



# The Huntington Sanitary Board

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"Keeping Water Clean"

Dear Industrial Users,

Publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) collect wastewater from homes, commercial buildings, and industrial facilities and transport it via a series of pipes, known as a collection system, to the treatment plant. Here, the POTW removes harmful organisms and other contaminants from the sewage so it can be discharged safely into the receiving stream. Generally, POTWs are designed to treat domestic sewage only however, POTWs also receive wastewater from industrial and commercial (non-domestic) users. The General Pretreatment Regulations establish responsibilities of Federal, State, local government, industry, and the public to implement Pretreatment Standards. This requires some of the users to use treatment techniques and management practices to reduce or eliminate the discharge of harmful pollutants to the sanitary sewers and ultimately the wastewater treatment plant.

Our system is a combined sewer system. This means that many of our storm water catch basins are not connected to dedicated storm lines. Many of these storm water catch basins are connected to sewer lines. We refer to these lines as combined lines. CSO systems are not unique to Huntington. Most communities in the Northeastern United States are Combined Sewer Systems. During a heavy rain event the capacity of our lines may be greatly reduced. Our system is designed to have relief valves to discharge untreated wastewater to receiving streams to prevent backups and flooding. Huntington Sanitary Board has a Long-Term Control Plan posted on our website to help implement the Nine minimum controls, gear construction projects toward separating sewer and stormwater lines, reducing CSO's (duration), and reducing the number of CSO outfalls, etc.

We appreciate our Industrial users for doing their part to reduce point source discharge pollutants. We also ask for your help when implementing the second of the Nine Minimum Controls (Maximum Use of the CSS for Storage). The capacity of our collection system is fixed. Industries could help us by reducing their flow during wet weather. This would help ensure that a higher percentage of flow would be delivered to the POTW for adequate treatment before being discharged into the receiving stream. Any help in this matter would be greatly appreciated.

Thank you,

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