

Waste Discharge Rules

for the Metropolitan Disposal System

Revisions and Additions

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Purpose of the Waste Discharge Rules

- **Implement Federal Pretreatment Program**
- **Prevent process interference at wastewater treatment plants**
- **Minimize pollutant pass-through to receiving waters**
- **Avoid residual solids contamination**
- **Protect health/safety of treatment plant staff**
- **Protect regional wastewater infrastructure**



Purpose of the Waste Discharge Rules, cont'd

- **Carry out Water Resources Management Policy Plan**
- **Maintain federal and state grant/loan eligibility**
- **Comply with Clean Water Act**
- **Enable plants to meet NPDES/SDS permit requirements**
- **Prevent Inflow/Infiltration into MDS**



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 **Metropolitan Council**
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Need for WDR Additions and Revisions

- **Incorporate New State Pretreatment Rules**
- **Incorporate “Customer Community” requirements**
- **Revise to reflect current conditions**



Customer Community Requirements Incorporated in Revision

- **Direct connections to the MDS**
- **Sewer cleaning and maintenance practices**
- **Information and plan submittal**
- **SAC requirements**
- **I & I Program**



Highlights of Other Proposed Waste Discharge Rules Revisions

- **Clarification of permit conditions**
- **New provisions for electronic data and information submittal**
- **Clarifications regarding hauled waste and special discharges**
- **Incorporation of dental clinic mercury reduction practices**



Next Steps for WDR Revisions

- **Incorporate Legal Counsel edits**
- **Provide 90 days public notice and conduct public meeting**
- **Direct communications with customer communities and industrial permittees**
- **Approval by EC and final MC adoption**
- **Implementation**