When evaluating Pretreatment Review Applications, the Pierce County Sewer Utility first determines in which Industrial User category the Applicant’s business belongs. Listed from the greatest potential of discharge strength to the least, the three Industrial User Categories are Significant, Minor and Insignificant. Please use the following flow chart to determine in which Industrial User category your business belongs.

Start Here

Will your facility’s average process wastewater discharge be greater than 25,000 gallons per day?

YES

Your Business will be categorized as a Significant Industrial User

NO

Will your facility’s average total wastewater discharge be greater than 1.4 million gallons per day?

YES

NO

Will your facility be treating and/or discharging hauled waste?

YES

NO

Are you proposing or currently performing any of the business activities covered under the EPA’s Categorical Pretreatment Standards? *

YES

NO

Will water be used for any purpose in your facility other than restrooms, drinking fountains, or break rooms?

YES

NO

Will your building have floor drains, catch basins, sumps or any other outlet to the sewer system located in the same area/room where chemicals, paints, dyes, solvents, cleaners, or fuels are stored or used?

YES

NO

Your Business will be categorized as a Significant Industrial User

Your Business will be categorized as a Minor Industrial User

Your Business will be categorized as an Insignificant Industrial User

*EPA Categorical Industries: dairy product processing, grain mills, canned and preserved fruits and vegetables processing, canned and preserved seafood processing, sugar processing, textile mills, cement manufacturing, concentrated animal feeding operations, electroplating, organic chemicals, plastics, and synthetic fibers, inorganic chemicals manufacturing, soap and detergent manufacturing, fertilizer manufacturing, petroleum refining, iron and steel manufacturing, nonferrous metals manufacturing, phosphate manufacturing, steam electric power generating, or ferroalloy manufacturing