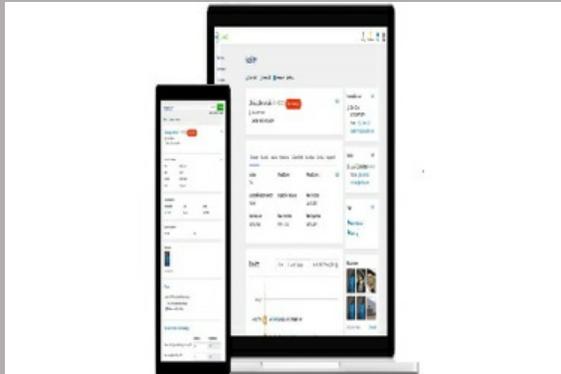


FOG Program Data Management



As manager of a FOG abatement program, working with multiple municipalities, departments, inspectors, pumpers, and FSEs, you need all your information together in one place, accessible anywhere, anytime. You want an online platform that will support your program, reduce costs, and be efficient and easy to use.

You want a data-driven, not effort-driven program. That means you want to look at all the hands-on interactions and reduce those by employing a database so you can focus more on FOG management instead of personnel management. A database that is online and easily accessible is ideal. It will allow you, FSEs, and/or liquid waste transporters to easily input data and information needed to track FSE compliance; help you prioritize FOG management activities based on data; and generate necessary FSE notifications, letters, and reports with just a few clicks.

Paying \$14K-\$40K annually to input data is considered by many to be outdated, inefficient, and less effective, especially for FOG programs with many FSEs. Instead, you can pay a scalable rate for an online data system based on the size



WSA funded by USDA to provide training and assistance for 2021-22

How can we help you?

The [Pollution Prevention Resource Center](#) (PPRC), through its [Western States Alliance](#) (WSA) Program, is proud to announce that it has been selected for continued funding by the [U.S. Department of Agriculture's Rural Utilities Service](#) for FY 2021-22 to administer the "The National FOG Abatement Technical Assistance and Training Program". Each year, we strive to design our program to reflect, and address the needs of the programs we train and communicate with during the project. Our project begins October 1st and ends on September 30th, 2022. The following tasks will be covered in this year's scope of work:

Conduct Trainings – The WSA will conduct 20 trainings (10 virtual and 10 in-person) in at least ten states. We will begin posting the states in which we will be scheduling our trainings at www.westernstatesalliance.org in October 2021.

Develop Instructional Videos – The WSA will produce three videos and make them readily available online at our [National Resource Reference Guide \(NRRG\)](#), also located at www.westernstatesalliance.org. These videos will address the following issues: "Pumping out the Grease Interceptor", "Cleaning out the Grease Interceptor," and "Using Outcomes to Triage FSE Inspections." We will notify the national FOG community when, and which video(s), will be made available on the WSA website. Stay tuned!

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of your program. It is far more affordable and way easier to handle and manage. Municipalities need to seriously consider a better way in which to manage their FOG programs that gives them clear analytics that shows them what they need to know and how to be proactive and not reactive. In the latest **[Blog Post from WSA](#)**, read a comparison of three popular, commercially-available online programs to consider. They are not the only online programs available but will get you started with your evaluation to determine what will fulfill your FOG abatement program management needs.

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2021 Pacific Northwest Virtual Pretreatment Workshop:

Registration Open

Nov 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 2021

9:00 am - 1:00 pm PT, each day

Registration: \$300

CEUs: Up to 2.0 for WA-OR-ID

The annual PNPW Workshop brings pretreatment professionals from across the region to receive technical training on a variety of topics, updates from EPA and state programs, up-to-date policy news, and information on newest technologies on the market.

Register Now

[Reference Guide \(NRRG\)](#) -- a "one-stop" shop of compiled and WSA-developed documents such as, 1) how to develop or enhance a FOG Program, 2) how to characterize FOG sources, 3) understanding regulatory requirements, 4) developing control authority enforcement response plans, and 5) how to establish a program administration, is available for public consumption as well as many more resources. The WSA will continue updating and adding current information to this resource. To view the NRRG, click on <https://westernstatesalliance.org/tech-resources/industrial-pretreatment/>.

Publish Electronic Quarterly Newsletter –

We will continue to develop and distribute 4 quarterly newsletters, with relevant technical and policy articles to all FOG programs throughout the nation. [Past newsletters](#) are also posted at WSA.

Conduct FOG Forum -- Every year, PPRC plans, organizes, and facilitates a Pacific Northwest FOG Forum for wastewater professionals to meet and discuss solutions to FOG-related environmental and structural issues facing many communities. Past FOG Forum presentations are posted at WSA. If trainees are interested in attending the Forum (has yet to be determined if it will be virtually or in-person), the WSA has limited travel and registration scholarship available that can be awarded to qualified attendees. Qualifications will be developed in early 2022.

Measurement -- PPRC recognizes that after training, Programs need to implement a FOG Abatement Program in order to reduce or eliminate the deleterious effects of FOG in the wastewater conveyance system. PPRC will develop a survey designed to extract as much outcome and implementation data detailing what has been implemented and what savings, or FOG abatement, has been achieved since receipt of training. Data will be collected from programs trained since 2018.

The WSA is available to **provide technical assistance** to establish or improve a FOG abatement program, particularly for small, rural communities. If you have any questions regarding your program, and would like technical assistance in the form of training or information, you can **[contact any of the WSA staff](#)** for assistance.

Contact WSA Staff for
assistance



National Resource Reference Guide (NRRG)

National Resource Reference Guide

Purpose

The FOG National Reference Resource Guide is a “one-stop” shop to learn about Fats, Oils, and Greases (FOG), its value as a resource, its problems in sewer conveyance lines, its contribution to sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs), its cost of treatment, and how a municipality can establish or enhance a FOG Abatement program.

FOG & Pretreatment News

WSA Newsletter

PPRC Blog

Interceptor Whisperer

PDI Standards and Info

Updates to the Reference Guide (NRRG)

Implementing a FOG Abatement program takes time and planning. It will definitely save your municipality money, reduce damage to your infrastructure, and potentially prevent sanitary sewer overflows, so it's worth the effort. This website is a “one stop shop” of resources you need to help you plan and implement your FOG Abatement Program.

Several updates have recently been posted.

- [WSA's Grease Interceptor Product Standards](#) (2019 Editions) – this thorough, informative 19-page document reviews and explains product standards which ensure that approved devices operate in accordance with minimum performance or design requirements. It includes information on the standards that govern grease interceptors (plumbing standards and sizing methods) and testing and rating of grease interceptors.
- [Preferred Pumper Program](#) – two videos on establishing a Preferred Pumper Program (PPP) have been added. The 5-minute video, [Starting a 3P](#) explains what a preferred pumper program is and the reasons to have one. The 20-minute video, [How To Guide: “Starting a Preferred Pumper Program”](#) provides more detail on why you need a PPP, Standards to follow, how to collaborate with pumpers and other stakeholders, benefits of a PPP, legal authority, and challenges and opportunities.
- [WSA's Key Contacts](#) was recently updated. It is a document that contains the names and contact information of state wastewater authorities.
- [The City of Denton, TX](#) responded to 45 sanitary sewer overflows (SSOs) in 2012 with implementation of a FOG Abatement program. See their keys to success and remaining challenges in the [Denton FOG Program Case Study](#). It is interesting to note that they find success in failed inspections!
- [FOG Source Control Guide](#) - the document provides an

understanding of the fixtures impacted by FOG, effective pretreatment, and kitchen best management practices.

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