



NEW PRODUCT EVALUATIONS – PUB 13

Introduction

As from the 1 July 2007, evaluations of all trade waste pre-treatment products for use in Australia are conducted by the Water Services Association of Australia (WSAA), the national peak body of the Australian water industry.

Manufacturers, suppliers, importers, distributors or agents with a product suitable for the Water Industry must have it evaluated by WSAA, and have it reviewed for acceptability by the Water Corporation prior to use in Western Australia.

“Product” refers to any physical component, chemical formulation or biological agent which may be installed in, added to, or otherwise end up in the wastewater stream.

A product cannot be installed and used in the wastewater system until:

- It has been appraised by WSAA
- It has been accepted by Water Corporation
- An industrial waste discharge permit has been issued by the Water Corporation.

Applicants are responsible for arranging a WSAA evaluation of their product.

Following the WSAA evaluation, the Water Corporation will consider if the product can be used in Western Australia and any conditions which must apply to ensure compatibility with the wastewater system.

Important note. A successful evaluation by WSAA does not automatically mean that the product will be accepted for use within Western Australia.

Water Corporation considerations

The Water Corporation will consider the following:

- Use of the product must not cause an industrial discharge to exceed the Corporation's acceptance criteria, or cause an unacceptable increase in the concentration or mass load of an undesirable parameter.
- Use of the product must not increase the organic loading on the wastewater system.
- The product must not otherwise interfere with the operation of the wastewater collection, treatment and disposal system.
- In cases where there is doubt about the effects of a product, it will not be considered acceptable.

Applicants will be notified in writing of the outcome of their application.

The Water Corporation makes the final decision as to whether a product is permitted for installation in Western Australia.

The Industrial Waste Section of the Corporation maintains a record of all products assessed.

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Typical information you will need to provide to WSAA

The following information is likely to be required by WSAA in order to evaluate the acceptability of the proposed products:

- a description of how the product works and the reason for its use
- material safety data sheets (MSDSs) which list all chemical constituents of the product and their proportions
- instructions for use, including the quantities to be used, for all uses recommended by the manufacturer
- where a product is diluted, instructions for dilution and the nature of the diluting solvent
- details of specific situations where the manufacturer recommends the product NOT be used

Refer to WSAA website www.wsaa.asn.au for further information.

General plumbing products

General plumbing and water products used for domestic or household purposes such as pipes, fittings, taps and valves etc must be assessed by an appropriate NATA accredited laboratory before they can be used in Australia. The Water Corporation has no involvement in evaluating these products.

Confidentiality

The Corporation treats all commercial information in the strictest confidence. This information is not released to any person outside the Corporation without the written consent of the person who originally supplied the information.

Under the Freedom of Information Act 1992, information obtained on the basis of 'commercial in-confidence' is exempt from release.

More Information?

The current version of this information sheet is shown on the Water Corporation Internet site at http://www.watercorporation.com.au/industrialwaste_index.cfm. Further information on the issue detailed on this sheet can be obtained by phoning 13 13 95, or visit your nearest Water Corporation office.