

Subpart B—Electroplating of Precious Metals Subcategory

§ 413.20 Applicability: Description of the electroplating of precious metals subcategory.

The provisions of this subpart apply to discharges of process wastewaters resulting from the process in which a ferrous or nonferrous basis material is plated with gold, silver, iridium, palladium, platinum, rhodium, ruthenium, or any combination of these.

§ 413.21 Specialized definitions.

For the purpose of this subpart:

(a) The term *sq m* (“sq ft”) shall mean the area plated expressed in square meters (square feet).

(b) The term *operation* shall mean any step in the electroplating process in which a metal is electrodeposited on a basis material and which is followed by a rinse: This includes the related operations of alkaline cleaning, acid pickle, stripping, and coloring when each operation is followed by a rinse.

§§ 413.22–413.23 [Reserved]

§ 413.24 Pretreatment standards for existing sources.

Except as provided in 40 CFR §§ 403.7 and 403.13, any existing source subject to this subpart which introduces pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works must comply with 40 CFR part 403 and achieve the following pretreatment standards for existing sources (PSES):

(a) No user introducing wastewater pollutants into a publicly owned treatment works under the provisions of this subpart shall augment the use of process wastewater or otherwise dilute the wastewater as a partial or total substitute for adequate treatment to achieve compliance with this standard.

(b) For a source discharging less than 38,000 liters (10,000 gal) per calendar day of electroplating process wastewater the following limitations shall apply:

SUBPART B—PRECIOUS METALS FACILITIES DISCHARGING LESS THAN 38,000 LITERS PER DAY PSES LIMITATIONS (MG/L)

Pollutant or pollutant property	Maximum for any 1 day	Average of daily values for 4 consecutive monitoring days shall not exceed
CN, A	5.0	2.7
Pb6	.4
Cd	1.2	.7

(c) For plants discharging 38,000 liters (10,000 gal) or more per calendar day of electroplating process wastewater the following limitations shall apply:

SUBPART B—PRECIOUS METALS FACILITIES DISCHARGING 38,000 LITERS OR MORE PER DAY PSES LIMITATIONS (MG/L)

Pollutant or pollutant property	Maximum for any 1 day	Average of daily values for 4 consecutive monitoring days shall not exceed
Ag	1.2	0.7
CN, T	1.9	1.0
Cu	4.5	2.7
Ni	4.1	2.6
Cr	7.0	4.0
Zn	4.2	2.6
Pb6	.4
Cd	1.2	.7
Total metals	10.5	6.8

(d) Alternatively, the following mass-based standards are equivalent to and may apply in place of those limitations specified under paragraph (c) of this section upon prior agreement between a source subject to these standards and the publicly owned treatment works receiving such regulated wastes:

SUBPART B—PRECIOUS METALS FACILITIES DISCHARGING 38,000 LITERS OR MORE PER DAY PSES LIMITATIONS (MG/SQ M-OPERATION)

Pollutant or pollutant property	Maximum for any 1 day	Average of daily values for 4 consecutive monitoring days shall not exceed
Ag	47	29
CN, T	74	39
Cu	176	105
Ni	160	100
Cr	273	156
Zn	164	102
Pb	23	16
Cd	47	29
Total metals	410	267