

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE REPORT and ORDINANCE FIRST CONSIDERATION relative to proposed amendments to the Los Angeles Municipal Code (LAMC) in connection with the Wastewater Treatment Program.

Recommendation for Council action, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVAL OF THE MAYOR:

PRESENT and ADOPT the accompanying ORDINANCE amending LAMC Sections 64.30, the Industrial Waste Control Ordinance, and 64.00, Definitions and Abbreviations of the LAMC.

Fiscal Impact Statement: The Board of Public Works (Board) reports that there is no impact on the General Fund. Approval of the proposed amendments to LAMC Sections 64.00 and 64.30 would bring the City into compliance with the minimum federal pretreatment regulations. Costs associated with industrial wastewater discharge are entirely fee supported under the Sewer Construction and Maintenance Fund (SCM). Revenues to the SCM from the Groundwater Program range from \$500,000 to \$900,000 annually.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

Summary:

On August 20, 2014, your Committee considered a March 3, 2014 Board report and Ordinance relative to proposed amendments to LAMC Sections 64.00 and 64.30 in connection with the Wastewater Treatment Program. According to the Board, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), through the Clean Water Act, established the National Pretreatment Program (NPP). The NPP requires industrial users to treat or control pollutants in their wastewater prior to discharging to the Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW). The POTW collects wastewater from homes, commercial buildings, and industrial facilities and transports it by a series of pipes, known as the collection system, to the treatment plant. Under the NPP, the General Pretreatment Regulations establish responsibilities of Federal, State, and local government, industry and the public to implement Pretreatment Standards to control pollutants from the industrial users which may pass through or interfere with POTW treatment processes or which may contaminate sewage sludge.

The Bureau of Sanitation (BOS), Industrial Waste Management Division is responsible for administering the City's Pretreatment Program to control pollutant discharges from industrial users to the City's sewer collection system. Legal authority providing the basis for the City's Pretreatment Program is established in LAMC Sections 64.00 and 64.30, referred to as the Industrial Waste Control Ordinance (Ordinance). Tetra Tech, Inc., on behalf of the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board (Regional Board), conducted a Pretreatment Compliance Inspection (PCI) of the City's Pretreatment Program in February of 2012.

Tetra Tech, Inc. found LAMC Sections 64.00 and 64.30 to be inconsistent with the minimum federal requirements as summarized in their PCI audit report. In response to the audit findings, the City incorporated recommended changes to the Ordinance and submitted to the Regional Board, in a letter dated November 9, 2012, for comment. The Regional Board responded back to the City in a letter dated December 17, 2012 approving and concluding review of the PCI. The BOS is proposing modifications to LAMC Sections 64.00 and 64.30 in order to be consistent with the minimum federal requirements.

After consideration and having provided an opportunity for public comment, the Committee moved to recommend approval of the recommendation as contained in the March 3, 2014 Board report and detailed in the above recommendation. This matter is now submitted to Council for its consideration.

Respectfully Submitted,

ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

<u>MEMBER</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
FUENTES:	YES
BLUMFIELD:	ABSENT
LABONGE:	ABSENT
HUIZAR:	YES
KORETZ:	YES

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