

Storm Water Management Program

Best Management Practices (BMP)

CSUF-1: Unauthorized Non-Storm Water Discharges

CSUF's storm water best management practices (BMP) apply to all facilities and activities at CSUF. This includes but is not limited to students, staff, administration, contractors, and visitors.

CSUF's objectives are 1) to eliminate unauthorized non-storm water discharges, and 2) to eliminate non-storm water discharges which may be authorized by the state's Small MS4 Permit, but have not been evaluated and recognized for discharge by CSUF. Only those discharges specifically listed in Table 1 of CSUF-2 - Authorized and Recognized Non-Storm Water Discharges are allowed to be discharged.

1. CSUF's presumptive policy is that any and all non-storm water discharge to the storm sewer system is an unauthorized discharge, and therefore impermissible. There are no exceptions to this policy for "one-time" or "small-volume" discharges.
2. Only non-storm water discharges which have been formally recognized and listed in BMP CSUF-2 may be discharged into the storm sewer system.
3. Any non-recognized discharge is considered an illicit discharge and will be halted upon discovery, unless there is an immediate and overriding safety issue is involved and is fully documented.
4. All Facilities staff will be trained on the following:
 - a. Follow the principle of "Only Rain Down the Drain."
 - b. The differences in how storm and sanitary sewer systems are used.
 - c. Where to find the list of authorized and recognized non-storm water discharges at CSUF.
 - d. Any water, wastewater or liquid discharge not recognized by CSUF in BMP CSUF-2 is an unauthorized discharge and must be reported to EHS; and halted until authorized by EHS, unless there is an immediate overriding safety issue involved.
 - e. Facility staff are authorized, under authority granted by the University President, to direct any person to halt an unauthorized discharge.
5. Personnel not directly employed by CSUF, including all vendors and construction contractors, are forbidden to discharge any water, waste water or other liquid to the storm sewer system – **including authorized and recognized non-storm water discharges** - without the specific authorization from CSUF. The only acceptable forms of permission are a written contract document; a written plan or procedure specifically approved by CSUF; or a written statement (email is acceptable) from a recognized CSUF authority.

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