INTRODUCTION



The public mandate for national clean waters resulted in the passage by Congress of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (PL 92-500), the Clean Water Act of 1977 (PL 95-217), the Water Quality Act of 1987, and subsequent provisions that do not amend. The first act set into motion a vast federal endeavor to improve the sewer systems and wastewater treatment plants of the nation's municipalities through a construction grant program. The District, in order to do its part in achieving the national clean water goals, has by necessity elected to participate in the grant program. The second Act resulted in additional Federal Regulations comprising 40 CFR-Part 35 and 40 CFR-Part 403, the latter of which set forth requirements for the regulation of industrial wastes discharged to Publicly Owned Treatment Works. Subsequent legislation expanded and built on these fountainhead laws.

In an attempt to achieve the goals of these acts and regulations, the District will require that the wastes that are discharged to the public wastewater treatment system be compatible with the same. Non-compatible pollutants can physically damage the wastewater treatment system or degrade the quality of effluents therefrom below acceptable level.

In order to implement the above requirements, these rules and regulations provide the District with the legal authority to control and monitor the wastewaters discharged to the public wastewater treatment system under its management.

This control, along with other controls affected by these rules and regulations herewith presented, is necessary to provide for the consistent, reliable, and efficient functioning of the District's wastewater treatment system, and also to conform to federal and state laws and regulations.