

PIPES Fact Sheet

The Point Source Information and Provision Exchange System (PIPES) is an electronic Bulletin Board System (BBS) that is owned by EPA's Office of Wastewater Management's (OWM) Permits Division. It is operated and managed by Permits Division staff with contractor assistance. It has been operational since August 1994. While the original intent of PIPES was to support state and local pretreatment coordinators and the pretreatment program in general, OWM expects to expand its focus to support other OWM interests such as Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), Stormwater, and Sludge.

The PIPES BBS is free and is available to anyone with an interest in wastewater management. The system is "user friendly" enough to use without a users manual, however, a draft User Manual (PIPESMAN.ZIP) is available for downloading from the file area in the "Pretreatment" Special Interest Group. Users are strongly encouraged to upload files/documents of general interest to other users.

If additional information is needed, please call the EPA Work Assignment Manager, Tony Smith at (202) 260-1017.

Features:

PIPES operates 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (except for routine maintenance)

Special Interest Groups (Pretreatment, CSOs, Stormwater, EPA Regions)

File Uploading and Downloading capabilities

Electronic Mail Message Functions

Bulletin Items

News Announcements (Meetings, Conference Calls, etc.)

Access Number and Parameter Settings:

PIPES Access Number: (703) 821-4695

PIPES User Support Number: (703) 821-4697

Operating Speed: Up to 14,400 baud

Data Bits: 8

Stop Bit: 1

Parity: No

Full Duplex or No Local Echo

Terminal Emulation: ANSI or VT-100