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## Industrial Wastewater Control Program Audit at Committee

SAN DIEGO – Tomorrow, the City of San Diego's Audit Committee will hear a discussion item on the Industrial Wastewater Control Program – Part II audit. The Public Utilities Department's (PUD) Industrial Wastewater Control Program (IWCP) represents a key element of the City of San Diego's environmental management efforts. IWCP permits, monitors, and inspects a variety of industries across the City and twelve other participating agencies to detect and minimize the discharge of toxic substances into the metropolitan sewerage system. IWCP is essential for securing a secondary treatment waiver from the federal government, which helps the City avoid approximately \$2 billion in upgrade costs to the Point Loma Wastewater Treatment Plant. IWCP also plays an increasingly significant role as the Pure Water Program is implemented.

The overall objectives of this audit were to determine (1) whether IWCP maintains a complete and accurate inventory of industrial users within the Metropolitan Wastewater Area; and (2) whether and to what extent IWCP has inspected and issued a permit to regulated industrial users. The City Auditor made two findings and seven recommendations.

WHO:	City of San Diego's Audit Committee
WHAT:	<u>Item 2: Performance Audit of the Public Utilities Department's Industrial Wastewater</u> <u>Control Program – Part II</u>
WHEN:	Wednesday, March 17 at 9AM
WHERE:	Meeting Webinar: https://sandiego.zoomgov.com/j/1617003853

Councilmember Vivian Moreno represents the Eighth Council District of the City of San Diego, which includes the communities of Barrio Logan, Egger Highlands, Grant Hill, Logan Heights, Memorial, Nestor, Ocean View Hills, Otay Mesa, San Ysidro, Shelltown, Sherman Heights, Stockton, and the Tijuana River Valley.