

Spokane County, WA – Industrial Pretreatment Program

Industrial Waste Surveys:

As part of Industrial Pretreatment Program implementation, Spokane County has to identify and locate all industrial users that might be subject to the pretreatment regulations. Once the industrial users are identified, industrial waste survey questionnaires are distributed. The questionnaires request information regarding industrial users' activities and the nature of wastes discharged. The surveys help the County determine whether a wastewater discharge permit is required for any of the facilities.

The information gathered through the industrial waste surveys is needed to categorize the industries into three classifications: significant industrial users, minor industrial users and domestic equivalent users. The significant industrial users are required to have a wastewater discharge permit. They have to complete a wastewater discharge permit application.

Besides identifying industries that should be permitted, the industrial waste survey also helps Spokane County to reduce the potential problems at the treatment plant or in the sewer collection system.