



# INDUSTRIAL WASTEWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**WHO NEEDS TO APPLY FOR A PERMIT?** All non-domestic users (or prospective users) of the City of Port Angeles wastewater treatment plant must complete an Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Questionnaire and Disclosure Form. Typically this form is provided to new businesses or businesses seeking a building or plumbing permit, business license, or certificate of occupancy.

Depending on the information provided in the Questionnaire some users may be required to submit an application for an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit. The wastewater pretreatment specialist considers several factors when reviewing the Pretreatment Questionnaire, such as:

1. Is this business subject to federal categorical wastewater pretreatment standards?
2. How much wastewater will this business discharge throughout the year?
3. What kinds of materials will be stored at the business and in what quantities?
4. What kind of products will this business produce?
5. What kind of service will this business provide?
6. What kind of wastes will this business generate and how will they dispose of them?
7. Will any of these materials, products, or wastes be hazardous or dangerous?

Some businesses may be categorized as Significant Industrial Users (SIUs), Minor Industrial Users (MIUs), Non-Significant Industrial Users (NSIUs), or Occasional Users.

**WHAT IS THE FEE FOR A PERMIT?** There is no charge for completing the Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Questionnaire and Disclosure Form. The fee for an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit is currently \$2,160. This fee can be paid up front or by monthly payments of \$36.00.

**HOW LONG WILL IT TAKE?** The Industrial Wastewater Pretreatment Questionnaire and Disclosure Form must be completed and submitted by the current or prospective user within 30 days, in accordance with the Port Angeles Municipal Code, 13.06.080.A. A completed questionnaire will be reviewed and responded to within one week of being received.

A *complete* Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit **application must be submitted at least 90 (or 60) days before the discharge is expected to begin, depending on the volume and type of wastewater discharged.** The City will issue a decision regarding the application within 45 days of receiving the *complete* application.

For detailed information about what information is required for an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit application, please refer to the PAMC, 13.06.080.F.

**HOW LONG WILL THE PERMIT LAST?** The City may issue a wastewater discharge permit for up to 5 years from its effective date.

**WHAT'S INVOLVED IN HOLDING A PERMIT?** An Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit involves facility inspection and wastewater sampling at least once per year by the Wastewater Pretreatment Specialist. Industrial Users (IU) must also monitor their own wastewater using accredited laboratories and regularly report those results to the wastewater pretreatment

specialist. The specialist can provide a list of State-accredited laboratories upon request. If test results exceed the limits specified in the Wastewater Discharge Permit, the IU must notify the pretreatment specialist within 24 hours, and submit retesting results within 30 days of original discovery. Monitoring intervals for the violated parameter may be shortened until consistent compliance is attained.

**WHY DOES THE CITY REQUIRE THIS?** The citation 40 CFR 403.8(f)(1) requires the City of Port Angeles (City) to adopt legal enforcement authority to ensure that the aspects of the pretreatment program requirements, as defined in Sections 307(b) and (c), and 402(b)(8) of the Clean Water Act (CWA), can be undertaken. The City of Port Angeles Sewer Use Ordinance, Chapter 13.06, enables the City to implement the pretreatment requirements.

The state pretreatment requirements are found in the State Waste Discharge Permit program (WAC 173-208, 173-216, 173-220 and 173-240), as well as in the city's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permits. The state requirements include the federal requirements, as well as additional requirements.

For more information about the City of Port Angeles Wastewater Pretreatment Program, call (360) 417 – 4692, e-mail [wwpretreat@cityofpa.us](mailto:wwpretreat@cityofpa.us), or refer to Chapter 13.06 of the Port Angeles Municipal Code.