

Section 2 - Definition of Terms

Applicant – Any person or entity desiring to connect sanitary sewer facilities to the WMU system.

Business Hours – Hours that WMU has customer service representatives available to handle customer inquiries and/or complaints. (Monday – Friday: 7:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.)

Capacity, Management, Operations, and Maintenance (cMOM) – Flexible program of accepted industry practices to properly manage, operate and maintain sanitary wastewater collection, transmission and treatment systems, investigate capacity-constrained areas of these systems, and respond to SSO events.

Closed-Circuit Television (CCTV) – The means by which the internal condition of a pipe or other subsurface structure is visually inspected.

Collection System – The network of pipes, manholes, and associated appurtenances that conveys wastewater to the wastewater treatment plant.

Comprehensive Planning Document – Document prepared to help guide the future growth and development of a community.

Developer Extension – Sewer line and appurtenance constructed and installed by a private entity to be connected to the WMU collection system.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) – United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 4. Federal regulatory agency with respect to the Clean Water Act and Consent Decree.

Force Main Sewer – A pressurized sewer line that conveys wastewater to some point in the gravity collection system or to the wastewater treatment plant.

Full Time Employee (FTE) – Individual employed by WMU working a 40-hour work week.

Geographic Information System (GIS) – A spatially related, automated mapping database created and maintained by WMU of WMU's collection system and appurtenant structures.

Gravity Sewer – A sewer line that utilizes gradient to transport wastewater to a pump station or the wastewater treatment plant.

Infiltration – The introduction of ground water into the gravity wastewater conveyance system by such means as defective pipes, pipe joints, connections, or manholes.

Inflow – The introduction of surface water runoff to the gravity wastewater conveyance system from sources such as roof leaders, basement, driveway and yard drains, manhole covers, and cross connections from storm sewers.

Kentucky Division of Water (KDOW) – State regulatory agency with respect to the Clean Water Act and Consent Decree.

Manhole – Structure within the sanitary sewer collection system that can be accessed to visually inspect and perform maintenance on the collection system. Typically located at intersections with other line sections or changes in vertical elevations.

Non-business Hours – Hours that WMU customer service representatives are not available to handle customer inquiries and/or complaints. 4:00 p.m. – 7:00 a.m.

Private Sewer – A sewer not meeting any or a portion of the criteria for ownership and perpetual maintenance as set forth in WMU Policy 408.1 (See Appendix B).

Pump Station – That part of the sanitary sewer collection system responsible for conveying sewage under pressure from a gravity portion of the sewer collection system to another gravity sewer or to the treatment plant.

Pump Station Technician(s) – WMU personnel who perform routine maintenance checks on the pump stations appurtenant to the collection system.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) – Discharge of sewage from anywhere other than a permitted discharge point to the waters of the Commonwealth or to wet weather ditches or systems that discharge to waters of the Commonwealth.

Satellite Facility – Wastewater facility (or facilities) serving two or more residential, commercial, or industrial customers, proposed to be connected to or acquired by WMU.

Sanitary Sewer Overflow Response Plan (SORP) – Guidance document that delineates WMU's options for responding to sanitary sewer system overflows.

Service Lateral – Pipes that convey sewage from homes and businesses and transport that sewage to the publicly-owned collection system.

Unpermitted Bypass – Any discharge to the waters of the United States from the Wastewater Treatment Plant which constitutes a prohibited bypass as defined in 40 C.F.R. § 122.41(m).

Waters of the Commonwealth – Any and all rivers, streams, creeks, lakes, ponds, impounding reservoirs, springs, wells, marshes, and all other bodies of surface or underground water, natural or artificial, situated wholly or partly within or bordering upon the Commonwealth or its jurisdiction as defined by KRS 224.01-010.

WMU Cleanout – A vertical pipe with a removable cap extending from a service lateral to the surface of the ground. It is used for access to the service lateral from the limits of the easement or the right-of-way to the publicly-owned, gravity sewer for inspection and maintenance. Typically, the WMU cleanout is located at the limit of the easement or right-of-way line.