

**AGREEMENT FOR MAINTENANCE OF  
STORM WATER DETENTION SYSTEM**

This agreement is made on December 1, 2010, by Sikh Gurdwara, A Michigan Domestic Non-Profit Corporation whose address is 271 W. Auburn Road, Rochester Hills, MI 48309;

and the CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS (the City), whose address is 1000 Rochester Hills Drive, Rochester Hills, MI 48309.

RECITALS:

WHEREAS, Sikh Gurdwara and occupies the property described in attached Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, Sikh Gurdwara has proposed \_\_\_\_\_, and the City has approved, a storm water drainage and detention system (the system), which includes a detention basin, for the property as described and depicted in (the approved site plan/the approved plat/attached Exhibit B); and

WHEREAS, the parties will benefit from the proper use and maintenance of the System and desire to enter into this agreement to provide for the same.

THEREFORE, the parties agree:

1. **Use of the System:** Components of the System, including the detention basin, shall be used solely for the purpose of detaining storm and surface water on the property until such time as: (i) The City may determine and advise Sikh Gurdwara, or its successors, grantees or assigns, in writing that it is no longer necessary to use the detention basin to detain storm or surface water; and (ii) An adequate alternative for draining storm and surface water has been provided which is acceptable to the City and which includes the granting of such easements to the City or third parties for the alternative drainage system as may be necessary.

2. **Maintenance:**

A. Sikh Gurdwara shall be responsible for the proper maintenance, repair and replacement of the System and any part thereof, including the detention basin.

B. Proper maintenance of the System shall include, but not limited to: (i) Keeping the bottom of the detention basin free from silt and debris; (ii) Removing harmful algae; (iii) Maintaining steel grating across the basin's inlets; (iv) Controlling the effects of erosion; and (v) Any other maintenance that is reasonable and necessary in order to facilitate or accomplish the intended function and purpose of the System.

3. **Action by City:** In the event Sikh Gurdwara or its successors, grantees, or assigns, neglects or fails at any time to properly maintain the System or any part thereof, the City may notify Sikh Gurdwara or ts successors, grantees or assigns, in writing, and the notice shall include a listing and description of maintenance deficiencies and a demand that they must be corrected within thirty (30) days. The notice shall further specify the date and place for a hearing to be held at least fourteen (14) days after the date of the notice before the City Council, or such other board or official to whom the City Council may delegate responsibility. At the hearing, the City Council (or other board or official) may endorse or modify the listing and description of deficiencies to be corrected and, for good cause, may extend the time within which the deficiencies must be corrected.

Thereafter, if the maintenance deficiencies are not corrected within the time allowed, the City may undertake and make the necessary corrections, and may maintain the System for a period not to exceed one (1) year. Such maintenance of the System by the City shall not be deemed a taking of the property, nor shall the City's actions be deemed to vest in the public any right to use the property. If the City determines maintenance of the system by the City should continue beyond one year, the City shall hold, and provide advance written notice of, a further hearing at which Sikh Gurdwara or its successors, grantees or assigns, will not or cannot properly maintain the System, the City may continue to maintain the System for another year, and subject to a similar hearing and determination, in subsequent years. In the event the City determines an emergency condition caused by or relating to the System threatens the public health, safety or general welfare, the City shall have the right to immediately and without notice enter the property and undertake appropriate corrective action.

4. **Charges:** The City shall charge to the current owner of the property the cost of maintenance or other corrective action undertaken by the City in accordance with this agreement, plus a ten percent (10%) administrative fee. If not timely paid, the City may assess the charges on the City's tax roll, which charges shall be a lien on the real property and shall be collectable and enforceable in the same manner general property taxes are collected and enforced.

5. **Notice:** Any notices required under this agreement shall be sent by certified mail to the address for each party set forth below, or to such other addresses as such party may notify the other parties in writing:

To Sikh Gurdwara

271 W. Auburn Road

Rochester Hills, MI 48309

To the City:

Clerk  
City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

6. **Successors and Assigns:** This agreement shall bind and inure to the benefit of the parties and their respective successors, grantees and assigns. The rights, obligations and responsibilities hereunder shall run with the land and shall bind all current and future owners of the property.

7. **Recording of Agreement:** This agreement shall be recorded at the Oakland County Register of Deeds.

SIKH GURDWARA

By Harpal Singh  
HARPAL SINGH, President

Its: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jane Leslie, Clerk

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF \_\_\_\_\_

This agreement was acknowledged before me on Feb 8th, 2011,  
by Harpal Singh, President of Sikh Gurdwara,  
on behalf of the Non-Profit corporation.

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JOSY A FOISY  
Notary Public, State of Michigan  
County of Oakland  
My commission expires 09/23/2012  
Serving in the county of Oakland

\_\_\_\_\_  
notary public  
County Michigan  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE OF MICHIGAN  
COUNTY OF OAKLAND

This agreement was acknowledged before me on \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_, by Bryan K. Barnett, Mayor, and Jane Leslie, Clerk, of the City of Rochester Hills, on behalf of the City.

Drafted By:

Harpal Singh  
6780 Woodlark  
Rochester, MI 48306

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\_\_\_\_\_, notary public  
County Michigan  
My commission expires: \_\_\_\_\_

When Recorded Return to:  
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City of Rochester Hills  
1000 Rochester Hills Drive  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309

EXHIBIT "A"

# BOUNDARY SURVEY

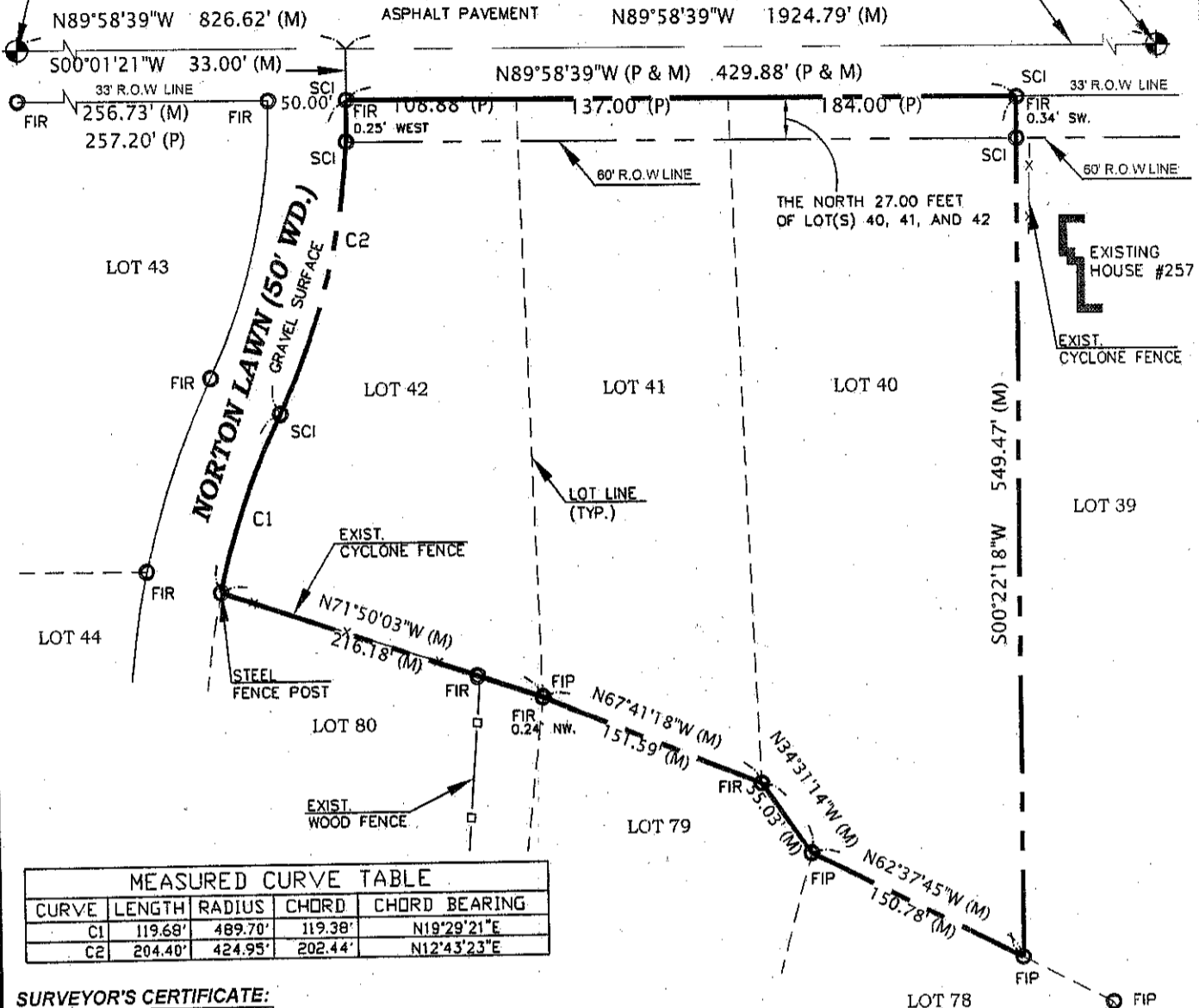


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N 1/4 CORNER OF SECTION 34 (H-11)  
T. 3 N., R. 11 E.  
AVON TOWNSHIP (NOW CITY OF  
ROCHESTER HILLS)  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.  
L.C.R.C. L.40146 P.608

FOUND IRON ROD IN MONUMENT BOX  
IN ASPHALT PAVEMENT.  
NE. CORNER OF SECTION 34 (I-11)  
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AVON TOWNSHIP (NOW CITY OF  
ROCHESTER HILLS)  
OAKLAND COUNTY, MI.  
L.C.R.C. L.14992 P.096

## AUBURN ROAD

CENTERLINE OF AUBURN ROAD  
AND NORTH LINE OF SECTION 34



CURVE	LENGTH	RADIUS	CHORD	CHORD BEARING
C1	119.68'	489.70'	119.38'	N19°29'21"E
C2	204.40'	424.95'	202.44'	N12°43'23"E

**SURVEYOR'S CERTIFICATE:**

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE LAND DESCRIBED ABOVE WAS SURVEYED ON THE GROUND UNDER MY SUPERVISION WITH THE CARE OF A REASONABLE LICENSED SURVEYOR ACTIVELY PRACTICING IN THIS LOCALITY, AND THAT WE HAVE PLACED SURVEY MARKER AT THE CORNER OF THE PARCEL OR AS INDICATED IN THE ABOVE SKETCH.

I FURTHER DECLARE THAT THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE, INFORMATION, AND BELIEF:

THE ABOVE MAP CORRECTLY SHOWS THE INFORMATION OBTAINED DURING THE SURVEY.

SURVEY DATE: 12-25-2010

BY: CHADY A. WEHBE P.S. # 55059

**LEGEND OF SYMBOLS & ABBREVIATIONS**

- ⊙ FOUND SECTION CORNER
- FIP FOUND IRON PIPE
- FIR FOUND IRON ROD
- SCI SET CAPPED IRON ROD
- (M) FIELD MEASUREMENT
- (P) PLAT REFERENCE
- R.O.W. RIGHT-OF-WAY
- BOUNDARY LINE
- CYCLONE FENCE
- WOOD FENCE

**BOUNDARY NOTE:**

ALL BEARINGS ARE IN RELATIONSHIP TO THE CENTERLINE OF AUBURN ROAD AND THE NORTH LINE OF SECTION 34 OF "AVONCROFTS SUBDIVISION" OF PART OF THE NE. 1/4 OF SECTION 34, T. 3 N., R. 11 E. AVON TOWNSHIP (NOW CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS) OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN, AS RECORDED IN LIBER 19, PAGE(S) 15 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS.

**PROPERTY LEGAL DESCRIPTION:**

AS PROVIDED BY CLIENT (PER WARRANTY DEED LIBER 42445 PAGE 670)  
ALL THAT PART OF THE FOLLOWING DESCRIBED TRACT "A" DESCRIBED AS:  
THE NORTH 27.00 FEET OF LOT(S) 40, 41, AND 42, AVONCROFTS SUBDIVISION, ACCORDING TO THE PLAT THEREOF AS RECORDED IN LIBER 19, PAGE(S) 15 OF PLATS, OAKLAND COUNTY RECORDS.  
THE LAND DESCRIBED ABOVE CONTAIN 11818 SQUARE FEET MORE OR LESS  
TRACT "A"  
LOCATED IN THE CITY OF ROCHESTER HILLS, COUNTY OF OAKLAND, STATE OF MICHIGAN, AND IS DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:  
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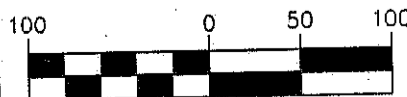
ENGINEERING SERVICES, INC.

CIVIL, ARCHITECTURE ENVIRONMENTAL, GEOTECH, SURVEYING.

CONSULTING ENGINEERS  
32232 SCHOOLCRAFT ROAD, C-3  
LIVONIA, MICHIGAN 48150  
Ph # (734) 525-7330  
FAX # (734) 525-7255

CLIENT: SIKH GURDWARA

DATE: 12-27-2010



SCALE 1 INCH = 100 FEET

FILE NO. 010-144

JOB NO. 010-144

SHEET 1 OF 1



# EXHIBIT "B"

1/8"

NORTON LAWN (60' WD.)

PROP. 30' ROW

PROP. SWALE

UNDERGROUND DETENTION

30 FT. WOLF DRAIN EMBL.

ZONED R-3

BUILDING FOOTPRINT  
10,400.00 SQ. FT.

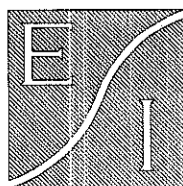
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271 W. AUBURN ROAD  
ROCHESTER HILLS, MICHIGAN

SCALE  
1" = 50'



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## **EXHIBIT "C"**

### **Operation & Maintenance Manual**

*Prepared for:*

*Sikh Gurdwara Building  
271 Auburn Road  
Rochester Hills, MI 48309*

**February 2011**

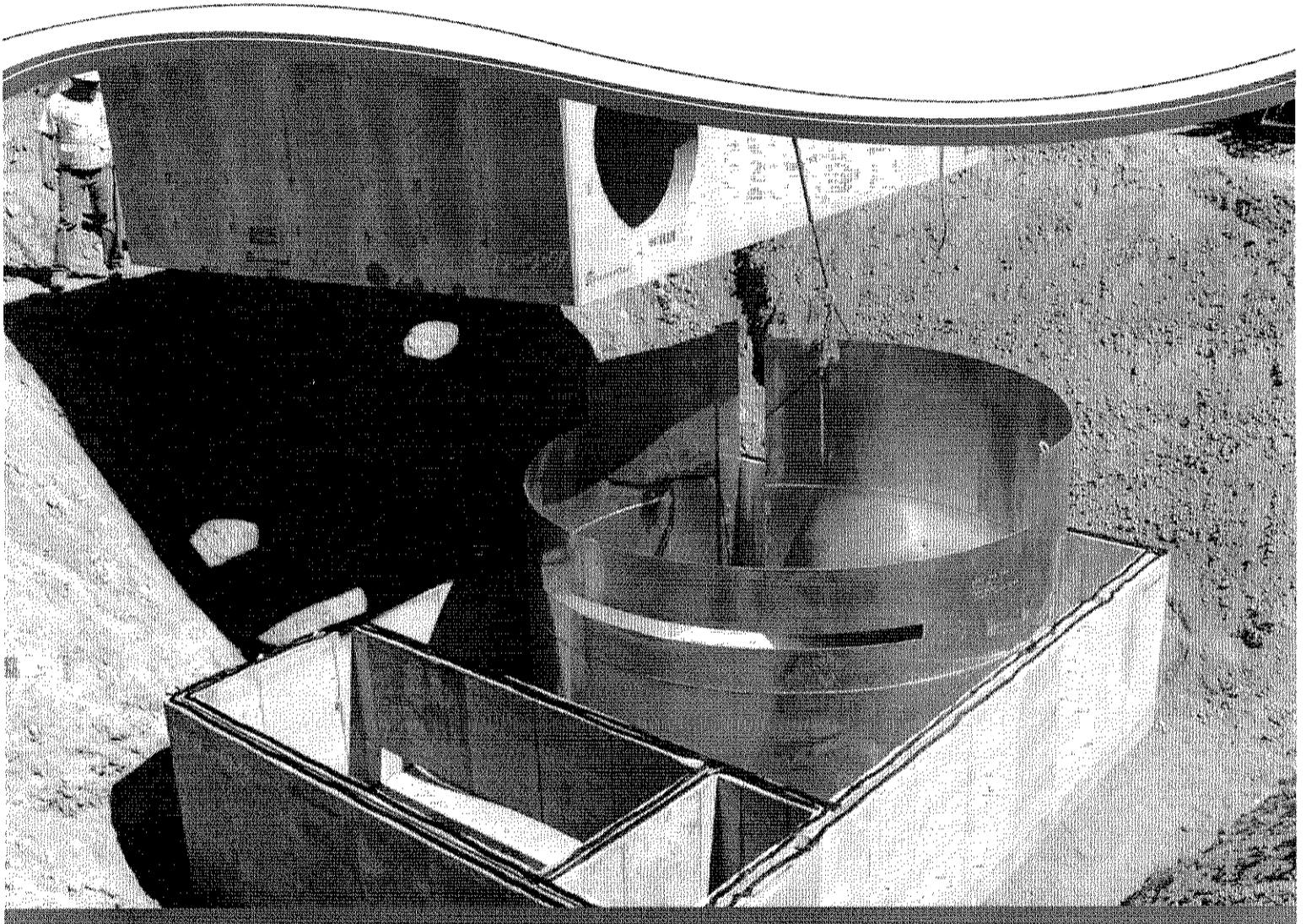
*Prepared By:*

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## Vortechs<sup>®</sup> Guide Operation, Design, Performance and Maintenance



## Vortechs®

The Vortechs system is a high-performance hydrodynamic separator that effectively removes finer sediment (e.g. 50-microns ( $\mu\text{m}$ ), oil, and floating and sinking debris). The swirl concentration operation and flow controls work together to minimize turbulence and provide stable storage of captured pollutants. Precast models can treat peak design flows up to 30-cfs (850-L/s); cast-in-place models handle even greater flows. A typical system is sized to provide a specific removal efficiency of a predefined particle size distribution (PSD).

### Operation Overview

Stormwater enters the swirl chamber inducing a gentle swirling flow pattern and enhancing gravitational separation. Sinking pollutants stay in the swirl chamber while floatables are stopped at the baffle wall. Vortechs systems are usually sized to efficiently treat the frequently occurring runoff events and are primarily controlled by the low flow control orifice. This orifice effectively reduces inflow velocity and turbulence by inducing a slight backwater that is appropriate to the site.

During larger storms, the water level rises above the low flow control orifice and begins to flow through the high flow control. Any layer of floating pollutants is elevated above the invert of the Floatables Baffle Wall, preventing release. Swirling action increases in relation to the storm intensity, while sediment pile remains stable. When the storm drain is flowing at peak capacity, the water surface in the system approaches the top of the high flow control. The Vortechs system will be sized large enough so that previously captured pollutants are retained in the system, even during these infrequent events.

As a storm subsides, treated runoff decants out of the Vortechs system at a controlled rate, restoring the water level to a dry-weather level equal to the invert of the inlet pipe. The low water level facilitates easier inspection and cleaning, and significantly reduces maintenance costs by reducing pump-out volume.

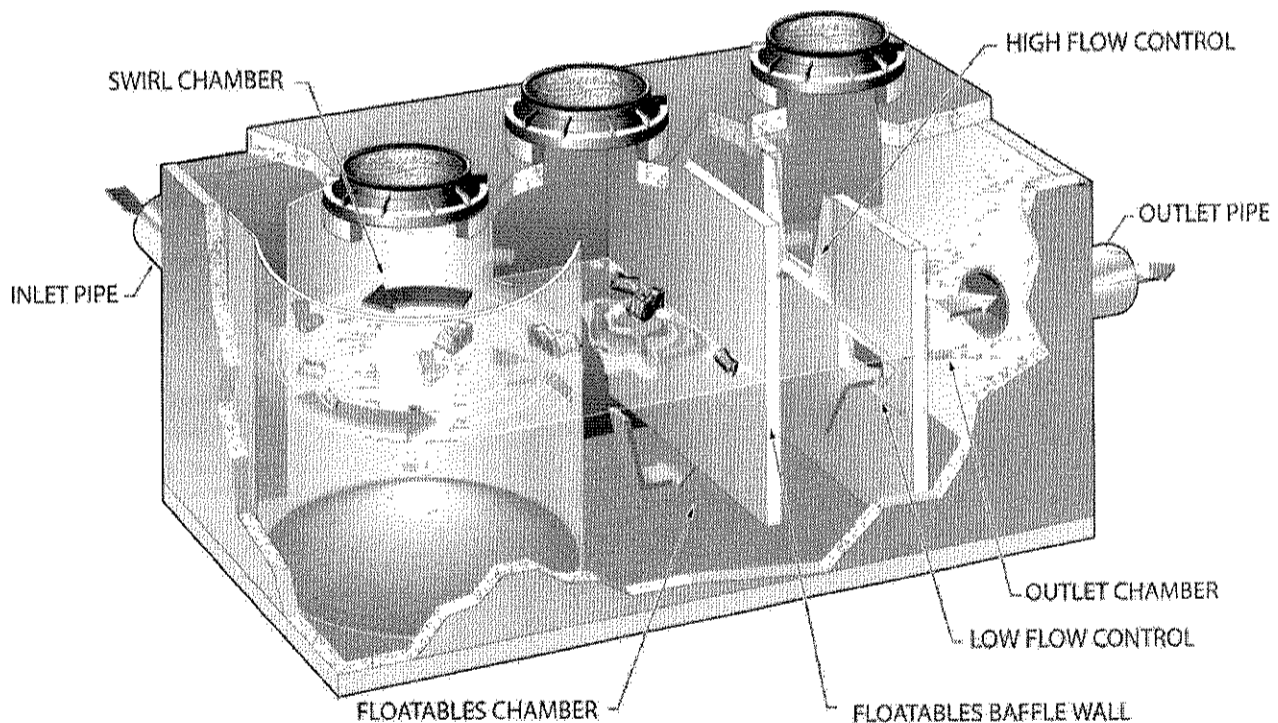
### Design Basics

Each Vortechs system is custom designed based on site size, site runoff coefficient, regional precipitation intensity distribution, and anticipated pollutant characteristics. There are two primary methods of sizing a Vortechs system. The first is to determine which model size provides the desired removal efficiency at a given flow for a defined particle size or PSD. The second and more in depth method is the summation of Rational Rainfall Method™ which uses a summation process described below in detail and is used when a specific removal efficiency of the net annual sediment load is required.

Typically Vortechs systems are designed to achieve an 80% annual solids load reduction based on lab generated performance curves for either 50- $\mu\text{m}$  particles, or a particle gradation found in typical urban runoff (see performance section of this manual for more information).

#### The Rational Rainfall Method™

Differences in local climate, topography and scale make every site hydraulically unique. It is important to take these factors into consideration when estimating the long-term performance of any stormwater treatment system. The Rational Rainfall Method combines site-specific information with laboratory generated performance data, and local historical precipitation records to estimate removal efficiencies as accurately as possible.





Short duration rain gauge records from across the United States and Canada were analyzed to determine the percent of the total annual rainfall that fell at a range of intensities. US stations' depths were totaled every 15 minutes or hourly and recorded in 0.01-inch increments. Depths were recorded hourly with 1-mm resolution at Canadian stations. One trend was consistent at all sites; the vast majority of precipitation fell at low intensities and high intensity storms contributed relatively little to the total annual depth.

These intensities, along with the total drainage area and runoff coefficient for each specific site, are translated into flow rates using the Rational Rainfall Method. Since most sites are relatively small and highly impervious, the Rational Rainfall Method is appropriate. Based on the runoff flow rates calculated for each intensity, operating rates within a proposed Vortechs system are determined. Performance efficiency curve determined from full scale laboratory tests on defined sediment PSDs is applied to calculate solids removal efficiency. The relative removal efficiency at each operating rate is added to produce a net annual pollutant removal efficiency estimate.

Once a system size is established, the internal elements of the system are designed based on information provided by the site engineer. Flow control sizes and shapes, sump depth, oil spill storage capacity, sediment storage volume and inlet and outlet orientation are determined for each system. In addition, bypass weir calculations are made for off-line systems.

## Flow Control Calculations

### Low Flow Control

The low flow control, or orifice, is typically sized to submerge the inlet pipe when the Vortechs system is operating at 20% of its treatment capacity. The orifice is typically a Cippoletti shaped aperture defined by its flat crest and sides which incline outwardly at a slope of 1 horizontal to 4 vertical.

$$Q_{\text{orifice}} = C_d \cdot A \cdot \sqrt{2gh}$$

Where:

$Q_{\text{orifice}}$  = flow through orifice, cfs (L/s)

$C_d$  = orifice coefficient of discharge = 0.56 (based on lab tests)

$A$  = orifice flow area, ft<sup>2</sup> (m<sup>2</sup>) (calculated by orifice geometry)

$h$  = design head, ft (m) (equal to the inlet pipe diameter)

$g$  = acceleration due to gravity (32.2-ft/s<sup>2</sup> (9.81-m/s<sup>2</sup>))

The minimum orifice crest length is 3-in (76-mm) and the minimum orifice height is 4-in (102-mm). If flow must be restricted beyond what can be provided by this size aperture, a Fluidic-Amp™ HydroBrake flow control will be used. The HydroBrake allows the minimum flow constriction to remain at 3-in (76-mm) or greater while further reducing flow due to its unique throttling action.

### High Flow Control

The high flow control, or weir, is sized to pass the peak system capacity minus the peak orifice flow when the water surface elevation is at the top of the weir. This flow control is also a Cippoletti type weir.

The weir flow control is sized by solving for the crest length and head in the following equation:

$$Q_{\text{weir}} = C_d \cdot L \cdot (h)^{3/2}$$

Where:

$Q_{\text{weir}}$  = flow through weir, cfs (L/s)

$C_d$  = Cippoletti weir coefficient = 3.37 (based on lab testing)

$h$  = available head, ft (m) (height of weir)

$L$  = design weir crest length, ft (m)

### Bypass Calculations

In most all cases, pollutant removal goals can be met without treating peak flow rates and it is most feasible to use a smaller Vortechs system configured with an external bypass. In such cases, a bypass design is recommended by CONTECH Stormwater Solutions for each off-line system. To calculate the bypass capacity, first subtract the system's treatment capacity from the peak conveyance capacity of the collection system (minimum of 10-year recurrence interval). The result is the flow rate that must be bypassed to avoid surcharging the Vortechs system. Then use the following arrangement of the Francis formula to calculate the depth of flow over the bypass weir.

$$H = (Q_{\text{bypass}} / (C_d \cdot L))^{2/3}$$

Where:

$H$  = depth of flow over bypass weir crest, ft (m)

$Q_{\text{bypass}}$  = required bypass flow, cfs (L/s)

$C_d$  = discharge coefficient = 3.3 for rectangular weir

$L$  = length of bypass weir crest, ft

The bypass weir crest elevation is then calculated to be the elevation at the top of the Cippoletti weir minus the depth of flow.

### Hydraulic Capacity

In the event that the peak design flow from the site is exceeded, it is important that the Vortechs system is not a constriction to runoff leaving the site. Therefore, each system is designed with enough hydraulic capacity to pass the 100-year flow rate. It is important to note that at operating rates above 100-gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> (68-Lps/m<sup>2</sup>) of the swirl chamber area (peak treatment capacity), captured pollutants may be lost.

When the system is operating at peak hydraulic capacity, water will be flowing through the gap over the top of the flow control wall as well as the orifice and the weir.

## Performance

### Full Scale Laboratory Test Results

Laboratory testing was conducted on a full scale Vortechs model 2000. The 150- $\mu\text{m}$  curve demonstrates the results of tests using particles that passed through a 60-mesh sieve and were retained on a 100-mesh sieve. The 50- $\mu\text{m}$  curve is based on tests of particles passing through a 200-mesh sieve and retained on a 400-mesh sieve (38- $\mu\text{m}$ ). A gradation with an average particle size (d50) of 80- $\mu\text{m}$ , containing particles ranging from 38-500- $\mu\text{m}$  in diameter was used to represent typical stormwater solids. (Table 1)

Particle Size Distribution ( $\mu\text{m}$ )	Percentage of Sample Make-Up
<63	42%
63 - 75	4%
75 - 100	9%
100 - 150	7%
150 - 250	11%
>250	27%

Table 1: Particle gradation of typical urban runoff used for efficiency curve

As shown, the Vortechs system maintains positive total suspended solids (TSS), defined by the tested gradations, removal efficiencies over the full range of operating rates. This allows the system to effectively treat all runoff from large, infrequent design storms, as well as runoff from more frequent low-intensity storms.

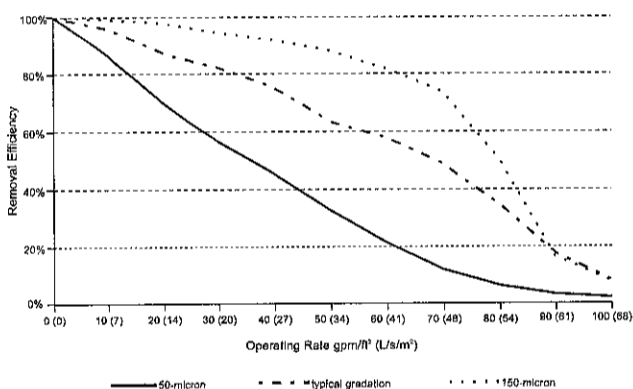


Figure 1: Vortechs model 2000 Removal Efficiencies

Typical Vortechs systems are designed to treat peak flows from 1.6-cfs (45-L/s) up to 30-cfs (850-L/s) online without the need for bypass. However, external bypasses can be configured to convey peak flows around the system if treatment capacity is exceeded. The system can also be configured to direct low flows from the last chamber of the system to polishing treatment when more stringent water quality standards are imposed. In all configurations, high removal efficiencies are achieved during the lower intensity storms, which constitute the majority of annual rainfall volume.

Full report available at [www.contechstormwater.com](http://www.contechstormwater.com).

### Laboratory Testing

Full reports available at [www.contechstormwater.com](http://www.contechstormwater.com)

Technical Bulletin 1: Removal Efficiencies for Selected Particle Gradations

Technical Bulletin 2: Particle Distribution of Sediments and the Effect on Heavy Metal Removal

Technical Bulletin 3: Sizing for Net Annual Sediment Removal

Technical Bulletin 3a: Determining Bypass Weir Elevation for Off-Line Systems

Technical Bulletin 4: Modeling Long Term Load Reduction: The Rational Rainfall Method

Technical Bulletin 5: Oil Removal Efficiency

### Field Monitoring

Following are brief summaries of the field tests completed to date.

Full reports available at [www.contechstormwater.com](http://www.contechstormwater.com)

### DeLorme Mapping Company

#### Yarmouth, ME

#### CONTECH Stormwater Solutions

Prior to this premier field test of the Vortechs system, CONTECH developed an extensive body of laboratory data to document total suspended solids (TSS) removal efficiency. CONTECH performed this field study in order to compare the performance predicted using laboratory data to the performance of a correctly sized system in the field.

The study site was the headquarters of DeLorme Mapping in Yarmouth, Maine. The building, driveway, parking lot and ancillary facilities were constructed in 1996. A Vortechs model 11000 was installed to treat runoff from the 300-space, 4-acre (1.62-ha) parking lot.

Testing Period	May 1999 to Dec 1999
# of Storms Sampled	20
Mean Influent Concentration	328-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration	60-mg/L
Removal Efficiency	82%

The main purpose of the DeLorme study was to verify that the sizing methodology developed from our full-scale laboratory testing was valid and an accurate means of predicting field performance. The results of the study confirmed our sizing methodology.

### Village Marine Drainage

#### Lake George, NY

#### New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Division of Water

The New York State DEC used funds obtained in a Section 319 grant to initiate a study of the effectiveness of the Vortechs system to remove sediment and other pollutants transported

by stormwater to Lake George, Lake George Village, New York. "Since the 1970s, when there was a rapid increase in the rate and concentration of development along the southwestern shores of Lake George, we have been concerned about the impact of stormwater discharges into the lake," said Tracy West, co-author of the study.

Testing Period	Feb 2000 to Dec 2000
# of Storms Sampled	13
Mean Influent Concentration	801-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration	105-mg/L
Removal Efficiency	88%

The study concluded that the Village and Town of Lake George should consider installing additional Vortechs systems in areas where sedimentation and erosion have been identified as non-point source pollution problems.

**Harding Township Rest Area  
Harding Township, NJ  
RTP Environmental Associates**

This third party evaluation was performed under a U.S. Environmental Protection Agency grant, administered by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection. A. Roger Greenway, principal of RTP Environmental Associates, Inc., conducted the study in conjunction with Thonet Associates, which assisted with data analysis and helped develop best management practices (BMP) recommendations.

The Vortechs model 4000 was sized to handle a 100-year storm from the 3 acre (1.21 ha) paved parking area at the Harding Rest Stop, located off the northbound lane of I-287 in Harding Township, New Jersey.

Testing Period	May 1999 to Nov 2000
# of Storms Sampled	5
Mean Influent Concentration (TSS)	493-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration (TSS)	35-mg/L
Removal Efficiency (TSS)	93%
Mean Influent Concentration (TPH)	16-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration (TPH)	5-mg/L
Removal Efficiency (TPH)	67%

The study concluded that truck rest stops and similar parking areas would benefit from installing stormwater treatment systems to mitigate the water quality impacts associated with stormwater runoff from these sites.

**Timothy Edwards Middle School  
South Windsor, CT**

**UCONN Department of Civil & Environmental Engineering**

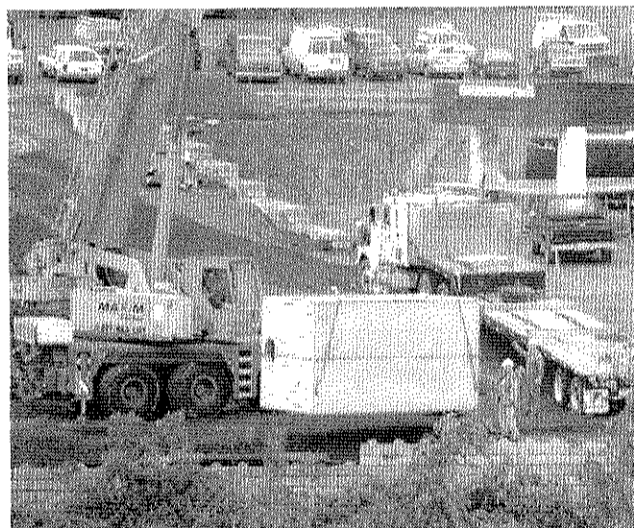
This study of the Vortechs system was published as a thesis by Susan Mary Board, as part of the requirements for a Master of Science degree from the University of Connecticut. Her objective was to determine how well the Vortechs system retained pollutants from parking lot runoff, including total suspended solids (TSS), nutrients, metals, and petroleum hydrocarbons.

A Vortechs model 5000 was installed in 1998 to treat runoff from the 82-space parking lot of Timothy Edwards Middle School. The entire watershed was approximately 2 acres (0.81 ha), and was 80% impervious.

Testing Period	Jul 2000 to Apr 2001
# of Storms Sampled	weekly composite samples taken
Mean Influent Concentration	324-mg/L
Mean Effluent Concentration	73-mg/L
Removal Efficiency	77%

Additionally, the Vortechs system was particularly effective in removing zinc (85%), lead (46%), copper (56%), phosphorus (67%) and nitrate (54%).

The study concluded that the Vortechs system significantly reduced effluent concentrations of many pollutants in stormwater runoff.



## Maintenance

The Vortechs system should be inspected at regular intervals and maintained when necessary to ensure optimum performance. The rate at which the system collects pollutants will depend more heavily on site activities than the size of the unit, e.g., unstable soils or heavy winter sanding will cause the swirl chamber to fill more quickly but regular sweeping will slow accumulation.

### Inspection

Inspection is the key to effective maintenance and is easily performed. Pollutant deposition and transport may vary from year to year and regular inspections will help ensure that the system is cleaned out at the appropriate time. Inspections should be performed twice per year (i.e. spring and fall) however more frequent inspections may be necessary in equipment washdown areas and in climates where winter sanding operations may lead to rapid accumulations. It is useful and often required as part of a permit to keep a record of each inspection. A simple inspection and maintenance log form for doing so is provided on the following page, and is also available on [contechstormwater.com](http://contechstormwater.com).

The Vortechs system should be cleaned when inspection reveals that the sediment depth has accumulated to within 12 to 18 inches (300 to 450 mm) of the dry-weather water surface elevation. This determination can be made by taking two measurements with a stadia rod or similar measuring device; one measurement from the manhole opening to the top of the sediment pile and the other from the manhole opening to the water surface. Note: To avoid underestimating the volume of sediment in the chamber, the measuring device must be carefully lowered to the top of the sediment pile. Finer, silty particles at the top of the pile typically offer less resistance to the end of the rod than larger particles toward the bottom of the pile.

### Cleaning

Cleaning of the Vortechs system should be done during dry weather conditions when no flow is entering the system. Clean-out of the Vortechs system with a vacuum truck is generally the most effective and convenient method of excavating pollutants from the system. If such a truck is not available, a "clamshell" grab may be used, but it is difficult to remove all accumulated pollutants using a "clamshell".

In installations where the risk of petroleum spills is small, liquid contaminants may not accumulate as quickly as sediment. However, an oil or gasoline spill should be cleaned out immediately. Motor oil and other hydrocarbons that accumulate on a more routine basis should be removed when an appreciable layer has been captured. To remove these pollutants, it may be preferable to use adsorbent pads to solidify the oil since these pads are usually much easier to remove from the unit individually and less expensive to dispose of than the oil/water emulsion that may be created by vacuuming the oily layer. Floating trash can be netted out if you wish to separate it from the other pollutants.

Cleaning of a Vortechs system is typically done by inserting a vacuum hose into the swirl chamber and evacuating this chamber of water and pollutants. As water is evacuated, the water level outside of the swirl chamber will drop to a level roughly equal to the crest of the lower aperture of the swirl chamber. The water outside the swirl chamber should remain

near this level throughout pumping as the bottom and sides of the swirl chamber are sealed to the tank floor and walls. This "water lock" feature prevents water from migrating into the swirl chamber, exposing the bottom of the baffle wall and creating excess pump-out volume. Floating pollutants will decant into the swirl chamber as the water level is drawn down. This allows most floating material to be withdrawn from the same access point above the swirl chamber. Floating material that does not decant into the swirl chamber during draw down should be skimmed from the baffle chamber. If maintenance is not performed as recommended, sediment may accumulate outside the swirl chamber. If this is the case, it may be necessary to pump out other chambers. It is advisable to check for sediment accumulation in all chambers during inspection and maintenance.

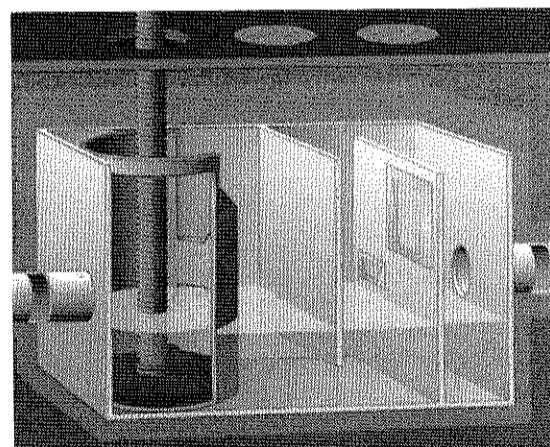
These maintenance recommendations apply to all Vortechs systems with the following exceptions:

1. It is strongly recommended that when cleaning systems larger than the Model 16000 the baffle chamber be drawn down to depth of three feet prior to beginning clean-out of the swirl chamber. Drawing down this chamber prior to the swirl chamber reduces adverse structural forces pushing upstream on the swirl chamber once that chamber is empty.
2. Entry into a Vortechs system is generally not required as cleaning can be done from the ground surface. However, if manned entry into a system is required the entire system should be evacuated of water prior to entry regardless of the system size.

Manhole covers should be securely seated following cleaning activities to prevent leakage of runoff into the system from above and also to ensure proper safety precautions. If anyone physically enters the unit, Confined Space Entry procedures need to be followed.

Disposal of all material removed from the Vortechs system should be done in accordance with local regulations. In many locations, disposal of evacuated sediments may be handled in the same manner as disposal of sediments removed from catch basins or deep sump manholes. Check your local regulations for specific requirements on disposal.

For assistance with maintaining your Vortechs system, contact us regarding the CONTECH Maintenance Compliance Certification Program.



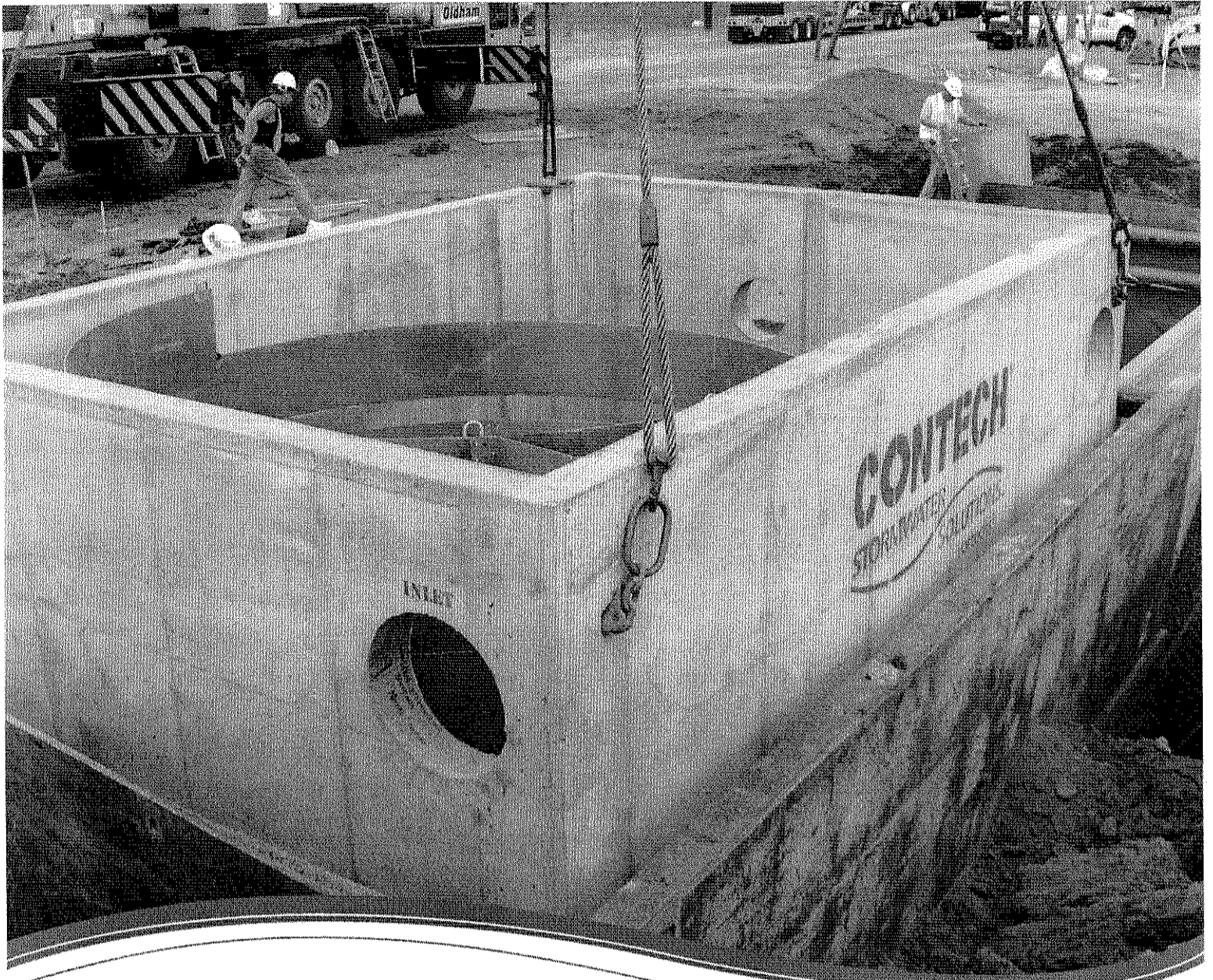
**Vortechs Inspection & Maintenance Log**

Vortech Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Water depth to sediment <sup>1</sup>	Floatable Layer Thickness <sup>2</sup>	Describe Maintenance Performed	Maintenance Personnel	Comments

- 1. The water depth to sediment is determined by taking two measurements with a stadia rod: one measurement from the manhole opening to the top of the sediment pile and the other from the manhole opening to the water surface. If the difference between these measurements is less than eighteen inches the system should be cleaned out. **Note: To avoid underestimating the volume of sediment in the chamber, the measuring device must be carefully lowered to the top of the sediment pile.**
- 2. For optimum performance, the system should be cleaned out when the floating hydrocarbon layer accumulates to an appreciable thickness. In the event of an oil spill, the system should be cleaned immediately.





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