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May 24, 2007

Mr. Chuck Goslee  
Oscoda Septage Waste Receiving Facility  
4466 McNichols  
Oscoda, Michigan 48750

Dear Mr. Goslee:

Subject: Operating Plan Approval, Oscoda Septage Waste Receiving Facility

Review of the Oscoda Septage Waste Receiving Facility operating plan by the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is complete. The operating plan is approved and meets the requirements outlined in Section 11715b of Part 117, Septage Waste Services, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended.

The receiving facility must operate in accordance with the approved plan. If a change in operations or conditions is anticipated, please file an amendment to the plan at least thirty (30) days prior to the proposed date for implementation.

Thank you for your continued environmental stewardship and service to those with on-site septic systems in and around your community and those who service them. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me.

Sincerely,

Ebi Burutolu, Soil Scientist  
On-Site Wastewater Unit  
Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section  
Lansing Operations Division  
Water Bureau  
517-241-4598

eb:ckp

cc: Mr. Douglas Getty, District Health Department No. 2, Oscoda County  
Mr. Michael Stifler, DEQ



DEQ Septage Receiving Facility Checklist

Name of Septage Receiving Facility:  
**Oscoda Township - SRF**

DEQ Reviewer: E. Burutolu  
Review Date: 6/29/2006

Address of Septage Receiving Facility:  
4466 McNichols  
Oscoda, MI 48750

Facility Contact:  
Telephone Number:

Chuck Goslee  
989-739-8152

The following information must be submitted in the Operation Plan in order to receive DEQ approval:

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>
1. Location of septage RF.	X		
2. Hours of operation.	X		7 am - 3 pm; Mon - Fri
3. Categories of septage waste the RF will receive.	X		Domestic septage, FES
4. If food establishment septage is accepted, how is the RF ensuring that the FES meets the 1:3 ratio mandated by law? (Not OP req't.)	X		FES accepted with conditions. See OP
5. *Fee structure charged to hauler.	X		\$55.00 - & \$80.00/1000gals
6. *Service area (septage acceptance) description of RF defined in detail.	X		15 radial miles. Will also accept septage beyond 15 radial miles
7. Notice of proposed operation plan: a) Was it mailed to county HD and legislative body of each city, village and township located in whole or in part of the service area?	X		

# Septage Receiving Facility Checklist

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<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>
8. Notice of proposed op. plan, continued:			
b) Was it public noticed in the local newspaper?	X		
c) Was it posted on the facility website?		X	Not posted due to operational problems
9. Did the notice contain the following?			
a. Statement that the RF proposed to or is currently receiving and will continue to receive septage waste for treatment.	X		
b. Statement in the notice that the proposed operating plan is available for review during normal work hours.	X		
c. A request for written comments on the proposed operation of the RF and the deadline for receipt of such comments, which shall not be less than 30 days after publication, posting, or mailing of the notice.		X	Not clearly stated
d. Receiving facility capacity.			
I) Hydraulic capacity:			
II) Organic capacity:			Not stated
*III) Wet weather operation considerations (CSO & SSO)		X	Not applicable
9. Other conditions established for the RF.			

\*5. Fee structure - must be justified and reasonable in accordance with standard accounting practices.

\*6. This should be both written and illustrated on a map of the area. The service area information should include whether or not there is a county ordinance that also defines what they can or can't

September 28, 2006

Mr. Ebi Burutolu, Soil Scientist  
On-Site Wastewater Unit  
Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section  
Water Bureau, Department of Environmental Quality  
P. O. Box 30273  
Lansing, MI 48909-7773

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Water Division  
Groundwater Section  
WELL CONSTRUCTION UNIT

Dear Mr. Burutolu,

Please accept this response to your letter of August 16, 2006 which confirmed your review of the Oscoda Township Septage Receiving Facility Operating Plan. You requested clarification of certain items, and the information provided below is in the order of your questions.

**Food Establishment Septage(FES):**

We will accept Food establishment septage under certain conditions, but only on a pre approved basis. As detailed in our Operating Plan, the hauler would have to submit documentation from the subject restaurant that the grease trap is cleaned and serviced on a monthly basis, and the septage must not contain gross amounts of grease or any harmful constituents. After approval, septage generated from that specific establishment could be disposed of at the Oscoda Facility.

**Service Area:**

Yes, the designated service area is 15 radial miles. Our Facility has in the past accepted septage from outside the service area, and intends to continue this practice. We understand that haulers are not mandated to bring septage pumped from outside the service area to this facility. Oscoda Township does, however, reserve the right to limit or refuse service if capacity or other unforeseen circumstances arise.

**Notice of Proposed Operating Plan:**

A certified list of the governmental units to which the Notice was sent is attached. The Notice was sent to all known septage haulers in the area. It was also sent to both the Iosco and Alcona County Health Departments. In addition, the Notice was published in both the Oscoda Press and Iosco County News Herald on May 10, 2006, and a copy of that notice is attached.

**Wet Weather Considerations:**

There are no significant wet weather concerns. The Oscoda Township Wastewater Collection System is considered to be a "tight" system, and does not show significant flow increase during rain events. In addition, the Septage Receiving Facility is physically separated from the remainder of the Collection and Treatment facilities, and is therefore not impacted by increases in flow from those systems.

**Additional Information:**

Disposal Fee

After evaluating financial considerations, a recommendation was made to increase septage disposal fees in May, 2006. After additional study and discussion, the Oscoda Township Board of Trustees approved an increase in the disposal fee from \$55.00 per thousand to \$80.00 per thousand effective September 1, 2006. Notice was sent to all haulers, a copy of which is attached.

Dehydrator

Delivery of the CDS Technologies Volute Dehydrator is expected in the next 10 days. This unit will be sited on a temporary/interim basis and utilized to process septage solids into dry cake for eventual land disposal under the approved Residuals Management Plan.

Please contact me anytime at 989-739-8152 if there are any further questions.

Thank you,

Earth Tech, Inc.



Chuck Goslee  
Operations Manager  
Oscoda Water and Wastewater Facilities  
4466 McNichol Avenue  
Oscoda, MI 48750

Cc: Robert F. Stalker II

Attachments

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED  
SEPTAGE RECEIVING FACILITY  
OPERATING PLAN**

**Oscoda Township currently accepts domestic septage from  
Licensed Septage Haulers at the Receiving Facility located at  
4466 McNichol Avenue, Oscoda, MI 48750.**

**The defined service area is 15 radial miles from the facility.**

**The hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.,  
Monday through Friday.**

**As required, an Operating Plan has been submitted to the  
Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and is  
Available for public review and comment at the Oscoda  
Township Hall, 110 South State Street.**

***OPERATING PLAN***

***for the***

***OSCODA TOWNSHIP***

***SEPTAGE  
RECEIVING  
FACILITY***

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## II. BACKGROUND

A number of issues and challenges have become evident with regard to the disposal of septage in Michigan. Land disposal sites have become more difficult to obtain and many wastewater treatment plants do not accept septage. As a result independent haulers are encountering more difficulty in disposing of septage. The Charter Township of Oscoda Septage Receiving Facility is currently accepting septage waste on an interim basis at the existing facility.

It is currently not cost effective to operate the receiving facility, but Oscoda recognizes the environmental soundness of providing the needed service of septage disposal facilities. The septage facility received 579,414 gallons of septage during the year 2004, and 654,200 gallons of septage during the year 2005. The facility currently charges 5.5 cents per gallon of septage. Increases in septage dumping volume of as much as 1000% from prior years were seen in some months in 2004. There have been continuing efforts to identify potential funding sources to provide assistance with capital costs that would be required to modernize the current facility, or construct a new receiving station at the Lagoon Facility.

Meetings have been held with local haulers to update them on the status of the facility and seek their input on current and future issues. Township leadership and management are evaluating the options available to decide what, if any, capital improvement expenditures would be in the best interest of the residents of Oscoda Township. However, lack of definitive information regarding future dumping volume is a source of major concern from a planning standpoint.

### III DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY

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Oscoda Township currently accepts septage on an interim basis at the old wastewater treatment plant. This plant was decommissioned when the new wastewater Treatment Lagoon Stabilization Facility began receiving domestic sewage flow in July 2004.

Septage is received and stored in the 3 digesters and supernatant tanks after being off-loaded and passing through a bar screen chamber. The capacity of these tanks is approximately 500,000 gallons.

Aeration is provided by positive displacement blowers with diffusers located in the tanks to provide odor reduction and further biological digestion activity.

In 2005, a volute dehydrator was utilized to process approximately 450,000 gallons of septage from the digesters. The filtrate from the dehydrator was transferred to a nearby small grinder pump lift station and pumped into the force main as a low strength, fairly clear water which had minimal impact on the treatment process at the lagoons. The biosolids cake from this process is stored on a concrete pad for eventual land disposal.

Thick sludge in the bottom of the digesters, which is created when decanting or utilizing dewatering equipment, continues to accumulate and will require removal and disposal at some point.

There is currently no way to measure the amount of septage being dumped by a hauler. There have been inconsistencies in the amount of septage accumulated in the digesters versus what was reported. As a result, a modification was made to the payment procedure in which haulers are now charged 90% of the capacity of their truck when they dump.

Haulers utilize a sign in sheet to document the date and time they dispose of septage.

It must be recognized that there have been increases of as much as 1,000% in volumes of septage disposed of at the Oscoda Township Septage Facility, and the facility has a limited storage capacity of approximately 500,000 gallons. If capacity limits are reached, Oscoda Township will refuse or limit disposal until it has the capacity to accept it.

## **IV CATEGORY OF SEPTAGE WASTE FACILITY WILL ACCEPT**

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This is what we accept:

- Household septage – the septage pumped from home septic tanks, or similar storage or treatment works that receives only domestic wastes.
- Sanitary Septage from business or industry only on a pre-approved basis.
  - A restaurant septic hauler must submit documentation that the grease trap is cleaned monthly.
  - Septage from a pre-approved industrial facility may be pre-tested for permit parameters. The hauler shall pre-pay for testing the waste, prior to testing in accordance with the Charter Township of Oscoda's estimated cost for testing.

We do not accept:

- Tankage containing gross amounts of grease or other similar organic solids, or highly odorous materials i.e.: fish cleaning station waste.
- Vector solids from catch basin or sewer cleanings from public roadways, business, or industry. Grit, debris, and other sludges from car wash pits are not permitted.
- Any waste that would be harmful to the biological treatment or disposal process i.e.; chemicals, metals, or other toxic substances.

### **Compliance and Enforcement**

- Permitted Septic haulers receiving permit control documents are subject to the same enforcement actions as sewer customers under the Charter Township of Oscoda's Sewer Use Ordinance, Industrial Pretreatment Program, and Enforcement Response as outlined in Section VI of this document.
- Federal regulations (40 CFR 403.5 (a (1)] prohibit non-domestic discharges of pollutants to a POTW, regardless of their mode of entry, that would cause pass through or interference. Waste hauler discharges to a POTW, fall within the scope of the General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR 403.8 (f) (1) and (2)]. These prohibitions apply not only to toxic pollutants, but also to excessive concentrations of conventional and non-conventional pollutants. In addition, if the load has originated from a categorical industry, it remains subject to EPA's categorical pretreatment standards, (i.e., it cannot be introduced into the POTW unless it has been treated to the level prescribed by the applicable categorical standards). If the hauled waste received by a POTW is a "hazardous waste" as defined under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the POTW must comply with additional Federal requirements. For a complete discussion of the legal, administrative, and technical methods of controlling hauled hazardous wastes, see the EPA Guidance Manual or the Identification of Hazardous Wastes Delivered to Publicly Owned Treatment Works by Truck, Rail, or Dedicated Pipeline.

A permit system is the most direct and efficient method of regulating waste haulers that discharge to a POTW. Implementing a permit system provides the opportunity to monitor and regulate haulers based on the treatment works' operating conditions.

### Sampling Tests and Costs

Ideally, it would be preferable to sample each septage truck load before it is dumped into the plant to determine if it would be toxic. Unfortunately, testing for individual parameters would be economically prohibitive. The costs for individual tests are estimated below:

Total Suspended Solids	\$ 30
Total Volatile Suspended Solids	\$ 30
Carbonaceous Biochemical Oxygen Demand	\$ 30
pH	<u>\$ 10</u>
Total	\$100 / sample

The cost would have to be borne by the hauler over and above the disposal cost. Obviously, this would prove to be prohibitively expensive to perform these analyses of every truckful. The Charter Township of Oscoda may, however, sample each hauler a minimum of twice per year to insure compliance and to create a data base for incoming septage. These samples should be tested for the above parameters as well as total phosphorus, total solids, total heavy metals, specifically cadmium, copper and zinc. The cost for these analyses is approximately \$ 150 / sample.

Under certain circumstances it may be desirable to test each load for toxicity prior to release to the plant. It is possible that a screening toxicity test called Microtox could be used. Microtox uses the bacteria that emit light. When a toxic material is introduced, the amount of light emitted will be reduced. The analyzer costs \$ 14,000. Toxicity screening using Microtox may be feasible. It would have an estimated cost of \$25.00 per tank load. There are no plans to implement this testing at this time.

Based on information currently available, the following conclusions are made:

1. The facility operates on an interim basis
2. The facility, at this time, has an identified and limited holding capacity.
3. Sampling of every truck would be prohibitively expensive. Each hauler sampled a minimum of twice per year for routine parameters would be reasonable under current circumstances.
4. The current rate for septage disposal is 5.5 cents per gallon; however it will be recommended that the disposal fee be raised to at least 7.8 cents per gallon in order to meet current costs for the treatment and disposal required for NPDES permit compliance. Minimum required capital improvements have been identified which would increase the cost to about 11 cents per gallon.

#### **IV. A. Application Procedures**

Federal regulations (40 CFR 403.5 (a (1))] prohibit non-domestic discharges of pollutants to a POTW, regardless of their mode of entry that would cause pass through or interference. Waste hauler discharges to a POTW, fall within the scope of the General Pretreatment Regulations [40 CFR 403.8 9f) (1) and (2)]. These prohibitions apply not only to toxic pollutants, but also to excessive concentrations of conventional and non-conventional pollutants. In addition, if the load has originated from a categorical industry, it remains subject to EPA's categorical pretreatment standards (i.e., it cannot be introduced into the POTW unless it has been treated to the level prescribed by the applicable categorical standards). If the hauled waste received by a POTW is a "hazardous waste" as defined under the Federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), the POTW must comply with additional Federal requirements. For a complete discussion of the legal, administrative, and technical methods of controlling hauled hazardous wastes, see the EPA Guidance Manual or the Identification of Hazardous Wastes Delivered to Publicly Owned Treatment Works by Truck, Rail, or Dedicated Pipeline.

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When a Septic hauler requests to dump their waste at the Charter Township of Oscoda Septic Receiving Facility a letter should be sent to the Operations Manager who is then required to receive and review the following additional items from the hauler.

- Satisfactory evidence of liability insurance as described in Section IV B. of the Septic Hauler Discharge Permit.
- An affidavit as described in Section IV C for each vehicle which will dump at the facility. This will contain the information necessary to set the rate for disposal via tanker volume. Please include the VIN #.

**IV. B. SEPTIC HAULER'S DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION**

A copy of the application is provided below:

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSCODA  
SEPTAGE RECEIVING FACILITY  
4466 MCNICHOL  
OSCODA, MI 48750  
(989) 739-8152**

**SAMPLE COPY OF THE SEPTIC HAULER DISCHARGE PERMIT APPLICATION**

To the Charter Township Of Oscoda Septage Receiving Facility, Michigan:

Firm Name: \_\_\_\_\_

From the:

Federal Tax Identification #: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact #: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

The (firm name) \_\_\_\_\_ - hereby requests a permit to discharge septic wastes into the Charter Township of Oscoda Septage Receiving Facility.

The application must include the following information as part of the permit application:

- A. The permittee must carry liability insurance, and provide satisfactory evidence of it to the Charter Township of Oscoda, in such amounts and form as determined by the Charter Township of Oscoda. Such insurance shall afford compensation for taking corrective action and for bodily injury, and for property damage to the third persons caused by accidental releases.
- B. An affidavit is required to be on file with the Charter Township of Oscoda for each licensed truck prior to disposing of the wastes affirming that only septage wastes are being disposed of.
- C. A permit fee for \$ 250.00 is attached to this application.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Application approved and permit granted:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signed: \_\_\_\_\_



#### **IV. D. PERMIT ISSUANCE**

Upon receipt of satisfactory evidence of insurance and a notarized affidavit form for each tanker, a permit may be issued to a hauler. The duration of the permit is generally 3 years but is subject to the discretion of the Charter Township of Oscoda Septage Facility Operations Manager.

Any special conditions that the Operations Manager wishes to impose on a hauler should be included in Section 4 of the permit. I.e., the steam cleaning of tanks which are also licensed hazardous waste prior to transportation of septic waste to the facility.

Note      The Charter Twp. of Oscoda may require analysis of any hauled waste prior to acceptance.

All permitted Septic haulers are subject to the same provisions as the industries and business included under the Charter Township of Oscoda's Wastewater Treatment System Ordinance.

Permit No. \_\_\_\_\_

**A SAMPLE COPY OF SEPTIC HAULER DISCHARGE PERMIT**

In accordance with the provisions of the Charter Township of Oscoda's Septage Receiving Facility "Wastewater Sewer Ordinance."

Waste Hauler Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Location Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative: \_\_\_\_\_

Is hereby authorized to discharge hauled Septage to the Charter Township of Oscoda Septage Receiving Facility located at 4466 McNichol, Oscoda, MI 48750. In accordance with the conditions set for the in this permit. Compliance with this permit does not relieve the permittee of its obligation to comply with any applicable pretreatment regulations, standards or requirements under Federal, State, or local laws, including any such regulations, standards, requirements, or laws that may become effective during the term of this permit.

Noncompliance with any term or condition of this permit shall constitute a violation of the Charter Township of Oscoda sewer use ordinance.

This permit shall become effective on \_\_\_\_\_ and shall expire at midnight on \_\_\_\_\_.

If the permittee wishes to continue to discharge after the expiration date of this permit, request must be filled for a renewal permit in accordance with the requirements of the Charter Township of Oscoda Sewer Ordinance, a minimum of 180 days prior to the expiration date.

If you wish to appeal or challenge any conditions imposed in this permit, a petition shall be filed for a variance of this permit within 30 days of your receipt of this correspondence.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Operations Manager – Septic Receiving Facility

Issued on this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_.

## SECTION 1: DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS

- A. The discharge of all hauled wastes must be performed at the following designated area: Oscoda Township Septage Receiving Facility. Discharge to Oscoda Township sewer system at any other location is prohibited. The permittee must provide prior notice to Oscoda Township of the intent to discharge the actual discharge must be performed during supervision by plant personnel. In all cases, discharge may only be performed Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Weekend dumping is not permitted at this time.
- B. Hauled wastes are subject to sampling by Oscoda Township. The hauler may also be required to suspend the discharging of wastes until the analysis is completed. Oscoda Township reserves the right to refuse permission to dump any load.

## SECTION 2: SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS

- A. Any commercial or industrial wastes that may cause pass through of pollutants or interference with the wastewater treatment plant operations or that violates Federal, State, or local restrictions shall not be discharged to the Septage Receiving Facility.
- B. The permittee is prohibited from discharging wastes with the following characteristics:
- Having a pH lower than 5.0 or higher than 11.0
  - Containing fats, wax, grease, or oil of petroleum origin, whether emulsified or not, in excess of one hundred 100 mg/l or containing substances which may solidify or become viscous at temperatures between thirty-two (32 deg. F) degrees and one hundred forty (140 deg. F) degrees Fahrenheit (0 deg. And 60 deg. Centigrade);
  - Containing any gasoline, benzene, naphtha, fuel oil or other flammable or explosive liquids, solids or gases;
  - Having a temperature higher than 104 deg. F (40 deg.C);
  - Containing any ashes, cinders, sand, mud, straw, shaving, metal, glass, rags, feathers, tar, plastics, wood, paunch, manure, or any other solids or viscous substance capable of causing obstructions or other interferences with proper operation of the sewer system;
  - Containing any pollutant, including oxygen demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.) at flow rate and/or concentration which will cause a pass through of pollutants to occur or an interference with Oscoda Township's wastewater treatment facility's operations or sludge use and/or disposal practices.

- C. The permittee is prohibited from discharging wastes which exceed the following limitations:

Arsenic	1.9 mg/l
Cadmium	.04 mg/l
Chromium	2.0 mg/l
Copper	6.0 mg/l
Cyanide	0.81 mg/l
Lead	1.0 mg/l
Mercury	0.0005 mg/l
Nickel	7.1 mg/l
Silver	0.610 mg/l
Zinc	5.4 mg/l
Oil & Grease	100 mg/l

### **SECTION 3: MONITORING AND RECORDS**

- A. The Township of Oscoda may require a Source Information List. The list shall contain information regarding the wastes from and the signature of, each waste generator. The hauler shall also sign the form, indicating that he has accepted no wastes other than those listed. The list may be reviewed by a Township of Oscoda representative prior to discharge. Failure to accurately record every load, falsification of data, or failure to transmit the list to the plant operator prior to discharge may result in revocation of this permit.
- B. Any waste identified as coming from commercial or industrial users, must be pre-approved and may require sampling prior to pick-up by the waste hauler and the results of that sampling submitted to the Township of Oscoda. The permittee must receive approval from the Township of Oscoda prior to pick-up and hauling of said commercial or industrial wastes.
- C. The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, Source Information Lists, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data pertaining to hauled loads for a period of at least three years. This period may be extended by request of the Township of Oscoda at any time.

### **SECTION 4 – SPECIAL CONDITIONS**

- A. The permittee must carry liability insurance, and provide satisfactory evidence of it to the Township of Oscoda, in such amounts and form as determined by the Township of Oscoda. Such insurance shall afford compensation for taking corrective action and for bodily injury, and for property damage to third persons caused by accidental releases.
- B. An affidavit is required to be on file with the Township of Oscoda for each licensed truck PRIOR to disposing of the wastes, affirming that only domestic or approved commercial septage wastes are being disposed of.
- C. The rate for disposal shall be based on the capacity of the tanks irrespective of whether the tanks are full or partially loaded.

## **V. PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING SEPTIC WASTES**

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### **V. A. HAULER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Upon entry into the Oscoda Septage Receiving Facility a permitted Septic Hauler is required to report to the front office and enter the time and date of the visit on the provided clipboard.
- The hauler must rake / shovel / clean any debris and grit from the dump chamber and screen after the load is dumped, and place that material into the refuse container provided.
- The hauler must insure the transfer pump is turned on and off as required.
- The hauler must report any unusual conditions or spillage to operations staff.
- If the Septic Hauler is required to provide a sample from a load, the Septage Facility Operator will obtain the actual sample(s). The Septic Hauler should be instructed to split the sample for the hauler's record. The operator will record the sample and provide the results to the hauler.

### **V. B. PROCEDURES FOR RECEIVING PAYMENT FOR SEPTIC WASTES**

- Hauler Disposal Monthly Log sheets are replaced after the last day of each month. The monthly dump events for each hauler are totaled by the factored (90%) capacity, and multiplied by current per gallon rate.
- Haulers are invoiced for the monthly total by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the following month, and that invoice is then due and payable to Oscoda Township.
- Failure to make timely payment of monthly invoices will result in revocation of disposal privileges.

## **VI. ENFORCEMENT RESPONSE PROGRAM**

Table 7, as shown on the next page, serves two purposes for the Township of Oscoda' Septic Disposal Program. First, it identifies the anticipated violations and establishes the appropriate actions based on nature of the violation and other relevant factors.

Second, it promotes the consistent and timely use of enforcement remedies which, in addition to eliminating uncertainty concerning enforcement, lessens the likelihood of a successful challenge based on charges of "selective enforcement" or harassment.

Non-compliance with Section V: Hauler Responsibilities, will be considered violations of situation C on the Enforcement Guide.

Use of the guide involves straightforward application of the following procedure:

1. Identify general type of violation (boldface), then select the specific noncompliant situation (from column 1)
2. Identify nature of the particular violation (from column 2)
3. Obtain appropriate responses, which escalate in an ordered manner as needed to ensure a return to compliance (from column 3)
4. Identify responsible official to apply and a follow-up on the appropriate responses (from column 4)

### **Effectiveness Reassessment**

The Township of Oscoda will periodically re-evaluate the effectiveness of its enforcement response procedure relative to accomplishing existing and/or new program goals. This review will be conducted with the following objectives:

- Ensure violators return to compliance as soon as possible
- Penalize noncompliant users for pretreatment violation
- Deter future noncompliance
- Recover any additional expense attributable to the noncompliance

### **Explanation of Terms of Enforcement Guide (following page)**

OM = Operations Manager

R = Michigan Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

## ENFORCEMENT GUIDE

GENERAL VIOLATION SPECIFIC SITUATION	NATURE OF NONCOMPLIANCE	APPROPRIATE RESPONSES*	RESPONSIBLE**
<b>1. UNAUTHORIZED DISCHARGE</b>			
A. No Permit, Where Required	1. User unaware of requirement no harm to POTW / environment	a. Phone call; NOV with permit application form.	OM
	2. User unaware of requirement no harm to POTW / environment	a. Cases and Desist Order	OM, R
	3. Failure to apply continues after notification	a. AO, with possible fine b. Civil action and/or criminal prosecution c. Suspend service	OM R OM, R
B. Failure to Renew Permit, When Required	1. Application not submitted by due date.	a. Phone call; letter within 15 days b. NOV within 45 days	OM OM
	2. Failure to reapply continues after notification	a. AO with possible fine b. Civil action and/or criminal investigation c. Suspend Service	OM R OM, R
C. Discharge of Materials Other Than In Permit Applications, Where Required	1. Unintentional; no impact on POTW or environment	a. NOV	OM
	2. Harm to POTW or environment; or evidence of intent or negligence	a. AO, with possible fine b. Civil action and/or criminal prosecution	R R
	3. Recurring violation	a. suspend service	OM, R
<b>II VIOLATION OF DISCHARGE LIMITS</b>			
A. Exceedance of Specified Limity and/or General Discharge Prohibition	1. Isolated / Not significant	a. Phone call and / or letter	OM
	2. Isolated / significant; no harm to POTW or Environment	a. NOV b. AO, with possible fine	OM OM
	3. Isolated / significant; harm to POTW or Environment	a. AO, with possible fine	OM
	4. Recurring; no harm to POTW or environment	a. NOV b. AO, with possible fine	OM OM
	5. Recurring/significant harm to POTW or environment	a. Civil action b. Suspend service	R OM, R

## **VII. TOWNSHIP ORDINANCE**

### **ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEPTIC DUMPING PROGRAM**

The domestic sewage study rule which became effective on August 23, 1990 required the Township of Oscoda to adopt ordinance language that will cover the following areas:

- Prohibit the discharge of trucked wastes except to designated points.
- Issue permit or equivalent control mechanisms for discharges of trucked or hauled wastes which incorporated this prohibition.

The following 2 pages; section 3.5, contain language from the Oscoda Township Sewer Use Ordinance which pertains to hauled wastes

### **3.3 Accidental Discharge/Slug Control Plans**

At least once every two (2) years, the POTW Superintendent shall evaluate whether each industrial user needs an accidental discharge/slug control plan. The POTW Superintendent may require any user to develop, submit for approval, and implement such a plan. Alternatively, the POTW Superintendent may develop such a plan for any user. An accidental discharge/slug control plan shall address, at a minimum, the following:

1. Description of discharge practices, including non-routine batch discharges; and
2. Description of stored chemicals; and
3. Procedures for immediately notifying the POTW Superintendent of any accidental or slug discharge, as required by Section 6.6 of this ordinance; and
4. Procedures to prevent adverse impact from any accidental or slug discharge. Such procedures include, but are not limited to, inspection and maintenance of storage areas, handling and transfer of materials, loading and unloading operations, control of plant site runoff, worker training, building of containment structures or equipment, measures for containing toxic organic pollutants, including solvents, and/or measures and equipment for emergency response.

### **3.4 Spill Containment**

1. Spill containment must be around all stored material, which is either on the EPA Priority Pollutant List, Michigan Critical Materials List, and/or a substance, which inhibits or is a detriment to the WWTP, surface waters, or ground waters. Containment and/or an emergency Spill Control Plan shall be made to the satisfaction of the Superintendent and MDEQ officials. Containment shall hold 1 and ½ time maximum volume of stored material. An Emergency Spill Control Plan shall be posted near each storage area in plain view.
2. A containment device approved by the Township and/MDEQ must be provided around all plating operations, and it must not possess a gravity outlet or be used as a sump to pump rinse waters from/to treatment. The containment device must be capable of holding 1 and ½ the amount of liquid contained in the tanks in the shop. This containment requirement includes acid, caustic, cleaner and rinses tanks as well as plating bath tanks. The containment devices must be arranged that liquids of an acid pH cannot mix with any cyanide solutions. Storage areas for processing liquids, including but not limit to oil, paints, solvents, and acids, shall be provided with a containment and shall have no floor drain.

### **3.5 Hauled Wastewater**

1. Septic tank waste may be introduced into the POTW only at locations designated by the POTW Superintendent, and at such times as are established by the POTW Superintendent. Such waste shall not violate Section 2 of this ordinance or any other requirements established by The Charter Township of Oscoda. The POTW Superintendent shall require septic tank waste haulers to obtain wastewater discharge permits.

2. The POTW Superintendent shall require both haulers and generators of industrial waste to obtain wastewater discharge permits. The POTW Superintendent may also prohibit the disposal of hauled industrial waste. The discharge of hauled industrial waste is subject to all other requirements of this ordinance.
3. Industrial waste haulers may discharge loads only at locations designated by the POTW Superintendent. No load may be discharged without prior consent of the POTW Superintendent. The POTW Superintendent may collect samples of each hauled load to ensure compliance with applicable standards, at haulers expense. The POTW Superintendent shall require the industrial waste hauler to provide a waste analysis of any load prior to discharge.
4. Industrial waste haulers must provide a waste-tracking form for every load. This form shall include, at a minimum, the name and address of the industrial waste hauler, permit number, truck identification, names and addresses of sources of waste, and volume and characteristics of waste. The form shall identify the type of industry, known or suspected waste constituents, and whether any wastes are RCRA hazardous wastes.

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**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF OSCODA**  
**SEWER USE ORDINANCE**

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**SECTION 2 – GENERAL SEWER USE REQUIREMENTS**

**2.1 Prohibited Discharge Standards**

1. **General Prohibitions:** No user shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) any pollutant or wastewater which causes pass through or interference. These general prohibitions apply to all users of the POTW whether or not they are subject to categorical pretreatment standards or any other National, State, or local pretreatment standards or requirements.
2. **Specific Prohibitions:** No user shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the POTW the following pollutants, substances, or wastewater:
  - (a) Pollutants which create a fire or explosive hazard in the POTW, including, but not limited to, waste streams with a closed-cup flashpoint of less than 140<sup>0</sup> F (60<sup>0</sup> C) using the test methods specified in 40 CFR 261.21;
  - (b) Wastewater having a pH less than 6.0 or more than 9.5, or otherwise causing corrosive structural damage to the POTW or equipment;
  - (c) Solid or viscous substances in amounts which will cause obstruction of the flow in the POTW resulting in interference but in no case solids greater than 1/2 inch in any dimension;
  - (d) Pollutants, including oxygen-demanding pollutants (BOD, etc.), released in a discharge at a flow rate and/or pollutant concentration which, either singly or by interaction with other pollutants, will cause interference with the POTW;
  - (e) Wastewater having a temperature greater than 140<sup>0</sup>F (65<sup>0</sup>C)], or which will inhibit biological activity in the treatment plant resulting in interference, but in no case wastewater which causes the temperature at the introduction into the treatment plant to exceed 104<sup>0</sup>F (40<sup>0</sup>C);
  - (f) Must not contain in excess of 100 mg/L of oil or grease, or exceed a daily average of 40 mg/L of any mineral or petroleum base oil or grease or 60 mg/L of any animal or vegetable based oil or grease or amount causing interference or pass through;
  - (g) Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems;
  - (h) Trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by The Charter Township of Oscoda in accordance with Section 3.4 of this ordinance;
  - (i) Noxious or malodorous liquids, gases, solids, or other wastewater which, either singly or by interaction with other wastes, are sufficient to create a public nuisance or a hazard to life, or to prevent entry into the sewers for maintenance or repair;
  - (j) Wastewater which imparts color which cannot be removed by the treatment process, such as, but not limited to, dye wastes and vegetable tanning solutions, which

consequently imparts color to the treatment plant's effluent, thereby violating The Charter Township of Oscoda's NPDES permit;

- (k) Wastewater containing any radioactive wastes or isotopes except in compliance with applicable State or Federal regulations;
- (l) Storm water, surface water, ground water, artesian well water, roof runoff, subsurface drainage, swimming pool drainage, condensate, deionized water, noncontact cooling water, and unpolluted wastewater, unless specifically authorized by the POTW Superintendent;
- (m) Sludges, screenings, or other residues from the pretreatment of industrial wastes;
- (n) Medical wastes, except as specifically authorized by the POTW Superintendent in a wastewater discharge permit;
- (o) Wastewater causing, alone or in conjunction with other sources, the treatment plant's effluent to fail a toxicity test;
- (p) Substances which may cause excessive foaming in the POTW;
- (q) Wastewater causing two readings on an explosion hazard meter at the point of discharge into the POTW, or at any point in the POTW, of more than five percent (5%) of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of the meter.

## **2.2 National Categorical Pretreatment Standards**

The categorical pretreatment standards found at 40 CFR Chapter 1, Subchapter N, Parts 405-471 are hereby incorporated.

1. Where a categorical pretreatment standard is expressed only in terms of either the mass or the concentration of a pollutant in wastewater, the POTW Superintendent may impose equivalent concentration or mass limits in accordance with 40 CFR 403.6 (c).
2. When wastewater; subject to categorical pretreatment standards, is mixed with wastewater not regulated by the same standard, the POTW Superintendent of Oscoda shall impose an alternate limit using the combined waste stream formula in 40 CFR 403.6 (e).
3. A user may obtain a variance from a categorical pretreatment standard if the user can prove, pursuant to the procedural and substantive provisions in 40 CFR 403.13, that factors relating to its discharge are fundamentally different from the factors considered by EPA when developing the categorical pretreatment standard.
4. A user may obtain a net gross adjustment to a categorical standard in accordance with 40 CFR 403.15.

## **2.3 Local Limits**

No user shall contribute or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly to the POTW, any pollutant or wastewater that passes through or causes interference with the operation or performance of the POTW. All local limits established for any new source shall be incorporated herein is part of this ordinance and legally enforceable through this ordinance.

## **2.4 The Charter Township of Oscoda's Right of Revision**

The Charter Township of Oscoda reserves the right to establish, by ordinance or in wastewater discharge permits, more stringent standards or requirements upon a user that discharges to the POTW.

When both local limits and categorical standards apply to a user, then the most restrictive parameter will be used.

## **2.5 Dilution**

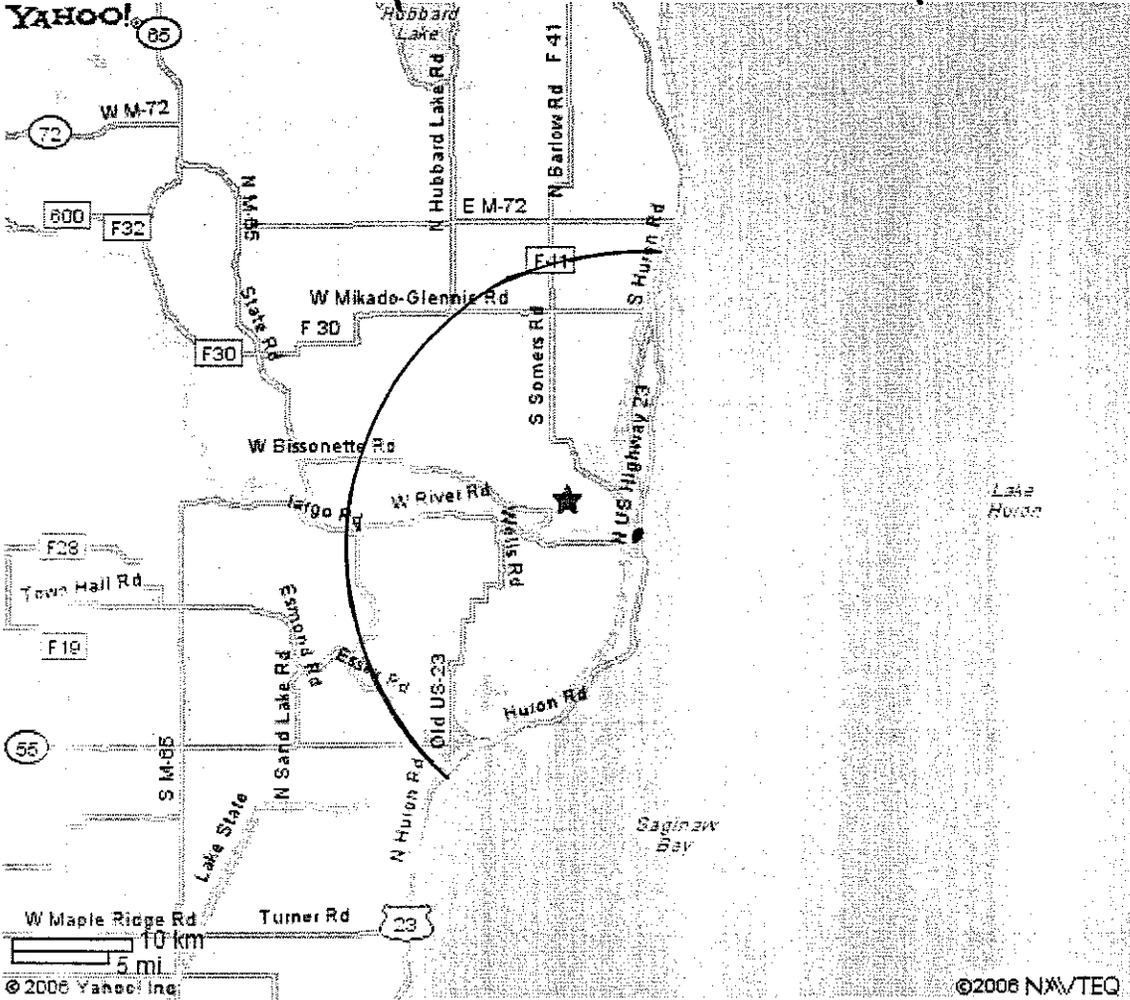
No user shall ever increase the use of process water, or in any way attempt to dilute a discharge, as a partial or complete substitute for adequate treatment in an effort to achieve compliance with a discharge limitation unless expressly authorized by an applicable pretreatment standard, requirement, or by the POTW Superintendent. The POTW Superintendent may impose mass limitations on users that dilute discharge in order to meet applicable pretreatment standards or requirements, or in other cases when the imposition of mass limitations is appropriate.

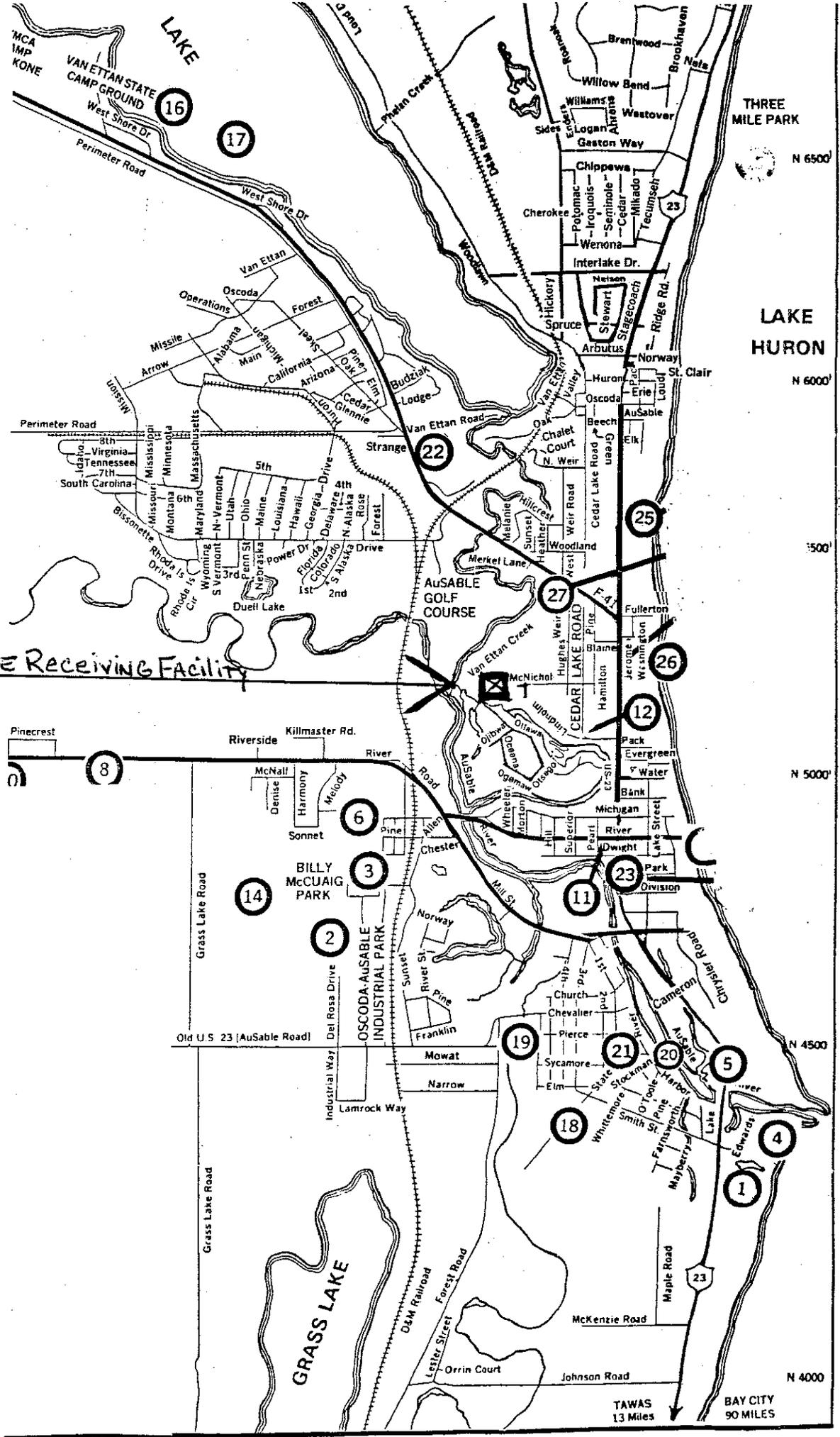


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# SEPTAGE RECEIVING FACILITY 15 MILE RADIUS





Oscoda Septage Receiving Facility

THREE MILE PARK  
N 6500'

LAKE HURON  
N 6000'

500'

N 5000'

N 4500'

N 4000'

TAWAS 13 Miles  
BAY CITY 90 MILES

## Notice of Proposed Septage Receiving Facility Operating Plan

Oscoda Township currently accepts domestic septage from Licensed Septage Haulers at the Receiving Facility located at 4466 McNichol Avenue, Oscoda, MI 48750.

The Receiving Facility service area is 15 radial miles from the facility. The hours of operation are from 7:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

As required, an Operating Plan has been submitted to the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality and is available for public review and comment at the Oscoda Township Hall, 110 South State Street.

## Notice to Bidders

### Iosco County Road Commission

The Iosco County Road Commission will receive sealed proposals at their office at 3939 West M-55, Tawas City, Michigan 48763, until 10 a.m. local time, Monday, May 22, 2006, at which time said proposals will be opened and read aloud for furnishing the following:

- One (1) New 2007 Model Three-Quarter Ton (3/4 ton) Wheel Drive Extended Cab Pick-up Truck
- bid forms may be obtained from the Iosco County Road Commission at the above address or in the "Bids" section of the road commission website [www.ioscoroads.org](http://www.ioscoroads.org). Hours of operation are from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Friday.

All proposals must be submitted in opaque sealed envelopes, on County Road Commission bid forms, and labeled as a sealed bid, along with the nature of the bid specified on the envelope.

The Board reserves the right to accept or reject all or part of any bid or bids, to waive any defects, and to award the bid of bids that, in the opinion of the board, are in the best interest of the Iosco County Road Commission.

Title of Qualification: The Iosco County Road Commission assures all its programs and activities will be free from discrimination, whether those programs and activities are federally funded or not.

Board of Iosco County Road Commissioners  
 Calvin McLaren, Chairman  
 Richard M. Harris, Vice-Chairman  
 Frank M. Leiva, Member

## Oscoda Sweeps

WE 51 BRAYLEY - Oscoda High School defeated Fairview in their dual meet Wednesday with a 79-58 victory over Standish Sterling and 102-35 win over Whittier-Prescott.

Other boys finishers for the duals included Billy Ranshi in the high jump (3rd, 5-6) and long jump (3rd, 18-7); Mark McBrink in the discus (2nd, 123-0); Katie Dietzel in the shot put (3rd, 41-4); Bryan Tomason in the 110 hurdles (3rd, 19:79); Jared Dietzel, Brian Clement, Raitish and Stevan in the 4x200 relay (2nd, 1:29.0); and Trent Fouchey, Zach Moore and Sean Krausch in the 4x100 (2nd, 43:07) and Dietzel in the 200 (2nd, 1:18.7).

Other girls finishers for the duals included Ashley Schofield in the high jump (2nd, 157.20); Stevan in the long jump (5th, 59.73) and two boys in the 4x100 and 4x200 relays (2nd and 3rd, 1:29.0).

Other girls finishers for the duals included Sarah Inman in the shot put (3rd, 30-3); Jeri Carl in the discus (6th, 83-1); Hannah Businski in the 100 (6th, 1:10.6); the 4x100 relay (6th, 56.92) and Katie Dietzel in the 200 (6th, 1:30.6).

## Fairview is too much for local track teams

FAIRVIEW - Fairview's girls track team turned in another dominant performance on Tuesday, May 2, as the Eagles easily won their home invitational.

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was safe on an error to right field that scored LaHaye with the fourth and final run of the inning. Tawas would go on to add one run in the fourth on doubles by Whitney Moers and Righetti and a bunt by Fountain.

Leading hitters for Tawas in game two were King and Moers with two hits and one RBI; LaHaye with a double and two RBIs; Righetti with a double and three RBIs; Potts and Fountain with one hit and one RBI each and Look with a single.

With the wins, the Lady Braves' record improves to 11-9 on the season.

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Top Hale finishers were Matt Field in the shot put (4th, 39-6.75) and discus (4th, 112-5); Tom Heydon in the high jump (4th, 5-3) and long jump (5th, 19-1); and Zach Putnam in the 110 hurdles (5th, 17.34).

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## Owls, Eagles post at Fairview

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Among other local teams, Oscoda took fifth and Hale eighth in the 12-team event.

Oscoda's top finishers were Justin Collier in the shot put (2nd, 41-0.5) and discus (2nd, 127-2); the 4x200 relay team of Chance Beetham, Trent Fouchey, Bobby Moore and Sean Krausch (3rd,

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August 15, 2006

Mr. Joe Scamazzo  
Alcona Septic  
3943 Mikado Road  
Mikado, MI 48745

Dear Mr. Scamazzo,

This is to notify all local septage haulers that the fee for dumping septage at the Oscoda Township Septage Receiving Facility has been increased. By action of the Charter Township of Oscoda Board of Trustees at its regularly scheduled meeting held on August 14, 2006 the septage disposal fee was increased from \$55.00 per thousand gallons to \$80.00 per thousand gallons. This increase will be effective September 1, 2006.

As you are aware, Oscoda Township leadership has been working on long-range solutions to septage management. Recently, a consultant with extensive septage management experience has been retained. He has conducted an initial evaluation and made recommendations regarding current operations. It has been proposed that the next phase of his work will be to provide conceptual information and cost estimates for improved or new septage facilities.

Additionally, the Township Board approved the purchase of the Volute Dehydrator, which is scheduled for delivery and installation in early September. The cost for this equipment and accessories alone is nearly \$200,000. The installation of this unit will minimize the possibility that we would be unable to accept septage due to capacity issues.

We also continue to work with Health Department and Michigan Department of Environmental Quality officials, potential financial assistance sources, and other professionals on a regular basis. A "Septage Receiving Facility Operating Plan" has been created, submitted to the MDEQ, and awaits final approval.

We recognize that this fee increase may impact your business. However, the Township needs to charge a realistic rate in order to cover current operating and capital costs. In addition, the impact of the rate change on septic volumes will be an important consideration in long term planning for septage disposal services. Moving forward, we intend to keep you informed of the current issues and proposed solutions.

Very Truly Yours,

Chuck Goslee  
Operations Manager  
Earth Tech-Oscoda Township Septage Receiving Facility  
4466 McNichol Avenue  
Oscoda, MI 48750 Phone: 989-739-8152

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Water Division  
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May 4, 2006

Mr. Matthew Campbell  
Septage Waste Program Coordinator  
Department of Environmental Quality Water Bureau  
P.O. Box 30273  
Lansing, MI 48909-7773

Dear Mr. Campbell,

This letter accompanies the Oscoda Township Septage Receiving Facility Operating Plan which is being submitted for your review as required.

A Notice of the plan has been published in the Oscoda Press and the Iosco County News Herald. There are currently some service provider difficulties with the Oscoda Township web site, [www.oscodatwp.com](http://www.oscodatwp.com), so we are unable to post the plan on the web site at this time. As soon as this situation is corrected, the plan will be posted on the site. Local governmental units have also been sent notification of the Operating Plan.

Oscoda Township Leadership and Management are continuing to evaluate the entire Septage Program, and just received responses to a Future Use Survey from 7 local haulers, most of whom use the Oscoda Facility. This additional information will be helpful for the capital expenditures and rate adjustments being considered.

Sincerely,



Chuck Goslee  
Operations Manager  
Oscoda Township Septage Receiving Facility  
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Enclosure