

***Pretreatment Ordinance
Executive Summary***

To comply with USEPA's 40 CFR 403 regulations and implement a Federally Approved Industrial Pretreatment Program, Chapter 54 was updated. The revised Pretreatment Ordinance provides a regulatory framework to control pollutants discharged by industrial users to the County's publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), protect infrastructure, prevent interference and pass-through, and maintain compliance with the County's NPDES permits, while also protecting the general health and safety of the public and environment. The primary changes are noted below:

GENERAL PROVISIONS (Abbreviations and Definitions)

Introductory provisions, including abbreviations and definitions, are no longer included within the Pretreatment Ordinance and are instead incorporated by reference to Section 53.01 of the Sewer Use Ordinance. This structural change streamlines terminology by eliminating redundancy between chapters and consolidating key definitions. It establishes that the ordinance applies to all non-domestic users discharging to the County's treatment system and affirms the County's role as the Control Authority under federal law.

Section 54.06 - ADDITIONAL SURVEY:

Non-residential users are required to complete an Initial Survey (Questionnaire) upon request by the County. The survey collects information on facility operations, water usage, wastewater characteristics, and for Food Service Establishments (FSEs), grease management practices.

Section 54.09 - NATIONAL CATEGORICAL PRETREATMENT STANDARDS:

This section applies federal pretreatment standards to applicable non-residential users. These standards are set by the EPA and apply to specific industries. Affected users must comply with these federal requirements, which are incorporated into the County's ordinances.

Section 54.10 – STATE LIMITS (Mercury):

This section addresses the issue of mercury discharge to the sewer system. All Users are subject to the State Standards and requirements.

Section 54.11 – LOCAL LIMITS:

The local limits were updated and incorporated for each treatment plant. No User shall discharge any Wastewater containing concentrations greater than the limits established into any sewers that connect either directly or indirectly to a County WRF.

Section 54.37 – REGULATION OF WASTE RECEIVED FROM OTHER JURISDICTION:

Non-Residential Users within the County's sanitary sewer area, that discharges to and receives sanitary treatment from a non-County WRF Facility that has an approved pretreatment program, is subjected to the permitting and monitoring of that Non-County WRF Facility.