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INDUSTRIAL WASTE UNIT MISSION STATEMENT -

Protect the City's freshwater resources and wastewater treatment plants by enforcing local, state and federal regulations governing wastewater discharges to the City's wastewater and stormwater collection systems.

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NEW PWD REGULATIONS

On October 1, 2010 The City of Philadelphia updated the Philadelphia Water Department Regulations (PWDR). See page 2 for the summary of the most important changes affecting permittee compliance.

The new Wastewater Control Regulations can be downloaded at

www.phila.gov/water/iwu

IWU's website also offers the latest information on IWU activities. Launching soon is a new section about Industrial Wastewater Discharge permits. This section will help Users to better understand their permit requirements and where in a permit they can be found.

UPDATE!!! SNC DEFINITION

The Significant Non-Compliance criterion for permit monitoring requirements was increased to:

Monitoring for any parameter less than 100% of the total sampling events required by the Permit will cause you to be in Significant Non-Compliance

REMINDERS:



Semi-Annual Compliance Reports are Due January 31, 2011

Submitting any report including your Semi-Annual Compliance Report more than 30-days late is considered Significant Non-Compliance.

Happening at PWD

New Philadelphia Water Department Regulations



Please be advised that the City of Philadelphia Water Department has enacted changes to the Philadelphia Water Department Regulations (PWDR) that affect the regulation of permitted industrial users and facilities such as yours. The changes to the PWDR were publicly noticed for comment on September 1, 2010 and became effective on October 1, 2010. The amended regulations went into full effect on **January 1, 2011**.

The current PWDR is available for download at:

http://www.phila.gov/water/pdfs/pwd_regulations.pdf.

A hard copy is available upon request.

We suggest that you carefully review Chapter 5: Sewer and Wastewater Control of the PWDR that pertain to the permitting and regulation of your facility. In particular, please review the following underlined changes as PWD began enforcing them **January 1, 2011**:

- ◆ 501.3 (b)(2) - The Daily Maximum Arsenic Limit was increased to 0.15 mg/L and the Monthly Average Arsenic Limit was increased to 0.10 mg/L (pg 90).
- ◆ 501.3 (e)(1) - The Accidental Discharges requirements now require that each Significant Industrial User to provide protection from accidental discharge of prohibited materials or other substances which may interfere with the POTW by developing a *Spill and Slug Discharge Prevention Plan*. (pg 91 – 92)
- ◆ 501.16 (c)(2) - The Significant Non-Compliance criterion for permit monitoring requirements was made more strict. Failure to monitoring for any parameter less than 100% of the total sampling events required by a Permit will cause a Permitted Industrial User to be in Significant Non-Compliance with their permit. (pg 108).

There are also several formatting and section numbering changes.

Regulation changes may have lead to changes to the language and requirements in your facility's wastewater discharge permit. These issues, if any, should already have been specifically addressed in separate correspondence.

Happening at PWD

New Philadelphia Water Department Regulations

If you have any questions relating to the PWDR changes please contact the Industrial Waste Unit:

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PWD Pretreatment Awards Program

The Industrial Waste Unit is implementing a new Pretreatment Awards Program. Awards will be given in recognition of continued Industrial User compliance with the Pretreatment Program. Starting with the 2011 Semi-Annual Compliance Reports, Industrial Users will be eligible for Compliance Awards for 100% compliance. In order to qualify for an award you must have:



1. Monitored 100% of all Required Samples
2. Submitted all Reports on Time
3. Not Received any Monitoring Violations During the Year

Different award levels will be based on how long an Industrial User has achieved continuous compliance.

- BRONZE — awarded for 1 to 3 years of continuous compliance
- SILVER — awarded for 3 to 5 years of continuous compliance
- GOLD — awarded for 5 to 10 years of continuous compliance
- PLATINUM — awarded for 10+ years of continuous compliance

Industrial Users achieving one of the above measures of continued compliance will receive a certificate acknowledging their accomplishment in the next *Pretreatment Times*.

These awards are PWD's way of giving recognition to those who work hard to achieve compliance with the treatment program and the Water Department Regulations. It is only with your cooperation and hard work that this program can successfully meet its goals of protecting the City's wastewater treatment plants and the state's freshwater resources. **ARE YOU IN COMPLIANCE?**

WATER DEPARTMENT NEWS

New Water Department Commissioner

Effective Wednesday, February 2, 2011, Mr. Howard Neukrug will succeed Bernard Brunwasser as the Water Commissioner of Philadelphia.

Mr. Neukrug has been the Deputy Water Commissioner of Environmental Services since last August but brings 30 years of Water Department Experience to the Commissioner's office. During his time at the Department, Mr. Neukrug has become a nationally-known expert in the study of urban watershed environments, the use of green infrastructure to meet clean water standards and additional related specialties. Prior to his appointment as Deputy Commissioner, he was the original Director of the Office of Watersheds, beginning in 1999.

SEMI-ANNUAL COMPLIANCE REPORT REMINDERS

1. Make a Checklist to Ensure all Paperwork is Included to Avoid Incomplete Reports
2. Complete All Reports at Least 10 Days Before Due Date to Allow for Mailing Time
3. Make sure you mail your Report to the Correct Permit Administrator

The mailing address for your Semi-Annual Compliance Report is

Baxter Water Treatment Plant
9000 State Road
Philadelphia, PA 19136

Should you have any questions contact your respective permit administrator at their number below.

Industrial Waste Unit Contact Information

Questions, comments and suggestions for future topics are always welcome and suggested.

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