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EPA Reduces Regulatory Burden for Industrial Facilities Using Solvent Wipes

The final rule excludes wipes that are contaminated with solvents listed as hazardous wastes under RCRA that are cleaned or disposed of properly. To be excluded, solvent-contaminated wipes must be managed in closed, labeled containers and cannot contain free liquids when sent for cleaning or disposal. Additionally, facilities that generate solvent-contaminated wipes must comply with certain recordkeeping requirements and may not accumulate wipes for longer than 180 days.

EPA estimates that the final rule will result in a net savings of \$18 million per year in avoided regulatory costs and between \$3.7 million and \$9.9 million per year in other expected benefits, including pollution prevention, waste minimization and fire prevention benefits.

Wipes are used in conjunction with solvents for cleaning and other purposes by tens of thousands of facilities in numerous industrial sectors, such as printers, automobile repair shops and manufacturers of automobiles, electronics, furniture and chemicals. This rule is effective on January 31, 2014.

For further information please visit:

<http://yosemite.epa.gov/opa/admpress.nsf/bd4379a92ceceecac8525735900400c27/c8f3d2b0b740904b85257bb0005cfd6d!>



Industrial Grants Program

The City of Tempe is offering Industrial and Commercial water customers in the Tempe Water Service Area grants to install water saving technologies. Financial incentives will be offered for projects expected to result in significant reductions in water use (15% or more). The Program targets three types of water use: a) Industrial/Commercial Processes, b) Landscape Changes or Retrofits, c) Cooling Systems. A complete explanation of program is available at: <http://www.tempe.gov/index.aspx?page=2516>.

Saving Water Can Save Your Bottom Line!

Complete and return the form found at: (<http://www.tempe.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=3372>) **Mail document to:** City of Tempe Water Utilities Dept., Water Conservation Office P.O. Box 5002 Tempe, AZ 85280. Or contact Water Conservation Program Office at (480) 350-2668.

What Is Stormwater Smart?

“Be Stormwater Smart” and visit our website for Best Management Practices you can use to reduce the risk of adding pollutants to stormwater. <http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater>

You can also use this website to learn more about Tempe’s Stormwater Management Program, to report illicit discharges to storm drains, or to file a stormwater related complaint.

Remember that it is a violation of the City of Tempe Code to cause or allow a non-stormwater discharge to a stormwater drain!

As required by Tempe’s stormwater permit, Environmental Compliance Inspectors have significantly increased commercial and industrial stormwater inspections. If you would like to schedule an inspection at your facility, please call: (480) 350-2678.

