3745-1-52 Numeric chemical criteria for waste water discharges to wetlands.

(A) Default criteria. For the purposes of establishing waste water discharge permit limits for waste water discharges to wetlands pursuant to Chapter 6111. of the Revised Code, numeric chemical criteria associated with the “warmwater aquatic life habitat” use designation, as specified in this chapter of the Administrative Code, shall apply at the “end of pipe.”

(B) Alternate criteria. The applicant may submit a request, in writing, to the director to use alternate criteria. The applicant shall include sufficient information and analysis for the director to make the determination in paragraph (C) of this rule and may include, but is not limited to, submission and analysis of previously collected data, discussion and review of applicable scientific literature, ecological monitoring, collection of data on hydrologic characteristics, vegetation communities and soils, an assessment using an appropriate wetland evaluation method acceptable to the director including wetland indices of biotic integrity, and post-approval monitoring.

(C) The director may approve the request if the use of alternative criteria is deemed not to be injurious to the wetland’s designated use and assigned category, as specified in rule 3745-1-54 of the Administrative Code; the applicant demonstrates the following:

1. The alternative criteria will not result in a violation of the narrative criteria in rule 3745-1-51 of the Administrative Code; and

2. The alternative criteria will not degrade or change the wetland’s use and assigned category as specified in rules 3745-1-51 and 3745-1-54 of the Administrative Code.

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