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BMP Photography #4

**TITLE:** SINK USAGE

**Regulatory Citation:** Rensselaer County Sewer District Number 1 Regulations

**Applicability:** The rinsing of any containers or disposal of their contents into the sink. Routine hand washing is allowed.

**Purpose:** To ensure that sewer discharges do not violate the County sewer regulations or damage/clog receiving pipes

**Person or Department Responsible:** Photography Faculty

**Schedule:** As needed

**Procedure:** The disposal of chemicals to the sink is prohibited. Rinsing of empty containers is allowable, but disposal of chemicals from their container by dumping in the sink is not allowed, but is addressed in BMP #1.

Rinsing of processed photographs and used developer solution is allowed.

Discharge of materials that can clog drains is prohibited, such as food grease and other wastes which are to be disposed of in drums and dumpsters, respectively. In addition, RCSD prohibits:

- Discharges that by their nature cause fire or interferences at the POTW;
- Discharges at such a temp that would prohibit biological activity; and
- Discharges with a pH of less than 5.5 or above 9.5.

**Photography staff will monitor the pH of effluent by checking the pH meter readings in the rear storage room. If the pH meter indicates a reading of less than 5.5 or more than 9.5, discharging to the sink drains will be stopped immediately and the solution neutralized before discharging continues.**

If chemicals, oils or a condition noted above has been or is suspect to have been discharged to the sanitary sewer then the Coordinator of Environmental, Health and Safety must be contacted immediately.

**Record keeping:** Not applicable

**Record Location:** Not applicable

**Contact:** Coordinator of Environmental, Health and Safety (629-7163)  
Photography Instructor 629-7583

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