



OFFICE OF WASTEWATER MANAGEMENT.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Office of Wastewater (OWM) supports the Federal Water Pollution Control Act and the Clean Water Act by promoting effective and responsible water use, treatment, disposal and management. and by encouraging the protection and restoration of watersheds. Responsibilities of the Office include:

- directing the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, pretreatment, and municipal biosolids management (including beneficial use) programs under the Clean Water Act (CWA);
- managing and overseeing water infrastructure financing programs, including the Construction Grants, the Clean Water State Revolving Fund, Indian Setaside and Alaska Native Villages programs, as well as infrastructure assistance to colonias, special populations, and, in coordination with the Office of International Activities (OIA), communities along the Mexican Border;
- providing national leadership for the orderly completion and closeout of the Construction Grants program;
- promoting efficient water use through education and product review;
- developing and disseminating technical information and assistance on community water resource management, especially to under-served communities;
- evaluating Regional municipal point source abatement and control programs including related water quality and cost effectiveness issues,
- developing program policy, guidance, and regulations for permitting, sludge management, compliance assistance, and pretreatment activities;
- evaluating regional permitting and pretreatment compliance assistance programs;
- managing Clean Water Act Section 106 (State Water Quality Program Grants) and 104(b) (Water Quality Cooperative Agreements) grant programs;

- providing outreach, education, training, coordination, liaison, and information exchange with Regions, States, Indian Tribes, cities, other Federal agencies, Congress, environmental, industrial, citizens' interest groups, international groups, and other nations.

ORGANIZATION: OWM consists of an Immediate Office of the Director, the Water Permits Division (WPD), the Municipal Support Division (MSD) and the Planning, Information and Resources Management Staff (PIRMS).

MUNICIPAL SUPPORT DIVISION. The Municipal Support Division (MSD) conducts activities related to the national management of the construction grants (CG), CWA Indian Set Aside (CWA ISA), special appropriations acts (including needy cities, Mexican Border, Colonias, and Alaska Native Villages) and Clean Water State Revolving Fund (CWSRF) programs, and the ongoing oversight of these assistance programs. The division implements the strategy for successful completion and closeout of the CG program; maintains and regularly updates inventories and cost estimates of existing and needed future municipal wastewater treatment works and capital investments to meet the goals of the CWA; coordinates with the Office of the Inspector General (IG) on a continuing program of investigations and audits of SRF programs to prevent waste, fraud, and mismanagement; oversees management by the States of the construction grant and CW SRF programs; promotes alternative financing methods for construction and upgrade of environmental infrastructure facilities, financial management techniques, and methods of encouraging "public-private partnerships," and alternative financing schemes for State water quality programs; promotes the beneficial use of biosolids; reviews technologies which deal with infiltration/inflow correction, small alternative wastewater treatment systems, biosolids and toxic management, industrial pretreatment, and secondary treatment; promotes State-based municipal water pollution prevention programs; manages a national outreach and technical assistance program to help small communities and Indian Tribes find the help they need to meet their wastewater treatment needs; manages cooperative agreements/grants that fund the activities of the National Small Flows Clearinghouse, National Environmental Training Center for Small Communities, and national onsite wastewater demonstration projects; manages a national operations and maintenance program for small communities and Indian Tribes; coordinates an EPA effort to incorporate water conservation principles into Agency programs to establish a national ethic of efficient water use, reduce overall water use, and increase reclamation and reuse of wastewater for various applications.

PERMITS DIVISION. The Water Permits Division provides national program direction to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit, pretreatment, and sewage sludge management programs under sections 401, 402, and 405 of the Clean Water Act, including: development of regulations, policy and guidance, development of national strategies, implementation management, compliance assurance and overview of regional and State operation; develops and coordinates regulations, national policy, priorities and strategies for developing, approving, implementing, modifying and overseeing state NPDES, pretreatment, and sludge management programs;

reviews State applications for administration of the NPDES, pretreatment, and sludge management programs and major modifications to approved State programs; provides program direction to the national pretreatment program including local pretreatment program development, review, and implementation; reviews and redesigns the NPDES, pretreatment, and sludge management programs to be responsive to statutory and court ordered mandates and changes in Agency policy; develops model approaches for management of the NPDES program which consider changes in national priorities (such as water quality-based controls and the watershed approach); and develops new and unique policies, methods, procedures, or types of permits for controlling combined sewer overflows, sanitary sewer overflows, run-off of storm water from industry, commerce and cities, confined animal feedlots, mines, and other water pollution sources. The Division also coordinates with the Office of Science and Technology (OST) in the development of national standards for point source controls, indirect dischargers, and sludge use and disposal which are implemented through the NPDES, pretreatment and sludge management programs; provides technical support and training to regions and states for all aspects of the NPDES permit, pretreatment, and sludge management programs; oversees regional and State performance in implementing the NPDES permit, pretreatment, and sludge management programs; develops and coordinates national NPDES policy, priorities and strategies and regulatory changes necessary to reflect the RCRA and CERCLA responsibilities of the Office of Water; works closely with the ORD to develop, implement and monitor research and development support for NPDES permit, sludge management and pretreatment activities, in cooperation with OST; develops and revises NPDES permit application forms.

PLANNING, INFORMATION AND RESOURCES MANAGEMENT STAFF.

PIRMS serves as the staff office to the Office Director and leads a wide range of administrative functions for the Office. These include matters relating to policy, budget, administration, information management, strategic planning, technology, regulatory development and legislation. The staff also manages the Clean Water Act Section 106 State, Interstate and Tribal water quality grant programs; supports administrative processes such as performance systems, space, training and travel; conducts Federal Managers' Financial Integrity Act (FMFIA) processes; and coordinates the development and negotiation of the Information Collection Budget. Ensures appropriate purchase and maintenance of office equipment including computer workstations and other electronic communications devices.

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