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COMMITTEE ON INDUSTRIAL WASTE AND WATER POLLUTION

Mr. David St. Pierre, Executive Director

Report on Public Notification of Significant Industrial Users Having Exemplary Compliance Records and Industrial Users Significantly Violating Pretreatment Standards or Other Requirements

Dear Sir:

The Federal General Pretreatment Regulations (40 CFR 403.8[f][2][viii]) require the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (District) to comply with the public participation requirements of 40 CFR 25 in the enforcement of National Pretreatment Standards. These requirements include a provision for providing annual public notification, in a newspaper of general circulation that provides meaningful public notice within the jurisdiction of the District, the names of industrial users (IUs) which were significantly violating applicable pretreatment standards or other requirements.

To comply with this provision, the Monitoring and Research Department annually compiles a list of IUs which were considered significant violators of the General Pretreatment Regulations and the District's Sewage and Waste Control Ordinance (Ordinance).

IUs are deemed to be significant violators pursuant to the provisions contained in Appendix E of the Ordinance.

In response to suggestions from the industrial community, we have also included in the proposed publication document the identities of those significant industrial users (SIUs) having exemplary compliance records for calendar year 2016. There were 242 SIUs who were not the subject of any enforcement actions taken by the District for noncompliance during calendar year 2016. The exemplary compliance records of these SIUs are to be commended. Therefore, we have placed this segment of the report at the top of the publication document Attachment 1.

The IUs noted on pages 8 and 9 of Attachment 1 have been determined to be significant violators of applicable pretreatment standards or other requirements for calendar year 2016 pursuant to the selection criteria contained in Appendix E of the Ordinance. These 25 IUs were notified via letter, dated July 21, 2017, of the forthcoming publication of this list and the criteria used. Further, the letter advised all IUs on the attached list of their opportunity to provide written comments to the District regarding the appropriateness of their publication as significant violators within 30 days of the date of the letter. All such comments received by the District as of the date of this report were considered prior to the preparation of the attached list. Any additional comments received prior to the actual publication of this list in the newspaper will also be considered and may result in removal or modification of selected IU listings.

A summary of the significant violator publication list for calendar years, 2013, 2014, 2015, and 2016 with regard to federally mandated minimum selection criteria, is provided in Attachment 2.

Respectfully Submitted, Edward W. Podczerwinski, Director of Monitoring and Research,
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Attachments