

8. WATERSHED PROTECTION PLAN

The permittee has a Watershed Protection Plan that has been approved by EPD. The permittee's approved Watershed Protection Plan shall be enforceable through this permit.

- a. The Watershed Protection Plan provides for the following:
 - i. The Watershed Protection Plan applies to all basins and subbasins that are served by the facility. The plan utilizes the information generated in the permittee's watershed assessment to establish a baseline of watershed conditions and to provide ongoing long-term monitoring according to the approved plan to either verify that the plan is effective or to modify the plan such that water quality standards will be achieved.
 - ii. The Watershed Protection Plan includes a schedule for correcting current water quality problems that are causing water quality standards violations. The permittee provides ongoing monitoring to verify that the actions taken to correct the water quality problems are effective.
 - iii. The permittee has developed and put in place best management practices (BMPs) to prevent future water quality standards violations.
 - iv. The permittee provides ongoing monitoring to verify that the BMPs are working or to provide the information necessary to modify the BMPs to achieve water quality standards.
- b. Each June 30th the permittee is to submit the following to EPD:
 - i. An annual certification statement documenting that the plan is being implemented as approved. The certification statement shall read as follows: "I certify, under penalty of law, that the Watershed Protection Plan is being implemented. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."
 - ii. All Watershed Plan data collected during the previous year in an electronic format. This data shall be archived using a digital format such as a spreadsheet developed in coordination with EPD. All archived records, data, and information pertaining to the Watershed Protection Plan shall be maintained permanently.
 - iii. A progress report that provides a summary of the BMPs that have been implemented and documented water quality improvements. The progress report shall also include any necessary changes to the Watershed Protection Plan.