United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101

AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. §1251 <u>et seq</u>., as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, the "Act",

Amalgamated Sugar Company, LLC. 50 South 500 West Paul, Idaho 83347

is authorized to discharge from a sugar production plant located in Paul, Idaho,

to receiving waters named the Main Drain,

in accordance with discharge point(s), effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.

This permit shall become effective January 7, 2002

This permit and the authorization to discharge shall expire at midnight, January 8, 2007

Signed this 29th day of November 2001

/s/

Randall F. Smith Director Office of Water, Region 10 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

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The following is a summary of some of the items the permittee must complete and/or submit to EPA during the term of this permit:

Item 1. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMR)	Due Date DMRs are due quarterly and must be postmarked by the 15 th day of the month following the monitoring month (see Part II.B, page 8).
2. Quality Assurance Plan	The Plan must be submitted to EPA within 60 days of the effective date of the permit (see I.C., page 7).
3. Drainage Plan	The Plan must be developed within 90 days after the effective date of the permit (see I.D., page 7). The Plan must be kept on site.
4. NPDES Application Renewal	The application must be submitted 180 days before the expiration date of the permit (see IV.B., page 14).

I. SPECIFIC LIMITATIONS AND MONITORING REQUIREMENTS

A. <u>Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements (Outfall 001)</u>

1. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit the permittee is authorized to discharge non-contact cooling water only to the Main Drain from Outfall 001 provided the discharge meets the limitations and monitoring requirements set forth herein.

The permittee is prohibited from discharging through Outfall 001 any other wastewater, including process water and storm water associated with industrial activity.

	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS		
PARAMETER	Average Monthly Limit	Average Week ly Limit	Daily Maximum Limit	Sample Location	Sample Frequency	Sample Type
Flow, MGD				Effluent	Continuous	Recording
Tem peratu re, °C	_	_		Effluent	Continuous	Recording

2. The permittee is prohibited from adding chlorine or any other chemicals to the cooling water intake or effluent.

B. <u>Effluent Limitations and Monitoring Requirements (Outfall 002)</u>

1. During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit the permittee is authorized to discharge non-contact cooling water only to the Main Drain from Outfall 002 provided the discharge meets the limitations and monitoring requirements set forth herein.

The permittee is prohibited from discharging through Outfall 002 any other wastewater, including process water and storm water associated with industrial activity:

	EFI	EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS			MONITORING REQUIREMENTS		
PARAMETER	Average Monthly Limit	Average Week ly Limit	Daily Maximum Limit	Sample Location	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	
Flow, MGD				Effluent	Continuous	Recording	
Tem peratu re, °C		—	_	Effluent	Continuous	Recording	

2. The permittee is prohibited from adding chlorine or any other chemicals to the cooling water intake or effluent.

C. <u>Quality Assurance Requirements</u>

- 1. The permittee shall develop a Quality Assurance Plan. The primary purpose of the Quality Assurance Plan shall be to assist in planning for the analysis of samples in support of the permit and in explaining data anomalies when they occur.
- 2. Throughout all monitoring analysis activities, the permittee shall use the EPA approved quality assurance, quality control, and chain-of-custody procedures described in:
 - 1. *Requirements for Quality Assurance Project Plans,* EPA QA/R-5 EPA, and
 - 2. *Guidance on Quality Assurance Project Plans*, EPA QA/G-5

The following reference may be helpful in preparing the Quality Assurance Plan for this permit: *The Volunteer Monitors Guide to Quality Assurance Project Plans* EPA 841-B-96-003, September 1996.

- 3. The plan shall be submitted to EPA for review within 60 days of the effective date of this NPDES permit. The permittee may consider the plan approved if there is no response from EPA within 60 days of receipt of the plan.
- 4. At a minimum the plan shall include the following:
 - Sampling techniques.
 - Instrument calibration procedures and preventive maintenance (frequency, standard, spare parts).
 - Qualification and training of personnel.
 - Analytical methods (including quality control checks, quantification/detection levels).

D. Drainage Plan

Within 90 days of the effective date of this permit, the permittee shall prepare a drainage plan demonstrating that no storm water associated with industrial activity is discharged via a point source to waters of the U.S. This study should specifically address management of runoff from coal and other raw material piles, ash piles, and lime pond slopes. If the permittee determines that any storm water discharge is occurring to the Main Drain or other waters of the United States, the permittee must immediately seek coverage under an individual or general storm water discharge permit. The Plan shall be retained on site.

E. <u>Definitions</u>.

- 1. "Bypass" means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility.
- 2. "Severe property damage" means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production.
- 3. "Upset" means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology-based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond the reasonable control of the permittee. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation.

II. MONITORING, RECORDING AND REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

- **A. Representative Sampling**. The permittee shall collect all effluent samples from the effluent stream prior to discharge into the receiving waters. Samples and measurements shall be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored discharge.
- **B. Reporting of Monitoring Results.** The permittee shall summarize monitoring results each quarter on the Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) form (EPA No. 3320-1). The permittee shall submit reports, postmarked by the 15th of January, April, July, and October, containing the previous three months of data. The permittee shall sign and certify all DMRs, and all other reports, in accordance with the requirements of Part IV.E. of this permit ("Signatory Requirements"). The permittee shall submit the legible originals of these documents to the Director, Office of Water, with copies to IDEQ at the following addresses:

United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 10 1200 Sixth Avenue, OW-133 Seattle, Washington 98101

Idaho Department of Environmental Quality 601 Pole Line Rd., Suite 2 Twin Falls, Idaho 83301

C. Monitoring Procedures. Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in this permit.

D. Additional Monitoring by Permittee. If the permittee monitors any pollutant more frequently than required by this permit, using test procedures approved under 40 CFR 136 or as specified in this permit, the permittee shall include the results of this monitoring in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR. The permittee shall indicate on the DMR whenever it has performed additional monitoring, and shall explain why it performed such monitoring.

Upon request by the Director, the permittee shall submit results of any other sampling, regardless of the test method used.

- **E. Records Contents.** All effluent monitoring records shall bear the handwritten signature of the person who prepared them. In addition, all records of monitoring information shall include:
 - 1. the date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - 2. the names of the individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - 3. the date(s) analyses were performed;
 - 4. the names of the individual(s) who performed the analyses;
 - 5. the analytical techniques or methods used; and
 - 6. the results of such analyses.
- **F. Compliance Reporting**. The permittee shall submit by January 1 of each year until five years from the effective date of the permit, the progress the facility has made toward compliance with the state's water quality standard for temperature.
- **G. Retention of Records**. The permittee shall retain records of all monitoring information, including, but not limited to, all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, copies of DMRs, a copy of the NPDES permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least five years from the date of the sample, measurement, report or application, or for the term of this permit, whichever is longer. This period may be extended by request of the Director or IDEQ at any time.

H. Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting

- 1. The permittee shall report the following occurrences of noncompliance by telephone within 24 hours from the time the permittee becomes aware of the circumstances:
 - a. any unanticipated bypass that results in or contributes to an exceedence of any effluent limitation in the permit (See Part III.F., "Bypass of Treatment Facilities");
 - b. any upset that results in or contributes to an excedence of any effluent limitation in the permit (See Part III.G., "Upset Conditions"); or

- 2. The permittee shall also provide a written submission within five days of the time that the permittee becomes aware of any event required to be reported under subpart 1 above. The written submission shall contain:
 - a. a description of the noncompliance and its cause;
 - b. the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times;
 - c. the estimated time noncompliance is expected to continue if it has not been corrected;
 - d. steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent recurrence of the noncompliance; and
 - e. the results of any monitoring data required under Paragraph II.A, "Representative Sampling."
- 3. The Director may, at his sole discretion, waive the written report on a case-by-case basis if the oral report has been received within 24 hours by the NPDES Compliance Hotline in Seattle, Washington, by telephone, (206) 553-1846.
- 4. Reports shall be submitted to the addresses in Part II.B ("Reporting of Monitoring Results").
- I. Other Noncompliance Reporting. The permittee shall report all instances of noncompliance, not required to be reported within 24 hours, at the time that monitoring reports for Part II.B ("Reporting of Monitoring Results") are submitted. The reports shall contain the information listed in Part II.H.2 of this permit ("Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting").
- **J. Changes in Discharge of Toxic Substances**. The permittee shall notify the Director and IDEQ as soon as it knows, or has reason to believe:
 - 1. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in the discharge, on a routine or frequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in the permit, if that discharge may reasonably be expected to exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
 - a. One hundred micrograms per liter (100 ug/L);
 - b. Two hundred micrograms per liter (200 ug/L) for acrolein and acrylonitrile; five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/L) for 2,4-dinitrophenol and for 2-methyl-4, 6-dinitrophenol; and one milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
 - c. Five (5) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 CFR 122.21(g)(7); or
 - d. The level established by the Director in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(f).

- 2. That any activity has occurred or will occur that would result in any discharge, on a non-routine or infrequent basis, of any toxic pollutant that is not limited in the permit, if that discharge may reasonably be expected to exceed the highest of the following "notification levels":
 - a. Five hundred micrograms per liter (500 ug/L);
 - b. One milligram per liter (1 mg/L) for antimony;
 - c. Ten (10) times the maximum concentration value reported for that pollutant in the permit application in accordance with 40 CFR 122.21(g)(7); or
 - d. The level established by the Director in accordance with 40 CFR 122.44(f).

III. COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Duty to Comply. The permittee shall comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the CWA and is grounds for enforcement action, for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification, or for denial of a permit renewal application.

B. Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions

- Civil and Administrative Penalties. Any person who violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA shall be subject to a civil or administrative penalty, not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Sections 309(d) and 309(g) of the CWA and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note) as amended by the Debt Collection Improvement Act (31 U.S.C. § 3701 note).
- 2. Criminal Penalties:
 - a. Negligent Violations. Any person who negligently violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine and/or imprisonment as specified in Section 309(c)(1) of the CWA.
 - b. Knowing Violations. Any person who knowingly violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine and/or imprisonment as specified in Section 309(c)(2) of the CWA.
 - c. Knowing Endangerment. Any person who knowingly violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 303, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the CWA, and who knows at that time that he thereby places another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury, shall, upon conviction, be subject to a fine and/or imprisonment as specified in Section 309(c)(3) of the CWA.

d. Fake Statements. Any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in any application, record, report, plan, or other document filed or required to be maintained under this CWA or who knowingly falsifies, tampers with, or renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this CWA, shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine and/or imprisonment as specified in Section 309(c)(4) of the CWA.

Except as provided in permit conditions in Part III.F, ("Bypass of Treatment Facilities") and Part III.G, ("Upset Conditions"), nothing in this permit shall be construed to relieve the permittee of the civil or criminal penalties for noncompliance.

- C. Need to Halt or Reduce Activity not a Defense. It shall not be a defense for the permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with this permit.
- **D. Duty to Mitigate**. The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit that has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
- E. Proper Operation and Maintenance. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the operation of back-up or auxiliary facilities or similar systems only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.

F. Bypass of Treatment Facilities

- 1. Bypass not exceeding limitations. The permittee may allow any bypass to occur that does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Part.
- 2. Notice.
 - a. Anticipated bypass. If the permittee knows in advance of the need for a bypass, it shall submit prior notice, if possible at least 10 days before the date of the bypass.
 - b. Unanticipated bypass. The permittee shall submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required under Part II.H ("Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting").
- 3. Prohibition of bypass.
 - a. Bypass is prohibited, and the Director or IDEQ may take enforcement action against the permittee for a bypass, unless:

- (1) The bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
- (2) There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment shall have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass that occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
- (3) The permittee submitted notices as required under paragraph 2 of this Part.
- b. The Director and IDEQ may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if the Director and IDEQ determine that it will meet the three conditions listed above in paragraph 3.a. of this Part.

G. Upset Conditions

- 1. Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology-based permit effluent limitations if the permittee meets the requirements of paragraph 2 of this Part. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review.
- 2. Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. To establish the affirmative defense of upset, the permittee shall demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:
 - a. An upset occurred and that the permittee can identify the cause(s) of the upset;
 - b. The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated;
 - c. The permittee submitted notice of the upset as required under Part II.H, "Twenty-four Hour Notice of Noncompliance Reporting;" and
 - d. The permittee complied with any remedial measures required under Part III.D, "Duty to Mitigate."
- 3. Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, the permittee seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset has the burden of proof.
- **H. Toxic Pollutants**. The permittee shall comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under Section 307(a) of the CWA for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish those standards or prohibitions, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

- I. **Planned Changes**. The permittee shall give notice to the Director and IDEQ as so on as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility whenever:
 - 1. The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source as determined in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or
 - 2. The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants that are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under Part II.J ("Changes in Discharge of Toxic Substances").

The permittee shall give notice to the Director and IDEQ as soon as possible of any planned changes in process or chemical use whenever such change could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged.

J. Anticipated Noncompliance. The permittee shall also give advance notice to the Director and IDEQ of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with this permit.

IV. GENERAL PROVISIONS

- A. Permit Actions. This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance, does not stay any permit condition.
- **B. Duty to Reapply**. If the permittee intends to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, the permittee must apply for and obtain a new permit. The application shall be submitted at least 180 days before the expiration date of this permit.
- C. Duty to Provide Information. The permittee shall furnish to the Director and IDEQ, within the time specified in the request, any information that the Director or IDEQ may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit, or to determine compliance with this permit. The permittee shall also furnish to the Director or IDEQ, upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.
- **D. Other Information**. When the permittee becomes aware that it failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or that it submitted incorrect information in a permit application or any report to the Director or IDEQ, it shall promptly submit the omitted facts or corrected information.
- **E. Signatory Requirements**. All applications, reports or information submitted to the Director and IDEQ shall be signed and certified.
 - 1. All permit applications shall be signed as follows:
 - a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer.

- b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
- c. For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official.
- 2. All reports required by the permit and other information requested by the Director or IDEQ shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
 - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described above and submitted to the Director and IDEQ, and
 - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company.
- 3. Changes to authorization. If an authorization under Part IV.E.2 is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of paragraph IV.E.2. must be submitted to the Regional Administrator and IDEQ prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.
- 4. Certification. Any person signing a document under this Part shall make the following certification:

"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 and imprisonment for knowing violations."

- **F. Availability of Reports.** Except for data determined to be confidential under 40 CFR 2, all reports prepared in accordance with this permit shall be available for public inspection at the offices of the Director and IDEQ. As required by the CWA, permit applications, permits and effluent data shall not be considered confidential.
- **G. Inspection and Entry**. The permittee shall allow the Director, IDEQ, or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of the Administrator), upon the presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:
 - 1. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or

conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;

- 2. Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- 3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- 4. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purpose of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the CWA, any substances or parameters at any location.
- **H.** Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under Section 311 of the CWA.
- I. **Property Rights**. The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property or any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of federal, state or local laws or regulations.
- J. Severability. The provisions of this permit are severable. If any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit, shall not be affected thereby.
- K. Transfers. This permit may be automatically transferred to a new permittee if:
 - 1. The current permittee notifies the Director at least 30 days in advance of the proposed transfer date;
 - 2. The notice includes a written agreement between the existing and new permeates containing a specific date for transfer of permit responsibility, coverage, and liability between them; and
 - 3. The Director does not notify the existing permittee and the proposed new permittee of his or her intent to modify, or revoke and reissue the permit.

If the notice described in paragraph 3 above is not received, the transfer is effective on the date specified in the agreement mentioned in paragraph 2 above.

- L. State Laws. Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties established pursuant to any applicable state law or regulation under authority preserved by Section 510 of the CWA.
- **M. Reopener Clause**. This permit is subject to modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination at the request of any interested person (including the permittee) or upon EPA initiative. However, permits may only be modified, revoked or reissued, or terminated for the

reasons specified in 40 CFR 122.62 or 122.64, and 40 CFR 124.5. This includes new information which was not available at the time of permit issuance and would have justified the application of different permit conditions at the time of issuance. All requests for permit modification must be addressed to EPA in writing and shall contain facts or reasons supporting the request.