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Wastewater Source Control Program

The City of Sequim's Wastewater Source Control Program was developed to control the discharge of non-domestic wastewater into the City's wastewater collection system. The purpose of the program is to ensure that discharges to the City's wastewater collection system do not adversely affect the environment or human health.

Wastewater collected by the City's collection system is treated to high standards and reused to recharge groundwater, for recreation and enjoyment at the Reuse Demonstration Site at Carrie Blake Park, and other uses. A portion of the treated water is also discharged to the Strait of Juan de Fuca.

The collection, treatment, and reuse of wastewater in the City are regulated by the City's *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System and Reclaimed Water Permit*, issued by the State Department of Ecology, consistent with federal regulations. The permit requires the City to complete a Commercial / Industrial Wastewater User Survey and to ensure that all commercial and industrial dischargers comply with federal and State regulations. Because treated wastewater ("reclaimed water") generated by the City is reused, the City is especially interested in making sure that toxic pollutants and other deleterious substances are minimized.

Sequim Municipal Code Chapter 13.48, Public Sewer Use Regulations, restricts discharges from commercial and industrial facilities that differ in composition from (or have higher concentrations of pollutants than) domestic (household) wastewater. In addition to restrictions for toxic pollutants, the ordinance includes restrictions on the amount of fats, oils, and greases allowed to be discharged by restaurants and other food service establishments.

For additional information on this topic, please contact Ty Brown, Operations Manager, at tbrown@sequimwa.gov or at (360) 681-3437.