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BMP Graphics #4

TITLE: SINK USAGE

Regulatory Citation: Rensselaer County Sewer District Number 1 Regulations

Applicability: The rinsing of any containers or disposal of their contents into the sink. Routine hand washing is allowed.

Purpose: To ensure that sewer discharges do not violate the County sewer regulations or damage/clog receiving pipes

Person or Department Responsible: Assistant Director for Graphics & Printing

Schedule: As needed

Procedure: The disposal of chemicals to the sink is prohibited. Rinsing of empty containers is allowable, but disposal of chemicals from their container by dumping in the sink is not allowed, but is addressed in BMP #1.

Rinsing of processed photographs and used developer solution is allowed.

Discharge of materials that can clog drains is prohibited, such as food grease and other wastes which are to be disposed of in drums and dumpsters, respectively. In addition, RCSD prohibits:

- Discharges that by their nature cause fire or interferences at the POTW;
- Discharges at such a temp that would prohibit biological activity; and
- Discharges with a pH of less than 5.5 or above 9.5.

Graphics staff will check the pH of photographic chemicals before discharging to the sink. If the pH test indicates a reading of less than 5.5 or greater than 9.5, the chemical will be neutralized before discharging.

If chemicals, oils or a condition noted above has been or is suspect to have been accidentally discharged to the sanitary sewer then the Coordinator of Environmental, Health and Safety must be contacted immediately.

Record keeping: Not applicable

Record Location: Not applicable

Contact: Coordinator of Environmental, Health and Safety (629-7163)
Assistant Director for Graphic and Printing (629-7405 or 7481)