

CWQA Press Release

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Winnipeg Sewer Bylaws Clarified for RO discharges

CWQA offered feedback on the City of Winnipeg's proposed sewer bylaws. The feedback, dialogue and cooperation offered by members and the Association resulted in positive feedback on the intent and interpretation of the sewer bylaws.

The Association's concern was that the bylaws were worded in such a manner that it could have been interpreted that it would be impossible to operate a reverse osmosis water system since clean water shall not to be discharged to the sewer.

The City of Winnipeg clarified that the bylaw refers to "non-contact cooling water" or "uncontaminated water", so concern does not exist with the new bylaw. Reverse osmosis systems are permitted to be discharged to the City's sewer.

CWQA thanks the City of Winnipeg for its foresight in consulting with industry on these emerging challenges and welcomes other municipalities to consult with us on any water challenges they may be facing.

A copy of Winnipeg's Sewer Bylaws can be found here:

<http://www.winnipeg.ca/waterandwaste/sewage/projects/sewerBy-law/default.stm>

The anticipated coming into force for these sewer bylaws is January 1, 2011.

The Canadian Water Quality Association is a not-for-profit trade association. Chartered in 1960, the association is a vibrant organization committed to providing members with the tools for success in today's competitive environment. More than 150 companies are members of this influential Canadian industry association. They are the manufacturers, distributors, dealers and allied companies who manufacture and distribute drinking water treatment products.