

**WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT PERMIT**

This permit is issued under the provisions of Chapter 342D, Hawaii Revised Statutes, and Chapter 11-62, Hawaii Administrative Rules, Department of Health, State of Hawaii.

City and County of Honolulu  
Department of Environmental Services  
(Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant)

and

Synagro – WWT, Inc.  
In-Vessel Bioconversion Facility  
(Sand Island Wastewater Treatment Plant)

(herein Permittee)

is hereby authorized to operate the wastewater treatment works located at 1350 Sand Island Parkway, Honolulu, Hawaii, Tax Map Key (1) 1-5-041:005 in accordance with the sludge limitations, monitoring requirements, and other conditions set forth herein, and in the attached Department of Health “Individual Permit Standard Conditions”, dated July 1, 2014.

Acceptance of this permit constitutes an acknowledgment and agreement that the holder will comply with all rules, regulations, orders of the Department, and the conditions precedent to the granting of this permit.

This permit shall become effective \_\_\_\_\_.

This permit shall expire at midnight, \_\_\_\_\_.

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(For) Director of Health

**Part A. General Conditions.**

1. The Permittee shall comply with all Federal and State regulations, and any NPDES permits issued to the facility.
2. The Permittee shall comply with HAR, Chapter 11-62, Appendix A, Individual and General Permit Standard Conditions (enclosed).
3. The Permittee shall comply with all materials submitted in and with the retained copy of the permit application.
4. The Permittee shall retain a copy of this permit and permit application at the facility.
5. The Permittee shall ensure that all wastewater pumpers and haulers that discharge wastewater and wastewater sludge into the facility shall be registered with the State. Copies of the wastewater manifests shall be made available to the Director upon request.
6. The Permittee shall submit a copy of all requests for test analyses, chain of custody form and test analyses results, including all test results that do not meet the requirements with each report. The Permittee shall submit signed copies of all reports required by this permit to the Director.
7. The Permittee shall include the following certification statement and signature on each submittal in accordance with HAR, Chapter 11-55, Section 11-55-07(b):  
  
**"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine or imprisonment for knowing violations."**
8. The Permittee shall notify the Director, in writing, of any changes to information on file with the DOH as soon as changes arise. A revised operations manual reflecting these changes shall be submitted for the Director's review and approval prior to implementation. Depending on the extent of the proposed changes, a modification to this permit may be required.

**Part B. Special Conditions for the In-Vessel Bioconversion Facility**

1. All wastewater sludge generated by the Permittee shall meet the exceptional quality criteria specified in section 11-62-42(a). If the wastewater sludge does not meet this criteria:
  - a. The Permittee must inform the Director immediately that the wastewater sludge does not meet the exceptional quality criteria and must submit in writing why the facility did not meet the criteria and any corrective actions taken.
  - b. The wastewater sludge cannot be land applied and must be disposed of in a municipal solid waste landfill or incineration facility.
2. All wastewater sludge generated by the Permittee shall be reused or disposed of in accordance with the applicable portions of:
  - a. 40 CFR 503 and Chapter 11-62, HAR: For wastewater sludge that are land applied, placed in a surface disposal site, or incinerated.
  - b. 40 CFR 258 and Chapter 11-58.1, HAR: For all wastewater sludge that is disposed in municipal solid waste landfills.
  - c. 40 CFR 257 and Chapter 11-62, HAR: For all wastewater sludge use and disposal practices not covered in 40 CFR 258 or 503.
3. The Permittee is responsible for assuring that all wastewater sludge produced at the facility are used or disposed of in accordance with 40 CFR 257, 258, and 503, and Chapters 11-58.1 and 11-62, HAR, whether the Permittee reuses or disposes of the wastewater sludge directly or transfers the wastewater sludge to another entity for further treatment, reuse, or disposal. The Permittee is responsible for informing the subsequent preparers, applicers, and disposers of the requirements which these entities must meet under 40 CFR 257, 258, and 503, and Chapter 11-58.1 and 11-62, HAR.
4. No wastewater sludge shall be allowed to enter wetlands or other waters of the United States.
5. Wastewater sludge treatment, storage, reuse, or disposal shall not contaminate groundwater.
6. Wastewater sludge treatment, storage, reuse, or disposal shall be performed in a manner as to minimize nuisances such as objectionable odors or flies.
7. If the wastewater sludge is transported for off-site treatment, reuse, or disposal, the

Permittee shall use only haulers registered in the State. In addition, the Permittee shall assure that haulers take all necessary measures to keep the wastewater sludge contained.

8. If the wastewater sludge is stored for over two years from the time it was generated, the Permittee must ensure compliance with all requirements for surface disposal in 40 CFR 503 Subpart C.
9. Wastewater sludge containing PCBs equal to or greater than 50 mg/kg of total solids (100% dry weight basis) shall be disposed of in accordance with 40 CFR 761.
10. Any wastewater sludge treatment, storage, or disposal site shall have adequate facilities which divert surface runoff from adjacent areas, protect site boundaries from erosion, and prevent any conditions that would cause drainage to escape from the site. Adequate protection is defined as protection from at least a 100-year storm and from the highest tidal stage that may occur.
11. Monitoring shall be conducted as follows:
  - a. Wastewater sludge that is land applied shall be tested for the following pollutants using, "Test Methods for Evaluating Solid Waste Physical/Chemical Methods", EPA Publication SW-846.
    - i. The frequency of testing shall be done on a monthly basis.
    - ii. Sampling procedures shall follow the protocol submitted to the Director dated August 24, 2018.
    - iii. Pollutant concentration shall not exceed the ceiling limits specified in Chapter 11-62, Table IV, HAR and are listed below. The wastewater sludge pellets exceeding the ceiling limits cannot be distributed nor can it be retested for distribution.

Pollutant	Ceiling Limit (mg/kg, dry weight basis)
Arsenic	20
Cadmium	15
Chromium	200
Copper	1500
Lead	300
Mercury	10
Molybdenum	25
Nickel	420
Selenium	25
Zinc	2000

- b. Wastewater sludge that is land applied shall be tested monthly for organic-N, ammonium-N, and nitrate. The frequency of testing shall be done on a monthly basis.
- c. Wastewater sludge that is land applied shall demonstrate that the wastewater sludge meets Class A pathogen requirements of sections 11-62-46(a) and 11-62-46(d)(2), HAR, and 40 CFR 503 appendix B, section B.2.
  - i. The facility shall test for fecal coliform or salmonella by taking one grab sample per month of operation. The fecal coliform density shall be less than 1000 MPN per gram of total solids (dry weight basis) or for each sample, the Salmonella sp. bacteria shall be less than three MPN per four grams of total solids (dry weight basis). If a sample exceeds the pathogen density of an organism, the wastewater sludge pellets cannot be retested for distribution using the same organism. The wastewater sludge pellets, however, can be tested to meet the pathogen density using the other organism.
  - ii. The wastewater sludge pellet temperature shall be measured once per shift and no less than twice in a 24-hour period from a sampling point on the outlet side of the rotary drum dryer. The pellet temperature shall be measured with either a bulb or infrared thermometer from this location and the value recorded. The temperature of the wastewater sludge pellets shall exceed 80 degrees Celsius.
  - iii. At the time the wastewater pellets are analyzed for pathogen densities, the pellets shall also be analyzed for percent total solids to show compliance with the Class A requirements.
  - iv. The pathogen density shall be met at the time the wastewater sludge is used, disposed, or prepared for sale or give away in a bag or other container. The wastewater sludge must therefore be monitored not more than sixty days before land application or being bagged for distribution unless otherwise specified.
- d. Wastewater sludge that is land applied shall meet the vector attraction reduction requirements of section 11-62-47, HAR. The percent solids of the wastewater sludge shall be equal to or greater than 75 percent based on the moisture content total solids prior to mixing with other materials for wastewater sludge that does not contain unstabilized solids and equal to or greater than 90 percent based on the moisture content total solids prior to mixing with other materials for wastewater sludge that contains unstabilized solids. At the time the wastewater pellets are analyzed for pathogens, the pellets shall also be analyzed for percent total solids to show compliance with

the vector attraction reduction requirements.

12. The Permittee shall comply with the following notification requirements:
  - a. The Permittee shall notify the applier(s) in writing of the nitrogen, phosphorus, and potassium content of the wastewater sludge, and of all the appliers' requirements in chapter 11-62, HAR, including the application rates in section 11-62-42(e).
  - b. If wastewater sludge is shipped to another State/Tribal Lands, the Permittee must send notice prior to the initial shipment of wastewater sludge to the permitting authorities in the receiving State/Tribal Land.
  - c. The Permittee shall submit an annual report to the Director by February 19 of each year for the period covering the previous calendar year. The report shall include:
    - i. A wastewater sludge balance in dry metric tons, including the amount of wastewater sludge generated that year, the amount accumulated from previous years, and the amount used, disposed or distributed that year.
    - ii. Results of all monitoring required by this permit.
    - iii. A completed Certification Form (Chapter 11-62, Form A).
    - iv. Names, mailing addresses, and street addresses of entities who received wastewater sludge for further treatment, storage, disposal in a municipal solid waste landfill, or for other use or disposal methods not covered above, and the volumes in dry metric tons delivered to each.
13. The Permittees shall not initially use or distribute any wastewater sludge without the written approval of the Director.
14. Records regarding the wastewater sludge processing such as end-product transactions including invoices, billings, and/or manifests, shall be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years. Records of all analytical testing data and temperature monitoring data shall also be maintained for a minimum of five (5) years. Copies shall be made available to the Director upon request.
15. The Permittee shall notify the Director, in writing, of any operational changes. A revised operations manual reflecting these changes shall be submitted for the Director's review and approval prior to implementation. Depending on the extent of the proposed changes, a modification to this permit may be required.