

PUBLIC NOTICE

Notice of Request for Approval of Pretreatment Program Modification

Issued by: City of St. Helens

Notice Issued: March 22, 2018

Written comments due by: April 22, 2018 (30 days)

WHAT IS PROPOSED: City of St. Helens proposes to implement local limits to regulate non-domestic wastewater discharges to the City's municipal sewer system.

NEED FOR THE MODIFICATION: In accordance with federal regulations, the City is required to administer an industrial pretreatment program, one element of which is a requirement that the City periodically evaluate the need to implement and/or revise local limits. The most recent evaluation, performed in 2017, determined that implementing local discharge limits to regulate specific pollutants introduced into the City's municipal sewer system are beneficial for operation of the facility and the health of the receiving water body.

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS: The recent evaluation found that implementing local limits are needed due to changes in pollutant contributions received by the City's treatment facilities. All of the proposed limits are new limits being proposed. The changes will require modification and/or reissuance of existing wastewater discharge permits issued to industrial users by the City.

Pollutant	Unit	Proposed Local Limit	Limit based on
Arsenic	mg/L	0.130	Protection of aquatic life and human health
Cadmium	mg/L	0.050	
Chromium	mg/L	1.300	
Copper	mg/L	0.540	
Cyanide	mg/L	0.130	
Lead	mg/L	1.300	
Mercury	mg/L	0.013	
Nickel	mg/L	1.300	
Oil and Grease, Total	mg/L	300	Protection of Collection System & Prevention of Sanitary Sewer Overflows
pH	S.U. Range	5.0 – 9.0	Protection of Worker Health & Collection System
Selenium	mg/L	0.170	Protection of aquatic life and human health
Silver	mg/L	0.030	
Zinc	mg/L	0.250	

PUBLIC NOTICE PROCESS: This notice is intended to serve as the notice of request for approval of pretreatment program modification required by 40 CFR 403.18 (b)(1)(ii) and 403.11 (b)(1)(i). Anyone may submit comments to City of St. Helens within 30 calendar days. If there is significant public interest in this proposal (i.e. 10 or more persons request a hearing), a public hearing will be conducted by the City, pursuant to 40 CFR 403.11. The request for public hearing shall be filed within the comment period and shall indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted.

Written comments on the proposed modification must be received by 5:00 pm on April 22, 2018 at the City of St. Helens City Hall in order to be considered. The mailing address is: City of St. Helens, PO Box 278, St. Helens, Oregon, 97051.

After the public notice process, the City will transmit the proposed modification and corresponding report to Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) for final approval. After review DEQ will forward the proposed modification to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and, barring either public or EPA comments which warrant reconsideration, DEQ will issue a final approval and incorporate the modification into the City's NPDES permit.

WHERE TO FIND THE DOCUMENTS: The documents are available for examination at the City of St. Helens Wastewater Treatment Plant at 451 Plymouth Street, Oregon 97051. Telephone: (509) 397-2344. Office hours are 7:30 am to 4:00 pm Monday through Friday.