Slug Control Plan Requirements

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY: Austin City Code (15-10); 40 CFR 403.8(f)(2)(vi)

POLICY: Anyone who uses a pollutant which is controlled by Austin City Code (15-10) and 40 CFR 403.8(f)(2)(vi) that may cause a treatment plant upset, deterioration of the sanitary sewer system beyond its ability to contain and transfer wastewater to the treatment facility, or create a public health hazard due to passing the pollutant untreated into a receiving stream shall have a Slug Control Plan approved by the Director prior to discharging.

PROCEDURE:

The Director periodically evaluates each Significant Industrial User (categorical and non-categorical) for the need of a plan to control slug discharges (i.e., discharge of a non-routine, episodic nature, including but not limited to an accidental spill or a non-customary batch discharge). If the Director decides that a slug control plan is needed, the plan shall contain, at a minimum, the following elements:

A. Description of discharge practices, including non-routine batch discharges;

B. Description of stored chemicals;

C. Procedures for immediately notifying the Director of slug discharges, including any discharge that would violate a prohibition under 40 CFR 403.5 (b), with procedures for follow-up written notification within five days; and

D. If necessary, procedures to prevent adverse impact from accidental spills, including the following:
   1. Inspection and maintenance of storage areas;
   2. Handling and transfer of materials;
   3. Loading and unloading operations;
   4. Control of plant site run-off;
   5. Worker training;
   6. Building of containment structures or equipment;
   7. Measures for containing toxic organic pollutants (including solvents); and/or
   8. Measures and equipment for emergency response.

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