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## **LOW IMPACT DEVELOPMENT (LID)**

**FOR:**

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5200 SHEILA STREET  
COMMERCE, CA 90040  
APNs: 6335-007-021

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## 1.0 Project Description

The project site is located at 5200 Sheila Street in the City of Commerce, at APN 6335-007-021 of Los Angeles County (Figure 1 – Vicinity Map). The project site encompasses approximately 5.65 acres. Proposed improvements consist of the construction of one commercial type building of approximately 114,898 square feet. A truck yard will be located on the south side of the building. Vehicle parking will be located on the north, south and west sides of the building. Landscaping will be provided adjacent to Sheila Street and throughout the project site.

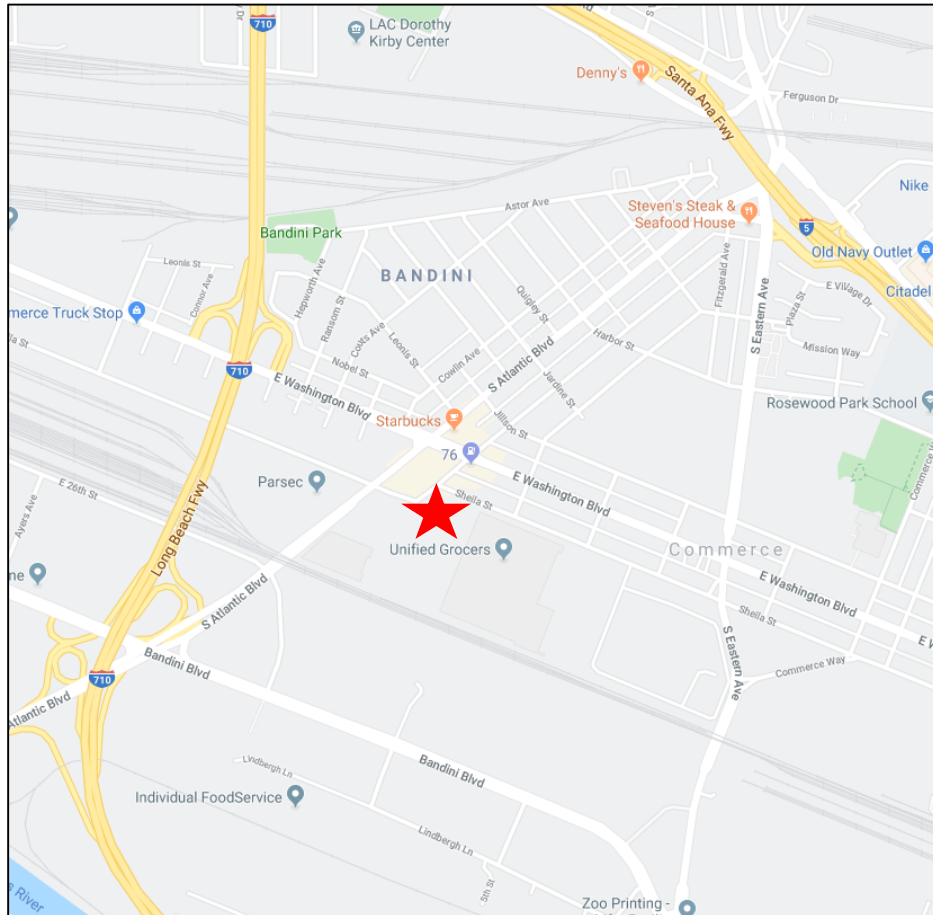


Figure 1 - Vicinity Map (North↑)

The proposed site is a Designated Project identified as a significant redevelopment where 50 percent or more of the impervious surface of a previously developed site is proposed to be altered and the previous development project was not subject to post-construction stormwater quality control measures. Hence, the entire site must meet the requirements of the LID Standards Manual. The project will treat stormwater runoff generated by the project through the use of WetlandMod biofiltration systems and underground detention systems sized to treat 1.5 times the Stormwater Quality Design volume (SWQDv). The 1.5x SWQDv is achieved by multiplying the 85<sup>th</sup> percentile rainfall depth by 1.5. Refer to Appendix A for references and calculations.

## **1.1 Existing Site Description**

The existing site is developed with 2 office buildings and associated parking lots. The site appears to be part of the larger development to the west, south, and east of the project site. The site drains to several catch basins as part of a larger private storm drain system.

## **1.2 Proposed Site Description**

The project will be developed with several low spots along the east and west drive aisles, in the truck yard, and additional low spots in the northern vehicle parking. A private storm drain system will be constructed to convey runoff to the existing storm drain in Sheila Street. The existing public storm drain in Sheila will be extended to provide a lateral to the project site. The proposed extension will be an 18" R.C.P. storm drain.

Runoff from the self-treating landscape north of the building (Subarea 40C) will sheet flow directly to Sheila Street.

## **1.3 Geological Investigation/Infiltration Feasibility**

A site-specific infiltration test has not been conducted at the project site; however, based on nearby public soil data showing silty clays up to 50' below ground surface, infiltration appears infeasible. A site-specific infiltration test is pending to confirm infiltration feasibility.

## 2.0 Project Specific Requirements

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### 2.1 Peak Storm Water Runoff Discharge Rates

Excerpt from “Preliminary Hydrology Calculations” dated October 28, 2019, prepared by Thienes Engineering:

“The site has an allowable Q of 0.665 cfs per acre. The total peak discharge from the site is 3.60 cfs (5.40 acres x 0.665 cfs/acre). The southwesterly truck yard will detain the peak flow from the southern portion of the site (Subareas 10A, 11A, and 12A). The truck yard will limit the discharge to a peak flow rate of 2 cfs. This will require approximately 5,780 cfs of storage, which is provided with approximately 6” of ponding.

The northeastern vehicle parking and a small portion of the building will drain to two proposed catch basin in the car parking. The peak flow from this area (Subareas 30C and 31C) will be detained in underground detention chambers. The peak flow will be limited to 0.5 cfs. The chambers will provide approximately 1,518 cf of storage for the peak flow.

The eastern drive aisle (Subarea 20B) will be allowed to discharge undetained.”

### 2.2 Source Controls

Source control measures are designed to prevent pollutants from contacting stormwater runoff or prevent discharge of contaminated stormwater runoff to the storm drain system and/or receiving water. This section describes structural-type, source control measures that must be considered for implementation in conjunction with appropriate nonstructural source control measures, such as good housekeeping and employee training, to optimize pollution prevention.

Source control measures should be implemented to the maximum extent practicable to mitigate pollutant mobilization from the project site in stormwater and non-stormwater runoff. A summary of the source control measures that should be implemented for each type of project is summarized below.

#### 2.2.A Storm Drain Message and Signage (S-1)

All proposed and any existing inlets to remain will be stenciled with prohibitive language and/or graphical icons to prevent dumping. Legibility of the stencils/markers will be maintained on a yearly basis, or as needed.

## **2.2.B Outdoor Material Storage Area (S-2)**

There are no proposed outdoor material storage areas for this project. Any and all materials will be stored indoors.

## **2.2.C Outdoor Trash Storage/Waste Handling Areas (S-3)**

Trash enclosures will be located away from roof drainage. The bin's lid will remain close when not in use and will be walled off to prevent transport by wind and contact with rainfall.

## **2.2.D Outdoor Loading/Unloading Dock Area (S-4)**

The proposed project will construct one aboveground truck dock. The concrete surface is designed to minimize run-on to the loading docks and will be treated by biofiltration. Dock area flows are captured by an inlet that utilizes drain inserts to filter out pollutants prior to entering the underground chambers and proprietary biofiltration unit. Additionally, the proposed building will be utilized as a warehouse for finished goods and consequently, items being loaded and unloaded do not have the potential to contribute to stormwater pollution.

## **2.2.F Outdoor Vehicle/Equipment Repair/Maintenance Area (S-5)**

Not applicable

## **2.2.G Outdoor Vehicle/Equipment Accessory Wash Area (S-6)**

Not applicable

## **2.2.H Fuel & Maintenance Area (S-7)**

Not applicable

## **2.2.I Landscape Irrigation Practices (S-8)**

Install irrigation systems that utilize a weather-based smart irrigation controller to minimize water usage and reduce dry weather urban runoff.

## **2.2.J Building Materials (S-9)**

Alternative building materials could not be used in-lieu of traditional materials due to the nature of the project (industrial warehouse).

## **2.2.K Animal Care and Handling Facilities (S-10)**

Not applicable

## **2.2.L Outdoor Horticulture Areas (S-11)**

Not applicable

## **2.3 Low Impact Development (LID)**

### **2.3.A Infiltration**

Refer to section 1.3 Geotechnical Investigation/Infiltration Feasibility.

### **2.3.B Harvest and Use**

This concept was not utilized because it is an industrial facility where the amount of impervious area is much greater than landscape and toilet use. However, stormwater is detained for biofiltration prior to discharging offsite.

### **2.3.C Biofiltration**

The project proposes WetlandMod biofiltration systems and underground detention systems sized to treat 1.5 times the Stormwater Quality Design volume (SWQDv).

## **2.4 Hydromodification**

The proposed site is tributary to an engineered channel (Los Angeles River) that is regularly maintained and is not susceptible to hydromodification impacts. In addition, the onsite water quality BMPs will assist in increasing the time of concentration and discharging flows at a control rate.

## **2.5 Conserve Natural Areas**

*During the subdivision design and approval process, the site layout must be consistent with the applicable General Plan and Local Area Plan policies and implement the following:*

- *Concentrate or cluster development on portions of the site while leaving the remaining land in a natural undisturbed condition;*
- *Limit clearing and grading of native vegetation at the site to the minimum amount needed to build lots, allow access, and provide fire protection;*
- *Maximize trees and other vegetation at the site by planting additional vegetation, clustering tree areas, and promoting the use of native and/or drought tolerant plants;*
- *Promote natural vegetation by using parking lot islands and other landscaped areas;*

- *Preserve riparian areas and wetlands.*

The property was previously developed with no natural areas to conserve.

## **2.6 Minimize Storm Water Pollutants of Concern**

*Stormwater runoff from a site has the potential to contribute oil and grease, suspended solids, metals, gasoline, pesticides, and pathogens to the stormwater conveyance system. The development must be designed so as to minimize, to the maximum extent practicable, the introduction of pollutants of concern that may result in significant impacts, generated from site runoff of directly connected impervious areas (DCIA), to the stormwater conveyance system as approved by the building official. Pollutants of concern, consist of any pollutants that exhibit one or more of the following characteristics: current loadings or historic deposits of the pollutant are impacting the beneficial uses of a receiving water, elevated levels of the pollutant are found in sediments of a receiving water and/or have the potential to bioaccumulate in organisms therein, or the detectable inputs of the pollutant are at concentrations or loads considered potentially toxic to humans and/or flora and fauna.*

*In meeting this specific requirement, “minimization of the pollutants of concern” will require the incorporation of a BMP or combination of BMPs best suited to maximize the reduction of pollutant loadings in that runoff to the Maximum Extent Practicable.*

Anticipated pollutants generated from the proposed development are:

- Suspended Solids
- Total Phosphorus
- Total Nitrogen
- Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen
- Cadmium, Total
- Chromium, Total
- Copper, Total
- Lead, Total
- Zinc, Total

The receiving waters and their impairments are:

- Los Angeles River Reach 2: Ammonia, Copper, Indicator Bacteria, Lead, Nutrients (algae), Oil, Trash
- Los Angeles River Reach 1: Ammonia, Cadmium, Copper, Cyanide, Indicator Bacteria, Lead, Nutrients (algae), pH, Trash, Zinc
- Los Angeles River Estuary: Chlordane, DDT (sediment), PCBs (polychlorinated biphenyls), Toxicity, Trash
- San Pedro Bay Near/Off Shore Zones: Chlordane, PCBs (Polychlorinated biphenyls), Total DDT and Toxicity
- Pacific Ocean: None

The pollutants of concern of the project site are:

- Heavy Metals
- Bacteria
- Oxygen Demanding Substances
- Trash

The proposed project will disconnect runoff from impervious areas by means WetlandMod biofiltration systems and underground detention. Inlets are used to intercept “low flows” towards the biofiltration systems for treatment prior to discharging offsite.

## 2.7 Protect Slopes and Channels

*Project plans must include BMPs consistent with local codes and ordinances and LID to decrease the potential of slopes and/or channels from eroding and impacting stormwater runoff:*

- *Convey runoff safely from the tops of slopes and stabilize disturbed slopes.*
- *Utilize natural drainage systems to the maximum extent practicable.*
- *Control or reduce or eliminate flow to natural drainage systems to the maximum extent practicable.*
- *Stabilize permanent channel crossings.*
- *Vegetate slopes with native or drought tolerant vegetation.*
- *Install energy dissipaters, such as riprap, at the outlets of new storm drains, culverts, conduits, or channels that enter unlined channels in accordance with applicable specifications to minimize erosion, with the approval of all agencies with jurisdiction, e.g., the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and the California Department of Fish and Game.*

The proposed project site is located on a flat terrain. There are no slopes, natural drainage systems, or channel crossings to protect.

## 2.8 Provide Proof of Ongoing BMP Maintenance

*Improper maintenance is one of the most common reasons why water quality controls will not function as designed or which may cause the system to fail entirely. It is important to consider who will be responsible for maintenance of a permanent BMP, and what equipment is required to perform the maintenance properly. If Structural or Treatment Control BMPs are required or included in project plans, the applicant must provide verification of maintenance provisions through such means as may be appropriate, including, but not limited to legal agreements, covenants, CEQA mitigation requirements and/or Conditional Use Permits.*

*The verification will include the developer’s signed statement, as part of the project application, accepting responsibility for all Structural and Treatment Control BMP maintenance until the time the property is transferred and, where applicable, a signed agreement from the public entity assuming responsibility for Structural or Treatment Control BMP maintenance. The transfer of property to a private or public owner must have conditions requiring the recipient to assume*

*responsibility for maintenance of any Structural or Treatment Control BMP to be included in the sales or lease agreement for that property, and will be the owner's responsibility. The condition of transfer shall include a provision that the property owners conduct maintenance inspection of all Structural or Treatment Control BMPs at least once a year and retain proof of inspection. For residential properties where the Structural or Treatment Control BMPs are located within a common area, which will be maintained by a homeowner's association, language regarding the responsibility for maintenance must be included in the project's conditions, covenants and restrictions (CC&Rs). Printed educational materials will be required to accompany the first deed transfer to highlight the existence of the requirement and to provide information on what stormwater management facilities are present, signs that maintenance is needed, how the necessary maintenance can be performed, and assistance that the Permittee can provide. The transfer of this information shall also be required with any subsequent sale of the property.*

*Structural or Treatment Control BMPs located within a public area proposed for transfer will be the responsibility of the developer until accepted for transfer by the appropriate public agency. Structural or Treatment Control BMPs proposed for transfer must meet design standards adopted by the public entity for the BMP installed and should be approved by the appropriate public agency prior to its installation.*

The property owner/operator will maintain proof of ongoing maintenance at the site as recorded in the covenant and agreement (see Appendix D).

## **2.9 Design Standards for Structural or Treatment Controls BMPs**

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**Biofiltration systems and underground detention:** The proposed project will disconnect runoff from impervious areas by means WetlandMod biofiltration systems and underground detention. Inlets are used to intercept "low flows" towards the biofiltration systems for treatment prior to discharging offsite.

## **2.10 Provisions Applicable to Individual Priority Project Categories**

### **2.10.A Parking Lots**

#### **2.10.A.1 Properly Design Parking Area**

*Parking lots contain pollutants such as heavy metals, oil and grease, and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons that are deposited on parking lot surfaces by motor-vehicles. These pollutants are directly transported to surface waters. To minimize the offsite transport of pollutants, the following design criteria are required:*

- *Reduce impervious land coverage of parking areas.*
- *Infiltrate runoff before it reaches storm drain system.*
- *Treat runoff before it reaches storm drain system.*

The proposed project is designed so that pollutants from the impervious surfaces are disconnected prior to discharging offsite. Runoff from the parking lots is transported through WetlandMod biofiltration systems and underground detention for treatment.

#### ***2.10.A.2 Properly Design to Limit Oil Contamination and Perform Maintenance***

*Parking lots may accumulate oil, grease, and water insoluble hydrocarbons from vehicle drippings and engine system leaks.*

- *Treat to remove oil and petroleum hydrocarbons at parking lots that are heavily used (e.g. fast food outlets, lots with 25 or more parking spaces, sports event parking lots, shopping malls, grocery stores, discount warehouse stores).*
- *Ensure adequate operation and maintenance of treatment systems particularly sludge and oil removal, and system fouling and plugging prevention control.*

The project owner will ensure that grease and oil are contained. The parking lot will be swept on a monthly basis, minimum, and before any rain events. Absorbent materials will be used to collect any spilled oil, and disposed of properly, to ensure they do not contaminate stormwater. Drain inserts will be used at all proposed onsite inlets and collect drainage from impervious areas prior to flowing through the BMP system for treatment. Hydrocarbon booms from the drain inserts are highly effective in the removal of hydrocarbons.

## **2.11 Waiver**

*A Permittee may, through adoption of an ordinance or code incorporating the treatment requirements of LID, provide for a waiver from the requirement if impracticability for a specific property can be established. A waiver of impracticability shall be granted only when all other Structural or Treatment Control BMPs have been considered and rejected as infeasible. Recognized situations of impracticability include, (i) extreme limitations of space for treatment on a redevelopment project, (ii) unfavorable or unstable soil conditions at a site to attempt infiltration, and (iii) risk of ground water contamination because a known unconfined aquifer lies beneath the land surface or an existing or potential underground source of drinking water is less than 10 feet from the soil surface. Any other justification for impracticability must be separately petitioned by the Permittee and submitted to the Regional Board for consideration. The Regional Board may consider approval of the waiver justification or may delegate the authority to approve a class of waiver justifications to the Regional Board Executive Officer. The supplementary waiver justification becomes recognized and effective only after approval by the Regional Board or the Regional Board Executive Officer. A waiver granted by a Permittee to any development or redevelopment project may be revoked by the Regional Board Executive Officer for cause and with proper notice upon petition.*

The proposed project does not require a waiver of impracticability from any LID conditions.

## 2.12 Mitigation Funding

*The Permittees may propose a management framework, for endorsement by the Regional Board Executive Officer, to support regional or sub-regional solutions to storm water pollution, where any of the following situations occur:*

- *A waiver for impracticability is granted;*
- *Legislative funds become available;*
- *Off-site mitigation is required because of loss of environmental habitat; or*
- *An approved watershed management plan or a regional storm water mitigation plan exists that incorporates an equivalent or improved strategy for storm water mitigation.*

No management framework for mitigation funding is necessary for the proposed project.

Funding will be the responsibility of the owner:

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## 2.13 Limitation on Use of Infiltration BMPs

*Three factors significantly influence the potential for storm water to contaminate ground water. They are (i) pollutant mobility, (ii) pollutant abundance in storm water, (iii) and soluble fraction of pollutant. The risk of contamination of groundwater may be reduced by pretreatment of storm water. A discussion of limitations and guidance for infiltration practices is contained in, Potential Groundwater Contamination from Intentional and Non-Intentional Stormwater Infiltration, Report No. EPA/600/R-94/051, USEPA (1994).*

*In addition, the distance of the groundwater table from the infiltration BMP may also be a factor determining the risk of contamination. A water table distance separation of ten feet depth in California presumptively poses negligible risk for storm water not associated with industrial activity or high vehicular traffic.*

*Infiltration BMPs are not recommended for areas of industrial activity or areas subject to high vehicular traffic (25,000 or greater average daily traffic (ADT) on main roadway or 15,000 or more ADT on any intersecting roadway) unless appropriate pretreatment is provided to ensure groundwater is protected and the infiltration BMP is not rendered ineffective by overload.*

See Section 1.3 of this LID report for details.

## **2.14 Alternative Certification for Storm Water Treatment Mitigation**

*In lieu of conducting detailed BMP review to verify Structural or Treatment Control BMPs adequacy, a Permittee may elect to accept a signed certification from a Civil Engineer or a Licensed Architect registered in the State of California, that the plan meets the criteria established herein. The Permittee is encouraged to verify that certifying person(s) have been trained on BMP design for water quality, not more than two years prior to the signature date. Training conducted by an organization with storm water BMP design expertise (e.g., a University, American Society of Civil Engineers, American Society of Landscape Architects, American Public Works Association, or the California Water Environment Association) may be considered qualifying.*

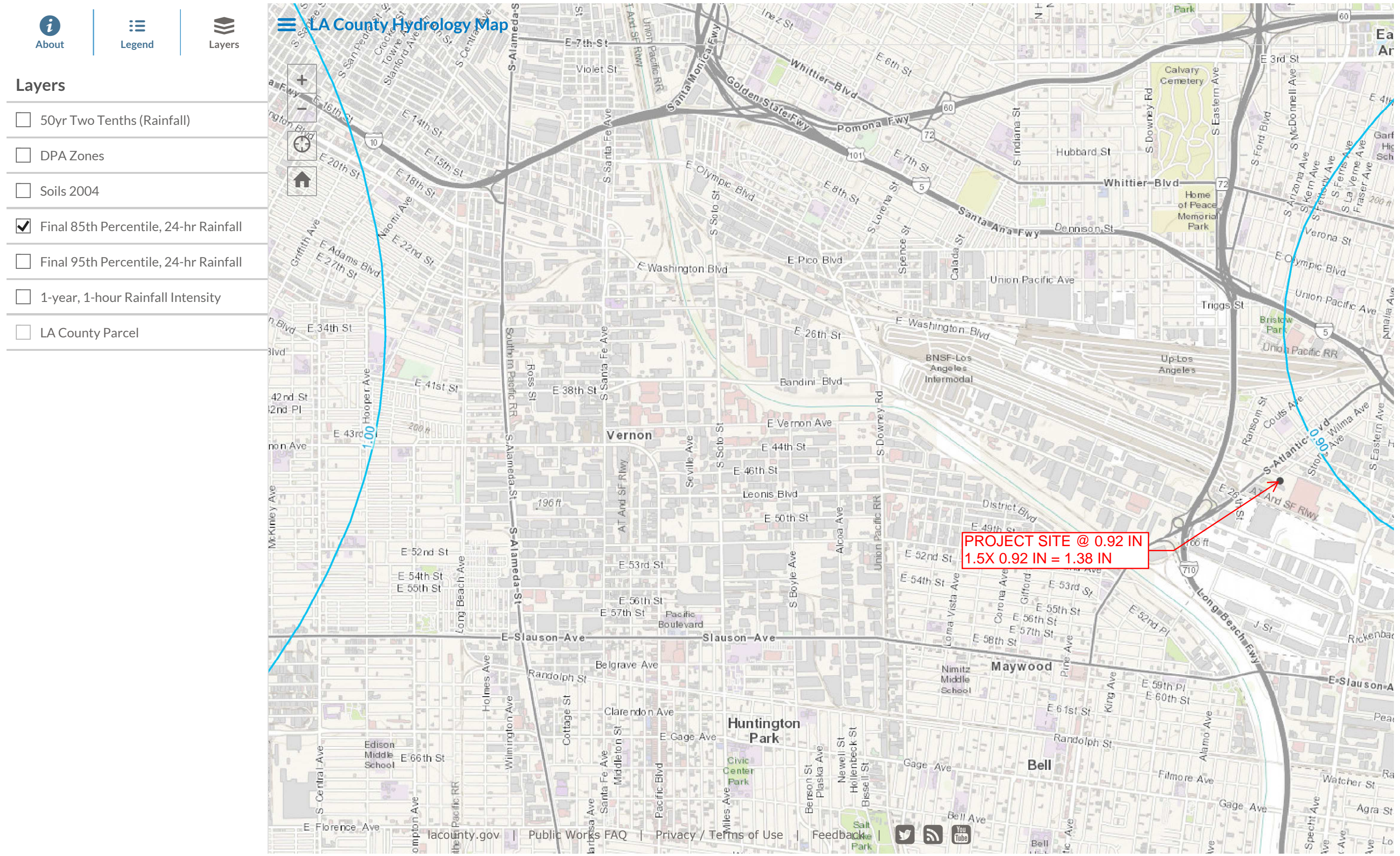
A California licensed civil engineer has provided a detailed BMP review of this report.

## **2.15 Resources and Reference**

California Storm Water Best Management Practices Handbooks for Construction Activity (2009), Municipal (2003), and Industrial/Commercial (2003).

# **APPENDIX A**

## **Stormwater Quality Design Calculations**



## Peak Flow Hydrologic Analysis

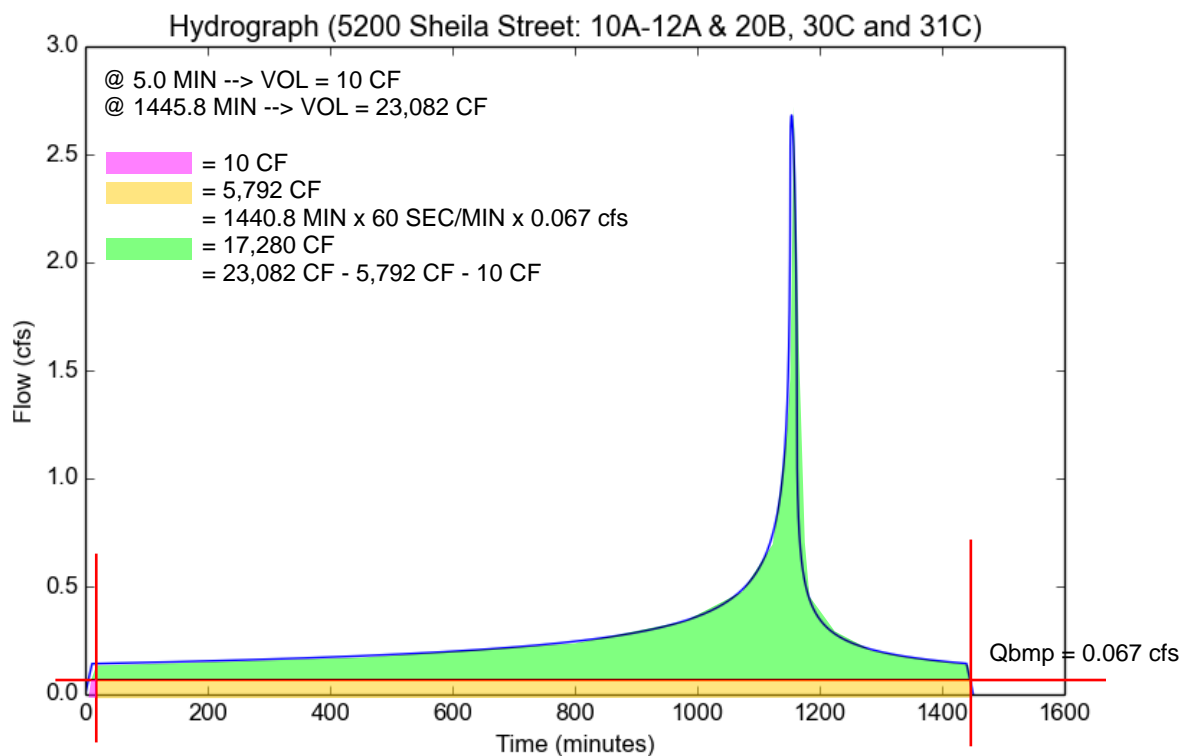
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Version: HydroCalc 1.0.3

### Input Parameters

Project Name	5200 Sheila Street
Subarea ID	10A-12A & 20B, 30C and 31C
Area (ac)	5.4
Flow Path Length (ft)	204.0
Flow Path Slope (vft/hft)	0.011
85th Percentile Rainfall Depth (in)	1.38
Percent Impervious	0.95
Soil Type	6
Design Storm Frequency	85th percentile storm
Fire Factor	0
LID	True

### Output Results

Modeled (85th percentile storm) Rainfall Depth (in)	1.38
Peak Intensity (in/hr)	0.5684
Undeveloped Runoff Coefficient (Cu)	0.3717
Developed Runoff Coefficient (Cd)	0.8736
Time of Concentration (min)	11.0
Clear Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.6813
Burned Peak Flow Rate (cfs)	2.6813
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (ac-ft)	0.5301
24-Hr Clear Runoff Volume (cu-ft)	23092.1538



Inputs: 5200 Sheila Street

Subarea ID	Area (ac)	Flow Path I	Flow Path II	85th Percent Im	Soil Type	Design Storm	Fire Factor
10A-12A &	5.4	204	0.011	1.38	0.95	6 85th perce	0

Outputs: 5200 Sheila Street

Area (ac)	Modeled (85th Percent)	Time of Concentration (min)	Clear Peak Intensity (in/hr)	24-Hr Clear Peak Intensity (in/hr)	Burned Peak Intensity (in/hr)	Undeveloped Peak Intensity (in/hr)	Developed Peak Intensity (in/hr)
10A-12A &	1.38	11	2.681276	0.530123	2.681276	0.568386	0.371658 0.873583

Hydrograph: 5200 Sheila Street - 10A-13A, 21B & 22B

Time (min)	Incremental Intensity (in/hr)	Incremental Intensity (in/hr)	Intensity (in/hr)	Undeveloped Intensity (in/hr)	Developed Intensity (in/hr)	Clear Peak Intensity (in/hr)	Incremental Intensity (in/hr)	Cumulative Intensity (in/hr)
0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
0.2	7.36E-05	0.000102	0	0	0	0.002579	0.015474	0.015474
0.4	0.000147	0.000203	0	0	0	0.005158	0.046422	0.061896
0.6	0.000221	0.000305	0	0	0	0.007737	0.07737	0.139266
0.8	0.000294	0.000406	0	0	0	0.010316	0.108318	0.247584
1	0.000368	0.000508	0	0	0	0.012895	0.139266	0.38685
1.2	0.000442	0.00061	0	0	0	0.015474	0.170214	0.557064
1.4	0.000515	0.000711	0	0	0	0.018053	0.201162	0.758226
1.6	0.000589	0.000813	0	0	0	0.020632	0.23211	0.990336
1.8	0.000663	0.000915	0	0	0	0.023211	0.263058	1.253394
2	0.000736	0.001016	0	0	0	0.02579	0.294006	1.5474
2.2	0.00081	0.001118	0	0	0	0.028369	0.324954	1.872354
2.4	0.000884	0.00122	0	0	0	0.030948	0.355902	2.228255
2.6	0.000957	0.001321	0	0	0	0.033527	0.38685	2.615105
2.8	0.001031	0.001423	0	0	0	0.036106	0.417798	3.032903
3	0.001105	0.001525	0	0	0	0.038685	0.448746	3.481649
3.2	0.001179	0.001626	0	0	0	0.041264	0.479694	3.961343
3.4	0.001252	0.001728	0	0	0	0.043843	0.510642	4.471985
3.6	0.001326	0.00183	0	0	0	0.046422	0.54159	5.013575
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4.2	0.001547	0.002135	0	0	0	0.054159	0.634434	6.824032
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4.6	0.001695	0.002339	0	0	0	0.059317	0.69633	8.185744
4.8	0.001768	0.00244	0	0	0	0.061896	0.727278	8.913022
5	0.001842	0.002542	0	0	0	0.064475	0.758226	9.671248
5.2	0.001916	0.002644	0	0	0	0.067054	0.789174	10.46042
5.4	0.00199	0.002746	0	0	0	0.069633	0.820122	11.28054
5.6	0.002063	0.002848	0	0	0	0.072212	0.85107	12.13161
5.8	0.002137	0.002949	0	0	0	0.074791	0.882018	13.01363
6	0.002211	0.003051	0	0	0	0.07737	0.912966	13.9266
6.2	0.002285	0.003153	0	0	0	0.079949	0.943914	14.87051
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1451	1	1.38	0	0.1	0.86	0	0.015442	23092.15

1451 min x 60 (sec/min) x

0.067 cfs =

5,833 cf biofiltered

## WetlandMOD - 24" Media Thickness, Volume Based

<b>Project ID:</b>	TEI 3827
<b>Project Name:</b>	5200 Sheila Street
<b>City, State, ZIP:</b>	Commerce, CA
<b>Date:</b>	28-Oct

Blue = User Input
Gray = Formula
Green = Proceed
Red = Redo

<b>WetlandMOD Size</b>	<b>WM-11-20-V</b>
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LA County 24"; Bay Area 18"  
 Provided by EOR/ DMA area(s)  
 Drain Down Time in hours  
 LA 5-12in/hr; Bay Area 10 in/hr  
 Add Row(s) to gain treatment flow  
 RIM/FS to Outlet pipe

User Input Data	
Media Thickness (in)	24
Treatment Volume (CF)	23092
Drain Down Time (hrs)	96
Infiltration Rate (in/hr)	12
Number of Row(s)	2
Unit Depth (ft)	4.50

treatment volume x 448.8 =  
 in/hr / 100 =  
 treatment flow / loading rate =

Treatment Data	
Treatment Flow (gpm)	29.99
Media Loading Rate (gpm/sf)	0.12
Required Media Area (sf)	249.90

Providing 3" Mulch on top  
 Reduced by 4" from FS  
 Length of cage in each row

Cage, HGL Height	
Cage Height (ft)	4.25
HGL Height (ft)	4.17
Cage Length/ Row (ft)	15.0

Based on Gravel Layer surface area  
 Unit discharge rate

Final Checks	
Provided Media Surface Area (sf)	250.00
Discharge Rate (cfs)	0.067

Provided >= Required surface area, unit dimensions in good standing.

Length of Media row + Baffle wall  
 Pre-treatment + Filtration chm.  
 Total width of unit

Unit Dimensions	
Length Media Row(s) (ft)	16.0
Length of Unit (ft)	20.0
Width of Unit (ft)	11.0

Media, Gravel Volume	
WM Media Volume (cy)	18.89
Gravel Layer Volume (cy)	3.94

Feel free to fax or email proposed sizing calculations to BioClean, for assistance with sizing, compliance, and design.  
 Phone: 760.433.7640 | Fax: 760.433.3176  
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# Project Information:

Project Name: 5200 Sheila Street (10A-12A & 20B, 30C and 31C)  
Location: Commerce, CA  
Date: 11/8/2019  
Engineer: Thienes Engineering Inc.  
StormTech RPM:

## MC-4500 Site Calculator

### System Requirements

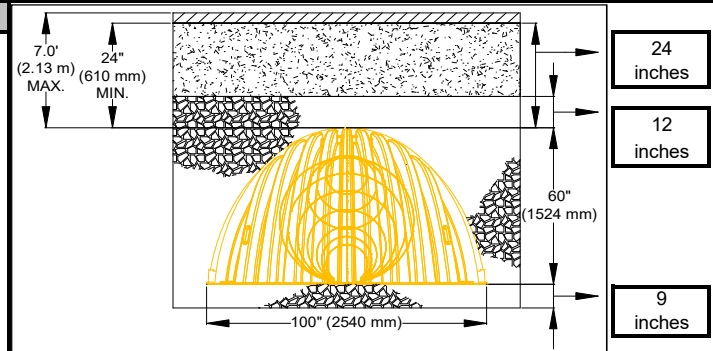
Units	Imperial	
Required Storage Volume	17280	CF
Stone Porosity (Industry Standard = 40%)	40	%
Stone Above Chambers (12 inch min.)	12	inches
Stone Foundation Depth (9 inch min.)	9	inches
Average Cover over Chambers (24 inch min.)	24	inches
Bed size controlled by WIDTH or LENGTH?	WIDTH	
Limiting WIDTH or LENGTH dimension	35	feet
Storage Volume per Chamber	162.6	CF
Storage Volume per End Cap	108.6	CF

### System Sizing

Number of Chambers Required	103	each
Number of End Caps Required	6	each
Bed Size (including perimeter stone)	4,108	square feet
Stone Required (including perimeter stone)	869	tons
Volume of Excavation	1179	cubic yards
Non-woven Filter Fabric Required (20% Safety Factor)	1413	square yards
Length of Isolator Row	148.0	feet
Woven Isolator Row Fabric (20% Safety Factor)	406	square yards
Installed Storage Volume	17,399	cubic feet

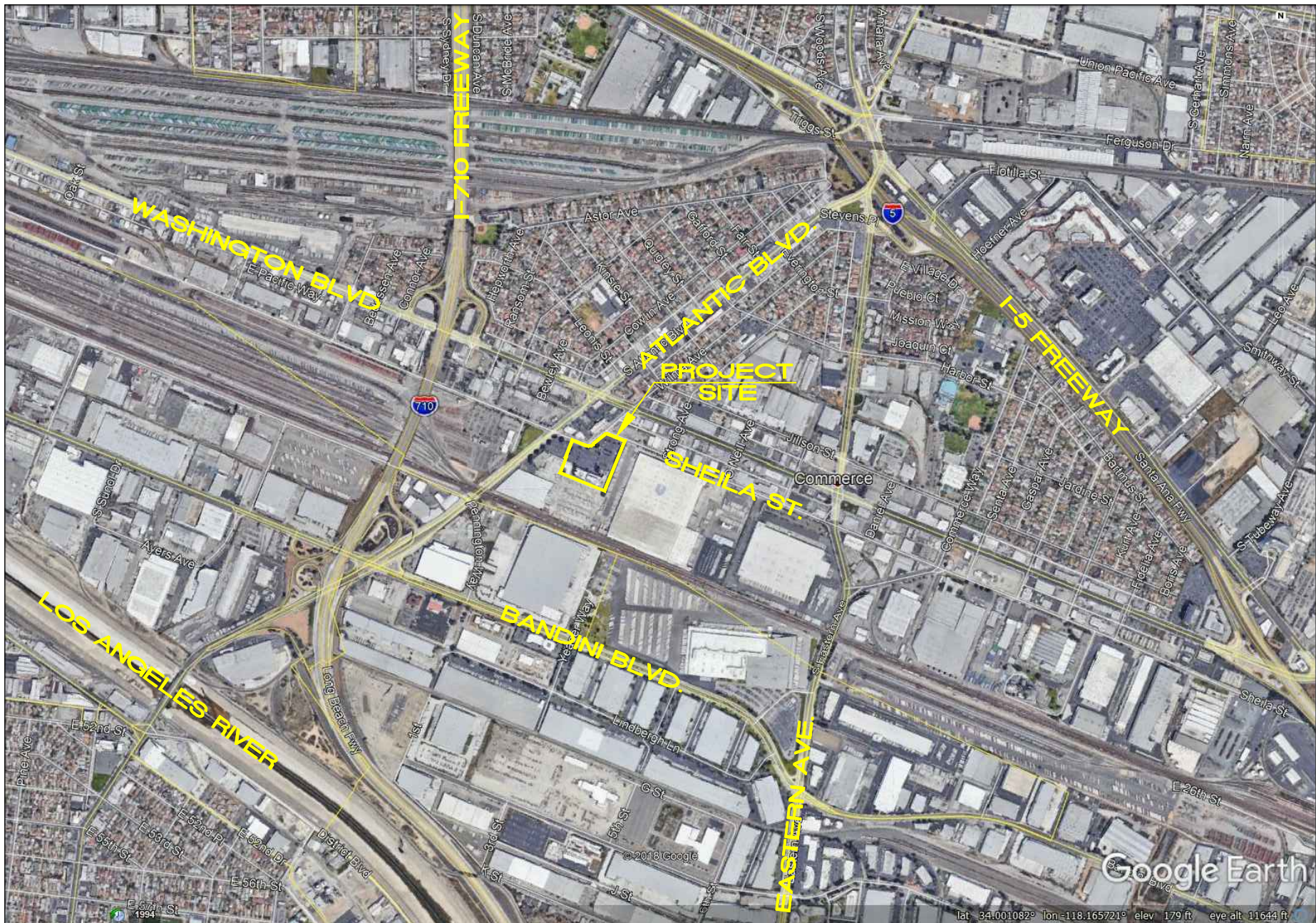
### Controlled by Width (Rows)

Maximum Width =	35	feet
1 row of	35	chambers
2 row of	34	chambers
Maximum Length =	148.0	feet
Maximum Width =	28.5	feet



# **APPENDIX B**

## **LID Site Plan**

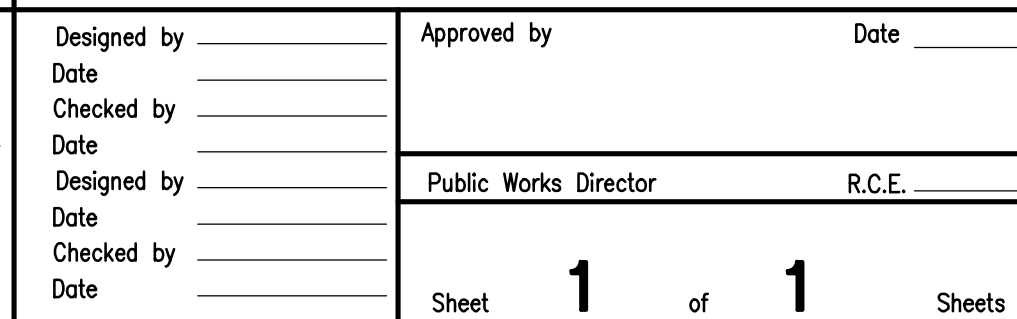


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**VICINITY MAP**

FOR

**5200 SHEILA STREET  
 COMMERCE, CA 90040**



# **APPENDIX C**

## **BMP Operation and Maintenance**

<b>BMP Operation and Maintenance</b>			
<b>BMP</b>	<b>Operation/Maintenance</b>	<b>Inspection Frequency</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Storm Drain Stencil and Signage	➤ Visually inspect for legibility and replace/repaint as necessary.	Annually	Owner
Parking Lot Sweeping	➤ At a minimum, sweep on a monthly basis.	Monthly (minimum)	Owner
Drain Inserts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ Visually inspect for defects and illegal dumping. Notify proper authorities if illegal dumping has occurred.</li> <li>➤ Using an industrial vacuum, the collected materials shall be removed from the filter basket and disposed of properly.</li> <li>➤ Inspect biosorb hydrocarbon boom and replace as necessary.</li> </ul>	Semi-annually (October 1 <sup>st</sup> and February 1 <sup>st</sup> ) through maintenance service contract with the vendor or equally qualified contractor.	Owner
Underground Chambers	➤ The isolator row shall be inspected semi-annually (October 1 <sup>st</sup> and February 1 <sup>st</sup> ) and maintained once sediment depth is greater than 3-inches. The isolator row shall be inspected and maintained by a qualified technician and he/she will properly dispose of all wastes. A manhole is installed in order to inspect and maintain the isolator row. It is installed per OSHA codes to ensure operator and inspector safety.	Semi-annually (October 1 <sup>st</sup> and February 1 <sup>st</sup> ) through maintenance service contract with the vendor or equally qualified contractor.	Owner
WetlandMod System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ All work to be done by the supplier or by a supplier approved contractor.</li> <li>➤ Clean separation (sediment) chamber. The chamber is located directly under the manhole.</li> <li>➤ Replace media in pre-filtration cartridges. Media life depends on the loading conditions and can easily be replaced and disposed of without any equipment. The BioMediaGREEN filter can be ordered from the manufacturer.</li> <li>➤ Replace drain down filter media. Replacement of media takes approximately 5 minutes and is performed without any equipment.</li> <li>➤ Replace wetland media. The life of the media can be up to 20 years. Remove spent media with shovel or vacuum truck and replace with new media. Media can be ordered from the manufacturer.</li> <li>➤ See manufacturer's maintenance requirements for additional information.</li> </ul>	Semi-annually (October 1 <sup>st</sup> and February 1 <sup>st</sup> ) through maintenance service contract with the vendor or equally qualified contractor.	Owner

<b>BMP Operation and Maintenance</b>			
<b>BMP</b>	<b>Operation/Maintenance</b>	<b>Inspection Frequency</b>	<b>Responsibility</b>
Maintenance Log	➤ Keep a log of all inspection and maintenance performed on the above mentioned BMPs for at least 5 years. Keep this log on-site.	Ongoing	Owner



## Design Objectives

- Maximize Infiltration
- Provide Retention
- Slow Runoff
- Minimize Impervious Land Coverage
- ☒ Prohibit Dumping of Improper Materials
- Contain Pollutants
- Collect and Convey

## Description

Waste materials dumped into storm drain inlets can have severe impacts on receiving and ground waters. Posting notices regarding discharge prohibitions at storm drain inlets can prevent waste dumping. Storm drain signs and stencils are highly visible source controls that are typically placed directly adjacent to storm drain inlets.

## Approach

The stencil or affixed sign contains a brief statement that prohibits dumping of improper materials into the urban runoff conveyance system. Storm drain messages have become a popular method of alerting the public about the effects of and the prohibitions against waste disposal.

## Suitable Applications

Stencils and signs alert the public to the destination of pollutants discharged to the storm drain. Signs are appropriate in residential, commercial, and industrial areas, as well as any other area where contributions or dumping to storm drains is likely.

## Design Considerations

Storm drain message markers or placards are recommended at all storm drain inlets within the boundary of a development project. The marker should be placed in clear sight facing toward anyone approaching the inlet from either side. All storm drain inlet locations should be identified on the development site map.

## Designing New Installations

The following methods should be considered for inclusion in the project design and show on project plans:

- Provide stenciling or labeling of all storm drain inlets and catch basins, constructed or modified, within the project area with prohibitive language. Examples include “NO DUMPING



– DRAINS TO OCEAN” and/or other graphical icons to discourage illegal dumping.

- Post signs with prohibitive language and/or graphical icons, which prohibit illegal dumping at public access points along channels and creeks within the project area.

Note - Some local agencies have approved specific signage and/or storm drain message placards for use. Consult local agency stormwater staff to determine specific requirements for placard types and methods of application.

### ***Redeveloping Existing Installations***

Various jurisdictional stormwater management and mitigation plans (SUSMP, WQMP, etc.) define “redevelopment” in terms of amounts of additional impervious area, increases in gross floor area and/or exterior construction, and land disturbing activities with structural or impervious surfaces. If the project meets the definition of “redevelopment”, then the requirements stated under “designing new installations” above should be included in all project design plans.

### **Additional Information**

#### ***Maintenance Considerations***

- Legibility of markers and signs should be maintained. If required by the agency with jurisdiction over the project, the owner/operator or homeowner’s association should enter into a maintenance agreement with the agency or record a deed restriction upon the property title to maintain the legibility of placards or signs.

#### ***Placement***

- Signage on top of curbs tends to weather and fade.
- Signage on face of curbs tends to be worn by contact with vehicle tires and sweeper brooms.

### **Supplemental Information**

#### ***Examples***

- Most MS4 programs have storm drain signage programs. Some MS4 programs will provide stencils, or arrange for volunteers to stencil storm drains as part of their outreach program.

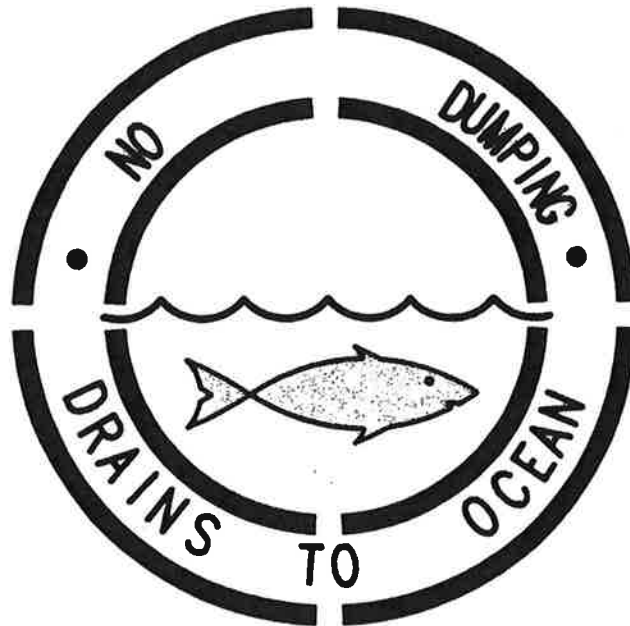
### **Other Resources**

A Manual for the Standard Urban Stormwater Mitigation Plan (SUSMP), Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, May 2002.

Model Standard Urban Storm Water Mitigation Plan (SUSMP) for San Diego County, Port of San Diego, and Cities in San Diego County, February 14, 2002.

Model Water Quality Management Plan (WQMP) for County of Orange, Orange County Flood Control District, and the Incorporated Cities of Orange County, Draft February 2003.

Ventura Countywide Technical Guidance Manual for Stormwater Quality Control Measures, July 2002.



SAMPLE STENCIL TO BE USED NEAR  
GRATE AND CURB OPENING INLETS  
SYMBOL TO BE 24" IN DIAMETER



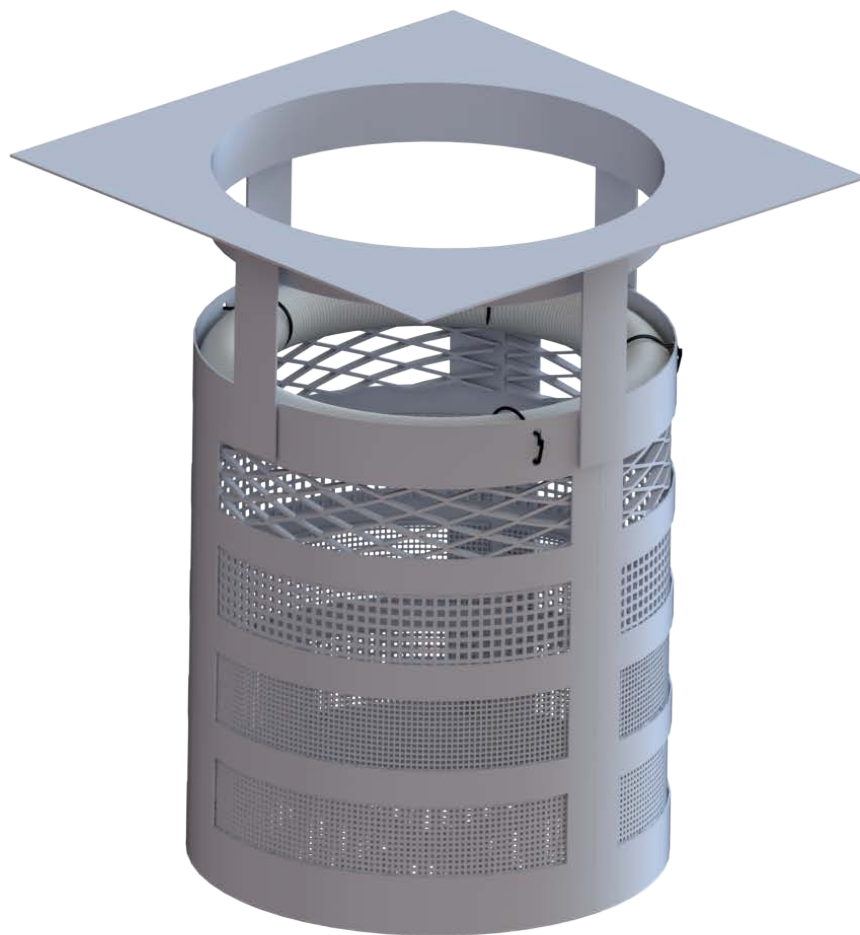
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SAMPLE CATCH BASIN STENCIL  
PER BMP SD-13

# *Grate Inlet Filter MLS Type*

**Bio Clean**  
A Forterra Company

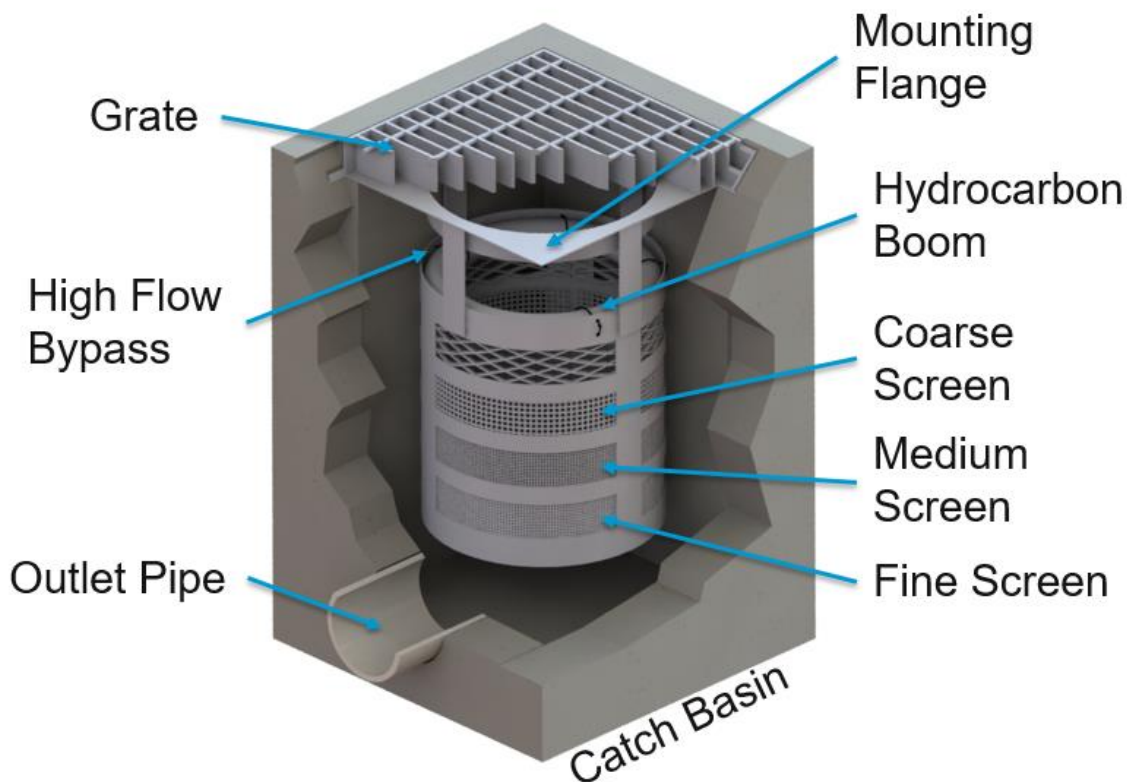
## **OPERATION & MAINTENANCE**



## OPERATION & MAINTENANCE

The Bio Clean Grate Inlet Filter is a stormwater device designed to remove high levels of trash, debris, sediments and hydrocarbons. The filter is available in several configurations including trash full capture, multi-level screening, Kraken membrane filter and media filter variations. This manual covers maintenance procedures of the multi-level screening configuration. A supplemental manual is available for the trash full capture configuration, as well as the Kraken and media filter variations. This filter is made of 100% stainless steel and is available in various sizes and depths allowing it to fit in any grated catch basin inlet. The filter's heavy duty construction allows for cleaning with any vacuum truck. The filter can also easily be cleaned by hand.

As with all stormwater BMPs, inspection and maintenance on the Grate Inlet Filter is necessary. Stormwater regulations require BMPs be inspected and maintained to ensure they are operating as designed to allow for effective pollutant removal and provide protection to receiving water bodies. It is recommended that inspections be performed multiple times during the first year to assess site-specific loading conditions. This is recommended because pollutant loading can vary greatly from site to site. Variables such as nearby soil erosion or construction sites, winter sanding of roads, amount of daily traffic and land use can increase pollutant loading on the system. The first year of inspections can be used to set inspection and maintenance intervals for subsequent years. Without appropriate maintenance a BMP can exceed its storage capacity which can negatively affect its continued performance in removing and retaining captured pollutants.



System Diagram:

### *Inspection Equipment*

Following is a list of equipment to allow for simple and effective inspection of the Grate Inlet Filter:

- Bio Clean Environmental Inspection Form (contained within this manual).
- Manhole hook or appropriate tools to remove access hatches and covers.
- Appropriate traffic control signage and procedures.
- Protective clothing and eye protection.
- Note: entering a confined space requires appropriate safety and certification. It is generally not required for routine inspections or maintenance of the system.



### *Inspection Steps*

The core to any successful stormwater BMP maintenance program is routine inspections. The inspection steps required on the Grate Inlet Filter are quick and easy. As mentioned above, the first year should be seen as the maintenance interval establishment phase. During the first year more frequent inspections should occur in order to gather loading data and maintenance requirements for that specific site. This information can be used to establish a base for long-term inspection and maintenance interval requirements.

The Grate Inlet Filter can be inspected through visual observation. All necessary pre-inspection steps must be carried out before inspection occurs, such as safety measures to protect the inspector and nearby pedestrians from any dangers associated with an open grated inlet. Once the grate has been safely removed the inspection process can proceed:

- Prepare the inspection form by writing in the necessary information including project name, location, date & time, unit number and other info (see inspection form).
- Observe the filter with the grate removed.
- Look for any out of the ordinary obstructions on the grate or in the filter and its bypass. Write down any observations on the inspection form.
- Through observation and/or digital photographs, estimate the amount of trash, foliage and sediment accumulated inside the filter basket. Record this information on the inspection form.
- Observe the condition and color of the hydrocarbon boom. Record this information on the inspection form.
- Finalize inspection report for analysis by the maintenance manager to determine if maintenance is required.

### *Maintenance Indicators*

Based upon observations made during inspection, maintenance of the system may be required based on the following indicators:

- Missing or damaged internal components.
- Obstructions in the filter basket and its bypass.
- Excessive accumulation of trash, foliage and sediment in the filter basket. Maintenance is required when the basket is greater than half-full.
- The following chart shows the 50% and 100% storage capacity of each filter height:

Model	Filter Basket Diameter (in)	Filter Basket Height (in)	50% Storage Capacity (cu ft)	100% Storage Capacity (cu ft)
<b>BC-GRATE-12-12-18</b>	10.00	18.00	0.41	0.82
<b>BC-GRATE-18-18-18</b>	16.00	18.00	1.05	2.09
<b>BC-GRATE-24-24-24</b>	21.00	24.00	2.40	4.81
<b>BC-GRATE-30-30-24</b>	27.00	24.00	3.97	7.95
<b>BC-GRATE-25-38-24</b>	21.00	24.00	4.15	8.31
<b>BC-GRATE-36-36-24</b>	33.00	24.00	5.94	11.87
<b>BC-GRATE-48-48-18</b>	44.00	18.00	7.92	15.83

### *Maintenance Equipment*

It is recommended that a vacuum truck be utilized to minimize the time required to maintain the Curb Inlet Filter, though it can be easily cleaned by hand:

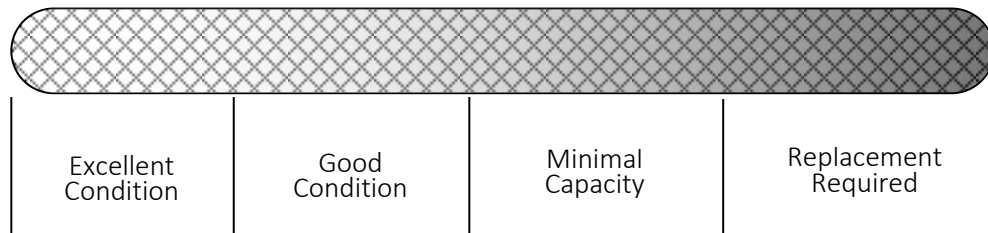
- Bio Clean Environmental Maintenance Form (contained in O&M Manual).
- Manhole hook or appropriate tools to remove the grate.
- Appropriate safety signage and procedures.
- Protective clothing and eye protection.
- Note: entering a confined space requires appropriate safety and certification. It is generally not required for routine maintenance of the system. Small or large vacuum truck (with pressure washer attachment preferred).

### *Maintenance Procedures*

It is recommended that maintenance occurs at least two days after the most recent rain event to allow debris and sediments to dry out. Maintaining the system while flows are still entering it will

increase the time and complexity required for maintenance. Cleaning of the Grate Inlet Filter can be performed utilizing a vacuum truck. Once all safety measures have been set up, cleaning of the Grate Inlet Filter can proceed as followed:

- Remove grate (traffic control and safety measures to be completed prior).
- Using an extension on a vacuum truck, position the hose over the opened catch basin. Insert the vacuum hose down into the filter basket and suck out trash, foliage and sediment. A pressure wash is recommended and will assist in spraying off any debris stuck on the side or bottom of the filter basket. Power wash the sides and bottom of the filter basket off.
- Next, remove the hydrocarbon boom that is attached to the inside of the filter basket. The hydrocarbon boom is zip tied to the top perimeter of the filter. Assess the color and condition of the boom using the following information in the next bullet point. If replacement is required, install and fasten on a new hydrocarbon boom. Booms can be ordered directly from the manufacturer.
- The following is a replacement indication color chart for the hydrocarbon booms:



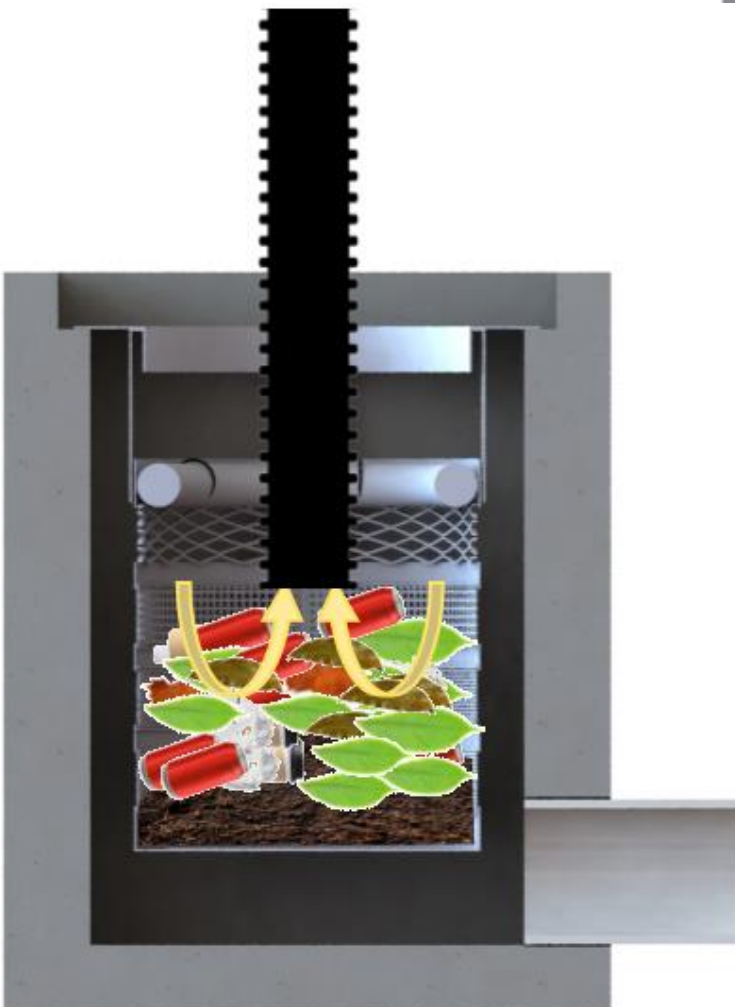
- The last step is to replace the grate and remove all traffic control.
- All removed debris and pollutants shall be disposed of following local and state requirements.
- Disposal requirements for recovered pollutants may vary depending on local guidelines. In most areas the sediment, once dewatered, can be disposed of in a sanitary landfill. It is not anticipated that the sediment would be classified as hazardous waste.
- In the case of damaged components, replacement parts can be ordered from the manufacturer. Hydrocarbon booms can also be ordered directly from the manufacturer as previously noted. NOTE: outlet to catch basin (if it does not have a sump) should be blocked during power washing to prevent any dirty water from discharging from the catch basin.

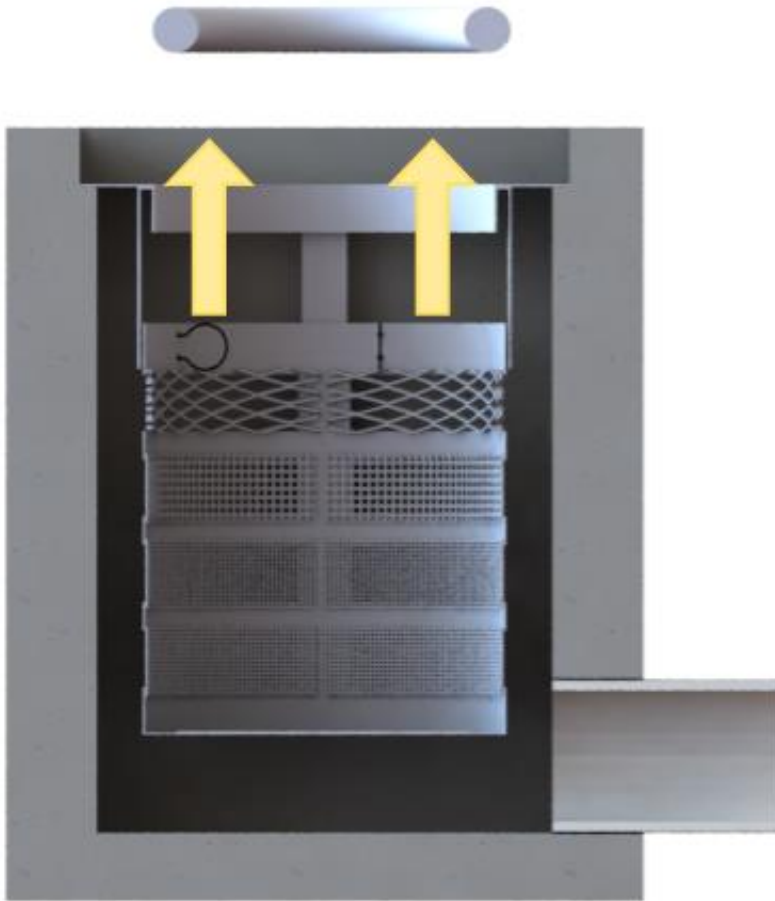
*Maintenance Sequence*

Remove grate and set up vacuum truck to clean the filter basket.



Insert the vacuum hose down into the filter basket and suck out debris. Use a pressure washer to assist in vacuum removal. Pressure wash off screens.





Remove the hydrocarbon boom that is attached to the inside of the filter basket. The hydrocarbon boom is zip tied to the top perimeter of the filter. Assess the color and condition of the boom using the following information in the next bullet point. If replacement is required, install and fasten on a new hydrocarbon boom.

Close up and replace the grate and remove all traffic control. All removed debris and pollutants shall be disposed of following local and state requirements.



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## Inspection and Maintenance Report Catch Basin Only

Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address \_\_\_\_\_ (city) (Zip Code)

Owner / Management Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone ( ) - \_\_\_\_\_

Inspector Name \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_ AM / PM

Type of Inspection ☐ Routine ☐ Follow Up ☐ Complaint ☐ Storm

Weather Condition \_\_\_\_\_ Storm Event in Last 72-hours? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Additional Notes \_\_\_\_\_

For Office Use Only

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(Reviewed By) \_\_\_\_\_

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(Date) \_\_\_\_\_  
Office personnel to complete section to the left.

Site Map #	GPS Coordinates of Insert	Catch Basin Size	Evidence of Illicit Discharge?	Trash Accumulation	Foliage Accumulation	Sediment Accumulation	Signs of Structural Damage?	Functioning Properly or Maintenance Needed?
1	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
2	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
3	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
4	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
5	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
6	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
7	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
8	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
10	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
11	Lat: _____ Long: _____							
12	Lat: _____ Long: _____							

Comments: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

## MC-4500 CHAMBER

Designed to meet the most stringent industry performance standards for superior structural integrity while providing designers with a cost-effective method to save valuable land and protect water resources. The StormTech system is designed primarily to be used under parking lots, thus maximizing land usage for private (commercial) and public applications. StormTech chambers can also be used in conjunction with Green Infrastructure, thus enhancing the performance and extending the service life of these practices.

### STORMTECH MC-4500 CHAMBER (not to scale)

#### Nominal Chamber Specifications

**Size (L x W x H)**  
52" x 100" x 60"  
1,321 mm x 2,540 mm x 1,524 mm

**Chamber Storage**  
106.5 ft<sup>3</sup> (3.01 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Min. Installed Storage\***  
162.6 ft<sup>3</sup> (4.60 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Weight**  
120 lbs (54.4 kg)

**Shipping**  
7 chambers/pallet  
11 pallets/truck

\*Assumes a minimum of 12" (300 mm) of stone above, 9" (230 mm) of stone below chambers, 9" (230 mm) of stone between chambers/end caps and 40% stone porosity.

### STORMTECH MC-4500 END CAP (not to scale)

#### Nominal End Cap Specifications

**Size (L x W x H)**  
35.1" x 90.2" x 59.4"  
891 mm x 2,291 mm x 1,509 mm

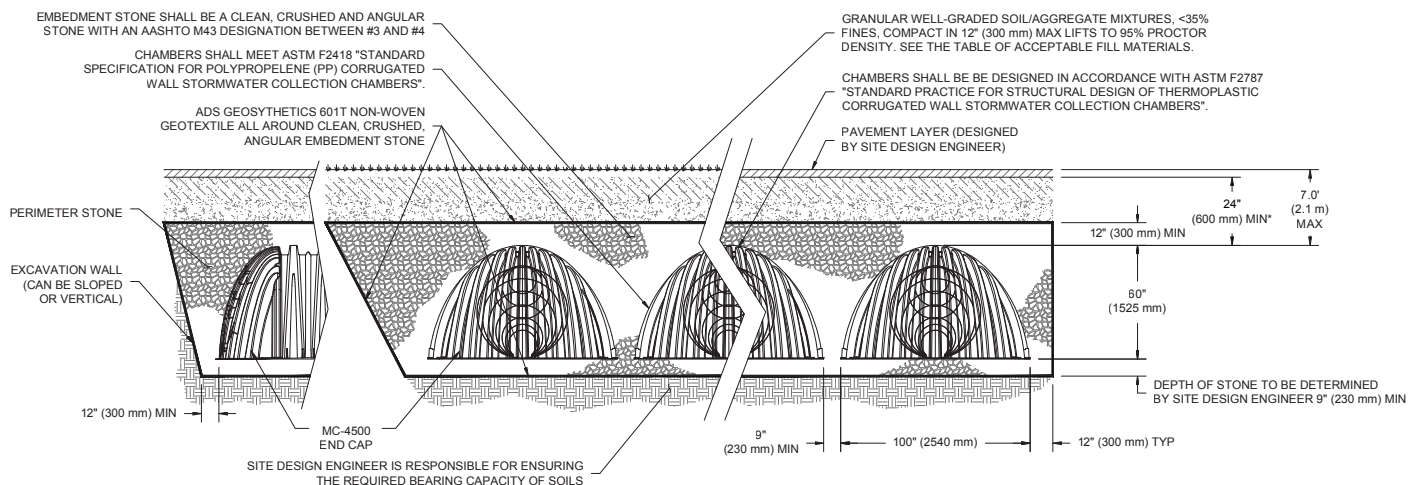
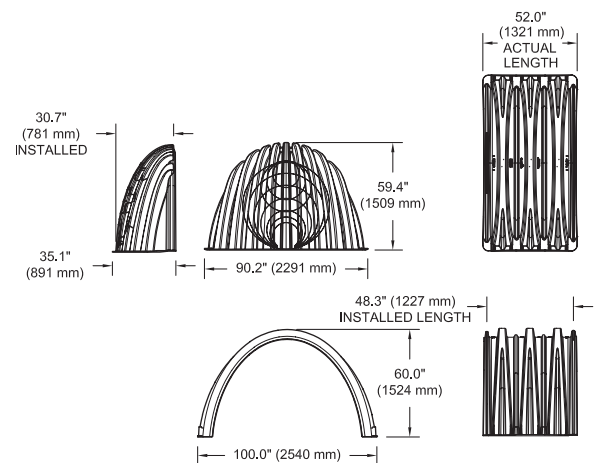
**End Cap Storage**  
35.7 ft<sup>3</sup> (1.01 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Min. Installed Storage\***  
108.7 ft<sup>3</sup> (3.08 m<sup>3</sup>)

**Weight**  
120 lbs (54.4 kg)

**Shipping**  
7 end caps/pallet  
11 pallets/truck

\*Assumes a minimum of 12" (300 mm) of stone above, 9" (230 mm) of stone below, 6" (150 mm) of stone perimeter, 9" (230 mm) of stone between chambers/end caps and 40% stone porosity.



\*MINIMUM COVER TO BOTTOM OF FLEXIBLE PAVEMENT. FOR UNPAVED INSTALLATIONS WHERE RUTTING FROM VEHICLES MAY OCCUR, INCREASE COVER TO 30" (750 mm).

## MC-4500 CHAMBER SPECIFICATIONS

### STORAGE VOLUME PER CHAMBER FT<sup>3</sup> (M<sup>3</sup>)

	Bare Chamber Storage ft <sup>3</sup> (m <sup>3</sup> )	Chamber and Stone Foundation Depth in. (mm)			
		9" (230 mm)	12" (300 mm)	15" (375 mm)	18" (450 mm)
MC-4500 Chamber	106.5 (3.02)	162.6 (4.60)	166.3 (4.71)	169.6 (4.81)	173.6 (4.91)
MC-4500 End Cap	35.7 (1.0)	108.7 (3.08)	111.9 (3.17)	115.2 (3.26)	118.4 (3.35)

**Note:** Assumes 9" (230 mm) row spacing, 40% stone porosity, 12" (300 mm) stone above and includes the bare chamber/end cap volume. End cap volume assumes 12" (300 mm) stone perimeter.

### AMOUNT OF STONE PER CHAMBER

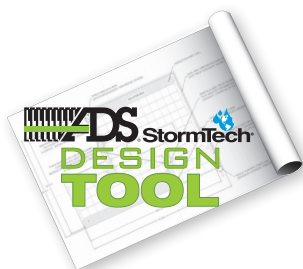
ENGLISH TONS (yds <sup>3</sup> )	Stone Foundation Depth			
	9"	12"	15"	18"
MC-4500 Chamber	7.4 (5.2)	7.8 (5.5)	8.3 (5.9)	8.8 (6.2)
MC-4500 End Cap	9.6 (6.8)	10.0 (7.1)	10.4 (7.4)	10.9 (7.7)
METRIC KILOGRAMS (m <sup>3</sup> )	230 mm	300 mm	375 mm	450 mm
MC-4500 Chamber	6,681 (4.0)	7,117 (4.2)	7,552 (4.5)	7,987 (4.7)
MC-4500 End Cap	8,691 (5.2)	9,075 (5.4)	9,460 (5.6)	9,845 (5.9)

**Note:** Assumes 12" (300 mm) of stone above and 9" (230 mm) row spacing and 12" (300 mm) of perimeter stone in front of end caps.

### VOLUME EXCAVATION PER CHAMBER YD<sup>3</sup> (M<sup>3</sup>)

	Stone Foundation Depth			
	9" (230 mm)	12" (300 mm)	15" (375mm)	18" (450 mm)
MC-4500 Chamber	10.5 (8.0)	10.8 (8.3)	11.2 (8.5)	11.5 (8.8)
MC-4500 End Cap	9.3 (7.1)	9.6 (7.3)	9.9 (7.6)	10.2 (7.8)

**Note:** Assumes 9" (230 mm) of separation between chamber rows, 12" (300 mm) of perimeter in front of the end caps, and 24" (600 mm) of cover. The volume of excavation will vary as depth of cover increases.



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# *Isolator<sup>®</sup> Row O&M Manual*



## THE ISOLATOR<sup>®</sup> ROW

### INTRODUCTION

An important component of any Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan is inspection and maintenance. The StormTech Isolator Row is a technique to inexpensively enhance Total Suspended Solids (TSS) removal and provide easy access for inspection and maintenance.

### THE ISOLATOR ROW

The Isolator Row is a row of StormTech chambers, either SC-160LP, SC-310, SC-310-3, SC-740, DC-780, MC-3500 or MC-4500 models, that is surrounded with filter fabric and connected to a closely located manhole for easy access. The fabric-wrapped chambers provide for settling and filtration of sediment as storm water rises in the Isolator Row and ultimately passes through the filter fabric. The open bottom chambers and perforated sidewalls (SC-310, SC-310-3 and SC-740 models) allow storm water to flow both vertically and horizontally out of the chambers. Sediments are captured in the Isolator Row protecting the storage areas of the adjacent stone and chambers from sediment accumulation.

Two different fabrics are used for the Isolator Row. A woven geotextile fabric is placed between the stone and the Isolator Row chambers. The tough geotextile provides a media for storm water filtration and provides a durable surface for maintenance operations. It is also designed to prevent scour of the underlying stone and remain intact during high pressure jetting. A non-woven fabric is placed over the chambers to provide a filter media for flows passing through the perforations in the sidewall of the chamber. The non-woven fabric is not required over the SC-160LP, DC-780, MC-3500 or MC-4500 models as these chambers do not have perforated side walls.

The Isolator Row is typically designed to capture the “first flush” and offers the versatility to be sized on a volume basis or flow rate basis. An upstream manhole not only provides access to the Isolator Row but typically includes a high flow weir such that storm water flowrates or volumes that exceed the capacity of the Isolator Row overtop the over flow weir and discharge through a manifold to the other chambers.

The Isolator Row may also be part of a treatment train. By treating storm water prior to entry into the chamber system, the service life can be extended and pollutants such as hydrocarbons can be captured. Pre-treatment best management practices can be as simple as deep sump catch basins, oil-water separators or can be innovative storm water treatment devices. The design of the treatment train and selection of pretreatment devices by the design engineer is often driven by regulatory requirements. Whether pretreatment is used or not, the Isolator Row is recommended by StormTech as an effective means to minimize maintenance requirements and maintenance costs.

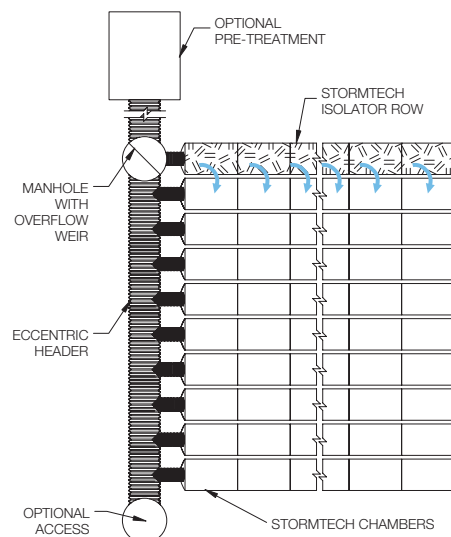
*Note: See the StormTech Design Manual for detailed information on designing inlets for a StormTech system, including the Isolator Row.*

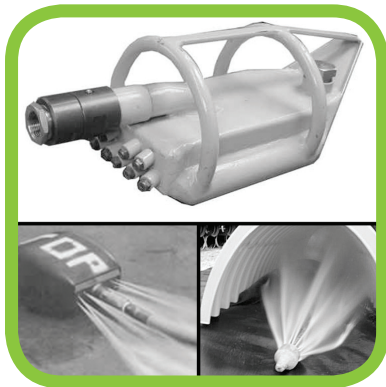


Looking down the Isolator Row from the manhole opening, woven geotextile is shown between the chamber and stone base.



StormTech Isolator Row with Overflow Spillway (not to scale)





## ISOLATOR ROW INSPECTION/MAINTENANCE

### INSPECTION

The frequency of inspection and maintenance varies by location. A routine inspection schedule needs to be established for each individual location based upon site specific variables. The type of land use (i.e. industrial, commercial, residential), anticipated pollutant load, percent imperviousness, climate, etc. all play a critical role in determining the actual frequency of inspection and maintenance practices.

At a minimum, StormTech recommends annual inspections. Initially, the Isolator Row should be inspected every 6 months for the first year of operation. For subsequent years, the inspection should be adjusted based upon previous observation of sediment deposition.

The Isolator Row incorporates a combination of standard manhole(s) and strategically located inspection ports (as needed). The inspection ports allow for easy access to the system from the surface, eliminating the need to perform a confined space entry for inspection purposes.

If upon visual inspection it is found that sediment has accumulated, a stadia rod should be inserted to determine the depth of sediment. When the average depth of sediment exceeds 3 inches throughout the length of the Isolator Row, clean-out should be performed.

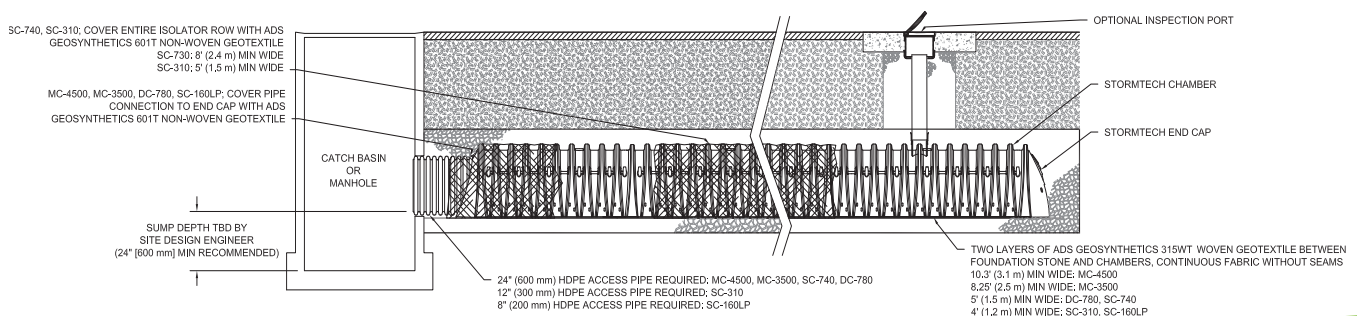
### MAINTENANCE

The Isolator Row was designed to reduce the cost of periodic maintenance. By “isolating” sediments to just one row, costs are dramatically reduced by eliminating the need to clean out each row of the entire storage bed. If inspection indicates the potential need for maintenance, access is provided via a manhole(s) located on the end(s) of the row for cleanout. If entry into the manhole is required, please follow local and OSHA rules for a confined space entries.

Maintenance is accomplished with the JetVac process. The JetVac process utilizes a high pressure water nozzle to propel itself down the Isolator Row while scouring and suspending sediments. As the nozzle is retrieved, the captured pollutants are flushed back into the manhole for vacuuming. Most sewer and pipe maintenance companies have vacuum/JetVac combination vehicles. Selection of an appropriate JetVac nozzle will improve maintenance efficiency. Fixed nozzles designed for culverts or large diameter pipe cleaning are preferable. Rear facing jets with an effective spread of at least 45° are best. Most JetVac reels have 400 feet of hose allowing maintenance of an Isolator Row up to 50 chambers long. **The JetVac process shall only be performed on StormTech Isolator Rows that have AASHTO class 1 woven geotextile (as specified by StormTech) over their angular base stone.**

### StormTech Isolator Row (not to scale)

*Note: Non-woven fabric is only required over the inlet pipe connection into the end cap for SC-160LP, DC-780, MC-3500 and MC-4500 chamber models and is not required over the entire Isolator Row.*



# ISOLATOR ROW STEP BY STEP MAINTENANCE PROCEDURES

## STEP 1

Inspect Isolator Row for sediment.

- A) Inspection ports (if present)
  - i. Remove lid from floor box frame
  - ii. Remove cap from inspection riser
  - iii. Using a flashlight and stadia rod, measure depth of sediment and record results on maintenance log.
  - iv. If sediment is at or above 3 inch depth, proceed to Step 2. If not, proceed to Step 3.
- B) All Isolator Rows
  - i. Remove cover from manhole at upstream end of Isolator Row
  - ii. Using a flashlight, inspect down Isolator Row through outlet pipe
    1. Mirrors on poles or cameras may be used to avoid a confined space entry
    2. Follow OSHA regulations for confined space entry if entering manhole
  - iii. If sediment is at or above the lower row of sidewall holes (approximately 3 inches), proceed to Step 2. If not, proceed to Step 3.

## STEP 2

Clean out Isolator Row using the JetVac process.

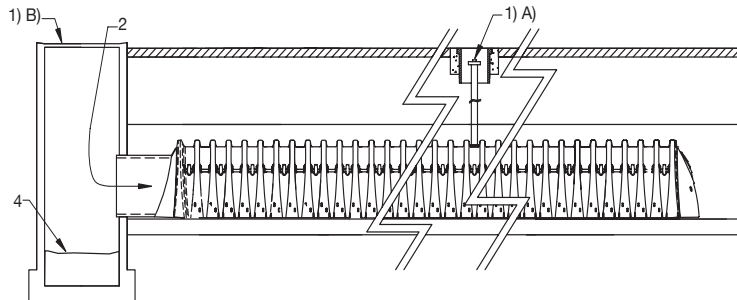
- A) A fixed floor cleaning nozzle with rear facing nozzle spread of 45 inches or more is preferable
- B) Apply multiple passes of JetVac until backflush water is clean
- C) Vacuum manhole sump as required

## STEP 3

Replace all caps, lids and covers, record observations and actions.

## STEP 4

Inspect & clean catch basins and manholes upstream of the StormTech system.



## SAMPLE MAINTENANCE LOG

Date	Stadia Rod Readings		Sediment Depth (1)-(2)	Observations/Actions	Inspector
	Fixed point to chamber bottom (1)	Fixed point to top of sediment (2)			
3/15/11	6.3 ft	none		New installation. Fixed point is CI frame at grade	DJM
9/24/11		6.2	0.1 ft	Some grit felt	SM
6/20/13		5.8	0.5 ft	Mucky feel, debris visible in manhole and in Isolator Row, maintenance due	NV
7/7/13	6.3 ft		0	System jetted and vacuumed	DJM

## Maintenance Overview –

A. Every installed WetlandMOD unit is to be maintained by the Supplier, or a Supplier approved contractor. The cost of this service varies among providers.

B. The WetlandMOD is a multi-stage self-contained treatment train for stormwater treatment. Each stage protects subsequent stages from clogging. Stages include: screening, separation, and Biofiltration. The biofiltration stage contains various types of vegetation which will require annual evaluation and trimming.

1. Clean Bio Clean® Pre-Filter Screen – Screening is provided by well proven continuous modular screen filter. The filter removes gross solids, including litter, and sediments greater than 5 mm. This procedure is easily done by hand or with a small industrial vacuum device.

2. Clean Separation (sediment) Chamber – separation occurs in the pre-treatment chamber. This chamber targets TSS, and particulate metals and nutrients. This procedure can be performed with a standard vacuum truck. This chamber is located directly under the manhole, hatch, or grate access cover.

3. Trim Vegetation – The system utilizes multiple plants in the biofiltration chamber to provide enhanced treatment. The vegetation will need to be maintained (trimmed) as needed. This can be done as part of the project normal landscape maintenance. **NO FERTILIZER SHALL BE USED IN THIS CHAMBER.**

4. Evaluate Biofiltration Media Flow Hydraulic Conductivity – The systems flow can be assessed from the discharge. This should be done during a rain event. By viewing into the discharge pipe the flow out of the system can be observed. If little to no flow is observed this is a sign of potential Biofiltration media maintenance needs.

**5. Biofiltration Media Replacement** – This filter contains a mix that supports abundant plant life. Replacement of the media is simple. Removal of spent media can be done with a shovel or a vacuum truck.

C. The WetlandMOD pre-filter, separation chamber, and Biofiltration media are designed to allow for the use of vacuum removal of captured pollutants and spent filter media by centrifugal compressor vacuum units without causing damage to the filter or during normal cleaning and maintenance. Filter and chambers can be cleaned from finish surface through standard manhole, hatch, or grate access.

## **Maintenance Procedures –**

**1. Clean Bio Clean® Pre-Filter** – Bio Clean recommends the **pre-filter** be inspected and cleaned a minimum of once every six months. The procedure is easily done with the use of any standard vacuum truck. *This procedure takes approximately 15 minutes.*

1. Remove grate, manhole, or hatch to gain access to catch basin filter insert. Where possible the maintenance should be performed from the ground surface. Note: entry into an underground stormwater vault such as an inlet vault may require certification in confined space training.
2. Remove all trash, debris, organics, and sediments collected by the pre-filter. Removal of the trash and debris can be done manually or with the use of a vacuum truck. The hose of the vacuum truck will not damage the screen of the filter.
3. Transport all debris, trash, organics and sediments to approved facility for disposal in accordance with local and state requirements. Hazardous material can only be handled by a certified hazardous waste trained person (minimum 24-hour hazwoper).

**2. Clean Separation (sediment) Chamber** – Bio Clean recommends the **separation chamber** be inspected and cleaned a minimum of once a year. The procedure is easily done with the use of any standard vacuum truck. *This procedure takes approximately 30 minutes.*

1. Remove grate, manhole, or hatch to gain access to the Separation Chamber.
2. Where possible the maintenance should be performed from the ground surface. Note: entry into an underground stormwater vault such as an inlet vault may require certification in confined space training.
3. With a pressure washer spray down pollutants accumulated on walls and pre-filters.
4. Vacuum out separation chamber and remove all accumulated debris and sediments.
5. Replace grate, manhole, or hatch cover.
6. Transport all debris, trash, organics and sediments to approved facility for disposal in accordance with local and state requirements.

**3. Trim Vegetation** – Bio Clean recommends the plants/vegetation be inspected and maintained a minimum of once a year. It is also recommended that the plants receive the same care as other landscaped areas. **Note: No fertilizer is to be used on this area.** *Trimming of vegetation takes approximately 15 minutes.*

**4. Evaluate Biofiltration Media Flow Hydraulic Conductivity** – Bio Clean recommends system flow be inspected and observed a minimum of once a year. This needs to be done during a rain event. *Inspection and Observation takes approximately 5 minutes.*

1. Observe discharge out of system
2. Observe the level of flow from the bottom of the pipe.
3. If flow is steady and high the system is operating normally.
4. If little or no flow is observed exiting the discharge pipe possible maintenance to the Biofiltration media may be needed. Contact Bio Clean for further assistance.

**5. Biofiltration Media Replacement** – Bio Clean recommends the Biofiltration media be replaced a minimum of one every 20 years. *Inspection takes approximately 15 minutes. Replacement of rock media takes approximately 6 hours and requires a vacuum truck.*

1. Remove plants from the Biofiltration chamber.
2. Use a vacuum truck or shovel to remove all wetland media.
3. Spray down the walls and floor of the chamber and vacuum out any accumulated pollutants.
4. Spray down perforated piping and netting of flow matrix and the inflow and outflow end to remove any accumulated pollutants.
5. Vacuum out any standing water from the media removal and insure the chamber is cleaning.
6. Use a small backhoe to fill chamber with new media. Call Bio Clean for media delivery information.
7. Plant new vegetation in the same configuration and quantity as old vegetation.
8. Spray down the plants and media with water to saturate.
9. Continue supplemental irrigation (spray or drip) for at least 90 days.

**6. Other Maintenance Notes –**

1. Following maintenance and/or inspection, the maintenance operator shall prepare a maintenance/inspection record. The record shall include any maintenance activities performed, amount and description of debris collected, and condition of the system and its various filter mechanism. .
2. The owner shall retain the maintenance/inspection record for a minimum of five years from the date of maintenance. These records shall be made available to the governing municipality for inspection upon request at any time.
3. Any person performing maintenance activities must have completed a minimum of OSHA 24-hour hazardous waste worker (hazwoper) training.
4. Remove access manhole lid or grate to gain access to filter screens and sediment chambers. Where possible the maintenance should be performed

from the ground surface. Note: entry into an underground stormwater vault such as an inlet vault requires certification in confined space training.

5. Transport all debris, trash, organics and sediments to approved facility for disposal in accordance with local and state requirements.
6. The hydrocarbon boom is classified as hazardous material and will have to be picked up and disposed of as hazardous waste. Hazardous material can only be handled by a certified hazardous waste trained person (minimum 24-hour hazwoper).



## Inspection Form



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# Inspection Report Modular Wetlands System



Project Name \_\_\_\_\_

Project Address \_\_\_\_\_ (city) (Zip Code)

Owner / Management Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) -

Inspector Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_ AM / PM

Type of Inspection ☐ Routine ☐ Follow Up ☐ Complaint ☐ Storm Storm Event in Last 72-hours? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Weather Condition \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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## Inspection Checklist

Modular Wetland System Type (Curb, Grate or UG Vault): \_\_\_\_\_ Size (22', 14' or etc.): \_\_\_\_\_

Structural Integrity:	Yes	No	Comments
Damage to pre-treatment access cover (manhole cover/grate) or cannot be opened using normal lifting pressure?			
Damage to discharge chamber access cover (manhole cover/grate) or cannot be opened using normal lifting pressure?			
Does the MWS unit show signs of structural deterioration (cracks in the wall, damage to frame)?			
Is the inlet/outlet pipe or drain down pipe damaged or otherwise not functioning properly?			
<b>Working Condition:</b>			
Is there evidence of illicit discharge or excessive oil, grease, or other automobile fluids entering and clogging the unit?			
Is there standing water in inappropriate areas after a dry period?			
Is the filter insert (if applicable) at capacity and/or is there an accumulation of debris/trash on the shelf system?			
Does the depth of sediment/trash/debris suggest a blockage of the inflow pipe, bypass or cartridge filter? If yes, specify which one in the comments section. Note depth of accumulation in in pre-treatment chamber.			Depth:
Does the cartridge filter media need replacement in pre-treatment chamber and/or discharge chamber?			Chamber:
Any signs of improper functioning in the discharge chamber? Note issues in comments section.			
<b>Other Inspection Items:</b>			
Is there an accumulation of sediment/trash/debris in the wetland media (if applicable)?			
Is it evident that the plants are alive and healthy (if applicable)? Please note Plant Information below.			
Is there a septic or foul odor coming from inside the system?			

Waste:	Yes	No
Sediment / Silt / Clay		
Trash / Bags / Bottles		
Green Waste / Leaves / Foliage		

Recommended Maintenance	
No Cleaning Needed	
Schedule Maintenance as Planned	
Needs Immediate Maintenance	

Plant Information	
Damage to Plants	
Plant Replacement	
Plant Trimming	

Additional Notes: \_\_\_\_\_



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## Cleaning and Maintenance Report Modular Wetlands System



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(city) (Zip Code)

Owner / Management Company \_\_\_\_\_

Contact \_\_\_\_\_

Phone ( ) -

Inspector Name \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ Time \_\_\_\_ AM / PM

Type of Inspection ☐ Routine ☐ Follow Up ☐ Complaint

☐ Storm Storm Event in Last 72-hours? ☐ No ☐ Yes

Weather Condition \_\_\_\_\_

Additional Notes \_\_\_\_\_

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Site Map #	GPS Coordinates of Insert	Manufacturer / Description / Sizing	Trash Accumulation	Foliage Accumulation	Sediment Accumulation	Total Debris Accumulation	Condition of Media 25/50/75/100 (will be changed @ 75%)	Operational Per Manufactures' Specifications (If not, why?)
	Lat:	MWS Catch Basins						
	Long:							
		MWS Sedimentation Basin						
		Media Filter Condition						
		Plant Condition						
		Drain Down Media Condition						
		Discharge Chamber Condition						
		Drain Down Pipe Condition						
		Inlet and Outlet Pipe Condition						

Comments:

# **APPENDIX D**

## **Maintenance and Covenant Agreement**

# **APPENDIX E**

## **Educational Materials**



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## Description

Non-stormwater discharges are those flows that do not consist entirely of stormwater. Some non-stormwater discharges do not include pollutants and may be discharged to the storm drain. These include uncontaminated groundwater and natural springs. There are also some non-stormwater discharges that typically do not contain pollutants and may be discharged to the storm drain with conditions. These include car washing, air conditioner condensate, etc. However there are certain non-stormwater discharges that pose environmental concern. These discharges may originate from illegal dumping or from internal floor drains, appliances, industrial processes, sinks, and toilets that are connected to the nearby storm drainage system. These discharges (which may include: process waste waters, cooling waters, wash waters, and sanitary wastewater) can carry substances such as paint, oil, fuel and other automotive fluids, chemicals and other pollutants into storm drains. They can generally be detected through a combination of detection and elimination. The ultimate goal is to effectively eliminate non-stormwater discharges to the stormwater drainage system through implementation of measures to detect, correct, and enforce against illicit connections and illegal discharges of pollutants on streets and into the storm drain system and creeks.

## Approach

Initially the industry must make an assessment of non-stormwater discharges to determine which types must be eliminated or addressed through BMPs. The focus of the following approach is in the elimination of non-stormwater discharges.

## Objectives

- Cover
- Contain
- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize
- Product Substitution

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	
Nutrients	✓
Trash	
Metals	✓
Bacteria	✓
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



***Pollution Prevention***

- Ensure that used oil, used antifreeze, and hazardous chemical recycling programs are being implemented. Encourage litter control.

***Suggested Protocols******Recommended Complaint Investigation Equipment***

- Field Screening Analysis
  - pH paper or meter
  - Commercial stormwater pollutant screening kit that can detect for reactive phosphorus, nitrate nitrogen, ammonium nitrogen, specific conductance, and turbidity
  - Sample jars
  - Sample collection pole
  - A tool to remove access hole covers
- Laboratory Analysis
  - Sample cooler
  - Ice
  - Sample jars and labels
  - Chain of custody forms
- Documentation
  - Camera
  - Notebook
  - Pens
  - Notice of Violation forms
  - Educational materials

***General***

- Develop clear protocols and lines of communication for effectively prohibiting non-stormwater discharges, especially those that are not classified as hazardous. These are often not responded to as effectively as they need to be.
- Stencil or demarcate storm drains, where applicable, to prevent illegal disposal of pollutants. Storm drain inlets should have messages such as “Dump No Waste Drains to Stream” stenciled or demarcated next to them to warn against ignorant or intentional dumping of pollutants into the storm drainage system.

- See SC44 Stormwater Drainage System Maintenance for additional information.

## *Illicit Connections*

- Locate discharges from the industrial storm drainage system to the municipal storm drain system through review of “as-built” piping schematics.
- Isolate problem areas and plug illicit discharge points.
- Locate and evaluate all discharges to the industrial storm drain system.

## *Visual Inspection and Inventory*

- Inventory and inspect each discharge point during dry weather.
- Keep in mind that drainage from a storm event can continue for a day or two following the end of a storm and groundwater may infiltrate the underground stormwater collection system. Also, non-stormwater discharges are often intermittent and may require periodic inspections.

## *Review Infield Piping*

- A review of the “as-built” piping schematic is a way to determine if there are any connections to the stormwater collection system.
- Inspect the path of floor drains in older buildings.

## *Smoke Testing*

- Smoke testing of wastewater and stormwater collection systems is used to detect connections between the two systems.
- During dry weather the stormwater collection system is filled with smoke and then traced to sources. The appearance of smoke at the base of a toilet indicates that there may be a connection between the sanitary and the stormwater system.

## *Dye Testing*

- A dye test can be performed by simply releasing a dye into either your sanitary or process wastewater system and examining the discharge points from the stormwater collection system for discoloration.

## *TV Inspection of Drainage System*

- TV Cameras can be employed to visually identify illicit connections to the industrial storm drainage system.

## *Illegal Dumping*

- Regularly inspect and clean up hot spots and other storm drainage areas where illegal dumping and disposal occurs.
- On paved surfaces, clean up spills with as little water as possible. Use a rag for small spills, a damp mop for general cleanup, and absorbent material for larger spills. If the spilled material is hazardous, then the used cleanup materials are also hazardous and must be sent to a certified laundry (rags) or disposed of as hazardous waste.

- Never hose down or bury dry material spills. Sweep up the material and dispose of properly.
- Use adsorbent materials on small spills rather than hosing down the spill. Remove the adsorbent materials promptly and dispose of properly.
- For larger spills, a private spill cleanup company or Hazmat team may be necessary.

Once a site has been cleaned:

- Post “No Dumping” signs with a phone number for reporting dumping and disposal.
- Landscaping and beautification efforts of hot spots may also discourage future dumping, as well as provide open space and increase property values.
- Lighting or barriers may also be needed to discourage future dumping.
- See fact sheet SC11 Spill Prevention, Control, and Cleanup.

#### *Inspection*

- Regularly inspect and clean up hot spots and other storm drainage areas where illegal dumping and disposal occurs.
- Conduct field investigations of the industrial storm drain system for potential sources of non-stormwater discharges.
- Pro-actively conduct investigations of high priority areas. Based on historical data, prioritize specific geographic areas and/or incident type for pro-active investigations.

#### *Reporting*

- A database is useful for defining and tracking the magnitude and location of the problem.
- Report prohibited non-stormwater discharges observed during the course of normal daily activities so they can be investigated, contained, and cleaned up or eliminated.
- Document that non-stormwater discharges have been eliminated by recording tests performed, methods used, dates of testing, and any on-site drainage points observed.
- Document and report annually the results of the program.
- Maintain documentation of illicit connection and illegal dumping incidents, including significant conditionally exempt discharges that are not properly managed.

#### *Training*

- Training of technical staff in identifying and documenting illegal dumping incidents is required.
- Consider posting the quick reference table near storm drains to reinforce training.
- Train employees to identify non-stormwater discharges and report discharges to the appropriate departments.

- Educate employees about spill prevention and cleanup.
- Well-trained employees can reduce human errors that lead to accidental releases or spills. The employee should have the tools and knowledge to immediately begin cleaning up a spill should one occur. Employees should be familiar with the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan.
- Determine and implement appropriate outreach efforts to reduce non-permissible non-stormwater discharges.
- Conduct spill response drills annually (if no events occurred to evaluate your plan) in cooperation with other industries.
- When a responsible party is identified, educate the party on the impacts of his or her actions.

## ***Spill Response and Prevention***

- See SC11 Spill Prevention Control and Cleanup.

## ***Other Considerations***

- Many facilities do not have accurate, up-to-date schematic drawings.

## **Requirements**

### ***Costs (including capital and operation & maintenance)***

- The primary cost is for staff time and depends on how aggressively a program is implemented.
- Cost for containment and disposal is borne by the discharger.
- Illicit connections can be difficult to locate especially if there is groundwater infiltration.
- Indoor floor drains may require re-plumbing if cross-connections to storm drains are detected.

### ***Maintenance (including administrative and staffing)***

- Illegal dumping and illicit connection violations requires technical staff to detect and investigate them.

## **Supplemental Information**

### ***Further Detail of the BMP***

#### ***Illegal Dumping***

- Substances illegally dumped on streets and into the storm drain systems and creeks include paints, used oil and other automotive fluids, construction debris, chemicals, fresh concrete, leaves, grass clippings, and pet wastes. All of these wastes cause stormwater and receiving water quality problems as well as clog the storm drain system itself.
- Establish a system for tracking incidents. The system should be designed to identify the following:
  - Illegal dumping hot spots

- Types and quantities (in some cases) of wastes
- Patterns in time of occurrence (time of day/night, month, or year)
- Mode of dumping (abandoned containers, “midnight dumping” from moving vehicles, direct dumping of materials, accidents/spills)
- Responsible parties

One of the keys to success of reducing or eliminating illegal dumping is increasing the number of people at the facility who are aware of the problem and who have the tools to at least identify the incident, if not correct it. Therefore, train field staff to recognize and report the incidents.

What constitutes a “non-stormwater” discharge?

- Non-stormwater discharges to the stormwater collection system may include any water used directly in the manufacturing process (process wastewater), air conditioning condensate and coolant, non-contact cooling water, cooling equipment condensate, outdoor secondary containment water, vehicle and equipment wash water, sink and drinking fountain wastewater, sanitary wastes, or other wastewaters.

#### *Permit Requirements*

- Facilities subject to stormwater permit requirements must include a certification that the stormwater collection system has been tested or evaluated for the presence of non-stormwater discharges. The State’s General Industrial Stormwater Permit requires that non-stormwater discharges be eliminated prior to implementation of the facility’s SWPPP.

#### *Performance Evaluation*

- Review annually internal investigation results; assess whether goals were met and what changes or improvements are necessary.
- Obtain feedback from personnel assigned to respond to, or inspect for, illicit connections and illegal dumping incidents.

### **References and Resources**

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## Objectives

- Cover
- Contain
- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize
- Product Substitution

## Description

Many activities that occur at an industrial or commercial site have the potential to cause accidental or illegal spills. Preparation for accidental or illegal spills, with proper training and reporting systems implemented, can minimize the discharge of pollutants to the environment.

Spills and leaks are one of the largest contributors of stormwater pollutants. Spill prevention and control plans are applicable to any site at which hazardous materials are stored or used. An effective plan should have spill prevention and response procedures that identify potential spill areas, specify material handling procedures, describe spill response procedures, and provide spill clean-up equipment. The plan should take steps to identify and characterize potential spills, eliminate and reduce spill potential, respond to spills when they occur in an effort to prevent pollutants from entering the stormwater drainage system, and train personnel to prevent and control future spills.

## Approach

### *Pollution Prevention*

- Develop procedures to prevent/mitigate spills to storm drain systems. Develop and standardize reporting procedures, containment, storage, and disposal activities, documentation, and follow-up procedures.
- Develop a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan. The plan should include:

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	✓
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



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- Description of the facility, owner and address, activities and chemicals present
  - Facility map
  - Notification and evacuation procedures
  - Cleanup instructions
  - Identification of responsible departments
  - Identify key spill response personnel
- Recycle, reclaim, or reuse materials whenever possible. This will reduce the amount of process materials that are brought into the facility.

## ***Suggested Protocols (including equipment needs)***

### ***Spill Prevention***

- Develop procedures to prevent/mitigate spills to storm drain systems. Develop and standardize reporting procedures, containment, storage, and disposal activities, documentation, and follow-up procedures.
- If consistent illegal dumping is observed at the facility:
  - Post “No Dumping” signs with a phone number for reporting illegal dumping and disposal. Signs should also indicate fines and penalties applicable for illegal dumping.
  - Landscaping and beautification efforts may also discourage illegal dumping.
  - Bright lighting and/or entrance barriers may also be needed to discourage illegal dumping.
- Store and contain liquid materials in such a manner that if the tank is ruptured, the contents will not discharge, flow, or be washed into the storm drainage system, surface waters, or groundwater.
- If the liquid is oil, gas, or other material that separates from and floats on water, install a spill control device (such as a tee section) in the catch basins that collects runoff from the storage tank area.
- Routine maintenance:
  - Place drip pans or absorbent materials beneath all mounted taps, and at all potential drip and spill locations during filling and unloading of tanks. Any collected liquids or soiled absorbent materials must be reused/recycled or properly disposed.
  - Store and maintain appropriate spill cleanup materials in a location known to all near the tank storage area; and ensure that employees are familiar with the site’s spill control plan and/or proper spill cleanup procedures.
  - Sweep and clean the storage area monthly if it is paved, *do not hose down the area to a storm drain.*

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- Check tanks (and any containment sumps) daily for leaks and spills. Replace tanks that are leaking, corroded, or otherwise deteriorating with tanks in good condition. Collect all spilled liquids and properly dispose of them.
- Label all containers according to their contents (e.g., solvent, gasoline).
- Label hazardous substances regarding the potential hazard (corrosive, radioactive, flammable, explosive, poisonous).
- Prominently display required labels on transported hazardous and toxic materials (per US DOT regulations).
- Identify key spill response personnel.

## *Spill Control and Cleanup Activities*

- Follow the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan.
- Clean up leaks and spills immediately.
- Place a stockpile of spill cleanup materials where it will be readily accessible (e.g., near storage and maintenance areas).
- On paved surfaces, clean up spills with as little water as possible. Use a rag for small spills, a damp mop for general cleanup, and absorbent material for larger spills. If the spilled material is hazardous, then the used cleanup materials are also hazardous and must be sent to a certified laundry (rags) or disposed of as hazardous waste. Physical methods for the cleanup of dry chemicals include the use of brooms, shovels, sweepers, or plows.
- Never hose down or bury dry material spills. Sweep up the material and dispose of properly.
- Chemical cleanups of material can be achieved with the use of adsorbents, gels, and foams. Use adsorbent materials on small spills rather than hosing down the spill. Remove the adsorbent materials promptly and dispose of properly.
- For larger spills, a private spill cleanup company or Hazmat team may be necessary.

## *Reporting*

- Report spills that pose an immediate threat to human health or the environment to the Regional Water Quality Control Board.
- Federal regulations require that any oil spill into a water body or onto an adjoining shoreline be reported to the National Response Center (NRC) at 800-424-8802 (24 hour).
- Report spills to local agencies, such as the fire department; they can assist in cleanup.
- Establish a system for tracking incidents. The system should be designed to identify the following:
  - Types and quantities (in some cases) of wastes
  - Patterns in time of occurrence (time of day/night, month, or year)

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- Mode of dumping (abandoned containers, “midnight dumping” from moving vehicles, direct dumping of materials, accidents/spills)
- Responsible parties

## ***Training***

- Educate employees about spill prevention and cleanup.
- Well-trained employees can reduce human errors that lead to accidental releases or spills:
  - The employee should have the tools and knowledge to immediately begin cleaning up a spill should one occur.
  - Employees should be familiar with the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan.
- Employees should be educated about aboveground storage tank requirements. Employees responsible for aboveground storage tanks and liquid transfers should be thoroughly familiar with the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan and the plan should be readily available.
- Train employees to recognize and report illegal dumping incidents.

## ***Other Considerations (Limitations and Regulations)***

- State regulations exist for facilities with a storage capacity of 10,000 gallons or more of petroleum to prepare a Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan (Health & Safety Code Chapter 6.67).
- State regulations also exist for storage of hazardous materials (Health & Safety Code Chapter 6.95), including the preparation of area and business plans for emergency response to the releases or threatened releases.
- Consider requiring smaller secondary containment areas (less than 200 sq. ft.) to be connected to the sanitary sewer, prohibiting any hard connections to the storm drain.

## **Requirements**

### ***Costs (including capital and operation & maintenance)***

- Will vary depending on the size of the facility and the necessary controls.
- Prevention of leaks and spills is inexpensive. Treatment and/or disposal of contaminated soil or water can be quite expensive.

### ***Maintenance (including administrative and staffing)***

- This BMP has no major administrative or staffing requirements. However, extra time is needed to properly handle and dispose of spills, which results in increased labor costs.

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## Supplemental Information

### *Further Detail of the BMP*

#### *Reporting*

Record keeping and internal reporting represent good operating practices because they can increase the efficiency of the facility and the effectiveness of BMPs. A good record keeping system helps the facility minimize incident recurrence, correctly respond with appropriate cleanup activities, and comply with legal requirements. A record keeping and reporting system should be set up for documenting spills, leaks, and other discharges, including discharges of hazardous substances in reportable quantities. Incident records describe the quality and quantity of non-stormwater discharges to the storm sewer. These records should contain the following information:

- Date and time of the incident
- Weather conditions
- Duration of the spill/leak/discharge
- Cause of the spill/leak/discharge
- Response procedures implemented
- Persons notified
- Environmental problems associated with the spill/leak/discharge

Separate record keeping systems should be established to document housekeeping and preventive maintenance inspections, and training activities. All housekeeping and preventive maintenance inspections should be documented. Inspection documentation should contain the following information:

- The date and time the inspection was performed
- Name of the inspector
- Items inspected
- Problems noted
- Corrective action required
- Date corrective action was taken

Other means to document and record inspection results are field notes, timed and dated photographs, videotapes, and drawings and maps.

#### *Aboveground Tank Leak and Spill Control*

Accidental releases of materials from aboveground liquid storage tanks present the potential for contaminating stormwater with many different pollutants. Materials spilled, leaked, or lost from

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tanks may accumulate in soils or on impervious surfaces and be carried away by stormwater runoff.

The most common causes of unintentional releases are:

- Installation problems
- Failure of piping systems (pipes, pumps, flanges, couplings, hoses, and valves)
- External corrosion and structural failure
- Spills and overfills due to operator error
- Leaks during pumping of liquids or gases from truck or rail car to a storage tank or vice versa

Storage of reactive, ignitable, or flammable liquids should comply with the Uniform Fire Code and the National Electric Code. Practices listed below should be employed to enhance the code requirements:

- Tanks should be placed in a designated area.
- Tanks located in areas where firearms are discharged should be encapsulated in concrete or the equivalent.
- Designated areas should be impervious and paved with Portland cement concrete, free of cracks and gaps, in order to contain leaks and spills.
- Liquid materials should be stored in UL approved double walled tanks or surrounded by a curb or dike to provide the volume to contain 10 percent of the volume of all of the containers or 110 percent of the volume of the largest container, whichever is greater. The area inside the curb should slope to a drain.
- For used oil or dangerous waste, a dead-end sump should be installed in the drain.
- All other liquids should be drained to the sanitary sewer if available. The drain must have a positive control such as a lock, valve, or plug to prevent release of contaminated liquids.
- Accumulated stormwater in petroleum storage areas should be passed through an oil/water separator.

Maintenance is critical to preventing leaks and spills. Conduct routine inspections and:

- Check for external corrosion and structural failure.
- Check for spills and overfills due to operator error.
- Check for failure of piping system (pipes, pumps, flanger, coupling, hoses, and valves).
- Check for leaks or spills during pumping of liquids or gases from truck or rail car to a storage facility or vice versa.

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- Visually inspect new tank or container installation for loose fittings, poor welding, and improper or poorly fitted gaskets.
- Inspect tank foundations, connections, coatings, and tank walls and piping system. Look for corrosion, leaks, cracks, scratches, and other physical damage that may weaken the tank or container system.
- Frequently relocate accumulated stormwater during the wet season.
- Periodically conduct integrity testing by a qualified professional.

## *Vehicle Leak and Spill Control*

Major spills on roadways and other public areas are generally handled by highly trained Hazmat teams from local fire departments or environmental health departments. The measures listed below pertain to leaks and smaller spills at vehicle maintenance shops.

In addition to implementing the spill prevention, control, and clean up practices above, use the following measures related to specific activities:

## *Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance*

- Perform all vehicle fluid removal or changing inside or under cover to prevent the run-on of stormwater and the runoff of spills.
- Regularly inspect vehicles and equipment for leaks, and repair immediately.
- Check incoming vehicles and equipment (including delivery trucks, and employee and subcontractor vehicles) for leaking oil and fluids. Do not allow leaking vehicles or equipment onsite.
- Always use secondary containment, such as a drain pan or drop cloth, to catch spills or leaks when removing or changing fluids.
- Immediately drain all fluids from wrecked vehicles.
- Store wrecked vehicles or damaged equipment under cover.
- Place drip pans or absorbent materials under heavy equipment when not in use.
- Use adsorbent materials on small spills rather than hosing down the spill.
- Remove the adsorbent materials promptly and dispose of properly.
- Promptly transfer used fluids to the proper waste or recycling drums. Don't leave full drip pans or other open containers lying around.
- Oil filters disposed of in trashcans or dumpsters can leak oil and contaminate stormwater. Place the oil filter in a funnel over a waste oil recycling drum to drain excess oil before disposal. Oil filters can also be recycled. Ask your oil supplier or recycler about recycling oil filters.

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- Store cracked batteries in a non-leaking secondary container. Do this with all cracked batteries, even if you think all the acid has drained out. If you drop a battery, treat it as if it is cracked. Put it into the containment area until you are sure it is not leaking.

## *Vehicle and Equipment Fueling*

- Design the fueling area to prevent the run-on of stormwater and the runoff of spills:
  - Cover fueling area if possible.
  - Use a perimeter drain or slope pavement inward with drainage to a sump.
  - Pave fueling area with concrete rather than asphalt.
- If dead-end sump is not used to collect spills, install an oil/water separator.
- Install vapor recovery nozzles to help control drips as well as air pollution.
- Discourage “topping-off” of fuel tanks.
- Use secondary containment when transferring fuel from the tank truck to the fuel tank.
- Use adsorbent materials on small spills and general cleaning rather than hosing down the area. Remove the adsorbent materials promptly.
- Carry out all Federal and State requirements regarding underground storage tanks, or install above ground tanks.
- Do not use mobile fueling of mobile industrial equipment around the facility; rather, transport the equipment to designated fueling areas.
- Keep your Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan up-to-date.
- Train employees in proper fueling and cleanup procedures.

## *Industrial Spill Prevention Response*

For the purposes of developing a spill prevention and response program to meet the stormwater regulations, facility managers should use information provided in this fact sheet and the spill prevention/response portions of the fact sheets in this handbook, for specific activities. The program should:

- Integrate with existing emergency response/hazardous materials programs (e.g., Fire Department)
- Develop procedures to prevent/mitigate spills to storm drain systems
- Identify responsible departments
- Develop and standardize reporting procedures, containment, storage, and disposal activities, documentation, and follow-up procedures
- Address spills at municipal facilities, as well as public areas

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- Provide training concerning spill prevention, response and cleanup to all appropriate personnel

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## Objectives

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## Description

The loading/unloading of materials usually takes place outside on docks or terminals; therefore, materials spilled, leaked, or lost during loading/unloading may collect in the soil or on other surfaces and have the potential to be carried away by stormwater runoff or when the area is cleaned. Additionally, rainfall may wash pollutants from machinery used to unload or move materials. Implementation of the following protocols will prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from outdoor loading/unloading of materials.

## Approach

Reduce potential for pollutant discharge through source control pollution prevention and BMP implementation. Successful implementation depends on effective training of employees on applicable BMPs and general pollution prevention strategies and objectives.

## Pollution Prevention

- Keep accurate maintenance logs to evaluate materials removed and improvements made.
- Park tank trucks or delivery vehicles in designated areas so that spills or leaks can be contained.
- Limit exposure of material to rainfall whenever possible.
- Prevent stormwater run-on.
- Check equipment regularly for leaks.

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	✓
Nutrients	✓
Trash	
Metals	✓
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



***Suggested Protocols******Loading and Unloading – General Guidelines***

- Develop an operations plan that describes procedures for loading and/or unloading.
- Conduct loading and unloading in dry weather if possible.
- Cover designated loading/unloading areas to reduce exposure of materials to rain.
- Consider placing a seal or door skirt between delivery vehicles and building to prevent exposure to rain.
- Design loading/unloading area to prevent stormwater run-on, which would include grading or berming the area, and position roof downspouts so they direct stormwater away from the loading/unloading areas.
- Have employees load and unload all materials and equipment in covered areas such as building overhangs at loading docks if feasible.
- Load/unload only at designated loading areas.
- Use drip pans underneath hose and pipe connections and other leak-prone spots during liquid transfer operations, and when making and breaking connections. Several drip pans should be stored in a covered location near the liquid transfer area so that they are always available, yet protected from precipitation when not in use. Drip pans can be made specifically for railroad tracks. Drip pans must be cleaned periodically, and drip collected materials must be disposed of properly.
- Pave loading areas with concrete instead of asphalt.
- Avoid placing storm drains in the area.
- Grade and/or berm the loading/unloading area to a drain that is connected to a deadend.

***Inspection***

- Check loading and unloading equipment regularly for leaks, including valves, pumps, flanges and connections.
- Look for dust or fumes during loading or unloading operations.

***Training***

- Train employees (e.g., fork lift operators) and contractors on proper spill containment and cleanup.
- Have employees trained in spill containment and cleanup present during loading/unloading.
- Train employees in proper handling techniques during liquid transfers to avoid spills.
- Make sure forklift operators are properly trained on loading and unloading procedures.

## ***Spill Response and Prevention***

- Keep your Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan up-to-date.
- Contain leaks during transfer.
- Store and maintain appropriate spill cleanup materials in a location that is readily accessible and known to all and ensure that employees are familiar with the site's spill control plan and proper spill cleanup procedures.
- Have an emergency spill cleanup plan readily available.
- Use drip pans or comparable devices when transferring oils, solvents, and paints.

## ***Other Considerations (Limitations and Regulations)***

- Space and time limitations may preclude all transfers from being performed indoors or under cover.
- It may not be possible to conduct transfers only during dry weather.

## **Requirements**

### ***Costs***

Costs should be low except when covering a large loading/unloading area.

### ***Maintenance***

- Conduct regular inspections and make repairs as necessary. The frequency of repairs will depend on the age of the facility.
- Check loading and unloading equipment regularly for leaks.
- Conduct regular broom dry-sweeping of area.

## **Supplemental Information**

### ***Further Detail of the BMP***

#### ***Special Circumstances for Indoor Loading/Unloading of Materials***

Loading or unloading of liquids should occur in the manufacturing building so that any spills that are not completely retained can be discharged to the sanitary sewer, treatment plant, or treated in a manner consistent with local sewer authorities and permit requirements.

- For loading and unloading tank trucks to above and below ground storage tanks, the following procedures should be used:
  - The area where the transfer takes place should be paved. If the liquid is reactive with the asphalt, Portland cement should be used to pave the area.
  - The transfer area should be designed to prevent run-on of stormwater from adjacent areas. Sloping the pad and using a curb, like a speed bump, around the uphill side of the transfer area should reduce run-on.

- The transfer area should be designed to prevent runoff of spilled liquids from the area. Sloping the area to a drain should prevent runoff. The drain should be connected to a dead-end sump or to the sanitary sewer. A positive control valve should be installed on the drain.
- For transfer from rail cars to storage tanks that must occur outside, use the following procedures:
  - Drip pans should be placed at locations where spillage may occur, such as hose connections, hose reels, and filler nozzles. Use drip pans when making and breaking connections.
  - Drip pan systems should be installed between the rails to collect spillage from tank cars.

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## Description

Outside process equipment operations and maintenance can contaminate stormwater runoff. Activities, such as grinding, painting, coating, sanding, degreasing or parts cleaning, landfills and waste piles, solid waste treatment and disposal, are examples of process operations that can lead to contamination of stormwater runoff. Source controls for outdoor process equipment operations and maintenance include reducing the amount of waste created, enclosing or covering all or some of the equipment, installing secondary containment, and training employees.

## Approach

### Pollution Prevention

- Perform the activity during dry periods.
- Use non-toxic chemicals for maintenance and minimize or eliminate the use of solvents.

### Suggested Protocols

- Consider enclosing the activity in a building and connecting the floor drains to the sanitary sewer.
- Cover the work area with a permanent roof if possible.
- Minimize contact of stormwater with outside process equipment operations through berming and drainage routing (run-on prevention). If possible, connect process equipment area to public sewer or facility wastewater treatment system. Some municipalities require that secondary containment areas be connected to the sanitary sewer, prohibiting any hard connections to the storm drain.
- Dry clean the work area regularly.

### Training

- Train employees to perform the activity during dry periods only or substituting benign materials for more toxic ones.
- Train employee and contractors in proper techniques for spill containment and cleanup. Employees should have the tools and knowledge to immediately begin cleaning up a spill should one occur.

### Spill Response and Prevention

- Keep your Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan up-to-date.

## Objectives

- Cover
- Contain
- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	✓
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	✓
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



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- Have employees trained in emergency spill cleanup procedures present when dangerous waste, liquid chemicals, or other wastes are delivered.
- Place a stockpile of spill cleanup materials where it will be readily accessible.
- Prevent operator errors by using engineering safe guards and thus reducing accidental releases of pollutant.
- Inspect storage areas regularly for leaks or spills. Also check for structural failure, spills and overfills due to operator error, and/or failure of piping system.

## ***Other Considerations***

- Providing cover may be expensive.
- Space limitations may preclude enclosing some equipment.
- Storage sheds often must meet building and fire code requirements.

## **Requirements**

### ***Costs***

Costs vary depending on the complexity of the operation and the amount of control necessary for stormwater pollution control.

### ***Maintenance***

- Conduct routine preventive maintenance, including checking process equipment for leaks.
- Clean the storm drain system regularly.

## **Supplemental Information**

### ***Further Detail of the BMP***

#### ***Hydraulic/Treatment Modifications***

If stormwater becomes polluted, it should be captured and treated. If you do not have your own process wastewater treatment system, consider discharging to the public sewer system. Use of the public sewer might be allowed under the following conditions:

- If the activity area is very small (less than a few hundred square feet), the local sewer authority may be willing to allow the area to remain uncovered with the drain connected to the public sewer.
- It may be possible under unusual circumstances to connect a much larger area to the public sewer, as long as the rate of stormwater discharges does not exceed the capacity of the wastewater treatment plant. The stormwater could be stored during the storm and then transferred to the public sewer when the normal flow is low, such as at night.

Industries that generate large volumes of process wastewater typically have their own treatment system and corresponding permit. These industries have the discretion to use their wastewater treatment system to treat stormwater within the constraints of their permit requirements for process treatment. It may also be possible for the industry to discharge the stormwater directly to an effluent outfall without treatment as long as the total loading of the discharged process

water and stormwater does not exceed the loading had a stormwater treatment device been used. This could be achieved by reducing the loading from the process wastewater treatment system. Check with your Regional Water Quality Control Board or local sewerage agency, as this option would be subject to permit constraints and potentially regular monitoring.

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## Description

Improper storage and handling of solid wastes can allow toxic compounds, oils and greases, heavy metals, nutrients, suspended solids, and other pollutants to enter stormwater runoff. The discharge of pollutants to stormwater from waste handling and disposal can be prevented and reduced by tracking waste generation, storage, and disposal; reducing waste generation and disposal through source reduction, reuse, and recycling; and preventing run-on and runoff.

## Approach

### Pollution Prevention

- Accomplish reduction in the amount of waste generated using the following source controls:
  - Production planning and sequencing
  - Process or equipment modification
  - Raw material substitution or elimination
  - Loss prevention and housekeeping
  - Waste segregation and separation
  - Close loop recycling
- Establish a material tracking system to increase awareness about material usage. This may reduce spills and minimize contamination, thus reducing the amount of waste produced.
- Recycle materials whenever possible.

## Objectives

- Cover
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- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize
- Product Substitution

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	
Nutrients	
Trash	
Metals	✓
Bacteria	✓
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



***Suggested Protocols******General***

- Cover storage containers with leak proof lids or some other means. If waste is not in containers, cover all waste piles (plastic tarps are acceptable coverage) and prevent stormwater run-on and runoff with a berm. The waste containers or piles must be covered except when in use.
- Use drip pans or absorbent materials whenever grease containers are emptied by vacuum trucks or other means. Grease cannot be left on the ground. Collected grease must be properly disposed of as garbage.
- Check storage containers weekly for leaks and to ensure that lids are on tightly. Replace any that are leaking, corroded, or otherwise deteriorating.
- Sweep and clean the storage area regularly. If it is paved, do not hose down the area to a storm drain.
- Dispose of rinse and wash water from cleaning waste containers into a sanitary sewer if allowed by the local sewer authority. Do not discharge wash water to the street or storm drain.
- Transfer waste from damaged containers into safe containers.
- Take special care when loading or unloading wastes to minimize losses. Loading systems can be used to minimize spills and fugitive emission losses such as dust or mist. Vacuum transfer systems can minimize waste loss.

***Controlling Litter***

- Post “No Littering” signs and enforce anti-litter laws.
- Provide a sufficient number of litter receptacles for the facility.
- Clean out and cover litter receptacles frequently to prevent spillage.

***Waste Collection***

- Keep waste collection areas clean.
- Inspect solid waste containers for structural damage regularly. Repair or replace damaged containers as necessary.
- Secure solid waste containers; containers must be closed tightly when not in use.
- Do not fill waste containers with washout water or any other liquid.
- Ensure that only appropriate solid wastes are added to the solid waste container. Certain wastes such as hazardous wastes, appliances, fluorescent lamps, pesticides, etc., may not be disposed of in solid waste containers (see chemical/ hazardous waste collection section below).

- Do not mix wastes; this can cause chemical reactions, make recycling impossible, and complicate disposal.

## *Good Housekeeping*

- Use all of the product before disposing of the container.
- Keep the waste management area clean at all times by sweeping and cleaning up spills immediately.
- Use dry methods when possible (e.g., sweeping, use of absorbents) when cleaning around restaurant/food handling dumpster areas. If water must be used after sweeping/using absorbents, collect water and discharge through grease interceptor to the sewer.

## *Chemical/Hazardous Wastes*

- Select designated hazardous waste collection areas on-site.
- Store hazardous materials and wastes in covered containers and protect them from vandalism.
- Place hazardous waste containers in secondary containment.
- Make sure that hazardous waste is collected, removed, and disposed of only at authorized disposal areas.
- Stencil or demarcate storm drains on the facility's property with prohibitive message regarding waste disposal.

## *Run-on/Runoff Prevention*

- Prevent stormwater run-on from entering the waste management area by enclosing the area or building a berm around the area.
- Prevent waste materials from directly contacting rain.
- Cover waste piles with temporary covering material such as reinforced tarpaulin, polyethylene, polyurethane, polypropylene or hypalon.
- Cover the area with a permanent roof if feasible.
- Cover dumpsters to prevent rain from washing waste out of holes or cracks in the bottom of the dumpster.
- Move the activity indoor after ensuring all safety concerns such as fire hazard and ventilation are addressed.

## *Inspection*

- Inspect and replace faulty pumps or hoses regularly to minimize the potential of releases and spills.
- Check waste management areas for leaking containers or spills.

- Repair leaking equipment including valves, lines, seals, or pumps promptly.

***Training***

- Train staff in pollution prevention measures and proper disposal methods.
- Train employees and contractors in proper spill containment and cleanup. The employee should have the tools and knowledge to immediately begin cleaning up a spill should one occur.
- Train employees and subcontractors in proper hazardous waste management.

***Spill Response and Prevention***

- Keep your Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan up-to-date.
- Have an emergency plan, equipment and trained personnel ready at all times to deal immediately with major spills
- Collect all spilled liquids and properly dispose of them.
- Store and maintain appropriate spill cleanup materials in a location known to all near the designated wash area.
- Ensure that vehicles transporting waste have spill prevention equipment that can prevent spills during transport. Spill prevention equipment includes:
  - Vehicles equipped with baffles for liquid waste
  - Trucks with sealed gates and spill guards for solid waste

***Other Considerations (Limitations and Regulations)***

Hazardous waste cannot be reused or recycled; it must be disposed of by a licensed hazardous waste hauler.

**Requirements*****Costs***

Capital and O&M costs for these programs will vary substantially depending on the size of the facility and the types of waste handled. Costs should be low if there is an inventory program in place.

***Maintenance***

- None except for maintaining equipment for material tracking program.

**Supplemental Information*****Further Detail of the BMP******Land Treatment System***

Minimize runoff of polluted stormwater from land application by:

- Choosing a site where slopes are under 6%, the soil is permeable, there is a low water table, it is located away from wetlands or marshes, and there is a closed drainage system

- Avoiding application of waste to the site when it is raining or when the ground is saturated with water
- Growing vegetation on land disposal areas to stabilize soils and reduce the volume of surface water runoff from the site
- Maintaining adequate barriers between the land application site and the receiving waters (planted strips are particularly good)
- Using erosion control techniques such as mulching and matting, filter fences, straw bales, diversion terracing, and sediment basins
- Performing routine maintenance to ensure the erosion control or site stabilization measures are working

### ***Examples***

The port of Long Beach has a state-of-the-art database for identifying potential pollutant sources, documenting facility management practices, and tracking pollutants.

### **References and Resources**

California's Nonpoint Source Program Plan <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/nps/index.html>

Clark County Storm Water Pollution Control Manual  
<http://www.co.clark.wa.us/pubworks/bmpman.pdf>

Solid Waste Container Best Management Practices – Fact Sheet On-Line Resources – Environmental Health and Safety. Harvard University. 2002.

King County Storm Water Pollution Control Manual <http://dnr.metrokc.gov/wlr/dss/spcm.htm>

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## Description

Promote the use of less harmful products and products that contain little or no TMDL pollutants. Alternatives exist for most product classes including chemical fertilizers, pesticides, cleaning solutions, janitorial chemicals, automotive and paint products, and consumables (batteries, fluorescent lamps).

## Approach

Pattern a new program after the many established programs around the state and country. Integrate this best management practice as much as possible with existing programs at your facility.

Develop a comprehensive program based on:

- The "Precautionary Principle," which is an alternative to the "Risk Assessment" model that says it's acceptable to use a potentially harmful product until physical evidence of its harmful effects are established and deemed too costly from an environmental or public health perspective. For instance, a risk assessment approach might say it's acceptable to use a pesticide until there is direct proof of an environmental impact. The Precautionary Principle approach is used to evaluate whether a given product is safe, whether it is really necessary, and whether alternative products would perform just as well.
- Environmentally Preferable Purchasing Program to minimize the purchase of products containing hazardous ingredients used in the facility's custodial services, fleet maintenance, and facility maintenance in favor of using alternate products that pose less risk to employees and to the environment.
- Integrated Pest Management (IPM) or Less-Toxic Pesticide Program, which uses a pest management approach that minimizes the use of toxic chemicals and gets rid of pests by methods that pose a lower risk to employees, the public, and the environment.
- Energy Efficiency Program including no-cost and low-cost energy conservation and efficiency actions that can reduce both energy consumption and electricity bills, along with long-term energy efficiency investments.

Consider the following mechanisms for developing and implementing a comprehensive program:

- Policies

## Objectives

- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize
- Product Substitution

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	
Nutrients	✓
Trash	
Metals	✓
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



- Procedures
  - Standard operating procedures (SOPs)
  - Purchasing guidelines and procedures
  - Bid packages (services and supplies)
- Materials
  - Preferred or approved product and supplier lists
  - Product and supplier evaluation criteria
  - Training sessions and manuals
  - Fact sheets for employees

Implement this BMP in conjunction with the Vehicle and Equipment Management fact sheets (SC20 – SC22) and SC41, Building and Grounds Maintenance.

***Training***

- Employees who handle potentially harmful materials in the use of safer alternatives.
- Purchasing departments should be encouraged to procure less hazardous materials and products that contain little or no harmful substances or TMDL pollutants.

***Regulations***

This BMP has no regulatory requirements. Existing regulations already encourage facilities to reduce the use of hazardous materials through incentives such as reduced:

- Specialized equipment storage and handling requirements,
- Storm water runoff sampling requirements,
- Training and licensing requirements, and
- Record keeping and reporting requirements.

***Equipment***

- There are no major equipment requirements to this BMP.

***Limitations***

- Alternative products may not be available, suitable, or effective in every case.

***Requirements******Cost Considerations***

- The primary cost is for staff time to: 1) develop new policies and procedures and 2) educate purchasing departments and employees who handle potentially harmful materials about the availability, procurement, and use of safer alternatives.

- Some alternative products may be slightly more expensive than conventional products.

## **Supplemental Information**

Employees and contractors / service providers can both be educated about safer alternatives by using information developed by a number of organizations including the references and resources listed below.

The following discussion provides some general information on safer alternatives. More specific information on particular hazardous materials and the available alternatives may be found in the references and resources listed below.

- Automotive products – Less toxic alternatives are not available for many automotive products, especially engine fluids. But there are alternatives to grease lubricants, car polishes, degreasers, and windshield washer solution. Rerefined motor oil is also available.
- Vehicle/Trailer lubrication – Fifth wheel bearings on trucks require routine lubrication. Adhesive lubricants are available to replace typical chassis grease.
- Cleaners – Vegetables-based or citrus-based soaps are available to replace petroleum-based soaps/detergents.
- Paint products – Water-based paints, wood preservatives, stains, and finishes are available.
- Pesticides – Specific alternative products or methods exist to control most insects, fungi, and weeds.
- Chemical Fertilizers – Compost and soil amendments are natural alternatives.
- Consumables – Manufacturers have either reduced or are in the process of reducing the amount of heavy metals in consumables such as batteries and fluorescent lamps. All fluorescent lamps contain mercury, however low-mercury containing lamps are now available from most hardware and lighting stores. Fluorescent lamps are also more energy efficient than the average incandescent lamp.
- Janitorial chemicals – Even biodegradable soap can harm fish and wildlife before it biodegrades. Biodegradable does not mean non-toxic. Safer products and procedures are available for floor stripping and cleaning, as well as carpet, glass, metal, and restroom cleaning and disinfecting.

## **Examples**

There are a number of business and trade associations, and communities with effective programs. Some of the more prominent are listed below in the references and resources section.

## **References and Resources**

Note: Many of these references provide alternative products for materials that typically are used inside and disposed to the sanitary sewer as well as alternatives to products that usually end up in the storm drain.

## ***General Sustainable Practices and Pollution Prevention Including Pollutant-Specific Information***

California Department of Toxic Substances Control ([www.dtsc.ca.gov](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov))

California Integrated Waste Management Board ([www.ciwmb.ca.gov](http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov))

City of Santa Monica ([www.santa-monica.org/environment](http://www.santa-monica.org/environment))

City of Palo Alto ([www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/cleanbay](http://www.city.palo-alto.ca.us/cleanbay))

City and County of San Francisco, Department of the Environment  
([www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfenvironment](http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/sfenvironment))

Earth 911 ([www.earth911.org/master.asp](http://www.earth911.org/master.asp))

Environmental Finance Center Region IX ([www.greenstart.org/efc9](http://www.greenstart.org/efc9))

Flex Your Power ([www.flexyourpower.ca.gov](http://www.flexyourpower.ca.gov))

GreenBiz.com ([www.greenbiz.com](http://www.greenbiz.com))

Green Business Program ([www.abag.org/bayarea/enviro/gbus/gb.html](http://www.abag.org/bayarea/enviro/gbus/gb.html))

Pacific Industrial and Business Association ([www.piba.org](http://www.piba.org))

Sacramento Clean Water Business Partners ([www.sacstormwater.org](http://www.sacstormwater.org))

USEPA BMP fact sheet – Alternative products  
([http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/menuofbmps/poll\\_2.cfm](http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/menuofbmps/poll_2.cfm))

USEPA Region IX Pollution Prevention Program ([www.epa.gov/region09/p2](http://www.epa.gov/region09/p2))

Western Regional Pollution Prevention Network ([www.westp2net.org](http://www.westp2net.org))

## ***Metals (mercury, copper)***

National Electrical Manufacturers Association - Environment, Health and Safety  
([www.nema.org](http://www.nema.org))

Sustainable Conservation ([www.suscon.org](http://www.suscon.org))

Auto Recycling Project

Brake Pad Partnership

## ***Pesticides and Chemical Fertilizers***

Bio-Integral Resource Center ([www.birc.org](http://www.birc.org))

California Department of Pesticide Regulation ([www.cdpr.ca.gov](http://www.cdpr.ca.gov))

University of California Statewide IPM Program ([www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/default.html](http://www.ipm.ucdavis.edu/default.html))

## *Dioxins*

Bay Area Dioxins Project (<http://dioxin.abag.ca.gov/>)



## Description

Stormwater runoff from building and grounds maintenance activities can be contaminated with toxic hydrocarbons in solvents, fertilizers and pesticides, suspended solids, heavy metals, abnormal pH, and oils and greases. Utilizing the protocols in this fact sheet will prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from building and grounds maintenance activities by washing and cleaning up with as little water as possible, following good landscape management practices, preventing and cleaning up spills immediately, keeping debris from entering the storm drains, and maintaining the stormwater collection system.

## Approach

Reduce potential for pollutant discharge through source control pollution prevention and BMP implementation. Successful implementation depends on effective training of employees on applicable BMPs and general pollution prevention strategies and objectives.

## Pollution Prevention

- Switch to non-toxic chemicals for maintenance when possible.
- Choose cleaning agents that can be recycled.
- Encourage proper lawn management and landscaping, including use of native vegetation.

## Objectives

- Cover
- Contain
- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize
- Product Substitution

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	✓
Nutrients	✓
Trash	
Metals	✓
Bacteria	✓
Oil and Grease	
Organics	



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- Encourage use of Integrated Pest Management techniques for pest control.
- Encourage proper onsite recycling of yard trimmings.
- Recycle residual paints, solvents, lumber, and other material as much as possible.

## ***Suggested Protocols***

### *Pressure Washing of Buildings, Rooftops, and Other Large Objects*

- In situations where soaps or detergents are used and the surrounding area is paved, pressure washers must use a water collection device that enables collection of wash water and associated solids. A sump pump, wet vacuum or similarly effective device must be used to collect the runoff and loose materials. The collected runoff and solids must be disposed of properly.
- If soaps or detergents are not used, and the surrounding area is paved, wash runoff does not have to be collected but must be screened. Pressure washers must use filter fabric or some other type of screen on the ground and/or in the catch basin to trap the particles in wash water runoff.
- If you are pressure washing on a grassed area (with or without soap), runoff must be dispersed as sheet flow as much as possible, rather than as a concentrated stream. The wash runoff must remain on the grass and not drain to pavement.

### *Landscaping Activities*

- Dispose of grass clippings, leaves, sticks, or other collected vegetation as garbage, or by composting. Do not dispose of collected vegetation into waterways or storm drainage systems.
- Use mulch or other erosion control measures on exposed soils.

### *Building Repair, Remodeling, and Construction*

- Do not dump any toxic substance or liquid waste on the pavement, the ground, or toward a storm drain.
- Use ground or drop cloths underneath outdoor painting, scraping, and sandblasting work, and properly dispose of collected material daily.
- Use a ground cloth or oversized tub for activities such as paint mixing and tool cleaning.
- Clean paintbrushes and tools covered with water-based paints in sinks connected to sanitary sewers or in portable containers that can be dumped into a sanitary sewer drain. Brushes and tools covered with non-water-based paints, finishes, or other materials must be cleaned in a manner that enables collection of used solvents (e.g., paint thinner, turpentine, etc.) for recycling or proper disposal.
- Use a storm drain cover, filter fabric, or similarly effective runoff control mechanism if dust, grit, wash water, or other pollutants may escape the work area and enter a catch basin. This is particularly necessary on rainy days. The containment device(s) must be in place at the beginning of the work day, and accumulated dirty runoff and solids must be collected and disposed of before removing the containment device(s) at the end of the work day.

- If you need to de-water an excavation site, you may need to filter the water before discharging to a catch basin or off-site. If directed off-site, you should direct the water through hay bales and filter fabric or use other sediment filters or traps.
- Store toxic material under cover during precipitation events and when not in use. A cover would include tarps or other temporary cover material.

## *Mowing, Trimming, and Planting*

- Dispose of leaves, sticks, or other collected vegetation as garbage, by composting or at a permitted landfill. Do not dispose of collected vegetation into waterways or storm drainage systems.
- Use mulch or other erosion control measures when soils are exposed.
- Place temporarily stockpiled material away from watercourses and drain inlets, and berm or cover stockpiles to prevent material releases to the storm drain system.
- Consider an alternative approach when bailing out muddy water: do not put it in the storm drain; pour over landscaped areas.
- Use hand weeding where practical.

## *Fertilizer and Pesticide Management*

- Follow all federal, state, and local laws and regulations governing the use, storage, and disposal of fertilizers and pesticides and training of applicators and pest control advisors.
- Use less toxic pesticides that will do the job when applicable. Avoid use of copper-based pesticides if possible.
- Do not use pesticides if rain is expected.
- Do not mix or prepare pesticides for application near storm drains.
- Use the minimum amount needed for the job.
- Calibrate fertilizer distributors to avoid excessive application.
- Employ techniques to minimize off-target application (e.g., spray drift) of pesticides, including consideration of alternative application techniques.
- Apply pesticides only when wind speeds are low.
- Fertilizers should be worked into the soil rather than dumped or broadcast onto the surface.
- Irrigate slowly to prevent runoff and then only as much as is needed.
- Clean pavement and sidewalk if fertilizer is spilled on these surfaces before applying irrigation water.
- Dispose of empty pesticide containers according to the instructions on the container label.

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- Use up the pesticides. Rinse containers, and use rinse water as product. Dispose of unused pesticide as hazardous waste.
- Implement storage requirements for pesticide products with guidance from the local fire department and County Agricultural Commissioner. Provide secondary containment for pesticides.

## *Inspection*

- Inspect irrigation system periodically to ensure that the right amount of water is being applied and that excessive runoff is not occurring. Minimize excess watering and repair leaks in the irrigation system as soon as they are observed.

## *Training*

- Educate and train employees on pesticide use and in pesticide application techniques to prevent pollution.
- Train employees and contractors in proper techniques for spill containment and cleanup.
- Be sure the frequency of training takes into account the complexity of the operations and the nature of the staff.

## *Spill Response and Prevention*

- Keep your Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan up-to-date.
- Place a stockpile of spill cleanup materials, such as brooms, dustpans, and vacuum sweepers (if desired) near the storage area where it will be readily accessible.
- Have employees trained in spill containment and cleanup present during the loading/unloading of dangerous wastes, liquid chemicals, or other materials.
- Familiarize employees with the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plan.
- Clean up spills immediately.

## *Other Considerations*

Alternative pest/weed controls may not be available, suitable, or effective in many cases.

## **Requirements**

### *Costs*

- Cost will vary depending on the type and size of facility.
- Overall costs should be low in comparison to other BMPs.

### *Maintenance*

Sweep paved areas regularly to collect loose particles. Wipe up spills with rags and other absorbent material immediately, do not hose down the area to a storm drain.

## Supplemental Information

### *Further Detail of the BMP*

#### *Fire Sprinkler Line Flushing*

Building fire sprinkler line flushing may be a source of non-stormwater runoff pollution. The water entering the system is usually potable water, though in some areas it may be non-potable reclaimed wastewater. There are subsequent factors that may drastically reduce the quality of the water in such systems. Black iron pipe is usually used since it is cheaper than potable piping, but it is subject to rusting and results in lower quality water. Initially, the black iron pipe has an oil coating to protect it from rusting between manufacture and installation; this will contaminate the water from the first flush but not from subsequent flushes. Nitrates, polyphosphates and other corrosion inhibitors, as well as fire suppressants and antifreeze may be added to the sprinkler water system. Water generally remains in the sprinkler system a long time (typically a year) and between flushes may accumulate iron, manganese, lead, copper, nickel, and zinc. The water generally becomes anoxic and contains living and dead bacteria and breakdown products from chlorination. This may result in a significant BOD problem and the water often smells. Consequently dispose fire sprinkler line flush water into the sanitary sewer. Do not allow discharge to storm drain or infiltration due to potential high levels of pollutants in fire sprinkler line water.

## References and Resources

California's Nonpoint Source Program Plan <http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/nps/index.html>

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## Description

Modifications are common particularly at large industrial sites. The activity may vary from minor and normal building repair to major remodeling, or the construction of new facilities. These activities can generate pollutants including solvents, paints, paint and varnish removers, finishing residues, spent thinners, soap cleaners, kerosene, asphalt and concrete materials, adhesive residues, and old asbestos installation. Protocols in this fact sheet are intended to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to stormwater from building repair, remodeling, and construction by using soil erosion controls, enclosing or covering building material storage areas, using good housekeeping practices, using safer alternative products, and training employees.

## Approach

### *Pollution Prevention*

- Recycle residual paints, solvents, lumber, and other materials to the maximum extent practical.
- Buy recycled products to the maximum extent practical.
- Inform on-site contractors of company policy on these matters and include appropriate provisions in their contract to ensure certain proper housekeeping and disposal practices are implemented.

## Objectives

- Cover
- Contain
- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize
- Recycle

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	✓
Nutrients	
Trash	✓
Metals	✓
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



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- Make sure that nearby storm drains are well marked to minimize the chance of inadvertent disposal of residual paints and other liquids.

## ***Suggested Protocols***

### *Repair & Remodeling*

- Follow BMPs identified in Construction BMP Handbook.
- Maintain good housekeeping practices while work is underway.
- Keep the work site clean and orderly. Remove debris in a timely fashion. Sweep the area.
- Cover materials of particular concern that must be left outside, particularly during the rainy season.
- Do not dump waste liquids down the storm drain.
- Dispose of wash water, sweepings, and sediments properly.
- Store materials properly that are normally used in repair and remodeling such as paints and solvents.
- Sweep out the gutter or wash the gutter and trap the particles at the outlet of the downspout if when repairing roofs, small particles have accumulated in the gutter. A sock or geofabric placed over the outlet may effectively trap the materials. If the downspout is tight lined, place a temporary plug at the first convenient point in the storm drain and pump out the water with a vac truck, and clean the catch basin sump where you placed the plug.
- Properly store and dispose waste materials generated from construction activities. See Construction BMP Handbook.
- Clean the storm drain system in the immediate vicinity of the construction activity after it is completed.

### *Painting*

- Enclose painting operations consistent with local air quality regulations and OSHA.
- Local air pollution regulations may, in many areas of the state, specify painting procedures which if properly carried out are usually sufficient to protect water quality.
- Develop paint handling procedures for proper use, storage, and disposal of paints.
- Transport paint and materials to and from job sites in containers with secure lids and tied down to the transport vehicle.
- Test and inspect spray equipment prior to starting to paint. Tighten all hoses and connections and do not overfill paint containers.
- Mix paint indoors before using so that any spill will not be exposed to rain. Do so even during dry weather because cleanup of a spill will never be 100% effective.
- Transfer and load paint and hot thermoplastic away from storm drain inlets.

- Do not transfer or load paint near storm drain inlets.
- Plug nearby storm drain inlets prior to starting painting and remove plugs when job is complete when there is significant risk of a spill reaching storm drains.
- Cover nearby storm drain inlets prior to starting work if sand blasting is used to remove paint.
- Use a ground cloth to collect the chips if painting requires scraping or sand blasting of the existing surface. Dispose the residue properly.
- Cover or enclose painting operations properly to avoid drift.
- Clean the application equipment in a sink that is connected to the sanitary sewer if using water based paints.
- Capture all cleanup-water and dispose of properly.
- Dispose of paints containing lead or tributyl tin and considered a hazardous waste properly.
- Store leftover paints if they are to be kept for the next job properly, or dispose properly.
- Recycle paint when possible. Dispose of paint at an appropriate household hazardous waste facility.

## ***Training***

Proper education of off-site contractors is often overlooked. The conscientious efforts of well trained employees can be lost by unknowing off-site contractors, so make sure they are well informed about what they are expected to do.

## ***Spill Response and Prevention***

- Keep your Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan up-to-date.
- Place a stockpile of spill cleanup materials where it will be readily accessible.
- Clean up spills immediately.
- Excavate and remove the contaminated (stained) soil if a spill occurs on dirt.

## ***Limitations***

- This BMP is for minor construction only. The State's General Construction Activity Stormwater Permit has more requirements for larger projects. The companion "Construction Best Management Practice Handbook" contains specific guidance and best management practices for larger-scale projects.
- Hazardous waste that cannot be reused or recycled must be disposed of by a licensed hazardous waste hauler.
- Be certain that actions to help stormwater quality are consistent with Cal- and Fed-OSHA and air quality regulations.

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## Requirements

### ***Costs***

These BMPs are generally low to modest in cost.

### ***Maintenance***

N/A

## Supplemental Information

### ***Further Detail of the BMP***

#### *Soil/Erosion Control*

If the work involves exposing large areas of soil, employ the appropriate soil erosion and control techniques. See the Construction Best Management Practice Handbook. If old buildings are being torn down and not replaced in the near future, stabilize the site using measures described in SC-40 Contaminated or Erodible Areas.

If a building is to be placed over an open area with a storm drainage system, make sure the storm inlets within the building are covered or removed, or the storm line is connected to the sanitary sewer. If because of the remodeling a new drainage system is to be installed or the existing system is to be modified, consider installing catch basins as they serve as effective “in-line” treatment devices. See Treatment Control Fact Sheet TC-20 Wet Pond/Basin in Section 5 of the New Development and Redevelopment Handbook regarding design criteria. Include in the catch basin a “turn-down” elbow or similar device to trap floatables.

## References and Resources

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# Parking/Storage Area Maintenance SC-43



## Description

Parking lots and storage areas can contribute a number of substances, such as trash, suspended solids, hydrocarbons, oil and grease, and heavy metals that can enter receiving waters through stormwater runoff or non-stormwater discharges. The protocols in this fact sheet are intended to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants from parking/storage areas and include using good housekeeping practices, following appropriate cleaning BMPs, and training employees.

## Approach

The goal of this program is to ensure stormwater pollution prevention practices are considered when conducting activities on or around parking areas and storage areas to reduce potential for pollutant discharge to receiving waters. Successful implementation depends on effective training of employees on applicable BMPs and general pollution prevention strategies and objectives.

## Pollution Prevention

- Encourage alternative designs and maintenance strategies for impervious parking lots. (See New Development and Redevelopment BMP Handbook)
- Keep accurate maintenance logs to evaluate BMP implementation.

## Objectives

- Cover
- Contain
- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize
- Product Substitution

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	✓
Nutrients	
Trash	✓
Metals	✓
Bacteria	
Oil and Grease	✓
Organics	✓



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## ***Suggested Protocols***

### *General*

- Keep the parking and storage areas clean and orderly. Remove debris in a timely fashion.
- Allow sheet runoff to flow into biofilters (vegetated strip and swale) and/or infiltration devices.
- Utilize sand filters or oleophilic collectors for oily waste in low quantities.
- Arrange rooftop drains to prevent drainage directly onto paved surfaces.
- Design lot to include semi-permeable hardscape.
- Discharge soapy water remaining in mop or wash buckets to the sanitary sewer through a sink, toilet, clean-out, or wash area with drain.

### *Controlling Litter*

- Post “No Littering” signs and enforce anti-litter laws.
- Provide an adequate number of litter receptacles.
- Clean out and cover litter receptacles frequently to prevent spillage.
- Provide trash receptacles in parking lots to discourage litter.
- Routinely sweep, shovel, and dispose of litter in the trash.

### *Surface Cleaning*

- Use dry cleaning methods (e.g., sweeping, vacuuming) to prevent the discharge of pollutants into the stormwater conveyance system if possible.
- Establish frequency of public parking lot sweeping based on usage and field observations of waste accumulation.
- Sweep all parking lots at least once before the onset of the wet season.
- Follow the procedures below if water is used to clean surfaces:
  - Block the storm drain or contain runoff.
  - Collect and pump wash water to the sanitary sewer or discharge to a pervious surface. Do not allow wash water to enter storm drains.
  - Dispose of parking lot sweeping debris and dirt at a landfill.
- Follow the procedures below when cleaning heavy oily deposits:
  - Clean oily spots with absorbent materials.
  - Use a screen or filter fabric over inlet, then wash surfaces.

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- Do not allow discharges to the storm drain.
- Vacuum/pump discharges to a tank or discharge to sanitary sewer.
- Appropriately dispose of spilled materials and absorbents.

## ***Surface Repair***

- Preheat, transfer or load hot bituminous material away from storm drain inlets.
- Apply concrete, asphalt, and seal coat during dry weather to prevent contamination from contacting stormwater runoff.
- Cover and seal nearby storm drain inlets where applicable (with waterproof material or mesh) and manholes before applying seal coat, slurry seal, etc. Leave covers in place until job is complete and all water from emulsified oil sealants has drained or evaporated. Clean any debris from these covered manholes and drains for proper disposal.
- Use only as much water as necessary for dust control, to avoid runoff.
- Catch drips from paving equipment that is not in use with pans or absorbent material placed under the machines. Dispose of collected material and absorbents properly.

## ***Inspection***

- Have designated personnel conduct inspections of parking facilities and stormwater conveyance systems associated with parking facilities on a regular basis.
- Inspect cleaning equipment/sweepers for leaks on a regular basis.

## ***Training***

- Provide regular training to field employees and/or contractors regarding cleaning of paved areas and proper operation of equipment.
- Train employees and contractors in proper techniques for spill containment and cleanup.

## ***Spill Response and Prevention***

- Keep your Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan up-to-date.
- Place a stockpile of spill cleanup materials where it will be readily accessible or at a central location.
- Clean up fluid spills immediately with absorbent rags or material.
- Dispose of spilled material and absorbents properly.

## ***Other Considerations***

Limitations related to sweeping activities at large parking facilities may include high equipment costs, the need for sweeper operator training, and the inability of current sweeper technology to remove oil and grease.

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## Requirements

### ***Costs***

Cleaning/sweeping costs can be quite large. Construction and maintenance of stormwater structural controls can be quite expensive as well.

### ***Maintenance***

- Sweep parking lot regularly to minimize cleaning with water.
- Clean out oil/water/sand separators regularly, especially after heavy storms.
- Clean parking facilities regularly to prevent accumulated wastes and pollutants from being discharged into conveyance systems during rainy conditions.

## Supplemental Information

### ***Further Detail of the BMP***

#### ***Surface Repair***

Apply concrete, asphalt, and seal coat during dry weather to prevent contamination from contacting stormwater runoff. Where applicable, cover and seal nearby storm drain inlets (with waterproof material or mesh) and manholes before applying seal coat, slurry seal, etc. Leave covers in place until job is complete and all water from emulsified oil sealants has drained or evaporated. Clean any debris from these covered manholes and drains for proper disposal. Only use only as much water as is necessary for dust control to avoid runoff.

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## Objectives

- Cover
- Contain
- Educate
- Reduce/Minimize

## Description

As a consequence of its function, the stormwater conveyance system collects and transports urban runoff and stormwater that may contain certain pollutants. The protocols in this fact sheet are intended to reduce pollutants reaching receiving waters through proper conveyance system operation and maintenance.

## Approach

### *Pollution Prevention*

Maintain catch basins, stormwater inlets, and other stormwater conveyance structures on a regular basis to remove pollutants, reduce high pollutant concentrations during the first flush of storms, prevent clogging of the downstream conveyance system, restore catch basins' sediment trapping capacity, and ensure the system functions properly hydraulically to avoid flooding.

### *Suggested Protocols*

#### *Catch Basins/Inlet Structures*

- Staff should regularly inspect facilities to ensure compliance with the following:
  - Immediate repair of any deterioration threatening structural integrity.
  - Cleaning before the sump is 40% full. Catch basins should be cleaned as frequently as needed to meet this standard.
  - Stenciling of catch basins and inlets (see SC34 Waste Handling and Disposal).

## Targeted Constituents

Sediment	✓
Nutrients	
Trash	✓
Metals	
Bacteria	✓
Oil and Grease	
Organics	



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- Clean catch basins, storm drain inlets, and other conveyance structures before the wet season to remove sediments and debris accumulated during the summer.
- Conduct inspections more frequently during the wet season for problem areas where sediment or trash accumulates more often. Clean and repair as needed.
- Keep accurate logs of the number of catch basins cleaned.
- Store wastes collected from cleaning activities of the drainage system in appropriate containers or temporary storage sites in a manner that prevents discharge to the storm drain.
- Dewater the wastes if necessary with outflow into the sanitary sewer if permitted. Water should be treated with an appropriate filtering device prior to discharge to the sanitary sewer. If discharge to the sanitary sewer is not allowed, water should be pumped or vacuumed to a tank and properly disposed. Do not dewater near a storm drain or stream.

## *Storm Drain Conveyance System*

- Locate reaches of storm drain with deposit problems and develop a flushing schedule that keeps the pipe clear of excessive buildup.
- Collect and pump flushed effluent to the sanitary sewer for treatment whenever possible.

## *Pump Stations*

- Clean all storm drain pump stations prior to the wet season to remove silt and trash.
- Do not allow discharge to reach the storm drain system when cleaning a storm drain pump station or other facility.
- Conduct routine maintenance at each pump station.
- Inspect, clean, and repair as necessary all outlet structures prior to the wet season.

## *Open Channel*

- Modify storm channel characteristics to improve channel hydraulics, increase pollutant removals, and enhance channel/creek aesthetic and habitat value.
- Conduct channel modification/improvement in accordance with existing laws. Any person, government agency, or public utility proposing an activity that will change the natural (emphasis added) state of any river, stream, or lake in California, must enter into a Stream or Lake Alteration Agreement with the Department of Fish and Game. The developer-applicant should also contact local governments (city, county, special districts), other state agencies (SWRCB, RWQCB, Department of Forestry, Department of Water Resources), and Federal Corps of Engineers and USFWS.

## *Illicit Connections and Discharges*

- Look for evidence of illegal discharges or illicit connections during routine maintenance of conveyance system and drainage structures:
  - Is there evidence of spills such as paints, discoloring, etc?

- Are there any odors associated with the drainage system?
- Record locations of apparent illegal discharges/illicit connections?
- Track flows back to potential dischargers and conduct aboveground inspections. This can be done through visual inspection of upgradient manholes or alternate techniques including zinc chloride smoke testing, fluorometric dye testing, physical inspection testing, or television camera inspection.
- Eliminate the discharge once the origin of flow is established.
- Stencil or demarcate storm drains, where applicable, to prevent illegal disposal of pollutants. Storm drain inlets should have messages such as “Dump No Waste Drains to Stream” stenciled next to them to warn against ignorant or intentional dumping of pollutants into the storm drainage system.
- Refer to fact sheet SC-10 Non-Stormwater Discharges.

## *Illegal Dumping*

- Inspect and clean up hot spots and other storm drainage areas regularly where illegal dumping and disposal occurs.
- Establish a system for tracking incidents. The system should be designed to identify the following:
  - Illegal dumping hot spots
  - Types and quantities (in some cases) of wastes
  - Patterns in time of occurrence (time of day/night, month, or year)
  - Mode of dumping (abandoned containers, “midnight dumping” from moving vehicles, direct dumping of materials, accidents/spills)
  - Responsible parties
- Post “No Dumping” signs in problem areas with a phone number for reporting dumping and disposal. Signs should also indicate fines and penalties for illegal dumping.
- Refer to fact sheet SC-10 Non-Stormwater Discharges.

## *Training*

- Train crews in proper maintenance activities, including record keeping and disposal.
- Allow only properly trained individuals to handle hazardous materials/wastes.
- Have staff involved in detection and removal of illicit connections trained in the following:
  - OSHA-required Health and Safety Training (29 CFR 1910.120) plus annual refresher training (as needed).

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- OSHA Confined Space Entry training (Cal-OSHA Confined Space, Title 8 and Federal OSHA 29 CFR 1910.146).
- Procedural training (field screening, sampling, smoke/dye testing, TV inspection).

## ***Spill Response and Prevention***

- Investigate all reports of spills, leaks, and/or illegal dumping promptly.
- Clean up all spills and leaks using “dry” methods (with absorbent materials and/or rags) or dig up, remove, and properly dispose of contaminated soil.
- Refer to fact sheet SC-11 Spill Prevention, Control, and Cleanup.

## ***Other Considerations (Limitations and Regulations)***

- Clean-up activities may create a slight disturbance for local aquatic species. Access to items and material on private property may be limited. Trade-offs may exist between channel hydraulics and water quality/riparian habitat. If storm channels or basins are recognized as wetlands, many activities, including maintenance, may be subject to regulation and permitting.
- Storm drain flushing is most effective in small diameter pipes (36-inch diameter pipe or less, depending on water supply and sediment collection capacity). Other considerations associated with storm drain flushing may include the availability of a water source, finding a downstream area to collect sediments, liquid/sediment disposal, and prohibition against disposal of flushed effluent to sanitary sewer in some areas.
- Regulations may include adoption of substantial penalties for illegal dumping and disposal.
- Local municipal codes may include sections prohibiting discharge of soil, debris, refuse, hazardous wastes, and other pollutants into the storm drain system.

## **Requirements**

### ***Costs***

- An aggressive catch basin cleaning program could require a significant capital and O&M budget.
- The elimination of illegal dumping is dependent on the availability, convenience, and cost of alternative means of disposal. The primary cost is for staff time. Cost depends on how aggressively a program is implemented. Other cost considerations for an illegal dumping program include:
  - Purchase and installation of signs.
  - Rental of vehicle(s) to haul illegally-disposed items and material to landfills.
  - Rental of heavy equipment to remove larger items (e.g., car bodies) from channels.
  - Purchase of landfill space to dispose of illegally-dumped items and material.

- Methods used for illicit connection detection (smoke testing, dye testing, visual inspection, and flow monitoring) can be costly and time-consuming. Site-specific factors, such as the level of impervious area, the density and ages of buildings, and type of land use will determine the level of investigation necessary.

## ***Maintenance***

- Two-person teams may be required to clean catch basins with vactor trucks.
- Teams of at least two people plus administrative personnel are required to identify illicit discharges, depending on the complexity of the storm sewer system.
- Arrangements must be made for proper disposal of collected wastes.
- Technical staff are required to detect and investigate illegal dumping violations.

## **Supplemental Information**

### ***Further Detail of the BMP***

#### ***Storm Drain Flushing***

Flushing is a common maintenance activity used to improve pipe hydraulics and to remove pollutants in storm drainage systems. Flushing may be designed to hydraulically convey accumulated material to strategic locations, such as an open channel, another point where flushing will be initiated, or the sanitary sewer and the treatment facilities, thus preventing resuspension and overflow of a portion of the solids during storm events. Flushing prevents “plug flow” discharges of concentrated pollutant loadings and sediments. Deposits can hinder the designed conveyance capacity of the storm drain system and potentially cause backwater conditions in severe cases of clogging.

Storm drain flushing usually takes place along segments of pipe with grades that are too flat to maintain adequate velocity to keep particles in suspension. An upstream manhole is selected to place an inflatable device that temporarily plugs the pipe. Further upstream, water is pumped into the line to create a flushing wave. When the upstream reach of pipe is sufficiently full to cause a flushing wave, the inflated device is rapidly deflated with the assistance of a vacuum pump, thereby releasing the backed up water and resulting in the cleaning of the storm drain segment.

To further reduce impacts of stormwater pollution, a second inflatable device placed well downstream may be used to recollect the water after the force of the flushing wave has dissipated. A pump may then be used to transfer the water and accumulated material to the sanitary sewer for treatment. In some cases, an interceptor structure may be more practical or required to recollect the flushed waters.

It has been found that cleansing efficiency of periodic flush waves is dependent upon flush volume, flush discharge rate, sewer slope, sewer length, sewer flow rate, sewer diameter, and population density. As a rule of thumb, the length of line to be flushed should not exceed 700 feet. At this maximum recommended length, the percent removal efficiency ranges between 65-75% for organics and 55-65% for dry weather grit/inorganic material. The percent removal efficiency drops rapidly beyond that. Water is commonly supplied by a water truck, but fire hydrants can also supply water. To make the best use of water, it is recommended that reclaimed water be used or that fire hydrant line flushing coincide with storm sewer flushing.

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## General Description

Drain inserts are manufactured filters or fabric placed in a drop inlet to remove sediment and debris. There are a multitude of inserts of various shapes and configurations, typically falling into one of three different groups: socks, boxes, and trays. The sock consists of a fabric, usually constructed of polypropylene. The fabric may be attached to a frame or the grate of the inlet holds the sock. Socks are meant for vertical (drop) inlets. Boxes are constructed of plastic or wire mesh. Typically a polypropylene “bag” is placed in the wire mesh box. The bag takes the form of the box. Most box products are one box; that is, the setting area and filtration through media occur in the same box. Some products consist of one or more trays or mesh grates. The trays may hold different types of media. Filtration media vary by manufacturer. Types include polypropylene, porous polymer, treated cellulose, and activated carbon.

## Inspection/Maintenance Considerations

Washout problems increase with rain intensity. Susceptibility of accumulated sediments to be re-suspended at low flow rates, can be corrected with an energy dissipater between gate and treatment areas.

Inspection Activities	Suggested Frequency
■ Inspect for sediment buildup and proper functioning.	At the beginning of the wet season and after significant storms
■ Verify that stormwater enters the unit and does not leak around the perimeter.	After construction.
Maintenance Activities	Suggested Frequency
■ Remove sediment as needed.	At the beginning of the wet season and as necessary

## Maintenance Concerns, Objectives, and Goals

- Sediment Removal

## Targeted Constituents

- ✓ Sediment
- ✓ Nutrients
- ✓ Trash
- ✓ Metals
- ✓ Bacteria
- ✓ Oil and Grease
- ✓ Organics

## Removal Effectiveness

See New Development and Redevelopment Handbook-Section 5.





## Design Objectives

- ☒ Maximize Infiltration
- ☒ Provide Retention
- ☒ Slow Runoff
- Minimize Impervious Land Coverage
- Prohibit Dumping of Improper Materials
- Contain Pollutants
- Collect and Convey

## Description

Irrigation water provided to landscaped areas may result in excess irrigation water being conveyed into stormwater drainage systems.

## Approach

Project plan designs for development and redevelopment should include application methods of irrigation water that minimize runoff of excess irrigation water into the stormwater conveyance system.

## Suitable Applications

Appropriate applications include residential, commercial and industrial areas planned for development or redevelopment. (Detached residential single-family homes are typically excluded from this requirement.)

## Design Considerations

### *Designing New Installations*

The following methods to reduce excessive irrigation runoff should be considered, and incorporated and implemented where determined applicable and feasible by the Permittee:

- Employ rain-triggered shutoff devices to prevent irrigation after precipitation.
- Design irrigation systems to each landscape area's specific water requirements.
- Include design featuring flow reducers or shutoff valves triggered by a pressure drop to control water loss in the event of broken sprinkler heads or lines.
- Implement landscape plans consistent with County or City water conservation resolutions, which may include provision of water sensors, programmable irrigation times (for short cycles), etc.



- Design timing and application methods of irrigation water to minimize the runoff of excess irrigation water into the storm water drainage system.
- Group plants with similar water requirements in order to reduce excess irrigation runoff and promote surface filtration. Choose plants with low irrigation requirements (for example, native or drought tolerant species). Consider design features such as:
  - Using mulches (such as wood chips or bar) in planter areas without ground cover to minimize sediment in runoff
  - Installing appropriate plant materials for the location, in accordance with amount of sunlight and climate, and use native plant materials where possible and/or as recommended by the landscape architect
  - Leaving a vegetative barrier along the property boundary and interior watercourses, to act as a pollutant filter, where appropriate and feasible
  - Choosing plants that minimize or eliminate the use of fertilizer or pesticides to sustain growth
- Employ other comparable, equally effective methods to reduce irrigation water runoff.

***Redeveloping Existing Installations***

Various jurisdictional stormwater management and mitigation plans (SUSMP, WQMP, etc.) define “redevelopment” in terms of amounts of additional impervious area, increases in gross floor area and/or exterior construction, and land disturbing activities with structural or impervious surfaces. The definition of “redevelopment” must be consulted to determine whether or not the requirements for new development apply to areas intended for redevelopment. If the definition applies, the steps outlined under “designing new installations” above should be followed.

**Other Resources**

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## Description

Waste materials dumped into storm drain inlets can have severe impacts on receiving and ground waters. Posting notices regarding discharge prohibitions at storm drain inlets can prevent waste dumping. Storm drain signs and stencils are highly visible source controls that are typically placed directly adjacent to storm drain inlets.

## Approach

The stencil or affixed sign contains a brief statement that prohibits dumping of improper materials into the urban runoff conveyance system. Storm drain messages have become a popular method of alerting the public about the effects of and the prohibitions against waste disposal.

## Suitable Applications

Stencils and signs alert the public to the destination of pollutants discharged to the storm drain. Signs are appropriate in residential, commercial, and industrial areas, as well as any other area where contributions or dumping to storm drains is likely.

## Design Considerations

Storm drain message markers or placards are recommended at all storm drain inlets within the boundary of a development project. The marker should be placed in clear sight facing toward anyone approaching the inlet from either side. All storm drain inlet locations should be identified on the development site map.

## Designing New Installations

The following methods should be considered for inclusion in the project design and show on project plans:

- Provide stenciling or labeling of all storm drain inlets and catch basins, constructed or modified, within the project area with prohibitive language. Examples include “NO DUMPING



– DRAINS TO OCEAN” and/or other graphical icons to discourage illegal dumping.

- Post signs with prohibitive language and/or graphical icons, which prohibit illegal dumping at public access points along channels and creeks within the project area.

Note - Some local agencies have approved specific signage and/or storm drain message placards for use. Consult local agency stormwater staff to determine specific requirements for placard types and methods of application.

## ***Redeveloping Existing Installations***

Various jurisdictional stormwater management and mitigation plans (SUSMP, WQMP, etc.) define “redevelopment” in terms of amounts of additional impervious area, increases in gross floor area and/or exterior construction, and land disturbing activities with structural or impervious surfaces. If the project meets the definition of “redevelopment”, then the requirements stated under “designing new installations” above should be included in all project design plans.

## **Additional Information**

### ***Maintenance Considerations***

- Legibility of markers and signs should be maintained. If required by the agency with jurisdiction over the project, the owner/operator or homeowner’s association should enter into a maintenance agreement with the agency or record a deed restriction upon the property title to maintain the legibility of placards or signs.

### ***Placement***

- Signage on top of curbs tends to weather and fade.
- Signage on face of curbs tends to be worn by contact with vehicle tires and sweeper brooms.

## **Supplemental Information**

### ***Examples***

- Most MS4 programs have storm drain signage programs. Some MS4 programs will provide stencils, or arrange for volunteers to stencil storm drains as part of their outreach program.

## **Other Resources**

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## Description

Several measures can be taken to prevent operations at maintenance bays and loading docks from contributing a variety of toxic compounds, oil and grease, heavy metals, nutrients, suspended solids, and other pollutants to the stormwater conveyance system.

## Approach

In designs for maintenance bays and loading docks, containment is encouraged. Preventative measures include overflow containment structures and dead-end sumps. However, in the case of loading docks from grocery stores and warehouse/distribution centers, engineered infiltration systems may be considered.

## Suitable Applications

Appropriate applications include commercial and industrial areas planned for development or redevelopment.

## Design Considerations

Design requirements for vehicle maintenance and repair are governed by Building and Fire Codes, and by current local agency ordinances, and zoning requirements. The design criteria described in this fact sheet are meant to enhance and be consistent with these code requirements.

## *Designing New Installations*

Designs of maintenance bays should consider the following:

- Repair/maintenance bays and vehicle parts with fluids should be indoors; or designed to preclude urban run-on and runoff.
- Repair/maintenance floor areas should be paved with Portland cement concrete (or equivalent smooth impervious surface).



- Repair/maintenance bays should be designed to capture all wash water leaks and spills. Provide impermeable berms, drop inlets, trench catch basins, or overflow containment structures around repair bays to prevent spilled materials and wash-down waters from entering the storm drain system. Connect drains to a sump for collection and disposal. Direct connection of the repair/maintenance bays to the storm drain system is prohibited. If required by local jurisdiction, obtain an Industrial Waste Discharge Permit.
- Other features may be comparable and equally effective.

The following designs of loading/unloading dock areas should be considered:

- Loading dock areas should be covered, or drainage should be designed to preclude urban run-on and runoff.
- Direct connections into storm drains from depressed loading docks (truck wells) are prohibited.
- Below-grade loading docks from grocery stores and warehouse/distribution centers of fresh food items should drain through water quality inlets, or to an engineered infiltration system, or an equally effective alternative. Pre-treatment may also be required.
- Other features may be comparable and equally effective.

### ***Redeveloping Existing Installations***

Various jurisdictional stormwater management and mitigation plans (SUSMP, WQMP, etc.) define “redevelopment” in terms of amounts of additional impervious area, increases in gross floor area and/or exterior construction, and land disturbing activities with structural or impervious surfaces. The definition of “redevelopment” must be consulted to determine whether or not the requirements for new development apply to areas intended for redevelopment. If the definition applies, the steps outlined under “designing new installations” above should be followed.

### **Additional Information**

Stormwater and non-stormwater will accumulate in containment areas and sumps with impervious surfaces. Contaminated accumulated water must be disposed of in accordance with applicable laws and cannot be discharged directly to the storm drain or sanitary sewer system without the appropriate permit.

### **Other Resources**

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## Description

Trash storage areas are areas where a trash receptacle (s) are located for use as a repository for solid wastes. Stormwater runoff from areas where trash is stored or disposed of can be polluted. In addition, loose trash and debris can be easily transported by water or wind into nearby storm drain inlets, channels, and/or creeks. Waste handling operations that may be sources of stormwater pollution include dumpsters, litter control, and waste piles.

## Approach

This fact sheet contains details on the specific measures required to prevent or reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff associated with trash storage and handling. Preventative measures including enclosures, containment structures, and impervious pavements to mitigate spills, should be used to reduce the likelihood of contamination.

## Design Objectives

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## Suitable Applications

Appropriate applications include residential, commercial and industrial areas planned for development or redevelopment. (Detached residential single-family homes are typically excluded from this requirement.)

## Design Considerations

Design requirements for waste handling areas are governed by Building and Fire Codes, and by current local agency ordinances and zoning requirements. The design criteria described in this fact sheet are meant to enhance and be consistent with these code and ordinance requirements. Hazardous waste should be handled in accordance with legal requirements established in Title 22, California Code of Regulation.

Wastes from commercial and industrial sites are typically hauled by either public or commercial carriers that may have design or access requirements for waste storage areas. The design criteria in this fact sheet are recommendations and are not intended to be in conflict with requirements established by the waste hauler. The waste hauler should be contacted prior to the design of your site trash collection areas. Conflicts or issues should be discussed with the local agency.

## Designing New Installations

Trash storage areas should be designed to consider the following structural or treatment control BMPs:

- Design trash container areas so that drainage from adjoining roofs and pavement is diverted around the area(s) to avoid run-on. This might include berming or grading the waste handling area to prevent run-on of stormwater.
- Make sure trash container areas are screened or walled to prevent off-site transport of trash.



- Use lined bins or dumpsters to reduce leaking of liquid waste.
- Provide roofs, awnings, or attached lids on all trash containers to minimize direct precipitation and prevent rainfall from entering containers.
- Pave trash storage areas with an impervious surface to mitigate spills.
- Do not locate storm drains in immediate vicinity of the trash storage area.
- Post signs on all dumpsters informing users that hazardous materials are not to be disposed of therein.

***Redeveloping Existing Installations***

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**Additional Information*****Maintenance Considerations***

The integrity of structural elements that are subject to damage (i.e., screens, covers, and signs) must be maintained by the owner/operator. Maintenance agreements between the local agency and the owner/operator may be required. Some agencies will require maintenance deed restrictions to be recorded of the property title. If required by the local agency, maintenance agreements or deed restrictions must be executed by the owner/operator before improvement plans are approved.

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# **APPENDIX F**

## **Infiltration Feasibility**