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National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
Permit Program

## PUBLIC NOTICE/FACT SHEET

of

Draft Reissued NPDES Permit to Discharge into Waters of the State

Public Notice/Fact Sheet Issued By:

Illinois EPA  
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Name and Address of Permittee:

Bismarck Community Unit School Dist 1  
P.O. Box 350  
Bismarck, Illinois 61814

Name and Address of Facility:

Bismarck Community Unit School Dist 1-STP  
Holloway Avenue (2750 North Road)  
Bismarck, Illinois 61814  
(Vermillion County)

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) has made a tentative determination to issue a NPDES Permit to discharge into the waters of the state and has prepared a draft Permit and associated fact sheet for the above named Permittee. The Public Notice period will begin and end on the dates indicated in the heading of this Public Notice/Fact Sheet. All comments on the draft Permit and requests for hearing must be received by the IEPA by U.S. Mail, carrier mail or hand delivered by the Public Notice Ending Date. Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the draft Permit to the IEPA at the above address. Commentors shall provide his or her name and address and the nature of the issues proposed to be raised and the evidence proposed to be presented with regards to those issues. Commentors may include a request for public hearing. Persons submitting comments and/or requests for public hearing shall also send a copy of such comments or requests to the Permit applicant. The NPDES Permit and notice numbers must appear on each comment page.

The application, engineer's review notes including load limit calculations, Public Notice/Fact Sheet, draft Permit, comments received, and other documents are available for inspection and may be copied at the IEPA between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday when scheduled by the interested person.

If written comments or requests indicate a significant degree of public interest in the draft Permit, the permitting authority may, at its discretion, hold a public hearing. Public notice will be given 45 days before any public hearing. Response to comments will be provided when the final Permit is issued. For further information, please call Surinder Tandon at 217/782-0610.

The following water quality and effluent standards and limitations were applied to the discharge:

Title 35: Environmental Protection, Subtitle C: Water Pollution, Chapter I: Pollution Control Board and the Clean Water Act were applied in determining the applicable standards, limitations and conditions contained in the draft Permit.

The applicant is engaged in treating domestic wastewater for the Bismarck Community Unit District 1.

The length of the Permit is approximately 5 years.

The main discharge number is 001. The seven day once in ten year low flow (7Q10) of the receiving stream, unnamed tributary to Painter Creek is 0 cfs.

The design average flow (DAF) for the facility is 0.0071 million gallons per day (MGD) and the design maximum flow (DMF) for the facility is 0.0280 MGD. Treatment consists of septic tanks, intermittent sand filtration, and discharge to surface water. Sludge treatment consists of sludge transport to other treatment facility.



This reissued Permit does not increase the facility's DAF, DMF, concentration limits, and/or load limits.

Pursuant to the waiver provisions authorized by 40 CFR § 123.24, this draft permit is within the class, type, and size for which the Regional Administrator, Region V, has waived his right to review, object, or comment on this draft permit action.

This Permit recognizes and continues the year-round disinfection exemption originally approved by the IEPA on April 11, 1991 and renewed on October 24, 2012 and included in past NPDES permit actions since that date. It is the IEPA's tentative decision that under Illinois Pollution Control Board regulations, the following reach of waterbody is not classified for primary contact use activities and is not subject to the fecal coliform water quality standard of 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.209.

This draft permit does not contain requirements for disinfection of the discharge from discharge numbers(s) 001. An unnamed tributary of Painter Creek from the facility discharge in Section 20, T21N, R11W, to its confluence with Painter Creek has been determined to be unsuited to support primary contact activities (swimming) due to physical, hydrologic or geographic configuration. Anyone knowing of primary contact activities occurring within this water segment is invited to submit comments to the IEPA. Comments should give the nature of the activities (i.e swimming, fishing, canoeing, etc.), the location and months of the year when these activities have been observed. The IEPA is also interested in obtaining information on the proximity of residential dwellings and the accessibility of the public to this water segment. Anyone with such information is asked to submit comments to the IEPA on this draft permit action. Instructions for submitting comments are contained earlier in this document.

Application is made for the existing discharge which is located in Vermillion County, Illinois. The following information identifies the discharge point, receiving stream and stream classifications:

<u>Discharge Number</u>	<u>Receiving Stream</u>	<u>Latitude</u>	<u>Longitude</u>	<u>Stream Classification</u>	<u>Integrity Rating</u>
001	Unnamed Tributary to Painter Creek	40° 15' 57" North	87° 37' 32" West	General Use	Not Rated

To assist you further in identifying the location of the discharge(s) please see the attached map.

The unnamed tributary of Painters Creek, tributary to waterbody segment, BPGB-01, is not listed on the 2020/2022 Illinois Integrated Water Quality Report and Section 303(d) List since it has not been assessed.

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The discharge(s) from the facility is (are) proposed to be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

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Discharge Number(s) and Name(s): 001 STP Outfall

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Load limits computed based on a design average flow (DAF) of 0.0071 MGD (design maximum flow (DMF) of 0.0280 MGD).

The effluent of the above discharge(s) shall be monitored and limited at all times as follows:

Parameter	LOAD LIMITS lbs/day DAF (DMF)*			CONCENTRATION LIMITS mg/L				
	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum	Monthly Average	Weekly Average	Daily Maximum	Regulation	
CBOD <sub>5</sub> **	0.59 (2.3)		1.2 (4.7)	10		20	35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102	
Suspended Solids**	0.71 (2.8)		1.4 (5.6)	12		24	35 IAC 304.120 40 CFR 133.102	
pH	Shall be in the range of 6 to 9 Standard Units							35 IAC 304.125
Fecal Coliform	Monitor and Report (May through October)							35 IAC 309.146
Chlorine Residual						0.05	35 IAC 302.208	
Ammonia Nitrogen (as N):								
March	0.09 (0.35)	0.23 (0.89)	0.31 (1.2)	1.5	3.8	5.3	35 IAC 355 and 35 IAC 302	
Apr, May, Sept, Oct.	0.09 (0.35)		0.18 (0.70)	1.5	NA	3.0		
June - August	0.06 (0.23)	0.15 (0.58)	0.18 (0.70)	1.0	2.5	3.0		
November-February	0.12 (0.49)		0.28 (1.1)	2.1	NA	4.7		
Dissolved Oxygen				Monthly Avg. not less than	Weekly Avg. not less than	Daily Minimum		
March-July				NA	6.0	5.0	35 IAC 302.206	
August-February				5.5	4.0	3.5		

\*Load Limits are calculated by using the formula: 8.34 x (Design Average and/or Maximum Flow in MGD) x (Applicable Concentration in mg/L).

\*\*BOD<sub>5</sub> and Suspended Solids (85% removal required): In accordance with 40 CFR 133, the 30-day average percent removal shall not be less than 85 percent.

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This draft Permit also contains the following requirements as special conditions:

1. Reopening of this Permit to include different final effluent limitations.
2. Operation of the facility by or under the supervision of a certified operator.
3. Submission of the operational data in a specified form and at a required frequency at any time during the effective term of this Permit.
4. More frequent monitoring requirement without Public Notice in the event of operational, maintenance or other problems resulting in possible effluent deterioration.
5. Prohibition against causing or contributing to violations of water quality standards.
6. Recording the monitoring results on Discharge Monitoring Report Forms using one such form for each outfall each month and submitting the forms to IEPA each month.
7. The provisions of 40 CFR Section 122.41(m) & (n) are applicable and are hereby incorporated by reference.
8. Effluent sampling point location.
9. A requirement to monitor and a limit of 0.05 mg/L for residual chlorine when it is used.
10. Submission of semi annual reports indicating the quantities of sludge generated and disposed.
11. Reopening of this Permit to include revised effluent limitations based on a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) or other water quality study.

