## Large On-Site Wastewater Treatment and Disposal Systems Treatment System Operation Permit Application

Applicant: Allen Harim Foods, LLC

Facility: Allen Harim Harbeson Poultry Processing Facility

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Groundwater Discharges Section, Division of Water Delaware Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control



### Overview

- The facility is a poultry processing facility which operates an on-site wastewater treatment system
- Wastewater treatment system consists of screening, grit removal, dissolved air flotation device, anoxic biological nutrient removal (BNR) basins, aeration cells, flocculation tank, clarifiers, and a chlorination/dechlorination contact tank
- Diversion of off-spec wastewater to on-site lagoons is incorporated into the treatment train for storage and retreatment
- Treated effluent pumped to Artesian Northern Sussex Regional Water Recharge Facility (ANSRWRF)







## Influent Limitations

- Daily average influent flow from Allen Harim Harbeson Facility shall not exceed 2.0 MGD
- Maximum influent flow from the Pinnacle Processing facility shall not exceed 40,000 GPD
- Maximum influent flow from the Dagsboro Hatchery facility shall not exceed 40,000 GPD



## **Effluent Limitations**

- Average effluent flow from Allen Harim Harbeson Facility treatment system transferred to ANSRWRF shall not exceed 1.5 MGD averaged over a 7-day period and shall not exceed a peak daily flow of 2.0 MGD
- Total Nitrogen (as N) concentration shall not exceed 30 mg/l daily average
- Total Nitrogen (as N) concentration shall not exceed 45 mg/l daily maximum
- The total residual chlorine concentration shall not be less than 1.0 mg/L nor more than 4.0 mg/L at any time
- Fecal coliform concentration shall not exceed 20 col/100 ml at any time



## **Effluent Limitations**

- The pH shall not be less than **5.5** standard units nor greater than **9.0** standard units at any time
- Turbidity concentration shall not exceed 5 NTU at any time
- BOD daily average concentration shall not exceed 10 mg/l
- TSS daily average concentration shall not exceed 10 mg/l
- Chloride concentration of the effluent shall not exceed
  250 mg/L on an average annual basis
- Sodium concentration of the effluent shall not exceed
  210 mg/L on an average annual basis



## Influent and Effluent Monitoring Requirements

	Unit	Monitoring	Sample Type	
Parameter	Measurement	Frequency	Influent	Effluent
Flow	Gallons Per Day	Continuous	Recorded	Recorded
BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	2 x Month	Grab	Composite
TSS	mg/L	2 x Month	Grab	Composite
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Quarterly	NA	Grab
Fecal Coliform	Col/100 ml	Quarterly	NA	Grab
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	1 x Week	Grab	Composite
Ammonia Nitrogen	mg/L	Monthly	Grab	Composite
Nitrate/Nitrite as Nitrogen	mg/L	Monthly	Grab	Composite
рН	S.U.	3 x per week	Grab	Composite
Total Phosphorus	mg/L	Monthly	Grab	Composite
Chloride	mg/L	Quarterly	Grab	Composite
Turbidity	NTU	Continuous	N/A	Recorded
Total Residual Chlorine	mg/L	Continuous	N/A	Recorded
Potassium	mg/L	Quarterly	N/A	Composite
Sodium	mg/L	Quarterly	N/A	Composite



# Monitoring: Process Control Testing and Diversion Indicators

Parameter	Unit Measurement	Monitoring	Sample Type	
		Frequency	Effluent	
*BOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	1 x Week	Grab	
COD	mg/L	5 x Week	Grab	
Nitrate	mg/L	Daily	Composite & Grab	
Total Nitrogen	mg/L	Daily	Composite & Grab	
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	5 x Week	Grab	

\* After 1 year the BOD<sub>5</sub> testing monitoring frequency shall be 2 times per month

Wastewater that fails to meet the operating criteria established in the Operation & Maintenance Manual shall be automatically diverted into designated areas established for diversion storage



# **Monitoring: Four Monitoring Wells**

Parameter	Unit Measurement	Monitoring Frequency	Sample Type
рН	S.U.	Quarterly	Field Test
Temperature	°F	Quarterly	Field Test
Specific Conductance	µS/cm	Quarterly	Field Test
Dissolved Oxygen	mg/L	Quarterly	Field Test
Depth to Water Table	Hundredth of a foot	Quarterly	Field Test
Ammonia Nitrogen	mg/L	Quarterly	Grab
Nitrate + Nitrite Nitrogen	mg/L	Quarterly	Grab
Total Nitrogen	g/L	Quarterly	Grab
Total Coliforms	Col/100 ml	Quarterly	Grab
Fecal Coliform	Col/100 ml	Quarterly	Grab
Total Phosphorus	mg/L	Quarterly	Grab
Sodium	mg/L	Quarterly	Grab
Chloride	mg/L	Quarterly	Grab
Total Dissolved Solids	mg/L	Quarterly	Grab



## Key Permit Requirements

- Compliance with effluent limits
- Diversion of off-spec wastewater for temporary storage and additional treatment
- Monitoring and Reporting Used to evaluate wastewater treatment efficiency and determine compliance with permit conditions
- Facility regularly inspected by the Department



## Key Permit Requirements

- Requirement to retain the services of a Delaware certified wastewater treatment plant operator
- Old Lagoon Cleanout Requirements
- Proper Sludge disposal
- Implementation and maintenance of a storm water plan to control runoff
- Application for a permit renewal

