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## **Renewable Water Resources**

### **Prospective Industrial User Information**

Thank you for your interest in Renewable Water Resources. ReWa is a special purpose district dedicated, since its creation in 1925, to the protection of public health and water resources while providing a valuable service to the area. Its service area includes greater than 90 percent of the taxable property of Greenville County, plus small portions of neighboring Anderson, Laurens and Spartanburg Counties. Anderson and Laurens Counties are each represented on our board of nine commissioners. The remaining seven are nominated by the Greenville County Legislative Delegation, with all nine being appointed to four-year terms by the Governor of South Carolina.

ReWa's approximately 300 miles of interceptor lines receive wastewater flowing to them through collector lines owned and maintained by 18 sewer subdistricts. ReWa maintains 62 pump stations. The wastewater is treated at one of our 8 facilities before being discharged into streams and rivers at a purity level in compliance with standards set by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control (SCDHEC).

The largest plant is the Mauldin Road Treatment Plant which is a tertiary treatment plant with a design flow of 29 MGD. There are 7 plants with design flows of greater than 1 MGD which provide for secondary treatment.

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There are over 100 industries currently in the Pretreatment Program. The Pretreatment Program is implemented and enforced in accordance with the Sewer Use Regulation, approved on June 6, 1984, and last amended on September 13, 2010. The Regulation sets forth uniform requirements for discharges to the ReWa System. The Regulation applies to ReWa and to persons who are, by permit or agreement with ReWa, users of the System. To assist you in becoming an Industrial User of the System, an outline of key steps to take has been included below. Also, several forms have been provided. Furthermore, examples of completed forms are attached for your reference. The following is general procedure for obtaining approval to connect and discharge to the system:

- Step 1. Contact the ReWa Customer Service Department at (864) 299-4000 for Information on the New Account Fee. Also, you will be able to obtain information on the Subdistrict you will discharge to.
  
- Step 2. Contact the subdistrict responsible for the collection lines in the area in which you propose to locate for obtaining approval to connect to the subdistrict line. Attachment A is a list of telephone numbers for the subdistricts, codes offices, and a map with the subdistrict locations. If you are not sure of the correct subdistrict, please contact the ReWa Pretreatment Office for assistance at (864) 299-4000. The subdistrict will be able to address line capacity and tap fee questions. You should contact the appropriate codes office (Attachment A) for information on their requirements before you begin construction.
  
- Step 3. All new industries discharging industrial wastewater are required to complete an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit, including subdistrict approval to connect to the subdistrict line, and obtain approval to use the ReWa system regardless of the amount of discharge. Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Applications may be obtained in several ways: from the ReWa Pretreatment Office at 561 Mauldin Road; requested by mail from 561 Mauldin Road, Greenville, SC 29607, or fax your request to (864) 299-8958.

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- Step 4. Submit the completed ReWa Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Application with a copy of the subdistrict approval letter, to the ReWa Pretreatment Office for processing. In approximately 30 days, you will receive a draft of an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit which will include the conditions/limitations which your company will be required to meet in order to discharge to the ReWa system. You will be allowed 30 days to comment on the conditions/limitations of the draft permit. Should you not be required to have a permit, you will receive a letter of approval to discharge in accordance with the Regulation.
- Step 5. Submit any plans and specifications for pretreatment facilities including control structure (flow monitoring device and sampling point) to the ReWa Pretreatment office and the SCDHEC office.
- Step 6. A Pretreatment Inspector (telephone 299-4000) will need to approve any pretreatment facilities and control structure before any discharge can be made to the sewer. You may also need to obtain SCDHEC approval of any wastewater facilities. The local SCDHEC office can be contacted by telephone at 241-1090.

To further assist you attached is a copy of the current Regulation. You may want to review Section 5, Revenue System and Attachment B of the Regulation, Fees and Charges. Also, you may want to review Section 6, Discharge Permits and Reporting. Attachment D, Allocation Methodology, of the Regulation outlines the means by which the Pretreatment office will determine any permit limitations. Again, please do not hesitate to contact the Pretreatment office should you need further information. We look forward to being of service to you while providing a cleaner environment for the Upstate.

Remember, should you need further information, please call (864) 299-4000 and ask for a pretreatment representative.

*Attachment A*

**Important Telephone Numbers**

<b><u>DISTRICTS</u></b>	(Area Code 864)	<b><u>CODES OFFICES</u></b>	
Berea	294-4848	Greenville County	467-7073
Fountain Inn	409-3334	City of Mauldin	234-3475
Gantt	277-0421	City of Simpsonville	967-9526
Greenville	467-4335	City of Fountain Inn	862-4421
Greer	848-5500		
Marietta	836-6878	<b><u>ReWa</u></b>	
Metropolitan	277-4442	Administration	299-4000
Parker	467-4030	Customer Service	299-4000
Piedmont	845-6817	Engineering	299-4000
Piedmont Park	244-5034	Pretreatment	299-4000
Simpsonville	967-9531		
Travelers Rest	834-7958		
Wade Hampton	244-0390	<b><u>SCDHEC</u></b>	
		Columbia	803-898-3432
		Greenville	241-1090