



EPA Effluent Limitations Guidelines Summary

On December 15 the EPA announced its proposed rule changes to its Effluent Limitation Guidelines. The proposed rule has not been officially posted to the Federal Register at this point, but EPA provided a copy of the proposed rule. Here is a snapshot of what it looks like for all of you. EPA has proposed 3 options that it is seeking input on, and they prefer option 1.

Definitions

Direct Dischargers = Plants that have a permit to discharge wastewater directly into a body of water.

Indirect Dischargers = Plants that discharge into a municipal wastewater system.

Production levels for those who will need to comply with new rule change.

Option 1

Direct Dischargers - Over 50 million pounds of finished product produced per year.

Over 50 million pounds of Live weight killed per year for slaughtering.

Over 7 million pounds of finished product produced per year for poultry.

Over 100 million live weight killed for poultry slaughter.

Over 10 million pounds of raw material processed for renderer.

Indirect Dischargers - Same as Direct Dischargers.

Option 2

Direct Dischargers - Same as Option 1.

Indirect Dischargers - Option 1 facilities plus over 200 million pounds for slaughter and over 350 million pounds of raw materials processed for Renderers.

Option 3

Direct Dischargers – Phosphorus and Nitrogen limits for those facilities producing over 10 million pounds per year and more stringent Nitrogen limits for facilities producing over 20 million pounds per year.

Indirect Dischargers – Conventional limits for Facilities producing over 5 million pounds per year.

Phosphorus and Nitrogen limits for facilities producing over 30 million pounds per year.

Any facility producing less than 6,000 pounds per day or 2.19 million pounds per year are exempt from any new regulations.