



King County Industrial Waste Program Newsletter - Summer 2020

In this edition: Learn how to meet requirements, dispose of liquid food grade products, and help update rules that govern KCIW's work. See the 2019 awardees and read about avoiding penalties so you can earn an award.

Fulfilling your permit requirements during the COVID-19 Pandemic



KCIW would like to remind you of your responsibilities and requirements during this uncertain time. In short, facilities continue to be responsible for all waste discharges leaving their facility or project sites. **As always, stopping, reducing, increasing or changing production requires notification to KCIW. Please contact your investigator, as required, if you plan to have any change in operations, treatment process, or discharge at your facility.** This still applies during Governor Inslee's statewide order to Stay Home, Stay Healthy. We have compiled a list of frequently asked questions from our customers. This guidance applies to facilities with KCIW permits and reporting requirements. [Click here to read the FAQ.](#)

Emergency disposal of spoiled liquid food-grade products

During the current COVID-19 pandemic, unfortunately many commercial establishments such as restaurants, bars, and breweries have had to close on a temporary basis to prevent the spread of the virus. For commercial facilities with an active KCIW discharge authorization that have spoiled or out-of-specification liquid products like milk and beer, please contact your assigned investigator. For facilities who do not currently have a KCIW discharge authorization, KCIW may give permission to discharge liquid food-grade products for more than 1,000 gallons. For the discharge of quantities of less than 1,000 gallons of spoiled liquid food-grade products to the sewer system serving the West Point, South Plant, or Brightwater wastewater treatment plants, facilities



do not need approval from KCIW. However, facilities need to contact their local sewer agency for approval for this lesser amount of liquid. In all instances, discharges to the sewer system must meet King County local discharge limits. For more information, please click [here](#).

Rules update – Rule drafts now ready for first review



The King County Industrial Waste (KCIW) Program has been working on a project to update and renew five rules that govern our work before they expire on January 11, 2021, per an [Executive Order](#). The executive order states that all King County Executive Public Rules and Policies and Orders written before January 11, 2016 will expire on January 11, 2021, unless renewed.

KCIW is ready to share our preliminary drafts of four of the five rules now. We have revised the current rules to address the changing nature of industrial waste, clarified items that may have been confusing, and removed elements that are no longer relevant. [Learn more about what rules are being reviewed and how to offer feedback.](#)

Companies that violate clean water rules receive penalties

King County is legally required to report on companies who do not comply with their permit. [Read the spring enforcement ad](#) published in the Seattle Times in April.

How to Avoid Penalties: Late submissions are a frequent and preventable reason for violations and fines. Plan ahead. File your applications and reports on time.

Did you know...?

- Your permit shows your specific deadlines.
- You can [contact King County](#) and ask for an extension to avoid being late.
- You can send your reports electronically to KCIW by emailing info.KCIW@kingcounty.gov.

Companies That Violate Wastewater Rules Receive Penalties	
Violations Resulting in Significant Non-Compliance (SNC) Status and Penalties	Reason for Publication and Additional Comments
Seattle Bookends Book, Planet KIP017002040000. Non-Compliance issued for failure to file a required report (SNC Report).	Seattle Bookends Book, Planet was issued a completion order (CO) on 10/15/2019 for failing to file a required report within 45 days of the due date. The report was subsequently received by KCIW. No further action was taken.
Violations Resulting in Penalty Only	Reason for Publication and Additional Comments
National Products Inc. KIP017002040000. Non-Compliance issued for the failure of the treatment system and failure to submit a required report within 45 days of the due date.	National Products Inc. was issued a completion order (CO) on 10/15/2019 and assessed \$2,100 in post violation charges for each instance by KCIW.
Northwest Gourmet Food Products Inc. KIP017002040000. Non-Compliance issued for the average maximum load by pH.	Northwest Gourmet was issued a completion order (CO) on 10/15/2019 and assessed \$2,100 in post violation charges for each instance by KCIW.
Seattle Based Co. KIP017002040000. Non-Compliance issued for failure to file a required report (Penalty Applied).	Seattle Based Co. was issued a completion order (CO) on 10/15/2019 and assessed \$2,100 in post violation charges for each instance by KCIW. No further action was taken.
Other Violations KCIW will not assess non-compliance at its facilities from July 1 - December 31, 2019. These facilities were not in "significant non-compliance" status and were not penalized. Where applicable, these facilities will be returned to the County for additional post violation inspection and monitoring program only.	Questions or Info, See King County! -local info: info.kciw@kingcounty.gov -toll free: 1-877-338-2111 -toll free: www.kingcounty.gov/industrialwaste

2019 Clean Water Awards – The Envelope Please....

Gold and silver compliance awards



Each year, KCIW recognizes significant industrial users of the sewer system that have maintained an excellent record of compliance with rules and regulations for the previous calendar year with Commitment-to-Compliance, Gold and Silver awards. This year, 59 local facilities earned environmental awards for dedication to business practices that protected regional water quality in 2019. Their work protects communities, the environment, and the economy in our region. [Find out who won Gold, and Silver awards in 2019.](#)

Terex Washington Inc. Wins 2019 EnviroVation Award

The King County Industrial Waste Program is pleased recognize the Terex Washington Inc., North campus for winning the 2019 EnviroVation Award. We give this award to companies and facilities with industrial wastewater discharge approvals that are leaders in environmental protection. It recognizes companies and facilities that voluntarily go beyond regulatory obligations to manage their operations in support of regional efforts to protect public health and enhance the environment.




The 2019 award recognizes Terex Washington Inc. for their addition of a polishing process associated with the cyanide wastewater treatment system. This extra wastewater treatment step helps protect King County's workers, equipment and the region's waterbodies. We appreciate their efforts.

King County Industrial Waste staff keep working to protect our regions waters



Governor Inslee's Stay Home, Stay Healthy order established that employees of services critical to protect the health and the well-being of all Washingtonians, such as wastewater services, are "Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers." Accordingly, KCIW's compliance specialists are busy collecting field samples and most KCIW investigators and engineers are telecommuting and can be reached at their regular work phone numbers and e-mail addresses. Find KCIW staff contact information [here](#).

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