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BMP EOC #4

**TITLE:** SINK USAGE

**Regulatory Citation:** Rensselaer County Sewer District Number 1 (RCSD) No. 1, Article III

**Applicability:** Sink usage and wastewater discharges to sanitary sewer from sinks in the Wood shop, Culinary Department and Cosmetology

**Purpose:** To ensure that no exceedances occur as a result of the use of the sinks

**Person or Department Responsible:** Program Coordinators, Associate Coordinator of Business Services

**Schedule:** Not Applicable

**Procedure:** Hand washing, latex paint brush washing and similar activities are permitted at the sinks in the Wood shop, Cosmetology, or Culinary departments. The washing of brushes and other utensils that were used with solvent based paints, stains, lacquers is prohibited. Hair care products, paints and thinners or other chemicals are prohibited from being directly discharged to the sinks. Materials that can clog drains is also prohibited, such as food grease and other wastes which are to be disposed in drums or dumpsters. In addition, RCSD prohibits:

- Discharges that by their nature cause fire or interferences at the treatment plant;
- Discharges at such a temp that would prohibit biological activity; and
- Discharges with a pH of less then 5.5 or above 9.5.

If paints, thinners, or other flammable/chemical products are suspected to have been discharged to the sanitary sewer or any of the conditions noted above have occurred, then the Associate Coordinator of Business Services must be contacted immediately. The Associate Coordinator will contact the Coordinator of EHS

**Record keeping:** Not applicable

**Record Location:** Not applicable

**Contact:** Asso. Coord of Business Services 273-1900  
Coordinator of Environmental, Health and Safety (629-7163)

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