FACT SHEET

REISSUANCE OF A GENERAL VPDES PERMIT FOR NON-CONTACT COOLING WATER DISCHARGES OF 50,000 GALLONS PER DAY OR LESS

The Virginia State Water Control Board has under consideration the reissuance of a VPDES general permit for point source discharges of non-contact cooling water to surface waters of the Commonwealth of Virginia. This general permit will replace the existing non-contact cooling water general permit, VAG25, which expires March 1, 2018. Owners covered under the expiring general permit who wish to continue to discharge under a general permit must register for coverage under the new general permit.

Permit Number: VAG25

Name of Permittee: Any owner of a qualifying facility discharging non-contact cooling water in the

Commonwealth of Virginia agreeing to be regulated under the terms of this general

permit.

Facility Location: Commonwealth of Virginia

Receiving Waters: Surface waters within the boundaries of the Commonwealth of Virginia, except

Class V stockable waters, Class VI natural trout waters, and those specifically named in Board Regulations which prohibit such discharges. Discharge to surface waters may be through a municipal separate storm sewer system. Chlorine or any other halogen compounds shall not be used for disinfection or other treatment purposes, including biocide applications, for any discharges to waters containing endangered or threatened species as identified in 9VAC25-260-110 C of the Water

Quality Standards.

On the basis of preliminary review and application of lawful standards and regulations, the State Water Control Board proposes to reissue the VPDES general permit subject to certain conditions and has prepared a draft permit. The Board has determined that this category of discharges is appropriately controlled under a general permit. Non-contact cooling water discharges are similar in composition even though they may not be generated by a single industrial category or point source. The draft general permit requires that all covered facilities meet standardized effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, special conditions, and Water Quality Standards (9VAC25-260).

Persons may comment in writing on the proposed reissuance of the general permit within 60 days from the start of the public comment period. Comments should be addressed to the contact person listed below. Comments shall include the name, address, and telephone number of the writer, and shall contain a complete, concise statement of the factual basis for comments. Only those comments within the comment period will be considered by the Board.

All pertinent information is on file and may be inspected, and arrangements made for copying by contacting:

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A public hearing will be held on this draft permit. Notice of the public hearing will be published in newspapers, on the Virginia Regulatory Town Hall web site at www.townhall.virginia.gov, and in the Virginia Register. Following the public comment period, the Board will make its determinations regarding the proposed permit action.

1.0 Activities Covered By This General Permit And Sources Of Wastewater

This general permit covers point source discharges of 50,000 gallons per day or less of non-contact cooling water and cooling equipment blowdown to surface waters. Discharge to surface waters may be through a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4).

"Cooling Water" means water used to reduce temperature which does not come into direct contact with any raw product, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. For the purposes of this general permit, cooling water can be generated from any cooling equipment blowdown or produced as a result of any non-contact cooling process through either a single pass (once through) or recirculating system.

"Blowdown" is a discharge of recirculating water from any cooling equipment or cooling process in order to maintain a desired quality of the recirculating water. Water which is used for cooling purposes and which commingles with a wastewater or process fluid becomes process wastewater and is not covered by this general permit. Boiler blowdown and storm water discharges are also excluded from the coverage of this general permit.

This general permit is not applicable for a category where federal effluent guidelines have been promulgated, such as steam electric generating stations (see 40 CFR Part 423).

The cooling water's source can be a well, surface water, or the potable water supply. The water is used in a process for cooling. The temperature control system operates so that the cooling water does not come into direct contact with the raw materials. The primary pollutant associated with cooling equipment blowdown and non-contact cooling water discharges is the heat taken up by the water. In one pass cooling water facilities, after the heat transfer has taken place, the water is discharged. Once-through cooling generates relatively large volumes of water. In most cases, the water passes through the heat exchange apparatus and is discharged without chemical additives or treatment.

Other cooling equipment, such as cooling towers, use less water because they usually operate in a recycle, rather than once-through, mode. Generally associated with air conditioning units, cooling towers are used to remove heat from a fluid by evaporating water. Water is dispersed over a media or trickled through shallow pans as air is blown over it. Evaporation cools the water down to the ambient air temperature. The cooled water is then piped to a heat exchanger within the air conditioning chiller where it absorbs the heat released as Freon is condensed. The cycle is completed when the water is pumped back to the cooling tower. A certain amount of the water in the cooling equipment system must be replaced during each or several cycles in order to maintain the desired properties of the water. This type of discharge (blowdown) is usually lower in volume than the once-through cooling discharge, but it has a greater potential to contain pollutants. The reuse of water usually requires some sort of treatment to inhibit corrosion and scale build-up, to reduce biological growth, and to reduce deposition of water impurities in the system. Chemical and/or non-chemical treatment may be employed to address these problems.

Due to the concern that tributyltin compounds are not easily degradable and thus have long-lasting residual effects, and the stringent water quality standards for tributyltin (0.072 ppb in freshwater and 0.0074 ppb in saltwater), discharges that use biocides containing tributyltin will be excluded from coverage under this general permit. In addition, this general permit will not cover any cooling water discharges that use hexavalent chromium (Cr⁺⁶)-containing water treatment chemicals in the cooling water system. This restriction is imposed based on the provision promulgated under 40 CFR Part 749 that prohibits the use of hexavalent chromium-based water treatment chemicals in comfort cooling towers (CCT's). Although CCT's are dedicated exclusively to, and are an integral part of heating, ventilation, and air conditioning (HVAC) or refrigeration systems, it is anticipated that the majority of the cooling water discharges covered by this general permit will be generated from CCT's. In order to assure compliance with the halogen ban of 9VAC25-260-110 of the Water Quality Standards, chlorine or any other halogen compounds are not allowed to be used for disinfection or other treatment purposes, including biocide applications, for any discharges to water containing endangered or threatened species as identified in 9VAC25-260-110 C of the Water Quality Standards.

Using chloramines to disinfect drinking water is a common practice among drinking water utilities. Ammonia is a byproduct of the use of chloramines for this purpose. Therefore, ammonia monitoring is required where the source of cooling water is disinfected using chloramines.

As a non-chemical treatment alternative, an ion generator is commonly employed in the cooling water system. DC current is passed through anodes made of copper and silver alloy. This process releases copper and silver ions into the water. The ions neutralize bacteria and algae. Other non-chemical treatment alternatives, such as magnetic descaling which reduces the scale build-up by creating alternating magnetic fields, may require alternative treatment for control of biological growth. Either a silver/copper anode unit or chlorine addition may serve this purpose.

Due to the concern that toxic effects could occur as a result of contaminated water sources from groundwater remediation wells, discharges that use groundwater remediation wells as cooling water source will be excluded from the coverage of this general permit.

The cooling water discharges normally do not include a treatment system. However, retention or settling ponds may be used to equalize the flow, lower the temperature, or to settle any possible solids that may occur in the discharge.

2.0 Revisions to the Expiring VPDES General Permit for Non-Contact Cooling Water Discharges of 50,000 GPD or Less

The title of the regulation was changed to "Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit Regulation For Noncontact Cooling Water Discharges Of 50,000 Gallons Per Day Or Less" to be consistent with other VPDES General Permits titles.

A definition was added to clarify that "Board" means State Water Control Board.

The "Cooling Water" definition in the regulation was simplified to provide clarity.

The "Applicability of incorporated references based on the date that they became effective" section (9VAC25-196-15 was simplified to be consistent with other VPDES general permits and the date referenced was changed to July 1, 2017.

The "Effective date of the permit" section (9VAC25-196-40) was revised to provide updated dates for the regulation. It should be noted that these dates were updated through the other sections of the regulation.

Made a change in the "Authorization to Discharge" section (9VAC25-196-50) that clarifies that prohibits the use of water treatment chemicals containing hexavalent chromium (chromium(VI), Cr(VI), chromium 6)

Added requirements to the "Registration Statement" (9VAC25-196-60 C) information including: requiring that a Safety Data Sheet (SDS) is submitted for each proposed cooling water additive; that each proposed discharge point is identified by a unique number, latitude, and longitude; a determination that the facility will discharge to a MS4 and if so then a facility must notify the owner of the MS4 of the discharge at the time of registration under this permit and include that notification with the registration statement; and that the registration statement shall be delivered by either postal or electronic mail to the DEQ regional office serving the area where the discharging facility is located.

The Part I A, Effluent Limits and Monitoring Requirements (9VAC25-196-70) section were modified as follows: Part I A 1 and Part I A 2 were removed during this reissuance as these requirements were for the first four years of the previous permit term; the previous permit term Part I A 3 and Part I A 4 were renumbered in this issuance as Part I A 1 and Part I A 2, respectively; clarifications were also made by replacing "receiving streams" with "receiving waterbodies" and that the sampling frequency of "1/3 Months" equals the following three-months periods of each year of permit coverage: January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December; and the word "directly" was removed to clarify that chlorine monitoring applied to outfalls discharging to surface waters.

In the Part I B, Special Conditions (9VAC25-196-70) section the following special conditions were modified: Part I B 3 was modified to include a new requirement that a SDS will be attached for each proposed additive; Part I B 4 (discharges to MS4s) was modified to require a facility must notify the owner of an MS4 of a proposed discharge to the MS4 at the time of registration under the general permit and include that notification with the registration statement; and Part I B 5 was modified to include a new requirement that an operations and maintenance (O&M) manual be developed for all the equipment or systems used to meet effluent limitations within 90 days of coverage under the general permit.

3.0 Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

3.1 Part I A 1. Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements for Discharges to Freshwater Receiving Waterbodies.

Parameter

Elimitation

O.05 MGD maximum

Temperature

pH

Cotal Residual Chlorine⁽³⁾

Ammonia-N⁽³⁾

Total Recoverable Copper⁽⁴⁾

Dimitation

O.05 MGD maximum

Maximum⁽¹⁾

6.0 minimum, 9.0 maximum⁽²⁾

Non-detectable max.

No limit, monitoring required

9.0 µg/l maximum

Total Recoverable Copper⁽⁴⁾

Total Recoverable Zinc⁽⁴⁾

Total Recoverable Silver^(4,5)

3.4 μg/l maximum
3.4 μg/l maximum

Total Phosphorus⁽⁶⁾ No limit, monitoring required

All monitoring is once per three months by grab sample, except for temperature which is by immersion/stabilization. Once per three months is equal to the following three-month periods each year of permit coverage: January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December.

⁽¹⁾ The effluent temperature shall not exceed a maximum 32°C for discharges to non-tidal coastal and piedmont waters, or 31°C for mountain and upper piedmont waters. No maximum temperature limit, only monitoring, applies to discharges to estuarine waters.

The effluent shall not cause an increase in temperature of the receiving stream of more than 3°C above the natural water temperature. The effluent shall not cause the temperature in the receiving stream to change more than 2°C per hour. Natural temperature is defined as that temperature of a body of water (measured as the arithmetic average over one hour) due solely to natural conditions without the influence of any point-source discharge.

- Where the Water Quality Standards (9 VAC 25-260-5 et seq.) establish alternate standards for pH in the waters receiving the discharge, those standards shall be the maximum and minimum effluent limitations.
- (3) Chlorine limitation of non-detectable (<0.1 mg/l) and monitoring only apply to outfalls directly discharging to surface waters and are required where either: (1) a treatment additive that contains chlorine or chlorine compounds is used, or (2) the source of cooling water is chlorinated. All data below the quantification level (QL) of 0.1 mg/L shall be reported as "<QL". Ammonia monitoring only applies where the source of cooling water is disinfected using chloramines.
- ⁽⁴⁾ A specific analytical method is not specified; however a maximum quantification level (Max QL) value for each metal has been established. An appropriate method to meet the Max QL value shall be selected using any approved method presented in 40 CFR Part 136. If the test result is less than the method quantification level (QL), a "<[QL]" shall be reported where the actual analytical test QL is substituted for [OL].

Material	Max QL(μg/l)
Copper	1.0
Zinc	50.0
Silver	1.0

Quality control/assurance information shall be submitted to document that the required QL has been attained.

- (5) Silver monitoring is only required where a Cu/Ag anode is used.
- ⁽⁶⁾ Phosphorus monitoring is only required where an additive containing phosphorus is used.

3.2 Part I A 2. Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements for Discharges to Saltwater Receiving Waterbodies.

<u>Parameter</u>	<u>Limitation</u>
Flow	0.05 MGD maximum
Temperature	Maximum ⁽¹⁾
pН	6.0 minimum, 9.0 maximum ⁽²⁾
Total Residual Chlorine ⁽³⁾	Non-detectable max.
Ammonia-N ⁽³⁾	No limit, monitoring required
Total Recoverable Copper ⁽⁴⁾	6.0 μg/l maximum
Total Recoverable Zinc ⁽⁴⁾	81 µg/l maximum
Total Recoverable Silver ^(4,5)	1.9 μg/l maximum
Total Phosphorus ⁽⁶⁾	No limit, monitoring required

All monitoring is once per three months by grab sample, except for temperature which is by immersion/stabilization. . Once per three months is equal to the following three-month periods each year of permit coverage: January through March, April through June, July through September, and October through December.

⁽¹⁾ The effluent temperature shall not exceed a maximum 32°C for discharges to non-tidal coastal and piedmont waters, or 31°C for mountain and upper piedmont waters. No maximum temperature limit, only monitoring, applies to discharges to estuarine waters.

The effluent shall not cause an increase in temperature of the receiving stream of more than 3°C above the natural water temperature. The effluent shall not cause the temperature in the receiving stream to change more than 2°C per hour. Natural temperature is defined as that temperature of a body of water (measured as the arithmetic average over one hour) due solely to natural conditions without the influence of any point-source discharge.

- (2) Where the Water Quality Standards (9 VAC 25-260-5 et seq.) establish alternate standards for pH in the waters receiving the discharge, those standards shall be the maximum and minimum effluent limitations.
- (3) Chlorine limitation of non-detectable (<0.1 mg/l) and monitoring only apply to outfalls directly discharging to surface waters and are required where either: (1) a treatment additive that contains chlorine or chlorine compounds is used, or (2) the source of cooling water is chlorinated. All data below the quantification level (QL) of 0.1 mg/L shall be reported as "<QL". Ammonia monitoring only applies where the source of cooling water is disinfected using chloramines.
- ⁽⁴⁾ A specific analytical method is not specified; however a maximum quantification level (Max QL) value for each metal has been established. An appropriate method to meet the Max QL value shall be selected using any approved method presented in 40 CFR Part 136. If the test result is less than the method quantification level (QL), a "<[QL]" shall be reported where the actual analytical test QL is substituted for [OL].

Material	Max QL(µg/l)
Copper	1.0
Zinc	50.0
Silver	1.0

Quality control/assurance information shall be submitted to document that the required QL has been attained.

- (5) Silver monitoring is only required where a Cu/Ag anode is used.
- (6) Phosphorus monitoring is only required where an additive containing phosphorus is used.

4.0 Basis for Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements

4.1 Technology-Based Effluent Limitations

EPA has not promulgated National Effluent Guidelines for non-contact cooling water discharges. For a category where Guidelines have been promulgated, such as steam electric generating stations, the issuance of an individual permit for the discharges would be more appropriate. (See 9VAC25-31-170 B.3.a.(3)).

4.2 Water Quality-Based Effluent Limitations

Water quality-based limitations for pH, temperature, total residual chlorine (TRC), and total recoverable copper, zinc and silver are included in this general permit for all monitoring scenarios.

The pH limitation is based upon the Water Quality Standards (9VAC25-260-5 et seq.). There shall be no change from background conditions that would impair any uses assigned to the receiving streams.

Because of the concern of excess heat from cooling water discharges, and once through systems in particular, a respective temperature limit for non-tidal coastal and piedmont waters or mountainous waters, based on the Virginia Water Quality Standards (9VAC25-260-50) is placed in the permit. Restrictions on rise above natural temperature and maximum hourly temperature change are also imposed. In order to ensure that the stringent temperature standards for put and take trout waters and natural trout waters will be maintained, cooling water discharges to these receiving streams will not be covered by this general permit, rather be covered by an individual permit.

The general permit contains a TRC limit of non-detectable (<0.1 mg/l) in order to ensure that the Water Quality Standards (9VAC25-260-140) are maintained regardless of the dilution available to the discharge. The selection of the non-detectable limit, rather than the numerical standard itself which is below the detection level, is consistent with other VPDES permits issued by the Board. Total residual chlorine limitation and monitoring are required for facilities where the following conditions prevail: 1) There is a direct discharge to surface waters; and 2) Either a treatment additive that contains chlorine or chlorine compounds is used, or the source of cooling water is chlorinated. For cooling water discharges to the MS4s, it is anticipated that dissipation in the cooling process and chlorine demand in the MS4s will reduce the residual chlorine to "de minimis" level. For any cooling water discharges to waters containing endangered and threatened species as identified in the Water Quality Standards (9VAC25-260-110 C.), chlorine or any other halogen compounds are not allowed to be used in the cooling water system.

The copper, zinc and silver limitations are based on the numerical water quality criteria in the Water Quality Standards (9VAC25-260-140) for protection of aquatic life. Limits are given for both freshwater receiving streams and saltwater receiving streams. For freshwater receiving streams, a total hardness as CaCO₃ of 100mg/l was assumed. The freshwater copper and zinc limits are based on the chronic criteria, while the silver is based on the acute criteria. The saltwater copper and zinc limits are based on the chronic criteria, while the silver is based on the acute criteria.

4.4 Toxics Considerations

Due to the concern that the use of corrosion inhibitors and/or biocides may be allowed through this general permit, and that metals could be discharged and thus the quality of the receiving stream could be impacted, a maximum flow of 50,000 gallons per day (0.05 MGD) is imposed in this general permit. It is

the opinion of the Department that a larger discharge would need to be monitored on a more frequent basis and need additional controls, and it would be more appropriate to be covered by an individual permit. This approach is also consistent with the agency's Toxics Management Program.

Further assessment of the need for toxicity monitoring requirements for the restricted flow discharges (< 0.05 MGD) was performed by conducting an in-house review of toxicity test data for non-contact cooling water discharges (with or without additives). It showed that 94% of acute toxicity tests had an LC₅₀ greater than or equal to 100% effluent. It was concluded that these types of discharges, in general, are not acutely toxic. The report also showed that 75% of chronic toxicity tests had a no observed effect concentration (NOEC) greater than or equal to 100% effluent, which is the worst case of the instream waste concentration (IWC). These results indicate that both acute and chronic tests passed the decision criteria (75% of the tests) established by the Toxic Management Program. Therefore, additional toxicity monitoring is not imposed in this general permit.

5.0 Special Conditions and Their Basis

- 1. Restriction of floating solids and visible foam discharges. This is a standard requirement for all permits per the VPDES Permit Manual (2010) and conforms to the general water quality criteria at 9VAC25-260-20.
- 2. Prohibition of any discharges other than cooling water as defined. The effluent limitations do not address pollutants typical of treated sewage, process wastewater, or storm water discharges. Therefore no discharges other than cooling water as defined are permitted under the general permit.
- 3. Prohibition of unapproved chemical usage and prior approval requirement for change of treatment technology. In order to assure protection of water quality and beneficial uses of the waters receiving the discharge, the use of any chemical additives not identified in the registration statement, except chlorine, without prior approval is prohibited under this general permit. The general permit contains a water quality-based chlorine limitation.

The chemical and/or non-chemical treatment that are employed in the cooling water system will be identified on the registration statement, a SDS shall be submitted for each proposed additive, and evaluated before the facility is covered under the general permit. Prior approval shall be obtained from the DEQ before any changes are made to the chemical and/or non-chemical treatment technology employed in the cooling water system, during the life of the permit term.

- 4. Notification of municipal separate storm sewer system. Where cooling water discharges to surface waters through a municipal separate storm sewer system, the permittee is required to notify the owner of the municipal separate storm sewer system in writing of the existence of the discharge, and include the name of the facility, a contact person and phone number, the location of the discharge, the nature of the discharge, and the facility's VPDES general permit number. The permittee is required to submit any DMRs required by the permit to both the Department and to the owner of the MS4. This is required in order to facilitate the municipality's efforts to control dry weather flows from the storm sewer. **New for this reissuance**, the facility must notify the owner of an MS4 of a proposed discharge to the MS4 at the time of registration under the general permit and include that notification with the registration statement.
- 5. **New for this reissuance,** the requirement that within 90 days of coverage under the general permit prepare an operations and maintenance (O&M) manual for the equipment or systems used to meet effluent limitations.
- 6. Notification levels. The permittee is required to report the discharge of any toxic pollutant from any activity that has occurred or will occur when that discharge, either on routine or non-routine basis, will exceed the highest of the listed notification levels. This condition is required by the VPDES Permit Regulation (9 VAC 25-31-200 A).
- 7. Geothermal Systems Using Groundwater and No Chemical Additives. Geothermal systems using groundwater and no chemical additives may be eligible for reduced monitoring requirements. If a geothermal system was covered by the expiring general permit, and the monitoring results from the previous permit term demonstrate full compliance with the effluent limitations, the permittee may request

authorization from the department to reduce the monitoring to once in the first monitoring quarter of the first year of the new permit term.

Owners of new geothermal systems, and previously unpermitted geothermal systems that receive coverage under this permit shall submit monitoring results to the Department for the first four monitoring quarters after coverage begins. If the monitoring results demonstrate full compliance with the effluent limitations, the permittee may request authorization from the Department to suspend monitoring for the remainder of the permit term.

Should the permittee be issued a warning letter related to violation of effluent limitations, a notice of violation, or be the subject of an active enforcement action, upon issuance of the letter or notice, or initiation of the enforcement action the monitoring frequency shall revert to 1/3 months and remain in effect until the permit's expiration date.

- 8. The general permit requires that any monitoring results be reported using the same number of significant digits as listed in the permit.
- 9. Owners of facilities that are a source of the specified pollutant of concern to waters where an approved "total maximum daily load" (TMDL) has been established shall implement measures and controls that are consistent with the assumptions and requirements of the TMDL. The condition was developed since general permit discharges are considered insignificant to the overall TMDL waste load allocation. This special condition allows staff more flexibility to allow permit coverage for discharges without requiring immediate modification of the TMDL. DEQ will track all the general permit discharges and once they become significant for purposes of the TMDL, the TMDL will be modified to include the load.
- 10. This special condition spells out the procedure a permittee must use to terminate coverage under the general permit.
- 11. Discharges authorized by this permit shall be controlled as necessary to meet applicable water quality standards.
- 12. Approval for coverage under this general permit does not relieve any owner of the responsibility to comply with any other federal, state or local statute, ordinance or regulation. This special condition repeats the requirement in 9VAC25-12-60 C (Authorization to Discharge).

6.0 General Permit Coverage

The general permit has a fixed term of 5 years. Every authorization under this general permit will expire at the same time and all authorizations will be renewed on the same date, provided a complete registration statement has been filed prior to the general permit's expiration date.

All persons desiring to be covered by this general permit must register with the Board by submitting a registration statement and applicable fee to the Department . The registration statement shall be submitted and a notification of coverage issued prior to any discharges or other activities for which this permit is required.

Cooling water sources that are discharging to surface waters on the effective date of this general permit and that have not been issued an individual VPDES permit, are required to submit the registration statement. Existing operations with individual VPDES permits that wish to seek coverage under the proposed general permit would have to file a registration statement at least 210 days prior to the expiration date of the individual VPDES permit. For all new cooling water dischargers that propose to discharge to surface waters and that will begin activities after the effective date of this permit, the registration statement shall be filed at least 30 days prior to the commencement of construction or operation of the cooling equipment.

This general permit does not cover activities or discharges covered by an individual VPDES permit until the individual permit has expired or has been revoked. Any person conducting an activity covered by an individual permit, which could be covered by this general permit, may request that the individual permit be revoked and register for coverage under this general permit. Antibacksliding will be considered prior to granting the coverage under this general permit. Any owner or operator not wishing to be covered or

limited by this general permit may make application for an individual VPDES permit, in accordance with VPDES procedures, stating the reasons supporting the request.

This general permit does not apply to any new or increased discharge that will result in significant effects to the receiving waters. The determination is made in accordance with the State Water Control Board's Antidegradation Policy contained in 9 VAC 25-260-30 of the Virginia Water Quality Standards.

All facilities that the Board determines are eligible for coverage under this general permit will be authorized to discharge under the terms and conditions of the permit after a complete registration statement is submitted, the applicable permit fee is paid and the Department sends a copy of the general permit to the applicant. If this general permit is inappropriate (for example, effluent limitations are needed for any parameters other than flow, pH, temperature, total residual chlorine, copper, zinc or silver) the applicant will be so notified and the requirement that an individual permit or alternate general permit is needed will remain in effect.

