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February 22, 2017

RE: Renewal of General Permit for Food Service Establishments - Effective April 1, 2017

Dear Food Service Customer:

In April 2014, ReWa issued a General Permit for Food Service Establishments in support of the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Control Regulation. This permit will expire on March 31, 2017 and will be renewed effective April 1, 2017. This permit supports established guidelines to provide for the regulation of the collection, control and transportation of non-hazardous FOG of animal or vegetable origin generated by Commercial Users. This General Permit authorizes Customers engaged in food service activities and defined as Food Service Establishments (FSEs), to be Users of the sanitary sewer system. There are **NO NEW REQUIREMENTS OR FEES** associated with the renewed permit.

You have received this notification and are subject to coverage under the General Permit because you have been identified as engaging in food service activities within the geographical service area of ReWa. You are automatically covered under the General Permit and **NO FURTHER ACTION TO ENSURE COVERAGE** is required by you. The General Permit, as well as other supporting information, is available on our website at [rewaonline.org](http://rewaonline.org). Please review the permit and associated information carefully. Food Service Establishments will have 90 days from the effective date to become compliant with the conditions of the General Permit.

Please direct all comments and questions to Kim McDonald ([kimm@re-wa.org](mailto:kimm@re-wa.org)) at 864-299-4000 ext. 224 and/or Keith Moore ([keithm@re-wa.org](mailto:keithm@re-wa.org)) at 864-299-4000 ext. 223 or e-mail us at [www.rewaonline.org](http://www.rewaonline.org).

Sincerely,

Joel H. Jones  
Pretreatment Manager



## **RENEWABLE WATER RESOURCES**

### **GENERAL PERMIT RENEWAL**

For

### **FOOD SERVICE ESTABLISHMENTS**

Associated with

### **GENERATION AND DISPOSAL OF FATS, OILS AND GREASE**

In compliance with the provisions of the Renewable Water Resources Sewer Use Regulation Sections 2.12 and 3.2 and attachments A, B and F of the Regulation operators and/or owners of Food Service Establishments as defined in Section I that are within the service area of Renewable Water Resources, and not specifically excluded or exempt from coverage in accordance with Section III, are authorized for connection to and use of the sanitary sewer in accordance with the conditions and requirements set forth herein.

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**Joel H. Jones**  
**Pretreatment Manager**  
**Renewable Water Resources**

Effective: April 1, 2017 ; Expires: March 31, 2022

**Permit No.: FSE-0000**

## I. Introduction and Purpose

This permit is issued in accordance with the Sewer Use Regulation of Renewable Water Resources and in support of the Fats, Oils and Grease (FOG) Control Regulation. This permit supports established guidelines to provide for the regulation of the collection, control and transportation of non-hazardous FOG of animal or vegetable origin generated by commercial Users. This General permit authorizes those Users engaged in food service activities as defined as Food Service Establishments to be Users of the sanitary sewer system.

Food Service Establishments (FSEs) shall mean restaurants, cafeterias, delis, grocery stores, hospitals, hotels, motels, churches, school kitchens, assisted living facilities, ice cream shops, coffee shops, Food Courts, butcher shop operations, and mobile food units. A Food Service Establishment can include any facility which cuts, prepares, cooks, fries, bakes, or serves food; or which disposes of food related wastes.

## II. Applicability of Coverage

All Food Service Establishments located within the geographical service area of Renewable Water Resources are subject to coverage under this permit.

## III. Exclusions from Coverage

As established in Section II, all FSEs located within ReWa's geographical service area are subject to coverage and will be regulated by ReWa under the General Permit or other control document. At the discretion of ReWa, certain Food Service Establishments may be excluded from coverage under the General Permit and subject to separate regulatory control due to the following conditions:

- a. Those engaged in industrial food service or preparation activities may be excluded from coverage under the General Permit.
- b. Those that are found to be in non-compliance with ReWa, and or, cause adverse impact to the sanitary sewer may be excluded from coverage under the General Permit.
- c. Those who fail to maintain the requirements, including applicable fees, of this permit may be excluded from coverage under the General Permit.
- d. Those who own and/or operate multiple and similar FSEs within the service area may be excluded from coverage under the General Permit.
- e. Those who are deemed to be institutional (hospitals, universities, school systems, jails, etc.) may be excluded from coverage under the General Permit.
- f. Those who are not connected to the sanitary sewer or who are not generators of any FOG waste may be excluded from coverage under the General Permit.

With the exception of item (f) listed above, any FSE or group of FSEs that are excluded from coverage under this General Permit will be regulated under a specific permit, special agreement or other control document which will contain limits, conditions and fees developed on a case-by-case basis. Requests for exclusions from this Permit shall be made in writing to the Director within 30 days of issuance/renewal of this Permit or within 30 days of any substantial changes to processes or practices that meet the exclusion criteria.

#### IV. General Conditions and Requirements

All Users covered under this permit must adhere to the conditions and requirements of the Sewer Use Regulation and all Attachments. Specific conditions for compliance with this permit, as found in Attachment F- Grease Control Regulation, include:

- a. Properly sized and approved grease control device(s),
  - b. Implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs),
  - c. Regularly scheduled maintenance of grease control device(s),
  - d. Documentation of maintenance and proper disposal,
  - e. Employee education and training,
- and/or
- f. Demonstrated adherence to established quantitative limit(s), concentration or mass, as measured at the nearest accessible point prior to Generator's connection to the public sewer.

Grease Traps and Grease Interceptors shall be purchased, maintained, and secured by the Generator at the Generator's expense. It is the Generator's responsibility to ensure that proper maintenance of the grease control device includes removal of all contents including floating materials, wastewater and solids at a maintenance frequency which will allow proper operation of the grease control device. The Generator will be responsible for observing and approving all pumping and cleaning activities as a condition of disposal at ReWa facilities. The facility representative will be responsible for unlocking and opening the GI for ReWa inspections.

As a condition of this permit all grease control devices, Grease Traps and Grease Interceptors, owned and/or operated by FSEs will be identified and registered within the ReWa database. Under-the-Counter devices (Grease Traps) will be identified and registered through the construction and inspection process.

Additionally, FSEs who own or are required to install an inground Grease Interceptor must undergo a specific certification process as a condition of compliant connection to the sanitary sewer and use of ReWa facilities for FOG waste disposal. This certification process is to ensure that certain administrative, maintenance and security requirements are achieved and sustained by the FSE. All such owners/operators shall be notified of the specific requirements and procedures for registration and certification.

#### V. Enforcement

Users covered under this permit are subject to enforcement activities as defined in Section 8 of the Sewer Use Regulation that include termination of use, cost recovery and fines up to \$2000 per day per occurrence.

#### VI. Fees

In accordance with Attachment B – Fees and Charges of the Sewer Use Regulation, users covered under this Permit shall be required to pay Permitting Fees and Administration and Inspection Fees as a condition of compliance with this Permit, the Grease Control Regulation and the Sewer Use Regulation.

## VII. Transferability and Renewal

Coverage under this permit cannot be transferred or reassigned to another establishment, owner or operator. FSEs must notify ReWa of any changes of ownership, location, facility representation or closure. Unless changes are necessary, the General Permit will renew every five years. FSEs will be notified at the time of the renewal of any changes in requirements or conditions of the Permit and given a 30-day review period.