

INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER PERMIT PROVISIONS

Industrial wastewater Permit Provisions include, but are not limited to the following:

SECTION 1 - GENERAL PROVISIONS

- 1) At a minimum, the permittee shall comply with all relevant and applicable rules and regulations as specified in of the most current version of the City of Santa Monica Municipal Code (S.M.M.C.) Chapter 5.20. This and other relevant chapters of the S.M.M.C. are displayed at the City web-site: <http://www.qcode.us/codes/santamonica/>
- 2) The permittee is allowed to discharge wastewater to the sanitary sewer system within the limitations set forth in S.M.M.C. Sections 5.20.
- 3) Noncompliance with the terms and conditions of this permit, including nonpayment of fees or fines, shall constitute violation(s) of S.M.M.C Section 5.20. This permit becomes void upon any change of ownership or location.
- 4) The permittee shall allow the Director, or an authorized City representative, upon presenting City credentials, to enter the permittee's premises and conduct inspection, sampling and monitoring activities. Access to any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit shall be provided upon request.
- 5) The permittee shall notify the Director immediately upon change of mailing address for official City notifications or upon vacating the permitted property.
- 6) The permittee shall notify the Director immediately upon the occurrence of an accidental discharge of substances prohibited by S.M.M.C., Chapter 5.20 or any slug loads or spills that may enter the public sewer or storm drain system. City staff shall be notified by telephone at: **(310) 458-8235**, by contacting City of Santa Monica Fire Department or by dialing 911, depending on the exigencies of the situation.
- 7) No person shall contribute, or cause to be contributed, directly or indirectly to the publicly owned treatment works (sanitary sewer system), the storm drain system or the waters of the State any pollutant or wastewater which may cause interference or pass through. For a detailed list of prohibited discharge standards and specific pollutant limitations refer to S.M.M.C. Chapter 5.20.
- 8) The permittee may be required to install a pretreatment device, such as clarifier, or gravity or Hydro-mechanical oil/grease interceptor, to prevent the entry of waste oil and or grease to the City sewer system. Maintenance contracts are required for pretreatment devices. Such devices shall be properly maintained and pumped out at least quarterly (4 times per year). Hydro-mechanical grease interceptors shall be additionally serviced by food establishment staff at a minimum on a weekly basis. Discharge from pretreatment devices shall not exceed the limitations set in S.M.M.C. Chapter 5.20. Free visible floating oil and grease in the sample box or last chamber of any hydromechanical grease interceptor is prohibited.
- 9) If a business exceeds the prohibited discharge standards and or specific pollutant limitations listed in S.M.M.C. Chapter 5.20, the City may issue a Notice of Violation (NOV) or other enforcement action, including, but not limited to, Administrative Citations (fines) and/or referral to the City Attorney. If City staff is unable to retrieve a sample from a pretreatment device due to excessive waste oil/grease build-up, the facility shall receive an automatic violation.

- 10) Medical waste and pharmaceutical process waste shall not be discharged to waters of the State, or storm drain system. Discharge to the sanitary sewer of these types of wastes requires the specific prior approval of the Director.
- 11) Discharge of waste amalgam, mercury, silver or x-ray processing solutions is prohibited.
- 12) Discharge of dry cleaning operation wastes is prohibited unless specifically approved by the City in advance, and the business has an approved operational separator water treatment device on site. A zero-discharge compliance report which includes a separator water log sheet may also be required.
- 13) Permittees shall maintain a written log and receipts/manifests as evidence of any waste chemical, waste oil or waste cooking oil/grease disposal/ recycling, and pretreatment device servicing, if such a device is required for the business. Original or copies of all records, manifests and receipts shall be maintained at the site and available for City staff review at time of inspection. Such documentation shall be maintained by the permittee for a minimum of three (3) years. In addition, the waste chemical, waste oil, or waste cooking oil/grease disposal or recycling company's contact information including the company name, address, phone number, and contact person must be kept on-site at all times.
- 14) All food preparation establishments are prohibited from installing food waste (garbage) disposal units. Existing facilities with disposal units may be required to remove such units. To prevent the discharge of large food particles into the sewer system, screens should be placed over sink and floor drains.
- 15) Permittees are required to have adequate staff available on-site during business hours to provide or facilitate access to any on site pretreatment device, as requested by City staff.
- 16) For verification purposes, the City may request advance notification of quarterly pretreatment device servicing dates and times.

SECTION 2- POLLUTION PREVENTION AND BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

The permittee shall accomplish reduction in the amount of waste generated using the following source control "Best Management Practices" (BMP's):

- 1) Minimize the use of organic solvents. Use water-based solvents for cleaning operations. Avoid n-hexane solvent products such as cleaners, degreasers, glues and spray paints. Water based solvents must still be disposed of as a hazardous waste and cannot be disposed to the sanitary sewer system, dry well, or storm drain system.
- 2) Recycle all waste amalgam, X-ray/photo processing solutions, water-based cleaning solvents, waste oil, waste cooking oil/grease, antifreeze, and used oil filters. Choose cleaning products that are nontoxic and recyclable.
- 3) Dumping of waste chemicals, auto fluids/ fuels, oil or grease to the sanitary sewer, storm drain, or dry well is prohibited. Waste chemicals auto fluids/fuels, oil or grease must be recycled or otherwise lawfully disposed. Such wastes must be stored in containers provided by the disposal or recycling company, not in City or private trash dumpsters. Collection/ storage containers must always be present on the property. Each business that generates waste chemicals, oil or waste cooking oil or grease must have its own container unless authorized in writing by another adjacent business or property management company to share. Such containers must be kept in an enclosed and designated area, preferably indoors or sheltered area, with access limited to employees and waste hauler personnel only. Containers should be properly

labeled as to content and include the business name and disposal/recycler information. To prevent spills, secondary containment must be provided for waste chemical, waste oil or waste cooking oil or grease containers. Container lids must be closed and secured at all times.

- 4) Trash receptacle and dumpster lids must be kept closed at all times for prevention of scavenging and for protection of trash from the elements. These receptacles must be kept in good condition to prevent leaking and runoff. Receptacles with lockable lids are encouraged.
- 5) Businesses generating, handling or storing virgin or waste chemicals, waste auto fluids/fuels and/or waste oil or waste cooking oil or grease shall maintain at least 25 lbs. of spill absorbent on-site in case of spillage (S.M.M.C. Chapter 5.20).
- 6) Carpets and floor mat washout to parking lots, alleys, sidewalks, or streets where discharge is to the City storm drain system or waters of the State are prohibited. A bermed wash area connected to an approved pretreatment device which is connected to the sanitary sewer, or a mop sink or a floor drain with wastewater discharge to the City's sanitary sewer system must be designated onsite for these activities.
- 7) Discharging of any wastes containing soaps, solvents, detergents, or surfactants etc. into streets, alleys, gutters, sidewalks, or parking lots where there is potential for adverse effects to the publicly owned treatment works, or for direct discharge to the storm drain system or waters of the State is prohibited (S.M.M.C. 5.20).
- 8) Hosing down of sidewalks, outside dining areas, parking lots, and trash receptacle areas is prohibited. Wash or rinse water is not permitted to run off the property into the storm drain system under any circumstances (S.M.M.C. 7.10). These areas can be swept, and if further cleaning is needed, they can be pressure washed using a low flow nozzle or mopped as long as wastewater is collected and reused onsite or discharged to onsite permeable surfaces, the City sewer system, or is transported offsite for lawful disposition.
- 9) For qualifying dental practices: Unless exempt, all dental facilities are required to have installed ISO 11143:2008 amalgam separator devices.

Where to Get Help:

1. Find City of Santa Monica *Water Resources Protection Programs* at: (310) 458-8235 or, <https://www.santamonica.gov/topic-explainers/your-guide-to-water>
2. In case of an emergency - City of Santa Monica Fire Department: (310) 458-8660 or 911.
3. City of Santa Monica Office of Sustainability and the Environment: (310) 458-2213
<https://www.santamonica.gov/departments/public-works/office-of-sustainability-and-the-environment>