Overview of West Point Treatment Plant Permit Renewal

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Permit to Discharge Pollutants

- Water Quality Standards and Permitting are the foundation of the <u>Clean Water Act</u>
- National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits allow discharge
- KC has a 5 NPDES permits
- Each is renewed every 5 years
- West Point NPDES permit authorizes discharge of:
 - Effluent treated to full secondary treatment requirements
 - <u>Effluent treated</u> to <u>primary treatment</u> standards and blended with secondary treatment (CSO treatment)
 - <u>Effluent</u> from <u>4 CSO Treatment Facility</u> (Alki, Carkeek, Elliott West, Henderson) after the equivalent of Primary Treatment
 - Effluent from WTD Combined Sewer Overflow locations



Components of our NPDES Permit

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- Discharge Limits
- Monitoring requirements
- Reporting/Record Keeping Requirements
- Facility Loading Monitoring and Assessment
- Operation and Maintenance Requirements
- Industrial Pretreatment Program
- Outfall Inspection and Evaluation
- Whole Effluent Toxicity Testing
- Sediment Monitoring Outfall and CSOs
- Combined Sewer Overflows Reporting & Program Implementation
- Nitrogen Reduction Study



What's Staying The Same?





- Effluent Limits
- Monitoring Requirements –
- Industrial Waste Program Components
- Basic Operational Requirements (Keep it in the pipe!)



What Staying the Same?



CSO Program Implementation

- Monthly event reporting
- Annual CSO Report
- Update Long-term CSO Control Plan in 2018
- KC's obligation to continue implementing CSO 9 minimum controls
- Post Construction Monitoring; demonstrate CSOs don't cause water quality impairment

CSO Treatment Plant Effluent Limits

- TSS Removal
- Fecal Coliform
- Settleable Solids
- o pH always within range of 6-9
- Chlorine Daily Max



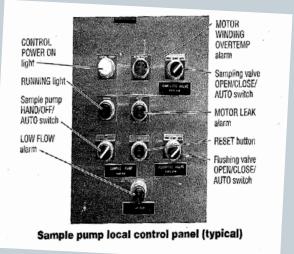
What Will Change?

Secondary Treatment and Operational Programs

- New Electronic Reporting E DMR
- Industrial Waste Program to consider affects of Industrial flow (including dewatering flows) potential for effects on CSO discharges, when appropriate

CSO Treatment Reporting and Monitoring

- Elliott West & Henderson/MLK for each discharge event
 - **Priority Pollutant monitoring**
 - Dissolved Oxygen monitoring
- EW Effluent Limits: FC 400; no event SS
- PCB monitoring Henderson/MLK
- Sediment modeling or sampling for Controlled CSO locations
- Lab Data Scrutiny



New Studies Required



Elliott West Copper Reduction Assessment



- Modify sampling system to assure accurate measurements
- Evaluate copper sources & control options
- Evaluate potential for outfall mixing enhancements
- Report strategies by Nov 2018 to minimize copper discharges

Elliott West Settleable Solids Removal Assessment

- Assess Settleable Solids sources to EW tunnel/wet well and when high levels are discharged
- Recommend strategy by Nov 2018 for meeting discharge limits

Next Steps for West Point and South Plant Permits

- Two comments received during comment period
- Ecology issued Final permit Dec 19th; Effective Feb 2015
- South Plant draft permit expected mid-January. Few changes are anticipated
- After review periods, new South Plant permit by May



Questions?



