



Portland Water District
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Industrial Pretreatment Newsletter

Issue 4: Permit Contents

Your industrial pretreatment discharge permit spells out all of the requirements you must meet to maintain compliance with PWD's Industrial Pretreatment Program. Let's take a closer look at the information contained in your permit.



Permittee Classification

Each business is classified as a SIGNIFICANT, CATEGORICAL and/or BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES permittee. This designation is made based on the quantity and characteristics of wastewater discharged from a facility, and the activities or processes that generate the wastewater.

This classification can be found in Special Conditions Section 1 of your permit.

Wastewater Monitoring Requirements

Your discharge permit explains all of the details of wastewater monitoring (if required). Generally this information is found in Special Conditions Sections 1-4 of your discharge permit. Here you will see a list of parameters that must be tested for, as well as the allowable discharge limits for each one. The permit specifies the type of sample required (grab vs. composite), where and how often samples must be collected, and the dates that your monitoring reports are due to PWD.

Monitoring Report Submissions

All the specific elements that must be included with each report submission are listed in Special Conditions Section 2 or 3 of your permit. These components may be slightly different for each permittee, but all correspondence from you to us is required to include certain certification statements, as well as a signature by an authorized representative of your business. You are required to keep copies of all reports for a minimum of 3 years.

If you have a Best Management Practices (BMP) permit you are not required to sample your wastewater but you must submit BMP certification statements every 6 months. The Special Conditions section of your BMP discharge permit outlines the information that must be included in these certifications. A schedule for submissions is also included.

Notification of Violations

As soon as you become aware of a violation of your discharge permit you MUST report it to PWD within 24-hours. Please call (207) 761-8300 or email pretreatment@pwd.org to report violations. More information about violation notification can be found in Special Conditions Section 5 of your permit.

Please take a moment to review your permit (or request a new copy if you need one). Please reach out if you have questions as you read through your permit. We would be happy to help.

The next issue of this e-newsletter will provide more details about wastewater sampling.

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