

COMPLIANCE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

Onsite Assistance for Wastewater Treatment Plants

The Compliance Assistance Program experts in Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water work alongside local wastewater treatment staff to help identify performance-limiting factors that impact the plant's ability to operate in compliance with its discharge permits.

Our methods have been field tested and refined at hundreds of wastewater treatment plants in Ohio communities over nearly 20 years.

When partnering with a community, members of the compliance assistance unit work with administrators and treatment staff to collect data and identify issues responsible for non-compliance. Potential solutions are discussed and recommendations are made to resolve non-compliance issues. Communities are not obligated to implement any of Ohio EPA's recommendations; however, they are required to achieve and maintain compliance with their NPDES permits.

The program is directed at non-capital improvement recommendations. Capital expenditures may be necessary to correct the performance-limiting factor of the facility; it is the community's responsibility to address these issues.



Cooperation. Partnership.
*We recommend improvements.
You decide to take action.*

Services

- Evaluate treatment system to identify causes of compliance issues such as design, operation, administrative practices, etc.
- Troubleshoot complex operational issues.
- Recommend innovative and cost-effective solutions for improving performance.
- Provide on-site training of personnel in process control procedures.
- Recommend improvements to sludge handling and disposal procedures.
- Investigate industrial dischargers' impacts on the system.
- Evaluate current plant loadings and capacities.
- Formulate and implement preventive maintenance programs.
- Help evaluate inflow and infiltration of sewer systems.
- Evaluate new treatment technologies.
- Provide training at wastewater trade seminars and workshops.



The Importance of Community Commitment

The key to a successful project is total community commitment. There must be strong support from community leaders to maintain a high quality of wastewater treatment and provide financing for needed improvements. It is also important for communities to support their plant operators who are learning new operational procedures.

By implementing preventive maintenance programs and identifying energy savings, the result is often cost effective. In many cases, the cost to achieve compliance is more economical than paying a penalty for noncompliance.



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