

Storm Water Management Program

This Program is responsible for preventing contamination of soil and ground water by control of hazardous material spills and underground storage tanks. Control of storm water runoff and sewer discharge guidelines help prevent contamination of our waterways and oceans.

The California State University, Fullerton has been designated as a regulated Municipal Separate Storm water System (MS4) by the presence of conveyance systems such as roads with drainage systems, streets/roadways, catch basins, curbs, gutters, man-made channels and a storm drain system. CSUF is subject to the State of California Water Resources Control Board Small MS4 General Permit.

Polluted storm water runoff is often transported to municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and ultimately discharged into local waterways (rivers, streams, lakes, and bays) without treatment. EPA's Storm water Phase II Rule establishes an MS4 storm water management program that is intended to improve the nation's waterways by reducing the quantity of pollutants that storm water picks up and carries into storm sewer systems during storm events.

Common pollutants include oil and grease from roadways and parking lots, pesticides from lawns, sediment from construction sites, and carelessly discarded trash, such as cigarette butts, paper wrappers and plastic bottles. These pollutants are deposited into nearby waterways, discouraging recreational use of the resource, and interfering with the habitat for fish, other aquatic organisms, and wildlife. It is important to mitigate these pollutants to protect the public health and environment.

To meet permit requirements and prevent storm water pollution a series of Best Management Practices (BMPs) have been written. The university storm water best management practices (BMP) apply to all facilities and activities on campus. This includes but is not limited to students, staff, administration, contractors and visitors.

The university is also required to identify storm water hotspots throughout campus. Hotspots are areas for greater than average potential for storm water impacts, e.g., loading docks, Facilities Operations areas, and Environmental Health & Safety Chemical Storage Area. Storm water hotspots are subject to specific BMPs and must be inspected quarterly.

The university is also required unauthorized non-storm water discharges as described in BMP-1. If you observe non-storm water discharge please report it to EHS at 657-278-7233.

- Appendix A – Best Management Practices (BMP) Matrix
- Appendix B – Storm Water Threat Areas Map
- Appendix C – Best Management Practices

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