

# **NJCAT TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION**

## **Aqua-Filter™ Stormwater Filtration System Model AF-3.48 Round with Perlite Media**

**AquaShield™, Inc.**

**March 2017**

**Revised June 2018**

**(Verification specific to Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48)**

## TABLE OF CONTENTS

	Page
List of Figures .....	iii
List of Tables .....	iv
1. Description of Technology.....	1
2. Laboratory Testing.....	1
2.1 Test Unit.....	3
2.2 Test Setup.....	3
2.3 Test Sediment.....	5
2.4 Removal Efficiency.....	5
2.5 Sediment Mass Loading Capacity.....	8
2.6 Scour Testing.....	9
3. Performance Claims.....	9
4. Supporting Documentation.....	10
4.1 Removal Efficiency Testing.....	10
4.2 Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.....	17
4.3 Operating Head.....	18
5. Design Limitations.....	19
6. Maintenance Plan.....	21
7. Statements.....	22
8. References.....	30
Verification Appendix.....	31

## List of Figures

		<b>Page</b>
Figure 1	Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48.....	2
Figure 2	Illustration of AF-3.48 Test Loop Setup.....	4
Figure 3	Comparison of Test Sediment PSD to NJDEP PSD Specification.....	6

## List of Tables

		<b>Page</b>
Table 1	Particle Size Distribution of Test Sediment.....	5
Table 2	Sampling Frequency for Removal Efficiency Runs 1 through 10 and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Runs 11 through 14.....	7
Table 3	Summary of Flow Rates for Removal Efficiency Testing and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.....	11
Table 4	Temperature Data for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.....	12
Table 5	Summary of Influent Sediment Concentrations for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.....	13
Table 6	Summary of Background Sediment Concentrations for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.....	14
Table 7	Adjusted Effluent Concentrations for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.....	15
Table 8	Removal Efficiency Results.....	17
Table 9	Summary of Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.....	18
Table 10	Summary of Operating Heads for HDS and Filtration Chamber.....	19
Table A-1	Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 MTFR and Maximum Allowable Drainage Area .....	33
Table A-2	Standard HDS Dimensions of Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48.....	33
Table A-3	Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 Dimension Ratios.....	33
Table A-4	Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 Maximum Allowable Drainage Area.....	34

## 1. Description of Technology

Aqua-Filter™ technology is a stand-alone, custom engineered, two component structure that utilizes a treatment-train approach for stormwater pollutant removal. The patented configuration of the Aqua-Filter™ always includes an upstream pretreatment hydrodynamic separator (HDS) chamber followed downstream by a filtration chamber. Aqua-Filter™ technology is a rapid or high flow rate device that has no moving parts and operates on gravity flow or movement of the stormwater runoff entering the structure. Pretreatment is provided by the HDS which uses vortex enhanced sedimentation technology designed to remove coarse sediment, floating debris, and free-floating oil. A drawing of the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 Round test unit is provided in **Figure 1**. Operations begin when stormwater enters the pretreatment HDS by means of its tangential inlet pipe which induces a circular (swirl or vortex) flow pattern. The swirl chamber retains water between storm events that allows for 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 results in solids dropping out of the flow. Particles settle at the base of the HDS chamber on the influent (front) side of the arched inner baffle. The treated flow exits the pretreatment HDS behind the arched inner baffle. The top of the baffle is sealed across the treatment channel to eliminate 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.

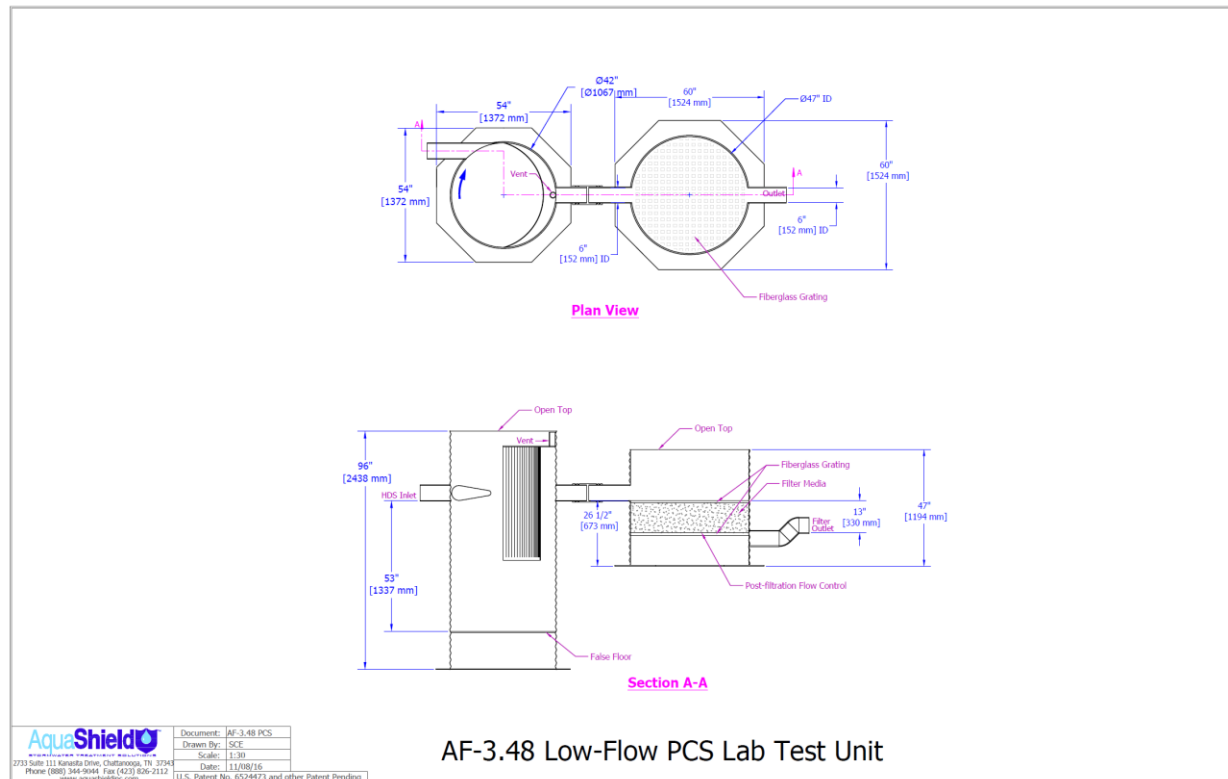
Once pretreated stormwater leaves the swirl chamber, runoff enters the round-shaped filtration chamber which is designed to refine and polish the stormwater quality prior to discharge. The peak filtration flow rate is based on the calculated water quality flow rate ( $WQ_f$ ) requirements desired for the site. As the pretreated water enters the filtration chamber, it is evenly distributed across the filter bed and allowed to permeate downward through the filter media. Gravity drives the flow of water through the filtration media.

Sediment is trapped within the interstitial spaces throughout the porous media as the stormwater percolates through the filters. The filter media is contained in individual polypropylene mesh containers which are secured and patterned layers to minimize short-circuiting. AquaShield™ manufactures Aqua-Filter™ systems with both rectangular and round filter beds. *This AF-3.48 verification is based on the use of a round filter bed.* Perlite is the most common filter media used in the Aqua-Filter™ systems and was used for this NJCAT verification testing program. AquaShield™ has developed other proprietary filter media blends that are used to target other contaminants of concern.

## 2. Laboratory Testing

Laboratory testing was performed to independently verify that the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 is eligible for certification by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection (NJDEP) as an 80% Total Suspended Solids (TSS) removal device. **This revised verification is based solely on the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 testing program and is separate from the NJCAT verification of the Aqua-Filter™ Stormwater Filtration System with Perlite Media dated June 2018. This revised verification is applicable only to the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 Round.**

Furthermore, note that the HDS used in the Aqua-Filter™ system is *not* identical to the Aqua-Swirl® hydrodynamic separator that holds Laboratory Certification issued by NJDEP in a letter dated December 1, 2016. It is important to keep in mind that the Aqua-Swirl® system is certified for 50% TSS removal as a standalone technology for pretreatment, whereas the HDS used in all Aqua-Filter™ systems, including the AF-3.48, is not held to the same criteria given the Aqua-Filter™ treatment train design.



**Figure 1 Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48**

The Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 was tested in accordance with the “*New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Laboratory Protocol to Assess Total Suspended Solids Removal by a Filtration Manufactured Treatment Device*” (NJDEP 2013). Testing was conducted in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the hydraulics laboratory of AquaShield™, Inc. under the supervision of Dr. Gregory Williams, P.E. of Good Harbour Laboratories, Ltd., Mississauga, Ontario. Dr. Williams served as the independent observer.

The particle size distribution (PSD) of both the removal efficiency test sediment samples and the sediment mass loading capacity test sediment samples were independently prepared under the direction of Dr. Williams at the Good Harbour Laboratories facility. All PSD testing was performed in accordance with ASTM D 422-63 (2007) by Maxxam Analytics in Mississauga, Ontario. All test sediment was collected, labeled and security sealed under the direction of the independent observer prior to shipment to the AquaShield™ test facility. The independent observer confirmed that the security seals were intact prior to opening the test sediment shipment containers at the AquaShield™ test facility.

## 2.1 Test Unit

The full scale, commercially available Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 test unit is a two-component treatment train device. This AF-3.48 test unit uses a round filtration chamber designed to provide a small system footprint for low water quality treatment flow rates up to 113.4 gpm (0.25 cfs, see **Table A-1**). The upstream pretreatment component is a 3.5-foot diameter vortex type hydrodynamic separator (HDS) chamber constructed of polymer coated steel (PCS). The downstream component is a 48-inch diameter filtration chamber also constructed of PCS material. A smooth wall steel insert was used in the filtration chamber resulting in an effective filtration treatment diameter of 47 inches. A fiberglass grating on top of the media bed and post-filtration flow controls are used to ensure even distribution of water across the filter media bed.

The upstream pretreatment HDS uses 6-inch influent and effluent piping stubouts. The downstream filtration component of the AF-3.48 also uses 6-inch influent and effluent piping stubouts. The effective sedimentation area of the pretreatment HDS is 8.26 ft<sup>2</sup> while the effective filtration treatment area of the filtration chamber is 12.1 ft<sup>2</sup>. The two chambers of the test unit are identical to a commercially available unit with the exception that it does not have a cover in order to facilitate this laboratory testing program.

The filtration chamber test unit utilized perlite filter media contained in a series of polypropylene mesh containers (“bags”) and configured in such a manner as to minimize short circuiting between the containers. Water passes through the filter media under gravity flow in a downflow configuration. Two layers of 6-inch thick “pie-shaped” filter containers were used for a total of 12 inches of media thickness. The two layers of filter containers, each layer containing four filter bags (total of 8 bags), were offset by approximately 45 degrees to further minimize short circuiting.

Key dimensions of the AF-3.48 test unit were measured by the independent observer prior to the beginning of the testing program to ensure that the system and test loop setup were consistent.

## 2.2 Test Setup

The AF-3.48 test loop is illustrated in **Figure 2** as a recirculation system. Both 2,700 and 2,300 gallon water supply tanks were used in series. A Berkeley Model B5ZPBH centrifugal pump draws water from the 2,300-gallon water supply tank via a 6-inch diameter Schedule 40 PVC pipe. Inflow to the test unit was measured by a Badger M-2000 flow meter that was pre-calibrated and certified by the manufacturer as such. The accuracy of the flow measurement is  $\pm 2\%$ . The test flow rate was averaged based on recorded flow rate. The maximum allowable coefficient of variance (COV) for flow documentation is 0.03. Flow data was recorded every 60 seconds throughout the duration of the test using a Lascar EL-USB-4 Data Logger.

Background filtration is located downstream of the pump and upstream of the background sample location. A 1-micron filter assembly manufactured by Filtra Systems, Model # FSSB-080808CSVR2, Option B was used for the testing program.

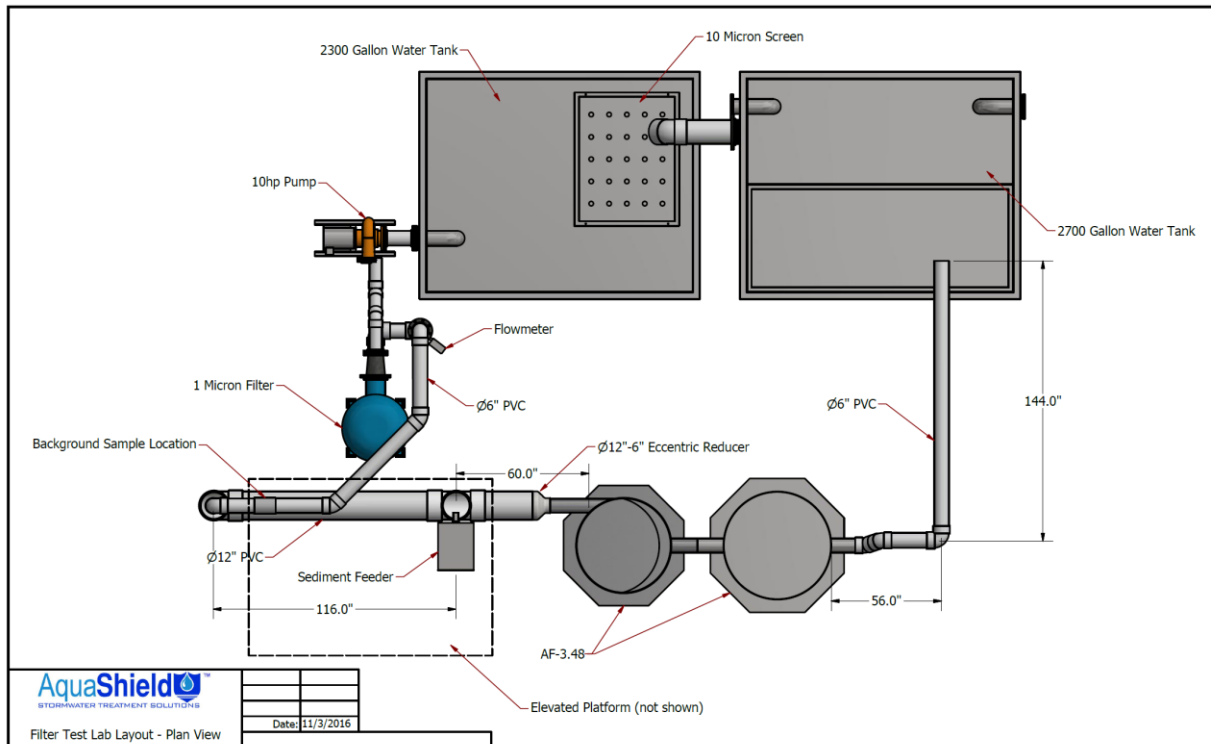
Influent piping to the test unit from the background filter assembly is routed to an elevated platform where the background sample port and influent test sediment feeder are positioned. The 6-inch diameter influent pipe is expanded to 12 inches in diameter downstream of the background sample port. The 12-inch diameter piping run was set at approximately 1.0% downward slope to the test unit. The 12-inch diameter influent pipe includes an open sediment feed port (tee) for injecting

sediment through the crown of the pipe at a distance 5 feet upstream of the test unit. Test sediment injection used an IPM Systems Auger<sup>®</sup> volumetric screw feeder Model VF-2 with an attached vibrator mounted on the hopper. The sediment feeder assembly was positioned adjacent to and above the 12-inch diameter pipe to accommodate sediment feed sampling and injection. Both the background sample location and the auger feeder are situated on the raised platform to allow for the influent piping to enter the AF-3.48 at the design elevation.

The 12-inch diameter piping run was reduced again to 6 inches in diameter downstream of the sediment feeder and upstream of the test unit via an eccentric reducer coincident with the HDS inlet stubout pipe. Piping connections are made using Fernco couplers for the 6-inch diameter influent HDS stubout, the 6-inch diameter HDS effluent stubout, and both the 6-inch diameter influent and effluent stubouts of the filtration chamber.

A downward slope of approximately 1.0% was set for the test unit's 6-inch diameter PVC effluent piping run leading to the effluent sample location at the edge of the 2,700-gallon water supply tank. The effluent piping run extends a total of 200 inches (16.7 feet) downstream of the filtration chamber to the 2,700-gallon water tank. Water free falls from the effluent pipe into that water tank. Effluent samples were collected from the discharge by the grab sampling method as cited in Section 5G of the protocol (sweeping motion).

A false floor was used in the HDS and set at 15 inches from the base of the chamber to attain the desired wet volume for the AF-3.48 test unit (see **Table A-2**). The false floor was secured and sealed around the edges to prevent material from collecting below it.



**Figure 2 Illustration of AF-3.48 Test Loop Setup**



## 2.3 Test Sediment

All test sediment used for both the Removal Efficiency Testing and the Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing was blended by Good Harbour Laboratories using high purity silica supplied by AGSCO and U.S. Silica. All blending activities took place at the Good Harbour Laboratories facility under the direction of the observer. Three random sediment samples were collected from sediment blends and delivered to Maxxam Analytics in Mississauga, Ontario for particle size distribution (PSD) analysis using ASTM D 422-63. The PSD of each of the 3 samples were averaged and reported as the overall PSD (**Table 1 and Figure 3**). It was determined that the test sediment blend met the protocol specification. Test sediment was placed in shipping containers, security sealed, and transported to the AquaShield™ laboratory test facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee. All container seals were intact upon receipt and were removed by the independent observer at the initiation of testing.

**Table 1 Particle Size Distribution of Test Sediment**

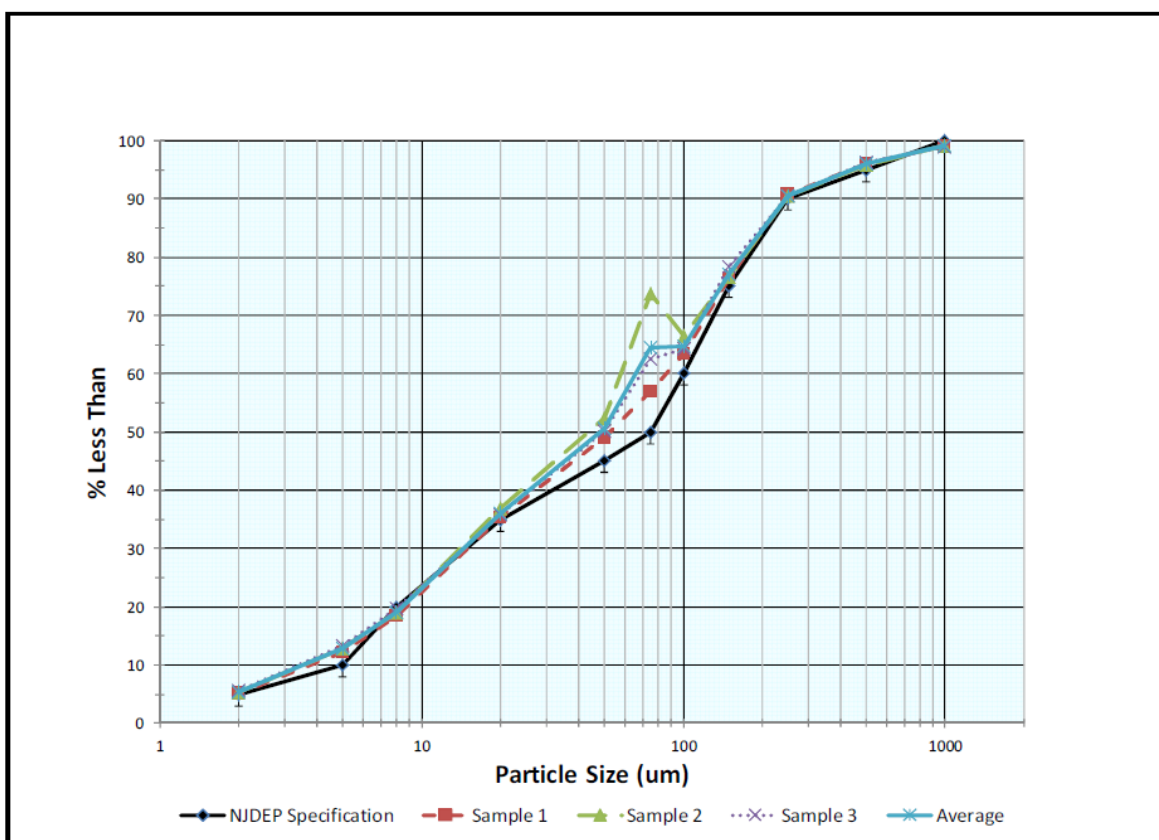
Particle Size (µm)	Test Sediment Particle Size (% passing) ◇				NJDEP Minimum Specification	QA/QC
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	Average		
1000	99	99	99	99	98	PASS
500	96	96	96	96	93	PASS
250	91	91	91	91	88	PASS
150	76	77	78	77	73	PASS
100	63	67	64	65	58	PASS
75	57	74	63	64	48	PASS
50	49	52	50	51	43	PASS
20	35	37	36	36	33	PASS
8	18	19	20	19	18	PASS
5	12	13	13	13	8	PASS
2	5	5	6	5	3	PASS
d <sub>50</sub>	53 µm	47 µm	50 µm	50 µm	< 75 µm	PASS

## 2.4 Removal Efficiency

Removal efficiency testing was performed in accordance with Section 5 of the NJDEP Laboratory Protocol for Filtration MTDs. The Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 was tested at a maximum treatment flow rate (MTFR) of 113.4 gpm (0.25 cfs). The test sediment mass was fed into the flow stream at a known rate using a screw auger. Sediment was introduced at a rate within 10% of the targeted concentration of 200 mg/L influent concentration throughout the duration of the removal

efficiency testing program. Water temperature did not exceed 80°F during the testing program and was recorded at 60 second intervals (**Table 5**).

Test runs 1 through 10 apply to sediment removal efficiency testing while test runs 11 through 14 are associated with the sediment mass loading capacity testing. **Table 2** depicts the sediment removal efficiency sampling frequency for sediment feed, background and effluent samples for runs 1 through 10. **Table 2** also includes sampling frequency for runs 11 through 14 at MTFR for the sediment mass loading capacity testing. See Section 2.5 for an explanation of test runs with respect to MTFR.



**Figure 3 Comparison of Test Sediment PSD to NJDEP PSD Specification**

Three sediment feed samples were collected per run including one sample at the start of dosing, one in the middle of the run and one toward the end of dosing to allow for 3 residence times to pass prior to when drawdown began. Sediment feed rate samples were collected from the injection point using laboratory-supplied, clean 1-liter plastic bottles. Sediment feed samples were collected over a 60 second period and timed to the nearest second. A factory-calibrated stop watch was used for timing all sediment feed sampling intervals. These samples were weighed by the observer to the nearest milligram using a calibrated Tree® Model HRB-413 electronic balance. This data was used to calculate influent TSS concentration and to confirm that the sediment feed rate COV stayed below the limit of 0.10 as required by the protocol.

**Table 2 Sampling Frequency for Removal Efficiency Runs 1 through 10 and  
Sediment Mass Retention Capacity Runs 11 through 14**

Scheduled time (min:sec)	Sample			
	Feed Rate (60 sec)	Effluent TSS	Background TSS	Drawdown TSS
0:00	Start sediment feed			
	1			
9:45		1	1	
10:45	2	2		
20:30		3	2	
21:30	3	4		
31:15		5	3	
32:00	End flow			
42:00				1
52:00				2

The average influent TSS concentration used for calculating removal efficiency was calculated using **Equation 1** below.

$$\text{Average Influent Concentration } \left(\frac{mg}{L}\right) = \frac{\text{Average Feed Rate (mg/min)}}{\text{Average Flow Rate (L/min)}}$$

**Equation 1 Calculation for Average Influent Sediment Concentration**

Background samples were collected at the valved sample port using clean, laboratory-supplied 1-liter plastic bottles. Influent background samples were collected at the same time as odd numbered effluent grab samples (first, third, fifth). Background samples were time stamped and confirmed by the observer that each background sample was properly recorded.

During each test run the flow meter data logger recorded flow rates once per minute. Once constant flow rate and test sediment feed were established, three MTD detention times passed before the first of five effluent samples were collected. All effluent samples were collected in clean, laboratory-supplied 1-liter plastic bottles using a sweeping grab sampling motion through the effluent stream as described in Section 5G of the protocol. Samples were then time stamped and confirmed by the observer that each effluent sample was properly recorded.

Two drawdown samples were collected for all test runs at 10-minute intervals following the end of the test flow period. Test runs and drawdown flow were considered complete when the effluent drawdown flow decreased to a trickle thus allowing the next test to commence.

Due to the physical nature of the test set up it was not practical to completely isolate and capture the draw down volume for every test run; thus, the total drawdown volume was calculated, based on filter bag measured void volume, for each test run. Draw down volume was calculated as the volume of water contained in the HDS above static water level and the volume of water contained in the filter chamber above outlet invert. In order to confirm the drawdown volume calculations, two test runs captured the entire drawdown volume of water. The two separate captured drawdown volumes were similar to each other and comparable (within 5%) to the calculated volumes.

A chain of custody form was completed for each test run and samples were transported on ice in a cooler(s) to the independent laboratory for TSS analysis. All background and effluent samples were analyzed by AIRL, Inc. of Cleveland, Tennessee in accordance with ASTM D 3977-97 (re-approval 2007) “Standard Test Methods for Determining Sediment Concentrations in Water Samples.”

The TSS removal efficiency for each tested flow rate was calculated following **Equation 2** as follows:

$$\text{Removal Efficiency (\%)} = \frac{\left( \frac{\text{Average Influent TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Test Water}}{\text{Average Influent TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Test Water}} \right) - \left( \frac{\text{Adjusted Effluent TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Effluent Water}}{\text{Average Influent TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Test Water}} \right) - \left( \frac{\text{Average Drawdown Flow TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Drawdown Water}}{\text{Average Influent TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Test Water}} \right)}{\left( \frac{\text{Average Influent TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Test Water}}{\text{Average Influent TSS Concentration} \times \text{Total Volume of Test Water}} \right)} \times 100$$

**Equation 2. Equation for Calculating Removal Efficiency**

## 2.5 Sediment Mass Loading Capacity

Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing is represented in this AF-3.48 testing program by runs 11 through 14. Per the protocol these runs are an extension of the removal efficiency testing and are used to determine the maximum mass of test sediment that can be captured by the MTD prior to either an unacceptable loss of hydraulic capacity at design driving head, unacceptable head loss at MTFR, or an unacceptable reduction in pollutant removal efficiency at MTFR, each occurring as a result of filter media occlusion.

Although the protocol allows for the influent concentration to be increased to 400 mg/L for the mass loading capacity testing, runs 11 through 13 were conducted at 200 mg/L while awaiting analytical results for runs 10 and 11 to ensure that the requirements for the removal efficiency testing were met. Although the Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 is a head driven system and it never reached maximum head during testing, removal efficiency did drop below 80% at run 14 and the testing program was concluded.

## **2.6 Scour Testing**

No scour testing was performed for this testing program since all Aqua-Filter™ systems, including the AF-3.48, are designed to be installed only in offline configurations. The efficiency measurements produced will be applicable to offline configurations that are designed to divert flows in excess of the MTFR from both the HDS and filtration chambers of the Aqua-Filter™ treatment train system.

## **3. Performance Claims**

In keeping with the NJCAT verification process, Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 performance claims are cited below.

### *Total Suspended Solids Removal Rate*

For the particle size distribution specified by the NJDEP Filtration MTD protocol, the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 at an MTFR of 9.37 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of filter surface area will demonstrate 80% TSS removal efficiency.

### *Maximum Treatment Flow Rate*

The MTFR for the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 was demonstrated to be 113.4 gpm (0.25 cfs) which corresponds to a surface area loading rate of 9.37 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of filter surface area.

### *Wet Volume and Detention Time*

Detention time is limited to the wet volume of the HDS chamber since there is no appreciable detention that occurs within the filtration chamber. Detention time for the Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 is calculated by dividing the treatment volume by the flow rate. The treatment volume is defined as the surface area of the HDS chamber multiplied by the depth between the pipe inverts (which are at the same elevation) and the floor of the HDS. The tested Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 model at the MTFR has a detention time of 167 seconds.

### *Effective Sedimentation Area*

There is no effective sedimentation area within the filtration chamber of the AF-3.48. However, to be conservative, an area equal to the effective filtration treatment area (EFTA) has been included for scaling purposes. The tested Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 has an effective sedimentation area of 20.4 ft<sup>2</sup> corresponding to the inlet side of the arched baffle within the HDS pretreatment chamber (8.26 ft<sup>2</sup>) plus 12.1 ft<sup>2</sup> in the filtration chamber.

### *Sediment Mass Load Capacity*

The tested Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 exhibited a sediment mass loading capacity of 58.05 pounds (26.33 kg).

### *Maximum Allowable Inflow Drainage Area*

To ensure that the drainage area and expected annual sediment load does not exceed the intended bypass flows, the sediment mass capture capacity of 58.05 pounds (26.33 kg) of sediment is used

to limit the treatable drainage area of the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 system. Given the protocol requirements for “Maximum Allowable Inflow Drainage Area,” the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 demonstrates that it can effectively treat 0.10 acres on an annual basis.

#### **4. Supporting Documentation**

The NJDEP Procedure (NJDEP, 2013a) for obtaining verification of an MTD from NJCAT requires that copies of the laboratory test reports, including all collected and measured data, all data from performance test runs, all pertinent calculations, etc. be included in this section. It is the understanding of AquaShield™ that this was discussed with NJDEP and it was agreed that as long as such documentation could be made available by NJCAT upon request that it would not be necessary to include all such supporting documentation in verification reports. Supporting documentation is being held by Good Harbour Laboratories and NJCAT.

##### **4.1 Removal Efficiency Testing**

In accordance with the NJDEP Filtration MTD Protocol, sediment removal efficiency testing was conducted on the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 unit in order to establish the ability of the system to remove the specified test sediment at the target MTR with the goal to demonstrate at least 80% sediment removal as defined in the protocol. The MTR established through this AF-3.48 testing program is 113.4 gpm (0.25 cfs), or 9.37 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of filter media surface area.

Test runs 1 through 10 represent sediment Removal Efficiency Testing while test runs 11 through 14 represent Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing.

None of the sediment feed samples exceeded 1 minute for any of the tests. The inlet feed concentration COV did not exceed 0.10 for any test flow rate. The average influent sediment concentration was calculated using Equation 1 from Section 2.4 herein. Average effluent sediment concentrations were adjusted by subtracting the measured background concentrations. No background TSS concentrations exceeded the 20 mg/L maximum allowed by the protocol. Also note that background sample concentrations listed as 2 mg/L represent one half of the method detection limit of 4 mg/L (reported by the laboratory as < 4 mg/L).

The flow meter and data logger took a reading every 60 second. Flow rate data for removal efficiency and sediment mass loading capacity testing is summarized in **Table 3** including compliance to the protocol.

Water temperature did not exceed 80° F during any of the test runs. Maximum temperatures for removal efficiency and sediment mass loading capacity testing are summarized in **Table 4**.

Influent sediment concentrations for removal efficiency and sediment mass loading capacity testing are summarized in **Table 5**,

Background sediment concentrations for removal efficiency and sediment mass loading capacity testing are summarized in **Table 6**

Adjusted Effluent Concentrations for removal efficiency and sediment mass loading capacity testing are summarized in **Table 7**.

Removal Efficiency results are presented in **Table 8**. Data from the 10 removal efficiency test runs for the AF-3.48 indicate 80.0% TSS removal efficiency at the MTFR of 9.37 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of filter surface area.

**Table 3 Summary of Flow Rates for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing**

<b>Run #</b>	<b>Average Flow Rate (gpm)</b>	<b>COV</b>	<b>Compliance (COV &lt; 0.03)</b>
1	119.0	0.006	Yes
2	118.6	0.008	Yes
3	117.3	0.009	Yes
4	119.0	0.010	Yes
5	118.4	0.012	Yes
6	109.9	0.007	Yes
7	109.0	0.006	Yes
8	110.8	0.015	Yes
9	109.6	0.007	Yes
10	109.7	0.008	Yes
11*	112.4	0.010	Yes
12*	110.8	0.014	Yes
13*	110.0	0.010	Yes
14*	112.4	0.016	Yes

\* Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing

**Table 4 Temperature Data for Removal Efficiency and  
Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing**

<b>Run #</b>	<b>Maximum Temperature (°F)</b>	<b>Compliance (Max ≤ 80°F)</b>
1	62.0	Yes
2	62.0	Yes
3	62.5	Yes
4	64.0	Yes
5	65.0	Yes
6	64.0	Yes
7	63.5	Yes
8	62.5	Yes
9	63.0	Yes
10	62.5	Yes
11*	61.0	Yes
12*	61.5	Yes
13*	61.0	Yes
14*	61.0	Yes

\* Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing



**Table 5 Summary of Influent Sediment Concentrations for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing**

<b>Run #</b>	<b>Influent Concentration (mg/L)</b>	<b>COV</b>	<b>Compliance (COV <math>\leq</math>0.10)</b>
1	204.0	0.008	Yes
2	198.8	0.031	Yes
3	198.0	0.039	Yes
4	205.2	0.031	Yes
5	203.4	0.027	Yes
6	196.7	0.032	Yes
7	199.3	0.038	Yes
8	211.1	0.038	Yes
9	207.5	0.013	Yes
10	205.6	0.067	Yes
11*	205.7	0.045	Yes
12*	207.6	0.029	Yes
13*	207.8	0.063	Yes
14*	391.6	0.034	Yes

\* Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing

**Table 6 Summary of Background Sediment Concentrations for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing**

Run #	Background Sediment Concentration (mg/L)*			Compliance (≤ 20 mg/L)
	Sample 1	Sample 2	Sample 3	
1	2	2	2	Yes
2	2	2	4	Yes
3	2	2	2	Yes
4	2	2	2	Yes
5	2	2	2	Yes
6	2	2	2	Yes
7	2	2	2	Yes
8	2	2	2	Yes
9	2	2	2	Yes
10	2	2	2	Yes
11**	2	2	2	Yes
12**	2	4	6	Yes
13**	4	5	6	Yes
14**	2	4	9	Yes

\* Values listed as 2 mg/L represent one-half of the method detection limit of 4 mg/L. Concentrations less than 4 mg/L were reported by the laboratory as < 4 mg/L

\*\* Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing

**Table 7 Adjusted Effluent Concentrations for Removal Efficiency and Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing**

Run #	TSS Concentration (mg/L)						
	Effluent #	1	2	3	4	5	Average
1	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	35	34	38	39	46	38.4
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>36.4</b>
2	Background	2		2		4	2.6
	Effluent	38	39	43	44	49	42.6
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>40.0</b>
3	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	39	40	44	45	51	43.8
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>41.8</b>
4	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	38	39	42	42	46	41.4
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>39.4</b>
5	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	41	41	44	44	45	43.0
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>41.0</b>
6	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	42	42	44	42	42	42.4
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>40.4</b>
7	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	35	37	42	42	48	40.8
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>38.8</b>
8	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	39	42	44	44	46	43.0
	Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration						<b>41.0</b>

9	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	40	41	45	45	59	46.0
	<b>Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration</b>						<b>44.0</b>
10	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	44	44	48	47	52	47.0
	<b>Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration</b>						<b>45.0</b>
11*	Background	2		2		2	2
	Effluent	40	40	40	41	46	41.4
	<b>Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration</b>						<b>39.4</b>
12*	Background	2		4		6	4
	Effluent	45	45	50	50	52	48.4
	<b>Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration</b>						<b>44.4</b>
13*	Background	4		5		6	5
	Effluent	45	50	50	50	52	49.4
	<b>Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration</b>						<b>44.4</b>
14**	Background	2	3	4	6.5	9	4.9
	Effluent	82	84	87	89	97	87.8
	<b>Adjusted Average Sediment Concentration</b>						<b>82.9**</b>

\* Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing

\*\* Target influent sediment concentration increased to 400 mg/L (391.6 mg/L actual)

**Table 8 Removal Efficiency Results**

Run #	Average Influent TSS (mg/L)	Average Adjusted Effluent TSS (mg/L)	Average Adjusted Drawdown TSS (mg/L)	Influent Volume (L)	Effluent Volume (L)	Drawdown Volume (L)	Mass Loading (kg)	Mass Captured (kg)	Run Removal Efficiency by Mass (%)
1	204.0	36.4	34.5	13,045	12,656	389	2.66	2.19	82.33
2	198.8	40.0	33.5	13,004	12,611	392	2.59	2.07	79.92
3	198.0	41.8	33.5	12,863	12,436	427	2.55	2.01	78.82
4	205.2	39.4	31.0	12,863	12,436	427	2.64	2.14	81.06
5	203.4	41.0	33.0	12,980	12,552	428	2.64	2.11	79.92
6	196.7	40.4	28.5	12,051	11,675	377	2.37	1.89	79.75
7	199.3	38.8	32.5	11,948	11,575	373	2.38	1.92	80.67
8	211.1	41.0	34.0	12,146	11,752	394	2.56	2.07	80.86
9	207.5	44.0	33.5	12,014	11,637	377	2.49	1.97	79.11
10	205.6	45.0	32.5	12,029	11,621	408	2.47	1.94	78.54
Total Mass							25.35	20.31	--
Average Removal Efficiency by Mass									<b>80.12</b>

***Excluded Data/Results***

No data was excluded for the sediment Removal Efficiency testing.

**4.2. Sediment Mass Loading Capacity**

The sediment mass loading capacity test was a continuation of the removal efficiency test. The target MTFR loading rate was 9.37 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of effective filter area. Sediment mass loading per run and mass retained per run were calculated using Equation 3 and Equation 4.

$$\text{Mass Loading (kg)} = \text{Influent TSS} \left( \frac{\text{mg}}{\text{L}} \right) \times \text{Influent Volume (L)} \times 1000$$

**Equation 3. Sediment Mass Loading per Run**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Mass Captured (kg)} \\ = \text{Mass Loading (kg)} - \text{Mass Effluent (kg)} - \text{Mass Draindown (kg)} \end{aligned}$$

**Equation 4. Mass Captured per Run**

**Table 9** summarizes the sediment mass loading capacity test for the AF-3.48. The total mass captured for runs 1 through 13 was 26.33 kg (58.05 lbs). Testing was discontinued after Run 14 when the cumulative removal efficiency by mass was 79.91% and below 80.0%.

**Table 9 Summary of Sediment Mass Loading Capacity Testing**

Run #	Average Influent TSS (mg/L)	Average Adjusted Effluent TSS (mg/L)	Average Adjusted Drawdown TSS (mg/L)	Influent Volume (L)	Effluent Volume (L)	Drawdown Volume (L)	Mass Loading (kg)	Mass Captured (kg)	Run Removal Efficiency (%)
11	205.7	39.4	33.0	12,324	11,897	426	2.53	2.05	81.03
12	207.6	44.4	27.5	12,146	11,730	415	2.52	1.99	78.97
13	207.8	44.4	32.5	12,060	11,612	448	2.51	1.98	78.88
14	391.6	82.9	48.0	12,322	11,871	451	4.82	3.82	79.25
Total Mass Runs 1-13							32.91	26.33	--
Average Removal Efficiency by Mass Through Run 13									<b>80.01</b>
Average Removal Efficiency by Mass Through Run 14									<b>79.91</b>

### 4.3 Operating Head

Head measurements were obtained from measuring scales mounted in both the HDS and filtration chambers. These scales were graded to 1/16 inch. The HDS scale was zeroed at the same invert elevations of the inlet and outlet pipes (top of static water), while the filtration chamber scale was zeroed at the top of the filter media bed. Given that the Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 system utilizes two components, the operating heads of both the HDS pretreatment chamber and filtration chamber were measured every 5 minutes and when effluent samples were collected. The final head measurements in both chambers of the AF-3.48 were used to calculate the drawdown water volume. **Table 10** lists the final head measurements for each of the 13 test runs.

#### *Excluded Data/Results*

No data was excluded for the Sediment Mass Load Capacity testing. However, two additional runs were performed after run 14 confirming that the average removal efficiency remained below 80.0% beginning with run 14. Runs 15 and 16 are not included in this report since those results do not impact the results of this testing program.

**Table 10 Summary of Operating Heads for HDS and Filtration Chamber**

<b>Run #</b>	<b>HDS Operating Head (inch)</b>	<b>Filter Operating Head (inch)</b>
1	4.75	2.13
2	4.75	2.25
3	4.88	3.38
4	4.88	3.38
5	4.75	3.50
6	4.38	2.00
7	4.38	1.88
8	4.50	2.50
9	4.38	2.00
10	4.50	3.00
11*	4.63	3.50
12*	4.50	3.25
13*	5.00	4.00
14*	5.00	4.13

\* Sediment Mass Load Capacity testing

## **5. Design Limitations**

The Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 is an engineered system designed to meet site-specific installation requirements. General terms of design parameters and limitations are cited below.

### *Operating Head*

Aqua-Filter™ technology does not require an external operating (driving) head, beyond that required to achieve flow, to achieve operating conditions.

### *Media Thickness*

All Aqua-Filter™ systems, including the AF-3.48, require a minimum 12-inch drop between the elevations of the inlet pipe invert (to the HDS) and the outlet pipe invert (from the filtration chamber). This drop provides for a minimum of 12 inches of filter media to prevent the media

from being saturated between runoff events. Greater piping invert elevation drops are acceptable and AquaShield™ engineers can assist site designers with custom configurations.

### *Soil Characteristics*

The Aqua-Filter™ is a post-construction, flow-through modular device. AquaShield™ specifies that installation utilize stone backfill material. Site-specific native soils can be used as backfill provided that the material substantially conforms to the backfill specification. AquaShield™ engineers can assist contractors with backfill questions when using native soil.

### *Slope of Drainage Pipe*

There is no specific drainage pipe slope limitation. However, site designs should consider that the Aqua-Filter™ system does require a minimum 12 inch drop between the elevations of the inlet pipe invert (to the HDS) and the outlet pipe invert (from the filtration chamber). AquaShield™ engineers can work with site design engineers to facilitate an appropriate conveyance design.

### *Maximum Water Quality Treatment Flow Rate*

The maximum water quality treatment flow rate for the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 is 113.4 gpm (0.25 cfs). AquaShield™ engineers can assist site designers with managing peak flow rates. The Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 is rated for a hydraulic loading rate of 9.37 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of filter media surface area.

### *Maintenance Requirements*

Aqua-Filter™ systems should be inspected and maintained following the recommendations and guidelines included in the Inspection & Maintenance Manual at: <http://www.aquashieldinc.com/-aqua-filter-resources.html>. Section 6 herein includes additional maintenance information.

### *Installation Limitations*

Pick weights vary by Aqua-Filter™ model size to include both the HDS chamber and the filtration chamber. AquaShield™ can provide contractors with all model-specific pick weights prior to delivery.

### *Configurations*

The HDS technology of the Aqua-Filter™ system is based on the tangential inlet to set up the vortex separation. The off-line configuration of the Aqua-Filter™ system can accommodate clockwise and counter clockwise flow processes. In addition, Aqua-Filter™ installations can utilize a range of inlet to outlet pipe angles. AquaShield™ engineers can assist site designers with custom configurations.

### *Loading*

Aqua-Filter™ systems, including the AF-3.48, are designed for HS-25 or greater loading. Contact AquaShield™ engineering staff when heavier loading conditions are anticipated.



### *Pre-treatment Requirements*

The Aqua-Filter™ system already incorporates the pretreatment HDS chamber; thus, no additional pretreatment practice is necessary.

### *Depth to Seasonal High-Water Table*

Aqua-Filter™ performance is independent of high groundwater conditions. AquaShield™ routinely performs buoyancy calculations for all system installations to ensure long term functionality. Anti-floatation controls can be added for system installations when necessary.

### *Pipe Size*

Each Aqua-Filter™ system has a maximum recommended inlet and outlet pipe size. AquaShield™ engineering staff can assist with pipe sizing.

## **6. Maintenance Plan**

The Aqua-Filter™ Inspection and Maintenance Manual is available at:  
<http://www.aquashieldinc.com/-aqua-filter-resources.html>.

The Aqua-Filter™ is designed to remove suspended sediment, debris, floatables and free-floating oil from stormwater runoff using a treatment train approach that includes a single pretreatment HDS chamber followed by a filtration chamber. Periodic removal of these captured materials is essential to ensure long term functionality. Aqua-Filter™ performance may be diminished when sediment and/or oil storage capacities are reached. An Aqua-Filter™ Inspection and Maintenance manual is provided for each site delivery to track and document system operations.

Both inspection and maintenance activities of the HDS chamber are simply performed and are accomplished from the surface. While the filtration chamber can typically be inspected from the surface, confined space entry is recommended for more detailed inspections where warranted. Confined space entry is recommended for maintenance events that include filter media removal and replacement. There are no moving parts and no product-specific tools are needed from AquaShield™. Replacement filter media (with containers) is available from AquaShield™. It is not necessary for AquaShield™ personnel to be on-site during inspection or maintenance events.

A typical maintenance event for the cleaning of the HDS chamber can be accomplished with a vacuum truck. The HDS chamber can utilize one or two manholes depending on size to facilitate inspection and maintenance events. Maintenance events for the filtration chamber should use confined space entry techniques where appropriate. Confined space entry may not be necessary for all AF-3.48 maintenance events given a facility design. An ingress/egress ladder is provided for those rectangular (vault-type) filtration chambers of Aqua-Filter™ systems larger than the tested AF-3.48 round chamber. However, site requirements could necessitate a custom internal ladder for the AF-3.48.

### *Inspection*

Upon installation and during construction, AquaShield™ recommends that an Aqua-Filter™ system (HDS chamber plus filtration chamber) be inspected every three months and the system be cleaned as needed. Essential elements of an Aqua-Filter™ inspection include observing floating

materials and measuring the accumulated sediment at the base of the HDS chamber. The integrity of the filter media and containers should also be inspected at the same time. AquaShield™ also recommends that external bypass structures be inspected when performing inspections. AquaShield™ also recommends that systems be inspected and cleaned at the end of construction. During the first year post-construction, the Aqua-Filter™ should again be inspected every three months and cleaned as needed depending on site conditions. The ultimate inspection frequency will be determined by site-specific runoff conditions. Yet, AquaShield™ recommends a minimum inspection frequency of once per year post-construction.

AquaShield™ recommends that the HDS chamber be cleaned once per year when the filter chamber media is replaced.

### *Maintenance*

Clean-out frequency will ultimately be determined by post-installation and post-construction runoff conditions. As a general rule, AquaShield™ recommends that Aqua-Filter™ systems be maintained at a minimum of once per year. There is no need to enter an HDS chamber for inspections or maintenance activities. If entry is necessary, confined space entry procedures should be employed. AquaShield™ further recommends that confined space entry techniques be used for maintenance of the filtration chamber when warranted.

Cleaning of the HDS is performed by a vacuum truck but it may be warranted to remove gross debris and floatable objects by an alternate suitable means (e.g., skimming pole with net). Any accumulated oil can be vacuumed from the surface. Accumulated sediment at the base of the HDS chamber can also be removed via vacuum through the manhole(s) opening from the surface. There are no hidden or blind access chambers in the HDS which allows for a complete cleaning of the unit.

Replacement of filter media and containers should be performed when evidence of media occlusion is noted via visual impairment, decreased performance and or diminished functionality. Brown to black colored perlite is a typical indicator that media replacement is warranted.

The manhole lid(s) should be put back into place at the conclusion of inspection and maintenance activities. AquaShield™ advises that all removed pollutants be disposed in accordance with all applicable local regulations and ordinances.

## **7. Statements**

The following signed statements from the manufacturer, third party observer and NJCAT are required to complete the NJCAT verification process. Additionally, this report has been subjected to public review and all comments and concerns have been satisfactorily addressed.



December 21, 2016

Dr. Richard Magee, Sc.D., P.E., BCEE  
Executive Director  
New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology  
Center for Environmental Systems  
Stevens Institute of Technology  
One Castle Point on Hudson  
Hoboken, NJ 07030

**Re: Verification of Aqua-Filter™ Stormwater Filtration System to NJDEP Filtration Laboratory Testing Protocol**

The AquaShield™, Inc. Aqua-Filter™ Stormwater Filtration System (Aqua-Filter™) uses a treatment train approach that includes a pretreatment hydrodynamic separator (HDS) chamber followed by a filtration chamber. An Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 recently completed verification testing in compliance with the NJDEP Filtration Laboratory Testing Protocol. As specified by the "Procedure for Obtaining Verification of a Stormwater Manufactured Treatment Device from New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology," this letter serves as the AquaShield™ statement that all procedures and requirements identified in the above-cited protocol and process document were met or exceeded. The AF-3.48 sediment removal efficiency and sediment mass loading capacity testing conducted at the AquaShield™ laboratory facility in Chattanooga, Tennessee were conducted under the direct and independent supervision of Dr. Gregory Williams of Good Harbour Laboratories, Ltd., Mississauga, Ontario. All water quality samples were analyzed by the independent analytical laboratory, AIRL, Inc. of Cleveland, Tennessee. The test sediment particle size distribution was prepared by Good Harbour Laboratories and analyzed by Maxxam Analytics of Mississauga, Ontario. Preparation of the verification report and the supporting documentation fulfill the submission requirements of the process document and protocol.

Sincerely,

**AquaShield™, Inc.**

Mark B. Miller  
Research Scientist



December 21, 2016

Dr. Greg Williams, Managing Director  
Good Harbour Laboratories Ltd.  
2596 Dunwin Dr.  
Mississauga, ON L5L 1J5

Dr. Richard Magee  
Executive Director  
New Jersey Corporation for Advancement of Technology

RE: Third party observation of testing of the AquaFilter AF-3.48 according to the **New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Laboratory Protocol to Assess Total Suspended Solids Removal by a Filtration Manufactured Treatment Device (January 25, 2013)**

Dear Dr. Magee,

This purpose of this letter is to confirm that I personally witnessed all of the AF-3.48 NJDEP testing conducted at the AquaShield™ facility in Hixson, Tennessee from November 28 to December 5, 2016. I can attest that the testing was done in accordance with the above referenced protocol, as required by the **Procedure for Obtaining Verification of a Stormwater Manufactured Treatment Device from New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology, for use in accordance with the Stormwater Management Rules N.J.A.C. 7:8 (January 25, 2013)**.

Prior to testing I confirmed that the instrumentation being used was calibrated and I witnessed the unsealing of the sediment that had been mixed and then supplied to AquaShield by my company, Good Harbour Laboratories. I also took physical measurements and pictures of the test set up.

During the testing I witnessed the sampling during every run and verified all mass measurements. I also verified all sample bottle labels and confirmed the chains of custody for all analyzed samples.

After the testing I reviewed all of the data, calculations and conclusions contained in the report **NJCAT TECHNOLOGY VERIFICATION Aqua-Filter™ Stormwater Filtration System, AquaShield™, Inc. (January, 2017)**. I can confirm that the report accurately represents what I observed. Furthermore, I have

Good Harbour Laboratories  
T: 905.696.7276 | F: 905.696.7279  
A: 2596 Dunwin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5L 1J5  
[www.goodharbourlabs.com](http://www.goodharbourlabs.com)



Main heading goes here

retained copies of the background data, analytical reports and calibration certificates, as well as the calculations, in an independent and secure location on the GHL server. This supporting information is available to you upon request.

Sincerely,

Greg Williams, Ph.D., P.Eng.

CC: Mark Miller, Stuart Ellis, AquaShield Inc.

Page 2 of 2

Good Harbour Laboratories  
T: 905.696.7276 | F: 905.696.7279  
A: 2596 Dunwin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5L 1J5  
[www.goodharbourlabs.com](http://www.goodharbourlabs.com)





---

December 21, 2016

Dr. Richard Magee, ScD., P.E., BCEE  
Technical Director  
New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology (NJCAT)

Re: Performance Verification of the AquaFilter AF-3.48

---

Dear Dr. Magee,

I have been contracted, as a representative of Good Harbour Laboratories, by AquaShield Inc. to witness the performance testing of their AquaFilter AF-3.48 in accordance with New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Laboratory Protocol to Assess Total Suspended Solids Removal by a Hydrodynamic Sedimentation Manufactured Treatment Device (January, 2013).

Good Harbour Laboratories (GHL), a wholly owned subsidiary of Monteco Ltd., is an independent hydraulic test facility located in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada. GHL provides testing and verification services for numerous water treatment technologies including stormwater treatment devices. GHL has had several different stormwater equipment manufacturers as clients and we have accumulated considerable experience in testing these devices. In order to be able to make this experience available to as many potential clients as possible, GHL is careful to maintain its position as an independent service provider.

With the above in mind I, the undersigned, on behalf of GHL and Monteco, confirm:

-that I do not have any conflict of interest in connection to the contracted testing. Potential conflict of interest may arise in particular as a result of economic interests, political or national affinities, family or emotional ties, or any other relevant connection or shared interest;

-that I will inform NJCAT, without delay, of any situation constituting a conflict of interest or potentially giving rise to a conflict of interest;



Good Harbour Laboratories  
T: 905.696.7276 | F: 905.696.7279  
A: 2596 Dunwin Drive, Mississauga, ON L5L 1J5  
[www.goodharbourlabs.com](http://www.goodharbourlabs.com)



Main heading goes here

-that I have not granted, sought, attempted to obtain or accepted and will not grant, seek, attempt to obtain, or accept any advantage, financial or in kind, to or from any party whatsoever, constituting an illegal or corrupt practice, either directly or indirectly, as an incentive or reward relating to the award of the contract.

Sincerely,

Date

Dr. Greg Williams, P.Eng.  
Managing Director  
Good Harbour Laboratories



**Center for Environmental Systems**

**Stevens Institute of Technology**

**One Castle Point**

**Hoboken, NJ 07030-0000**

June 14, 2018

James Murphy, Chief  
NJDEP  
Bureau of Non-Point Pollution Control  
Division of Water Quality  
401 E. State Street  
Mail Code 401-02B, PO Box 420  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0420

Dear Mr. Murphy,

Based on my review, evaluation and assessment of the testing conducted on the Aqua-Filter™ Stormwater Filtration System Model AF-3.48 with Perlite Media by AquaShield and observed by Dr. Gregory Williams, P.E. of Good Harbour Laboratories, Ltd., Mississauga, Ontario, the test protocol requirements contained in the “New Jersey Laboratory Testing Protocol to Assess Total Suspended Solids Removal by a Filtration Manufactured Treatment Device” (NJDEP Filtration Protocol, January 2013) were met or exceeded. Specifically:

*Test Sediment Feed*

The mean PSD of the AquaShield test sediments comply with the PSD criteria established by the NJDEP HDS protocol. The AquaShield removal efficiency test sediment PSD analysis was plotted against the NJDEP removal efficiency test PSD specification. The test sediment was shown to be finer than the sediment blend specified by the protocol ( $<75\mu\text{m}$ ); the test sediment  $d_{50}$  was approximately 50 microns.

*Removal Efficiency (RE) Testing*

Fourteen (14) removal efficiency testing runs were completed in accordance with the NJDEP test protocol. Four (4) of the 14 test runs were conducted during mass loading and 10 during RE testing. The target flow rate and influent sediment concentration were 114 gpm and 200 mg/L (increased to 400 mg/L after Run 13) respectively. The system did not occlude or reach maximum



driving head during the test process, but the average removal efficiency (on a mass basis) dropped below 80% after Run 13 so testing was suspended and deemed complete as per the QAPP and protocol. The Aqua-Filter™ demonstrated an average sediment removal efficiency on a mass basis of 80% over the course of the 13 test runs.

#### *Sediment Mass Loading Capacity*

Mass loading capacity testing was conducted as a continuation of RE testing. Mass loading test runs were conducted using identical testing procedures and targets as those used in the RE runs, the only change was to increase the target influent concentration to 400 mg/L after test Run 13. Testing concluded after 14 test runs.

The total influent mass loaded through run 13 was 72.05 lbs (32.91 kg) and the total mass captured by the Aqua-Filter™ was 58.05 lbs (26.33 kg). This is equivalent to a sediment mass loading capacity of 4.8 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup> of filtration area.

No maintenance was performed on the test system during the entire testing program.

#### *Scour Testing*

The Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 is designed for off-line installation. Consequently, scour testing is not required.

Sincerely,



Richard S. Magee, Sc.D., P.E., BCEE  
Executive Director

## 8. References

ASTM D422-63. *Standard Test Method for Particle Size Analysis of Soils.*

ASTM D3977-97. *Standard Test Methods for Determining Concentrations in Water Samples.*

AquaShield™, Inc. November 23, 2016, *Verification Testing of the Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 in Accordance with the NJDEP Laboratory Testing Protocol 2013, Quality Assurance Project Plan.*

NJDEP 2013a. *New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Procedure for Obtaining Verification of a Stormwater Manufactured Treatment Device from New Jersey Corporation for Advanced Technology.* Trenton, NJ. January 25, 2013.

NJDEP 2013b. *New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection Laboratory Protocol to Assess Total Suspended Solids Removal by a Filtration Manufactured Treatment Device.* Trenton, NJ. January 25, 2013.

## **VERIFICATION APPENDIX**

## ***Introduction***

- Manufacturer: AquaShield™, Inc., 2733 Kanasita Drive, Suite 111, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37343. General Phone: (423) 870-8888. Website: [www.aquashieldinc.com](http://www.aquashieldinc.com).
- MTD: Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 Stormwater Filtration System.
- TSS Removal Rate: 80%
- Offline installation

## ***Detailed Specification***

- **Table A-1** includes Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 MTFR and maximum allowable drainage area. **Table A-2** lists the HDS dimensions including the sedimentation area and the wet volume. **Table A-3** includes Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 dimension ratios while **Table A-4** lists storage capacity compared to the maximum allowable drainage area.
- Head constraints for the Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 will vary based on site specific conditions. The Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 requires a minimum inlet invert to outlet invert drop of 12 inches.
- Drain down flow through the Aqua-Filter™ AF-3.48 is regulated by post-filtration flow control orifices. Drain down in a clean filter is approximately 30 minutes.
- AquaShield™ provides contractors with project-specific unit pick weights and installation instructions for all Aqua-Filter™ systems as warranted prior to delivery.
- Inspection and Maintenance Manual provided for each project installation and is available at: <http://www.aquashieldinc.com/-aqua-filter-resources.html>.
- According to N.J.A.C. 7:8-5.5, NJDEP stormwater design requirements do not allow the Aqua-Filter™ system to be used in series with a settling chamber (such as a hydrodynamic separator) or a media filter (such as a sand filter) to achieve an enhanced TSS removal rate.

**Table A-1. Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 MTFR and Maximum Allowable Drainage Area**

<b>Aqua-Filter™ Model</b>	<b>Number of Filter Bags</b>	<b>Effective Filtration Treatment Area (ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>MTFR (cfs)</b>	<b>Maximum Allowable Drainage Area (acres)<sup>1</sup></b>
AF-3.48	8	12.1	0.25	0.10
1. From Table A-4.				

**Table A-2. Standard HDS Dimensions of Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48**

<b>Aqua-Filter™ Model</b>	<b>HDS Diameter (ft)</b>	<b>HDS Depth (ft)</b>	<b>HDS Surface Area (ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>HDS Effective Sedimentation Area (ft<sup>2</sup>)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>HDS Wet Volume (ft<sup>3</sup>)<sup>2</sup></b>
AF-3.48	3.5	4.4	9.6	8.26	42.2
1. The effective sedimentation area corresponds to the inlet side of the arched baffle within the pretreatment HDS chamber. 2. The HDS wet volume includes the entire volume inside the HDS manhole corresponding to the HDS diameter.					

**Table A-3. Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 Dimension Ratios**

<b>Aqua-Filter™ Model</b>	<b>MTFR (cfs)</b>	<b>Effective Filtration Treatment Area (EFTA) (ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Effective Sedimentation Area (ESA) (ft<sup>2</sup>)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Wet Volume (WV) (ft<sup>3</sup>)</b>	<b>Ratio MTFR to EFTA</b>	<b>Ratio ESA to EFTA</b>	<b>Ratio WV to EFTA</b>
AF-3.48	0.25	12.1	20.4	55.3	$2.066 \times 10^{-2}$	1.7	4.6
1. Effective sedimentation area (ESA) is the sum of the HDS sedimentation area from Table A-2 and the filtration chamber sedimentation area (which is identical to the EFTA).							

**Table A-4. Aqua-Filter™ Model AF-3.48 Maximum Allowable Drainage Area**

<b>Aqua-Filter™ Model</b>	<b>MTFR (cfs)</b>	<b>Storage Capacity/ft<sup>2</sup> of Filtration Area (lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>)<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Effective Filtration Area (ft<sup>2</sup>)</b>	<b>Storage Capacity (lbs)</b>	<b>Allowable Drainage Area (acres)<sup>2</sup></b>
AF-3.48	0.25	4.8	12.1	58.1	0.10
<p>1. Based on test results of 58.05 lbs of sediment captured before mass capture efficiency dropped below 80%.</p> <p>2. Based upon the equation in the NJDEP Filter Protocol: Maximum Inflow Drainage Area (acres) = Weight of TSS Captured before Efficiency Drops below 80% / 600 lbs per Acre of Drainage Area Annually.</p>					