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BMP Medical Imaging #2

**TITLE:** SINK USAGE

**Regulatory Citation:** Rensselaer County Sewer District (RCSD) 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:** Department Chair

**Schedule:** As needed

**Procedure:** Waste chemicals will not be discharged to drains unless a determination has been made that it is permissible, based on State and Federal hazardous waste regulations and Rensselaer County Sewer regulations. In addition, 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.

Medical Imaging staff will check the pH of photographic chemicals before discharging to the drain. If the pH test indicates a reading of less than 5.5 or greater than 9.5, the chemical will be neutralized before discharging.

If chemicals, oils or a condition noted above has been or is suspect to have been accidentally 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)  
Department Chair (629-7123)

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