

# **INDUSTRIAL PRETREATMENT PERMIT**

Ames Permit #	1234-56
Date of Issuance	07/24/2015
Date of Expiration	07/31/2020
Permit Type	Non-Significant

#### Name and Mailing Address of Permittee

#### Identity of Physical Location of Discharge

Acme Publishing 123 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ames, IA 50010 Acme Publishing 123 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ames, IA 50010

This permit is issued pursuant to the authority of Chapter 28 of the Ames Municipal Code. Permittee is hereby authorized to discharge wastewater from the Facility identified above provided said discharge meets all quality and quantity limitations and Permittee complies with all other conditions, including monitoring, reporting, and other terms as set forth in this Permit and the City of Ames Pretreatment Program. Any existing permit or discharge authorization previously issued by the City of Ames for this Facility is hereby revoked by the issuance of this Permit. This Permit may not be assigned or transferred by the Permittee unless authorized in writing by the City.

If you wish to appeal or challenge any condition imposed in this permit, a request for modification or reconsideration shall be filed with the Director of the Water and Pollution Control Department at the address shown below within 30 days of receipt of this permit. If no request for modification or reconsideration is received within this period, the Permittee shall be deemed to have waived the right to challenge the terms of this permit.

Failure to meet the standards and requirements of this permit and the pretreatment program may result in a municipal infraction punishable by a penalty of up to \$1,000 for the first and each subsequent violation. Each occurrence of prohibited discharge is a violation.

FOR THE AMES WATER AND POLLUTION CONTROL DEPARTMENT

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John R. Dunn, PE, Director

# **DISCHARGE LIMITATIONS**

Permittee is prohibited from discharging any pollutants more frequently or in excess of the limitations specified below.

Wastewater Parameter	Units	Maximum
рН	Standard Units	6.0 to 10.0
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	mg/L	1,600
Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	mg/L	225
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	mg/L	280
Oil & Grease	mg/L	300
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	mg/L	1,800
COD	mg/L	2,700
Mercury	mg/L	0.01
Molybdenum	mg/L	0.29
Acetone	mg/L	14.9

Additionally, Permittee shall comply with all general prohibitions for waste disposal found in Sections 28.306, 28.307, and 28.308 of the Ames Municipal Code.

- A. "Maximum" means the total discharge by mass, volume, or concentration which cannot be exceeded during any 24-hour period. Compliance shall be determined by 24-hour composite sampling except for those parameters (such as pH, temperature, etc.) where individual grab samples or continuous monitoring are specified in the <u>Monitoring and Reporting Requirements</u>.
- B. pH Limitations under continuous monitoring. A Permittee that continuously measures the pH of its wastewater discharged to the sanitary sewer pursuant to a requirement in a permit issued by the City shall maintain the pH of such wastewater within a range of 6.0 to 10.0 standard units (s.u.), except excursions from the range are permitted subject to the following limitations:
  - a. The total time during which the pH values are outside a range of 6.0 to 10.0 s.u. shall not exceed 20 minutes in any single calendar day.
  - b. The total time during which the pH values are outside a range of 5.0 to 11.0 but not outside a range of 4.0 to 12.0 s.u. shall not exceed five (5) minutes in any single day.

- c. No such excursion, whether alone or in combination with any other discharge, shall result in or contribute to any operational upset at the Water Pollution Control Facility. Operational upset is defined as an influent characteristic that requires the Facility to alter its normal operational procedures; or that results in a violation of the Facility's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.
- d. For the purposes of pH limitations, an excursion is an unintentional and temporary incident in which the pH value of discharged wastewater exceeds the range set forth above.
- e. The Ames Water Pollution Control Facility is not designed to routinely accept wastes with a pH below 6.0. Allowing such excursions is intended to be consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR 403.5 and 567 IAC 62.1(8)(f), and is only intended to relieve Permitee from receiving a Notice of Violation for such *de minimus,* infrequent, and minor excursions as do not result in an operational upset at the Water Pollution Control Facility, and from momentary excursions as may be reasonably expected to occur from time to time as a non-representative artifact of the monitoring equipment.

## MONITORING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

#### **Description of Monitoring Location**

Wastewater sampling at Acme Publishing's outfall shall be conducted at the facility's sampling and metering manhole located north of the southwest corner of 123 5<sup>th</sup> Street.



# City Monitoring Requirements

Sampling and analysis shown in the table below will be performed by the City of Ames. Permittee will be responsible for paying the actual cost of such sampling and analysis, and will be invoiced by the City of Ames.

Parameter	Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	Each sample & monthly	Wastewater meter & reported by facility
рН	Each sample	Grab
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Once/6 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	Once/6 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	Once/6 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
Oil & Grease	Once/6 months	Grab
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	Once/6 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite

Permittee may request splits of any samples collected by the City of Ames by providing such request in writing in advance of the date the City initiates such sampling.

Parameter	Frequency	Sample Type
Flow	Each sample & monthly	Wastewater Flow meter
рН	Each Sample	Grab
Total Suspended Solids (TSS)	Once/3 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
Ammonia (NH <sub>3</sub> )	Once/3 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN)	Once/3 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
CBOD <sub>5</sub>	Once/3 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
COD	Once/3 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite
Molybdenum	Once/6 months	24-hr flow-proportional composite

#### Self Monitoring Requirements

- A. Samples and measurements taken shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored wastewater. All samples shall be taken at the monitoring point(s) described in this permit. All equipment used for sampling and analysis must be routinely calibrated, inspected, and maintained to ensure their accuracy. Monitoring points shall not be changed without the prior approval of the City.
- B. Analytical and sampling methods specified in 40 CFR Part 136 or other methods approved in writing by the Water and Pollution Control Department shall be utilized.
- C. Permittee is required to report all data including calculated results needed to determine compliance with the limitations contained in this permit. The results of any monitoring not specified in this permit performed at the compliance monitoring point and analyzed according to 40 CFR Part 136 shall be included in the calculation and reporting of any data submitted in accordance with this permit. This includes limitations expressed as concentration (such as milligrams per liter) and mass (such as pounds per day) limits. Where required, flow data shall be reported in gallons per day.
- D. Results of all monitoring shall be submitted to the Ames Water and Pollution Control Department within 10 days of receipt of the results by Permittee.
- E. Any records of monitoring activities and results shall include for all samples: the date, exact place and time of the sampling; the dates the analyses were performed; who performed the analyses; the analytical techniques or methods used; and the results of such analyses.
- F. Composite samples shall be 24-hour flow-proportional, except on a case-by-case basis with documented cause and approval from the Ames Water and Pollution Control Department.

- G. All equipment used for monitoring, sampling, and analysis must be routinely calibrated, inspected and maintained, at Permittee's expense, to ensure their accuracy and proper operation, at all times.
- H. If applicable, "continuous flow measurement" shall mean the electronic collection and recording of flow rates no less frequently than every five minutes. The wastewater flow meter shall be calibrated, at a minimum, annually to ensure accurate flow measurement either through effluent flume flow depth measurement verification or flow balance calculations.
- I. If applicable, "continuous pH measurement" shall mean the electronic collection and recording of pH levels no less frequently than once every five minutes. The pH meter shall be calibrated, at a minimum, once per week to ensure accurate pH measurements in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended calibration procedures.

All self-monitoring results shall be submitted to the City of Ames at the following address.

Ames Water and Pollution Control Department c/o Environmental Specialist 300 E 5<sup>th</sup> Street Ames, IA 50010

J. In the event that sampling performed by Permittee indicates a violation of a discharge limitation, Permittee shall notify the City within 24 hours of becoming aware of the violation. The Permittee shall also repeat the sampling and analysis within 30 days of becoming aware of the original violation of a discharge limitation unless the City performs sampling at the facility between the time the Permittee performs its initial sampling and the time when Permittee receives the results of its initial sampling.

# **SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

### Slug Discharge/Spill Control Plan

Pursuant to federal regulations (40 CFR 403.8(f)(2)(vi)), the Permittee is required to prepare and implement a Slug Discharge/Spill Control Plan, sometimes referred to as a Spill Prevention Control and Counter-measures (SPCC) Plan. A slug discharge/spill is any discharge to the sanitary sewer system of a non-routine, episodic nature, including but not limited to an accidental spill or a non-customary batch discharge, which has a reasonable potential to cause interference, pass-through, or otherwise inhibit any wastewater treatment or biosolids disposal process, create a toxic or nuisance condition in the POTW or receiving stream, or cause a violation of local, state or federal regulations. Permittee shall abide by the Slug Discharge/Spill Control Plan at all times. The Slug Discharge/Spill Control Plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements.

- A. Effective date of the Plan.
- B. Description of discharge practices, including non-routine batch discharges. Description of stored chemicals
- C. Procedures for immediately notifying the City of Ames Water Pollution Control Facility (515-232-7423) of slug discharges, including any discharge that would violate a prohibition under section 403.5(b) of the Code of Federal Regulations, as amended, with procedures for follow-up written notification within five days;
- D. Procedures to prevent adverse impact from accidental spills, including inspection and maintenance of storage areas, handling and transfer of materials, loading and unloading operations, control of plant site run-off, worker training, building of containment structures or equipment, measures for containing toxic pollutants (including solvents), and/or measures and equipment of emergency response.

### Flow Measurements

If flow measurement is required by this permit, the appropriate flow measurement devices and methods consistent with approved scientific practices shall be selected and used to ensure the accuracy and reliability of measurements of the volume of monitored discharges. The devices shall be installed, calibrated, and maintained by the Permittee to ensure that the accuracy of the measurements are consistent with the accepted capability of that type of device. Devices selected shall be capable of measuring flows with a maximum deviation of less than 10 percent from true discharge rates throughout the range of expected discharge volumes.

## Monitoring Equipment

When required by the City to provide dedicated sampling equipment, the Permittee shall be required to maintain such equipment in good repair and in operable condition at all times. At a minimum, such equipment shall be capable of collecting a representative composite sample. It shall be capable of being paced by a flow meter provided by Permittee. It shall be capable of being securely locked or otherwise provide tamper-evidence when sealed by City staff.

Permittee shall either a.) provide the manufacturer and model specified by City staff, or b.) provide simplified operating instructions that detail all necessary steps to prepare and operate the equipment in a manner consistent with the requirements of this permit.

### Compliance Schedule

The Permittee is not currently under a compliance schedule.

#### **Best Management Practices**

The use of Best Management Practices (BMPs) in lieu of numeric permit limits shall not apply.

### Industrial User Category

The City has determined that the Permittee's discharges pose moderate threat to the POTW and does not require monitoring as a Significant or Categorical Industrial User. However due to the Permittee's wastewater discharges being non-domestic in nature, the City has classified the facility as a **Non-Significant Industrial User**.

### Other Conditions

No other conditions not already spelled out in this document shall apply.

## STANDARD CONDITIONS

### <u>Definitions</u>

The term "City" refers to the Director of Water and Pollution Control Department of the City of Ames, or their duly authorized representative.

The term "Permittee" refers to the legal entity that owns and/or operates the permitted facility, or their duly authorized representative.

Other terms and definitions are as contained in Chapter 28, Division III of the Ames Municipal Code, current edition.

### Duty to Comply

Permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation and is grounds for enforcement action; permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or denial of a permit renewal application. Issuance of this permit does not relieve Permittee of the responsibility to comply with all local, state and federal laws, ordinances, regulations or other legal requirements applying to the operation of Permittee's facility.

### Duty to Provide Information

Permittee must furnish to the City, within a reasonable time, any information requested that is necessary to determine compliance with this permit or determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, in accordance with 567 IAC 64.3(11)(c). Permittee must also furnish to the City, upon request, copies of any records required to be kept by this permit.

### Duty to Mitigate

Permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely impacting the operation of the Water Pollution Control Facility, or affecting human health or the environment.

### Duty to Halt or Reduce Activity

Upon reduction of efficiency of operation, or loss or failure of all or part of its pretreatment facilities, Permittee shall, to the extent necessary to maintain compliance with its permit, control its production or discharges (or both) until operation of the treatment facility is restored or an alternative method of treatment is provided. This requirement applies, for example, when the primary source of power of the treatment facility fails or is reduced. 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.

Providing advance notice to the City of anticipated noncompliance with this permit does not stay any permit condition, nor does it preclude the City from taking enforcement action for noncompliance.

# Transfer of Title or Owner Change of Address

If title to Permittee's facility, or any part of it, is transferred, the new owner shall become subject to this permit. Permittee is required to notify the new owner of the requirements of this permit in writing prior to any transfer of title. The City shall be notified in writing at least 30 days prior to the transfer; and the notification shall state the exact date that the transfer shall be effective.. No transfer of the authorization to discharge from the facility represented by the permit shall take place prior to notifying the department of the transfer of title. Whenever the address of the owner is changed, the City shall be notified in writing within 30 days of the address change. Electronic notification is not sufficient; all title transfers or address changes must be reported to the department by mail.

### Proper Operation and Maintenance

All facilities and control systems shall be operated as efficiently as possible and maintained in good working order. Proper operation and maintenance includes but is not limited to: effective performance, adequate funding, adequate staffing, and adequate laboratory and process controls. A sufficient number of staff, adequately trained and knowledgeable in the operation of Permittee's facility shall be retained at all times and adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures shall be provided to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

# Permit Modification, Suspension, or Revocation

This permit may be modified, suspended, or revoked and reissued for cause.

- a.) This permit may be modified for cause, to include but not be limited to, the following.
  - i. To incorporate and new or revised Federal, State, or local pretreatment standard or requirement
  - ii. Material or substantial alterations or additions to Permittee's operation process or discharge volume or character which were not considered in drafting the effective permit
  - iii. A change in any condition, either by the Permittee or the City of Ames, that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge
  - iv. Violation of any terms or condition of the permit

- v. Misrepresentation or failure to disclose fully all relevant facts in the permit application or in any required reporting
- vi. Revision to, or granting of, any variance from categorical standards
- vii. Modification or revision of the City's NPDES discharge permit that would change the required pretreatment discharge limits
- viii. Changes to the City of Ames Pretreatment Program that are appropriately adopted by the Ames City Council
- ix. To correct typographical or other errors in the permit
- x. Information indicating that the permitted discharge poses a threat to the City of Ames collection and treatment systems, employees, or receiving waters; violations of this permit
- xi. To reflect transfer of the facility ownership and or operation to a new owner/operator
- xii. Upon request of the permittee, provided such request does not create a violation of any applicable requirements, standards, laws, or rules and regulations.
- b.) This permit may be terminated for the following reasons.
  - i. Falsifying self-monitoring reports
  - ii. Tampering with monitoring equipment
  - iii. Refusing to allow timely access to the facility premises and records
  - iv. Failure to meet discharge limitations
  - v. Failure to pay fines, fees, or sewer use charges
  - vi. Failure to meet compliance schedules
- c.) If a toxic pollutant is present in Permittee's discharge and new or more stringent standards for toxic pollutants are established under Section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act, this permit may be modified in accordance with the new standards.
- d.) In the event that a modification to this permit shall require Permittee to install or modify any pretreatment system to comply with the new permit, Permittee will be notified of the new permit discharge limitation(s) and shall be granted a reasonable schedule of time within which to comply with the new limitations. The City has the right to enforce, by means of terminating service, a compliance schedule for the installation of any pretreatment facilities needed to meet the requirements of this permit.
- e.) Notwithstanding any other remedy, the City may seek injunctive relief for noncompliance by Permittee with any provision of this permit. Additionally, after notice of non-compliance to the Permittee and opportunity for hearing held by the City Manager and affirmed by the City Council, the City may undertake measures to effectively halt or prevent any unpermitted discharge to the sanitary sewer system.

# Falsifying Information

Knowingly making any false statement on any report or other document required by this permit or knowingly rendering any monitoring device or method inaccurate is a crime and may result in the imposition of criminal sanctions and/or civil penalties.

### Continuation of Expired Permits

An expired permit will continue to be effective and enforceable until the permit is reissued by the City or notification has been provided by the City that the permit will not be reissued.

### Property Rights

The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any violation of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.

### **Dilution Not Permitted**

Permittee shall not increase the use of potable or process water or, in any way, attempt to dilute its discharge as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with the limitations contained in this permit or otherwise required by Chapter 28 Division III of the Ames Municipal Code

#### Signatory Requirements

Applications, reports, or other information submitted to the City in connection with this permit must be signed by an authorized representative of the facility and must contain a certification statement attesting to the integrity of the information reported. An authorized representative includes one of the following.

- a.) A responsible corporate officer if Permittee is a corporation. A responsible corporate officer is defined as either of the following.
  - i. A president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function
  - ii. The manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided the manager is authorized to: make management decisions that govern the operation of the regulated facility; direct major capital investments; assure long-term compliance with environmental laws and regulations; ensure that complete and accurate information required by this permit is gathered and reported; and sign documents in accordance with corporate procedures.
- b.) A general partner of proprietor if Permittee is a partnership or sole proprietorship.
- c.) A duly authorized representative of the above-specified persons is such authorization is submitted in writing to the City.

The certification statement must read as follows.

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or

persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Permittee shall provide an updated written authorization form to the City within 10 days of a change in authorization.

### Twenty-four Hour Reporting

Permittee shall immediately report any discharge or release to the sanitary sewer system that may endanger human health or the environment, including, but not limited to, violations of this permit. Information shall be provided orally within twenty-four (24) hours from the time Permittee becomes aware of the circumstances by contacting the Pretreatment Coordinator during normal office hours at (515) 239-5150, or by contacting the operator on duty at the Water Pollution Control Facility at (515) 232-7423 outside of normal office hours.

A written submission that includes a description of noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance including exact dates and times, whether the noncompliance has been corrected or the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and the steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent a reoccurrence of the noncompliance must be provided within five (5) days of the occurrence.

### Planned Change

Permittee shall give notice to the Water and Pollution Control Department 180 days prior to any planned physical expansions, alterations, or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when facility expansions, production increases, or process modifications may result in new or increased discharges of pollutants (including pollutants that are not subject to a limitation in the current permit). If such discharges are anticipated to cause the facility to exceed the limitations contained in this permit, such notice shall include a request for a new permit.

# Record Keeping

Permittee shall retain for a minimum of three years all paper and electronic records of monitoring activities and results including all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation and calibration and maintenance records. Where a Best Management Practice is required in lieu of a discharge limitation, Permittee shall also retain documentation with those BMP's for a minimum period of three years. All such records shall be kept in a readily accessible manner. The City shall have the right to inspect and copy any such records.

In the event of enforcement or litigation activities brought by the City of Ames, any and all records that pertain to the subject of the action shall be retained and preserved by Permittee until all enforcement activities have concluded and all periods of limitation with respect to any and all appeals have expired.

Any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method, or otherwise provides false information required to be maintained and provided under this permit may be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 or by imprisonment for not more than two years, or both. See 40 CFR 122.41(j)(5)

# Use of Certified laboratories

Any and all analyses that are required to be submitted to the department as a result of this permit must be performed by a laboratory certified by the State of Iowa. Said certified laboratory shall perform all monitoring in accordance with 40 CFR Part 136. Routine, on-site monitoring for pH and temperature are excluded from this requirement.

# Inspection of Premises, Records, Equipment, Methods, and Discharges

Permittee shall permit guided access to authorized personnel to:

- a.) Enter upon the premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted or where records are kept under conditions of this permit.
- b.) Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit.
- c.) Inspect, at reasonable times, any facilities, equipment, practices or operations regulated or required under this permit.
- d.) Sample or monitor, at reasonable times, to assure compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act. This includes the set-up and use of monitoring equipment on such of the Permittee's premises as the City shall deem appropriate to ensure and confirm compliance with the requirements of this permit; including the discharge of unpermitted pollutants.
- e.) For compliance sampling and monitoring, the City shall not be required to give advance notice to permittee. Except in an emergency or when necessary in the event of possible legal or administrative action, such access will generally be during the normal operating hours of the facility.
- f.) For the review of monitoring records, and for inspecting facilities and equipment, the City will provide at least 48 hours notice. Such reviews and inspections will be performed during normal operating hours for the facility.
- g.) Authorized personnel includes duly authorized officers and employees of the City of Ames; and Iowa Department of Natural Resources staff and United States Environmental Protection Agency staff accompanied by City of Ames staff.

# **Confidential Information**

In accordance with 40 CFR Part 2, any information submitted to the City pursuant to this permit shall be considered public information and shall be made available to the public without further notice unless Permittee claims such information as being confidential. If such a claim is asserted and the City receives a request for such information, Permittee will be notified by the City. Permittee will then bear the burden to obtain an injunction to prevent the release of the information. Effluent data shall be available to the public without restriction.

### Annual Publication

A list of all industrial users which were subject to enforcement proceedings during the twelve (12) previous months shall be annually published by the City in the Ames Tribune. Accordingly, the permittee is apprised that noncompliance with this permit may lead to an enforcement action and may result in publication of its name in accordance with this section.

### Payment of Costs

Costs for the monitoring requirements of this program directly attributable to Permittee's operation shall be paid by the Permittee. This includes the cost of sample collection and analyses, including the payroll cost for sample collection activities; but it does not include payroll for supervisory or administrative staff involved in the program. This also includes the costs associated with failed sampling attempts that were caused by Permittee's sampling and/or monitoring equipment's failure to properly function, or by Permittee being out of production and failing to notify the City, or by other causes under the control of Permittee. Permittee will be billed in January and July for actual costs incurred by the City of Ames during the previous six months. All records and data used to determine actual costs shall be available for inspection by the Permittee. Such costs are different from and in addition such other charges, fees, or fines lawfully levied by the City of Ames for wastewater treatment.

# Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions

The Ames Municipal Code Chapter 28 Division III provides that any person who violates a permit condition or the requirements of Section 28.306 or 28.307 of the Municipal Code is subject to a civil penalty of up to \$1,000 for the first and each subsequent violation. The Director of the Water and Pollution Control Department has been designated to administer and enforce the provisions of Sec. 28.306 and 28.307, which shall include the authority to conduct related inspections, surveillance and monitoring; and to terminate city sewer service for non-compliance with the City Code. The permittee may also be subject to sanctions under State and/or Federal law.

# Use of Monitoring Data for High Strength Surcharge

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Section 28.304 of the Ames Municipal Code establishes a high strength surcharge for those users whose wastewater has a strength that is greater than normal domestic wastewater. Monitoring data collected as a condition of this permit may be utilized to determine and calculate a high strength surcharge consistent with the Ames Municipal Code.

### Submission of Other Information

Where Permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application or monitoring report, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or monitoring report, Permittee shall promptly submit such facts or information to the City.

### <u>Term of Permit</u>

The term of this permit shall not exceed five (5) years. Permittee may terminate this permit at any time by providing notice in writing to the City *and* by ceasing any and all discharge to the sanitary sewer system that would otherwise require a permit.

### <u>Severability</u>

The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision or application of any provision to any circumstance is found to be invalid by a court of law, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected by such finding.