

# OHIO RIVER VALLEY WATER SANITATION COMMISSION

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## **Notice of Requirements (Standards Number 1-70 and 2-70) Pertaining to Sewage and Industrial Wastes Discharged to the Ohio River**

You are hereby notified that on November 13, 1970, the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission, acting in accordance with and pursuant to authority contained in Article VI of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Compact, established, subject to revision as changing conditions require, the attached standards for the modification or treatment of all sewage from municipalities or other political subdivisions, public or private institutions, corporations, or watercraft, and for the modification or treatment of all industrial wastes discharged or permitted to flow into the Ohio River from the point of confluence of

the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, designated as Ohio River mile point 0.0, to Cairo Point, Illinois, located at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and being 981.0 miles downstream from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania.

Under terms and provisions of the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Compact all sewage from municipalities or other political subdivisions, public or private institutions, corporations or watercraft and all industrial wastes discharged or permitted to flow into the Ohio River will be required to be modified or treated to the extent specified in the attached standards.

  
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**DEFINITIONS AND PROCEDURES FOR APPLICATION OF  
POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARDS NOS. 1-70, 2-70**

The following definitions and application procedures are incorporated as part of Pollution Control Standards Nos. 1-70, 2-70:

(a) "Sewage" means the water carried human or animal wastes from residences, buildings, industrial, commercial or governmental establishments, public or private institutions, watercraft and floating facilities, or other places, together with such groundwater infiltration and surface-waters as may be present. The admixture with sewage, as defined, of industrial wastes, as hereinafter defined, shall also be regarded as sewage;

(b) "Industrial waste," other than cooling water, means any liquid, gaseous, solid material or waste substance or combination thereof including garbage, refuse, decayed wood, sawdust, shavings, bark, sand, lime, cinders, ashes, offal, oil, tar, dyestuffs, acids, chemicals, heat and all discarded matter resulting from any process or operation, including storage and transportation, manufacturing, com-

mercial, agricultural and government operations, or from the development and recovery of any natural resources;

(c) "Cooling water" means water used as a heat transfer medium to which no process, waste or other materials, exclusive of chlorine, are added intentionally or unintentionally prior to discharge;

(d) "Substantially complete removal" means removal to the lowest practicable level attainable with current technology;

(e) Methods for determining waste constituents and characteristics shall be those set forth in the most recent edition of "Standard Methods for the Examination of Water and Wastewater," prepared and published jointly by the American Public Health Association, American Water Works Association, and the Water Pollution Control Federation, except that such other methods may be used as are approved by the Commission.

**POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARD NO. 1-70**

All sewage from municipalities or political subdivisions, public or private institutions, or installations, or corporations, or watercraft, and all industrial wastes, other than cooling water as hereinafter defined, discharged or permitted to flow into the Ohio River from the point of confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, designated as Ohio River mile point 0.0, to Cairo Point, Illinois, located at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and being 981.0 miles downstream from Pittsburgh, shall be so treated or otherwise modified as to provide for:

- A. Substantially complete removal of settleable solids;
- B. Substantially complete removal of oil (in whatever state, including free, emulsified, dispersed and dissolved oils), debris, scum, and other floating materials;
- C. Reduction of suspended solids, dissolved solids and other materials to such degree that the discharge will not produce turbidity, color or odor in the river, or impart taste to potable water supplies, or cause the tainting of fish flesh;
- D. Reduction of any and all constituent materials to such a degree that the concentration thereof, singly or in combination, in any discharge is not harmful to human health, and reduction of the following

chemicals to such a degree that the concentrations thereof in any discharge do not exceed (1) the limits specified in the tabulation below or (2) such lower limits as may be required for compliance with subparagraph (E) of this Pollution Control Standard No. 1-70:

	Limiting concentration (mg/1)
Inorganic chemicals	
Arsenic	0.05
Barium	1.0
Cadmium	0.01
Chromium (hexavalent)	0.05
Lead	0.05
Mercury	0.005
Selenium	0.01
Silver	0.05
Organic chemicals	
Cyanide	0.2
Pesticides	
Aldrin	0.017
Chlordane	0.003
DDT	0.042
Dieldrin	0.017
Endrin	0.001
Heptachlor	0.018
Heptachlor epoxide	0.018
Lindane	0.056
Methoxychlor	0.035
Organic phosphates plus carbamates (as parathion equivalent cholinesterase inhibition)	0.1
Toxaphene	0.005
Herbicides	
2,4-D plus 2,4,5-T plus 2,4,5-TP	0.1

E. Reduction of any material or, if necessary, all materials contained in any discharge which singly or in combination are toxic or harmful to aquatic life to such a degree or degrees that the calculated concentration(s) of such material or materials in the river does not exceed one-twentieth of the 96-hour median tolerance limit (96-hr.  $TL_m$ ) for aquatic life;

F. Reduction of radioactive materials to such degree that (1) concentrations of *unidentified* radionuclides in the discharge do not exceed (a) 30 pcl or (b) limiting values specified by the Atomic Energy Commission for water in which certain radionuclides are known to be absent, as set forth in Column 2, Table II, Paragraph 3.C, Notes to Appendix B, Title 10, Chapter 1, Code of Federal Regulations (January 1, 1970), or (2) concentrations of *identified* radionuclides in the discharge do not exceed limiting values for water specified by the Atomic Energy Commission, as set forth in Column 2, Table II, Appendix B, Title 10, Chapter 1, Code of Federal Regulations (January 1, 1970);

G. Reduction of fecal coliform bacteria to such degree that (1) during the months of May through October fecal coliform density in the discharge does not exceed 200 per 100 ml as a monthly geometric mean (based on not less than ten samples per month), nor exceed 400 per 100 ml in more than ten percent of the samples examined during a month, and (2) during the months of November through April the density does not exceed 1,000 per 100 ml as a monthly geometric mean (based on not less than ten samples per month), nor exceed 2,000 per 100 ml in more than ten percent of the samples examined during a month;

H. Control of hydrogen ion concentration to such degree that the pH is not less than 5.0 nor greater than 9.0;

I. Reduction in 5-day biochemical-oxygen-demand load (pounds per day) of not less than 92 percent (as a monthly-average value), provided, however, that a lesser degree of reduction may be applied, but not less than 85 percent (monthly-average value), if as a result the biochemical-oxygen-demand (BOD) load does not exceed that amount which will increase the BOD of the river, on a calculated basis, by more than 0.05 milligrams per

liter at flows equal to or exceeding "critical" flow values specified in the following table:

River Reach		Critical flow in cfs*
From	To	
Pittsburgh (mi. 0.0)	Willow Is. Dam (161.7)	6,600
Willow Is. Dam (161.7)	Gallipolis Dam (279.2)	7,700
Gallipolis Dam (279.2)	Meldahl Dam (436.2)	9,900
Meldahl Dam (436.2)	McAlpine Dam (605.8)	12,100
McAlpine Dam (605.8)	Uniontown Dam (846.0)	14,300
Uniontown Dam (846.0)	Smithland Dam (918.5)	20,000
Smithland Dam (918.5)	Cairo Point (981.0)	48,500

\*Minimum 7-day flow once in ten years.

J. Reduction of heat content to such degree that the aggregate heat-discharge rate from the municipality, subdivision, institution, installation or corporation, as calculated on the basis of discharge volume and temperature differential (temperature of discharge minus average upstream river temperature), does not exceed the amount calculated by the following formula, provided, however, that in no case shall the aggregate heat-discharge rate be of such magnitude as will result in a calculated increase in river temperature of more than 5 deg. F.;

$$\text{Allowable heat-discharge rate (Btu/sec)} = 62.4 \times \text{river flow (cfs)} \times (T_A - T_R) \times 90\%$$

Where:

$T_A$  = Allowable maximum temperature (deg. F.) in the river as specified in the following table:

	$T_A$		$T_A$
January	50	July	89
February	50	August	89
March	60	September	87
April	70	October	78
May	80	November	70
June	87	December	57

$T_R$  = River temperature (daily average in deg. F.) upstream from the discharge

River flow = measured flow but not less than critical flow values specified in the following table:

River Reach		Critical flow in cfs*
From	To	
Pittsburgh, Pa. (mi. 0.0)	Willow Is. Dam (161.7)	6,500
Willow Is. Dam (161.7)	Gallipolis Dam (279.2)	7,400
Gallipolis Dam (279.2)	Meldahl Dam (436.2)	9,700
Meldahl Dam (436.2)	McAlpine Dam (605.8)	11,900
McAlpine Dam (605.8)	Uniontown Dam (846.0)	14,200
Uniontown Dam (846.0)	Smithland Dam (918.5)	19,500
Smithland Dam (918.5)	Cairo Point (981.0)	48,100

\*Minimum daily flow once in ten years.

## POLLUTION CONTROL STANDARD NO. 2-70

All cooling water from municipalities or political subdivisions, public or private institutions, or installations, or corporations discharged or permitted to flow into the Ohio River from the point of confluence of the Allegheny and Monongahela rivers at Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, designated as Ohio River mile point 0.0 to Cairo Point, Illinois, located at the confluence of the Ohio and Mississippi rivers, and being 981.0 miles downstream from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, shall be so regulated or controlled as to provide for reduction of heat content to such degree that the aggregate heat-discharge rate from the municipality, subdivision, institution, installation or corporation, as calculated on the basis of discharge volume and temperature differential (temperature of discharge minus upstream river temperature) does not exceed the amount calculated by the following formula, provided, however, that in no case shall the aggregate heat-discharge rate be of such magnitude as will result in a calculated increase in river temperature of more than 5 deg. F.:

$$\text{Allowable heat-discharge rate (Btu/sec)} = 62.4 \times \text{river flow (cfs)} \times (T_A - T_R) \times 90\%$$

Where:

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Pittsburgh, Pa. (mi. 0.0)	Willow Is. Dam (161.7)	6,500
Willow Is. Dam (161.7)	Gallipolis Dam (279.2)	7,400
Gallipolis Dam (279.2)	Meldahl Dam (436.2)	9,700
Meldahl Dam (436.2)	McAlpine Dam (605.8)	11,900
McAlpine Dam (605.8)	Uniontown Dam (846.0)	14,200
Uniontown Dam (846.0)	Smithland Dam (918.5)	19,500
Smithland Dam (918.5)	Cairo Point (981.0)	48,100

<sup>o</sup> Minimum daily flow once in ten years.