PIMA COUNTY
WASTEWATER RECLAMATION

County License Application Forms

A.R.S. § 11-1604 (Prohibited acts by county and employees; enforcement; notice) provides:

A. A county shall not base a licensing decision in whole or in part on a licensing requirement or condition that is not specifically authorized by statute, rule, and ordinance or delegation agreement. A general grant of authority does not constitute a basis for imposing a licensing requirement or condition unless the authority specifically authorizes the requirement or condition.

B. Unless specifically authorized, a county shall avoid duplication of other laws that do not enhance regulatory clarity and shall avoid dual permitting to the maximum extent practicable.

C. This section does not prohibit county flexibility to issue licenses or adopt ordinances or codes.

D. A county shall not request or initiate discussions with a person about waiving that person's rights.

E. This section may be enforced in a private civil action and relief may be awarded against a county. The court may award reasonable attorney fees, damages and all fees associated with the license application to a party that prevails in an action against a county for a violation of this section.

F. A county employee may not intentionally or knowingly violate this section. A violation of this section is cause for disciplinary action or dismissal pursuant to the county's adopted personnel policy.

G. This section does not abrogate the immunity provided by section 12-820.01 or 12-820.02.

A.R.S. §11-1606 Septage Discharge Permit Application Process Notice

Pima County Industrial Wastewater Ordinance 2013-32 Section 13.36 grants Pima County authority to require Industrial Users discharging to the Pima County Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) to obtain a discharge permit. Authority is granted to Pima County by the Arizona Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (AZPDES) permits issued by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality (ADEQ) to Pima County in conformity with Arizona Administrative Code (AAC) R18-9-A905(A)(3)(d) adopting by reference 40 CFR § 122.44.j, Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS) § 49-391 and the Clean Water Act (CWA), Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-500; 86 Stat. 816; 33 United States Code sections 1251 through 1376); AAC R18-9-A905(7) and R18-9-A906.

Under A.R.S. §11-1606, Pima County is required to give you the following information when you apply for an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.

A. The following steps are required to obtain a permit.

Step one – Download or pick up a copy at the address below, complete, print and sign an application at:

www.pima.gov/wastewaterreclamation

Please note that businesses classified under 40 CFR § 405-471 require more detailed application information to meet federal discharge requirements.

Step two – Submit the completed permit application with the appropriate fee to:

Industrial Wastewater Control – 2955 West Calle Agua Nueva – Tucson, Arizona 85745

B. Pima County Regional Wastewater Reclamation Department (PCRWRD) shall issue a written or electronic notice of administrative completeness or deficiencies to a permit applicant within 15 business days. Once a completed Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit application has been received, PCRWRD will respond with a permit decision within 30 business days. If during the administrative completeness review or substantive application review, additional information is required, RWRD will request the information from the applicant. The applicant shall respond and submit requested information within 30 days.

C. Mr. Jack Parker can provide assistance with the application process and may be contacted at (520) 724-6200 or jack.parker@pima.gov

D. A.R.S. §11-1609 states that requests can be made of the County to clarify its interpretation or application of a statute, ordinance, regulation, delegation agreement or authorized substantive policy statement that affects the issuance of your permit by providing the County with a written request that states:

(1) Your name and address;
(2) The statute, ordinance, regulation, delegation agreement, or authorized substantive policy statement, or part thereof, that requires clarification;
(3) Any facts relevant to the requested ruling;
(4) Your interpretation of the applicable statute, ordinance, regulation, delegation agreement, or authorized substantive policy statement, or part thereof, that requires clarification; and,
(5) Whether, to the best of your knowledge, the issues or related issues are being considered by the County in connection with an existing permit, license or license application.

You may request a written clarification or interpretation by the staff member reviewing your permit application. If you disagree with a staff clarification/interpretation, you may appeal to the Manager of the Compliance and Regulatory Affairs Office. Official decisions may be appealed to the Pima County Board of Supervisors in accordance with Pima County Code 13.36.200.