The third company, Kirk's Folly, only discharges on an infrequent batch basis. .The firm is required to request approval from the Pretreatment Section prior to discharge. The firm only discharged once in 2011. The EMDA Section collected a sample of this batch prior to discharge. Many SIUs were sampled more than twice due to the implementation of a monitoring procedure to immediately resample any user once a violation is observed as a result of a NBC sampling event. Additional information regarding the NBC sampling and inspection programs is provided in CHAPTER III.

• **2011 Goal:** The Pretreatment staff will attempt to conduct an annual inspection of each non-significant industrial user, annual inspections of 75% of restaurants and food processing facilities to ensure compliance with grease removal regulations, and 50% of all other permitted commercial users.

Accomplishment: In 2011, the Pretreatment staff conducted 2,205 inspections of commercial and non-significant industrial users. Pretreatment staff performed thorough inspections of 97.4% of permitted non-significant industrial users. During 2011, Pretreatment Technicians inspected 62.8% of the permitted restaurants and commercial buildings with cafeterias, and 55.7% of all other commercial users, meeting the self imposed goal. Additional information regarding the NBC inspection program is provided in CHAPTER III.

• **2011 Goal** Perform prompt reviews of user permit applications and plan submittals to ensure that permits are issued in an expeditious manner.

Accomplishment: All new users located in either district are expeditiously permitted prior to discharging into the NBC sewer system. Formal staff plan review meetings are conducted weekly by Pretreatment staff to ensure prompt response to user plan submittals and to expedite the permitting process. Permitting of various classes of non-significant users located in both districts was ongoing in 2011, as 371 Wastewater Discharge Permits were issued in various industrial and commercial categories. During the year, permits were issued to metalfinishers, chemical manufacturer, restaurants, supermarkets, automotive repair shops, printers, photo processors, dental offices, doctor offices, and other medical facilities using x-ray equipment. Permitting of new users also continued during 2011, as 158 of the 371 permits were issued to new users. The majority of the new permits were issued to non-significant industrial and commercial users.

The Pretreatment and Permits & Planning Sections routinely perform expeditious reviews of discharge and sewer connection permit applications and work closely to ensure that contractors' and users' needs are promptly addressed. During 2011 the Pretreatment Section performed expeditious reviews of 222 process and pretreatment system plan submittals. Of these 222 plan submittals 166 were promptly approved, 27 were approved with conditions to be met, 22 were rejected since NBC requirements were not satisfied and no action was taken initially on 7 plans since additional information was required for approval.

The Permits & Planning Section continued to meet its goal of responding to incomplete Sewer Connection Permit Applications within two days and issuing permits within ten business days in 2011. During 2011, 206 Sewer Connection Permits were issued. This represents a 6.7% increase from 2010. Additional information regarding this program is provided in CHAPTER VII.

2011 Goal: Identify new and previously unknown sewer users to ensure compliance with regulations. To achieve this goal, conduct spot inspections of industrial users located in 50% of the mill complexes/industrial areas situated within the two sewer districts to identify new and previously unknown sewer users.

Accomplishment: For many years, the NBC has conducted a program of performing unannounced inspections of mill complexes and industrial areas to identify facilities discharging without a permit. This program has been quite successful in the past. This self imposed goal to inspect 50% of mill complexes was exceeded in 2011, as 40 of the 63 or 63.5% industrial areas and mill complexes were inspected once in 2011. This program of conducting unannounced inspections of industrial areas and mill complexes to locate new and previously operating unpermitted users has been quite successful at locating unpermitted users. In addition to performing mill complex inspections, Pretreatment staff routinely reviews newspapers, telephone books and manufacturers directories to locate new and previously unknown sewer users. All of these methods were utilized during 2011.

• **2011 Goal:** Ensure the protection of the two NBC POTWs and Narragansett Bay to minimize incidents of pass through and interference.

Accomplishment: Pretreatment staff promptly responds to all reports of unusual influent at each treatment plant, illegal dumping, spills, odors, and blockages. The reports can come from other NBC Sections, NBC computer monitoring systems, environmental agencies, fire departments and/or the general public. The purpose of these investigations is to find the source and protect the plants and infrastructure from upset. In 2011, Pretreatment staff conducted 38 of these investigations. To assist NBC staff in conducting these investigations, Spill Response and Tracking training is provided annually.

Pretreatment and EMDA staff also respond to notifications from the NBC Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) of incidents of non-compliance from NBC monitoring events. When notified by LIMS that a sample collected at an industry is out of compliance with NBC discharge limitations, EMDA staff immediately conducts resampling at the facility and Pretreatment staff contacts the facility to immediately begin resampling its effluent. When alerted by LIMS that the concentrations of pollutants in the influent or effluent of the treatment plants have exceeded preset concentrations, EMDA and Pretreatment staff work together to find the source. The activities that staff conducts include installing manhole samplers in key locations and inspecting all facilities in the district with the potential to impact the plant with the pollutant in question.

 2011 Goal: Continue regulatory inspections of Septage Haulers as part of the NBC Septage Discharge Control Program.

Accomplishment: During 2001, solids removal equipment went on-line at the NBC Lincoln Septage Receiving Station. To ensure the proper operation of this equipment, the Pretreatment Section worked throughout 2001 to completely reevaluate the NBC Septage Discharge Control Program. All septage discharge and billing procedures were reevaluated and revised. Standard operating procedures were developed and implemented regarding discharging septage, billing of septage discharges, completing and maintaining septage manifests, and weighing of septage vehicles. The master septage discharge permit was revised to incorporate these many changes. Revised permits were issued to each permitted septage hauler during 2002. Pretreatment staff also developed and distributed an educational brochure in 2002 that summarizes the NBC septage discharge regulations and procedures. During 2011, Pretreatment staff verified the authenticity of 36 septic system pump-outs reported on manifest forms. This exceeded the goal for 2011. In addition, Pretreatment staff conducted 67 inspections at the Septage Receiving Station during 2011 exceeding the goal of 60. Additional information regarding the NBC Septage Discharge Control Program is provided in CHAPTER VII.

• **2011 Goal:** Improve Data Management.

Accomplishment: Throughout 2011 Permits & Planning staff continued to increase the database on the NBC GIS system. The database expanded to 3,000 data points which include the name, address and type of connection (residential or commercial). Direct and indirect sewer connections are also indicated. In 2009, Permits & Planning staff worked with NBC Information Technology (IT) staff to develop a sewer connection database that will enable better tracking and monitoring of Sewer Connection Permit requirements.

All receiving water monitoring stations are now located in the NBC GIS system. The data from a monitoring period can be displayed in a map format with the results graphically displayed as colored dots that increase in size and color intensity as the fecal coliform concentrations increase. During 2011, the data continued to be graphically represented on the GIS maps. In addition, in 2011 a new water quality website was launched. This website gives NBC staff and other interested parties access to NBC data.

Throughout 2011, Pretreatment staff continued to work with NBC IT staff to enhance the Pretreatment Software.

2011 Goal: Provide training for OSHA and Safety Awareness. Provide all new applicable employees with 40-hr HAZWOPER training, conduct continuous inhouse hazardous awareness training, and provide Infectious Materials Exposure Control training to pertinent NBC personnel.

Accomplishment: All new employees hired in the Pretreatment, ESTA and EMDA Sections are given 40-hr HAZWOPER training. During 2011 the NBC continued its program of conducting 8-hr HAZWOPER refresher training using in-house trainers and expertise. Pretreatment, ESTA, EMDA, and Laboratory staff certified in 40-hr HAZWOPER training are given at least 8-hrs of refresher training throughout the year on such topics as: Hazard Communication and Hazard Recognition, Chemistry of Hazardous Materials, Confined Space Entry, Spill Response and Tracking, Traffic Control and Personnel Protective Equipment Use. In 2011 NBC staff was provided with eight hour HAZWOPER refresher training by the Rhode Island Fire Academy. This training included using CAMEO software utilized by emergency response personnel when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.

The NBC also continued to conduct in-house employee training on CPR/AED with 60 employees certified in 2011.

The NBC continued the Hearing Conservation Program in conformance with OSHA regulations. Audiograms are given annually to NBC employees that have the potential to work in environments where hearing protection is needed. The employee is notified of any changes.

• 2011 Goal: Continue to document Pretreatment, EMDA and Laboratory Standard Operating Procedures and NBC Policies and Protocols manuals and update QA/QC programs. The purpose of these manuals is to clearly detail all standard operating procedures in the three sections. These manuals make invaluable reference tools for Pretreatment, EMDA and Laboratory staff and will provide a great resource for NBC employees working outside of these sections.

Accomplishment: The Pretreatment Section has a Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) manual which consists of all existing SOPs. As existing procedures are reviewed and revised or new procedures are developed, they are documented in this manual. During 2011, Pretreatment staff continued to review the SOP manual and update it accordingly.

During 2011, EMDA staff continued to detail all standard operating procedures and procedural changes for the two sections. Staff reviewed current literature to ensure any mandated changes in sampling protocols and/or methods were promptly adopted in NBC protocols and methods. All such changes are incorporated into the EMDA Standard Operating Procedures manual. In addition, work aides are generated and training is provided to all EMDA sampling staff as well as all Operations staff that may be responsible to sample during off-shift or weekend hours.

During 2011, agency policies continued to be updated. All new policies are distributed to management and supervisory staff to be included in NBC Policy Manuals located throughout the agency. New policies are communicated to all NBC staff.

• **2011 Goal**: – Provide free technical assistance.

Accomplishment: Throughout 2011 ESTA staff continued to work with the industrial community to help reduce their process water use. Activities included technical assistance measuring and monitoring water usage, providing assistance with water conservation projects and collection and reporting of water use data elements.

During 2011, ESTA staff continued to investigate the reuse of wastewater and biosolids at the two treatment plants. NBC coordinated efforts with representatives of Hazen and Sawyer, an environmental consulting firm hired by the DEM, to review potential options for wastewater reuse at Field's Point and Bucklin Point. Literature search efforts continued in order to obtain information to support this project. ESTA staff continued to seek grant funds to support wastewater and biosolids projects.

In order to assist companies comply with NBC regulations ESTA staff conducts pollution prevention technical assistance site visits. During 2011, ESTA conducted 21 of these site visits.

 2011 Goal: Environmental Merit Awards Program - Solicit nominations from companies and staff, evaluate all Significant Industrial User performance data, and hold Awards Ceremony.

Accomplishment: In 2011, the NBC recognized one company for environmental achievements with respect to storm water management and thirteen Significant Industrial Users for achieving 100% compliance with all NBC regulatory requirements. The awards were presented to the organizations at a breakfast meeting held on June 2, 2011. Additional information regarding this program is provided in CHAPTER VII.

 2011 Goal: Workshops – Conduct environmental compliance/pollution prevention workshop for NBC industrial/commercial users.

Accomplishment: Throughout 2011, the NBC sponsored environmental workshops. On February 8, 2011 NBC cosponsored a RI Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) Superintendents Meeting focusing on writing ARRA Energy Grant applications. On February 16, 2011 NBC sponsored a WWTF Energy Efficiency Roundtable Meeting at the South Kingstown WWTF and on March 9, 2011 NBC held a Roundtable Meeting/PSAT Workshop. On June 16, 2011, the NBC sponsored a workshop on environmental issues affecting Narragansett Bay.

Further discussions on the workshops and other NBC educational efforts can be found in CHAPTER II.

• **2011 Goal:** Energy Conservation – Continue to investigate energy conservation and alternative energy opportunities and seek grant funding for energy projects

Accomplishment: In March 2011, NBC submitted grant applications to the RI Office of Energy Resources (RIOER) requesting ARRA funding for twelve NBC energy efficiency projects. In May 2011, NBC received an award in the amount of \$311,750 to implement nine of these projects and \$86,000 to help pay for half the cost of performing Energy Efficiency Technical Assessments (EETA) at sixteen RI WWTFs as part of a Rhode Island WWTF Energy Efficiency Project. The other half of these costs are being paid by National Grid.

■ **2011 Goal:** Assess NBC Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions

Accomplishment: Throughout 2011, NBC collected and analyzed electrical, natural gas, biogas and vehicle fuel use to help quantify GHG emissions for Field's Point and Bucklin Point and support operations. As a result of this analysis it has been determined that NBC site specific and overall GHG emissions are below current reporting requirements for both the State of Rhode Island and EPA regulations. NBC will continue to collect and refine necessary data elements to better assess and minimize our GHG footprint.

• **2011 Goal:** Conduct weekly manhole monitoring in both districts to ensure user compliance with NBC discharge limitations and to determine the location of previously unknown and unpermitted users. Attempt to sample 6 to 10 manholes per week.

Accomplishment: EMDA staff conducted weekly manhole monitoring throughout both NBC drainage districts. This monitoring program consists of installing ISCO automatic samplers in surveillance manholes located upstream and downstream of users on a weekly basis to verify users' compliance status. EMDA staff successfully sampled 334 industrial surveillance manholes during 2011, 138 in the Bucklin Point district and 196 in the Field's Point district. This is a 25.1% increase in the number of manholes sampled over the number of manholes sampled in 2010. In addition to the 334 industrial manholes, EMDA collected samples from 42 sanitary manholes. The EMDA Section also attempted to collected samples from twelve additional manholes. However, samples could not be collected due to no flow in the sewer line at the time manhole sampling was conducted or due to sampling equipment malfunction. This is an average of approximately seven manholes per week, meeting the goal of 6 to 10 manholes per week. During 2011 surveillance manhole monitoring was conducted up and down stream of 83% of the SIUs and 16.9% of the zero discharge companies.

• **2011 Goal:** Define the sewer system sampling program to assess loadings from key drainage areas to locate potential areas of concern and drainage area loadings.

Accomplishment: The NBC performed well towards satisfying this goal, as it defined strategic manholes throughout both sampling districts, formulated a sampling schedule and conducted routine monitoring of these manholes to evaluate loadings. It used flow data acquired by Engineering to determine loadings estimates from drainage districts. EMDA continued to sample in NBC interceptors at metering stations, which provide flow information, allowing the NBC to better define the sources of contaminants to the influent at each treatment facility. Flow proportioned sampling of drainage basins as well as analysis of stormwater inputs, water supply inputs and sanitary sewers are used to budget inputs and improve NBC's manhole sampling program. A layer on the GIS maps was created to graphically depict results of drainage district sampling results in order to make interpretation of the data easier. This study began in 1999 and continued throughout 2011. In 2005 Pretreatment and EMDA staff began planning to improve the assessment of toxic loadings from drainage areas. EMDA continued background monitoring of residential areas to better define loadings to the treatment plants. An additional goal to monitor residential sources of pollutants to determine background loading was also satisfied, as 42 sampling events of residential manholes were conducted during 2011, up from 36 events or 16.7% from 2010.

 2011 Goal: Sample at the two NBC POTWs daily for all RIPDES permitted parameters. Research and test new sampling equipment and procedures to continually improve monitoring activities.

Accomplishment: In July 1999, the responsibility of sampling the Field's Point and Bucklin Point treatment facilities was transferred to the EMDA Section from the Operations Division. On January 1, 2000 clean sampling techniques were implemented for all permit samples. This required the purchase of new allweather, refrigerated automatic samplers, the changing of sample collection hose from PVC to Teflon, the use of acid washed and double bagged sample jugs and pre-cleaned certified sample bottles. EMDA staff used clean sampling techniques for all industrial monitoring and treatment plant sampling for metals and nutrients conducted in 2011. Throughout 2011, EMDA staff continued to use QA/QC sample collection practices to ensure the highest quality samples were being collected. During 2011, the NBC complied with the RIPDES permit requirements to sample at the two treatment plants every day of the year and complied with all mandated reporting requirements. EMDA staff continued to sample all process operations at both plants to acquire the data needed to optimize plant performance. During 2011, indicator lights were installed at each of the Field's Point effluent samplers to alert staff when the samplers are being powered by their battery backup system. When the lights go out, it is a visual reminder that staff must correct the electrical problem before the sampler batteries are exhausted. At Field's Point the flow monitoring equipment, which triggers sample collections for the wet weather effluent, was upgraded to ensure reliable

operation. At Bucklin Point two ISCO model 4700 samplers were installed to perform influent cyanide sample collections. In addition, during 2011, a procedural change to hold backup samples for a 24 hour period was implemented to allow time for errors with sample collections and sample processing to be discovered. This time provides adequate time to utilize the back-up sample should it be determined the primary sample is not representative or prove unusable for some reason.

In addition to sampling both facilities to satisfy the RIPDES permits, EMDA staff collects process control samples throughout the plants. The results of these samples are transmitted to Operations staff so that process operations can be optimized.

2011 Goal: To review, evaluate and log all analytical data obtained from EMDA monitoring efforts, to provide interpretation of this information to appropriate NBC staff in a timely manner and to ensure that quality assurance and quality control procedures are maintained.

Accomplishment: During 2011, EMDA worked to evaluate all monitoring data. Both in monthly interdepartmental data meetings and in comprehensive monthly reports, short and long term trends and alerts to high levels were provided. In 2011, EMDA published the data collected from the 2010 monitoring season. During 2011, EMDA continued to work closely with the Laboratory LIMS Administrator, as well as with IT personnel to review existing databases to identify areas of improvement. EMDA worked to develop and implement a log in which any information impacting analytical results can be entered. This allows successors to determine what occurred when analytical trends or data differ from historical values.

Throughout 2011, Pretreatment staff worked with IT staff on the PT-LIMS interface to download data directly from LIMS to the PT system.

EMDA staff analyzes the data on a regular basis to establish trends and notify Operations, Interceptor Maintenance and/or Pretreatment staff of any anomalies. EMDA staff conducts monthly meetings to report the data trends. Pretreatment, Laboratory, ESTA and Operations staff from both facilities routinely attend these meetings.

During 2011 EMDA, with the assistance of IT, developed a NBC webpage. This webpage features a newly redesigned Fixed Site Monitoring data display, blogs presenting current data and trends, and tidal and weather information on Narragansett Bay. Current and historical bay data is available for review and download.

• **2011 Goal**: Design and implement an on-line centralized database.

Accomplishment: Progress on Data Central, a centralized database website, in which all data can be uploaded, was made during 2011. The database will be accessible through www.narrabay.com and will allow immediate access to selected data for use by NBC staff and stakeholders. EMDA and Laboratory staff have worked to create an inventory of all data files existing in hard copy form. These files are being scanned into a digital format and input into the database. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR) from 1989 through 2011 have been scanned and are ready to be uploaded into the Data Central database. During 2010, paper copies of DMRs dating back to the early 1980s were discovered in the NBC archives. EMDA continues entering this data into the electronic format for inclusion into the centralized database. IT is working to recover data thought to be lost from Laboratory Information Management System (LIMS) database dating back to 1998. Furthermore, new LIMS software is in the process of being acquired. This software, in conjunction with Water Information Management Solution (WIMS), which is being acquired for data management and report generation purposes, will aid NBC in implementing its central database.

 2011 Goal: Monitor the receiving waters of both the Field's Point and Bucklin Point treatment facilities to continue the fixed site monitoring program previously funded through an EPA grant.

Accomplishment: In 2011 the NBC continued to monitor water quality at two fixed sites within the Providence and Seekonk Rivers for dissolved oxygen, conductivity, temperature, salinity, pH, chlorophyll, pressure (depth) and tidal amplitude. In addition, bi-weekly samples at these and other upper bay stations were collected for fecal coliform, nutrient analyses and chlorophyll-a. EMDA staff maintained the sites at Bullocks Reach, a buoy site, and Phillipsdale Landing, a dock site. Quality assurance practices continued to be coordinated with the Narragansett Bay Fixed Site Water Quality Monitoring Network that has adopted common methods for this baseline assessment. This data is made available to the scientific and general community on a real time basis on the new NBC website.

• **2011 Goal:** Conduct tributary river sampling for fecal coliform analysis.

Accomplishment: In 2011 EMDA continued to sample twenty locations along five rivers in the Providence metropolitan area: the Woonasquatucket, Providence, West, Blackstone and Moshassuck Rivers. Weekly sampling of these sites has allowed EMDA to promptly notify Interceptor Maintenance (IM) of both dry and wet weather discharges based on the analytical results, and has been a key technique for pinpointing overflow and interceptor malfunctions. Many fewer wet weather discharges are expected now that phase I of the CSO Abatement Project has been completed. Dry weather overflows occur periodically and are the result of blockages in sewer regulators. EMDA scientists analyze the data to determine trends in fecal inputs to these waterways. The results of the tributary river monitoring for fecal coliforms is provided to IM staff twice-weekly and is used to locate possible maintenance problems. Trends analyses are conducted and reported to NBC staff on a monthly basis through monthly reports and periodic

meetings. River sampling data assisted IM in identifying and quickly stopping dry weather overflows on two separate occasions during 2011. This data has provided a baseline to measure the success of the CSO remediation project, and new data to be collected in 2012 and beyond will be used to evaluate the tunnel's success in reducing adverse impacts to area tributary rivers and Narragansett Bay.

• **2011 Goal:** Continue to evaluate the effect of the NBC effluent on water quality of the receiving waters.

Accomplishment: During 2011 EMDA continued water quality evaluations of the receiving waters of the Bucklin Point and Field's Point wastewater treatment facilities. The purpose of this monitoring initiative is to determine the distribution and concentration of contaminants of concern to the health of the environment in both the Seekonk and Providence Rivers. EMDA continued its fecal coliform and nutrients monitoring by boat at multiple stations in the Providence and Seekonk Rivers as well as continuing bacteria monitoring weekly at multiple stations in four freshwater rivers that are affected by combined sewer overflows.

In 2005 EMDA began initial tests for Enterococci bacteria. This testing was expanded in 2006 in river, bay and treatment plant effluent samples in order to assess water quality with the new primary contact standard for fresh and saltwater. This testing continued during 2011. In 2007, as part of its monitoring plan EMDA began an initiative to sample tributary rivers and/or the upper bay in response to extreme situations or weather conditions that have the potential to adversely affect plant operations and/or receiving water quality. The NBC is prepared to immediately undertake any monitoring necessary to evaluate the impacts from this type of event. In August 2011, Rhode Island was adversely impacted by extreme weather conditions from Tropical Storm Irene. EMDA staff collected 133 river and bay nutrient samples, to gauge the effect the storm had on the NBC receiving waters. This, and all extreme event monitoring collected over the years has provided invaluable data necessary to better understand the dynamics of the bay and rivers discharging to it. In 2011, NBC began collecting samples bimonthly for Dissolved Organic Carbon (DOC) as well as initiated plankton sampling while out on the Bay conducting other monitoring activities, to better understand the complex dynamics of the Bay ecosystem and how it is impacted by NBC and other discharges.

• **2011 Goal:** Conduct Toxics Compliance Monitoring of two CSO wet weather event discharges as well as the North Diversion Structure discharges at Bucklin Point annually as a part of the NBC Nine Minimum Controls Program.

Accomplishment: To evaluate the effectiveness of the Pretreatment and Pollution Prevention programs at reducing toxic pollutant discharges through CSOs, the EMDA section monitors several CSOs annually as an element of the NBC Nine Minimum Controls Program. The aim of wet weather sampling events is to characterize the impact of CSO discharges and the efficacy of NBC's current controls when wastewater overflows the collection system during wet weather events. On February 25, 2011 sampling of the North Diversion Structure at Bucklin Point was conducted. The discharge event was short lived so it consisted

of two sets of grab samples for various pollutants. The wet weather sampling conducted on October 27, 2011 was collected from Outfall #218, Bucklin Brook, and Outfall #019A, Brook Street at India Point Park. The sampling plan was designed so that three samples are to be collected at the outfall throughout the overflow event. The first sample is to be collected during the initial overflow, or first flush, stage and typically contains wastewater with the least degree of rain water dilution and the highest concentrations of pollutants washed from street and land surfaces into the combined sewer system. A second sample is to be collected during the stage of highest overflow rate and a third sample collected near the conclusion of the event. In 2011, EMDA made provisions to sample the North Diversion Structure at Bucklin Point via automatic sampler, so that an event occurring during off-hours or a short duration discharge event can be sampled.

• **2011 Goal:** Conduct border river sampling for nutrient analysis to determine loadings to Upper Narragansett Bay that originate from outside of Rhode Island.

Accomplishment: This monitoring initiative was begun in 2007 and continued in 2011. This monitoring consists of monthly sampling from the mouths of the Ten Mile, Runnins, Palmer, Warren Reservoir, Cole, Lee and Taunton rivers, as well as from multiple sites on the Blackstone River. In addition, a sample is collected monthly from the mouth of the Pawtuxet River to provide more accurate data on all sources of nutrient loadings to Upper Narragansett Bay. The data shows NBC contributions are not as large a percent loading as first thought. This monitoring has revealed that nutrients loadings to the Bay dramatically increase during rain events. In 2011, a more representative sample location on the Ten Mile River was selected to better determine the loading from this river.

• **2011 Goal:** Evaluate water quality inside the Providence River Hurricane Barrier to generate a long term data set necessary to measure the success of the CSO abatement project.

Accomplishment: During the latter portion of 2007, EMDA began monitoring within the hurricane barrier for Total Dissolved Oxygen (DO) on a monthly basis. Since this is a low flush area due to being partially blocked by the hurricane barrier it is expected CSO discharges will have a magnified impact on DO levels compared to higher flush areas; conversely, it is expected that the CSO tunnel will result in fewer oxygen depleting CSOs and have a positive impact on DO levels. EMDA continued to sample multiple locations in the urban rivers and Bay for bacteria and dissolved oxygen before and after rain events. This data has provided a baseline to measure the success of the CSO remediation project. This monitoring continued in 2011. Data collected from this location is used to evaluate the tunnel's success in reducing adverse impacts to area tributary rivers.

• **2011 Goal:** Continually improve NBC monitoring and analytical capabilities.

Accomplishment: In 2007, EMDA began replacing antiquated plant refrigerated automatic samplers with sophisticated state-of-the-art samplers requiring much less human intervention. The new samplers hold up to four carboys, eliminating the need for off-hour jug change-outs. During 2011, at Bucklin Point two ISCO 4700 samplers were installed to perform influent cyanide sample collections. In

addition, indicator lights were installed at each of the Field's Point effluent samplers to alert staff when the samplers are being powered by their battery backup system. When the lights go out, it is a visual reminder that staff must correct the electrical problem before the sampler batteries are exhausted. Also at Field's Point the flow monitoring equipment, which triggers sample collections for the wet weather effluent, was upgraded to ensure reliable operation.

During 2011, a procedural change at both treatment plants to hold backup samples for a 24 hour period was implemented to allow time for errors with sample collections and sample processing to be discovered. This time provides adequate time to utilize the back-up sample should it be determined the primary sample is not representative or prove unusable for some reason.

• **2011 Goal:** Participate in community based environmental and educational projects.

Accomplishment The NBC sponsored its annual Earth Day River Clean-Up event on April 14, 2011. The event took place along the banks of the Woonasquatucket River from Park Street to Olneyville in Providence. NBC staff and volunteers from the public and private sectors participated. The event was a success as 75 cubic yards of material was removed from the river and its banks.

In 2011, the NBC cosponsored shellfish relocation events with the DEM, RI Department of Health, RI Shellfisherman's Association and the Nature Conservancy. Five transplant events took place in May. More than 500,000 pounds of shellfish were collected from restricted waters and relocated to management areas where the shellfish were allowed to cleanse themselves and reproduce.

During 2011, Pretreatment, EMDA and Laboratory staff participated in the Woonasquatucket River Environmental Educational Program.

• **2011 Goal:** Conduct studies during extreme weather or emergency events.

Accomplishment: During 2011 the primary extreme weather study focused on the August 2011 extreme weather conditions from Tropical Storm Irene. The NBC implemented an extreme weather monitoring initiative. EMDA staff collected 133 river and bay nutrient samples, to gauge the effect the storm had on the NBC receiving waters. This, and all extreme event monitoring collected over the years has provided invaluable data necessary to better understand the dynamics of the bay and rivers discharging to it.

• 2011 Goal: Improve process operations at the two treatment plants

Accomplishment: During 2011 the NBC continued its investigation at the Bucklin Point treatment plant of the benefits of using a glycerin based by-product of the biodiesel manufacturing process as a carbon source to improve BNR performance of the existing treatment plant. In August 2011 a series of samples was collected from various portions of the aeration system both with and without the carbon source to determine what effect the carbon source would have. Results from this sampling event did not indicate that the carbon addition resulted in improved treatment. Sampling of the Field's Point east and west aeration system to optimize the activated sludge process provided useful information to Operations and has now become part of routine plant monitoring.

Major Program Goals for 2012

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Goal Category Inspections	Goal Outline Inspect industries to ensure compliance with regulations.	 Goal Description Inspections of SIUs twice (EPA/RIDEM requires one inspection) One inspection of each non-significant industrial user Inspect 75% of permitted restaurant and food processing facilities Biannual inspections of all other permitted commercial users
	Identify new and previously unknown sewer users to ensure compliance with regulations. Continue regulatory inspections of	 Conduct unannounced spot inspections of 50% of the mill complexes/industrial areas Each technician will spend one half day monthly
	septage haulers.	 inspecting septage vehicles at the receiving station Staff will verify at least 25 septage manifest forms per year
Emergency Response Actions	Ensure protection of the two POTWs and Narragansett Bay to minimize incidents of pass through and interference.	 Respond to 100% of unusual influent reports Respond to 100% of reports of illegal dumping, spills and blockages Respond to automatic notifications from LIMS of incidents of non-compliance Pretreatment and EMDA staff respond to reports of unusual influent as indicated through the PI computer monitoring systems Conduct annual Spill Response and Tracking training
Pollution Prevention and Technical Assistance Initiatives	Provide free technical assistance.	 Conduct 15 pollution prevention technical assistance site visits Continue to assess water conservation efforts among industrial users Seek grant funds to support technical assistance programs
Monitoring and Analytical Initiatives	Sample industrial discharges to sewer system to ensure compliance with regulations.	 Conduct sampling of each SIU twice (EPA/DEM requires one sampling) Immediately resample any SIU found out of compliance
	Conduct sewer system sampling to assess loadings from key drainage areas to locate potential areas of concern and drainage area loadings.	 Define schedule for key manhole monitoring Continue flow monitoring as part of sample collection efforts to define total loading Continue monitoring of residential sources of pollutants to better define background loading
	Conduct surveillance monitoring in sewer system to ensure compliance with regulations.	 As needed and dependent on specific needs defined by staff observations and reports Sample 6-10 manholes per week (including surveillance and routine monitoring) Sample up and down stream of every SIU and Zero Discharge Company at least once.

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Monitoring and Analytical Initiatives (continued)	Monitor Field's Point and Bucklin Point facilities as necessary to ensure and improve compliance with all RIPDES permit requirements.	 Sample both facilities daily Collect process control samples to provide critical plant operational data to allow Operations staff to optimize plant performance Research and test new sampling, data scanning and recording equipment and procedures to continually improve monitoring activities
	Tributary river sampling for fecal coliform analysis	 Conduct weekly sampling at multiple sites on the West, Woonasquatucket, Moshassuck and Blackstone Rivers and one site on the Providence River Provide data to IM staff to allow for timely maintenance activities of the CSOs
	Maintain the two NBC fixed site monitoring systems to continue EMPACT Program.	 Maintain the two fixed site stations to continue monitoring downstream of each plant Monitor continuously for temperature, salinity, dissolved oxygen, conductivity, pH, chlorophyll and pressure (depth) Collect bi-weekly samples at these monitoring stations for fecal coliform, nutrients, chlorophylla, and turbidty analysis Provide data and data interpretation to the scientific and general community on a real time basis and continue participation in the Bay Wide Fixed Site Network monitoring collaborative using approved QA/QC protocols
	Continue to evaluate the effect of the NBC effluent on water quality of the receiving waters	 Continue routine monitoring program of the Providence and Seekonk Rivers for nutrients and fecal coliform bacteria and other parameters Perform additional monitoring in response to extreme situations or weather conditions that could adversely affect plant operations and receiving water quality Evaluate Emerging Pollutants removal rates at NBC facilities Utilize an underwater video camera when doing routine Bay work such as when conducting Seabird profiles to determine the state of the benthos in NBC receiving waters. Long-term monitoring of the benthos will be initiated to determine how BNR impacts the local benthos.
	Satisfy Nine Minimum Controls Program Sampling Requirements	 Conduct monitoring of CSO events by collecting samples of the first flush, maximum flow and late flow to characterize the CSO discharge impact and efficiency of CSO controls in place Conduct toxics compliance monitoring at three locations, two CSOs and the North Diversion Structure at Bucklin Point, during wet weather event discharges.
	Border river sampling for nutrient analysis to determine loadings to Upper Narragansett Bay that originate from outside of Rhode Island	 Conduct monthly sampling from the mouths of the Ten Mile, Runnins, Palmer, Warren Reservoir, Cole, Lee and Taunton rivers as well as from the Blackstone River where they cross the State line Determine out-of-state nutrient loadings to Narragansett Bay.

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Monitoring and Analytical Initiatives (continued)	Conduct sampling to measure the success of the NBC CSO program	 Conduct sampling at multiple locations in the rivers and bay for bacteria and dissolved oxygen before and after rain events to evaluate the success of the CSO abatement tunnel project. During times of high recreational use conduct monitoring two times a month for dissolved oxygen and bacteria upstream of the Hurricane Barrier.
	Continually improve NBC monitoring and analytical capabilities	 Upgrade existing plant samplers as needed to improve monitoring capabilities. Implement flow monitoring of rivers not presently on the USGS Streams Gauge Network Attain 100% accuracy on all annual Proficiency Testing. Ensure all laboratory equipment is calibrated annually. Initiate in-house laboratory monitoring for sulfates, sulfites, TOC and chlorophyll. Maintain all Laboratory licensing certifications.
Permitting	Expeditious review and issuance of permits	 Respond to all discharge permit applications and renewals within fourteen business days Review submitted Pretreatment facility plans on a weekly basis Respond to all incomplete Sewer Connection Permit applications within two days. Issue Sewer Connection Permit permits within two weeks
Data Logging Analysis and Reporting	Design and implement Data Central, an on-line centralized database	 Review existing databases for completeness and accuracy Create meta-data files Create LIMS reports to migrate data automatically into spreadsheets Upload river and bay data weekly to the NBC water quality website for immediate staff and stakeholder Continue to computerize past analytical data Continue to scan DMRs into electronic format
	Provide access to all NBC monitoring data	 Develop a monitoring plan by November 15th for final approval by PP&R Director and ready for agency vetting Upload annual data report to the internet by April 1st Prepare and post project tasks summary reports detailing activities and historical trends to the internet promptly upon completion of each task Prepare draft press releases on findings
	Log, review, evaluate and report all data to provide short and long term trends and alerts.	 Routine data logging and evaluation Monthly reporting of projected short and long term trends and alert levels regarding data Timely response on data excursions and alerts to Laboratory, Operations and Pretreatment staff, allowing opportunity for prompt corrective action (regulatory, administrative or operational) Analyze data and report trends to NBC staff at monthly meetings Provide trend analysis to NBC and Stakeholders publish technical papers, abstracts, present posters, etc.

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Special Studies and Projects	Improve functionality of NBC computer systems	 Locate sewer connections, LID projects, industrial and commercial users, and private pump stations on the NBC GIS system Continue to locate and update users and surveillance manholes on the computerized maps Continue to locate and update all monitoring locations on NBC's GIS system Roll out new LIMS software. Improve the information on the NBC internet site Update safety training tracking software Develop software to allow customers to apply and pay for Sewer Connection permits on-line.
	Energy Management	 Continue to investigate energy conservation and alternative energy opportunities Seek grant funding for energy projects
	Water Conservation Projects	 Continue to investigate WWTF reuse of wastewater and biosolids Identify and assess one water reuse project at each NBC WWTF Seek grant funds to support technical assistance programs.
	Evaluate the success of NBC toxic reduction programs by performing a trace metals study of shellfish	 Analyze the data collected from the shellfish studies Compare the data to data from previous studies Publish the findings
	Conduct studies during extreme weather or emergency events	 Identify degradation to NBC receiving waters associated with emergency situations or extreme weather events. As NBC lowers its pollutant inputs to the bay, reverine inputs need continued monitoring to assess and ensure that our reductions are not offset by increases from other sources.
	Improve process operations at the two treatment plants	 Continue the study at Bucklin Point to determine if glycerin is a good carbon source for the nutrient removal process. Work with URI to coordinate research to increase bio-gas production at Bucklin Point Conduct a study to determine chlorine speciation to improve disinfection at Field's Point Collect samples from both the east and west aeration systems at Field's Point to optimize the activated sludge process Provide high quality nutrient data to evaluate and optimize BNR processes at both facilities.
	Participate in community based environmental and educational projects	 Organize and participate in one river clean-up event Participate in the Woonsaquatucket River Environmental Educational Program. Participate in the DEM/RI Shellfishermen's Association Shellfish transplant program.
	Assess NBC Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG)	 Continue to review and document applicable state and federal GHG regulations Continue to review and document applicable GHG guidance documents Refine inventory of NBC GHG sources Assess theoretical NBC GHG process emissions

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Internal Procedures	Document all Standard Operating Procedures and Protocols.	 Continue to detail all Pretreatment, EMDA and Laboratory standard operating procedures and procedural changes for the three sections Document all NBC policies in the Agency's Policy Manual Review and update all Section NBC Policy Manuals for completeness and accuracy
Education, Training and Public Awareness	Publish Annual Pretreatment Report	 Prepare and submit the Annual Pretreatment Report to DEM by March 15th Upload the Annual Report to the internet by April 15th Present the findings of the report to the Citizen's Advisory Committee
	Environmental Merit Awards Program	 Solicit nominations from companies and staff Evaluate all nominations and issue Pollution Prevention Awards Evaluate all SIU performance data for perfect compliance Evaluate sewer connection projects using LID storm water mitigation technologies and issue an award for Excellence in Storm Water Management
	Workshops	 Conduct one environmental compliance/pollution prevention workshop for NBC industrial/commercial users Participate in at least two public workshops Present NBC monitoring data at workshop. Conduct one workshop on NBC requirements for public officials.
	Provide training programs necessary to ensure employee Health and Safety.	 Provide all new applicable Pretreatment and EMDA employees with 40-hr HAZWOPER training Provide 8 hr HAZWOPER Refresher training annually for all applicable employees Conduct continuous in-house hazardous awareness training Provide Infectious Materials Exposure Control training to pertinent NBC personnel Provide safety training to all new employees Provide OSHA required training programs necessary to protect employees such as hearing conservation, confined space entry, safety awareness, etc.
	Improve information on www.narrabay.com, the NBC's internet site	 Ensure all documents from the older version of narrabay.com have been uploaded to the upgraded site. Update all information on the site to ensure its accuracy. Create informational fact sheets to be uploaded to the website. Continue to promptly update the NBC water quality website.