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RE: Docket No. 080247-SU; Utilities, Inc. of Eagle Ridge's Application for Increase in Wastewater Rates in Lee County, Florida  
Our File No.: 30057.158

Dear Ms. Cole:

Enclosed for filing in the above-referenced docket is the recently renewed wastewater treatment plant Operating Permit for the Utility's Eagle Ridge plant.

Should you have any questions regarding this filing, please do not hesitate to give me a call.

Very truly yours,



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cc: Mr. Richard Redemann, Division of Economic Regulation (w/enclosures) (via e-mail)  
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## STATE OF FLORIDA DOMESTIC WASTEWATER FACILITY PERMIT

**PERMITTEE:**

Utilities, Inc. of Eagle Ridge

**RESPONSIBLE AUTHORITY:**

Mr. Patrick C. Flynn  
Regional Director  
200 Weathersfield Ave  
Altamonte Springs, FL 32714  
(407) 869-1919

**PERMIT NUMBER:**

FLA014498

**PA FILE NUMBER:**

FLA014498-005-DW2P

**ISSUANCE DATE:**

September 11, 2008

**EXPIRATION DATE:**

September 10, 2013

**REVISION DATE:**

October 9, 2008

**FACILITY:**

Eagle Ridge WWTP  
14668 Aeries Way  
Fort Myers, FL 33912  
Lee County  
Latitude: 26° 29' 34" N    Longitude: 81° 50' 45" W

This permit is issued under the provisions of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and applicable rules of the Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). The above named permittee is hereby authorized to operate the facilities shown on the application and other documents attached hereto or on file with the Department and made a part hereof and specifically described as follows:

**TREATMENT FACILITIES:**

Operate an existing 0.318 million gallons per day, three month average daily flow (MGD, TMADF) extended aeration process domestic wastewater treatment plant consisting of two manual bar screens, flow equalization (total volume 92,700 gallons), grit removal chamber, four aeration tanks (total volume 255,180 gallons), dual clarifiers (total area 597.30 square feet), two filters, three chlorine contact chambers (total volume 20,760 gallons) and two aerobic digesters (total volume of 112,200 gallons).

**REUSE:**

**Land Application:** An existing 0.443 MGD, TMADF permitted capacity slow-rate public access (R-001) consisting of a spray irrigation system servicing a 90 acre golf course (Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club).

**IN ACCORDANCE WITH:** The limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth in Pages 1 through 17 of this permit.

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**I. RECLAIMED WATER AND EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS**

**A. Reuse and Land Application Systems**

1. During the period beginning on the issuance date and lasting through the expiration date of this permit, the permittee is authorized to direct reclaimed water to Reuse System R-001. Such reclaimed water shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below and reported in accordance with condition I.B.10:

Parameter	Units	Max/Min	Reclaimed Water Limitations				Monitoring Requirements			
			Annual Average	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Single Sample	Monitoring Frequency	Sample Type	Monitoring Location Site Number	Notes
BOD, Carbonaceous 5 day, 20C	MG/L	Maximum	20.0	30.0	45.0	60.0	Every Two Weeks	8-hour flow proportioned composite	EFA-1	
pH	SU	Range	-	-	-	6.0 to 8.5	5 Days/Week	Grab	EFA-1	See Cond.I.A.3
Coliform, Fecal	#/100ML	Maximum	See Permit Condition I.A.4.				4 Days/Week	Grab	EFA-1	
Total Residual Chlorine (For Disinfection)	MG/L	Minimum	-	-	-	1.0	Continuous	Meter	EFA-1	See Cond.I.A.5
Solids, Total Suspended	MG/L	Maximum	-	-	-	5.0	4 Days/Week	Grab	EFA-1	
Turbidity	NTU	Maximum	See Permit Condition I.A.6.				Continuous	Meter	EFA-1	
Total Cryptosporidium	OOCYSTS/100 L	Maximum	-	-	-	Report	Every Five Years	Grab	EFA-1	
Total Giardia	CYSTS/100 L	Maximum	-	-	-	Report	Every Five Years	Grab	EFA-1	

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2. Reclaimed water samples shall be taken at the monitoring site locations listed in Permit Condition I. A. 1. and as described below:

<b>Monitoring Location Site Number</b>	<b>Description of Monitoring Location</b>
EFA-1	After chlorination and prior to discharge to the storage pond
EFB-1	After filtration and prior to chlorination

3. Over a 30-day period, at least 75 percent of the fecal coliform values shall be below the detection limits. No sample shall exceed 25 fecal coliforms per 100 mL. No sample shall exceed 5.0 mg/L of total suspended solids (TSS) at a point before the application of the disinfectant. Note: To report the “% less than detection,” count the number of fecal coliform observations that were less than detection, divide by the total number of fecal coliform observations in the month, and multiply by 100% (round to the nearest integer). [62-600.440(5)(f)]
4. The minimum total chlorine residual shall be limited as described in the approved operating protocol, such that the permit limitation for fecal coliform bacteria will be achieved. In no case shall the total chlorine residual be less than 1.0 mg/L. [62-600.440(5)(b); 62-610.460(2); and 62-610.463(2)]
5. The maximum turbidity shall be limited as described in the approved operating protocol, such that the permit limitations for total suspended solids and fecal coliforms will be achieved. [62-610.463(2)]

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**B. Other Limitations and Monitoring and Reporting Requirements**

1. During the period beginning on the issuance date and lasting through the expiration date of this permit, the treatment facility shall be limited and monitored by the permittee as specified below and reported in accordance with condition I.B.10:

Parameter	Units	Max/Min	Limitations				Monitoring Requirements				Notes
			Annual Average	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Single Sample	Monitoring Frequency	Sample Type	Monitoring Location Site Number		
Flow (Three Month Average Daily Flow)	MGD	Maximum	-	0.318 (TMADF)	-	-	5 Days/Week	Recording flow meters and totalizers	FLW-1	See Cond.I.B.3, 5	
Flow	MGD	Maximum	-	Report	-	Report	Daily	Meter	FLW-2	See Cond.I.B.3, 5	
Flow	MGD	Maximum	-	Report	-	Report	Daily	Meter	FLW-3	See Cond.I.B.3, 5	
Flow	MGD	Maximum	-	Report	-	Report	Daily	Meter	FLW-4	See Cond.I.B.3, 5	
Water Level Relative to MSL	FEET	Maximum	-	Report	-	Report	Daily	Calculated	OTH-1		
Water Level Relative to MSL	FEET	Maximum	-	Report	-	Report	Daily	Calculated	OTH-2		
BOD, Carbonaceous 5 day, 20C	MG/L	Maximum	-	Report	-	-	Every Two Weeks	8-hour flow proportioned composite	INF-1	See Cond.I.B.4	
Solids, Total Suspended	MG/L	Maximum	-	Report	-	-	Every Two Weeks	8-hour flow proportioned composite	INF-1	See Cond.I.B.4	
Percent Capacity, (TMADF/Permitted Capacity) x 100	PERCENT	Maximum	-	Report	-	-	Monthly	Calculated	CAL-1		

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2. Samples shall be taken at the monitoring site locations listed in Permit Condition I. B. 1 and as described below:

Monitoring Location Site Number	Description of Monitoring Location
CAL-1	Calculated percent (%) of flow. Percent capacity (TMADF/Permitted Capacity) x 100
FLW-1	Influent flow meter located after the master lift station and before the equalization basin
FLW-2	Flow meter located on the reuse water line to reuse or reject storage ponds (Estimated from the number of hours reuse water sent to REUSE storage pond per day)
FLW-3	Flow meter that measures the total flow of reuse and supplemental waters to the golf course for irrigation (meter at golf course irrigation pump station).
FLW-4	Flow meter located on the reuse water line to reuse or reject storage ponds (Estimated from the number of hours reclaimed water went to the REJECT storage pond).
INF-1	Influent sample point located in the influent feed line before any side stream mixing
OTH-1	Staff gauge located in REJECT storage pond
OTH-2	Staff gauge located in REUSE storage pond

3. The three-month average daily flow to the treatment plant shall not exceed 0.318 MGD.
4. Influent samples shall be collected so that they do not contain digester supernatant or return activated sludge, or any other plant process recycled waters. *[62-601.500(4)]*
5. Meter shall be utilized to measure flow and calibrated at least annually. *[62-601.200(17) and .500(6)]*
6. The treatment facilities shall be operated in accordance with all approved operating protocols. Only reclaimed water that meets the criteria established in the approved operating protocol(s) may be released to system storage or to the reuse system. Reclaimed water that fails to meet the criteria in the approved operating protocol(s) shall be directed to the reject storage pond. The operating protocol(s) shall be reviewed and updated periodically to ensure continuous compliance with the minimum treatment and disinfection requirements. Updated operating protocols shall be submitted to the Department for review and approval upon revision of the operating protocol(s) and with each permit application. *[62-610.320(6) and 62-610.463(2)]*
7. Instruments for continuous on-line monitoring of total residual chlorine and turbidity shall be equipped with an automated data logging or recording device. *[62-610.463(2) & .865(8)(d)]*
8. Parameters which must be monitored as a result of a surface water discharge shall be analyzed using a sufficiently sensitive method to assure compliance with applicable water quality standards and effluent limitations in accordance with 40 CFR (Code of Federal Regulations) Part 136. All monitoring shall be representative of the monitored activity. *[62-620.320(6)]*
9. The permittee shall provide safe access points for obtaining representative influent, reclaimed water, and effluent samples which are required by this permit. *[62-601.500(5)]*
10. Monitoring requirements under this permit are effective on the first day of the second month following permit issuance. Until such time, the permittee shall continue to monitor and report in accordance with previously effective permit requirements, if any. During the period of operation authorized by this permit, the permittee shall complete and submit to the Department's South District Office Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) in accordance with the frequencies specified by the REPORT type (i.e., monthly, toxicity, quarterly, semiannual, annual, etc.) indicated on the DMR forms attached to this permit. Monitoring results for each monitoring period shall be submitted in accordance with the associated DMR due dates below.

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REPORT Type	Monitoring Period	Due Date
Monthly or Toxicity	First day of month – last day of month	28 <sup>th</sup> day of following month
Quarterly	January 1 - March 31 April 1 – June 30 July 1 – September 30 October 1 – December 31	April 28 July 28 October 28 January 28
Semiannual	January 1 – June 30 July 1 – December 31	July 28 January 28
Annual	January 1 – December 31	January 28

DMRs shall be submitted for each required monitoring period including months of no discharge. The permittee shall make copies of the attached DMR form(s) and shall submit the completed DMR form(s) to the Department's South District Office at the address specified in Permit Condition I.B. 14 by the twenty-eighth (28th) of the month following the month of operation.

*[62-620.610(18)][62-601.300(1), (2), and (3)]*

11. During the period of operation authorized by this permit, reclaimed water or effluent shall be monitored annually for the primary and secondary drinking water standards contained in Chapter 62-550, F.A.C., (except for turbidity, total coliforms, color, and corrosivity). Twenty-four hour composite samples shall be used to analyze reclaimed water or effluent for the primary and secondary drinking water standards. These monitoring results shall be reported to the Department annually on the Reclaimed Water or Effluent Analysis Report, Form 62-620.910(15), or in another format if requested by the permittee and if approved by the Department as being compatible with data entry into the Department's computer system. During years when a permit is not renewed, a certification stating that no new non-domestic wastewater dischargers have been added to the collection system since the last reclaimed water or effluent analysis was conducted may be submitted in lieu of the report. The annual reclaimed water or effluent analysis report or the certification shall be completed and submitted in a timely manner so as to be received by the Department by January 1 of each year. *[62-601.300(4)][62-601.500(3)]*
12. The permittee shall submit an Annual Reuse Report using DEP Form 62-610.300(4)(a)2. on or before January 1 of each year. *[62-610.870(3)]*
13. The permittee shall maintain an inventory of storage systems. The inventory shall be submitted to the Department at least 30 days before reclaimed water will be introduced into any new storage system. The inventory of storage systems shall be attached to the annual submittal of the Annual Reuse Report. *[62-610.464(5)]*
14. Unless specified otherwise in this permit, all reports and other information required by this permit, including 24-hour notifications, shall be submitted to or reported to, as appropriate, the Department's South District Office at the address specified below:

South District Office  
 Department of Environmental Protection  
 P.O. Box 2549  
 Ft. Myers, Florida 33902-2549

Phone Number - (239) 332-6975  
 FAX Number - (239) 332-6969

All FAX copies shall be followed by original copies. All reports and other information shall be signed in accordance with the requirements of Rule 62-620.305, F.A.C. *[62-620.305]*

## II. RESIDUALS MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS

1. The method of residuals use or disposal by this facility is transport to or disposal in a Class I or II solid waste landfill.

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2. The permittee shall be responsible for proper treatment, management, use, and land application or disposal of its residuals. *[62-640.300(5)]*
3. The permittee shall not be held responsible for treatment, management, use, or land application violations that occur after its residuals have been accepted by a permitted residuals management facility with which the source facility has an agreement in accordance with Rule 62-640.880(1)(c), F.A.C., for further treatment, management, use or land application. *[62-640.300(5)]*
4. Disposal of residuals, septage, and other solids in a solid waste landfill, or disposal by placement on land for purposes other than soil conditioning or fertilization, such as at a monofill, surface impoundment, waste pile, or dedicated site, shall be in accordance with Chapter 62-701, F.A.C. *[62-640.100(6)(k)3 & 4]*
5. If the permittee intends to accept residuals from other facilities, a permit revision is required pursuant to Rule 62-640.880(2)(d), F.A.C. *[62-640.880(2)(d)]*
6. The permittee shall keep hauling records to track the transport of residuals between facilities. The hauling records shall contain the following information:

Source Facility

1. Date and Time Shipped
2. Amount of Residuals Shipped
3. Degree of Treatment (if applicable)
4. Name and ID Number of Residuals Management Facility or Treatment Facility
5. Signature of Responsible Party at Source Facility
6. Signature of Hauler and Name of Hauling Firm

Residuals Management Facility or Treatment Facility

1. Date and Time Received
2. Amount of Residuals Received
3. Name and ID Number of Source Facility
4. Signature of Hauler
5. Signature of Responsible Party at Residuals Management Facility or Treatment Facility

These records shall be kept for five years and shall be made available for inspection upon request by the Department. A copy of the hauling records information maintained by the source facility shall be provided upon delivery of the residuals to the residuals management facility or treatment facility. The permittee shall report to the Department within 24 hours of discovery any discrepancy in the quantity of residuals leaving the source facility and arriving at the residuals management facility or treatment facility. *[62-640.880(4)]*

7. Storage of residuals or other solids at the permitted facility shall require prior written notification to the Department. *[62-640.300(4)]*

### III. GROUND WATER REQUIREMENTS

#### Construction Requirements

1. The permittee shall give at least 72-hours notice to the Department's South District Office, prior to the installation of any monitoring wells detailed in this permit. *[62-4.070]*
2. Prior to construction of new ground water monitoring wells, a soil boring shall be made at each new monitoring well location in order to establish the well depth and screen interval. *[62-522.900(3)]*
3. Within 30 days after installation of a new monitoring well, the permittee shall submit to the Department's South District Office detailed information on the well's location and construction on the attached DEP Form(s) 62-522.900(3), Monitor Well Completion Report. *[62-522.600]*

#### Operational Requirements

4. For the Part III Public Access system, all ground water quality criteria specified in Chapter 62-520, F.A.C., shall be met at the edge of the zone of discharge. For major users of reclaimed water (i.e., using 0.1 MGD or more), the zone of discharge shall extend horizontally 100 feet from the application site or to user's site property line, whichever is less, and vertically to the base of the shallow water table aquifer. For other users, the zone of discharge shall extend horizontally to the boundary of the general service area identified in the attached map and vertically to the base of the surficial aquifer. *[62-520.200(23)] [62-522.400 and 62-522.410]*



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5. The ground water minimum criteria specified in Rule 62-520.400 F.A.C., shall be met within the zone of discharge. [62-520.400 and 62-520.420(4)]
6. During the period of operation authorized by this permit, the permittee shall sample ground water in accordance with this permit and the approved ground water monitoring plan prepared in accordance with Rule 62-522.600, F.A.C. [62-522.600][62-610.463, ]
7. The following monitoring wells shall be sampled in accordance with the monitoring frequencies specified in Permit Condition III.8. for Reuse System R-001. Quarterly sampling must be reasonably spaced to be representative of potentially changing conditions.

Monitoring Well ID	Alternate Well Name and/or Description of Monitoring Location	Depth (Feet)	Aquifer Monitored	New or Existing
MWB-21349	ER-1 Background Well.	15.0	Surficial	Existing
MWI-21348	ER-2 Intermediate Well	15.0	Surficial	Existing
MWC-21347	ER-3 Compliance Well	15.0	Surficial	Existing
MWC-46691	ER-4 Site Boundary Well	15.0	Surficial	Existing

[62-522.600][62-610.463]

MWB = Background; MWI = Intermediate; MWC = Compliance

8. The following parameters shall be analyzed for each of the monitoring well(s) identified in Permit Condition(s) III. 7:

Parameter	Compliance Well Limit	Units	Sample Type	Monitoring Frequency
Water Level Relative to NGVD	Report	FEET	In-situ	Quarterly
Nitrogen, Nitrate, Total (as N)	10	MG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Solids, Total Dissolved (TDS)	500	MG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Arsenic, Total Recoverable	50	UG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Chloride (as Cl)	250	MG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Cadmium, Total Recoverable	5	UG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Chromium, Total Recoverable	100	UG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Lead, Total Recoverable	15	UG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Coliform, Fecal	4	#/100ML	Grab	Quarterly
pH	6.5 to 8.5	SU	In-situ	Quarterly
Sulfate, Total	250	MG/L	Grab	Quarterly
Turbidity	Report	NTU	Grab	Quarterly

[62-522.600(11)(b)] [62-601.300(3), 62-601.700, and Figure 3 of 62-601][62-601.300(6)] [62-520.300(9)]

9. If the concentration for any constituent listed in Permit Condition III. 8. in the natural background quality of the ground water is greater than the stated maximum, or in the case of pH is also less than the minimum, the representative natural background quality shall be the prevailing standard. [62-520.420(2)]
10. In accordance with Part D of Form 62-620.910(10), water levels shall be recorded before evacuating wells for sample collection. Elevation references shall include the top of the well casing and land surface at each well site (NGVD allowable) at a precision of plus or minus 0.1 foot. [62-610.463(3)(a), ]
11. Ground water monitoring wells shall be purged prior to sampling to obtain representative samples. [62-601.700(5)]
12. Analyses shall be conducted on unfiltered samples, unless filtered samples have been approved by the Department's South District Office as being more representative of ground water conditions. [62-520.300(9)]
13. Ground water monitoring parameters shall be analyzed in accordance with Chapter 62-601, F.A.C. [62-620.610(18)]

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14. Ground water monitoring test results shall be submitted on Part D of Form 62-620.910(10). For reuse or land application projects, results shall be submitted with the DMR for each month listed in the following schedule. The submitted results shall be for each year during the period of operation allowed by this permit in accordance with Permit Condition I.B.10. [62-522.600(10) and (11)(b)] [62-601.300(3), 62.601.700, and Figure 3 of 62-601] [62-620.610(18)]

SAMPLE PERIOD	REPORT DUE DATE
January - March	April 28
April - June	July 28
July - September	October 28
October - December	January 28

15. If any monitoring well becomes damaged or cannot be sampled for some reason, the permittee shall notify the Department's South District Office immediately and a written report shall follow within seven days detailing the circumstances and remedial measures taken or proposed. Repair or replacement of monitoring wells shall be approved in advance by the Department's South District Office. [62-522.600][62-4.070(3)]
16. All piezometers and monitoring wells not part of the approved ground water monitoring plan are to be plugged and abandoned in accordance with Rule 62-532.500(4), F.A.C., unless there is intent for their future use. [62-532.500(4)]

**IV. ADDITIONAL REUSE AND LAND APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

**Part III Public Access System(s) (R-001)**

1. This reuse system includes the following major users (i.e., using 0.1 MGD or more of reclaimed water):

User Name	User Type	Capacity(MGD)	Acreage
Eagle Ridge Golf and Country Club	Golf Courses	0.443	90

[62-610.800(5)][62-620.630(10)(b)]

2. Cross-connections to the potable water system are prohibited. [62-610.469(7)]
3. A cross-connection control program shall be implemented and/or remain in effect within the areas where reclaimed water will be provided for use. [62-610.469(7)]
4. The permittee shall conduct inspections within the reclaimed water service area to verify proper connections, to minimize illegal cross-connections, and to verify the proper use of reclaimed water. Inspections are required when a customer first connects to the reuse distribution system. Subsequent inspections are required as specified in the cross-connection control and inspection program. [62-610.469(7)(h)]
5. If a cross-connection between the potable and reclaimed water systems is discovered, the permittee shall:
- Immediately discontinue potable water and/or reclaimed water service to the affected area.
  - If the potable water system is contaminated, clear the potable water lines.
  - Eliminate the cross-connection.
  - Test the affected area for other possible cross-connections.
  - Within 24 hours, notify the South District Office's domestic wastewater and drinking water programs, and the Lee County Health Department's drinking water program.
  - Within 5 days of discovery of a cross-connection, submit a written report to the Department detailing: a description of the cross-connection, how the cross-connection was discovered, the exact date and time of discovery, approximate time that the cross-connection existed, the location, the cause, steps taken to

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eliminate the cross-connection, whether reclaimed water was consumed, and reports of possible illness, whether the drinking water system was contaminated and the steps taken to clear the drinking water system, when the cross-connection was eliminated, plan of action for testing for other possible cross-connections in the area, and an evaluation of the cross-connection control and inspection program to ensure that future cross-connections do not occur. *[62-555.350(3) and 62-555.360][62-620.610(20)]*

6. Maximum obtainable separation of reclaimed water lines and potable water lines shall be provided and the minimum separation distances specified in Rule 62-610.469(7), F.A.C., shall be provided. Reuse facilities shall be color coded or marked. Underground piping which is not manufactured of metal or concrete shall be color coded using Pantone Purple 522C using light stable colorants. Underground metal and concrete pipe shall be color coded or marked using purple as the predominant color. *[62-610.469(7)]*
7. In constructing reclaimed water distribution piping, the permittee shall maintain a 75-foot setback distance from a reclaimed water transmission facility to public water supply wells. No setback distances are required to other potable water supply wells or to any nonpotable water supply wells. *[62-610.471(3)]*
8. A setback distance of 75 feet shall be maintained between the edge of the wetted area and potable water supply wells, unless the utility adopts and enforces an ordinance prohibiting potable water supply wells within the reuse service area. No setback distances are required to any nonpotable water supply well, to any surface water, to any developed areas, or to any private swimming pools, hot tubs, spas, saunas, picnic tables, barbecue pits, or barbecue grills. *[62-610.471(1), (2), (5), and (7)]*
9. Reclaimed water shall not be used to fill swimming pools, hot tubs, or wading pools. *[62-610.469(4)]*
10. Low trajectory nozzles, or other means to minimize aerosol formation shall be used within 100 feet from outdoor public eating, drinking, or bathing facilities. *[62-610.471(6)]*
11. A setback distance of 100 feet shall be maintained from indoor aesthetic features using reclaimed water to adjacent indoor public eating and drinking facilities. *[62-610.471(8)]*
12. The public shall be notified of the use of reclaimed water. This shall be accomplished by posting of advisory signs in areas where reuse is practiced, notes on scorecards, or other methods. *[62-610.468(2)]*
13. All new advisory signs and labels on vaults, service boxes, or compartments that house hose bibbs along with all labels on hose bibbs, valves, and outlets shall bear the words "do not drink" and "no beber" along with the equivalent standard international symbol. In addition to the words "do not drink" and "no beber," advisory signs posted at storage ponds and decorative water features shall also bear the words "do not swim" and "no nadar" along with the equivalent standard international symbols. Existing advisory signs and labels shall be retrofitted, modified, or replaced in order to comply with the revised wording requirements. For existing advisory signs and labels this retrofit, modification, or replacement shall occur within 365 days after the date of this permit. For labels on existing vaults, service boxes, or compartments housing hose bibbs this retrofit, modification, or replacement shall occur within 730 days after the date of this permit. *[62-610.468 & 62-610.469]*
14. The permittee shall ensure that users of reclaimed water are informed about the origin, nature, and characteristics of reclaimed water; the manner in which reclaimed water can be safely used; and limitations on the use of reclaimed water. Notification is required at the time of initial connection to the reclaimed water distribution system and annually after the reuse system is placed into operation. A description of on-going public notification activities shall be included in the Annual Reuse Report. *[62-610.468(6)]*
15. Routine aquatic weed control and regular maintenance of storage pond embankments and access areas are required. *[62-610.414 & 62-610.464]*
16. Overflows from emergency discharge facilities on storage ponds shall be reported as an abnormal event to the Department's South District Office within 24 hours of an occurrence. The provisions of Rule 62-610.800(9), F.A.C., shall be met. *[62-610.800(9)]*

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17. Reclaimed water shall only be released to the system storage or reuse system during periods of operator attendance in compliance with the approved operating protocol. *[62-610.462(2)]*

## V. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

1. During the period of operation authorized by this permit, the wastewater facilities shall be operated under the supervision of a(n) operator(s) certified in accordance with Chapter 62-602, F.A.C. In accordance with Chapter 62-699, F.A.C., this facility is a Category III, Class C facility and, at a minimum, operators with appropriate certification must be on the site as follows:

A Class C or higher operator 6 hours/day for 7 days/week. The lead operator must be a Class C, or higher.

*[62-620.630(3)] [62-699.310] [62-610.462]*

2. An operator meeting the lead operator classification level of the plant shall be available during all periods of plant operation. "Available" means able to be contacted as needed to initiate the appropriate action in a timely manner. *[62-699.311(1)]*
3. The application to renew this permit shall include an updated capacity analysis report prepared in accordance with Rule 62-600.405, F.A.C. *[62-600.405(5)]*
4. The application to renew this permit shall include a detailed operation and maintenance performance report prepared in accordance with Rule 62-600.735, F.A.C. *[62-600.735(1)]*
5. The permittee shall maintain the following records and make them available for inspection on the site of the permitted facility:
  - a. Records of all compliance monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation and a copy of the laboratory certification showing the certification number of the laboratory, for at least three years from the date the sample or measurement was taken;
  - b. Copies of all reports required by the permit for at least three years from the date the report was prepared;
  - c. Records of all data, including reports and documents, used to complete the application for the permit for at least three years from the date the application was filed;
  - d. Monitoring information, including a copy of the laboratory certification showing the laboratory certification number, related to the residuals use and disposal activities for the time period set forth in Chapter 62-640, F.A.C., for at least three years from the date of sampling or measurement;
  - e. A copy of the current permit;
  - f. A copy of the current operation and maintenance manual as required by Chapter 62-600, F.A.C.;
  - g. A copy of the facility record drawings;
  - h. Copies of the licenses of the current certified operators; and
  - i. Copies of the logs and schedules showing plant operations and equipment maintenance for three years from the date of the logs or schedules. The logs shall, at a minimum, include identification of the plant; the signature and certification number of the operator(s) and the signature of the person(s) making any entries; date and time in and out; specific operation and maintenance activities; tests performed and samples taken; and major repairs made. The logs shall be maintained on-site in a location accessible to 24-hour inspection, protected from weather damage, and current to the last operation and maintenance performed.

*[62-620.350]*

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**VI. SCHEDULES**

- As stated in the Operations and Maintenance Performance Report submitted with the application, the following improvement actions shall be completed according to the following schedule:

Improvement Action		Completion Date
1	Repair rusted areas on North process tank, air headers, and air lines	90 days from permit issuance
2	Repair liner on reject storage pond and remove excess sand from the bottom	90 days from permit issuance

*[62-600.735(1)]*

**VII. INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS**

This facility is not required to have a pretreatment program at this time. *[62-625.500]*

**VIII. OTHER SPECIFIC CONDITIONS**

- The permittee shall apply for renewal of this permit at least 180 days before the expiration date of the permit using the appropriate forms listed in Rule 62-620.910, F.A.C., including submittal of the appropriate processing fee set forth in Rule 62-4.050, F.A.C. The existing permit shall not expire until the Department has taken final action on the application renewal in accordance with the provisions of 62-620.335(3) and (4), F.A.C. *[62-620.335(1)-(4)]*
- Florida water quality criteria and standards shall not be violated as a result of any discharge or land application of reclaimed water or residuals from this facility. *[62-610.850(1)(a) and (2)(a)]*
- In the event that the treatment facilities or equipment no longer function as intended, are no longer safe in terms of public health and safety, or odor, noise, aerosol drift, or lighting adversely affects neighboring developed areas at the levels prohibited by Rule 62-600.400(2)(a), F.A.C., corrective action (which may include additional maintenance or modifications of the permitted facilities) shall be taken by the permittee. Other corrective action may be required to ensure compliance with rules of the Department. Additionally, the treatment, management, use or land application of residuals shall not cause a violation of the odor prohibition in Rule 62-296.320(2), F.A.C. *[62-600.410(8) and 62-640.400(6)]*
- The deliberate introduction of stormwater in any amount into collection/transmission systems designed solely for the introduction (and conveyance) of domestic/industrial wastewater; or the deliberate introduction of stormwater into collection/transmission systems designed for the introduction or conveyance of combinations of storm and domestic/industrial wastewater in amounts which may reduce the efficiency of pollutant removal by the treatment plant is prohibited, except as provided by Rule 62-610.472, F.A.C. *[62-604.130(3)]*
- Collection/transmission system overflows shall be reported to the Department in accordance with Permit Condition IX. 20. *[62-604.550] [62-620.610(20)]*
- The operating authority of a collection/transmission system and the permittee of a treatment plant are prohibited from accepting connections of wastewater discharges which have not received necessary pretreatment or which contain materials or pollutants (other than normal domestic wastewater constituents):
  - Which may cause fire or explosion hazards; or
  - Which may cause excessive corrosion or other deterioration of wastewater facilities due to chemical action or pH levels; or
  - Which are solid or viscous and obstruct flow or otherwise interfere with wastewater facility operations or treatment; or
  - Which result in the wastewater temperature at the introduction of the treatment plant exceeding 40°C or otherwise inhibiting treatment; or
  - Which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes that may cause worker health or safety problems.

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*[62-604.130(5)]*

7. The treatment facility, storage ponds, rapid infiltration basins, and/or infiltration trenches shall be enclosed with a fence or otherwise provided with features to discourage the entry of animals and unauthorized persons. *[62-600.400(2)(b)]*
8. Screenings and grit removed from the wastewater facilities shall be collected in suitable containers and hauled to a Department approved Class I landfill or to a landfill approved by the Department for receipt/disposal of screenings and grit. *[62-701.300(1)(a)]*
9. The Permittee shall provide verbal notice to the Department as soon as practical after discovery of a sinkhole within an area for the management or application of wastewater, wastewater residuals (sludges), or reclaimed water. The Permittee shall immediately implement measures appropriate to control the entry of contaminants, and shall detail these measures to the Department in a written report within 7 days of the sinkhole discovery. *[62-4.070(3)]*
10. The permittee shall provide adequate notice to the Department of the following:
  - a. Any new introduction of pollutants into the facility from an industrial discharger which would be subject to Chapter 403, F.S., and the requirements of Chapter 62-620, F.A.C. if it were directly discharging those pollutants; and
  - b. Any substantial change in the volume or character of pollutants being introduced into that facility by a source which was identified in the permit application and known to be discharging at the time the permit was issued.Adequate notice shall include information on the quality and quantity of effluent introduced into the facility and any anticipated impact of the change on the quantity or quality of effluent or reclaimed water to be discharged from the facility.

*[62-620.625(2)]*

## **IX. GENERAL CONDITIONS**

1. The terms, conditions, requirements, limitations and restrictions set forth in this permit are binding and enforceable pursuant to Chapter 403, Florida Statutes. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of Chapter 403, Florida Statutes, and is grounds for enforcement action, permit termination, permit revocation and reissuance, or permit revision. *[62-620.610(1)]*
2. This permit is valid only for the specific processes and operations applied for and indicated in the approved drawings or exhibits. Any unauthorized deviations from the approved drawings, exhibits, specifications or conditions of this permit constitutes grounds for revocation and enforcement action by the Department. *[62-620.610(2)]*
3. As provided in subsection 403.087(7), F.S., the issuance of this permit does not convey any vested rights or any exclusive privileges. Neither does it authorize any injury to public or private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor authorize any infringement of federal, state, or local laws or regulations. This permit is not a waiver of or approval of any other Department permit or authorization that may be required for other aspects of the total project which are not addressed in this permit. *[62-620.610(3)]*
4. This permit conveys no title to land or water, does not constitute state recognition or acknowledgment of title, and does not constitute authority for the use of submerged lands unless herein provided and the necessary title or leasehold interests have been obtained from the State. Only the Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund may express State opinion as to title. *[62-620.610(4)]*
5. This permit does not relieve the permittee from liability and penalties for harm or injury to human health or welfare, animal or plant life, or property caused by the construction or operation of this permitted source; nor does it allow the permittee to cause pollution in contravention of Florida Statutes and Department rules, unless specifically authorized by an order from the Department. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge, reuse of reclaimed water, or residuals use or disposal in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment. It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit. *[62-620.610(5)]*

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6. If the permittee wishes to continue an activity regulated by this permit after its expiration date, the permittee shall apply for and obtain a new permit. *[62-620.610(6)]*
7. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain the facility and systems of treatment and control, and related appurtenances, that are installed and used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. This provision includes the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems when necessary to maintain or achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit. *[62-620.610(7)]*
8. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit revision, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition. *[62-620.610(8)]*
9. The permittee, by accepting this permit, specifically agrees to allow authorized Department personnel, including an authorized representative of the Department and authorized EPA personnel, when applicable, upon presentation of credentials or other documents as may be required by law, and at reasonable times, depending upon the nature of the concern being investigated, to:
  - a. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility, system, or activity is located or conducted, or where records shall be kept under the conditions of this permit;
  - b. Have access to and copy any records that shall be kept under the conditions of this permit;
  - c. Inspect the facilities, equipment, practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
  - d. Sample or monitor any substances or parameters at any location necessary to assure compliance with this permit or Department rules.*[62-620.610(9)]*
10. In accepting this permit, the permittee understands and agrees that all records, notes, monitoring data, and other information relating to the construction or operation of this permitted source which are submitted to the Department may be used by the Department as evidence in any enforcement case involving the permitted source arising under the Florida Statutes or Department rules, except as such use is proscribed by Section 403.111, Florida Statutes, or Rule 62-620.302, Florida Administrative Code. Such evidence shall only be used to the extent that it is consistent with the Florida Rules of Civil Procedure and applicable evidentiary rules. *[62-620.610(10)]*
11. When requested by the Department, the permittee shall within a reasonable time provide any information required by law which is needed to determine whether there is cause for revising, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with the permit. The permittee shall also provide to the Department upon request copies of records required by this permit to be kept. If the permittee becomes aware of relevant facts that were not submitted or were incorrect in the permit application or in any report to the Department, such facts or information shall be promptly submitted or corrections promptly reported to the Department. *[62-620.610(11)]*
12. Unless specifically stated otherwise in Department rules, the permittee, in accepting this permit, agrees to comply with changes in Department rules and Florida Statutes after a reasonable time for compliance; provided, however, the permittee does not waive any other rights granted by Florida Statutes or Department rules. A reasonable time for compliance with a new or amended surface water quality standard, other than those standards addressed in Rule 62-302.500, F.A.C., shall include a reasonable time to obtain or be denied a mixing zone for the new or amended standard. *[62-620.610(12)]*
13. The permittee, in accepting this permit, agrees to pay the applicable regulatory program and surveillance fee in accordance with Rule 62-4.052, F.A.C. *[62-620.610(13)]*
14. This permit is transferable only upon Department approval in accordance with Rule 62-620.340, F.A.C. The permittee shall be liable for any noncompliance of the permitted activity until the transfer is approved by the Department. *[62-620.610(14)]*
15. The permittee shall give the Department written notice at least 60 days before inactivation or abandonment of a wastewater facility and shall specify what steps will be taken to safeguard public health and safety during and following inactivation or abandonment. *[62-620.610(15)]*

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16. The permittee shall apply for a revision to the Department permit in accordance with Rules 62-620.300 and the Department of Environmental Protection Guide to Wastewater Permitting at least 90 days before construction of any planned substantial modifications to the permitted facility is to commence or with Rule 62-620.325(2) for minor modifications to the permitted facility. A revised permit shall be obtained before construction begins except as provided in Rule 62-620.300, F.A.C. [62-620.610(16)]
17. The permittee shall give advance notice to the Department of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements. The permittee shall be responsible for any and all damages which may result from the changes and may be subject to enforcement action by the Department for penalties or revocation of this permit. The notice shall include the following information:
  - a. A description of the anticipated noncompliance;
  - b. The period of the anticipated noncompliance, including dates and times; and
  - c. Steps being taken to prevent future occurrence of the noncompliance.[62-620.610(17)]
18. Sampling and monitoring data shall be collected and analyzed in accordance with Rule 62-4.246, Chapters 62-160 and 62-601, F.A.C., and 40 CFR 136, as appropriate.
  - a. Monitoring results shall be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit and shall be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR), DEP Form 62-620.910(10), or as specified elsewhere in the permit.
  - b. If the permittee monitors any contaminant more frequently than required by the permit, using Department approved test procedures, the results of this monitoring shall be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR.
  - c. Calculations for all limitations which require averaging of measurements shall use an arithmetic mean unless otherwise specified in this permit.
  - d. Except as specifically provided in Rule 62-160.300, F.A.C., any laboratory test required by this permit shall be performed by a laboratory that has been certified by the Department of Health Environmental Laboratory Certification Program (DOH ELCP). Such certification shall be for the matrix, test method and analyte(s) being measured to comply with this permit. For domestic wastewater facilities, testing for parameters listed in Rule 62-160.300(4), F.A.C., shall be conducted under the direction of a certified operator.
  - e. Field activities including on-site tests and sample collection shall follow the applicable standard operating procedures described in DEP-SOP-001/01 adopted by reference in Chapter 62-160, F.A.C.
  - f. Alternate field procedures and laboratory methods may be used where they have been approved in accordance with Rules 62-160.220 and 62-160.330, F.A.C.[62-620.610(18)]
19. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule detailed elsewhere in this permit shall be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date. [62-620.610(19)]
20. The permittee shall report to the Department any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment. Any information shall be provided orally within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. A written submission shall also be provided within five days of the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances. The written submission shall contain: a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance including exact dates and time, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance.
  - a. The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this condition:
    1. Any unanticipated bypass which causes any reclaimed water or effluent to exceed any permit limitation or results in an unpermitted discharge,
    2. Any upset which causes any reclaimed water or the effluent to exceed any limitation in the permit,



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3. Violation of a maximum daily discharge limitation for any of the pollutants specifically listed in the permit for such notice, and
  4. Any unauthorized discharge to surface or ground waters.
- b. Oral reports as required by this subsection shall be provided as follows:
1. For unauthorized releases or spills of treated or untreated wastewater reported pursuant to subparagraph a.4 that are in excess of 1,000 gallons per incident, or where information indicates that public health or the environment will be endangered, oral reports shall be provided to the Department by calling the STATE WARNING POINT TOLL FREE NUMBER (800) 320-0519, as soon as practical, but no later than 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the discharge. The permittee, to the extent known, shall provide the following information to the State Warning Point:
    - a) Name, address, and telephone number of person reporting;
    - b) Name, address, and telephone number of permittee or responsible person for the discharge;
    - c) Date and time of the discharge and status of discharge (ongoing or ceased);
    - d) Characteristics of the wastewater spilled or released (untreated or treated, industrial or domestic wastewater);
    - e) Estimated amount of the discharge;
    - f) Location or address of the discharge;
    - g) Source and cause of the discharge;
    - h) Whether the discharge was contained on-site, and cleanup actions taken to date;
    - i) Description of area affected by the discharge, including name of water body affected, if any; and
    - j) Other persons or agencies contacted.
  2. Oral reports, not otherwise required to be provided pursuant to subparagraph b.1 above, shall be provided to the Department within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances.
- c. If the oral report has been received within 24 hours, the noncompliance has been corrected, and the noncompliance did not endanger health or the environment, the Department shall waive the written report.

*[62-620.610(20)]*

21. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Permit Conditions IX. 17., 18. and 19. of this permit at the time monitoring reports are submitted. This report shall contain the same information required by Permit Condition IX. 20 of this permit. *[62-620.610(21)]*

22. Bypass Provisions.

- a. Bypass is prohibited, and the Department may take enforcement action against a permittee for bypass, unless the permittee affirmatively demonstrates that:
  1. Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage; and
  2. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
  3. The permittee submitted notices as required under Permit Condition IX. 22. b. of this permit.
- b. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice to the Department, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass within 24 hours of learning about the bypass as required in Permit Condition IX. 20. of this permit. A notice shall include a

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description of the bypass and its cause; the period of the bypass, including exact dates and times; if the bypass has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the bypass.

- c. The Department shall approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effect, if the permittee demonstrates that it will meet the three conditions listed in Permit Condition IX. 22. a. 1. through 3. of this permit.
- d. A permittee may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause reclaimed water or effluent limitations to be exceeded if it is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of Permit Condition IX. 22. a. through c. of this permit.

[62-620.610(22)]

### 23. Upset Provisions

- a. A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset shall demonstrate, through properly signed contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
  - 1. An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
  - 2. The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
  - 3. The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required in Permit Condition IX. 20. of this permit; and
  - 4. The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Permit Condition IX. 5. of this permit.
- b. In any enforcement proceeding, the burden of proof for establishing the occurrence of an upset rests with the permittee.
- c. Before an enforcement proceeding is instituted, no representation made during the Department review of a claim that noncompliance was caused by an upset is final agency action subject to judicial review.

[62-620.610(23)]

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