

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF
GREATER CHICAGO**



Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance

As Amended

December 15, 2022

(Amendments effective January 1, 2023)

**METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT
OF GREATER CHICAGO**

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AN ORDINANCE

AN ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ABATEMENT AND PREVENTION OF POLLUTION BY REGULATING AND CONTROLLING THE QUANTITY AND QUALITY OF SEWAGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTE ADMITTED TO OR DISCHARGED INTO THE SEWERAGE SYSTEMS AND WATERS UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO, HEREINAFTER TO BE KNOWN AS "THE SEWAGE AND WASTE CONTROL ORDINANCE" ADOPTED BY THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE METROPOLITAN SANITARY DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO ON SEPTEMBER 18, 1969; AND AS AMENDED TO AND INCLUDING FEBRUARY 24, 1972; OCTOBER 2, 1975; JANUARY 19, 1978; OCTOBER 12, 1978; NOVEMBER 6, 1980; APRIL 21, 1983; SEPTEMBER 6, 1984; SEPTEMBER 5, 1985; JULY 30, 1987; JANUARY 21, 1988; MARCH 10, 1988; JULY 7, 1988; SEPTEMBER 7, 1989; DECEMBER 6, 1990; SEPTEMBER 5, 1991; SEPTEMBER 24, 1992; JANUARY 28, 1993; MARCH 24, 1994; DECEMBER 22, 1994; NOVEMBER 21, 1996; JULY 9, 1998; JULY 13, 2000; JUNE 21, 2001; SEPTEMBER 20, 2001; NOVEMBER 1, 2001; OCTOBER 3, 2002; NOVEMBER 4, 2004; NOVEMBER 3, 2005; MAY 4, 2006; NOVEMBER 16, 2006; NOVEMBER 1, 2007; NOVEMBER 19, 2009; FEBRUARY 16, 2012; AUGUST 9, 2012; APRIL 9, 2015; MAY 20, 2021, and DECEMBER 15, 2022.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago: That the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance, originally passed by the Board of Trustees of The Metropolitan Sanitary District of Greater Chicago on September 18, 1969, and as amended, is herewith and now comprehensively amended to read as follows:

ARTICLE I

Purpose

This Ordinance, promulgated by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, hereinafter called the "District," pursuant to the authority vested in it by the Illinois legislature, has as its purpose the protection of the public health and safety by abating and preventing pollution through the regulation and control of the quantity and quality of sewage, industrial wastes, and other wastes admitted to or discharged into the sewerage systems, sewage treatment facilities, and waters under the jurisdiction of the District.

ARTICLE II

Definitions and Abbreviations

The meaning of the terms used in this Ordinance shall be as follows:

"Administrator" shall mean the Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

"Applicable pretreatment standard" means any criteria, limitation or prohibition upon the discharge of any pollutant into a publicly owned treatment works.

"Approval Authority" shall mean the Regional Administrator of the United States Environmental Protection Agency or the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, if so designated by the Regional Administrator.

"Authorized representative" means an owner or corporate officer of the industrial user authorized to legally bind the user in any and all negotiations and agreements.

"Baseline monitoring report" or "BMR" shall mean a form supplied by the District for reporting by an industrial user on the nature of the industrial user's operations and discharge of pollutants to the water reclamation facilities of the District.

"Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD)" means the quantity of dissolved oxygen required for biochemical oxidation of decomposable matter under aerobic conditions in a period of five days at a temperature of 20° C.

"Board of Commissioners" or "Board" means the Board of Commissioners of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

"Categorical pretreatment standards" or "CPS" means any effluent limitation or standard applicable to an industrial category promulgated by the USEPA.

"Clean Water Act" means the Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended by the Clean Water Act of 1977 (Pub. L. 95-217). It establishes responsibilities of Federal, State, and local government, industry and the public to implement National Pretreatment Standards to control pollutants which pass through or interfere with treatment processes in Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTWs) or which may contaminate sewage sludge.

"Code of Federal Regulations" or "CFR" shall mean the codification of the general and permanent rules published in the Federal Register by the executive departments and agencies of the United States Government.

"Combined waste stream formula" shall mean the formulae contained in 40 CFR 403.6(e) for calculating alternative concentration limits or alternative mass limits for determining compliance with categorical pretreatment standards.

"Composite sample" means a representative mixture of a minimum three grab sample aliquots obtained over a period of time.

"Control authority" means the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

"Control manhole" or "sampling chamber" means a device or structure suitable and appropriate to permit sampling and flow measurement of a wastewater stream to determine compliance with this Ordinance.

"Deficient" means materially lacking information sufficient to determine compliance with applicable standards or requirements, or lacking required authorized representative, Registered Professional Engineer or notary certifications.

"Discharge Authorization" or "DA" means the document issued by the District to a significant industrial user granting permission to discharge process wastewater into the sewerage system of the District.

"Discharge Authorization Request" or "DAR" means the document submitted by a significant industrial user, on forms supplied by the District, requesting permission to discharge process wastewater into the sewerage system of the District.

"Executive Director" means the Executive Director of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago.

"Existing source" shall mean any point source whose operations commenced prior to the date of proposal by the USEPA of any applicable categorical pretreatment standard in the Federal Register.

"Federal Register" shall mean the publication of the executive departments of the United States Government.