

Notice of the Prohibition on Sewer Disposal of Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals by Healthcare Facilities and Reverse Distributors

The purpose of this notice is to provide notification of the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) prohibition on the discharge of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals to publicly owned treatment works (POTWs) including the Salt Lake City sanitary sewer system/POTW.

On February 22, 2019, the US EPA published in the Federal Register (84 FR 5816) a Final Rule entitled *Management Standards for Hazardous Waste Pharmaceuticals and Amendment to the P075 Listing for Nicotine* (Pharmaceutical Waste Rule). The Pharmaceutical Waste Rule stipulates regulations for the management of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals by healthcare facilities, for both humans and animals, and reverse distributors. Reverse distributors are defined in 21 Code of Federal Regulations §1300.01(b). Among other things, the Pharmaceutical Waste Rule prohibits all healthcare facilities, including those operating under the regulations for very small quantity generators of hazardous waste, and reverse distributors from discharging hazardous waste pharmaceuticals to the sewer system.

The Pharmaceutical Waste Rule is regulated under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA). The Utah Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Division of Waste Management and Radiation Control (DWMRC) is responsible for overseeing RCRA in the State of Utah and is therefore responsible for overseeing the prohibition on sewer disposal of hazardous waste pharmaceuticals. For a list of pharmaceuticals that may be considered a hazardous waste when discarded or for more information on the Pharmaceutical Waste Rule, please contact the DWMRC at 801-536-0200.

If you have any questions related to prohibited sewer discharges please reference Salt Lake City Code 17.36.060 or contact Mr. Terrence Price, Salt Lake City Water Reclamation Facility Regulatory Compliance Manager, at 801-799-4041 or terrence.price@slcgov.com. City Code 17.36.060 can be found at the following website:

- https://codelibrary.amlegal.com/codes/saltlakecityut/latest/saltlakecity_ut/0-0-0-58692#JD_17.36.060