



December 2, 2024

Town of Willow Bunch
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Dear Sewage Works Owner:

Permit to Operate a Sewage Works

Please be advised that the Water Security Agency has hereby altered the Town of Willow Bunch's Permit to Operate a Sewage Works, pursuant to the authority of section 28(1)(h) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*. This permit (No. 00050447-04-00) is attached for your information and review.

This permit expires December 31st, 2029. Please ensure that a copy of this permit is provided to the operators and posted in a conspicuous place at the sewage works or administration office.

If you have any questions regarding the Permit to Operate a Sewage Works or any other related matters, please contact the undersigned at 306.630.3683 or david.fehler@wsask.ca.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David A. Fehler".

David Fehler
Environment Officer
Water Security Agency

Attachment: Permit to Operate a Sewage Works

Permit to Operate a Sewage Works

Altered pursuant to section 28(1)(h) of *The
Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*

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ISSUED TO **the Town of Willow Bunch (the permittee)** the person/entity responsible for the sewage works consisting of a Class 1 wastewater treatment facility and a Class 1 wastewater collection facility, located in the Town of Willow Bunch and at the sewage treatment works located at Parcel A, Plan 61MJ04217, Ext 2, (ISC Surface Parcel No. 105237941/the Northeast Quarter Section 18, Township 5, Range 27, West of the 2nd Meridian), which provides sewage collection and treatment to the Town of Willow Bunch in the Province of Saskatchewan.

PURSUANT to section 28(1)(h) of *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*, the Permit to Operate a Sewage Works No. 00050447-03-00 issued to the permittee on March 31st, 2020, whose sewage works is located at Parcel A, Plan 61MJ04217, Ext 2, (ISC Surface Parcel No. 105237941/Northeast Quarter Section 18, Township 5, Range 27, West of the 2nd Meridian), in the Province of Saskatchewan, and which operation involves the discharge of effluent onto Parcel A, Plan 61MJ04217, Ext 2, (ISC Surface Parcel No. 105237941/Northeast Quarter Section 18, Township 5, Range 27, West of the 2nd Meridian) in the Province of Saskatchewan, is hereby altered and amended, subject to the terms and conditions attached to this permit.

This permit takes effect on the 1st day of January, 2025.

This permit expires on the 31st day of December, 2029, unless cancelled or suspended before that date.

Issued



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Environment Officer
Water Security Agency

*☒ This digital signature affixed to the permit is legally binding and is considered a sufficient electronic signature as required under *The Electronic Information and Documents Act, 2000*. The original copy is retained by the Water Security Agency and shall be considered the official record.

Terms and Conditions

Section One: Definitions

- 1.1 All words and phrases have the same definitions as set out in *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*, or *The Waterworks and Sewage Works Regulations*, as the case may be.
- 1.2 In this permit:
 - (a) “Act” means *The Environmental Management and Protection Act, 2010*;
 - (b) “Accredited laboratory” means a laboratory that is accredited under the International Organization for Standardization standard ISO/IEC 17025:2017 entitled *General requirements for the competence of testing and calibration laboratories*, as amended from time to time, by an accrediting body that is a signatory to the *International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement* or a laboratory that is accredited under the *Environment Quality Act*, CQLR, c. Q-2, as amended from time to time, by an accredited body that is recognized in accordance with the *Environment Quality Act*;
 - (c) “Adverse effect” has the same meaning as defined in the Act;
 - (d) “Regulations” means *The Waterworks and Sewage Works Regulations*;
 - (e) “Science and Licensing Division” means the Science and Licensing Division of the Water Security Agency;
 - (f) “Environment” has the same meaning as defined in the Act; and
 - (g) “Environment officer” has the same meaning as defined in the Act.

Section Two: Operation

- 2.1 The permittee shall comply with the Act and the Regulations, and the terms and conditions of this permit.
- 2.2 In the event of an inconsistency between the Act and this permit, or the Regulations and this permit, the more stringent requirement shall apply.
- 2.3 The permittee shall not extend or alter the sewage works without approval from the Science and Licensing Division.
- 2.4 The permittee shall ensure that the operation, repair and maintenance of the sewage works is under the direction of an operator who holds at least the corresponding certificate for the classification of the sewage works as set out in the Saskatchewan Water and Wastewater Works Operator Certification Standards, December 2016.
- 2.5 The permittee shall ensure that the facility, for which this permit is issued, is inspected on a semi-annual basis and that inspection should include, but not be limited to, dyke integrity, liquid levels in all cells, valve operation, and primary cell to storage cell overflow structure condition.
- 2.6 The permittee shall ensure the inter-cell transfer valve (primary to storage cell(s) valve(s)) is in the closed position prior to a discharge authorized by this permit.
- 2.7 The permittee shall ensure that the sewage treatment facility is not discharged after November 1 nor before the spring runoff in the following year without prior approval by the minister.
- 2.8 The permittee shall ensure that all downstream landowners that may be impacted by the sewage treatment facility discharge are notified at least 1 week prior to the intended discharge of treated effluent.
- 2.9 In the event of an upset or bypass condition, the permittee shall ensure all downstream water users that may be adversely impacted by the sewage works discharge are notified.
- 2.10 Pursuant to section 8 of the Act, no person shall discharge or allow the discharge of a substance into the environment in an amount, concentration or level or at a rate of release that may cause or is causing an adverse effect unless otherwise expressly authorized pursuant to this permit.

Section Three: Sampling, Monitoring and Effluent Quality

- 3.1 Whenever the permittee causes or allows any discharge authorized by this permit, the permittee shall collect samples of the effluent and receiving water at the following locations:
 - (a) from the lagoon effluent discharge stream midway through each discharge period;
- Station No. SK05JD0042**
- 3.2 The permittee shall analyze the samples referred to in condition 3.1 for the following parameters:
 - Group 2 Panel (Total Coliform/*E. coli*/TSS/CBOD/CI)
- 3.3 The permittee shall take samples in accordance with the instructions provided by the institution or laboratory that provides the sampling bottles or containers
- 3.4 Subject to 3.5, the permittee shall have all effluent and receiving environment samples analyzed by an accredited laboratory.
- 3.5 The permittee may perform on-site effluent and receiving environment sample analyses for parameters indicated in the monitoring schedule as “field test” or “on-site test”.

Section Four: Recordkeeping

- 4.1 The permittee shall cause operational records or logs to be maintained, including information respecting:
 - (a) tests conducted and the information to be collected as required by this permit;
 - (b) site inspections required by 2.5, maintenance work and any failure of treatment components;
 - (c) types, dosages and total amount of chemicals or other substances added to sewage;
 - (d) dates and volumes of sewage effluent discharges;
 - (e) locations from which samples for any tests are taken;
 - (f) the results of any tests conducted on the samples taken pursuant to 3.1; and
 - (g) records of public complaints including complaints over impacts from suspected seepage from the facility and/or complaints over impacts resulting from discharge practices.
- 4.2 The permittee shall cause the operational records or logs mentioned in 4.1 to be recorded and maintained in the following manner:
 - (a) operational records or logs must be made in chronological order, with the dates, times and testing locations

- clearly indicated;
 - (b) entries in an operational record or log must only be made by the permittee, which includes, by definition, any principal or agent of a permittee;
 - (c) any person making an entry in an operational record or log must do so in a manner that allows the person to be unambiguously identified as the maker of the entry;
 - (d) operational records or logs must be maintained on a daily basis and retained for at least five years;
 - (e) any anomalies or instances of missing entries in an operational record or log must be accompanied by explanatory notes;
 - (f) operational records or logs must only contain data or information that is actually observed or produced;
 - (g) operational records or logs must not contain default values generated manually or by automated means; and
 - (h) operational records or logs maintained pursuant to clause (d) must be made available promptly on request of the Water Security Agency.
- 4.3 The permittee shall review the records and logs mentioned in 4.1 on an annual basis to ensure that the operating parameters are being achieved;
- 4.4 The permittee shall report the findings to the minister as soon as is reasonably practicable after each review required by 4.3, should the review of the records and logs indicate that the operating parameters have not been achieved.

Section Five: Reporting

- 5.1 The permittee shall submit the results of water sampling analyses performed in accordance with this permit to the Science and Licensing Division, within 7 days following completion of the sampling analyses.
- 5.2 The permittee shall direct the laboratory performing its water sampling analyses to submit the results within the timeframes mentioned in 5.1. The results must be provided directly to the Science and Licensing Division, in a format compatible with the EPB 383 Water Security Agency and Ministry of Environment - Environmental Management System (SEEMS) Lab-Operator (LAB-OPR) Data File Format, in addition to submitting the written results to the permittee.
- 5.3 The permittee shall report to the minister any known or anticipated upset condition, bypass condition or events at or affecting the sewage works that could adversely affect the quality of effluent produced by the sewage works.
- 5.4 The permittee shall immediately report to the minister any instance where:
- (a) effluent disinfection equipment fails;
 - (b) the level of effluent disinfection identified in Appendix B is not achieved or is not anticipated to be achieved;
 - (c) any other parameter level identified in Appendix B is not achieved or is not anticipated to be achieved; and
 - (d) there is a retirement, suspension, resignation, scheduled absence or termination of employment of any certified sewage works collection or sewage works treatment operator, or any anticipated retirement, suspension, resignation or termination that results in the sewage works not being under the direction of a certified operator.
- 5.5 The permittee shall instruct its employees, agents and contractors performing work or service in relation to the sewage works of their obligation, under section 13(2) of the *Regulations*, to report to the minister any instance described in 5.4 and any known or anticipated upset condition, bypass condition or events at or affecting a sewage works that could adversely affect the quality of effluent discharged into the environment.
- 5.6 The permittee shall, as soon as reasonably practical, report any of the events mentioned in 5.3 or 5.4 to the minister.

Section Six: Inspection

- 6.1 An environment officer may enter the sewage works at any time to conduct an inspection to ensure that the permittee is complying with this permit, the *Act* or the *Regulations*.
- 6.2 Upon the request of an environment officer, the permittee shall immediately provide any books, records, logs, graphs, papers, documents, or data, including any computer, digital or electronic records, logs, graphs, files or data maintained with respect to the sewage works.

Section Seven: General

- 7.1 A copy of this permit shall be posted in a conspicuous place at the sewage works or administration office.
- 7.2 The permittee shall provide each operator of the sewage works with a copy of this permit and the *Regulations*.
- 7.3 The minister may cancel, alter or suspend this permit for the reasons and in the manner set out in the *Act*.
- 7.4 The permittee shall apply for renewal/alteration of this permit at least 60 days prior to its expiry.
- 7.5 In the event of any inconsistency between a previously issued Permit to Operate a Sewage Works, and the terms and conditions of this Permit to Operate a Sewage Works, the terms and conditions of this permit prevail.
- 7.6 This permit does not replace or supersede any approvals, licenses or authorizations that may be required due to municipal, provincial or federal legislation. The permittee shall maintain in force any and all such approvals, licenses or authorizations that may be required.
- 7.7 Where any notice or reporting is required to be given by the permittee, it shall be provided to:

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100-111 Fairford Street East
Moose Jaw SK S6H 7X9
Telephone: 306.630.3683
Fax: 306.694.3105
Email: WSAEPOMOOSEJAW@wsask.ca

After hours, weekends and holidays, the Water Security Agency can be contacted by calling the Upset Report Line at 1.844.536.9494.