

## **Table 4-6: Controlling Wet-weather Overflows**

### **Levels of Water Quality Protection**

### **Appropriate Level of Treatment**

#### **A**

Complete protection for areas where the aquatic environment should be free of any identifiable risk from the discharge of untreated waste (i.e., shellfish beds for year-round harvesting).

Secondary treatment up to 20-year recurrence interval; above 20-year overflows allowed.

#### **B**

Areas that do not need complete year-round protection, such as shellfish beds for dry-weather harvesting, public beaches, and other water contact areas.

Secondary treatment for all flows up to two-year recurrence interval; primary treatment up to 20-year recurrence interval; above 20-year overflows allowed.

#### **C**

Areas where water quality or aquatic productivity may be limited due to the pollution effects of a dense human population or other urban activities that are largely uncontrollable. Such areas may include some shipyards and harbors.

Secondary treatment to half-year recurrence interval; primary treatment to five-year recurrence interval; above five-year overflows allowed.