



Gabriel Gazette

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2010 User Charge Rates

On November 11th, the MWRD announced the new User charge rates listed below.

What does this mean for your company? Most likely, you'll be paying more to the MWRD next year.

John Polich, president of Gabriel Environmental, stood up at the public meeting on these rates and opposed these increases. Gabriel understands that our clients are facing tough economic times and are already being forced to cut costs and jobs to compete in the market today. Increasing rates 15-16% on top of these challenges is unfair.

Gabriel cares about our clients, because YOU are the reason we have grown over the past 35 years from a small operation to one of the most trusted names in environmental consulting in Chicago.

Gabriel may be able to help you save money on your User Charge costs. If you're interested in exploring these cost saving measures, contact John Polich at jpolich@gabrielenvironmental.com or 773-486-2123 today to discuss the specifics at your facility.

A. Commercial-Industrial

Users:

Liquid

2009 \$229.37 per million gallons
2010 \$262.44 per million gallons
Percentage change 14%

BOD

2009 \$231.90 per thousand pounds
2010 \$270.68 per thousand pounds
Percentage change 16%

Suspended Solids (SS)

2009 \$174.25 per thousand pounds
2010 \$200.33 per thousand pounds
Percentage change 15%

B. Tax Exempt Users

Liquid

2009 \$235.96 per million gallons
2010 \$269.25 per million gallons
Percentage change 14%

BOD

2009 \$238.56 per thousand pounds
2010 \$277.70 per thousand pounds
Percentage change 16%

Suspended Solids (SS)

2009 \$179.25 per thousand pounds
2010 \$205.53 per thousand pounds
Percentage change 15%

C. Operations, Maintenance and Replacement (OM&R) Factor

2009 0.504
2010 0.557
Percentage change 10%

Gabriel Hosts Energy Efficiency Forum

Early this month, Gabriel hosted a Energy Efficiency Forum for a standing room only crowd.

A group of over 25 LEED Council Members, business owners, architects, and community members gathered at Gabriel to discuss various strategies to improve energy efficiency.

Jim McNally of McNally Industries, Brian Linenhan of Delphi Energy, Erinn Monroe of Commonwealth Edison, and Gabriel's own John Polich all spoke about various strategies they and their companies are working on to use less energy and improve the efficiency of their energy usage.

Gabriel and the LEED Council thank everyone who attended and presented at the forum. If you are interested in the presentations, the LEED Council will be making them available in their next E-Newsletter. If you are interested in learning more about the forum, please contact John Polich at 773-486-2123

Free Warm Winters!

Winter weather has officially arrived, in all it's sub-zero, blustery glory.

In order to help you stave off the frostbite, **Gabriel is happy to send you your very own FREE coffee mug!**

Perfect for keeping tea, coffee, or hot chocolate warm on these frigid days, using a reusable mug reduces your impact on the environment by refraining from one-use cups.

So what are you waiting for? Email Sarah Polich at spolich@gabrielenvironmental.com for your FREE mug today!

RD-925 Info Due Soon!

As a reminder to all Users regulated by the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD), RD-925 User Charge Annual Reports are due to the MWRD by February 20th, 2010.

All users are required to submit these forms. Interest and fines are assessed for late submittals.

If you need Gabriel to complete your forms, please forward this information:

- Water bills for one year (Nov. 2008–Nov. 2009 will work)
- Itemized bills for real estate taxes paid in 2009

- Most recent MWRD monthly payment invoice (RD-913)
- Sub-meter readings, if applicable

All information must be received as soon as possible to ensure on-time filing. Forms will be completed in the order they are received, so don't delay in sending over your information.

Email your information to bmchale@gabrielenvironmental.com or mail to:

Gabriel Environmental Services
1421 N. Elston Ave.
Chicago, IL 60642
Attn: RD 925

Gabriel Gives Back

Gabriel understands the importance of investing in and supporting our local communities.

In November, Gabriel sponsored the Give-A-Little Gala for the Chicago Jesuit Academy, a full-scholarship, college preparatory middle school for young men from modest economic backgrounds. The Gala was held at the Chicago History Museum and raised more than \$100,000 for the Academy Associates Scholarship Fund.



For the holiday season, Gabriel and their employees provided Christmas gifts for children through the Dept. of Children and Family Services, as well as for the children at the Chicago Jesuit Academy. For every child that a Gabriel employee or friend adopted through the Christmas program, Gabriel agreed to match that child with another. All together Gabriel provided 130 children with gifts this holiday season.

Gabriel would like to thank all our employees, friends, and family who donated time, money, and wrapping skills to help make these kids' holidays brighter! A special thank you to Sarah Polich for once again doing a fantastic job coordinating all 130 kids!

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