

DOCKET NO. D-2009-024-4

DELAWARE RIVER BASIN COMMISSION

Discharge to a Tributary of Special Protection Waters

**Camp Lohikan
Wastewater Treatment Facility
Buckingham Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania**

PROCEEDINGS

This docket is issued in response to an application submitted to the Delaware River Basin Commission (DRBC or Commission) on April 14, 2026 (Application) to renew the approval of the docket holder's existing wastewater treatment facility (WTF) and its discharge. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (PADEP) issued Water Quality Management (WQM) Permit No. 6407401 for this WTF.

The application was reviewed for approval under Section 3.8 of the *Delaware River Basin Compact*. The Wayne County Planning Commission has been notified of pending action. A public hearing on this project was held by the DRBC on August 5, 2026.

A. DESCRIPTION

1. Purpose. The purpose of this docket is to renew the approval of the docket holder's existing 0.03 million gallons per day (mgd) wastewater treatment facility (WTF) and its land discharge via spray irrigation. The domestic wastewater treatment and land discharge system operates on a seasonal basis, with little to no flow occurring during the winter months when the camp is not in operation. The spray irrigation fields are monitored by five (5) groundwater monitoring wells located around the spray fields to evaluate potential impacts to groundwater quality.

2. Location. The docket holder's WTF is located just north of Camp Lohikan recreational camp, located on the north side of the intersection of Wallerville Road (T-601) and Kinneyville Road (T-603) in Buckingham Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. The WTF will continue to discharge in the drainage area to the section of the non-tidal Delaware River known as the Upper Delaware, which is classified as Special Protection Water (SPW).

The location of the WTF spray fields is as follows:

OUTFALL NO.	LATITUDE (N)	LONGITUDE (W)
Spray Area No. 1	41° 51' 27"	75° 18' 07"
Spray Area No. 2	41° 51' 33"	75° 18' 08"

3. **Area Served.** The docket holder's WTF will continue to serve the Camp Lohikan summer camp and recreational facility, located in Buckingham Township, Wayne County, Pennsylvania. For the purpose of defining the Area Served, the Type of Discharge and the Service Area sections from the docket holder's Application are incorporated herein by reference, to the extent consistent with all other conditions contained in Section C. DECISION of this docket.

4. **Design Criteria.** The docket holder's 0.03 mgd WTF utilizes an aerated lagoon treatment system, with chlorine contact disinfection. Treated effluent is discharged via land application to two (2) spray areas.

5. **Facilities.** The wastewater treatment facilities consist of sanitary flows that are collected at various septic tanks located throughout the system and conveyed to the two (2) pump stations located on the property. Influent flows are then conveyed from the pumps station and discharged to the aerated lagoon for temporary retention and biological treatment. Flows are then conveyed to the chlorine contact tank for disinfection and then land applied via the two (2) spray irrigation fields. Land application is alternated between the two (2) spray fields.

The existing WTF includes a generator installed capable of providing standby power.

The docket holder's WTF is not staffed 24 hours per day but has a remote alarm system installed that continuously monitors plant operations.

The docket holder has prepared and implemented an emergency management plan (EMP) for the existing WTF.

The project facilities are not located in the 100-year floodplain.

Wasted sludge will managed in accordance with the Water Quality Management Permit No. 6407401.

6. **Water Withdrawals.** The potable water supply in the project service area is provided onsite wells owned and operated by the docket holder. The withdrawal is operated at a withdrawal rate below the DRBC groundwater withdrawal review threshold and is not subject to Commission review and approval.

7. **Water Quality Management (WQM) Permit** WQM Permit No. 6407401 issued by the PADEP includes final effluent limitations for the project discharge to land. Effluent requirements for Camp Lohikan are based on a discharge rate of 0.03 mgd.

B. FINDINGS

The docket holder applied to renew approval of their existing 0.03 mgd WTF and its land discharge via spray irrigation.

1. Special Protection Waters

In 1992, the DRBC adopted SPW requirements, as part of the DRBC *Water Quality Regulations (WQR)*, designed to protect existing water quality in applicable areas of the Delaware River Basin. One hundred twenty miles of the Delaware River from Hancock, New York downstream to the Delaware Water Gap has been classified by the DRBC as SPW. This stretch includes the sections of the river federally designated as "Wild and Scenic" in 1978 -- the Upper Delaware Scenic and Recreational River and the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area - as well as an eight-mile reach between Milrift and Milford, Pennsylvania which is not federally designated. The SPW regulations apply to this 120-mile stretch of the river and its drainage area.

On July 16, 2008, the DRBC approved amendments to its *WQR* that provide increased protection for waters that the Commission classifies as SPW. The portion of the Delaware River and its tributaries within the boundary of the Lower Delaware River Management Plan Area was approved for SPW designation and clarity on definitions and terms were updated for the entire program.

The docket holder's WTF discharges to the drainage area to the Upper Delaware SPW. The docket holder's WWTP discharge is required to comply with the SPW requirements, as outlined in Article 3.10.3A.2. of the *WQR*.

Article 3.10.3A.2.e.1). and 2). of the Commission's *WQR* states that projects subject to review under Section 3.8 of the Compact that are located in the drainage area of SPW must submit for approval a Non-Point Source Pollution Control Plan (NPSPCP) that controls the new or increased non-point source loads generated within the portion of the docket holder's service area which is also located within the drainage area of SPW. The service area of the docket holder is located in the drainage area to the SPW. Since this project does not entail additional construction and/or expansion of facilities and service area and there are no new or increased non-point source loads associated with this approval, the NPSPCP requirement is not applicable at this time. Accordingly, Section C. DECISION condition C.1. has been included in this docket.

2. Other

The project as approved herein does not impair or conflict with the Comprehensive Plan.

The effluent limits in the Water Quality Management Permit meet or exceed Commission effluent quality requirements where applicable.

The project is designed to produce a discharge that meets the effluent requirements as set forth in the Commission's *Water Quality Regulations (WQR)*.

C. DECISION

Effective on the approval date for Docket No. D-2009-024-4 below, the project described in Docket No. D-2009-024-3 is removed to the extent that it is not included in Docket No. D-2009-024-4; Docket No. D-2009-024-3 is terminated and replaced by Docket No. D-2009-024-4; and the project and the appurtenant facilities as described in Section A of this docket are approved pursuant to Section 3.8 of the *Compact*, subject to the following conditions:

Other Conditions

1. Prior to allowing connections from any new service areas or any new developments, the docket holder shall either submit and have approved by the Executive Director of the DRBC a NPSPCP in accordance with Section 3.10.3.A.2.e. or receive written confirmation from the Executive Director of the DRBC that the new service area complies with a DRBC-approved NPSPCP.
2. Prior to the docket holder initiating any substantial alterations or additions to the existing WWTP as defined in Section 3.10.3A2.a.16) of the Commission's *WQR*, an application must be submitted and approved by the Commission. Such an application shall be submitted prior to final design to ensure that the Commission can provide the docket holder with draft effluent limitations for SPW specific parameters as guidance for design as to not require duplication of work or cause a substantial expenditure of public funds without Commission approval. The docket holder is encouraged to contact the Commission staff during the planning stages to identify the potential effluent limitations required to meet the no measurable change parameters under SPW.
3. Except as otherwise authorized by this docket, if the docket holder seeks relief from any limitation based upon a DRBC water quality standard or minimum treatment requirement, the docket holder shall apply for approval from the Executive Director or for a docket revision in accordance with Section 3.8 of the *Compact* and the *Rules of Practice and Procedure*.
4. The docket holder may request permission from the Executive Director to perform specific conductance monitoring in lieu of TDS monitoring. The request shall be made in writing and shall include information that supports the effluent specific correlation between TDS and specific conductance. Upon review, the Executive Director may modify the docket to allow specific conductance monitoring in lieu of TDS monitoring.
5. This approval shall expire on the expiration date set forth below unless prior thereto the docket holder has applied to the Commission to renew or extend this approval.

6. The docket holder is responsible for timely submittal to the DRBC of a docket renewal application on the appropriate application form including the appropriate docket application filing fee (see 18 C.F.R. 401.43) at least 6 months in advance of the docket expiration date set forth below. The docket holder will be subject to late filed renewal surcharges in the event of untimely submittal of its renewal application, whether DRBC issues a reminder notice in advance of the deadline or the docket holder receives such notice. If the docket holder has not applied to renew the docket or the DRBC is unable to reissue the docket before the expiration date below, the terms and conditions of the current docket will remain fully effective and enforceable pending the renewal of the docket.
7. The docket holder is permitted to treat and discharge wastewater as set forth in the Area Served Section of this docket, which incorporates by reference the Type of Discharge and Service Area sections of the docket holder's Application to the extent consistent with all other conditions of this section. Any expansion beyond that included in Section A.3. Area Served is subject to DRBC review and approval in accordance with Section 3.8 of the Compact.
8. In accordance with the Commission's regulations at 18 C.F.R. Part 440, the docket holder is prohibited from discharging wastewater from high volume hydraulic fracturing ("HVHF") or HVHF-related activities to waters or land within the Basin. Violation of this or any condition of this docket approval may result in enforcement, including the risk of financial penalties, pursuant to Section 14.17 of the Delaware River Basin Compact and Section 2.7.8 (18 CFR 401.98) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure.
9. The facility and operational records shall be available at all times for inspection by the DRBC.
10. The facility shall be operated at all times to comply with the requirements of the Commission's *WQR*.
11. If at any time the receiving treatment plant proves unable to produce an effluent that is consistent with the requirements of this docket approval, no further connections shall be permitted until the deficiency is remedied.
12. Nothing herein shall be construed to exempt the docket holder from obtaining all necessary permits and/or approvals from other State, Federal or local government agencies having jurisdiction over this project.
13. The docket holder shall discharge wastewater in such a manner as to avoid injury or damage to fish or wildlife and shall avoid any injury to public or private property.
14. No sewer service connections shall be made to newly constructed premises with plumbing fixtures and fittings that do not comply with water conservation performance standards contained in Resolution No. 88-2 (Revision 2).
15. The issuance of this docket approval shall not create any private or proprietary rights in the waters of the Basin, and the Commission reserves the right to amend, suspend or rescind the docket for cause, to ensure proper control, use and management of the water resources of the Basin.

16. The docket holder shall be subject to applicable DRBC regulatory program fees, in accordance with duly adopted DRBC resolutions and/or regulations (see 18 C.F.R. 401.43).
17. This approval is transferable by request to the DRBC Executive Director provided that the project purpose and area served approved by the Commission in this docket will not be materially altered because of the change in project ownership. The request shall be submitted on the appropriate form and be accompanied by the appropriate fee (see 18 C.F.R. 401.43).
18. The docket holder shall request a name change if the name of the entity to which this approval is issued changes its name. The request for name change shall be submitted on the appropriate form and be accompanied by the appropriate fee (see 18 C.F.R. 401.43).
19. The Executive Director may modify or suspend this approval or any condition thereof, or require mitigating measures pending additional review, if in the Executive Director's judgment such modification or suspension is required to protect the water resources of the Basin.
20. Any person who objects to a docket decision by the Commission may request a hearing in accordance with Article 6 of the *Rules of Practice and Procedure (RPP)*. In accordance with Section 15.1(p) of the *Delaware River Basin Compact*, cases and controversies arising under the *Compact* are reviewable in the United States district courts.

BY THE COMMISSION

APPROVAL DATE: September 2, 2026

EXPIRATION DATE: June 9, 2036