

**CITY OF SPOKANE  
WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT  
GENERAL PERMIT FOR  
WASTEWATER HAULERS**

This general permit was issued by City of Spokane  
in compliance with Spokane Municipal Code (SMC) Chapter 13.03, "Sewers" and Chapter  
13.03A, "Pretreatment"  
and  
The State of Washington Water Pollution Control Law Chapter 90.48 Revised Code as amended,  
and  
The Federal Water Pollution Control Act as amended Title 33 United States Code, Section 1251  
et seq.

The wastewater hauler is authorized to discharge to the  
City of Spokane Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility  
in compliance with the City's ordinance,  
and  
any applicable provisions of Federal or State law or regulation  
and  
in accordance with discharge point(s), effluent limitations, monitoring requirements, and other  
conditions set forth herein.

**Effective Date:** October 1, 2019

**Expiration Date:** September 30, 2024

**Emergency Notification:  
City of Spokane RPWRF  
(509) 625-4600, or (509) 625-4610**

## **PART I: GENERAL CONDITIONS**

During the period beginning on the effective date of this permit, and lasting until the date of expiration of this permit, wastewater discharge(s) shall be limited and monitored by the City of Spokane (“City”) as specified below:

- A. There shall be no discharge of non-domestic wastewater loads unless the non-domestic wastewater manifest:
  1. displays an authorization code granted by City of Spokane Industrial Pretreatment Program personnel signifying that Riverside Park Water Reclamation Facility (RPWRF) will accept the wastewater, **and**;
  2. the hazardous waste certification statement on the non-domestic wastewater manifest has been signed by a responsible official of the waste generator facility, even if an authorization number has been granted.
- B. There shall be no discharge of any load comprised of a mixture of domestic and non-domestic wastewater unless each and every source of non-domestic wastewater supplies a non-domestic wastewater manifest(s) which:
  1. displays an authorization code for each generator that contributes non-domestic waste to the load granted by RPWRF signifying that RPWRF will accept the wastewater, **and**;
  2. the hazardous waste certification statement on each non-domestic wastewater manifest has been signed by a responsible official of the waste generator facility, even if an authorization number has been granted.
- C. Local Limits from SMC 13.03A shall not be enforced upon wastewater of domestic sources.
- D. Domestic waste includes waste removed from a septic tank, cesspool, holding tank, food-service grease trap/interceptor, or a similar system that receives only household, non-industrial sewage. RPWRF personnel may randomly sample domestic loads at the time of discharge.

Non-domestic waste may include non-dangerous and non-hazardous commercial or industrial waste, landfill leachate waste, groundwater remediation site waste, chemical toilet waste, etc. Generators of non-domestic wastes who routinely have their wastewater hauled will be issued an appropriate control mechanism by City of Spokane. Non-routine dischargers will be handled by City of Spokane on an individual basis. In either case, an authorization number will be issued if the wastewater load is acceptable at RPWRF. Non-domestic waste from outside Spokane County will not be accepted.
- E. There shall be no discharge of dangerous wastes as defined in WAC 173-216-030 or hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR Part 261.

The wastewater hauler will certify that, to their knowledge, no dangerous wastes as defined in WAC 173-216-030 or hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR Part 261 are present in the non-domestic wastewater hauled to RPWRF.
- F. A copy of the current Pumper Permit issued by the Spokane Regional Health District, or other Health Department, shall be carried on each tanker truck. A Health Department permit is required for all counties from which the waste is pumped.
- G. A business license issued by the City of Spokane must be maintained by each hauler.
- H. Companies or individuals must register all equipment used to transport wastewater material to the facility. The equipment must be inspected and approved for hauling the materials and capacity of each tank unit noted on the hauler’s permit.
  1. Haulers must carry in the vehicle a copy of a certificate establishing the total truck tank volume.

2. Vehicle license plate number will link directly to tank capacity. If a vehicle receives a new license plate number it must be reported immediately to the Industrial Pretreatment Program, and a truck inspection must be scheduled prior to any wastewater being unloaded.
  3. Any transport unit that deteriorates after inspection will be denied dumping privileges until it has been repaired and inspected again.
  4. Truck inspection may be required annually. Any new or replacement unit must be inspected prior to the first dump.
- I. Wastewater loads will be accepted at RPWRF from 7:30 am to 4:00 pm on weekdays. Wastewater loads will not be accepted on weekends or on Holidays except on an emergency basis. Holidays include New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Independence Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving, the day after Thanksgiving, and Christmas Day.
1. Loads containing ONLY domestic waste may be approved for emergency dumping outside of normal hours by texting Jon Eckhart, Laboratory Supervisor, at 509-710-1187. The text must include company name, volume of load, and confirmation that it is only domestic. Haulers do not need to wait for a text response.
- J. A Septic Hauler Discharge Record form must be filled out completely and driver must sign in before dumping each load. This Record must be handed to and reviewed by RPWRF staff during normal business hours listed above. Outside of normal business hours Records must be placed in the after-hours box.
- K. New drivers must be trained by a plant employee on the policies and procedures for check-in. New drivers will not be permitted to dump after hours until they have received training.
- L. Vehicle license plate number must be filled out on each Septic Hauler Discharge Record so that charges can be assigned accurately.
1. Wastewater haulers shall be charged a fixed rate per gallon of truck tank capacity for each load dumped, to reflect the cost of treatment of a full truck volume of septage of average strength as established by the director, plus a service fee for handling. Charges will be determined by total tank capacity. Partial loads must be charged as full loads unless approved by the Director in individual emergency cases.
  2. Payment for dumping at RPWRF shall be through an account with the Utilities Billing Department. All haulers must have an active account through the Utilities Billing Department. Their phone number is (509) 625-6000.
  3. Delinquent accounts shall have their Permit **REVOKED**. Reinstatement will require approval from the Director of Wastewater Management.
- M. Any person or company unloading without following the proper procedure shall have their Permit **REVOKED**. Reinstatement will require a directive from the Director of Wastewater Management.
- N. Unloading connections and other mechanical devices shall be furnished at the expense of the hauler.
1. Damage to City-owned equipment or property must be **IMMEDIATELY** reported to the Operations Console at **509-625-4615**. The hauler responsible for the damage will be charged by the City on a time and materials basis. Video footage may be used to verify the responsible party.
  2. Unloading or dumping of hauled wastewater by any method other than direct connection to facilities provided at RPWRF is strictly prohibited. The grate and sump under the approved connection point at headworks is not considered "direct connection." Violation may result in the associated Permit being revoked, including dumping permits for all Company units.
- O. The offload area shall not be used as a truck wash. It is acceptable to minimally rinse the rear of the truck, pressure relief valves, and the concrete in the area. Washing undercarriage and tires causes excessive wear on pumps. This damage may be charged by the City on a time and materials basis.

- P. RPWRF safety rules must be followed. This includes, but is not limited to the requirements to use fall protection when climbing on tanks, to avoid construction areas, and to obey posted speed limits.
- Q. Our facility is under construction for the foreseeable future. Uninterrupted service cannot be guaranteed.
- R. There shall be no exceptions to these rules.

## **PART II: PROHIBITED DISCHARGES (SMC 13.03A.0201)**

### **A. General Prohibition.**

No user shall introduce or cause to be introduced into the POTW any pollutant or wastewater which causes pass through or interference. This requirement applies to all users of the POTW, whether or not they are subject to categorical pretreatment standards or any other federal, state or local pretreatment standards or requirements.

## **PART III: REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**

- A. The wastewater hauler shall immediately report any change of business address, or vehicle license plate number.
- B. The wastewater hauler shall immediately report any case of non-compliance with the conditions set forth within this general permit.
- C. Notifications shall be sent to:

**City of Spokane - RPWRF  
Industrial Pretreatment Program  
Attention: Angela Tagnani  
4401 North Aubrey L. White Parkway  
Spokane, WA 99205-3939  
(509) 625-4620**

## **PART IV: STANDARD CONDITIONS**

### **A. General Permit Renewal**

The permit shall be reviewed, updated, and renewed every five years. Wastewater Haulers wishing to renew authorization to haul wastewater to RPWRF must submit a permit application and undergo truck inspection as requested by the City of Spokane Industrial Pretreatment Program.

### **B. Proper Disposal of Pretreatment Sludge and Spent Chemicals**

The disposal of sludge and spent chemicals generated shall be done in accordance with Section 405 of the Clean Water Act and Subtitles C and D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and all state hazardous waste requirements.

### **C. Signatory and Certification Requirements [SMC 13.03A.0305]**

The Non-Domestic Wastewater Manifest must be signed by the wastewater generator's Authorized Representative as defined in SMC 13.03A.0103. The signatory must further include the following certification:

*"I certify under penalty of perjury of the laws of the State of Washington:*

- 1) That I am authorized to sign this statement on behalf of the person or entity for which it is submitted.*
- 2) That this document and all attachments are reliable and were prepared based upon my personal knowledge or under my direction or supervision, after diligent inquiry in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted.*
- 3) Based on my knowledge or inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting inaccurate or false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment.*
- 4) That, to my knowledge, the wastewater does not contain dangerous wastes as defined in WAC 173-216-030 or hazardous waste as defined in 40 CFR Part 261."*

(NOTE: SMC 10.08.085 provides that negligent or careless submission of false or inaccurate statements is a misdemeanor and gross negligence or a knowing or willful submission of false or inaccurate statements is a gross misdemeanor.)

#### **D. Wastewater Hauler Facility and Vehicle Inspection [SMC 13.03A.0601]**

As a condition of continued service, the Superintendent has a right of entry on any premises to determine if a Wastewater Hauler is complying with all conditions of the City of Spokane Sewer Use Ordinance. The Superintendent may, at any time, inspect any vehicle which may carry loads to be discharged to RPWRF.

#### **E. Sampling**

The City may at any time, without prior notice, take samples for analysis from any load being discharged to RPWRF.

#### **F. Inspection and fees**

The City may at any time, without prior notice, inspect the wastewater hauler facility or waste transportation trucks. Fees are subject to change at any time without notice. [SMC 13.03A.1401]

#### **G. Records Retention [SMC 13.03A.0411]**

All Users must maintain records of any information relating to any reporting or disclosure requirements under this permit and the same shall be readily available for inspection by the Superintendent upon request. All such records must be maintained for at least three (3) years, unless a longer time is ordered by the Superintendent.

#### **H. Permit Transfer [SMC 13.03A.0311]**

Wastewater Hauler permits are non-transferable.

#### **I. Permit Modification [SMC 13.03A.0310]**

The Superintendent may modify a General Permit with or without a request to do so:

1. To incorporate any new or revised federal, state, or local Pretreatment Standards or Requirements;
2. To address significant alterations or additions to the User's operation, processes, or Wastewater volume or character since the time of the General Permit issuance in the opinion of the Superintendent;
3. Where there is a change in the POTW that requires either a temporary or permanent reduction or elimination of the authorized discharge in the opinion of the Superintendent;

4. Where there is information indicating that the discharge poses a threat to the POTW, City personnel, any beneficial sludge use, or the receiving waters in the opinion of the Superintendent;
5. Because of violation of any terms or conditions of the General Permit;
6. Because of misrepresentations or failure to fully disclose all relevant facts in a document submitted to City of Spokane;
7. To correct typographical or other errors in the permit; or
8. For any other reason deemed due and sufficient.

Notice. If the Superintendent deems the modification significant, notice is issued in like manner as an original Permit decision and may be appealed in the same manner as for a Permit decision.

#### **J. Severability**

If any provision of this permit is invalidated by any court of competent jurisdiction, the remaining provisions shall not be affected and shall continue in full force and effect. All pending enforcement actions are saved.

#### **K. Administrative Enforcement and Judicial**

Enforcement remedies are outlined in Section 13.03A.0901-13.03A.1005 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

#### **L. Penalties**

Penalties are outlined in Section 13.03A.1001 of the Spokane Municipal Code.

#### **M. Falsifying Information [SMC 13.03A.0305]**

Knowingly making any false statement on any report or other document required by this permit may result in punishment under criminal laws of the City, as well as being subject to civil penalties and relief.

#### **N. Discharge Revocation [SMC 13.03A.0312]**

The wastewater hauler permit will be revoked following violation of permit conditions and will not be reinstated without approval of the Director of Wastewater Management.

#### **O. Public Participation**

Public notice of permit issuance was published in *The Spokesman Review* on August 25, 2019 and September 4, 2019, to invite comment on the issuance of this general permit. The general permit was available for public commentary from August 22, 2019 to September 25, 2019.

Further information may be obtained from the Department by telephone, 625-4600.