

Liquid Waste Hauler Permit Process

Waste haulers or companies seeking to transport and subsequently discharge residential, commercial, institutional, or industrial waste into the Metropolitan Disposal System (MDS) must obtain an Industrial Discharge Permit from the MCES. The Industrial Discharge Permit is the mechanism used by MCES to regulate the discharge of hauled liquid waste to the MDS.

Permit Application

An application for an Industrial Discharge Permit - Liquid Waste Hauler shall be submitted to MCES, along with a permit application fee. This fee is non-refundable, but will be applied to the first year permit fee. The permit application can be obtained by contacting the MCES Industrial Waste and Pollution Prevention (IWPP) Section. Within 90 days of receipt of the application, the MCES will approve the application and issue a permit, or deny the request for discharging into the MDS and state the reasons for denial.

Permit Requirements

Any hauler or company that has obtained a MCES permit shall comply with the terms of that permit, discharge only at MCES approved disposal sites, accurately report loads either quarterly or semi-annually, and pay permit fees and load charges to the MCES. Failure to meet these requirements can result in permit revocation and denied access to MCES disposal sites.

Disposal Sites

MCES owns and operates five approved liquid waste hauler disposal sites within the MDS. Unless otherwise specified, all hauled liquid waste to be disposed of into the MDS must be discharged at one of these sites, and liquid waste haulers must comply with security and safety requirements associated with these sites. Please be aware not all liquid waste types are accepted at each site. All industrial loads must be approved for disposal by MCES prior to discharge.

Waste Types and Load Charge System

All loads of hauled liquid waste discharged to the MDS under the provisions of the MCES Septage Management Program are categorized as one of three types of waste; domestic, commercial, or industrial. Load charges are applied according to the type of waste discharged. The Load Charge System for the MCES Septage Management Program was established so that an equitable user charge is paid based on all discharges into the MDS. The load charge consists of a volume component, the same rate that MCES charges all communities that it serves, a strength component, based on the same equation used to calculate the strength for industrial users of the MDS, a special facility fee, and a service fee if the source is outside the MCES service area.

Waste Generated Outside of the Metropolitan Area

No waste generated outside of the Metropolitan Area shall be disposed of into the MDS unless prior written approval has been obtained.