

## **Why doesn't GRC do its own wastewater treatment?**

### **Question:**

Why doesn't GRC treat its own water?

Is there a policy to prohibit a WWTP? It was discussed long ago, but nothing happened. In a facility this large, there typically would be on-site treatment.

Other centers are doing it. Obviously there is some benefit, so why not here?

### **Answer:**

Whether wastewater is treated here or at a facility in Cleveland makes no difference.

It's not a pollution prevention ("improvement") thing; it's regulatory.

Other centers treat their own water probably because they need to.

Certain chemicals can't be put into the wastewater system, e.g., mercury.

When GRC discharges to the sanitary sewer, we do still need a permit.

But this is less than the cost and effort it would take to build our own.

- Space, permits, resources, water standards, etc., etc.

Bottom line -- we don't want to get into it.

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