
EXHIBIT M2

WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT PERMIT
FOR THE VALLEY FORGE SEWER AUTHORITY WASTEWATER
TREATMENT PLANT



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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

SOUTHEAST REGIONAL OFFICE

December 28, 2010

Mr. Martin Goldberg, P.E.
Operations Manager
Valley Forge Sewer Authority
333 Pawlings Road
Phoenixville, PA 19460

Re: Valley Forge Sewer Authority
WWTP – Expansion
Sewerage 1599422-A2
File Type: Permit
Schuylkill Township
Chester County

Dear Mr. Goldberg:

Your permit is enclosed.

You must comply with all Standard and Special Conditions attached to this permit. Construction must be done in accordance with the permit application and all supporting documentation. Please review the permit conditions and the supporting documentation submitted with your application before starting construction.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717.787.3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800.654.5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717.787.3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.

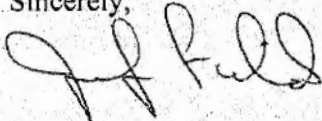
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IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (717.787.3483) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please call Mr. James Roth at 484.250.5169.

Sincerely,



Jenifer Fields, P.E.
Regional Manager
Water Management

Enclosures

cc: Mr. Lutter, P.E. - Buchart Horn, Inc.
Mr. Muszynski - DRBC
Operations Section
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**WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
PERMIT**

PERMIT NO. 1599422AMENDMENT NO. 2APS ID 731341AUTH ID 851147

A. PERMITTEE (Name and Address): Valley Forge Sewer Authority 333 Pawling Road Phoenixville, PA 19460	CLIENT ID#: 85898 B. PRIMARY FACILITY (Name): Valley Forge Sewer Authority WWTP SUB FACILITY (Name): VFSA WWTP – Expansion from 9.2 mgd to 11.75 mgd	
C. LOCATION (Municipality, County): Schuylkill Township Chester County	SITE ID#: 255005	
D. THIS AMENDMENT APPROVES THE EXPANSION OF SEWERAGE FACILITIES FROM 9.2 MGD to 11.75 MGD. MODIFICATIONS TO ACCOMMODATE THE EXPANSION CONSIST OF: construction of a new headworks facility, maintenance and design improvements to the primary clarifier system, construction of a third aeration tank, installation of a fourth secondary clarifier, upgrades to the return activated sludge system, installation of a third gravity sludge thickener, installation of a third sludge dewatering centrifuge, replacement of scum box pumps, various plant electrical improvements, and modifications to the Operations Building odor control system.		
Pump Stations: _____ Design Capacity: _____ GPM Average Annual Flow: _____ GPD	Manure Storage: Volume _____ MG Freeboard: _____ inches	Industrial Wastewater/Sewage Treatment Facility: Annual Average Flow: 11.75 MGD Design Hydraulic Capacity: 11.75 MGD Design Organic Capacity: 26,700 lb/day
E. APPROVAL GRANTED BY THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING: 1. New Permits: All construction, operations, and procedures shall be in accordance with the Water Quality Management Permit application dated _____, its supporting documentation, and addendums dated _____, which are hereby made a part of this permit. Amendments: All construction, operations, and procedures shall be in accordance with the Water Quality Management Permit Amendment application dated <u>09/15/10</u> and its supporting documentation, and addendums dated _____, which are hereby made a part of this amendment. Except for any herein approved modifications, all terms, conditions, supporting documentation and addendums approved under Water Quality Management Permits Nos. <u>1599422 and 1599422A1</u> dated <u>06/19/00 and 03/22/10, respectively</u>, shall remain in effect. Transfers: Water Quality Management Permit No. _____ dated _____ and conditions, supporting documentation and addendums are also made part of this transfer. 2. Permit Conditions Relating to Sewerage are attached and made part of this permit. 3. Special Conditions numbered _____ are attached and made part of this permit.		
F. THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THIS PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING FURTHER QUALIFICATIONS: 1. If there is a conflict between the application or its supporting documents and amendments and the attached conditions, the attached conditions shall apply. 2. Failure to comply with the rules and regulations of DEP or with the terms or conditions of this permit shall void the authority given to the permittee by the issuance of this permit. 3. This permit is issued pursuant to the Clean Streams Law Act of June 22, 1937, P.L. 1987, as amended 35 P.S. §691.1 et seq. Issuance of this permit shall not relieve the permittee of any responsibility under any other law.		
PERMIT ISSUED: December 28, 2010	BY: TITLE: Water Management Program Manager	

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**WATER QUALITY MANAGEMENT
POST CONSTRUCTION CERTIFICATION**

APPLICANT IDENTIFIER	
Permittee	Valley Forge Sewer Authority
Address	333 Pawling Road, Phoenixville, PA 19460
Municipality	Schuylkill Township
County	Chester
CERTIFICATION	
The following information must be completed and returned to the permits section of the DEP regional office issuing the WQM permit within 30 days of completion of the project and received by DEP prior to operation, along with as-built drawings, photographs (if available), and a discussion of any DEP approved deviations from the design plans during construction.	
I, _____, being a Registered Professional Engineer in accordance with the Pennsylvania Professional Engineer's Registration Law do hereby certify that the pump station approved under Water Quality Management Permit No. 1599422-A2 (VFSA WWTP Expansion to 11.75 MGD) has been inspected and constructed in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by DEP.	
Construction Completion Date (MM/DD/YYYY): _____	
	Supervising Professional Engineer
	Name _____ (Please Print or Type)
	Signature _____
	Date _____
	Title _____
	Firm or Agency _____
	Telephone _____
Permittee's Authorized Representative:	Principal Operator Information (For Sewage Facilities):
Name _____ (Please Print or Type)	Name _____ (Please Print or Type)
Signature _____	Certification Number (if applicable) _____
Title _____	Class _____
Telephone _____	Type _____



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PERMIT CONDITIONS RELATING TO SEWERAGE

For use in Water Quality Management Permits

(Place a ✓ in the box that applies)

General

- ☒ 1. Consistent with the Department of Environmental Protection's (DEP) technical guidance document *Conducting Technical Reviews of Water Quality Management Permit Wastewater Treatment Facilities* (DEP ID: 362-2000-007) available on DEP's website at www.dep.state.pa.us. DEP considers the registered Professional Engineer whose seal is affixed to the design documents to be fully responsible for the adequacy of all aspects of the facility design.
- ☒ 2. The permittee shall adopt and enforce an ordinance requiring the abandonment of privies, cesspools or similar receptacles for human waste and onlot sewage disposal systems on the premises of occupied structures accessible to public sewers. All such structures must be connected to the public sewers.
- ☐ 3. The outfall sewer or drain shall be extended to the low water mark of the receiving body of water. Where necessary to ensure proper mixing and waste assimilation, an outfall sewer or drain may be extended with appurtenances below the low water mark and into the bed of a navigable stream provided that the permittee has secured an easement, right-of-way, license or lease from DEP in accordance with Section 15 of the Dam Safety and Encroachments Act, the Act of November 26, 1978, P.L. 1375, as amended.
- ☒ 4. The approval is specifically made contingent on the permittee acquiring all necessary property rights, by easement or otherwise, providing for the satisfactory construction, operation, maintenance and replacement of all sewers or sewerage structures in, along or across private property with full rights of ingress, egress and regress.
- ☒ 5. When construction of the approved sewerage facilities is completed and before they are placed in operation, the permittee shall notify DEP in writing so that a DEP representative may inspect the facilities.
- ☒ 6. If, at any time, the sewerage facilities covered by this permit create a public nuisance, including but not limited to, causing malodors or causing environmental harm to waters of the Commonwealth, DEP may require the permittee to adopt appropriate remedial measures to abate the nuisance or harm.
- ☐ 7. This permit authorizes the construction and operation of the proposed sewerage facilities until such time as facilities for conveyance and treatment at a more suitable location are installed and capable of receiving and treating the permittee's sewage. Such facilities must be in accordance with the applicable municipal official plan adopted pursuant to Section 5 of the Pennsylvania Sewage Facilities Act, the Act of January 24, 1966, P.L. 1535 as amended. When such municipal sewerage facilities become available, the permittee shall provide for the conveyance of the sewage to these sewerage facilities, abandon the use of these approved facilities and notify DEP accordingly. This permit shall then, upon notice from DEP, terminate and become null and void and shall be relinquished to DEP.
- ☒ 8. This permit does not relieve the permittee of its obligations to comply with all federal, interstate, state or local laws, ordinances and regulations applicable to the sewerage facilities.
- ☒ 9. This permit does not give any real or personal property rights or grant any exclusive privileges, nor shall it be construed to grant or confirm any right, easement or interest in, on, to or over any lands which belong to the Commonwealth.
- ☐ 10. The authority granted by this permit is subject to all effluent requirements, monitoring requirements and other conditions as set forth in NPDES Permit No. **PA0043974** and all subsequent amendments and renewals. No discharge is authorized from these facilities unless approved by an NPDES Permit.

Construction

- ☒ 11. An Erosion and Sedimentation (E&S) Plan must be developed prior to construction of the permitted facility, pursuant to Title 25 Pa. Code Chapter 102, and implemented during and after the earth disturbance activity.

If the activity involves 5 or more acres of earth disturbance, or from 1 to 5 acres of earth disturbance with a point source discharge to surface waters of the Commonwealth, an NPDES permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity is required.

In addition to the state NPDES permitting requirements, some municipalities, through local ordinances, require the E&S Control Plan to be reviewed and approved by the local County Conservation District office prior to construction. For specific information regarding E&S control planning approval and NPDES permitting requirements, please contact your local County Conservation District office.

- ☒ 12. The facilities shall be constructed under the supervision of a Pennsylvania registered Professional Engineer in accordance with the approved reports, plans and specifications.
- ☒ 13. A Pennsylvania registered Professional Engineer shall certify that construction of the permitted facilities was completed in accordance with the application and design plans submitted to DEP, using "Post Construction Certification" (3800-PM-WSWM0179a). It is the permittee's responsibility to ensure that a Professional Engineer is on-site to provide the necessary oversight and/or inspections to certify the facilities. The certification must be submitted to DEP before the facility is placed in operation. If requested, "as-built" drawings, photographs (if available) and a description of any DEP-approved deviations from the application and design plans must be submitted to DEP within 30 days of certification.
- ☐ 14. Manhole inverts shall be formed to facilitate the flow of the sewage and to prevent the stranding of sewage solids. The manhole structure shall be built to prevent undue infiltration, entrance of street wash or grit and provide safe access to facilitate manhole maintenance activities.
- ☐ 15. The local Waterways Conservation Officer of the Pennsylvania Fish and Boat Commission (PFBC) shall be notified when the construction of any stream crossing and/or outfall is started and completed. A written permit must be secured from the PFBC if the use of explosives in any waterways is required and the permittee shall notify the local Waterways Conservation Officer when explosives are to be used.

Operation and Maintenance

- ☒ 16. The permittee shall maintain records of "as-built" plans showing all the treatment facilities as actually constructed together with facility operation and maintenance (O&M) manuals and any other relevant information that may be required. Upon request, the "as-built" plans and O&M manuals shall be filed with DEP.
- ☐ 17. The sewers shall have adequate foundation support as soil conditions require. Trenches shall be back-filled to ensure that sewers will have proper structural stability, with minimum settling and adequate protection against breakage. Concrete used in connection with these sewers shall be protected from damage by water, freezing, drying or other harmful conditions until cured.
- ☒ 18. Stormwater from roofs, foundation drains, basement drains or other sources shall not be admitted directly to the sanitary sewers.
- ☐ 19. The approved sewers shall be maintained in good condition, kept free of deposits by flushing or other cleaning methods and repaired when necessary.
- ☒ 20. The sewerage facilities shall be properly operated and maintained to perform as designed.
- ☒ 21. The attention of the permittee is called to the highly explosive nature of certain gases generated by the digestion of sewage solids when these gases are mixed in proper proportions with air and to the highly toxic character of certain gases arising from such digestion or from sewage in poorly ventilated compartments or sewers. Therefore, at all places throughout the sewerage facilities where hazard of fire, explosion or danger from toxic gases may occur, the permittee shall post conspicuous permanent and legible warnings. The permittee shall instruct all employees concerning the aforesaid hazards, first aid and emergency methods of meeting such hazards and shall make all necessary equipment and material accessible.
- ☒ 22. An operator certified in accordance with the Water and Wastewater Systems Operator Certification Act of February 21, 2002, 63 P.S. §§1001, *et seq.* shall operate the sewage treatment plant.
- ☒ 23. The permittee shall properly control any industrial waste discharged into its sewerage system by regulating the rate and quality of such discharge, requiring necessary pretreatment and excluding industrial waste, if necessary, to protect the integrity or operation of the permittee's sewerage system.
- ☒ 24. There shall be no physical connection between a public water supply system and a sewer or appurtenance to it which would permit the passage of any sewage or polluted water into the potable water supply. No water pipe shall pass through or come in contact with any part of a sewer manhole.
- ☐ 25. All connections to the approved sanitary sewers must be in accordance with the corrective action plan as contained in the approved Title 25 Pa. Code Chapter 94 Municipal Wasteload Management Annual Report.
- ☒ 26. Collected screenings, slurries, sludge and other solids shall be handled and disposed of in compliance with Title 25 Pa. Code Chapters 271, 273, 275, 283 and 285 (related to permits and requirements for land filling, land application, incineration and storage of sewage sludge), Federal Regulations 40 CFR 257 and the Federal Clean Water Act and its amendments.