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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES & ENVIRONMENT

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DIRECTOR

April 5, 2010

Mr. Doug Sweeris, Superintendent
Allegan Wastewater Plant
350 North Street
Allegan, Michigan 49010

Dear Mr. Sweeris:

SUBJECT: Allegan Wastewater Treatment Plant and Septage Waste Receiving Facility
Septage Waste Receiving Facility Operating Plan Approval

Review of the Allegan Wastewater Treatment Plant and Septage Waste Receiving Facility (Allegan) septage waste receiving facility (SWRF) operating plan by the Department of Natural Resources and Environment (DNRE), Water Bureau, Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section, On-Site Wastewater Unit, is complete. The operating plan is approved and meets the requirements outlined in Section 11715b of Part 117, Septage Waste Servicers, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended. The plan will be posted on the Septage Waste Program website at www.michigan.gov/deqseptage.

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

Thank you for your environmental stewardship and service to those with on-site septic systems in and around your community and the licensed septage waste businesses that service these systems. If you have any questions regarding this matter, please feel free to call or write to me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Matthew Campbell".

Matthew Campbell, Coordinator
Septage Waste Program
On-Site Wastewater Unit
Drinking Water and Environmental Health Section
Water Bureau
517-335-4178

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Enclosure

cc: Mr. William Hinz, Allegan County Health Department
Mr. Greg Danneffel, DNRE

ALLEGAN WASTEWATER PLANT AND SEPTAGE RECEIVING FACILITY

SEPTAGE RECEIVING OPERATIONAL PLAN

This plan has been developed in accordance to the regulatory requirements of Part 117, Septage Waste Servicers, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. The Allegan Wastewater Plant will start excepting domestic sewage and pre-approved industrial waste. The acceptance of this septage will provide a valuable service to the Allegan area. This Septage Receiving Operation Plan has been prepared pursuant to the requirements of Section 324.11715b.

Location

The Allegan Septage Receiving Facility is located at the Allegan Wastewater Plant located at 350 North St. Allegan, MI 49010, see attached map on page 6. The wastewater office phone number is (269) 686-1117, plant superintendent is Doug Sweeris.

Background

The Allegan Wastewater Plant average raw sewage loadings and design parameters are shown in the following chart.

	Design	Average
Flow	1.2 MGD - NPDES, 1.8 MGD Max Day	.8 MGD
CBOD5	12,000 lbs / day	2,895 #/day *
TSS	6,005 lbs/day	2,993 #/day *

* Averages are January 2009 through January 2010. Averages for TSS and CBOD5 may be abnormally high due to influent bypass pumping that did not have fine screening or grit collection.

The Allegan Wastewater Plant is a secondary aeration treatment process plant, updated in 2009 with biological nutrient removal capabilities, new headworks equipment, larger aerated sludge storage tanks, UV disinfection and a new septage receiving station. The Allegan Waste Water Treatment Plant is regulated by the DNRE under NPDES permit MI0020532.

Septage Receiving Station Location and Description

The septage receiving station will be accessed by entering the Allegan Wastewater Plant facility through the East gate. This gate is equipped with remote operation that will be able to track each truck as it enters the facility. Once the truck passes through the gate it will continue around the outside drive, around basin 3, between the facility garage and UV disinfection chamber. The receiving station is located behind or to the West of the garage. The truck will turn left and pull up along the front of the receiving building.

There the driver will see the receiving port and control panel for the receiving equipment and park his truck accordingly to unload. The receiving equipment consists of a rock trap,

automatic flow control valve, flow meter and fine screen. The equipment was designed so a grinder unit and/or an auto sampler could be added. The fine screen will convey and dewater the screenings into a receptacle for disposal at a landfill. Each truck will be issued an individual card to activate this equipment. The equipment will then track each truck load and volume discharged. The screened septage is then discharged to the waste solids mix tank. The entire WWTP facility from the entrance gate to the septage receiving area will be under video surveillance and recorded at all times.

Septage Treatment Process

The Allegan Wastewater Plant Septage Receiving Facility will have a 400 (+/-) gpm max unloading rate with an anticipated 50,000 gallons per day. Domestic septage is anticipated at 6,500mg/l BOD and 13,000mg/l TSS. The Allegan Wastewater Plant Septage receiving does not place the initial loading of the septage into the treatment process. Instead the septage is mixed with the waste activated sludge from the secondary clarifiers. This mixture of waste sludge and septage is jet aerated in two (2) 90,000 gallon tanks. This mixture is then transferred to an aerated sludge storage tank where the sludge is aerated, mixed and thickened by settling. The decant from the aerated sludge storage tanks is then taken back to the head of the treatment process. The thickened sludge which will be a mixture of waste sludge from the treatment process and septage solids will be disposed of by land application twice per year in accordance with the state of Michigan Biosolids Part 24 Rules. See attached flow diagram on page 5.

Septage Receiving Hours of Operation

The operating hours for the receiving station will be 24 hours per day and 7 days a week with an approved application for discharge and issuance of the proper access remote and key card for operation of the receiving equipment. Each hauler will be required to fill out a credit application for proper billing, provide proof of proper insurance and provide a performance bond if required by the City. Upon approval of this the hauler will be issued a remote to access the WWTP facility and a swipe card to operate the receiving equipment. Haulers that do not go through this process will only have access to the receiving station during normal business hours of Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m., and weekends from 7 a.m. – 11 a.m., no holiday (as defined by the City Municipal Policy manual) dumping. Individual dumping of recreational vehicle holding tanks will only be allowed during normal business hours.

Septage Accepted

Septage and hauled waste can be a high variety of materials, which may include grit, organics, suspended solids, and grease. The Allegan Wastewater Plant Septage Receiving facility will accept the following: (a) domestic septage pumped from home septic tanks, recreational vehicles (RV's), cesspools, portable toilets, type III marine sanitation devices or similar storage; (b) domestic treatment plant septage; (c) sanitary sewer cleanout septage.

Every load that is brought to the Allegan Septage Receiving station must be accompanied by a "Hauled Waste Tracking and Discharge Ticket." The information required shall include identification of the hauling company, truck and driver I.D., origin of septage

discharge, including name and address of each location pumped in the truck load and time and date the septage tank(s) were pumped out.

Other Wastes Excepted

The Allegan Waste Water Treatment Plant Septage Receiving Station will accept the following wastes under the following conditions:

Recreational Vehicle (RV) holding tanks, directly from the RV, will be accepted during normal Wastewater Plant operating hours of Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., no holidays or weekends.

Food establishment septage (FES) will only be excepted if it is mixed with domestic septage at a ratio of not less than 1 part grease trap waste to 3 parts domestic septage and approved by the Wastewater Plant Superintendent prior to discharge. Properly mixed food establishment septage will only be accepted during normal Wastewater plant hours of Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., no holidays or weekends. These loads will need to have a sample of not less than 1,000ml taken during off loading.

Industrial Waste will be accepted from a licensed industrial waste hauler (Part 121 license from the DNRE's Waste and Hazardous Materials Division) only. Each load of industrial waste must be approved by the Allegan Wastewater Superintendent prior to delivery to the receiving station. The industrial waste may only be disposed of during normal wastewater plant operating hours Monday – Friday 7:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., no holidays, unless special approval is given for after hours discharge on a per load basis. All industrial waste will be sampled during off loading. A copy of all manifests for industrial waste load will be provided to the Allegan Waste Water Treatment Plant at the time of discharge.

Sampling

The sampling of domestic septage will be on a random basis. The City of Allegan reserves the right to sample any and all domestic septage discharged to the Allegan Waste Water Treatment Plant. Sampling is required for each load of domestic septage that is mixed with restaurant grease trap waste. Sampling is required for each load of industrial waste.

Regulatory Structure

Septage haulers are regulated by the Septage Receiving Station Ordinance. The Allegan Septage Receiving Station Ordinance is posted on the City of Allegan website, www.cityofallegan.org. On the web site click on Civic, at the top of the page, on the civic page the septage ordinance and septage operation plan are located below the "Only One Allegan" logo.

Fee Structure

The fee structure will be set in the Allegan Municipal Policy. The basis for the fee structure will be as follows:

- 1) Individual Recreational Vehicle will pay a per time dump fee comparable to the local campground dumping station. Charge will be \$10.00 per dump.
- 2) Haulers of domestic septage as described above will pay a per gallon charge based on annual OM&R (operation, maintenance and debt repayment) this includes costs of the receiving station, a portion of the treatment facility that is handling the solid's disposal, and the processing of supernatant from the solids handling. In addition, the rates are structured to include debt repayment from the loan in 2009 to build the receiving station. The rate will be set at \$0.07 per gallon. A discount will be given for pre paying based on the following chart:

	prepay/gal	prepay rate
Prepay	100,000	\$0.069
Prepay	250,000	\$0.068
Prepay	500,000	\$0.067
Prepay	750,000	\$0.066
Prepay	1,000,000	\$0.065

- 3) Industrial hauled waste (pre-approved before discharge) shall be a combination of #2 above (no prepay allowed) and shall also include a surcharge for excess BOD and/or suspended solids. This excess shall be based on the defined strength of domestic septage of BOD = 6,500 mg/l, TSS 13,000mg/l. Any amount over these will be charge at a rate of \$0.07/# BOD and \$0.04/# TSS.
- 4) Food establishment septage (FES) blended with domestic septage (1to 3 ratio) will be charge a rate of \$0.10 per gallon due to the increased handling of the grease.

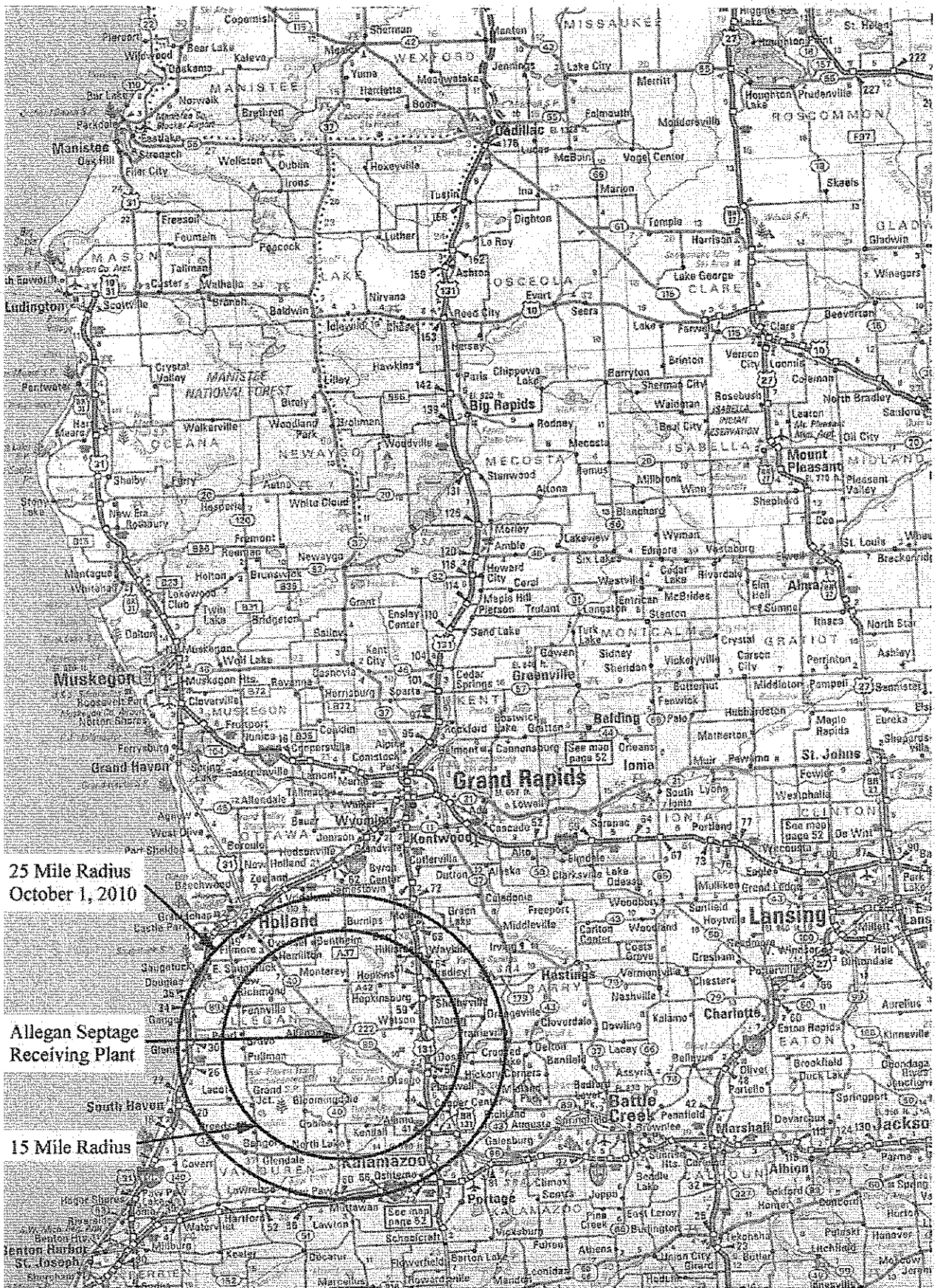
The City of Allegan reserves the right to change any and all fees for the septage receiving facility, any increase in rates will be posted a minimum of 30 days prior to increase.

Service Area

The service area is 15 radial miles from the geographic center of the plant and beginning on October 1, 2010, the service area will extend to 25 radial miles. This service area for the Allegan Septage Receiving Facility will include Allegan County and portions of Barry, Kalamazoo, Kent, Ottawa, and Van Buren counties. The service area will cover the 25 mile geographic area that comes into affect October 1, 2010. See attached map showing service area coverage's on page 7.

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Allegan Septage
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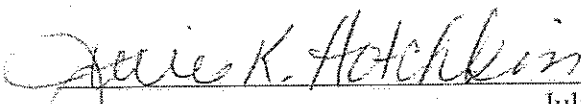
Connie Ellis, being duly sworn says she is one of the principal clerks of Allegan County News a weekly newspaper published and circulated in said county. The annexed is a printed copy of a notice which was published in said newspaper on the following dates. to wit:

Jan 28 A.D. 2010



Connie Ellis

Subscribed and sworn to before me this
5th day of February A.D. 2010



Julie Hotchkiss
Notary Public, Allegan County, Michigan.
Acting In Allegan County, Michigan

My commission expires 3/15/11

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALLEGAN WASTEWATER PLANT PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN FOR SEPTAGE RECEIVING

The Allegan Wastewater Plant is proposing to receive domestic and limited industrial septage for treatment at its new Septage Receiving Facility.

On October 12, 2004 house bill 5771 and 5772 were signed into law by Governor Jennifer M. Granholm. The Bills amend Part 117, Septage Waste Services, of the National Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451. Part 117 regulates the pumping, disposal and land application of septage waste.

In accordance with the requirements of section 11715b of Part 117, the City of Allegan has prepared a draft Septage Receiving Operational Plan. A copy of the proposed operating plan is available for review at the Allegan City Hall, 112 Locust St. Allegan, MI 49010 or at the Allegan Wastewater Plant, 350 North St. Allegan, MI 49010 during normal business hours or the proposed Operational Plan may be viewed on the City web site.

This public notice is a request for public comments on the proposed Septage Receiving Operational Plan. Please submit any written comments to the Allegan Wastewater Plant at the address below, by March 1, 2010.

Allegan Wastewater Plant
Septage Receiving Operational Plan
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63133 16th Ave.
Bangor, MI 49013-9661

Columbia Township
P.O. Box 323
Grand Junction, MI 49056-0323

Bloomington Township
P.O. Box 11
Bloomington, MI 49026-0011

Almena Township
27625 Co. Rd. 375
Paw Paw, MI 49079-9470

Pine Grove Township
P.O. Box 26
Kendall, MI 49062-0026

Oshemo Charter Township
7275 W. Main St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009

Alamo Township
7901 N. 6th St.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-8807

Cooper Charter Township
1590 W. D Ave.
Kalamazoo, MI 49009-6321

Richland Township
7401 N. 32nd St.
Richland, MI 49083-9701

Ross Township
P.O. Box 475
Augusta, MI 49012-0475

Yankee Springs Township
284 Briggs Rd. N
Middleville, MI 49333-9762

Thornapple Township
P.O. Box 459
Middleville, MI 49333-0459

Orangeville Township
7350 Lindsey Rd.
Plainwell, MI 49080

Praireville Township
10115 S. Norris Rd.
Delton, MI 49046-9710

Barry Township
P.O. Box 705
Delton, MI 49046-0705

Hope Township
5463 S. M-43 HWY.
Hastings, MI 49058-9237

Rutland Charter Township
2461 Heath Rd.
Hastings, MI 49058-9665

Irving Township
3425 Wing Rd.
Hastings, MI 49058

Byron Township
8085 Byron Center Ave. SW
Byron Center, MI 49315-9401

Gaines Charter Township
8555 Kalamazoo Ave. SE
Caledonia, MI 49316

Caledonia Charter township
250 S. Maple St.
Caledonia, MI 49316-9434

Bowne Township
P.O. Box 35
Alto, MI 49302-0035

Zeeland Charter Township
6582 Byron Rd.
Zeeland, MI 49464-9306

Jamestown Charter Township
P.O. Box 88
Jamestown, MI 49427-0088

Holland Charter Township
P.O. Box 8127
Holland, MI 49422-8127

Park Township
52 152nd Ave.
Holland, MI 49424-6201

Village of Douglas
47 West Center St.
P.O. Box 757
Douglas, MI 49406-0757

City of Holland
270 S. River Ave.
Holland, MI 49423-3299

City of Saugatuck
102 Butler St.
P.O. Box 86
Sugatuck, MI 49453

City of Zeeland
21 Elm St.
Zeeland, MI 49464-1783

City of Otsego
117 East Orleans St.
Otsego, MI 49078-1199

City of Plainwell
141 N. Main St.
Plainwell, MI 49080-1397

City of South Haven
539 Phoenix St.
South Haven, MI 49090-1499

City of Fennville
222 South Maple St.
P.O. Box 666
Fennville, MI 49408

Village of Gobles
105 E. Main St.
P.O. Box 38
Gobles, MI 49055-0038

City of Wayland
160 W. Superior St.
Wayland, MI 49348-1291

Village of Martin
P.O. Box 234
Martin, MI 49070

Allegan County Health Dept.
3255 122nd Ave.
Suite 200
Allegan, MI 49010

Village of Hopkins
309 East Main St.
Hopkins, MI 49328

Village of Hamilton
3440 M-40
P.O. Box 241
Hamilton, MI 49419-0241

Village of Bloomingdale
P.O. Box 236
Bloomingdale, MI 49026-0236

Kent County Health Dept.
700 Fuller Ave. NE
Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Barry County Health Dept.
330 W. Woodlawn Ave.
Hastings, MI 49058

Kalamazoo County Health Dept.
3299 Gull Road
Kalamazoo, MI 49048

Van Buren County Health Dept.
520 Main St.
Suite B
Dowagiac, MI 49047

Ottawa County Health Dept.
12251 James St.
Holland, MI 49424

Armsman Septic Service
2954 134th Ave.
Hopkins, MI 49328

Baylor's Buddy Jons
4973 104th Avenue
Grand Junction, MI 49056

Dorr Septic Service
4210 Park St.
Dorr, MI 49323

Coe's Septic Tank Service
1081 18th St.
Otsego, MI 49078

Plumber's Portable Toilets
710 Industrial Drive
Allegan, MI 49010

Septic Tank Systems Co.
5946 124th Ave.
Fennville, MI 49408

Van's Septic Service Inc.
60 Veterans Drive Suite 8
Holland, MI 49423

Veldhoff Septic Service Inc.
3294 M-40
Hamilton, MI 49419

Wray's Septic Tank Co.
1148 Lincoln Road
Allegan, MI 49010

Busscher's Pumping, Inc.
11305 East Lakewood Boulevard
Holland, MI 49424

Kerkstra Septic Tank cleaning
7003 60th Ave.
Hudsonville, MI 49426

Martin Services of South Haven
P.O. Box 642
South Haven, MI 49090

Gotta Go Portables
28755 CR 388
Gobles, MI 49055

S & R Septic Tank & Gravel
30694 CR 390
Gobles, MI 49055

Steinman Septic & Excavating LLC
12501 Maple St.
Gobles, MI 49055

Meyerink Trenching Service, LLC
8822 Hanna Lake
Caledonia, MI 49316

Plummer's Septic Tank Inc.
5003 Clyde Park SW
Wyoming, MI 49509



Septage Waste Receiving Facility Checklist

Name of Septage Receiving Facility:

DEQ Reviewer: Matt Campbell

Allegan Wastewater Plant

Review Date: 3/17/2010

Address of Septage Waste Receiving Facility:

350 North Street

Allegan, MI 49010

Facility Contact: Doug Sweeris

Telephone Number: 269-686-1117

Email Address: alleganwwtp@gmail.com

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		24/7 if approved by City. Otherwise, 7 a.m. - 3 p.m. M - F & 7 a.m. - 11 a.m. weekends.
3. Categories of septage waste the RF will receive.	X		Domestic septage as defined in Part 117.
4. If food establishment septage is accepted, does the RF required that the FES meets the 1:3 ratio mandated by law? (Not OP req't.)	X		1:3 blend required.
5. *Fee structure charged to hauler.	X		Includes a fee rate table.
6. *Service area (septage acceptance) description of RF defined in detail.	X		Good. This includes a map of the service area.
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		Contact list included.
b) *Was it public noticed in the local newspaper?	X		Published on 1/28/2010, in the Allegan County News.

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Allegan Wastewater Plant**

<u>Requirement</u>	<u>Yes</u>	<u>No</u>	<u>Comments</u>
7. Notice of proposed operation plan:			
c) Was it posted on the facility website?	X		www.cityofallegan.org
8. 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		
d. Receiving facility capacity.			
I) Hydraulic capacity:	X		
II) Organic capacity:	X		
*III) Wet weather operation considerations (CSO & SSO)		NA	
9. Other conditions established for the RF?	X		See Allegan SWRF operating plan.

*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 accept. It should also include whether or not they accept septage pumped outside of the service area.

*7b. Check to see if there were any comments from the public and document.

*8.d.(III). CSO-Combined Sewer Overflow and SSO-Sanitary Sewer Overflow.

Check with DEQ District Staff prior to approving the operating plan to ensure there are no operational and/or compliance concerns.