

Do I Need a Wastewater Discharge Permit?

All non-residential wastewater dischargers may be required to complete a wastewater discharge permit application. The purpose of the permit application is to identify the volume and characteristics of the wastewater to be discharged into the sanitary sewer. The following procedure will be utilized to determine whether or not a user must submit an application:

These questions are to be answered and will help with the review:

- Does the discharger have a manufacturing process that generates wastewater?
- What is/are the Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code(s) for the facility?
- Are there chemicals of concern stored on site?
- Is there treated groundwater or site remediation wastewater generated?
- *Is there more than 25,000 gallons per day of process wastewater generated?
- *Is the proposed discharge subject to categorical pretreatment standards under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations?
- *Could the proposed discharge adversely affect the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)?

A "Yes" answer to any above item with a * means the Industrial User is considered a Significant Industrial User (SIU) or Categorical Industrial User (CIU) and will be permitted as such.

The City requires a Wastewater Discharge Permit Application from a SIU or CIU **at least 90 days** before they wish to discharge process wastewater.

The City will issue wastewater discharge permits to SIUs where pollutants of concern are, or have the potential to be, discharged at levels that could: impact the POTW, impact the environment, or affect worker health and safety.

The City will also issue wastewater discharge permits to CIUs who discharge process wastewater to the POTW that is subject to categorical pretreatment standards under Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Industrial users who are considered categorical, but who discharge no process wastewater to the sanitary sewer system will be issued a Non-Discharging Categorical Industrial User Permit (NDCIU).

The City may also elect to issue General Requirements to those industrial and commercial facilities without the need for monthly reporting or frequent oversight. These permits are classified as Pollution Management Practices (PMP) General Requirements. PMPs require less frequent inspection and oversight. Examples of such industries may include, but are not limited to:

- Photo Processors
- Food Service Establishments
- Breweries, Distilleries, and Wine Making Facilities