Illicit discharges are any discharge of non-stormwater flow into the storm sewer system (e.g., oil leaks, wastewater, grease trap overflows, floor cleaner/wax disposal, sediment, etc.). The University's MS4 Permit only allows clean water discharges into the stormwater system and requires that the university implement Best Management Practices (BPMs) to help prevent the discharge of pollutants from campus into the environment. All spills have the potential to become illicit discharges, contaminating both surface water and groundwater.

DO

- ✓ Visit the Illicit Discharge webpage to learn about the most common types of discharges on campus and how to recognize them.
- ✓ Become familiar with storm drain locations; maps are available on the EQM Stormwater website.
- ✓ Contribute to and assist with the storm drain marking program. If markers are not visible, bring them to a visible condition. If a storm drain does not have a marker, add one. See the EQM Stormwater website for information on how to volunteer.
- ✓ Conduct personnel briefings to ensure maintenance activities don't contribute to stormwater pollution.
- ✓ Recognize warning signs of illicit discharges: odor, unusual color, sheen, foam, floating debris, pipe staining, dead vegetation, or dry weather flow.
- ✓ Stay safe−never enter enclosed structures or sample water without PPE.
- ✓ Document observations: location, time, flow characteristics, suspected source.
- ✓ Report all IDs promptly to UK Environmental Quality Management (EQM):
  - o Online: EQM reporting tool
  - o Phone: (859) 323-6280 (8am-5pm, M−F)
  - o After hours/weekends: call 911 from a campus phone or (859) 257-UKPD (8573)
- ✓ Manage all illicit discharges even if they do not meet hazardous or spill reportable thresholds.



Required Training: Varies

Relevant UK Departments:

- − Environmental Quality Management
- − Facilities Management
- − Facilities Construction Management
- − Capital Project Management
- − Grounds
- − Athletics
- − Students, Faculty, and Staff
- − Utilities and Energy Management

DON'T

- ✗ Don't ignore suspicious flows.
- ✗ Don't assume dry weather flow is always an illicit discharge. Some flows (e.g., water line flushing) are permitted.

ADDITIONAL RECOMMENDATIONS

- ➲ AISs containing additional information and procedures to prevent illicit discharges from common campus practices are located on env.uky.edu/stormwater/training

ACTIVITY CHECKLIST

- ☐ Monitor stormwater outfalls and inlets for dry weather flow and suspicious discharge signs.
- ☐ Inspect storm sewer locations using campus stormwater system maps.
- ☐ Review reporting procedures and illicit discharge characteristics with staff ANNUALLY.
- ☐ Ensure illicit discharge signs and public education materials (e.g., storm drain markers) are maintained/visible.
- ☐ Restock illicit discharge inspection tools (e.g., gloves, flashlights, PPE) MONTHLY.