27. **EPA/VIRGINIA DRAFT PERMIT SUBMISSION CHECKLIST:**

SEE ATTACHMENT 13

28. **DEQ PLANNING COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT:** Document any comments received from DEQ planning.

The discharge is not addressed in any planning document but will be included when the plan is updated.

29. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** Document comments/responses received during the public participation process. If comments/responses provided, especially if they result in changes to the permit, place in the attachment.

VDH COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from the Virginia Dept. of Health and noted how resolved.

Based on their review of the application, the VDH had no objections to the draft permit, as stated by letter dated September 5, 2008.

EPA COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and noted how resolved.

EPA waived the right to comment and/or object to the adequacy of the draft permit.

ADJACENT STATE COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from an adjacent state and noted how resolved.

Not Applicable.

OTHER AGENCY COMMENTS RECEIVED ON DRAFT PERMIT: Document any comments received from any other agencies (e.g., VIMS, VMRC, DGIF, etc.) and noted how resolved.

A Threatened & Endangered Species coordination form, along with supporting documentation, was sent to DCR for review on September 5, 2008.

By email and attachments dated October 6, 2008, the Virginia Department of Conservation and Recreation's Division of Natural Heritage (DCR-DNH) noted that they searched their Biotics Data System for occurrences of natural heritage resources from the area outlined on the map submitted on September 5, 2008. The search documented several natural heritage resources downstream of the water treatment plant outfall (Nottoway River – Fort Pickett Stream Conservation Unit).

DCR-DNH also stated the following in their October 6, 2008 letter:

1. Due to the presence of natural heritage resources downsteam of the water treatment plant outfall, DCR-DNH recommended coordination with the Virginia Department of Game and Inland Fisheries (DGIF), as well as with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS).

2. The current activity will not affect any documented state-listed plants or insects.

3. DCR-DNH files did not indicate the presence of any State Natural Area Preserves under DCR's jurisdiction in the project vicinity.

DEQ responded to DCR-DNH comments by email dated October 7, 2008. DEQ comments were as follows:

The Town of Blackstone's Water Treatment Plant is an existing facility that has been in operation for quite some time. This facility discharges to the unnamed tributary to Hurricane Branch on an intermittent basis. They may have a discharge once or twice every three months, or they may go a whole calendar quarter without a discharge to state waters. Under normal circumstances all flows and solids are pumped to the Town of Blackstone's Waste Water Treatment Plant via a gravity sewer. In the event of a discharge,

wastewater from the water treatment process is dechlorinated and discharged as permitted. In addition to the intermittent nature of the discharge, this facility is not planning any expansions or upgrades to the plant at this time. Also, the limits for this permit have been reassessed and remain protective of water quality. For these reasons, we feel that the discharge from this facility (when it occurs) should not adversely affect any of the natural heritage resources mentioned in the DCR-DNH letter dated October 6, 2008.

** It should also be noted that this permit was not included on DGIF's review list for 2009 reissuances. At the time that DCR-DNH comments were received, there had been no coordination with DGIF, or the USFWS, regarding this permit reissuance. This information was conveyed to the DCR-DNH in DEQ's October 7, 2008 email.

OTHER COMMENTS RECEIVED FROM RIPARIAN OWNERS/CITIZENS ON DRAFT PERMIT:
Document any comments received from other sources and note how resolved.

The application and draft permit have received public notice in accordance with the VPDES Permit Regulation, and no comments were received.

PUBLIC NOTICE INFORMATION: Comment Period: **Start Date:** 3/27/09
End Date: 4/27/09

Persons may comment in writing or by e-mail to the DEQ on the proposed reissuance of the permit within 30 days from the date of the first notice. Address all comments to the contact person listed below. Written or e-mail 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 received within this period will be considered. The Director of the DEQ may decide to hold a public hearing if public response is significant. Requests for public hearings shall state the reason why a hearing is requested, the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the public hearing and a brief explanation of how the requestor's interests would be directly and adversely affected by the proposed permit action.

All pertinent information is on file and may be inspected, and arrangements made for copying by contacting Leah R. Revelle at: Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), South Central Regional Office, 7705 Timberlake Road, Lynchburg, VA 24502. Telephone: 434-582-5120 E-mail: lrrevelle@deq.virginia.gov

Following the comment period, the Board will make a determination regarding the proposed reissuance. This determination will become effective, unless the Director grants a public hearing. Due notice of any public hearing will be given.

30. **ADDITIONAL FACT SHEET COMMENTS/PERTINENT INFORMATION:**

The permittee is current with their annual permit maintenance fees.

31. **SUMMARY OF SPECIFIC ATTACHMENTS LABELED AS:**

Attachment 1 Site Inspection Report/Memorandum
Attachment 2 Discharge Location/Topographic Map
Attachment 3 Schematic/Plans & Specs/Site Map/Water Balance
Attachment 4 Discharge/Outfall Description
Attachment 5 Limitations/Monitoring
Attachment 6 Special Conditions
Attachment 7 Effluent/Sludge/Ground Water Limitations/Monitoring Rationale/Suitable Data/ Stream Modeling/Antidegradation/Antibacksliding
Attachment 8 Special Conditions Rationale
Attachment N/A Material Stored
Attachment 9 Receiving Waters Info./Tier Determination/STORET Data
Attachment 10 303(d) Listed Segments