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Re: Revised MTD Lab Certification
Aqua-Swirl® Stormwater Treatment System by AquaShield™, Inc.

TSS Removal Rate 50%

Dear Mr. Miller:

This revised certification letter supersedes the Department's prior certification dated December 1, 2016. This revision only removes the Required Sediment Removal Interval column from Table A-1 in order to avoid confusion regarding maintenance requirements. All other conditions of the certification remain unchanged.

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). AquaShield™, Inc. has requested an MTD Laboratory Certification for the Aqua-Swirl® Stormwater Treatment System, which is a vortex hydrodynamic separator.

The verification is subject to the "Procedure for Obtaining Verification of a Stormwater Manufactured Treatment Device from New Jersey Corporation for Advance Technology" dated January 25, 2013. The applicable protocol is the "New Jersey Laboratory Testing Protocol to Assess Total Suspended Solids Removal by a Hydrodynamic Sedimentation Manufactured Treatment Device" dated January 25, 2013.

NJCAT verification documents submitted to the NJDEP indicate that the requirements of the aforementioned protocol have been met or exceeded. The NJCAT letter also included a recommended certification TSS removal rate and the required maintenance plan. The NJCAT Verification Report with the Verification Appendix (dated November 2016) for this device is published online at <http://www.njcat.org/verification-process/technology-verification-database.html>.

The NJDEP certifies the use of the Aqua-Swirl[®] Stormwater Treatment System by AquaShield[™], Inc. at a TSS removal rate of 50% when designed, operated, and maintained in accordance with the information provided in the Verification Appendix and the following conditions:

1. The maximum treatment flow rate (MTFR) for the manufactured treatment device (MTD) is calculated using the New Jersey Water Quality Design Storm (1.25 inches in 2 hrs) in N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5.
2. The Aqua-Swirl[®] stormwater treatment device shall be installed using the same configuration reviewed by NJCAT and shall be sized in accordance with the criteria specified in item 6 below.
3. This Aqua-Swirl[®] stormwater treatment device cannot be used in series with another MTD or a media filter (such as a sand filter) to achieve an enhanced removal rate for total suspended solids (TSS) removal under N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5.
4. Additional design criteria for MTDs can be found in Chapter 9.6 of the New Jersey Stormwater Best Management Practices (NJ Stormwater BMP) Manual which can be found on-line at www.njstormwater.org.
5. The maintenance plan for a site using this device shall incorporate, at a minimum, the maintenance requirements for the Aqua-Swirl[®] stormwater treatment device. A copy of the maintenance plan is attached to this certification. However, it is recommended to review the maintenance website at http://www.aquashieldinc.com/uploads/1/3/6/1/13618853/aqua-swirl_i_m_manual_11-16.pdf for any changes to the maintenance requirements.
6. Sizing Requirements:

The example below demonstrates the sizing procedure for the Aqua-Swirl[®]:

Example: A 0.25-acre impervious site is to be treated to 50% TSS removal using an Aqua-Swirl[®]. The impervious site runoff (Q) based on the New Jersey Water Quality Design Storm was determined to be 0.79 cfs.

Maximum Treatment Flow Rate (MTFR) Evaluation:

The site runoff (Q) was based on the following:

time of concentration = 10 minutes

i=3.2 in/hr (page 5-8, Fig. 5-3 of the NJ Stormwater BMP Manual)

c=0.99 (runoff coefficient for impervious)

$Q=ciA=0.99 \times 3.2 \times 0.25=0.79$ cfs

Given the site runoff is 0.79 cfs and based on Table A-1 below, the Aqua-Swirl[®] Model AS-4 with an MTFR of 1.18 cfs would be the smallest model approved that could be used for this site that could remove 50% of the TSS from the impervious area without exceeding the MTFR.

The sizing table corresponding to the available system models is noted below. Additional specifications regarding each model can be found in the Verification Appendix under Table A-2.

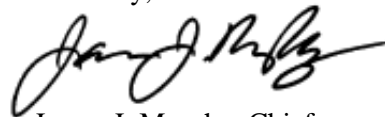
Table A-1 MTFRs for Aqua-Swirl® Models

Model	Manhole Diameter (ft)	NJDEP 50% TSS Maximum Treatment Flow Rate (cfs)	Treatment Area (ft²)	Hydraulic Loading Rate (gpm/ft²)	50% Maximum Sediment Storage Volume (ft³)
AS-2	2.5	0.36	4.9	33.4	2.86
AS-3	3.5	0.71	9.6	33.4	5.60
AS-4	4.5	1.18	15.9	33.4	9.28
AS-5	5	1.46	19.6	33.4	11.43
AS-6	6	2.11	28.3	33.4	16.51
AS-7	7	2.87	38.5	33.4	22.46
AS-8	8	3.74	50.3	33.4	29.34
AS-9	9	4.73	63.6	33.4	37.10
AS-10	10	5.84	78.5	33.4	45.79
AS-11	11	7.07	95.0	33.4	55.42
AS-12	12	8.42	113.1	33.4	65.98
AS-13	13	9.87	132.7	33.4	77.41

A detailed maintenance plan is mandatory for any project with a Stormwater BMP subject to the Stormwater Management Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:8. The plan must include all of the items identified in the Stormwater Management Rules, N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.8. 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 information can be found in Chapter 8: Maintenance and Retrofit of Stormwater Management Measures.

If you have any questions regarding the above information, please contact Mr. Shashi Nayak of my office at (609) 633-7021.

Sincerely,



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Attachment: Maintenance Plan

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Aqua-Swirl[®]
Stormwater Treatment System
Inspection and Maintenance Manual



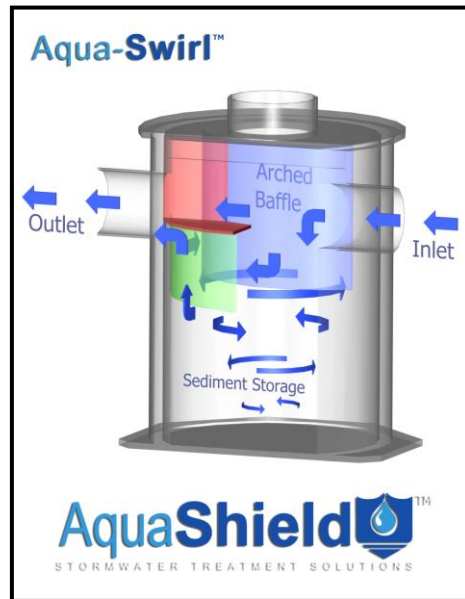
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Aqua-Swirl[®] Stormwater Treatment System

The Aqua-Swirl[®] Stormwater Treatment System (Aqua-Swirl[®]) is a vortex-type hydrodynamic separator designed and supplied by AquaShield[™], Inc. (AquaShield[™]). Aqua-Swirl[®] technology removes pollutants including suspended solids, debris, floatables and free-floating oil from stormwater runoff. Both treatment and storage are accomplished in the single swirl chamber without the use of multiple or hidden, blind access chambers.



Aqua-Swirl[®] Stormwater Treatment System



Floatable debris in the Aqua-Swirl[®]



System Operation

The treatment operation begins when stormwater enters the Aqua-Swirl[®] through a tangential inlet pipe that produces a circular (or vortex) flow pattern that causes contaminants to settle to the base of the unit. Since stormwater flow is intermittent by nature, the Aqua-Swirl[®] retains water between storm events providing both dynamic and quiescent settling of solids. The dynamic settling occurs during each storm event while the quiescent settling takes place between successive storms. A combination of gravitational and hydrodynamic drag forces encourages the solids to drop out of the flow and migrate to the center of the chamber where velocities are the lowest.

The treated flow then exits the Aqua-Swirl[®] behind the arched outer baffle. The top of the baffle is sealed across the treatment channel, thereby eliminating floatable pollutants from escaping the system. A vent pipe is extended up the riser to expose the backside of the baffle to atmospheric conditions, preventing a siphon from forming at the bottom of the baffle.



Custom Applications

The Aqua-Swirl[®] system can be modified to fit a variety of purposes in the field, and the angles for inlet and outlet lines can be modified to fit most applications. The photo below demonstrates the flexibility of Aqua-Swirl[®] installations using a “twin” configuration in order to double the water quality treatment capacity. Two Aqua-Swirl[®] units were placed side by side in order to treat a high volume of water while occupying a small amount of space.



Custom designed AS-9 Twin Aqua-Swirl[®]



Retrofit Applications

The Aqua-Swirl[®] system is designed so that it can easily be used for retrofit applications. With the invert of the inlet and outlet pipe at the same elevation, the Aqua-Swirl[®] can easily be connected directly to the existing storm conveyance drainage system. Furthermore, because of the lightweight nature and small footprint of the Aqua-Swirl[®], existing infrastructure utilities (i.e., wires, poles, trees) would be unaffected by installation.



Aqua-Swirl[®] System Maintenance

The long term performance of any stormwater treatment structure, including manufactured or land based systems, depends on a consistent maintenance plan. Inspection and maintenance functions are simple and easy for the Aqua-Swirl[®] allowing all inspections to be performed from the surface.

It is important that a routine inspection and maintenance program be established for each unit based on: (a) the volume or load of the contaminants of concern, (b) the frequency of releases of contaminants at the facility or location, and (c) the nature of the area being drained.

In order to ensure that our systems are being maintained properly, AquaShield[™] offers a maintenance solution to all of our customers. We will arrange to have maintenance performed.



Aqua-Swirl[®] manhole cover



Inspection

The Aqua-Swirl[®] can be inspected from the surface, eliminating the need to enter the system to determine when cleanout should be performed. In most cases, AquaShield[™] recommends a quarterly inspection for the first year of operation to develop an appropriate schedule of maintenance. Based on experience of the system's first year in operation, we recommend that the inspection schedule be revised to reflect the site-specific conditions encountered. Typically, the inspection schedule for subsequent years is reduced to semi-annual inspection.



Maintenance

The Aqua-Swirl[®] has been designed to minimize and simplify the inspection and maintenance process. The single chamber system can be inspected and maintained entirely from the surface thereby eliminating the need for confined space entry. Furthermore, the entire structure (specifically, the floor) is accessible for visual inspection from the surface. There are no areas of the structure that are blocked from visual inspection or periodic cleaning. Inspection of any free-floating oil and floatable debris can be directly observed and maintained through the manhole access provided directly over the swirl chamber.

Aqua-Swirl[®] Inspection Procedure

To inspect the Aqua-Swirl[®], a hook is typically needed to remove the manhole cover. AquaShield[™] provides a customized manhole cover with our distinctive logo to make it easy for maintenance crews to locate the system in the field. We also provide a permanent metal information plate affixed inside the access riser which provides our contact information, the Aqua-Swirl[®] model size, and serial number.

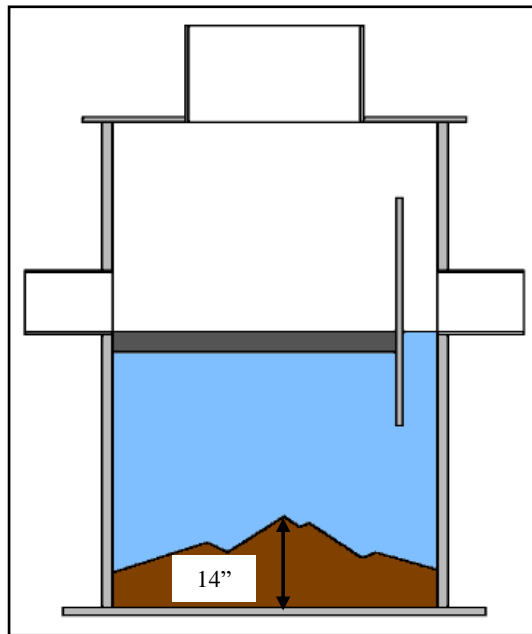
The only tools needed to inspect the Aqua-Swirl[®] system are a flashlight and a measuring device such as a stadia rod or pole. Given the easy and direct accessibility provided, floating oil and debris can be observed directly from the surface. Sediment depths can easily be determined by lowering a measuring device to the top of the sediment pile and to the surface of the water.

It should be noted that in order to avoid underestimating the volume of sediment in the chamber, the measuring device must be carefully lowered to the *top* of the sediment pile. Keep in mind that the finer sediment at the top of the pile may offer less resistance to the measuring device than the larger particles which typically occur deeper within the sediment pile.

The Aqua-Swirl[®] design allows for the sediment to accumulate in a semi-conical fashion as illustrated below. That is, the depth to sediment as measured below the water surface may be less in the center of the swirl chamber; and likewise, may be greater at the edges of the swirl chamber.



Sediment inspection using a stadia rod



Maximum recommended sediment depth prior to cleanout is 14 inches for all Aqua-Swirl[®] models

Aqua-Swirl[®] Cleanout Procedure

Cleaning the Aqua-Swirl[®] is simple and quick. Free-floating oil and floatable debris can be observed and removed directly through the 30-inch service access riser provided. A vacuum truck is typically used to remove the accumulated sediment and debris. An advantage of the Aqua-Swirl[®] design is that the entire sediment storage area can be reached with a vacuum hose

from the surface reaching all the sides. Since there are no multiple or limited (blind) access chambers in the Aqua-Swirl[®], there are no restrictions to impede on-site maintenance tasks.

Disposal of Recovered Materials

AquaShield[™] recommends that all maintenance activities be performed in accordance with appropriate health and safety practices for the tasks and equipment being used. AquaShield[™] also recommends that all materials removed from the Aqua-Swirl[®] and any external structures (e.g, bypass features) be handled and disposed in full accordance with any applicable local and state requirements.



Vacuum (vactor) truck quickly cleans the single open access swirl chamber

***Aqua-Swirl[®] Inspection and Maintenance Work Sheets
on following pages***

Aqua-Swirl[®] Inspection and Maintenance Manual

Work Sheets

SITE and OWNER INFORMATION

Site Name: _____

Site Location: _____

Date: _____ Time: _____

Inspector Name: _____

Inspector Company: _____ Phone #: _____

Owner Name: _____

Owner Address: _____

Owner Phone #: _____ Emergency Phone #: _____

INSPECTIONS

I. Floatable Debris and Oil

1. Remove manhole lid to expose liquid surface of the Aqua-Swirl[®].
2. Remove floatable debris with basket or net if any present.
3. If oil is present, measure its depth. Clean liquids from system if one half (1/2) inch or more oil is present.

Note: Water in Aqua-Swirl[®] can appear black and similar to oil due to the dark body of the surrounding structure. Oil may appear darker than water in the system and is usually accompanied by oil stained debris (e.g. Styrofoam, etc.). The depth of oil can be measured with an oil/water interface probe, a stadia rod with water finding paste, a coliwasa, or collect a representative sample with a jar attached to a rod.

II. Sediment Accumulation

1. Lower measuring device (e.g. stadia rod) into swirl chamber through service access provided until top of sediment pile is reached.
2. Record distance to top of sediment pile from top of standing water: _____ inches.
3. Maximum recommended sediment depth prior to cleanout is 14 inches for all models. Consult system shop drawing for treatment chamber depth as measured from the inlet pipe invert to base of the unit.

III. Diversion Structures (External Bypass Features)

If a diversion (external bypass) configuration is present, it should be inspected as follows:

1. Inspect weir or other bypass feature for structural decay or damage. Weirs are more susceptible to damage than off-set piping and should be checked to confirm that they are not crumbling (concrete or brick) or decaying (steel).
2. Inspect diversion structure and bypass piping for signs of structural damage or blockage from debris or sediment accumulation.
3. When feasible, measure elevations on diversion weir or piping to ensure it is consistent with site plan designs.
4. Inspect downstream (convergence) structure(s) for sign of blockage or structural failure as noted above.

CLEANING

Schedule cleaning with local vacor company or AquaShield™ to remove sediment, oil and other floatable pollutants. The captured material generally does not require special treatment or handling for disposal. Site-specific conditions or the presence of known contaminants may necessitate that appropriate actions be taken to clean and dispose of materials captured and retained by the Aqua-Swirl®. All cleaning activities should be performed in accordance with property health and safety procedures.

AquaShield™ always recommends that all materials removed from the Aqua-Swirl® during the maintenance process be handled and disposed in accordance with local and state environmental or other regulatory requirements.

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

I. During Construction

Inspect the Aqua-Swirl® every three (3) months and clean the system as needed. The Aqua-Swirl® should be inspected and cleaned at the end of construction regardless of whether it has reached its maintenance trigger.

II. First Year Post-Construction

Inspect the Aqua-Swirl® every three (3) months and clean the system as needed.

Inspect and clean the system once annually regardless of whether it has reached its sediment or floatable pollutant storage capacity.

III. Second and Subsequent Years Post-Construction

If the Aqua-Swirl® did not reach full sediment or floatable pollutant capacity in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system can be inspected and cleaned once annually.

If the Aqua-Swirl[®] reached full sediment or floatable pollutant capacity in less than 12 months in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system should be inspected once every six (6) months and cleaned as needed. The Aqua-Swirl[®] should be cleaned annually regardless of whether it reaches its sediment or floatable pollutant capacity.

IV. Bypass Structures

Bypass structures should be inspected whenever the Aqua-Swirl[®] is inspected. Maintenance should be performed on bypass structures as needed.

MAINTENANCE COMPANY INFORMATION

Company Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State/Prov.: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____

Contact: _____ Title: _____

Office Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

ACTIVITY LOG

Date of Cleaning: _____ (Next inspection should be 3 months from this data for first year).

Time of Cleaning: Start: _____ End: _____

Date of Next Inspection: _____

Floatable debris present: Yes No

Notes: _____

Oil present: Yes No Oil depth (inches): _____

Measurement method and notes: _____

STRUCTURAL CONDITIONS and OBSERVATIONS

Structural damage: Yes No Where: _____

Structural wear: Yes No Where: _____

Odors present: Yes No Describe: _____

Clogging: Yes No Describe: _____

Other Observations: _____

NOTES

Additional Comments and/or Actions To Be Taken	Time Frame

ATTACHMENTS

- Attach site plan showing Aqua-Swirl[®] location.
- Attach detail drawing showing Aqua-Swirl[®] dimensions and model number.
- If a diversion configuration is used, attach details showing basic design and elevations (where feasible).

Aqua-Swirl®

TABULAR MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

Date Construction Started: _____

Date Construction Ended: _____

During Construction

Activity	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inspect and Clean as needed			X			X			X			X
Inspect Bypass and maintain as needed			X			X			X			X
Clean System*												X*

* The Aqua-Swirl® should be cleaned **once a year** regardless of whether it has reached full pollutant storage capacity. In addition, the system should be cleaned at the **end of construction** regardless of whether it has reach full pollutant storage capacity.

First Year Post-Construction

Activity	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inspect and Clean as needed			X			X			X			X
Inspect Bypass and maintain as needed			X			X			X			X
Clean System*												X*

* The Aqua-Swirl® should be cleaned **once a year** regardless of whether it has reached full pollutant storage capacity.

Second and Subsequent Years Post-Construction

Activity	Month											
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Inspect and Clean as needed												X*
Inspect Bypass, maintain as needed												X*
Clean System*												X*

* If the Aqua-Swirl® did **not** reach full sediment or floatable pollutant capacity in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system can be inspected and cleaned once annually.

If the Aqua-Swirl® **reached** full sediment or floatable pollutant capacity in less than 12 months in the First Year Post-Construction period, the system should be inspected once every six (6) months or more frequently if past history warrants, and cleaned as needed. The Aqua-Swirl® should be cleaned annually regardless of whether it reaches its full sediment or floatable pollutant capacity.