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February 8, 2010

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Re: Conditional Interim Certification for the Hydroguard by Hydroworks, LLC

Expiration Date: May 15, 2011
TSS Removal Rate: 50%

Dear Mr. Bryant:

The Stormwater Management Rules under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5(b) and 5.7(c) allow the use of manufactured treatment devices (MTDs) for compliance with the design and performance standards at N.J.A.C. 7:8-5 if the pollutant removal rates have been verified by the New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT) and have been certified by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP).

The certification process has been revised. The revised process places MTDs into five categories. The Hydroguard by Hydroworks, LLC has been qualified for Category IV, MTDs within the Testing Portion of the NJCAT Verification Process as of May 15, 2009.

The Hydroguard, shown in figure 1, is a hydrodynamic treatment system comprised of a manhole that establishes multiple flow paths to remove sediments from runoff.

The NJDEP received the submitted data demonstrating the above approved TSS Removal Rate, a maintenance plan required under Category IV, and a signed statement by the NJCAT Executive Director and the manufacturer indicating that the December 2003 Total Suspended Solids Lab Testing Procedure and the June 28, 2006 Particle Size Distribution Requirements have been met. This certification is based solely on the documentation submitted by Hydroworks and the verification of such documentation by NJCAT.

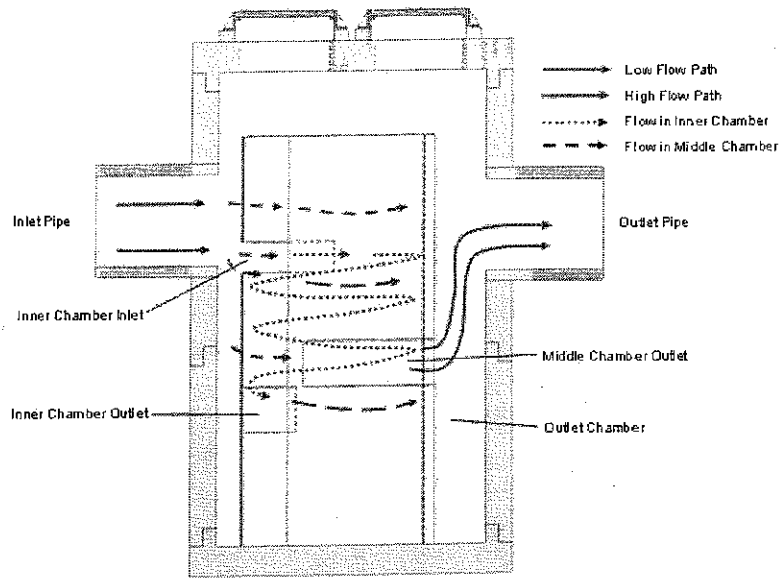


Figure 1 Hydroworks HG Operation – Profile View

The NJDEP certifies the use of the Hydroguard by Hydroworks, LLC at a TSS removal rate of 50%, subject to the following conditions:

1. The Hydroguard is designed according to the NJ Water Quality Design Storm in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5.
2. The various models and associated water quality flow capacities shall be sized for the peak flow of the New Jersey water quality design storm per N.J.A.C. 7:8-5, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Hydroworks HG Separator Dimensions* and Flow Rates

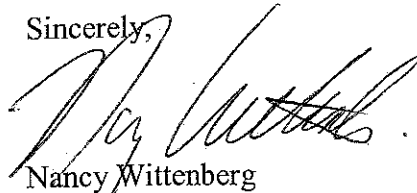
| Model | Structure Inside Diam. (ft) | Inner Chamber Diam. (in) | Structure Depth (ft)* | Sediment Volume (ft ³) ⁺ | Oil/Floating Trash Volume (ft ³) [gal] | Permanent Pool Wet Volume (gal) | Treatment Flow Rate (cfs) [gal] |
|-------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|---|--|---------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| HG 4 | 4 | 31.5 | 5 | 38 | 10 [76] | 470 | 0.80 [359] |
| HG 5 | 5 | 40 | 5.5 | 64 | 16 [123] | 808 | 1.25 [561] |
| HG 6 | 6 | 48 | 6 | 92 | 27 [203] | 1269 | 1.80 [808] |
| HG 7 | 7 | 56 | 6.3 | 125 | 42 [313] | 1823 | 2.45 [1100] |
| HG 8 | 8 | 63 | 6.7 | 163 | 61 [457] | 2507 | 3.20 [1437] |
| HG 9 | 9 | 68.5 | 7.1 | 207 | 101 [754] | 3371 | 4.05 [1818] |
| HG 10 | 10 | 78 | 7.6 | 268 | 119 [893] | 4455 | 5.00 [2245] |
| HG 12 | 12 | 96 | 8.5 | 386 | 186 [1389] | 7191 | 7.20 [3232] |

3. The Hydroguard is certified as an off-line system only. Any flow above the New Jersey water quality design storm must be bypassed around the system.
4. A hydrodynamic separator, such as Hydroguard, cannot be used in series with another settling device to achieve an enhanced removal rate for total suspended solids (TSS) removal under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5.
5. The maintenance plan for sites using this device shall incorporate, at a minimum, the maintenance requirements for the Hydroguard shown in the attachment entitled "Hydroworks Hydroguard Maintenance Manual, Version 1.3"

In addition to the attached, the detailed maintenance plan must include all of the items identified in Chapter 8: Maintenance of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Manual. Such items include, but are not limited to, the list of inspection and maintenance equipment and tools, specific corrective and preventative maintenance tasks, indication of problems in the system, and training of maintenance personnel. Additional operation and maintenance information associated with this manufactured treatment device is available from the vendor to assist in the development of a complete maintenance plan.

Additional information regarding the implementation of the Stormwater Management rules N.J.A.C. 7:8 are available at www.njstormwater.org. Please contact Ms. Rhea Wienberg Brekke of NJCAT at 609 499 3600 ext. 227 if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



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Assistant Commissioner

Enclosure

c: Tom Micai, NJDEP
Mary Beth Brenner, NJDEP
Rhea Weinberg Brekke, NJCAT



Hydroworks Hydroguard

Maintenance Manual

Version 1.3

Inspection

Procedure

Although all parts of the Hydroguard should be inspected, inspection and maintenance should focus on the inner and middle chambers since this is where the pollutants (floatable and sinking) will accumulate.

Floatables

A visual inspection can be conducted for floatables by removing the covers and looking down into the separator. Multiple covers are provided on Hydroworks HG units to access all areas of the separator (The HG 4 may have a single larger (30" or 36") cover due to the lack of space for multiple 24" covers).

TSS/Sediment

Inspection for TSS build-up can be conducted using a Sludge Judge®, Core Pro®, AccuSludge® or equivalent sampling device that allows the measurement of the depth of TSS/sediment in the unit. These devices typically have a ball valve at the bottom of the tube that allows water and TSS to flow into the tube when lowering the tube into the unit. Once the unit touches the bottom of the device, it is quickly pulled upward such that the water and TSS in the tube forces the ball valve closed allowing the user to see a full core of water/TSS in the unit. The units should be inspected for TSS through each of the access covers. Several readings (2 or 3) should be made at each access cover to ensure that an accurate TSS depth measurement is recorded.

Frequency

Construction Period

The HG separator should be inspected every two weeks and after every large storm (over 0.5" of rain) during the construction period.

Post-Construction Period

The Hydroworks HG separator should be inspected once per year for normal stabilized sites (grassed or paved areas). If the unit is subject to oil spills or runoff from unstabilized areas (storage piles, exposed soils) the HG separator should be inspected more frequently (4 times per year). An initial annual inspection will indicate the required future frequency of maintenance if the unit was maintained after the construction period.

Reporting

Reports should be prepared as part of each inspection and include the following information:

1. Date of inspection
2. GPS coordinates of Hydroworks unit

3. Time since last rainfall
4. Date of last inspection
5. Installation deficiencies (missing parts, incorrect installation of parts)
6. Structural deficiencies (concrete cracks, broken parts)
7. Operational deficiencies (leaks, blockages)
8. Presence of oil sheen or depth of oil layer
9. Estimate of depth/volume of floatables (trash, leaves) captured
10. Sediment depth measured
11. Recommendations for any repairs and/or maintenance for the unit
12. Estimation of time before maintenance is required if not required at time of inspection

A sample inspection checklist is provided at the end of this manual.

Maintenance

Procedure

The Hydroworks HG unit is typically maintained using a vactor truck or clam shell bucket. There are numerous companies that can maintain the HG separator. Envirocalm, LLC, an affiliate company of Hydroworks offers inspection and maintenance services and can inspect and maintain the HG separator. (www.envirocalm.com).

Disposal of the contents of the separator depend on local requirements. Maintenance of a Hydroworks HG unit will typically take 1 to 2 hours.

Frequency

Construction Period

A HG separator can fill with construction sediment quickly during the construction period. The construction sediment will have a much coarser particle size distribution than the suspended solids during the post-development period. Accordingly, scour is not so much of a concern during the construction period compared to the separator filling up with solids. The Hydroguard must be maintained during the construction period when the depth of TSS/sediment reaches 27". This represents 75% of the maximum sediment storage capacity. It must also be maintained during the construction period if there is an appreciable depth of oil in the unit (more than a sheen) or if floatables other than oil cover over 50% of the open water surface on the inlet side of the outlet baffle wall.

The HG separator should be maintained at the end of the construction period, prior to utilization for the post-construction period.

Post-Construction Period

The Hydroguard was independently tested by A Iden Research Laboratory in 2008. A HG 6 was tested for scour with initial sediment loads of 4.6 ft³ and 9.3 ft³. The results from these tests were almost identical. Therefore, the 9.3 ft³ sediment load was used as 50% of the maximum sediment depth for maintenance in the calculation of the

maintenance interval for the HG 6 separator based on the NJDEP maintenance interval equation.

$$\text{Maintenance Interval (months)} = 3.565 \times (\text{Sediment Storage}) / (\text{MTFR} \times \text{TSS Removal})$$

$$\text{Maintenance Interval (HG6)} = 3.565 \times 9.3 / (1.67 \times 0.55) = 36 \text{ months}$$

All values (flow, sediment storage) can be scaled by the surface area making the sediment depths and maintenance intervals equal for all separators.

The separator was loaded with the sediment in the inner chamber and middle chamber with the majority of sediment (80%) located in the inner chamber. The inner chamber area represents approximately 44% of the separator surface area. The inner chamber is 4 ft in diameter in the HG 6. Therefore the 50% sediment depth for the HG6 in the inner chamber would be:

$$9.3 \text{ ft}^3 \times 0.80 / (3.14 \times 4 \text{ ft}^2) \times 12 \text{ in/ft} = 7.1 \text{ inches}$$

Accordingly the 100% sediment volume would represent 14.2" of sediment depth in the inner chamber.

The HG separator must be maintained if there is an appreciable depth of oil in the unit (more than a sheen) or if floatables other than oil cover over 50% of the open water surface on the inlet side of the outlet baffle wall. It should also be maintained once the accumulated TSS/sediment depths are greater than 7" in the inner chamber. For typical stabilized post-construction sites (parking lots, streets) it is anticipated that maintenance will be required annually or once every two years. More frequent or less frequent maintenance will be required depending on individual site conditions (traffic use, stabilization, storage piles, etc.). The long term maintenance frequency can be established based on the maintenance requirements during the first several years of operation if site conditions do not change.



HYDROGUARD INSPECTION SHEET

Date _____
Date of Last Inspection _____

Site _____
City _____
State _____
Owner _____

GPS Coordinates _____

Date of last rainfall _____

| Site Characteristics | Yes | No |
|---|--------------------------|--------------------------|
| Soil erosion evident | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Exposed material storage on site | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Large exposure to leaf litter (lots of trees) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| High traffic (vehicle) area | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |

| Hydroguard | Yes | No |
|---|------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Incorrect access orientation | <input type="checkbox"/> *** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Obstructions in the inlet or outlet | <input type="checkbox"/> * | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Missing internal components | <input type="checkbox"/> ** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improperly installed internal components | <input type="checkbox"/> ** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Improperly installed inlet or outlet pipes | <input type="checkbox"/> *** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Internal component damage (cracked, broken, loose pieces) | <input type="checkbox"/> ** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Floating debris in the separator (oil, leaves, trash) | <input type="checkbox"/> | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Large debris visible in the separator | <input type="checkbox"/> * | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Concrete cracks/deficiencies | <input type="checkbox"/> *** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Exposed rebar | <input type="checkbox"/> ** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Water seepage (water level not at outlet pipe invert) | <input type="checkbox"/> *** | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| Water level depth below outlet pipe invert _____ " | | |

Routine Measurements

| | | | |
|--------------------------|--|-----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Floating debris depth | < 0.5" <input type="checkbox"/> | > 0.5" <input type="checkbox"/> * | |
| Floating debris coverage | < 25% of separator area <input type="checkbox"/> | | > 25% <input type="checkbox"/> * |
| Sludge depth | < 7" <input type="checkbox"/> | > 7" <input type="checkbox"/> * | |

Other Comments: _____

- * Maintenance required
- ** Repairs required
- *** Further investigation is required

Please call Hydroworks at 888-290-7900 or email us at support@hydroworks.com if you have any questions regarding the Inspection Checklist. Please fax a copy of the completed checklist to Hydroworks at 888-783-7271 for our records.