

REGIONAL WATER RESOURCE AGENCY POLICY FOR PAYMENT OF LABORATORY TESTING

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires that certain laboratory tests be performed on wastewater discharged from facilities to public systems based on the characteristics of the waste. {40 CFR Part 403} Customers of public systems, which are defined by the Federal Regulation to be Significant Industrial Users (SIUs) or are required to be permitted, that could potentially affect the quality of the treatment of the wastewater from a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) or affect the health and well-being of the citizens of the community, are required to adhere to this policy.

The Regional Water Resource Agency (RWRA) is the publicly-owned comprehensive wastewater treatment provider for Owensboro and Daviess County, Kentucky. RWRA is required by EPA and the Kentucky Energy and Environment Cabinet to administer a pretreatment program. Accordingly, this involves the permitting and testing of customers defined as SIUs per the Federal Regulation and RWRA's Pretreatment Regulation. The Federal Regulation and RWRA's permit establishes criteria for testing on each SIU based on the characteristic of the waste that could potentially be discharged from the SIU's facility. The Federal regulation or RWRA's Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit further defines the testing that is required of each permitted SIU to ensure discharge compliance to the POTW. These stipulated tests are specific to each SIU.

Pursuant to 40 CFR 403.8(f)(3), RWRA is required to have sufficient funds to carry out its pretreatment program. In order to equitably distribute the cost to all RWRA customers based on specific needs of each customer, RWRA has determined that the cost to administer testing to SIUs will be borne by each SIU beginning January 1, 2014. RWRA shall administer the test required by the Federal Regulation and each SIU shall be required to reimburse RWRA for the testing costs. This Policy ensures that the expenses incurred to administer the necessary laboratory testing is the responsibility of each SIU and not distributed among the remainder of RWRA customers.

Testing not required by the Federal Regulation or RWRA Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit that RWRA chooses to perform, other than in cases of suspected violation, shall be performed by RWRA at no cost to the customer.