SAN FRANCISCO PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
GENERAL MANAGER ORDER
WASTE PHARMACEUTICALS DISPOSAL PROHIBITION

San Francisco Charter section 4.126 authorizes the General Manager to adopt rules and regulations governing matters within the jurisdiction of the SFPUC, subject to subsequent action by the Commission, if any, to modify the General Manager's exercise of such authority.

On January 23, 1992, the San Francisco Board of Supervisors adopted Article 4.1 of the Public Works Code. Article 4.1 sets discharge limitations and prohibitions for the discharge of waste to the sewer system, and authorizes the General Manager to adopt limitations.

Article 4.1 prohibits the discharge of harmful wastes into the sewer system, and authorizes the General Manager to adopt limitations imposing specific discharge requirements and to promulgate rules to accomplish the pollution prevention purposes of the Article.

The General Manager determines that adopting the following rule will further the purposes of Article 4.1 of the San Francisco Public Works Code and will protect human health and water quality:

Effective on and after March 1, 2016, no person shall discharge, deposit, throw, cause, allow or permit to be discharged, deposited or thrown into the City's sewerage system any pharmaceuticals, including prescription and non-prescription, except intravenous solutions containing only water and either sodium chloride, dextrose or electrolytes.

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