

Sewer Use Ordinance Update

Madison Metropolitan
Sewerage District

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Agenda

- Defining SUO
- What an SUO governs
- Current efforts
- Updates: Now and next
- Next steps



What is an SUO?

A sewer use ordinance (SUO) is a set of local rules that legally regulate the use of a public sewer system

- It allows the District to implement its authority over our sewerage system facilities.
- Its goal is to protect public health, environmental quality, and our wastewater treatment and conveyance facilities.
- It is adopted pursuant to and in implementation of Wis. Stat. §§ 200.11(1)(d) and 200.13(3).

What does an SUO govern?

An SUO,

- Specifies the types of wastes that cannot be discharged into the sewerage system;
- Imposes requirements on industrial wastewater dischargers;
- Provides a mechanism for issuing permits and allowing connections to our system; and
- Enables the District to comply with administrative provisions, water quality requirements, pretreatment effluent standards, and other discharge criteria that are required or authorized by the State of Wisconsin or federal law

(Among many other things...)

Comprehensive review & update



SUO updates

Updates in this round

- Updated with current statutory and regulatory requirements
- Streamline and clarify reporting obligations
- Increase protections for District infrastructure and processes
- Clarify definitions in document

Potential/anticipated updates for next round

- Fats, oils and grease (FOG) requirements
- Chloride reporting
- Inflow & infiltration (I&I)

Next steps

- Legal notice and public hearing
 - Anticipate by end of Q1 2026
- Commission approval
- Codify internal ownership of SUO topics
- Initiate community outreach planning project for next SUO update
- Plan for additional required internal work (i.e., Pretreatment Manual update, Local Limits study)
- Put on 3-year review/update cycle



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