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Technical Re-evaluation of Local Limits for Industrial Discharges in the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago Service Area

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Presentation Outline

- Need for Pretreatment Program and Developing Local Limits – Little History - CWA
- What Are We Protecting ?
- USEPA Categorical Limits vs. Local Limits
- Types of Industry in Cook County
- National POCs + Other Pollutants
- Requirements for Developing Local Limits
- Development of Local Limits
- Implementation and Compliance History
- Summary of Local Limits

Why?

- Industrialization brought with it a level of pollution never before seen in the country.
- By the 1960s scenes of dying fish and burning rivers were repeated regularly on the evening news.
- December 1970 the President created the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) by an executive order in response to such critical environmental problems.
- The EPA subsequently passed its first piece of legislation, the Clean Water Act, in 1972.





Kentucky Sewer Explosion, 1981

NEED FOR THE PRETREATMENT PROGRAM

- POTWs are designed to treat typical household waste, biodegradable commercial or industrial waste.
- POTWs are **NOT** designed to treat most toxic or nonconventional pollutants that are present in industrial waste.
- Discharges from both industrial and commercial sources can cause problems at POTWs and can have detrimental effects on the water quality of the receiving water body.
- The undesirable effects of those discharges can be prevented by using treatment techniques or management practices to reduce or eliminate the discharge of the contaminants at sources.

National Pre-Treatment Program (NPP)

40 CFR Part 403 provides the regulatory basis to require non-domestic dischargers to comply with pretreatment standards to ensure that the goals of the Clean Water Act (CWA) are attained.

Objectives of the NPP are stated in 40 CFR 403.2, as follows:

- Prevent the introduction of pollutants into a POTW that will <u>interfere</u> with the operation of the POTW, including interference with its use or disposal of biosolids
- Prevent the introduction of pollutants into a POTW that will **pass through** the treatment works or otherwise be incompatible with such works
- Improve opportunities to recycle and reclaim municipal and industrial wastewaters and biosolids



Specific Prohibitions [40 CFR § 403.5(b)]

(1) Pollutants which create a fire or explosion hazard;

(2) Pollutants which will cause corrosive structural damage to the POTW;

(3) Solid or viscous pollutants causing obstruction and resulting in interference;

(4) Pollutants released at a flow rate and/or concentration causing interference

- (5) Heat in amounts which will inhibit biological activity in the POTW resulting in interference;
- (6)Oils in amounts that will cause interference or pass through;
- (7) Pollutants which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes; and
- (8)Trucked or hauled pollutants, except at discharge points designated by the POTW.

40CFR403.8(f)(4) Local Limits

• The POTW shall develop local limits as required in 403.5(c)(1), or.....

•... demonstrate they are not necessary.

Pre-Treatment Program

	Categorical Standards	Local Limits
Developed	By USEPA	By POTW
Objective	Uniform National Control of Certain IUs	POTW/Receiving Waters Protection
Pollutants	Priority Pollutants (toxic and non- conventional only)	Any Pollutant
Basis	Technology Based	Technically Based on Site Specific Factors
Apply	At the End of Regulated Process(es)	Depends on Development Method

Significant Industrial Users By Category (Total = 375 as of May 2014)

Category		SIUs	Category		SIUs
410	Textile Mills	1	439	Pharmaceutical Mfrg.	3
413	Electroplating	58	442	Transport Equip. Clean	9
414	Org. Chems, Plastics and Synthetic Fibers	8	455	Pesticide Chemicals	2
415	Inorg. Chems	1	463	Plastics Molding & Forming	1
417	Soaps Detergents Mfrg.	1	464	Metal Molding & Casting	3
419	Petroleum Refining	1	465	Coil Coating	3
420	Iron and Steel Mfrg.	8	466	Porcelain Enameling	1
421	Nonferrous Metal Mfrg.	2	467	Aluminum Forming	1
425	Leather Tanning & Finishing	1	468	Copper Forming	2
430	Pulp, Paper & Paperboard Mills	1	469	Electrical and Electronic Components	1
433	Metal Finishing	125	471	Nonferrous Metals Forming & Metal Powders	1
437	Centralized Waste Treat.	5	SIU	Non-categorical SIUs	136

Abbreviations Used in This Presentation

- POC Pollutant of Concern
 AHL Allowable Headworks Loading WQ-AHL – Water Quality Based AHL BQ-AHL – Biosolids Quality Based AHL ASI-AHL – Activated Sludge Inhibition Based AHL ADI-AHL – Anaerobic Digestion Inhibition Based AHL
 MAHL – Maximum Allowable Headworks Loading: The most protective (lowest) of the AHLs.
- MAIL Maximum Allowable Industrial Loading
- SF Safety Factor: The MAIL is usually calculated by applying a safety factor to the MAHL and discounting for uncontrolled sources, hauled waste and growth allowance.

National POCs

USEPA Guidance 2004

- EPA Identified 15 pollutants often found in POTW effluent and sludge
 - Assume all 15 to be POCs unless Approval Authority agrees otherwise.
- EPA recommends POTW screening for these 15 using data from:
 - POTW influent, effluent, and biosolids
 - Industrial user discharges

15 POCs + 5 Additional Pollutants

- 1. 5 Day-BOD
- 2. Ammonia
- 3. Arsenic
- 4. Cadmium
- chromium
- 6. Copper
- 7. Cyanide
- 8. Lead
- 9. Mercury
- 10. Molybdenum
- n. Nickel
- 12. Selenium
- 13. Silver
- 14. Suspended Solids
- 15. Zinc
- 6. Fluoride
- 7. Phenol
- 8. Fat, Oil, and Grease (FOG)
- 19. Total Phosphorus
- 20. Iron

Collect Data & Characterize Existing Loadings

Allocate Allowable Industrial Loading Local Limits Development Data
Background Information
Develop Sampling Plan
Collect and Analyze Samples
Data Review and Evaluation

Develop Maximum Allowable Headwork's Loadings (MAHLs)

Determine Maximum Allowable Industrial Loading (MAIL)



(SF) Safety Factor - 10 to 30%

POTW Sampling Locations

- POTW Influent
- POTW Effluent
- Feed to Anaerobic Digesters
- Biosolids Produced
 - 40 CFR Part 503 Annual Report Data

Characterize Existing Loadings

- Industrial Users/Commercial Sources
- Hauled Waste
- Domestic Loading
- Treatment Plant Data (Flows & POCs)
- Receiving Stream Flow (1Q10 & 7Q10)
- Upstream Background Concentrations of POCs
- Drinking Water POC Concentrations

Average Flow Data For Years 2010 and 2011 for All Seven District WRPs

	Cal.	Egan	HP	Kirie	Lem.	O'Brien	Stick.
	MGD						
WRP Influent	250.5	27.4	9.3	38.4	2.5	235.0	721.0
Industrial	8.3	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.0	1.9	22.6
Domestic	242.2	26.8	9.1	37.5	2.5	233.1	698.4
Receiving Stream 7Q10	12.9	0	0	0	848.6	0	201.0
Receiving Stream 1Q10	0	0	0	0	526.0	0	54.0
P & S To Digesters	0.61	0.20	0.03	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.53
Digester Draw-off	0.61	0.21	0.03	n/a	n/a	n/a	2.07

Estimation of WRP Removal Efficiencies for all POCs

Average Daily Removal Efficiency

 Paired Influent & Effluent data to calculate daily removal efficiency and average the data for a period

 Mean Removal Efficiency

 Average influent and effluent values separately, to calculate removal efficiency
 Deciles Method
 Statistical Method

• Literature Values

Estimated Removal Efficiencies for POCs Calumet WRP Example for Few POCs (Using 2010 & 2011 data)

7 WRP Removal **Efficiencies**

TABLE 9: REMOVAL EFFICIENCIES FOR POLLUTANTS THROUGH WASTEWATER TREATMENT PROCESSES AT METROPOLITAN WATER RECLAMATION DISTRICT OF GREATER CHICAGO WATER RECLAMATION PLANTS

	District Water Reclamation Plant						
	Calumet	Egan	Hanover Park	Kirie	Lemont	O'Brien	Stickne
Ammonia	0.98	0.99	0.99	0.98	0.97	0.97	0.96
Arsenic	0.05*	0.06**	0.36	0.24	0.05*	0.04**	0.05
BOD ₅	0.94	0.99	0.98	0.98	0.95	0.94	0.97
Cadmium	0.59*	0.59*	0.40	0.14	0.59*	0.14	0.98
Chromium, Total	0.68	0.57	0.77	0.57	0.40	0.40	0.83
Chromium, Hexavalent	0.33	0.76*	0.95	0.76*	0.50	0.76*	0.76*
Copper	0.90	0.90	0.86	0.91	0.85	0.85	0.89
Cyanide	0.30	0.29	0.38	0.39	0.23	0.37	0.48
Fats, oils and grease (FOG)	0.90	0.93	0.94	0.91	0.86	0.92	0.79
Fluoride	0.06	0.12	0.07	0.23	0.02	0.07	0.09
Iron, total	0.95	0.97	0.96	0.95	0.91	0.94	0.97
Iron, soluble	0.60	0.39	0.42	0.29	0.42	0.29	0.46
Lead	0.40	0.40	0.65	0.20	0.40	0.57	0.42
Mercury	0.92	0.84	0.82	0.84	0.86	0.83	0.40
Nickel	0.35	0.50	0.36	0.48	0.21	0.24	0.61
Phenol	0.98	0.88	0.90	0.88	0.85	0.83	0.63
Selenium	0.50*	0.21	0.43	0.14	0.50	0.14	0.15
Silver	0.30**	0.63	0.78	0.48	0.29**	0.40	0.36
Suspended Solids	0.95	0.99	0.97	0.99	0.96	0.95	0.99
Total Phosphorus	0.42	0.51	0.43	0.68	0.48	0.54	0.86
Zinc	0.88	0.72	0.76	0.70	0.67	0.63	0.86

The value is the average removal efficiency over two years (2010 and 2011) for the WRPs which had at least 30 percent of the samples with pollutant concentrations above the detection limit.

*All values were below detection limits, removal efficiency from previous report (MWRDGC, 2003)

** Removal efficiency estimated using deciles approach using 2010 and 2011 data.

*All values below detection limits, removal efficiency from previous report (MWRDGC, 2003)

**Estimated using Deciles Approach Note: These are best possible estimates with uncertainty

POC	Removal Efficiency
Ammonia	0.98
Arsenic	0.05*
BOD ₅	0.94
Cadmium	0.59*
Chromium, Total	0.68
Chromium, Hexavalent	0.33
Copper	0.90
Silver	0.30**
Fats, Oil and Grease (FOG)	0.90

Procedure for Local Limit Development

Screening

- Calculating AHLs to determine MAHL
- Calculating Actual loading, average and daily max
- Comparing Actual loading vs MAHL
- Criteria for further evaluation:
 - Avg > 60% MAHL or Max > 80% MAHL
- Further Evaluation
 - From MAHL to MAIL to Limit Value Calculation
- Establishing
 - Common sense assessment

Considerations for Developing Maximum Allowable Industrial Loading

Allocate Allowable Industrial Loading



Develop Maximum Allowable Headworks Loading (MAHL)

- Select Most Stringent AHL as MAHL:
- Effluent Quality (NPDES Permit)
- Water Quality Standards
- Interference (Inhibition)
- Biosolids Quality (40CFR 503)
- Air Quality Standards
- Other (e.g. worker safety)

Develop MAHLs

Determine Maximum Allowable Industrial Loading (MAIL)

Water Quality Based AHL

NPDES Permits

State Water Quality Standards

 $AHL = \frac{CNPDES QWRP 8.34}{1 - RWRP}$

CNPDES = Effluent NPDES Permit Concentration Limit, mg/L

QWRP = WRP Flow, MGD

- RWRP = Removal Efficiency Across WRP, as a Decimal
- 8.34 = Unit Conversion Factor

CWQ = Water Quality Std Conc. mg/L QWRP = WRP Flow, MGD QSTREAM = Receiving Stream Flow, MGD CSTREAM = Receiving Stream Conc. mg/L 8.34 = Unit Conversion Factor

Criteria Used for Screening Based on Water Quality

Example of Copp	HP WRP		
Conc. Limit, mg/L	NPDES	Daily	0.035
		Monthly	0.022
	State Water	Chronic Toxicity	0.0270
		Acute Toxicity	0.0443
		Ind. Aquatic Life Use	n/a
AHL, lbs/day	NPDES	Daily	19.30
		Monthly	12.13
	State Water	Chronic Toxicity	17.53
		Acute Toxicity	28.72
		Ind. Aquatic Life Use	n/a
Water Quality Based AHL (WQAHL), lbs/day			12.13
Actual Average Influent Loading (Lavg), lbs/day			5.02
Actual Maximum Influen	t Loading (Lmax), lbs/day		10.28
Actual Loading vs. WQAH	HL		
% Lavg/WQAHL			41
%Lmax/WQAHL			85
% Lmax/AHL Acute Toxic	% Lmax/AHL Acute Toxicity		
Further Evaluation Recom	yes		

Biosolids Quality Based

AHL Calculations

CBIOSOLIDS QBIOSOLIDS (PS/100) GBIOSOLIDS 8.34

BQAHL =

Rwrp

CBIOSOLIDS = Biosolids Quality Standard Conc., mg/kg QBIOSOLIDS = Biosolids Digester Draw –Off, MGD PS = Percent Solids of Digester Draw GBIOSOLIDS = Specific Gravity of Biosolids ~ 1 kg/L RWRP = Removal Efficiency Across WRP, as a Decimal 8.34 = Unit Conversion Factor

40 CFR 503 Limits

РОС	Standard, mg/kg
Arsenic	41
Cadmium	39
Copper	1,500
Lead	300
Mercury	17
Molybdenum	75
Nickel	420
Selenium	100
Zinc	2,800

Criteria Used for Screening based on Biosolids Quality

Example of Copper	Egan Digesters	Stickney Digesters
40 CFR 503 Limit (C503)	1,500	1,500
Actual Average Concentration (Cavg), mg/dry Kg	774	367
Actual Maximum Concentration (Cmax), mg/dry Kg	895	416
Biosolids Quality Based AHL (BQAHL), lbs/day*	64.22	864.2
Actual Average Influent Loading (Lavg) , lbs/day	40.99 (15.52E+ 25.47K)	933.0 (848.3S+83.34O+1. 35L)
Actual Concentration vs. 40 CFR 503 Limit		
Cavg/C503, %	52	24
Cmax/C503, %	60	28
Biosolids meet 40 CFR 503 Limits: Biosolid	s are Even Bo	etter Than EQ!
Actual Loading vs. BQAHL (Lavg/BQAHL), %	64	108
Further Evaluation Recommended	yes	yes
Criteria (Lavg/BQAHL)	> 60%	> 60%

Activated Sludge Inhibition Based

Literature Inhibition Values

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	РОС	Carbonaceous MO's, mg/L	Nitrogenous MO's, mg/L
AHL Calculation	Arsenic	0.1	1.5
C_{AC} (INILIDIT OVADD S_{A}	Cadmium	1	5.2
	Chromium	1	0.25
$ASIAFIL = \1 - RWRP$	Chromium- Hexavalent	1	1
	Copper	1	0.05-0.48
CAS/INHIBIT = Activated Sludge Inhibition Conc., mg/L	Lead	1	0.5
OWRP = WRP Flow, MGD	Mercury	0.1	n/a
RWRP = Removal Efficiency Across	Nickel	1	0.25
WRP, as a Decimal	Zinc	0.3	0.08
8.34 = Unit Conversion Factor	Ammonia	480	n/a
	Cyanide	0.1	0.34

Phenol

Criteria for Further Evaluation Based on Activated Sludge Inhibition

Example of Copper	Egan WRP	Stickney WRP
Threshold Concentration Limit (mg/L)		
Carbonaceous Microorganisms Inhibition	1.00	1.00
Nitrogenous Microorganisms Inhibition	0.05	0.05
Allowable Headworks Loading		
Carbonaceous Microorganisms Inhibition (lbs/day)	292.4	7,809
Nitrogenous Microorganisms Inhibition (lbs/day)	14.62	390.5
Activated Sludge Toxicity (ASIAHL) (lbs/day)*	14.62	390.5
Actual Average Influent Loading (Lavg), lbs/day	15.52	848.3
Actual Maximum Influent Loading (Lmax), lbs/day	36.80	2,972
Actual Loading vs. ASIAHL		
Lavg/ASTAHL, %	106	217
Lmax/ASTAHL, %	252	761
Further Evaluation Recommended	yes	yes
Criteria Used Lavg/ASIAHL Lmax/ASIAHL	> 60 % > 80 %	> 60 % > 80 %

* Calculated using estimated removal efficiency

Anaerobic Digestion Inhibition Based

Literature Inhibition Values

AHL Calculation

CDIG/INHIBIT QDIGESTER 8.34 AHL =

Rwrp

CDIG/INHIBIT = Anaerobic Digestion Inhibition Conc., mg/L QDIGESTER = Sludge Flow to Digester, MGD RWRP = Removal Efficiency Across WRP, as a Decimal 8.34 = Unit Conversion Factor

POC	AD Inhibition Limit mg/L
Arsenic	1.6
Cadmium	20
Chromium	130
Chromium- Hexavalent	110
Copper	40
Lead	340
Nickel	10
Silver	13
Zinc	400
Ammonia	1500
Cyanide	4

Criteria for Further Evaluation Based on Anaerobic Digestion Inhibition

Example of Copper	Stickney Digesters
Anaerobic Digestion Inhibition Level (mg/L)	40.00
Anaerobic Digestion Toxicity Based Allowable Headworks Loading (ADIAHL), lbs/day *	948.3
Actual Average Influent Loading (Lavg), lbs/day	933.0 (848.3S+83.34 O+1.35L)
Actual Loading vs. ADIAHL	
Lavg/ADIAHL, %	98
Further Evaluation Recommended	yes
Criteria Used Lavg/ADIAHL	> 60 %

* Calculated using estimated removal efficiency

Further Evaluation Recommended

РОС	Water Qual.	Biosolids Qual.	AS Inhib.	AD Inhib.
5 Day-BOD				
Arsenic		C, E, HP, S	C, L, S	HP
Ammonia				
Cadmium		S		
Chromium				
Copper	HP	E, S	C, E, HP, K, L, O, S	S
Cyanide				
Lead	S	S		
Mercury	E, HP, K, S			
Molybdenum				
Nickel	Е, К			
Selenium		S		
Silver				
Suspended Solids				
Zinc		C, S	C, E, HP, K,L,O,S	
Fluoride				
Phenol				
FOG				
Total P	C, O, S			

Determination of Allowable Industrial Loading

Allocate Allowable Industrial Loading Determine MAIL =MAHL (1- SF) – LDOM • SF - Safety Factor (10 to 30%) Uncontrolled Sources Hauled Waste Growth Factor

Develop

MAHLs

LDOM – Domestic & Commercial Loading

Determine Maximum Allowable Industrial Loading (MAIL)

Determination of Local Limits

Allocate Allowable Industrial Loading

Allocate MAIL to IUs Uniform Concentration Option 1: One limit for all POTWs **Option 2: Separate limits for** each POTW 2. Industrial User **Contributory Flow Based** Mass Proportional Limits 4. Selected Industrial Reduction

Develop MAHLs

Determine Maximum Allowable Industrial Loading (MAIL)

Local Limit Calculations (Example of Cu)

Water Quality – Hanover Park WRP

LMAIL = MAHL (1-SF) - LDOM

Where, MAHL = 12.13 lbs/d SF = 0.20 LDOM = 0.12 lbs/d QIND = 0.20 MGD

LMAIL = 12.13 lbs/d(1-0.20)-0.12 lbs/d = 9.58 lbs/d

CLOCAL-LIMIT = LMAIL / (QIND*8.34) CLOCAL-LIMIT = 9.58 / (0.20*8.34) = 5.83 mg/L

Activated Sludge Inhibition – Calumet WRP

LMAIL = MAHL (1-SF) - LDOM

Where, MAHL = 139.28 lbs/d SF = 0.10 LDOM = 3.23 lbs/d QIND = 8.34 MGD

LMAIL = 139.28 lbs/d(1-0.10)-3.23 lbs/d = 122.12 lbs/d

CLOCAL-LIMIT = LMAIL/ (QIND*8.34) CLOCAL-LIMIT = 122.12/(8.34*8.34) = 1.75 mg/L

Local Limit Calculations (Example of Copper)

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Biosolids Quality – Stickney
WRP
LMAIL = MAHL (1-SF) – LDOM
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Where, MAHL = 864.2 \text{ lbs/d}
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SF = 0.20

LDOM = 9.31 lbs/d

QIND = 22.6 Stickney + 1.9 O'Brien = 24.5 MGD

LMAIL = 864.2 lbs/d(1-0.20)-9.31 lbs/d = 681.8 lbs/d

CLOCAL-LIMIT = LMAIL / (QIND*8.34) CLOCAL-LIMIT = 681.8 / (24.5*8.34) = 3.34 mg/L **Summary for Copper**

Hanover Park WRP (Water Quality) = Higher Than Previous

Calumet WRP(Activated Sludge Inhib.) = Lower Than Previous

Stickney WRP (Biosolids Quality) = Higher Than Previous

Copper Previous Local Limit = 3.0 mg/L

Common Sense Assessment

- Are the limits technologically achievable?
- Can compliance with the limits be determined?
- Do the limits make sense based on actual POTW conditions and compliance experience?

Local Limit Calculations (Example of Copper)

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Hanover Park WRP (Water Quality) = Higher Than Previous

Calumet WRP(Activated Sludge Inhib.) = Lower Than Previous

Stickney WRP (Biosolids Quality) = Higher Than Previous

Copper Previous Local Limit = 3.0 mg/L Recommended New Local Limit = 3.0 mg/L

Annual Enforcement Actions

Year	Cease & Desist Orders/NONs/Amendments	Board Orders	Legal Actions
2007	368	0	0
2008	359	1	0
2009	299	1	0
2010	321	3	0
2011	281	0	0
2012	364	0	0

NON = Notice of Noncompliance

Compliance Status

Compliance Status	Users Published in 2011	Users Published in 2012
Exemplary	248	235
Significant Noncompliance	27	41

Summary of Recommendations

POC	Current Limit, mg/L	Recommended Limit, mg/L
Cadmium	2.0	2.0
Chromium, Trivalent	25.0	25.0
Chromium, Hexavalent	10.0	10.0
Copper	3.0	3.0
Lead	0.5	0.5
Iron	250.0	250.0
Mercury	0.0005	0.0005
Nickel	10.0	10.0
Zinc	15.0	15.0
Cyanide, Total	5.0	5.0
FOG	250.0	250.0
Arsenic	None	None
Fluoride	None	None
Molybdenum	None	None
Selenium	None	None
Silver	None	None
Ammonia	None	None
cBOD	None	None
Cyanide, WAD	None	None
Phenol	None	None
Phosphorus, Total	None	None
Suspended Solids, Total	None	None

Local Limits Evaluation is NDPES Permit Required as well as Need Based

- M&R Report # 14-58 per NPDES permit requirement
- Reflecting future
 - New Regulations
 - Changes in WRP Operations

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