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Changes In Sewage & Waste Control Ordinance

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District has adopted minor amendments to the Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance.

Slug Discharges

A new definition for Slug Discharge includes accidental spill and "non-customary batch discharge".

Spill Containment Requirements

While the District has always had requirements for a Spill Plan, the regulation is only applicable if the District notifies your company to submit a Spill Plan.

The requirement has been reworded to explain that the District staff will take into account if the facility "has the potential for a slug discharge".

New to the Ordinance, all industrial facilities must immediately notify the District of facility changes affecting the existing Spill Plan, or the potential for a slug discharge.

Therefore, if you add additional storage for chemicals or pollutants, or make physical changes to existing containment, you must notify the District immediately.

The Ordinance has always required that Significant Industrial Users must immediately notify the District by telephone of a slug discharge.

Fines Involved In Late Submittal of Reports

The District has been fining companies for being late with compliance reports. The Ordinance change allows for slightly longer time period before the fines increase.

Late up to 15 days	\$100 fine
Late 16 up to 45 days	\$500 fine
Late more than 45 days	\$1000 fine

Additional Information

If you would like additional information regarding these changes in the Sewage & Waste Control Ordinance please do not hesitate to contact us at (847) 228-5355.

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