

Pretreatment/Industrial Discharges / Septic Haulers Questions

Q: Do septic haulers need a permit?

A: Yes, The City permits all septic haulers that wish to discharge to the City's Water Reclamation Facility and The City permits all industries that contribute any substances that interfere or are likely to interfere with the operation of the Water Reclamation Facility or Wastewater Collection System.

Septic Haulers and Industrial users can find all applications for permits on the City of Pueblo website under Forms on the Wastewater Department page.

(<http://www.pueblo.us/index.aspx?nid=282>).

All questions regarding the permit applications can be answered through the Pretreatment Division at (719) 553-2898.



Q: What is a Significant Industrial User (SIU)?

A: A Significant Industrial user is any industrial user which: (a) is subject to any Federal Categorical Pretreatment standard under 40 C.F.R. 403.6 (b) discharges an average of twenty-five thousand (25,000) gallons per day or more of process wastewater to the publicly owned treatment works, excluding sanitary noncontact cooling and boiler blow-down wastewater; (c) is designated as such by the Director, using his or her best professional judgment, on the basis that the industrial user has a reasonable potential for adversely affecting the publicly owned treatment works operation or for violating any Pretreatment standard or requirement; or (d) contributes a process waste stream which makes up five percent (5%) or more of the average dry weather hydraulic or organic capacity of the POTW treatment plant.

Q: What are categorical users?

A: Categorical users are those facilities which engage in an activity which have national numerical standards and reporting requirements.

Q: What are the Local Discharge Limits?

A: Local limits reflect the specific needs and capabilities of the City's Water Reclamation Facility and are designed to protect the Water Reclamation Facility, its receiving waters and its sludge disposal practices. 40 C.F.R. 403.8(f)(4) states the publicly owned treatment works must develop local limits or demonstrate that they are unnecessary.

For a list of the current limits go to the City Code Title 16, Chapter 7, Section 13(9), prohibited discharges.

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Q: What are Prohibited Wastes?

A: Prohibited wastes are any pollutant(s) that are discharged to the publicly owned treatment works that cause pass through or interference. These are national standards that apply to all users of the City of Pueblo Wastewater system. The lists of prohibited waste are found in the City Code Title 16, Chapter 7, Section 13.

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Q. What is a Sanitary Sewer Surcharge on High Strength Waste?

A: Per City Code Title 16, Chapter 7, Section 1 all users of the City wastewater collection and treatment facilities discharging wastewater containing greater than two hundred twenty-five (225) mg/l of five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD) or containing greater than two hundred (200) mg/l of suspended solids (SS) shall be assessed an excessive strength wastewater surcharge.

For current rates please see City Code Title 16, Chapter 7, table 16-7-2(b).

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Q: What are the Pretreatment Guidelines and how are they enforced?

A: The City of Pueblo has an approved Pretreatment Program that is detailed in Title 16, Chapter 9 and lists all limits to discharges and rates in Chapter 7 of Title 16.

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Q: What are the federally regulated Industrial categories?

A: Federally regulated industrial categories are types of industries identified in federal regulations for which national pretreatment standards have been established. National pretreatment standards specify quantities or concentrations of pollutants or pollutant properties which may be discharged to a publicly owned treatment works by existing or new industrial users in specific industrial subcategories. All categories can be found in 40 C.F.R. Chapter I, Subchapter N, Volume 31, Part 400-424 and Volume 32, Part 425-699. http://www.ecfr.gov/cgi-bin/text-idx?SID=69999fe59499aa87a5b93e7df52b05b4&tpl=/ecfrbrowse/Title40/40tab_02.tpl