



March 29, 2010

Luly Massaro, Clerk  
Rhode Island Public Utilities Commission  
89 Jefferson Boulevard  
Warwick, Rhode Island 02888

Subject: Revision to the Narragansett Bay Commission (NBC) Tariffs – Expansion of Definition of Industrial User to Include Industrial Laundries effective May 1, 2010

Dear Ms. Massaro:

Attached please find an original and nine (9) copies of a revision to the NBC Tariffs to clarify the Industrial User classification to include Industrial Laundries.


NBC has historically billed large laundries as Commercial Users since the existing tariffs define Industrial Users as “all structures in which water is utilized for the production and/or manufacturing based operations including non-contact cooling water” and technically a laundry is not using water for production or manufacturing. Further, NBC’s Rules and Regulations specifically define Laundromats as commercial users.

NBC has received inquiries from large laundries questioning their classification as commercial in large part because NBC permits them as Industrial Laundries under the NBC's Pretreatment Program (as defined by the Environmental Protection Agency, see attached). They do not provide laundry services for the general public, nor can the public enter the facilities to do laundry as would occur in a regular laundromat.

Therefore, although these customers were billed correctly based on the existing tariffs, under further review NBC proposes a modification to the tariffs. To clarify and make the Pretreatment and User fee classifications consistent for Industrial Laundries, NBC recommends that the proposed revision to the tariffs be implemented in order that these customers are billed at the Industrial consumption rate. NBC estimates that the revised billing of these three customers will result in annual lost revenue of approximately \$100 thousand.

Please notify Francie Brown at 461-8848 ext. 413 if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Sincerely,

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Director of Administration & Finance

## **EPA Definition of Industrial Laundries**

### **1.2 Scope and Definition of the Industrial Laundries Industry**

EPA has developed the following definition of industrial laundries:

*An industrial laundry* is any facility that launders industrial textile items from off site as a business activity (i.e., launders industrial textile items for other business entities for a fee or through a cooperative arrangement). Either the industrial laundry facility or the off-site customer may own the industrial textile items. This definition includes textile rental companies that perform laundering operations. *Laundering* means washing with water, including water washing following dry cleaning. Laundering exclusively through dry cleaning and oil cleaning of mops in a process that does not use any water are not included in this definition of laundering. *Industrial textile items* include, but are not limited to: industrial shop towels, printer towels/rags, furniture towels, rags, uniforms, mops, mats, rugs, tool covers, fender covers, dust-control items, gloves, buffing pads, absorbents, and filters. If any of these items are used at hotels, hospitals, or restaurants, they are not considered industrial textile items.

A facility that performs any laundering of industrial textile items is classified as an industrial laundry, even if the facility also performs activities that are not defined as industrial laundering. EPA does not include the following activities within the scope of the industrial laundries industry: on-site laundering at industrial facilities (e.g., a chemical manufacturer that washes employee uniforms on site), laundering of industrial textile items originating from the same business entity (e.g., a chain of auto repair shops that operates a central laundry for items from individual shops), and exclusively laundering linen items, denim prewash items, clean room items, new items (i.e., items directly from the textile manufacturer, not yet used for their intended purpose), hotel, hospital, or restaurant items, or any combination of these items. However, EPA does consider hotels, hospitals, and restaurants to be within the scope of the industrial laundries industry if they launder industrial textile items originating from industrial facilities. Linen items include sheets, pillowcases, blankets, bath towels and washcloths, hospital gowns and robes.

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**Commercial** - Fixed fee to be rendered to property owners quarterly. Consumption bills rendered to property owners monthly, quarterly and/or semi-annually as usage data is supplied by the appropriate Water Supply Board.

**Industrial Surcharge** - If any, to be billed with consumption.

### PAYMENT

All bills are due and payable upon receipt. Interest will be charged 30 days after the billing date at the rate of 1% per month on any unpaid balance, including any outstanding interest charges.



TARIFFS OF THE NARRAGANSETT BAY COMMISSION

SCHEDULE B

EFFECTIVE:

Pretreatment Annual Permit Fee:	June 30, 2003
New Sewer Connection Fee:	July 1, 2005
BOD/TSS Surcharge:	June 30, 2003
Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee:	
A. Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee	May 6, 2005
B. Uniform Septage Disposal Fee	April 1, 2008
Sewer Back-up Removal Fee:	March 24, 1995
Abatement Application Fee:	January 29, 2001

Miscellaneous Charges

1. Pretreatment Annual Permit Fee: Applicable to all users regulated under R.I.G.L. 46-25-25 and the NBC's Rules and Regulations.

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
11	<b>Electroplater/Metalfinisher</b>	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$1,811
	Flow ≥ 2,500 < 10,000 GPD	\$3,623
	Flow ≥ 10,000 GPD < 50,000	\$7,246
	Flow ≥ 50,000 GPD < 100,000 GPD	\$10,144
	Flow ≥ 100,000	\$10,869
12	<b>Metal Molding and Casting</b>	\$1,087
13	<b>Organic Chemical Manufacturers</b>	\$7,246
14	<b>Other Categorical Industries</b>	\$1,087
15	<b>Metal Formers</b>	\$5,797
21	<b>Tubbing/Vibratory/Mass Finishing</b>	
	Flow < 5,000 GPD	\$725
	Flow ≥ 5,000 GPD	\$1,449
22	<b>Chemical Transporters, Refiners, Recyclers, Manufacturers</b>	\$2,898
23	<b>Textile Processing Firms</b>	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow ≥ 2,500 < 10,000 GPD	\$3,768
	Flow ≥ 10,000 < 50,000	\$5,072
	Flow ≥ 50,000 GPD	\$7,246

# PROPOSED TARIFFS

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
24	<b>Printers</b>	
	Gravure	\$3,623
	Other Flow $\geq$ 2,500 GPD	\$1,087
	Other Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$725
25	<b>Industrial Laundries</b>	\$3,623
26	<b>Machine Shops/Machinery Rebuilders</b>	\$1,449
27	<b>Other firms discharging toxics and/or prohibited pollutants</b>	
	Flow $\geq$ 10,000 GPD	\$2,898
	Flow $\geq$ 2,500 GPD < 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$725
28	<b>Central Treatment Facilities -</b>	\$14,492
29	<b>Central Treatment Facilities Non-Hazardous Waste</b>	\$4,348
34	<b>Manufacturers with high BOD/TSS wastestreams</b>	
	Flow $\geq$ 100,000 GPD	\$5,797
	50,000 GPD $\leq$ Flow < 100,000 GPD	\$3,623
	10,000 GPD $\leq$ Flow < 50,000 GPD	\$1,811
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$1,087
35	<b>Other facilities discharging conventional pollutants</b>	
	Flow $\geq$ 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725
37	<b>Automotive Maintenance/Service Facilities</b>	
	Small $\leq$ 2 Bays	\$435
	Large $\geq$ 3 Bays	\$1,449
40	<b>Groundwater Remediation/Excavation Projects</b>	
	Flow $\geq$ 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725
41	<b>Recycle or Disconnected Electroplating or Chemical Processes</b>	\$725

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CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
42	Other Process Operations Disconnected or Recycled	\$290
43	Recycle or Disconnected Electroplating or Chemical Processes with Cooling Water or Boiler Discharges	\$870
44	Other Recycled or Disconnected Process Operations with Cooling Water or Boiler Discharges	\$362
46	Cooling Water with Solvent, Toxic and/or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	\$362
49	Other Discharges with Solvents, Toxics and/or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	
	Flow $\geq$ 10,000 GPD	\$1,087
	Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725
51	Cooling Water with No Solvents, Toxic or Hazardous Chemicals on Site	\$362
52	Boiler Blowdown/Condensate	\$362
53	Cooling Tower Discharges	\$362
59	Other Non-Toxic Industrial Discharges	
	Flow $\geq$ 5,000 GPD	\$725
	Flow < 5,000 GPD	\$362
80	Septage Haulers/Dischargers	\$435
81	Food/Fish/Meat/Produce Processing (wholesale)	
	Flow < 1,000 GPD	\$362
	1,000 GPD $\leq$ Flow < 10,000 GPD	\$725
	Flow $\geq$ 10,000 GPD	\$1,449
82	Supermarkets (Retail Food Processing)	\$725
83	Parking Garages/Lots	\$725

# PROPOSED TARIFFS

CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
84	Cooling Water/Groundwater/Boiler Discharges with Potential to Discharge Conventional Pollutants	\$362
85	Restaurants	
	< 50 seats	\$217
	≥ 50 seats < 100 seats	\$435
	>100 seats of fast food ( 2 or more fryolators and/or drive	\$580
86	Commercial Buildings with Cafeteria and/or laundry operations	\$725
89	Other Commercial Facilities with Potential to Discharge Conventional Pollutants	
	< 2,500 GPD	\$362
	≥ 2,500 GPD	\$725
90	Hospitals	\$3,623
91	Cooling Water/Groundwater/Boiler Discharges with Potential to Discharge Toxic, Prohibited and/or Conventional Pollutants	\$362
92	Laundries/Dry Cleaners	
	Laundromats	\$725
	Dry Cleaners with 1 washer or less	\$362
	Dry Cleaners with ≥ 2 washers	\$725
93	Photo Processing	
	< 1,000 GPD	\$362
	1,000 GPD ≤ Flow < 2,500	\$725
	2,500 GPD - 5,000 GPD	\$1,087
	> 5,000 GPD	\$1,449
94	X-Ray Processing	
	≤ 2 processors	\$362
	3 - 4 processors	\$725
	5 - 9 processors	\$1,087
	≥ 10 processors	\$1,449

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CAT #	User Classification	Permit Fee
95	Clinical, Medical and Analytical Laboratories	\$725
96	Funeral Homes/Enbalming Operations	\$362
97	Motor Vehicle Service/Washing Operations	
	rate per tunnel	\$725
	rate per bay	\$217
	maximum rate per facility	\$1,449
99	Other Commercial Users with Potential to Discharge Toxic, Prohibited and/or Conventional Pollutants	
	Flow < 2,500 GPD	\$362
	Flow ≥ 2,500 GPD	\$725

NOTE: All flow rates are based upon operating days.

**2. New Sewer Connection Fee:** Applicable to all applications for a new service connection directly or indirectly to NBC facilities. Payable at the time of application.

Residential	\$260.00 per connection
Commercial	\$779.00 per connection
Industrial	\$779.00 per connection

**3. Sewer Back-up Removal Fee:** Applicable to all visits by Commission personnel to clear a sewer blockage when such blockage is determined to be a private sewer and is cleared by Commission personnel.

Charge: \$75.00 per incident

**4. Septic Tank Waste Discharge Fee:** Applicable to all discharges of septic tank waste into the NBC system.

A. Charge: \$42.00 per thousand gallons

B. Uniform Septage Disposal fee: \$1.00 per every hundred gallons of septage

**5. BOD/TSS Surcharge:** (if applicable)

Charge: \$87.00 per 1,000 pounds of BOD with a concentration > 300 mg/l  
 Charge: \$87.00 per 1,000 pounds of TSS with a concentration > 300 mg/l

\* To be assessed as the result of compliance with an industrial permit or NBC requirement.

**6. Abatement Application Fee:** Applicable to all applicants who request an abatement to sewer user fees charged. Payable at the time of application.

Charge: \$36.00