Current 2006-07 Fiscal Year Fee

SIU Fee Class	Annual Fee ($)
I	4,191
II	4,054
III	2,219
IV	3,466
V	2,519
VI	2,359

What is the quality surcharge fee?

A **quality surcharge fee** is a fee assessed for discharged wastewater that **contains more organic waste** and **solids** than wastewater from a **typical domestic household**. It is a fee that is billed quarterly and in arrears.

Certain industries discharge wastewater that is **stronger** in terms of its organic waste strength and solids content than wastewater from a typical household. Discharged wastewater strength is measured in terms of **Biochemical Oxygen Demand** or **"BOD"** and **Suspended Solids** or **"SS"** concentrations. A Quality Surcharge Fee is assessed when an industry's discharged wastewater has a higher Biochemical Oxygen Demand and a higher concentration of Suspended Solids.

Domestic sewage strength is currently set at a BOD concentration of 265 milligram per liter (mg/l) and an SS concentration of 275 mg/l.

WHAT DOES THIS FEE PAY FOR?

The Quality Surcharge Fee pays for the cost of additional, required waste treatment and removal at the City's wastewater treatment facilities. It costs more to treat high strength wastewater than typical domestic wastewater in terms of operating costs, additional chemicals, power, solids storage and final disposal.

How is this fee determined?

The amount of this fee is determined in direct proportion to the excess pounds of BOD or SS discharged into City sewers, calculated as: total excess pounds multiplied by the unit treatment cost (rate) per pound of BOD and SS.

City staff updates these unit costs periodically to ensure they reflect the City's actual waste treatment and removal costs and the cost of administering the Quality Surcharge Fee program.

Current waste treatment and removal rates:

The rates for the current 2006-07 fiscal year are:

BOD **$ 0.305 per pound in excess of the domestic sewage strength**

SS **$ 0.307 per pound in excess of the domestic sewage strength**

NOTE: If an industry discharges 40,000 gallons or more per day (gpd), the industry will be required to "Self-Monitor" on a quarterly basis (monthly for those discharging 250,000 gallons or more) by having its discharge sampled and analyzed by an independent and State certified laboratory. Self-Monitoring test results will then be used to determine the BOD and the SS values for the industry.

If the industry's discharge is less than 40,000 gpd, City will use pre-determined "Industry Wide Average" BOD and SS values. However, the industry will be allowed to Self-Monitor upon request should the industry disagree with the City assigned values for BOD and SS.

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guide to industrial waste fees for commercial and industrial users

Industrial Waste Discharge Permit Application Fee

All industries and certain commercial facilities discharging other than domestic sewage into the city's wastewater collection and treatment facilities are required to obtain an Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit.

WHAT THE FEE PAYS FOR:

The fee pays for processing Permit Applications submitted by Industrial Users. This fee is collected at the time the application is submitted and is non-refundable.

Processing of these Applications includes:

- Review of the Permit Application,
- Collection of required information and data,
- Inspection of the applicant's facility to verify data, and
- Data Management

The current 2006-07 fiscal year Application fee is $356.00

Inspection and Control (I&C) Fee

All permitted Industrial Users must pay an annual Inspection and Control fee as a function of their assigned "Inspection and Control Class". This "Class" is determined at the time the Industrial Users are permitted depending on the nature of their operations. This fee is billed quarterly and in arrears.

This level of control is necessary to ensure the protection and safety of the public, City employees and the City's sewage collection and treatment works.

WHAT THE FEE PAYS FOR:

The Inspection and Control fee pays for the following basic levels of services:

- Permits for the Industrial User
- Inspection of the Industrial User
- Sampling of the Industrial User's discharge
- Laboratory analytical services
- Monitoring the Industrial User's Self-Monitoring
- Inventory control and development
- Systems development and Data Management
- Reporting to local, State and Federal authorities

CURRENT 2006-07 FISCAL YEAR FEE

I & C Fee Class	Annual Fee ($)
1	244
2	488
3	732
4	976
5	1,220
12	2,928

Who is a Significant Industrial User?

A **Significant Industrial User (SIU)** is defined as a discharger that is subject to Federal Categorical Pretreatment Standards; or discharges 25,000 or more gallons per day of process wastewater; or is designated by the Director of the Bureau of Sanitation to have a reasonable potential to adversely affect the City's wastewater collection and treatment facilities; or violates any applicable City, State or Federal standards.

WHAT DOES THE FEE PAY FOR?

A SIU Fee is charged to SIU's in addition to basic Inspection and Control fees. This fee is billed quarterly and in arrears and pays for "additional" levels of services in the areas of activity listed below:

- Permits for the SIU*
- Expanded Inspection of the SIU*
- Additional Sampling of the SIU's discharge*
- Laboratory analytical services for SIUs
- Monitoring the SIUs' Self-Monitoring *
- Additional Inventory control and development
- Additional Systems development and Data Management
- Additional Reporting to State and Federal authorities.*

*Required by Federal Regulation

SIU Group and Classification

I Categorical Industrial Users with an average discharge equal to or greater than 10,000 gallons per day

II Categorical Industrial Users other than Electroplaters with an average discharge less than 10,000 gallons per day

III Category 413 Industrial Users (Electroplaters) with an average discharge less than 10,000 gallons per day

IV Non-Categorical Industrial Users with an average discharge of equal to or greater than 250,000 gallons per day

V Non-Categorical Industrial Users with an average discharge of equal to or greater than 40,000 gallons but less than 250,000 gallons per day

VI Non-Categorical Industrial Users with an average discharge of equal to or greater than 25,000 gallons but less than 40,000 gallons per day OR; any industrial user that is designated by the Director to have a reasonable potential to adversely affect the POTW's operation or for violating any pretreatment standards or requirement