

Answers to questions about...

Special Purpose Discharge Permits

- **What is a Special Purpose Discharge Permit?** A Special Purpose Discharge Permit (SPDP) is issued by Orange County Sanitation District (OCSD) for water and wastewater discharges to the sewerage system when no alternative discharge points exist other than the sewer system and/or alternate discharge methods pose an environmental impact or threat.
- **What types of wastewater discharges are considered?** Wastewater discharges may include: 1) temporary facilities and projects such as groundwater cleanup, soil remediation, and site dewatering; 2) short-term or one-time water and wastewater discharges; 3) emergency discharges from facilities that have no other industrial or permitted discharge point; and 4) surface run-off from areas associated with an industrial or commercial facility, where approved.
- **Under what condition can OCSD grant a permit?** OCSD may approve the discharge of such water only when no alternative method of disposal is reasonably available, or to mitigate an environmental risk or health hazard.
- **How much does an SPDP cost?** OCSD charges a one-time administrative fee of \$1,050 plus a non-refundable deposit for the first one million gallons (MG) of discharge. Discharge exceeding one million gallons will be charged \$1,377.56 per MG on a pro-rated basis. This rate is subject to change at the start of each fiscal year (July 1). Rates are published in OCSD's Fee Ordinance. A Supplemental Capital Facilities Capacity Charge (SCFCC) of \$0.001802 per gallon is added for each gallon discharged above 25,000 gallons per day or 9.125 MG per year. SPDP's are renewed bi-annually and the renewal fee is \$1,500 (FY2017-2018 rates).
- **How do I apply for a Special Purpose Discharge Permit?** There are three steps when applying for a permit:

Step 1 – Preapplication Screening:

Applicants must submit the following:

1. Complete lab analysis for all pollutants regulated under OCSD Local Discharge Limits (see page 32 of OCSD's Wastewater Discharge Regulations, Ordinance No. OCSD-48);
2. Estimated wastewater volume and flow rate in units of gallons and gallons per minute, respectively;
3. Approval from the local sewer agency for flows of 50,000 gpd or more;
4. Location, desired start date and total duration of discharge; and
5. General details of pretreatment equipment.

Step 2 – Application Acceptance:

Upon acceptance, OCSD will send an SPDP application package to the applicant. The applicant must submit the following no later than 30 days prior to the desired discharge start date:

1. Completed application form, including all supporting analytical results, site maps and applicable pretreatment system drawings; and
2. Permit fee payment: \$2,427.56 for a new permit for and \$1500 for renewal (FY2017-2018 rates)

Step 3 – Permit Issuance:

After OCSD has completed review of the SPDP application, OCSD will issue the permit to the applicant. Consultants or contractors may submit applications on behalf of their clients, after signature by the discharger, and OCSD will issue the permit under the responsible party's or facility owner's/operator's name.

- **For More Information:** Call (714) 962-2411 and ask for Resource Protection Division Industrial Source Control.



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