

Outline of Revised Wastewater Allocation Procedures

Lehigh County Authority Service Area

Following approval of the "Post-1985 Allocation" Agreement by Lehigh County Authority, the Boroughs of Macungie and Alburtis, and the Townships of Lower Macungie, Lowhill, Upper Macungie, Upper Milford, and Weisenberg, the following guidelines are now in effect for allocation of wastewater treatment capacity:

1. All available allocation is to be placed in a "General Pool", available to all residential and non-residential users on a first-come, first-served basis.
2. An application for allocation may not be filed with a municipality until final subdivision approval has been given.
3. Substantial effort deadlines must be met or the allocation is lost, with no reimbursement of fees, and the treatment capacity returned to the General Pool. Substantial deadlines:
 - a) Within 2 years from the allocation approval date, an occupancy permit for the unit(s) on the property must be issued by the local municipality.
 - b) For additional use by an existing user (a holder of previously approved allocation), at least 80% of the new additional allocation and all previous allocation must be utilized within 3 years from the new allocation approval date.
 - c) For purpose of municipal construction of sanitary sewer facilities to serve existing development, awarding construction contracts within 18 months and completion of the project within 5 years from the date allocation was received, shall preclude loss of allocation.
4. All allocation shall remain with the land and unit for which it has been purchased. This condition applies to all past and future allocations.
5. All allocation applications shall be submitted to the appropriate municipality. Following approval by the municipality, it will be forwarded to Lehigh County Authority. The Authority will take action on all applications; applications for 50,000 gallons per day (gpd) or greater must be reviewed with the LCA signatories prior to approval.

When an application is filed, all fees must accompany it. Currently, for every municipality, two fees are charged - the municipality fee and the LCA fee. Typically, LCA fees are revised annually at mid-year. Effective 1 July 2009, the LCA fees are as follows:

	2010 Rate (per gallon per day)
LCA Fee:	
Treatment Allocation Fee	\$4.71
W. Lehigh Interceptor Fee	2.10
L. Lehigh Relief Interceptor Fee	<u>0.84</u>
Total	\$7.65

For residential units, an allocation of 223 gpd is considered as one EDU (equivalent dwelling unit).

Applicants should check with the municipality within which the property is located for the respective municipality fees.

Copies of the "Post-1985 Allocation" Agreement are available by contacting Pat Mandes at 610-398-2503 or at patmandes@lehighcountyauthority.org.