

# Introduction to Combined Wastestream Formula

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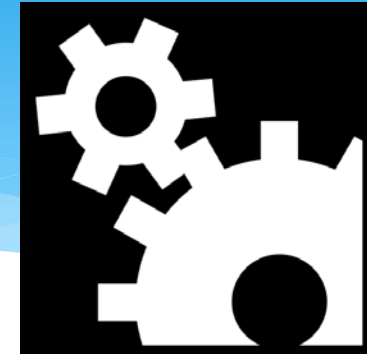
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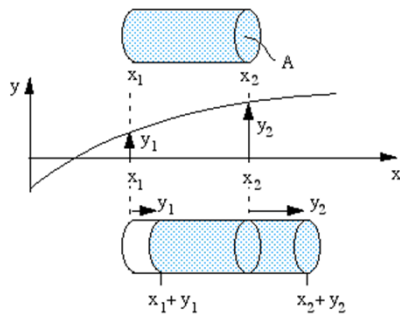
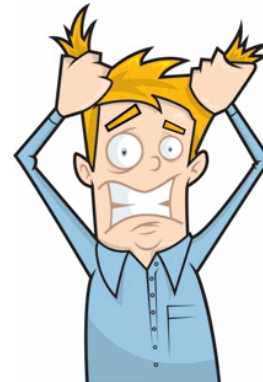
# Talking Points

- \* What is the CWF?
- \* How to use the CWF:
  - \* Step 1 – Identify Wastestreams
  - \* Step 2 – Determine comingled wastestreams
  - \* Step 3 – Determine flow volumes for each wastestream
  - \* Step 4 – Determine applicable pollutants
- \* Example Calculations

# Combined Wastestream Formula



\*What the CWF?!!



$$4x^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4x^2 - 1 &= 0 \\ a=4, b=0, c=-1 \\ x &= \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \\ &= \frac{-0 \pm \sqrt{0^2 - 4(4)(-1)}}{2(4)} \\ &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{16}}{8} = \pm \frac{4}{8} = \pm \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{solution set } \left\{ -\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}$$

# What is CWF?

- \* 40 CFR 403.6(e)
- \* Alternative categorical pollutant limits for comingled wastestreams
- \* Prior to treatment
- \* Applicable categorical pollutants
- \* CIUs only

# Combined Wastestream Formula (CWF) - Definitions

- \* **Regulated Wastestream** - process wastestream that is regulated by a categorical standard for pollutant 'x'
- \* **Unregulated Wastestream** – one that is not a regulated wastestream or a dilute wastestream

# Combined Wastestream Formula (CWF) - Definitions

- \* **Dilute Wastestream** - includes the following:
  - \* Sanitary wastewater – unless stated otherwise in the categorical standard
  - \* Noncontact cooling water, boiler blowdown – except in certain cases
  - \* Wastestreams listed in Appendix D to Part 403

# What are “Alternative Limits”

- \* **Derived using CWF**
- \* **For each regulated pollutant**



# Benefits of Using CWF Method

- \* Combine and monitor different categorical streams
- \* No need to treat and sample separately
- \* Encourage treatment of unregulated flow
- \* Compare categorical standards and local limits
- \* Treat a combined flow



# Waste streams and Calculations

**Combined Wastestream Formula (CWF)** is used where regulated, unregulated, and/or dilution wastestreams are combined prior to pretreatment.

~~— **Flow Weighted Average (FWA)** formula is used when regulated, unregulated, and/or dilution wastestreams combine after pretreatment, but prior to the specified monitoring location.~~

# CWF Considerations

- \* Enforceable as categorical standards
- \* Established for each regulated pollutant
- \* May require converting concentration-based standards to mass-based, or vice versa
- \* Calculated for daily maximum and long-term averages
- \* Must be greater than analytical detection limit
- \* Special considerations

# Who has to calculate CWF?

- \* Control Authority/Permit Writer
- \* IU provides information
- \* Control Authority may allow IU to perform CWF

# What do IUs have to do?

- \* Provide information – schematics, flows, etc.
- \* Report changes
  - \* Production
  - \* Wastestream(s) flows
  - \* Wastestream(s) configuration
  - \* Manufacturing process
  - \* Pollutant concentrations

# What about categorical standards that require zero flow?

- \* “Zero discharge of process wastewater pollutants”
  - \* state as condition in permit
- \* “No discharge allowance for process wastewater pollutants”
  - \* discharge allowed but considered dilution

# STEPS FOR APPLYING CWF TO DEVELOP ALTERNATIVE LIMITS



# Step 1: Wastestream(s) Identification

- \* Regulated, Unregulated, or Dilute
- \* Types(s) or regulated streams
- \* Information sources: permit, permit application, visual inspections, etc.



# Step 2: Comingling of Wastestreams

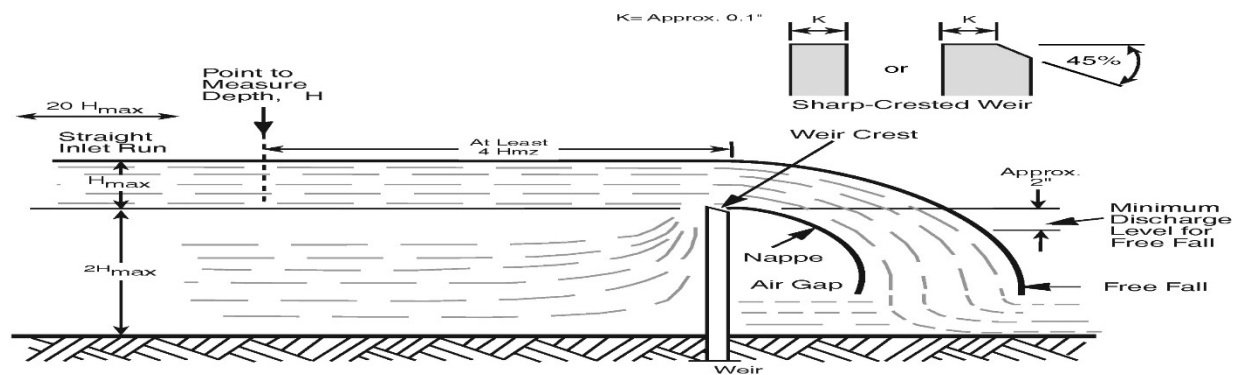
- \* Which wastestreams?
- \* Where?
- \* Before treatment?





# Step 3: Flow Volumes

- \* Determine flows for each wastestream
- \* See EPA's Industrial User Inspection and Sampling manual for POTWs



# Step 4: Applicable Pollutants

- \* The CWF must be applied to every applicable categorical standard
- \* Local limits must be considered after alternative limits are developed

# CWF: Alternative Concentration Limit Formula

$$C_T = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N C_i F_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N F_i} \times \left( \frac{F_T - F_D}{F_T} \right)$$

Where:

$C_T$  = Alternative CWF concentration limit

$C_i$  = Categorical pretreatment standard concentration limit for regulated stream "i"

$F_i$  = Average daily flow for regulated stream "i"

$F_T$  = Average daily flow through combined treatment facility (TOTAL)

$F_D$  = Average daily flow of "dilute" streams

# Combined Wastestream Formula

$$(\text{Alt concentration limit})_T = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N (\text{CB'd std})_i \times (\text{ave daily flow})_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N (\text{ave daily flow})_i} \times \frac{(\text{Ave daily flow})_T - (\text{Ave daily flow})_D}{(\text{Ave daily flow})_T}$$

Where CB'd std = concentration based standard

T = the combined wastestream

i = regulated stream i

D = dilute wastestream(s)

N = total number of regulated streams

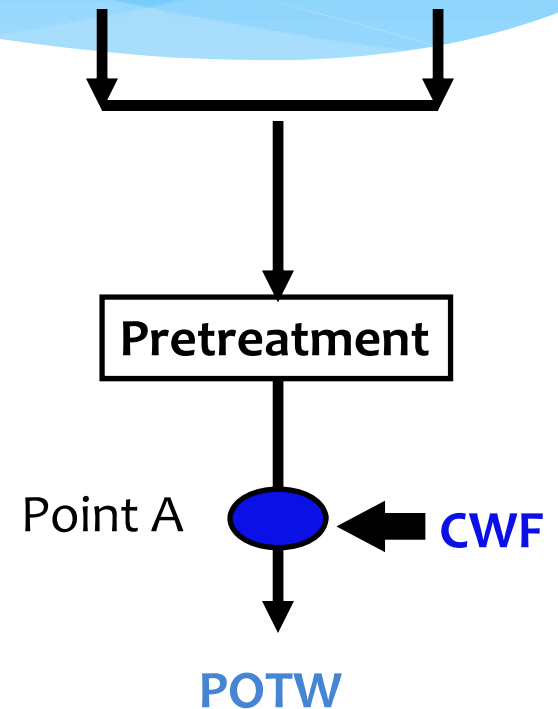
# Example of CWF Calculation

## Given

- \* Electroplating:
  - \* Wastestream Type ..... Regulated
  - \* Flow ..... 0.02 mgd
  - \* Daily Max Zn Limit ..... 2.61 mg/l
  - \* Max Monthly Zn Limit .. 1.48 mg/l
- \* Sanitary Waste:
  - \* Wastestream Type ..... Dilution
  - \* Flow ..... 0.003 mgd
  - \* Daily Max Zn Limit ..... N/A
  - \* Max Monthly Zn Limit .. N/A

Regulated

Dilution



# Example of CWF Calculation

\* **Daily Max Zn<sub>cwf</sub> =**

$$\frac{2.61 \frac{mg}{l} \times 0.02 \text{ mgd}}{(0.02 \text{ mgd})} \times \frac{(0.02 \text{ mgd} + 0.003 \text{ mgd}) - 0.003 \text{ mgd}}{0.02 \text{ mgd} + 0.003 \text{ mgd}} = 2.27 \text{ mg/l}$$

\* **Max Monthly Average Zn<sub>cwf</sub> =**

$$\frac{1.48 \frac{mg}{l} \times 0.02 \text{ mgd}}{(0.02 \text{ mgd})} \times \frac{(0.02 \text{ mgd} + 0.003 \text{ mgd}) - 0.003 \text{ mgd}}{0.02 \text{ mgd} + 0.003 \text{ mgd}} = 1.29 \text{ mg/l}$$

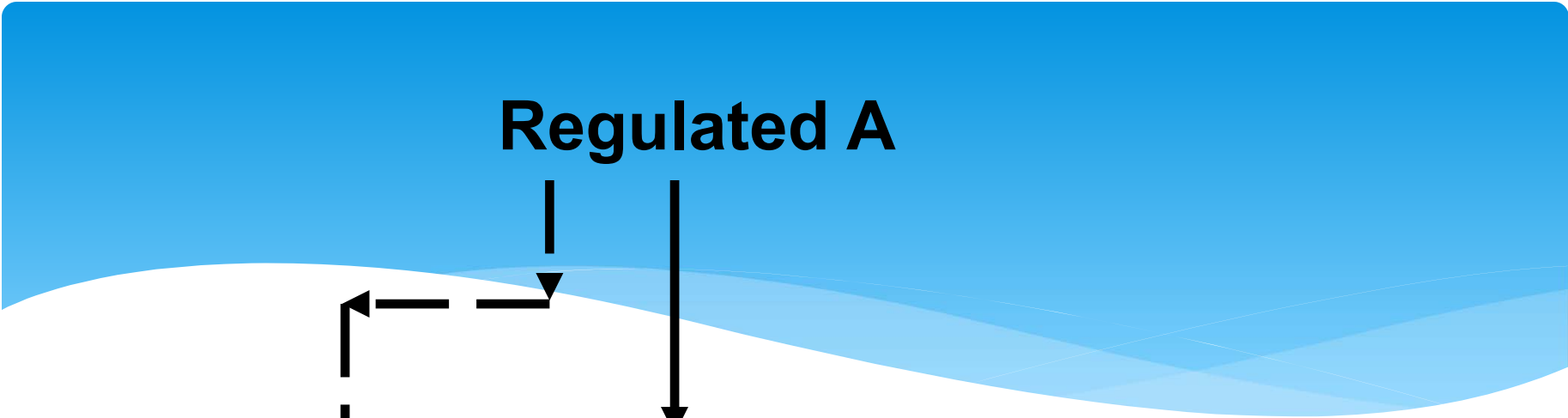
# Example of CWF Calculation

- **Daily Max Zn<sub>cwf</sub> =**

$$\frac{2.61 \text{ mg/l} \times 0.02 \text{ mgd}}{(0.02 + 0.003) \text{ mgd}} = 2.27 \text{ mg/l}$$

- **Max Monthly Ave Zn<sub>cwf</sub> =**

$$\frac{1.48 \text{ mg/l} \times 0.02 \text{ mgd}}{(0.02 + 0.003) \text{ mgd}} = 1.29 \text{ mg/l}$$



**Regulated A**

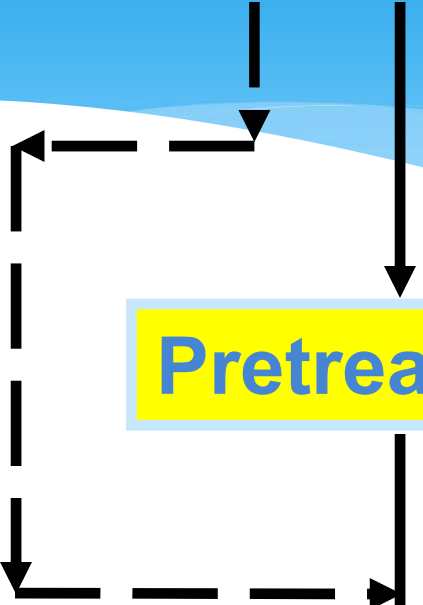
**Pretreatment**

**Local Limit  
Applies Here**

**Categorical Standard  
Applies Here**



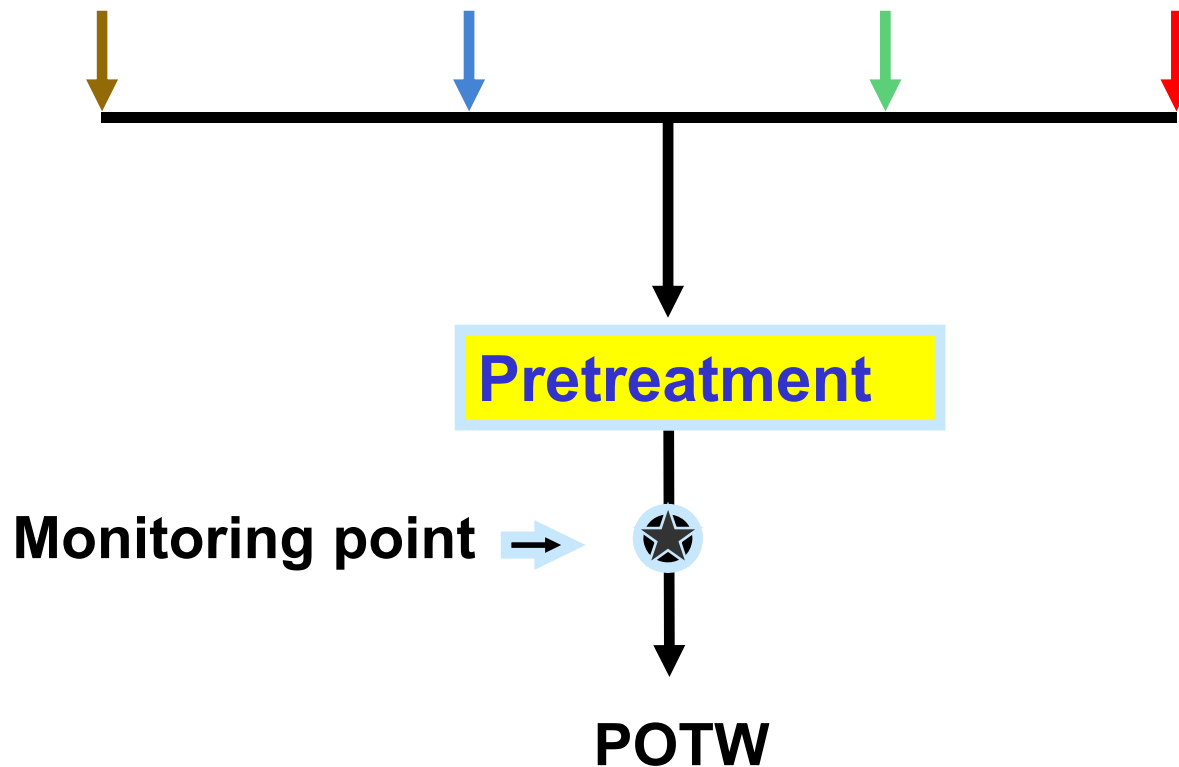
**POTW**





# Combined Wastestream Formula (CWF)

Regulated A   Regulated B   Unregulated   Dilution



# CWF vs. FWA

Regulated

Unregulated

Dilution

Pretreatment

Point A



CWF

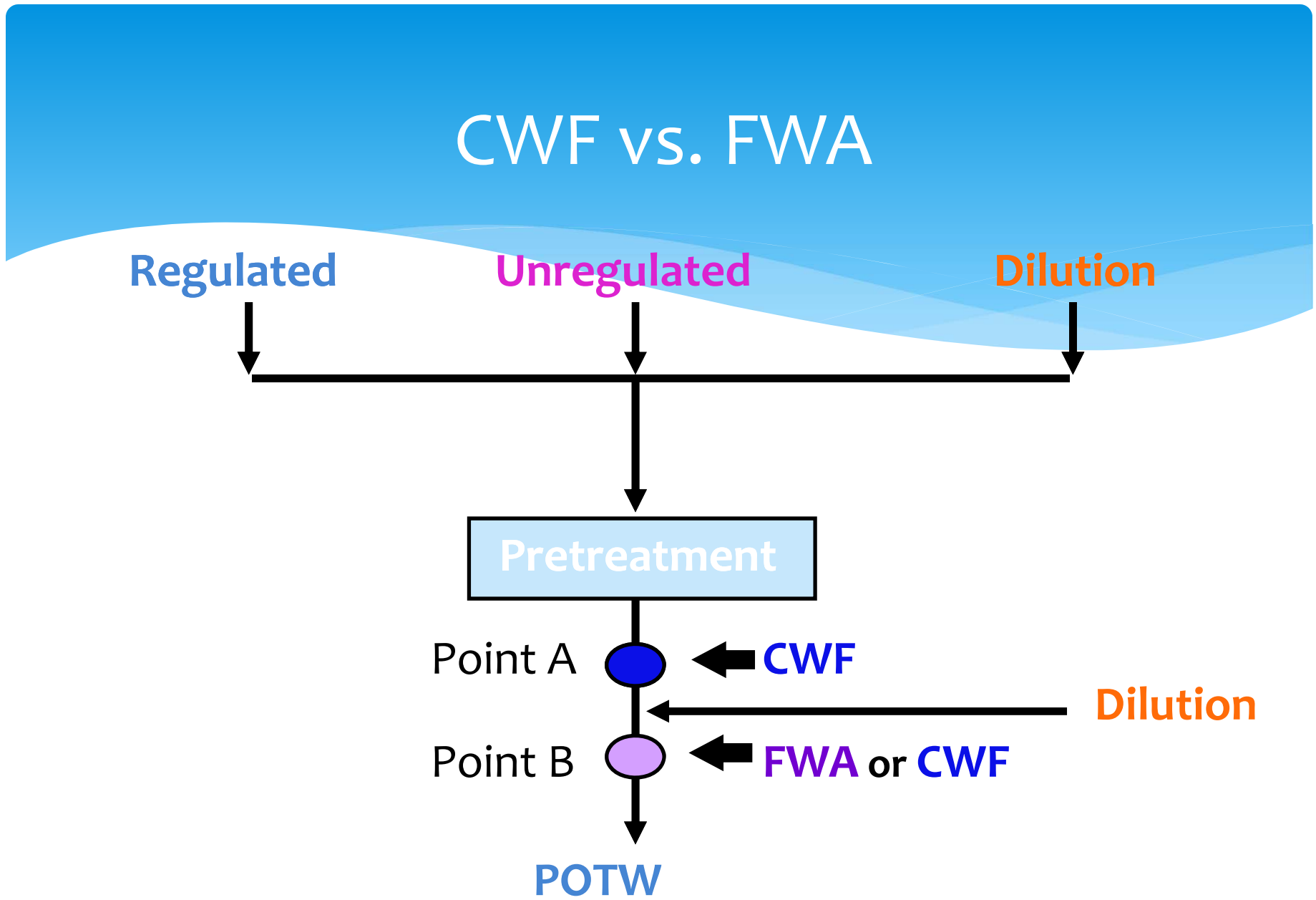
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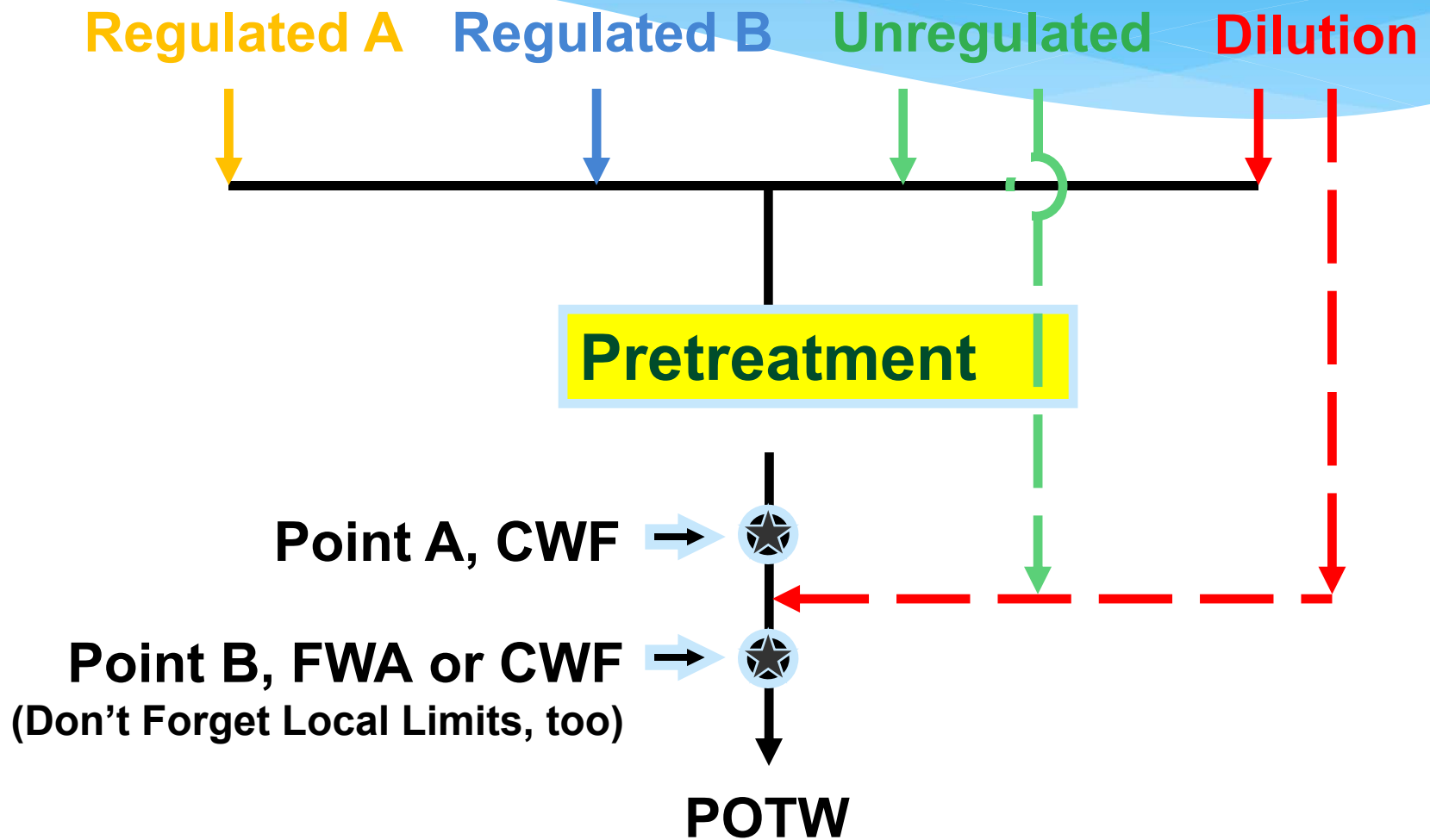
FWA or CWF

Dilution

POTW



# CWF vs. FWA



Category	Wastestream Type	Average Flow(MGD)	Daily Max. Zn limit(mg/l)	Max. Monthly Avg. Zn limit(mg/l)
Metal Finishing	Regulated	0.025	2.61	1.48
Porcelain Enameling (Subpart A)	Regulated	0.020	1.33	0.56
Facility washdown	Unregulated	0.0005	full credit	full credit
Cooling tower bleedoff	Dilution	0.0003	N/A	N/A

### CWF limit calculations

Daily Maximum Zn<sub>CWF</sub> =

$$\frac{(2.61 \text{ mg/l} * 0.025 \text{ MGD}) + (1.33 \text{ mg/l} * 0.02 \text{ MGD})}{(0.025 \text{ MGD} + 0.02 \text{ MGD})} \times \frac{(0.025 + 0.02 + 0.0005) \text{ MGD}}{(0.025 + 0.02 + 0.0005 + 0.0003) \text{ MGD}} = 2.03 \text{ mg/l}$$

Maximum Monthly Average Zn<sub>CWF</sub> =

$$\frac{(1.48 \text{ mg/l} * 0.025 \text{ MGD}) + (0.56 \text{ mg/l} * 0.02 \text{ MGD})}{(0.025 \text{ MGD} + 0.02 \text{ MGD})} \times \frac{(0.025 + 0.02 + 0.0005) \text{ MGD}}{(0.025 + 0.02 + 0.0005 + 0.0003) \text{ MGD}} = 1.06 \text{ mg/l}$$

# CWF: Alternative Mass Limit Formula

$$M_T = \sum_{i=1}^N M_i \times \left( \frac{(F_T - F_D)}{\sum_{i=1}^N F_i} \right)$$

Where:

$M_T$  = Alternative CWF mass limit

$M_i$  = Categorical mass limit for regulated stream "i" multiplied by appropriate measure of production

$F_i$  = Average daily flow for regulated stream "i"

$F_T$  = Average daily flow through combined treatment facility (TOTAL)

$F_D$  = Average daily flow of "dilute" streams

Category	Wastestream Type	Average Flow(MGD)	Daily Max. Cu Equivalent Mass Limit (lbs/day)	Maximum Monthly Avg. Cu Equivalent Mass Limit (lbs/day)
Copper Forming	Regulated	0.10	2.0	1.0
Facility washdown	Unregulated	0.01	full credit	full credit
Boiler blowdown	Dilution	0.0003	N/A	N/A

### *CWF limit calculations*

$$\text{Daily Maximum Cu}_{\text{CWF}} = 2.0 \text{ lbs/day} * \frac{(0.10 + 0.01 + .0003) \text{ MGD} - (0.0003)}{0.10 \text{ MGD}} = \underline{2.2 \text{ lbs/day}}$$

$$\text{Maximum Monthly Average Cu}_{\text{CWF}} = 1.0 \text{ lbs/day} * \frac{(0.10 + 0.01) \text{ MGD}}{0.10 \text{ MGD}} = \underline{1.1 \text{ lbs/day}}$$

## FWA, Adjusted Mass Limit:

Pretreatment effluent mass limit (CWF adjusted where necessary)

+

Actual mass of pollutant in nonregulated wastestream(s) added after pretreatment

## FWA, Adjusted Concentration Limits:

Pretreatment effluent concentration limit (CWF adjusted where necessary)

x

Flow at pretreatment effluent

+

Actual mass of pollutant in nonregulated wastestream(s) added after pretreatment

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Flow at monitoring location

Apply when “unregulated” wastestreams are combined after pretreatment

# **Additional Examples** **(“hands on”)**



## Slide 32

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Will there be a hands on exercise? If not, add the problem description to this presentation. If hands-on, the problem description is included as part of a seperate hand-out.

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## Problem CWF - 1 SOLUTION

- Job Shop (Electroplater) - Discharging < 10,000 gpd process wastewater.
- Use “concentration” CWF - (limits in mg/l)

$$C_T = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^N C_i F_i}{\sum_{i=1}^N F_i} \times \frac{F_T - F_D}{F_T}$$

- Since there's only one “regulated” wastestream, simplify CWF to:

$$C_T = C_i \times \frac{F_T - F_D}{F_T}$$

Problem CWF - 1 -- SOLUTION (continued)

- Apply the “CWF Factor” to all of the regulated pollutants

$$C_T = C_i \times 0.67$$

- Table E6-4 ADJUSTED

Pollutant	Daily Max (mg/l)	-Day Average (mg/l)
Cadmium	0.80	0.47
Lead	0.40	0.27
Cyanide, A	3.35	1.81
TTO	3.06	---

Problem CWF - 1 -- SOLUTION (continued)

- Applicable “Limit” is the most stringent:

Pollutant	Alternate PSES (mg/l)		Local Lim. (mg/l)	Permit Limit (mg/l)	
	Daily Max	4-Day Ave	Daily Max	Daily Max	4-Day Ave
<b>Cadmium</b>	<b>0.80</b>	<b>0.47</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.45</b>	<b>0.47</b>
<b>Chromium</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Copper</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>2.05</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Lead</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.27</b>	<b>0.50</b>	<b>0.40</b>	<b>0.27</b>
<b>Nickel</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>4.00</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Silver</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>1.65</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Zinc</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>2.50</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Cyan. T</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>1.00</b>	<b>No Limit</b>
<b>Cyan. A</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>3.3</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>TTO</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>No Limit</b>	<b>3.05</b>	<b>No Limit</b>

## Problem CWF – 2-- SOLUTION

- Determine “regulated”, “un-regulated” and “dilute” wastestreams
- **Regulated**: 10,000 gpd electronic components, 7,000 gpd metal finishing
- **Dilute**: 2,000 non-contact cooling (prior to pretreatment), 1,000 gpd domestic (after pretreatment)
- **Un-regulated**: 5,000 gpd boiler blowdown (after pretreatment)
- For all pollutants, the CWF is used to determine limits at Point B

$$\text{Zn}_{\text{cwfB}} = \frac{(\text{Zn}_{\text{ec}} \times F_{\text{ec}}) + (\text{Zn}_{\text{mf}} \times F_{\text{mf}})}{F_{\text{ec}} + F_{\text{mf}}} \times \frac{F_{\text{B}} - F_{\text{dB}}}{F_{\text{B}}}$$

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- **Un-regulated**: 5,000 gpd boiler blowdown (after pretreatment)
- For all pollutants EXCEPT Zinc, the CWF is used to determine limits at Point B (since boiler blowdown is un-regulated for Zn)
- For Zn, CWF-adjusted limits at Point B and CWF-adjusted limits at Point A and further adjusted by FWA at Point B are calculated.
- MOST STRINGENT APPLIES FOR Zinc

$$\text{Zn}_{\text{cwfB}} = \frac{(\text{Zn}_{\text{ec}} \times F_{\text{ec}}) + (\text{Zn}_{\text{mf}} \times F_{\text{mf}})}{F_{\text{ec}} + F_{\text{mf}}} \times \frac{F_{\text{B}} - F_{\text{dB}}}{F_{\text{B}}}$$

Problem CWF – 2 -- SOLUTION (continued)

- For Zn - Daily Maximum at Point B:

$$\text{Zn}_{\text{cwfB}} = \frac{(1.38 \text{ mg/l} \times 10,000) + (2.61 \times 7,000)}{10,000 + 7,000} \times$$

$$\frac{(7,000 + 10,000 + 2,000 + 1,000 + 5,000) - (2,000 + 1,000)}{(7,000 + 10,000 + 2,000 + 1,000 + 5,000)}$$

*NOTE - Boiler Blowdown not in "dilute" quantity*

$$\text{Zn}_{\text{cwfB}} = 1.66 \text{ mg/l}$$

Problem CWF – 2 -- SOLUTION (continued)

- Next, Zn - Daily Maximum at Point A:

$$Zn_{cwfA} = \frac{(Zn_{ec} \times F_{ec}) + (Zn_{mf} \times F_{mf})}{F_{ec} + F_{mf}} \times \frac{F_A - F_{dA}}{F_A}$$

$$Zn_{cwfA} = \frac{(1.38 \text{ mg/l} \times 10,000) + (2.61 \times 7,000)}{10,000 + 7,000} \times \frac{(7,000 + 10,000 + 2,000) - (2,000)}{(7,000 + 10,000 + 2,000)}$$

$$Zn_{cwfA} = 1.69 \text{ mg/l}$$



Problem CWF – 2 -- SOLUTION (continued)

- Next, Zn - Daily Maximum at Point B Using FWA:

$$Zn_{fwaB} = \frac{(Zn_A \times F_A) + (Zn_{ur} \times F_{ur}) + (Zn_d \times F_d)}{F_B}$$

$$Zn_{fwaB} = \frac{(1.69 \text{ mg/l} \times 19,000) + (4.0 \times 5,000) + (0 \times 1,000)}{19,000 + 5,000 + 1,000}$$

$$Zn_{fwaB} = 2.08 \text{ mg/l}$$

Problem CWF – 2 -- SOLUTION (continued)

Pollutant	Point A		Local Limit	Permit Limit (mg/l)	
	Daily Max	4-Day Average	Daily Max	Daily Max	4-Day Average
Cadmium	0.29	0.11	0.45	0.29	0.11
Chromium	1.36	0.79	2.50	1.36	0.79
Copper	0.02	1.85	2.05	2.05	1.85
Lead	0.84	0.37	0.50	0.50	0.37
Nickel	3.56	2.13	4.00	3.56	2.13
Silver	0.38	0.21	1.65	0.38	0.16
Zinc	1.69	0.84	2.50	1.66	0.84
Cyanide, T	1.07	0.58	1.00	1.07	0.58
Cyanide, A	0.77	0.29	No Lim.	0.77	0.29
TTO	1.62	No Lim.	No Lim.	1.62	No Lim.
Fluoride	31.3	16.1	No Lim.	31.3	16.1

YM3 Problem CWF – 2 -- SOLUTION (continued)

Pollutant	Point A		Point B		Loc. Lim.	Permit Limit (mg/l)	
	D. Max	4-D Ave	D. Max	4-D Ave.	Daily Max	Daily Max.	4-Day Ave
Cadmium	0.29	0.11	0.21	0.08	0.45	0.21	0.08
Chromium	1.36	0.79	1.04	0.60	2.50	1.04	0.60
Copper	.02	1.85	2.30	1.41	2.05	2.05	1.41
Lead	0.84	0.37	0.64	0.28	0.50	0.50	0.28
Nickel	3.56	2.13	2.71	1.62	4.00	2.71	1.62
Silver	0.38	0.21	0.29	0.16	1.65	0.29	0.16
Zinc	1.69	0.84	1.66	0.83	2.50	1.66	0.83
Cyan. T	1.07	0.58	0.82	0.44	1.00	0.82	0.44
Cyan. A	0.77	0.29	0.58	0.22	No Lim.	0.58	0.22
TTO	1.62	No Lim.	1.23	No Lim.	No Lim.	1.23	No Lim.
Fluoride	31.3	16.1	23.8	12.2	No Lim.	23.8	12.2

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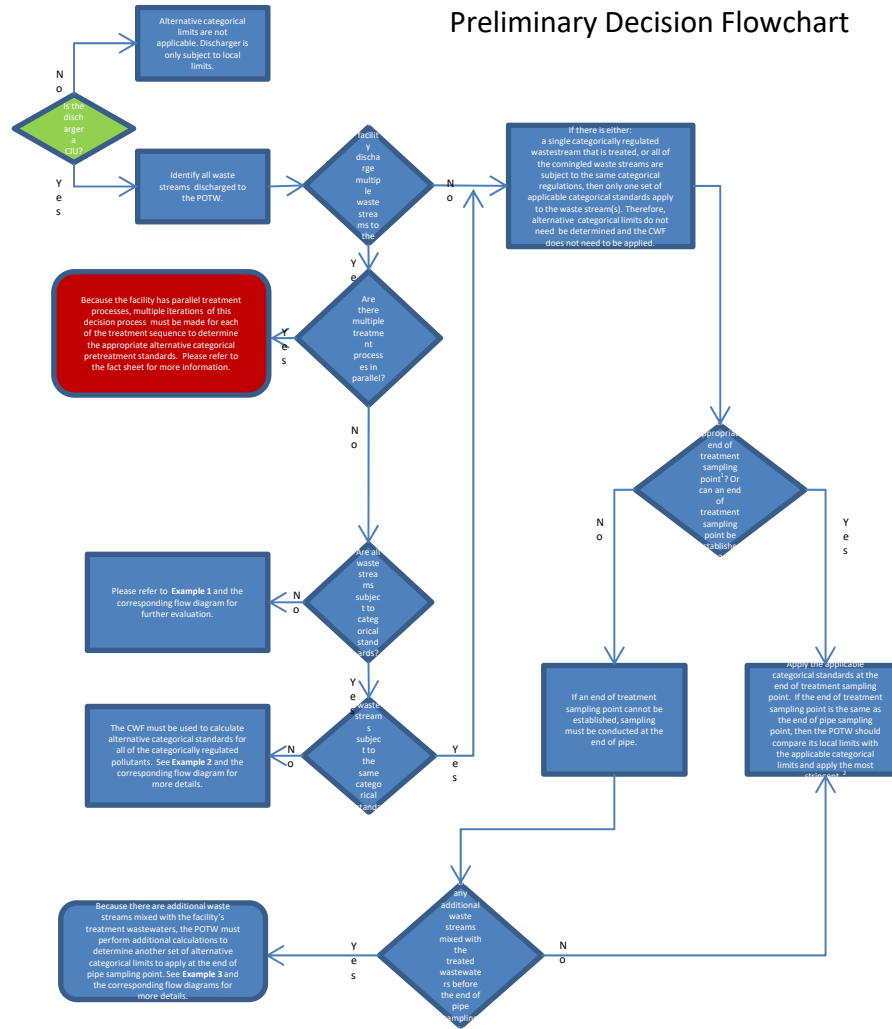
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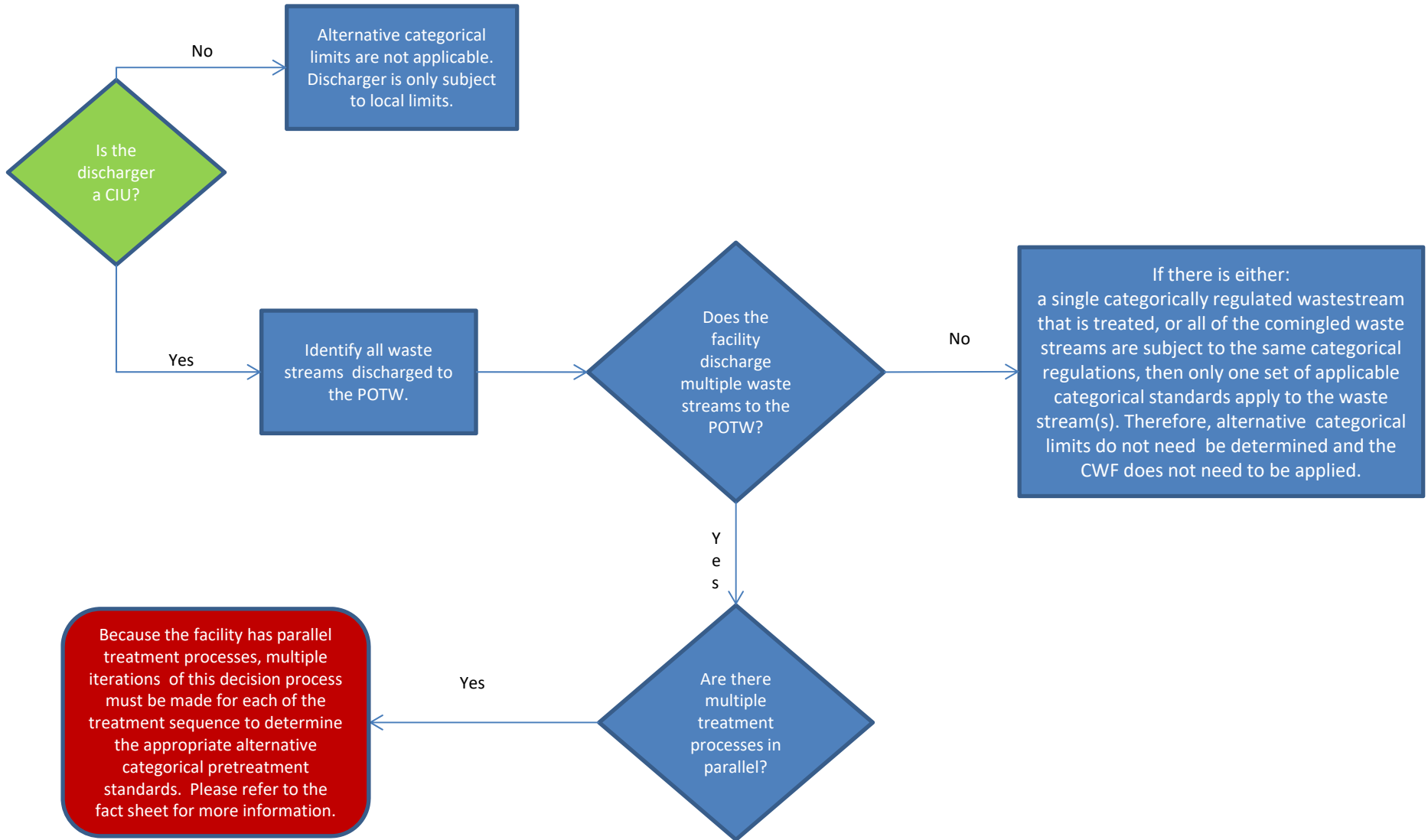
# Preliminary Decision Flowchart



1. For this scenario, end of treatment sampling point is the same as the end of process sampling point because the facility is subject to only one categorical standards, and all of the categorical process wastewater is treated through one treatment process.
2. If there are no other wastestreams commingled with the treated wastewater between the end of treatment sampling point and the facility's connect to the POTW's sewers, the end of treatment sampling point is the same as an end of pipe sampling point. Because this sampling point is also considered the end of pipe sampling point, the POTW must compare its local limits with the applicable categorical standards and apply the most stringent limit.

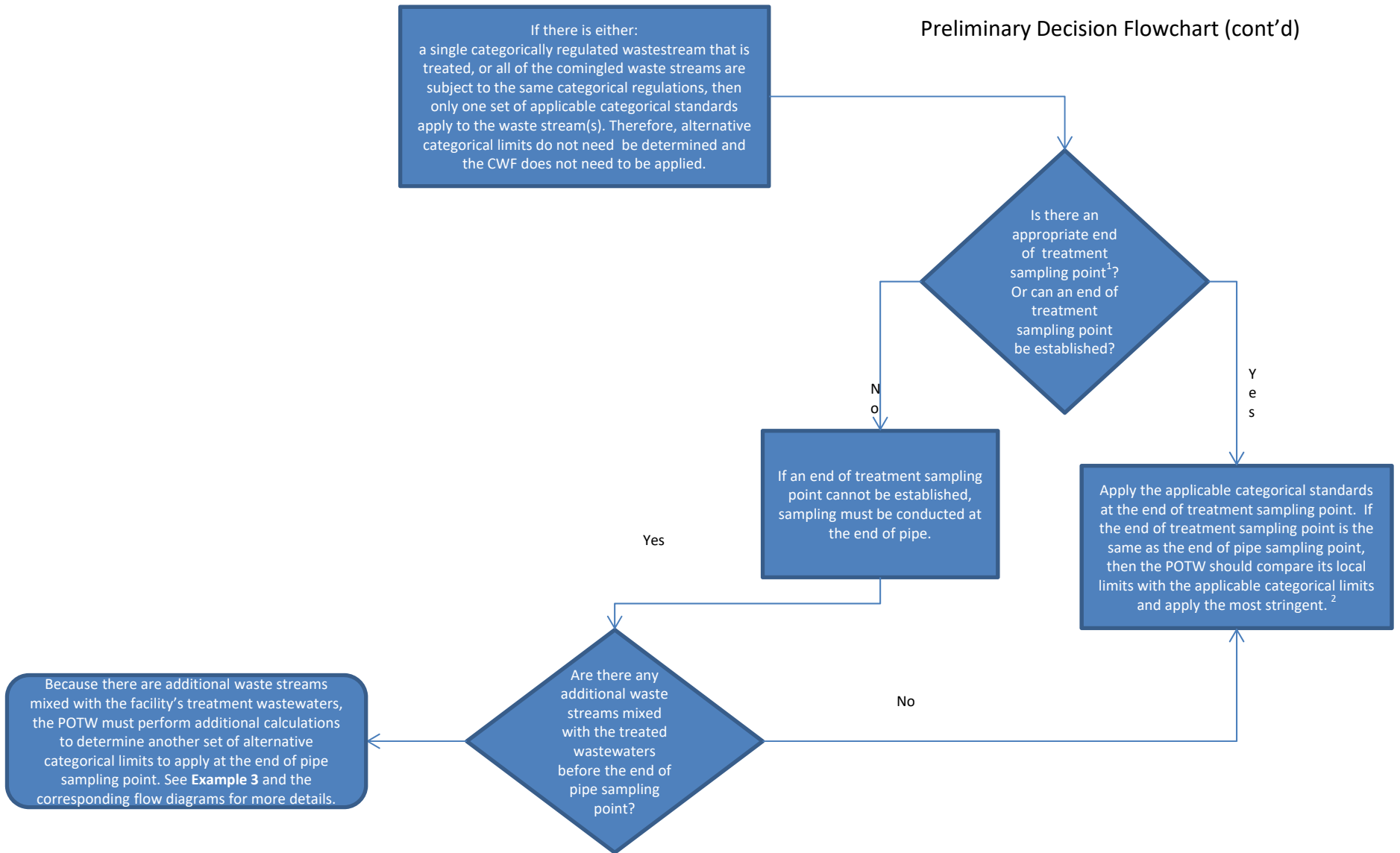
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Preliminary Decision Flowchart



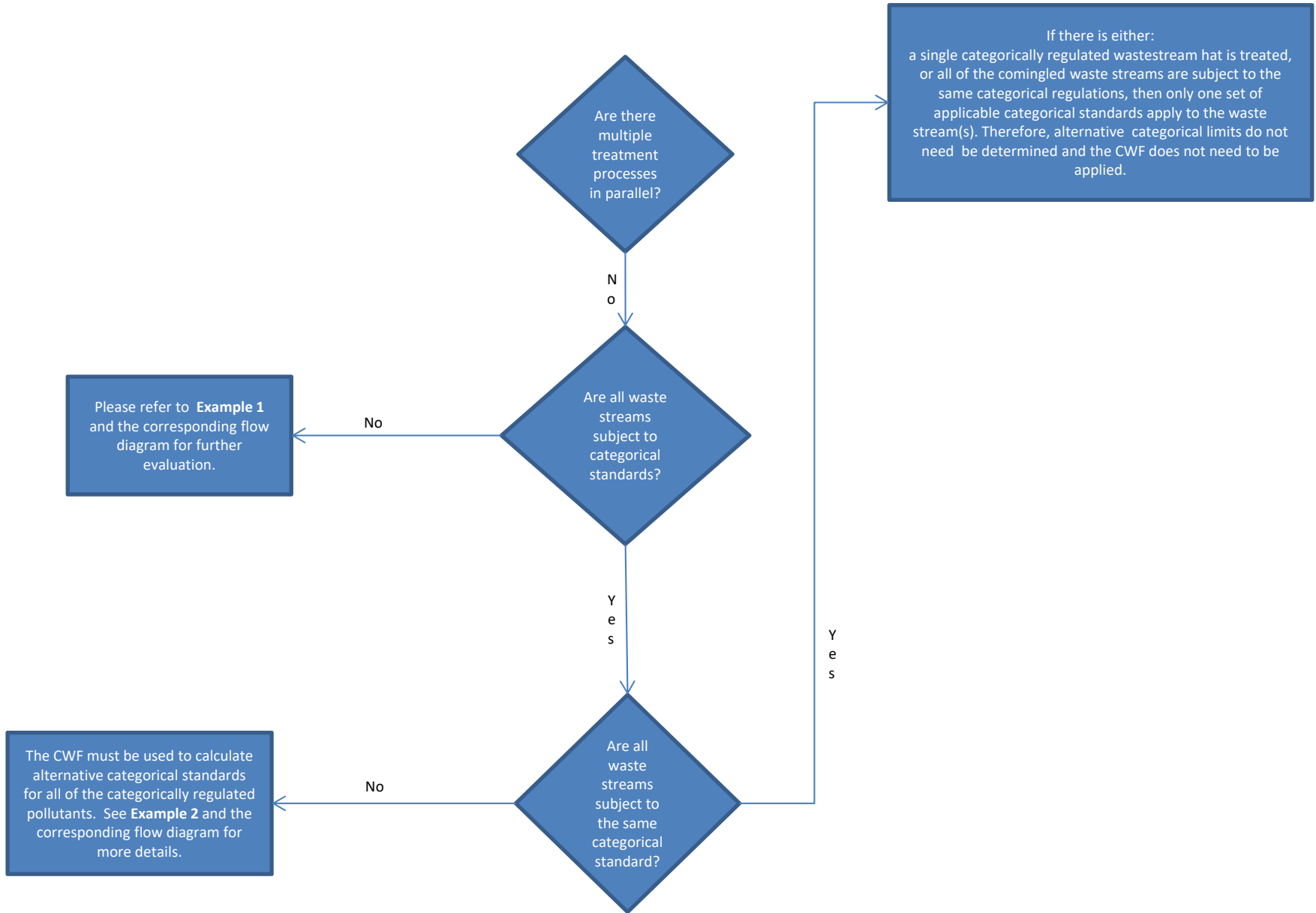
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## Preliminary Decision Flowchart (cont'd)



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## Preliminary Decision Flowchart (cont'd)





# Preliminary Decision Process

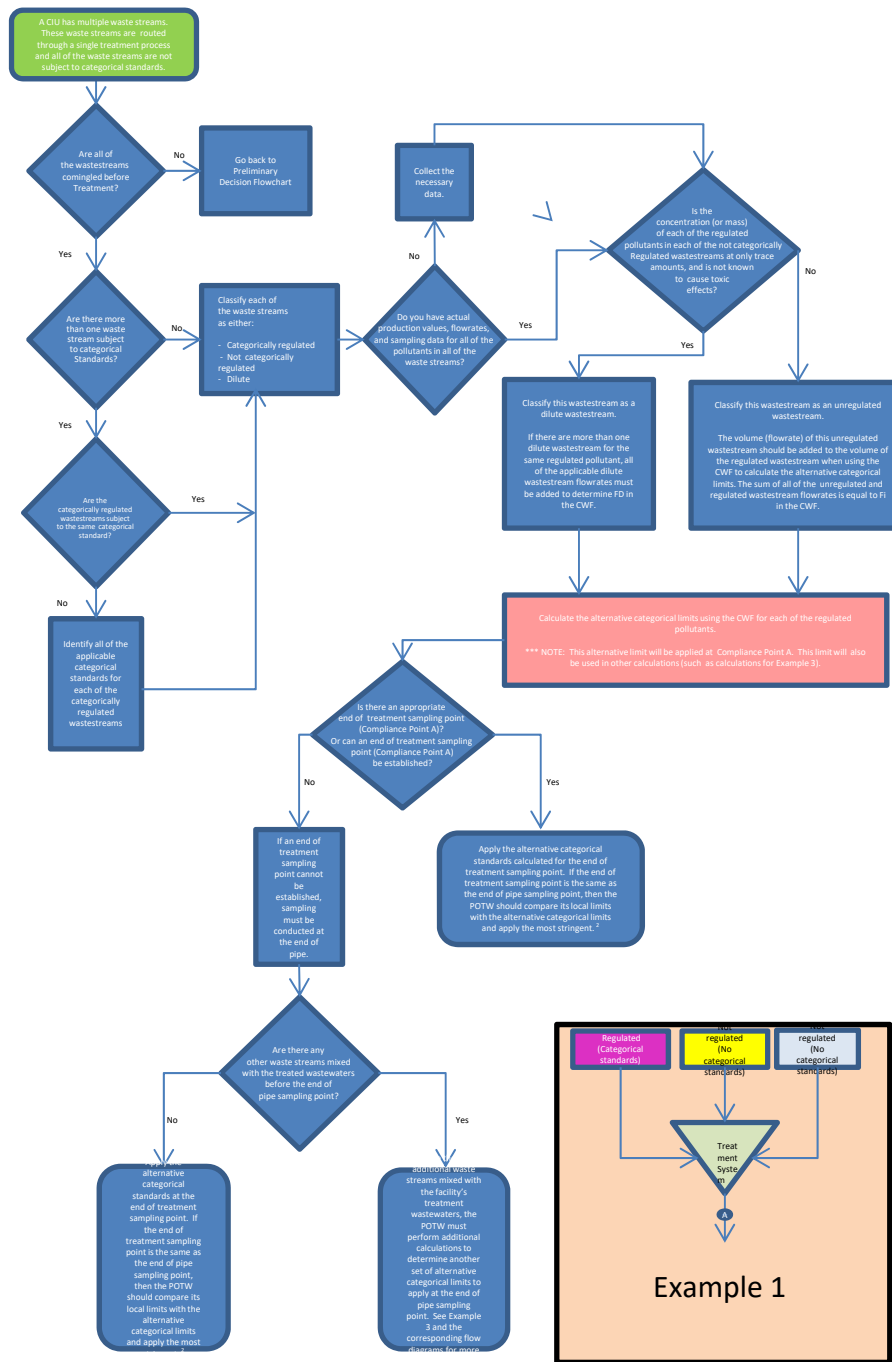
1. Is the discharger a CIU? (If not, alternative categorical limits are not applicable and discharger is only subject to local limits.)
2. If the discharger is a CIU, identify all waste streams discharged to the POTW.
3. Does the facility discharge multiple waste streams to the POTW? (If no, go to step 4. If yes, go to step 10.)

4. If there is either: a single categorically regulated wastestream that is treated, or all of the comingled waste streams are subject to the same categorical regulations, then only one set of applicable categorical standards apply to the waste stream(s). Therefore, alternative categorical limits do not need to be determined and the CWF does not need to be applied.
5. Is there an appropriate end of treatment sampling point or can one be established? (If yes, go to step 6. If no, go to step 7.)
6. Apply the applicable categorical standards at the end of treatment sampling point. If the end of treatment sampling point is the same the end of pipe sampling point, then the POTW should apply the more stringent of the categorical standards and the local limits.

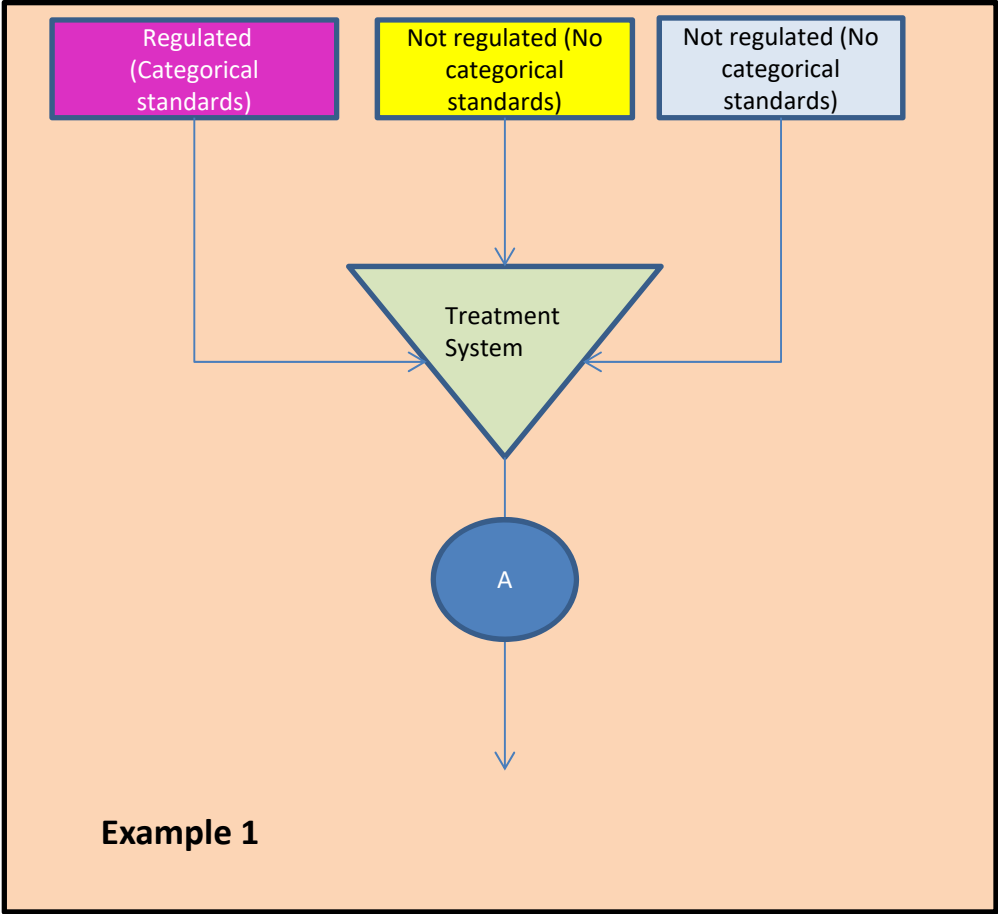
7. If an end of treatment sampling point cannot be established, sampling must be conducted at the end of pipe.
8. Are there any additional waste streams mixed with the treated wastewaters before the end of pipe sampling point? (If no, return to step 6. If yes, proceed to step 9.)
9. Because there are additional waste streams mixed with the facility's treatment wastewaters, the POTW must perform additional calculations to determine another set of alternative categorical limits to apply at the end of pipe sampling point. See Example 3 and the corresponding flow diagrams for more details.

10. Are there multiple treatment processes in parallel? (If yes, proceed to step 11. If no, proceed to step 12.)
11. Because the facility has parallel treatment processes, multiple iterations of this decision process must be made for each of the treatment sequences to determine the appropriate alternative categorical pretreatment standards. Please refer to the fact sheet for more information.
12. Are all waste streams subject to categorical standards? (If no, proceed to step 13. If yes, proceed to step 14.)
13. Please refer to Example 1 and the corresponding flow diagram for further evaluation.

14. Are all waste streams subject to the same categorical standard? (If yes, return to step 4. If no, proceed to step 15.)
15. The CWF must be used to calculate alternative categorical standards for all of the categorically regulated pollutants. See Example 2 and the corresponding flow diagram for more details.



Footnote 2 would be discussions of more stringent limit. 40 CFR 403.8(f)(1)(ii). When there are more than one set of limits applicable at one sampling point, the application of the most stringent limit would ensure compliance with all applicable limits.



A CIU has multiple waste streams. These waste streams are routed through a single treatment process and all of the waste streams are not subject to categorical standards.

Are all of the wastestreams comingled before Treatment?

No

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Yes

Are there more than one waste stream subject to categorical Standards?

No

Classify each of the waste streams as either:  
- Categorically regulated  
- Not categorically regulated  
- Dilute

Yes

Are the categorically regulated wastestreams subject to the same categorical standard?

Yes

No

Identify all of the applicable categorical standards for each of the categorically regulated wastestreams

Collect the necessary data.

No

Do you have actual production values, flowrates, and sampling data for all of the pollutants in all of the waste streams?

Yes

Classify this wastestream as a dilute wastestream.  
If there are more than one dilute wastestream for the same regulated pollutant, all of the applicable dilute wastestream flowrates must be added to determine FD in the CWF.

Is the concentration (or mass) of each of the regulated pollutants in each of the not categorically Regulated wastestreams at only trace amounts, and is not known to cause toxic effects?

No

Yes

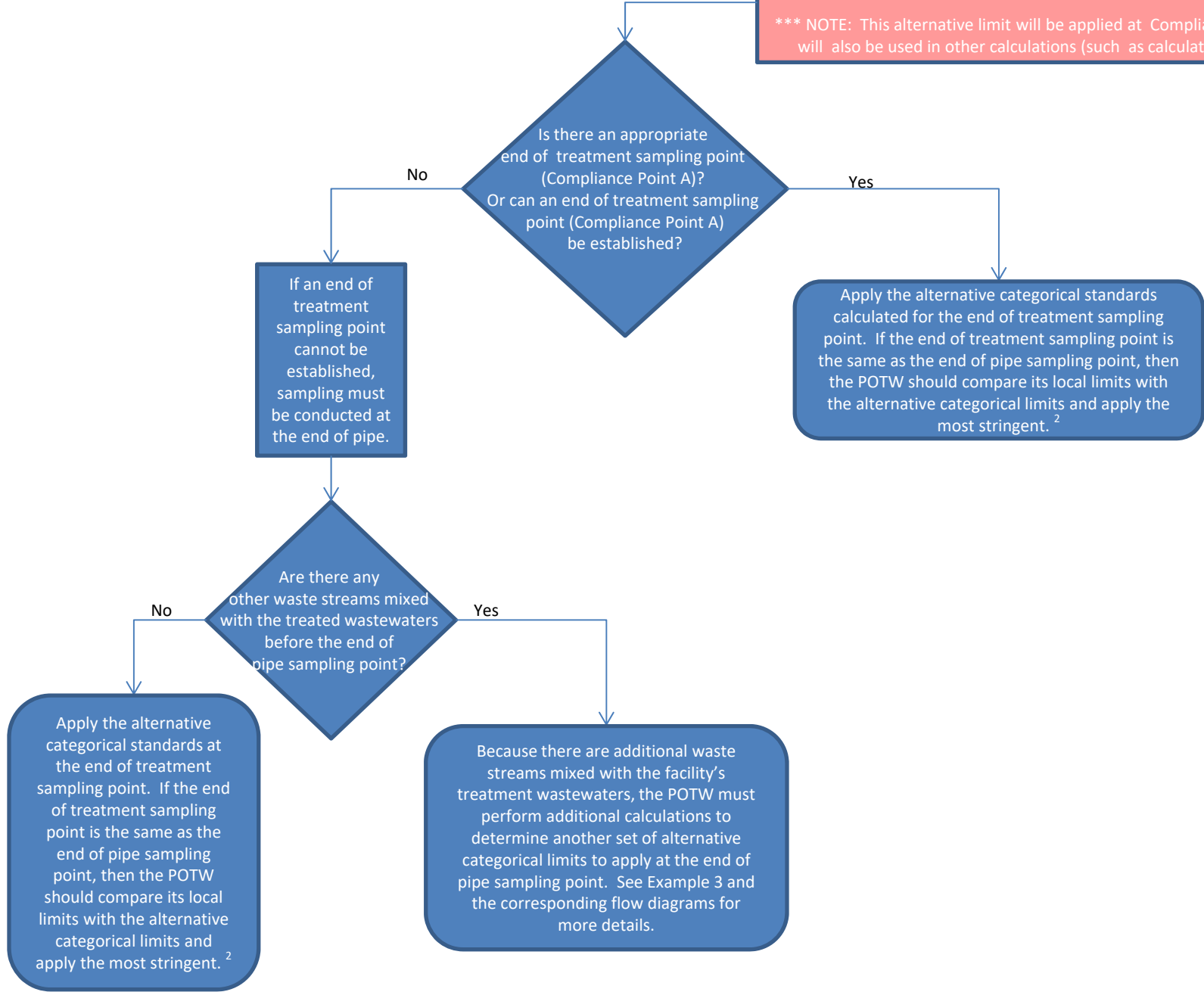
Classify this wastestream as an unregulated wastestream.  
The volume (flowrate) of this unregulated wastestream should be added to the volume of the regulated wastestream when using the CWF to calculate the alternative categorical limits. The sum of all of the unregulated and regulated wastestream flowrates is equal to Fi in the CWF.

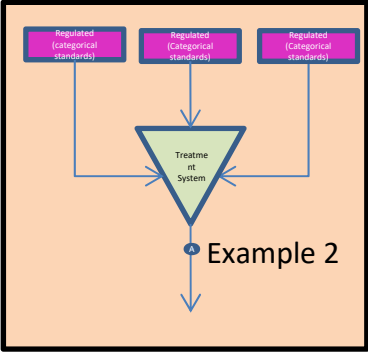
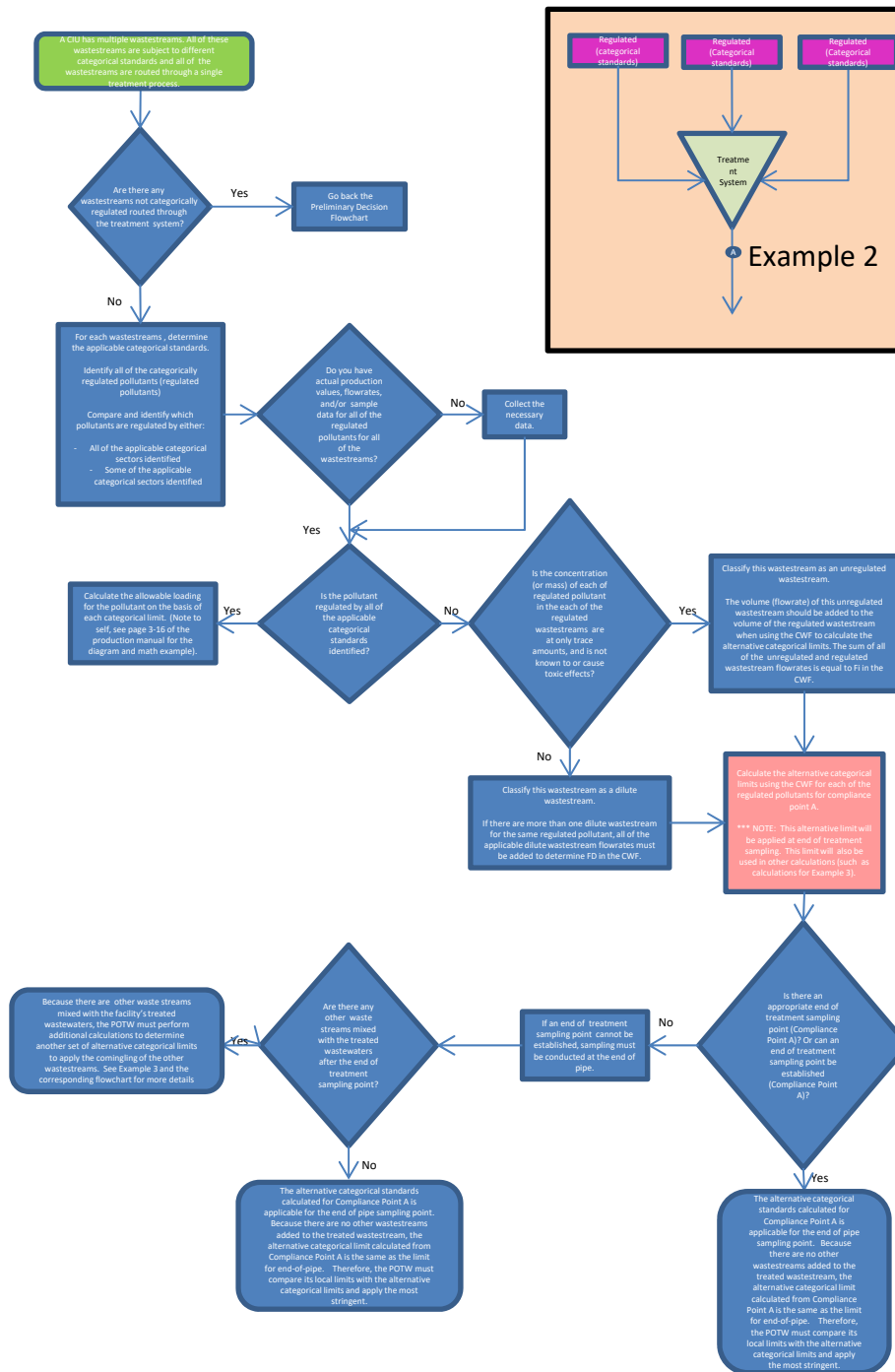
Calculate the alternative categorical limits using the CWF for each of the regulated pollutants.  
  
\*\*\* NOTE: This alternative limit will be applied at Compliance Point A. This limit will also be used in other calculations (such as calculations for Example 3).

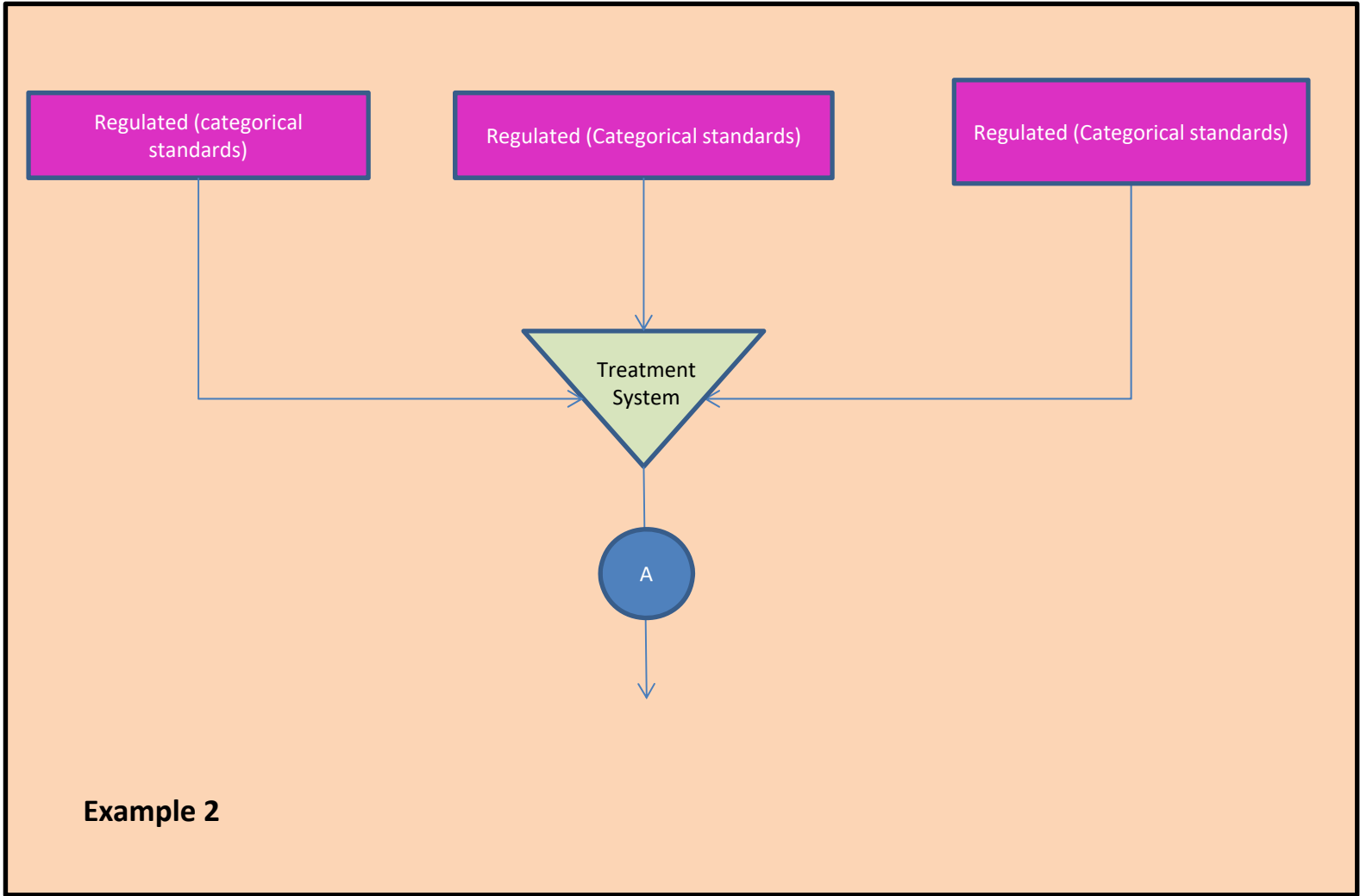


Calculate the alternative categorical limits using the CWF for each of the regulated pollutants.

\*\*\* NOTE: This alternative limit will be applied at Compliance Point A. This limit will also be used in other calculations (such as calculations for Example 3).







A CIU has multiple wastestreams. All of these wastestreams are subject to different categorical standards and all of the wastestreams are routed through a single treatment process.

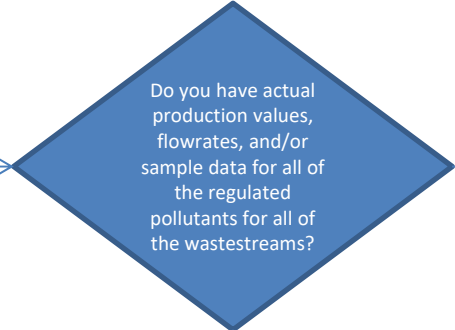


Yes

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No

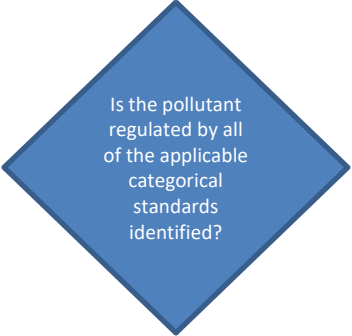
For each wastestreams , determine the applicable categorical standards.  
Identify all of the categorically regulated pollutants (regulated pollutants)  
Compare and identify which pollutants are regulated by either:  
- All of the applicable categorical sectors identified  
- Some of the applicable categorical sectors identified



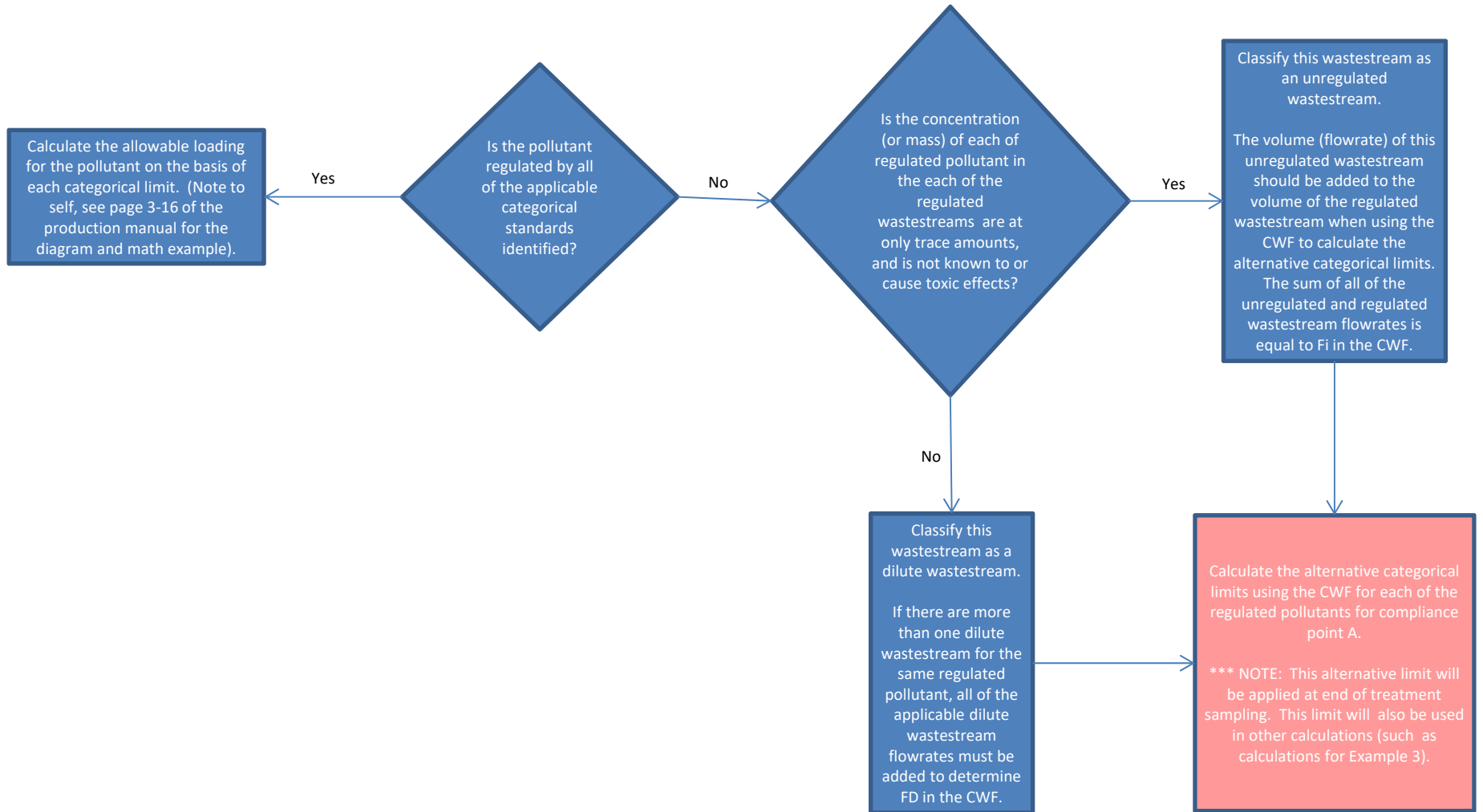
No

Collect the necessary data.

Yes

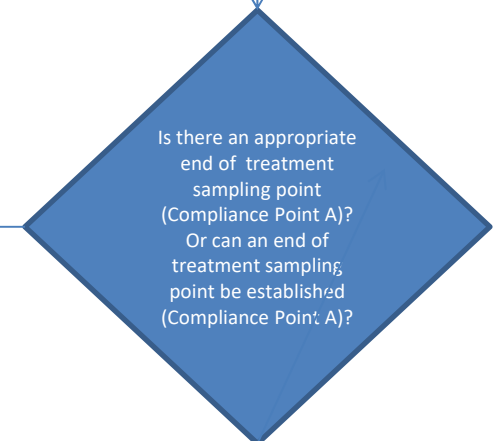


Is the pollutant regulated by all of the applicable categorical standards identified?



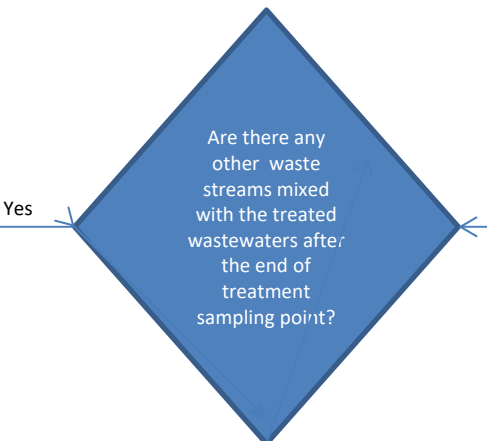
Calculate the alternative categorical limits using the CWF for each of the regulated pollutants for compliance point A.

\*\*\* NOTE: This alternative limit will be applied at end of treatment sampling. This limit will also be used in other calculations (such as calculations for Example 3).



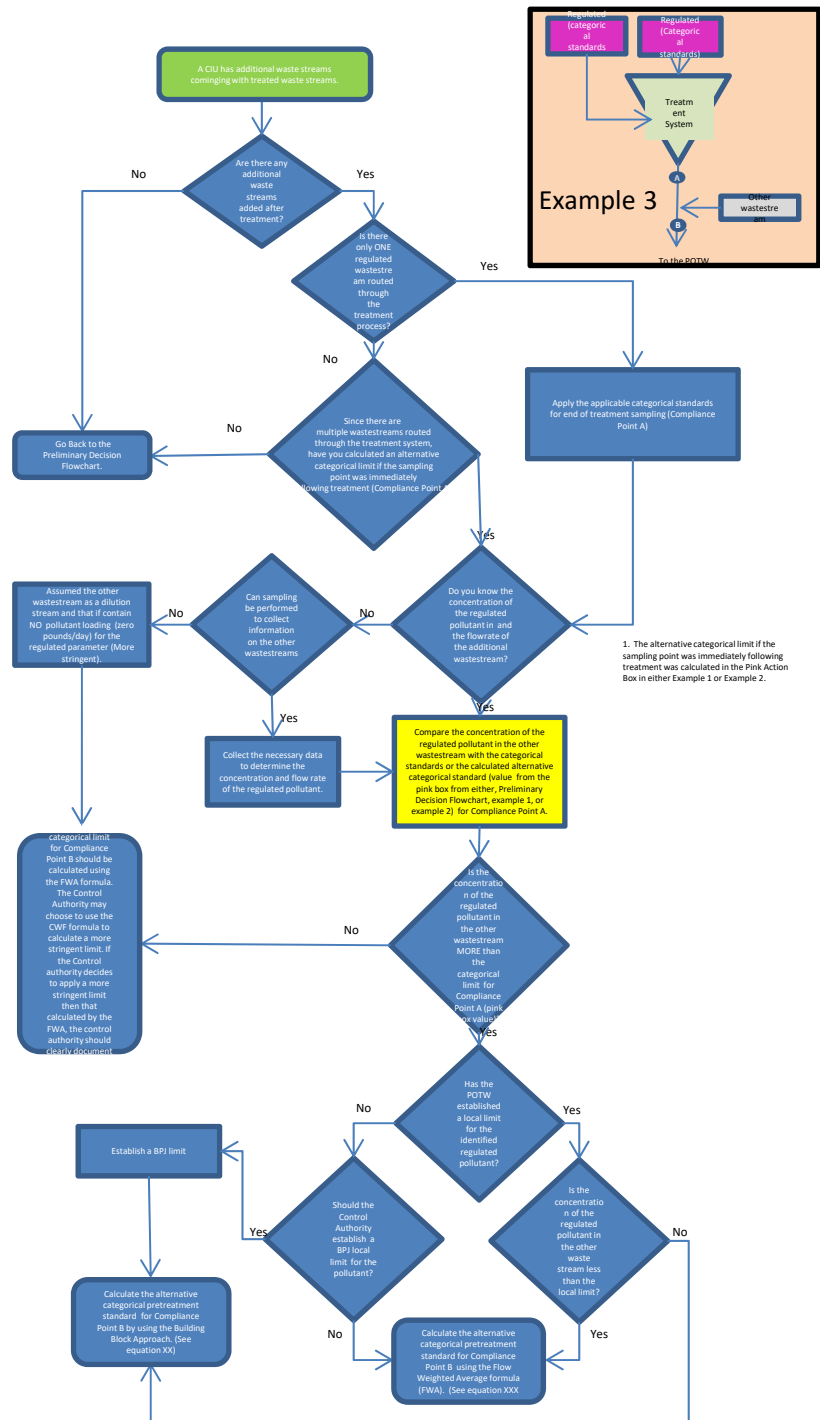
The alternative categorical standards calculated for Compliance Point A is applicable for the end of pipe sampling point. Because there are no other wastestreams added to the treated wastestream, the alternative categorical limit calculated from Compliance Point A is the same as the limit for end-of-pipe. Therefore, the POTW must compare its local limits with the alternative categorical limits and apply the most stringent.

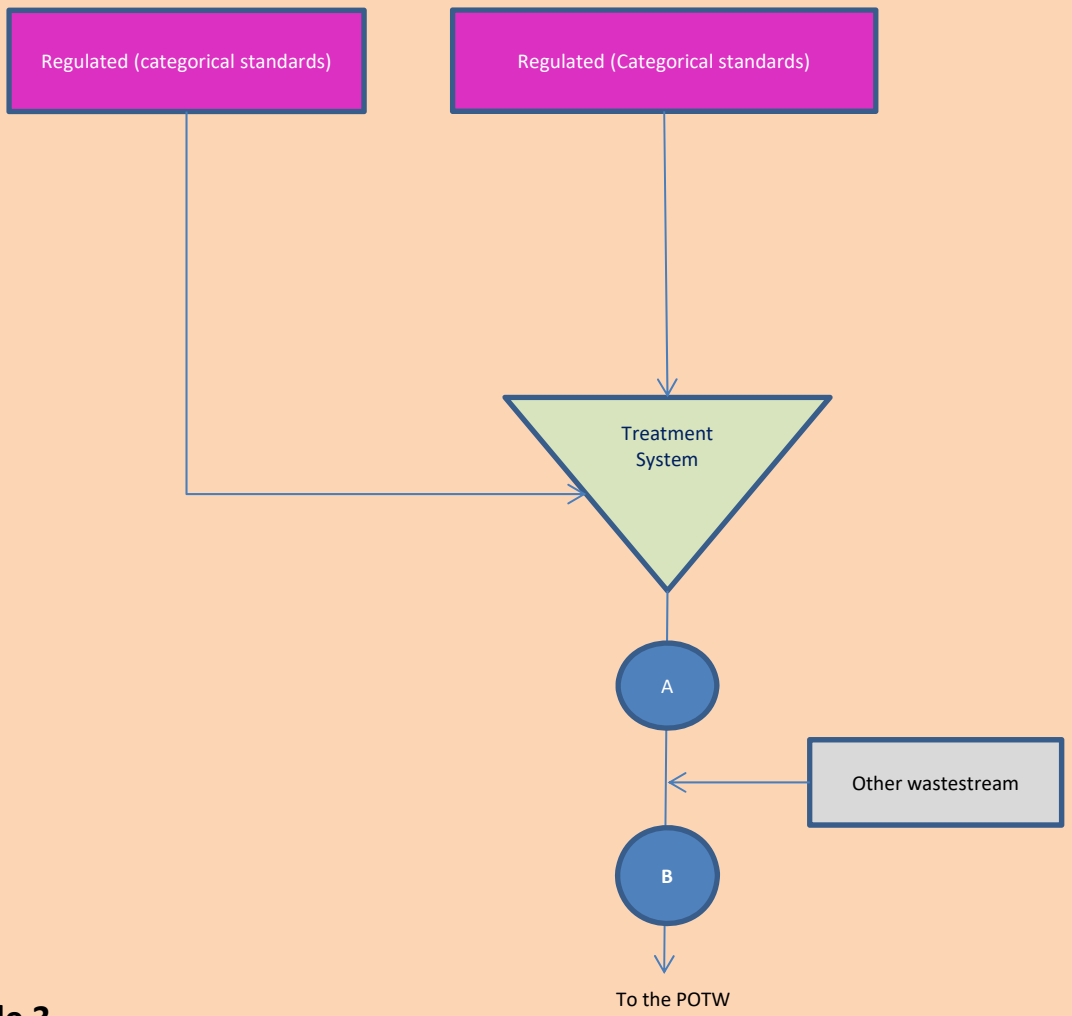
If an end of treatment sampling point cannot be established, sampling must be conducted at the end of pipe.



The alternative categorical standards calculated for Compliance Point A is applicable for the end of pipe sampling point. Because there are no other wastestreams added to the treated wastestream, the alternative categorical limit calculated from Compliance Point A is the same as the limit for end-of-pipe. Therefore, the POTW must compare its local limits with the alternative categorical limits and apply the most stringent.

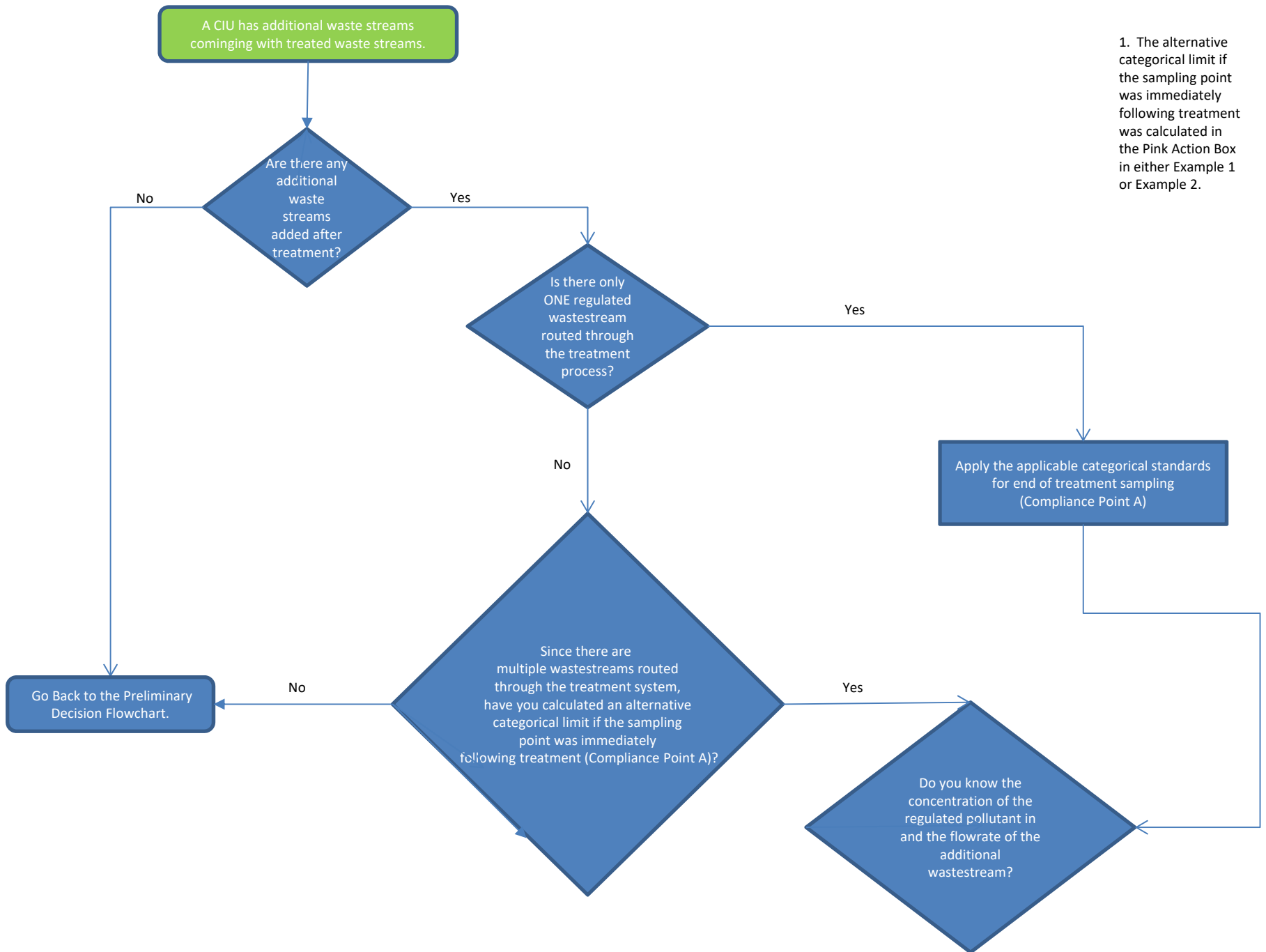
Because there are other waste streams mixed with the facility's treated wastewaters, the POTW must perform additional calculations to determine another set of alternative categorical limits to apply the comingling of the other wastestreams. See Example 3 and the corresponding flowchart for more details



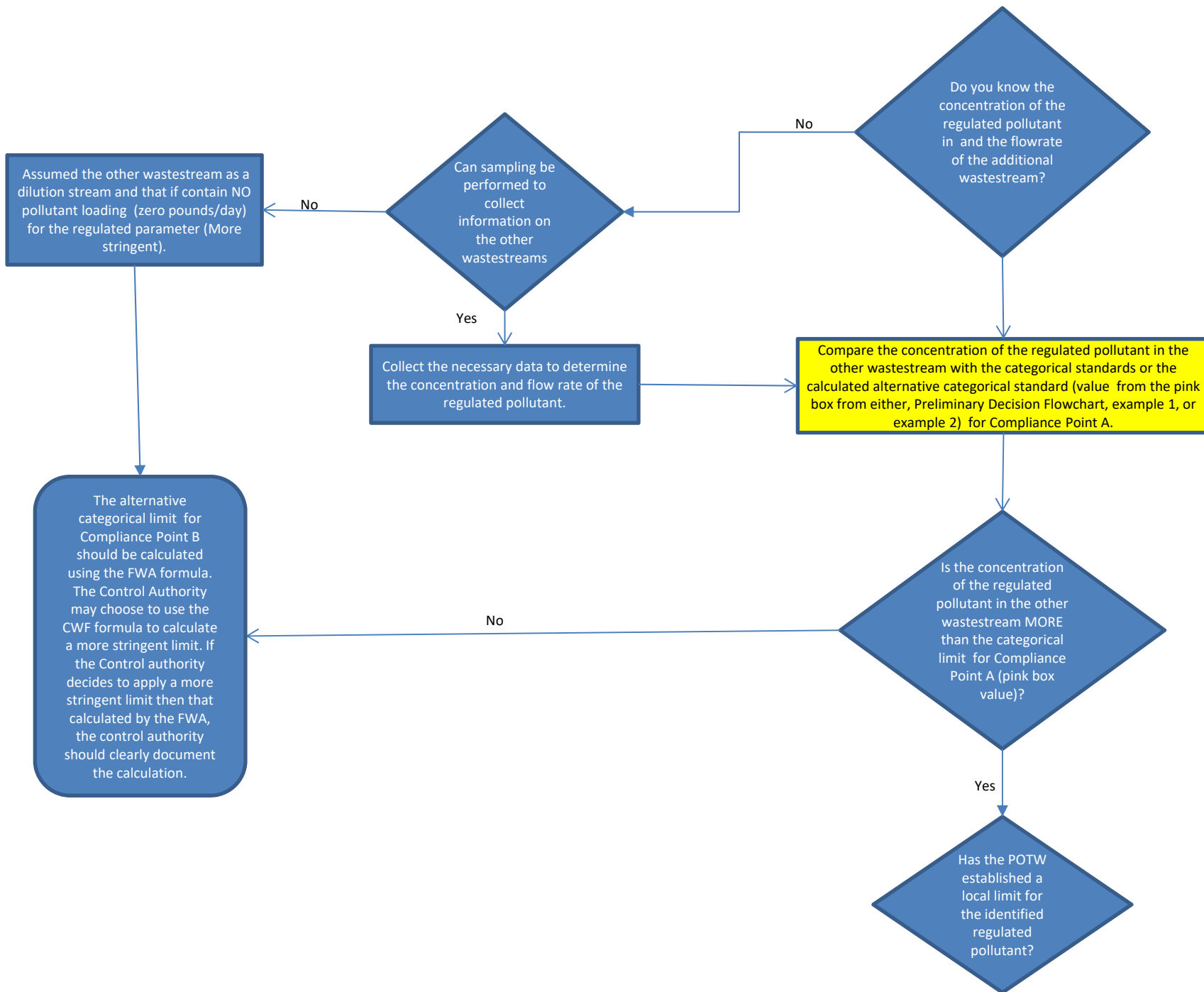


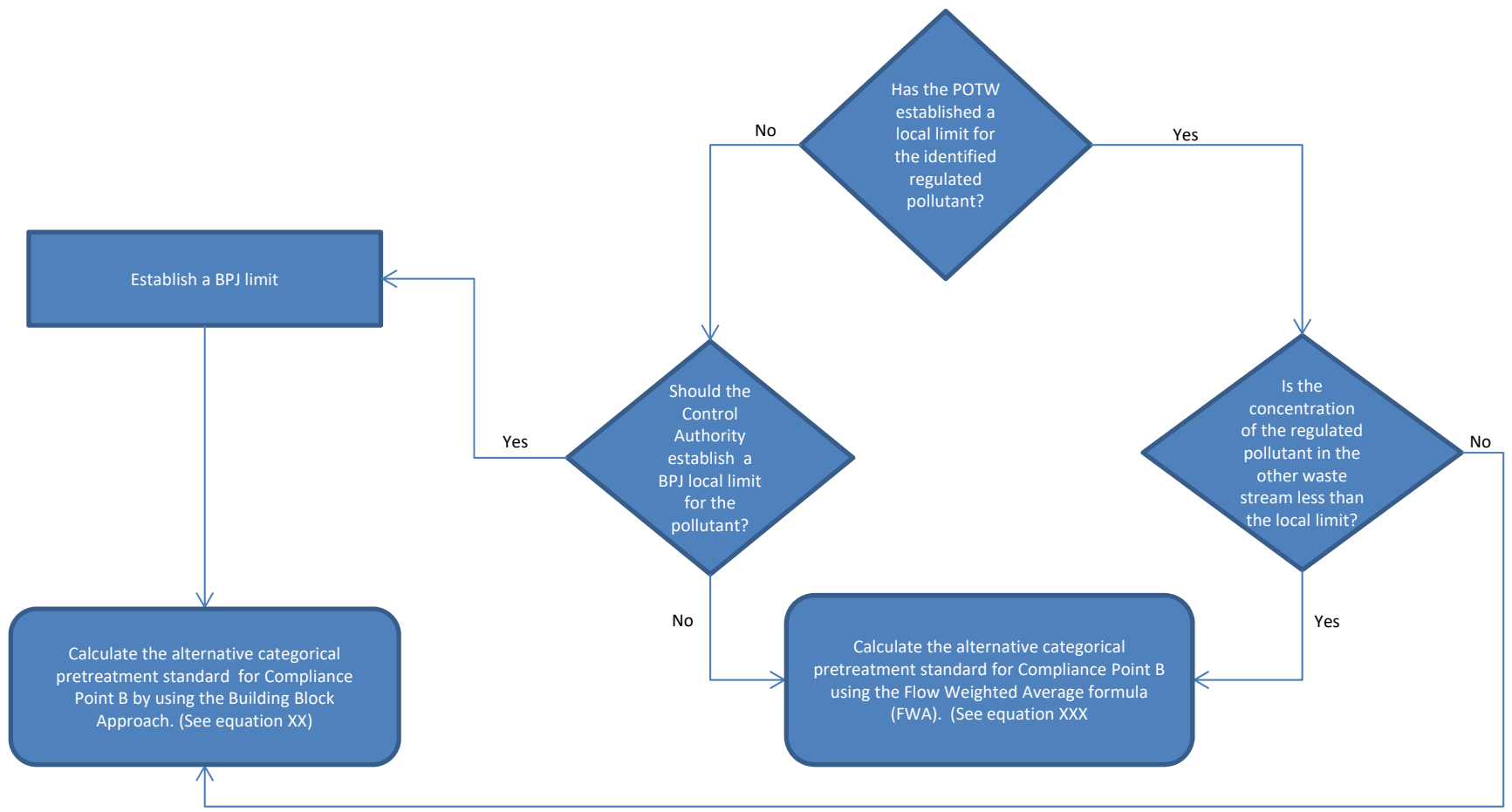
**Example 3**





1. The alternative categorical limit if the sampling point was immediately following treatment was calculated in the Pink Action Box in either Example 1 or Example 2.





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