

Summary Statement

The US Congress created the National Pretreatment Program in 1972 as part of the Clean Water Act to protect the nation's wastewater treatment plants and waterways from a variety of damaging pollutants. In 1981, the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) was given the authority to regulate pretreatment programs in the state of Oregon through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. A NPDES Permit is required for any wastewater treatment plant or manufacturing facility to discharge through a pipe to the nation's waters.

The City of Canby's Pretreatment Program is designed to protect the city collection system, wastewater treatment plant, and Willamette River from harmful pollutants.