

PERFORMANCE STANDARDS SUMMARY

CWA establishes technology-based performance requirements and compliance dates for different types of dischargers.

Performance requirements developed through effluent guidelines

Direct Dischargers

- New Source Performance Standards (CWA section 306)
- Existing Source Standards (CWA sections 301 and 304)

Indirect Dischargers

- Pretreatment Standards for New Sources
- Pretreatment Standards for Existing Sources

Technology-Based Control Level	Type of Discharger	Conventional	Non-Conventional	Toxic	Compliance Deadline
Best Practicable Control Technology Currently Available (BPT)	Direct - Existing	X	X	X	1-Jul-97
Best Conventional Pollutant Control Technology (BCT)	Direct - Existing	X			31-Mar-89
Best Available Control Technology Economically Achievable (BAT)	Direct - Existing		X	X	31-Mar-89
New Source Performance Standards	Direct - New	X	X	X	Commencement of discharge
Pretreatment Standards for Existing Sources (PSES)	Indirect - Existing	X	X	X	Date specified in regulation
Pretreatment Standards for New Sources (PSNS)	Indirect - New	X	X	X	Commencement of discharge

New Source (direct)

[40 CFR 122.2](#)

Any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants, the construction of which commenced:"
 - after promulgation of applicable New Source Performance Standards in the effluent guidelines, or
 - after proposal of applicable New Source Performance Standards in effluent guidelines, but only if the standards are promulgated within 120 days of proposal.

Existing Discharger (direct)

[40 CFR 122.29\(a\)\(3\)](#)

Any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants which is not a new source or a new discharger.

New Discharger (direct)

[40 CFR 122.2](#)

Any building, structure, facility, or installation from which there is or may be a discharge of pollutants that did not commence the discharge of pollutants at a particular site prior to August 13, 1979, which is not a new source, and which never received a finally effective NPDES permit