

<h1>POLICY MANUAL</h1>	Date Adopted: January 11, 1994
Classification: STORM WATER QUALITY	Date Last Amended:
Subject: Prohibited and Conditionally Allowable Non-Storm Water Discharges	Approved By:

I. Policy:

The District shall implement programs to eliminate non-storm water discharges to the maximum extent practicable. Non-storm water discharges which present negligible risks to public health, safety, the environment, and the storm water quality objectives for which the District is responsible shall be evaluated and may be conditionally allowable, as described in this interim policy.

II. Purpose:

To provide guidelines which will insure consistency, when considering complaints concerning or actions to eliminate non-storm water discharges to the District's storm drainage system.

III. Definitions:

A. Non-storm water: Discharges consisting of any solid or liquid other than storm water runoff, including industrial process water, wastewater, agricultural tail water, cooling water, wash water, well development discharge, waterline and hydrant flush water and solids and liquids from other sources.

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IV. Regulatory References:

- A. Federal Clean Water Act: Prohibits non-storm water discharges to storm water drainage systems except as permitted under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit; requires the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) to regulate municipal and industrial storm water discharges.

- B. State NPDES General Industrial and Construction Storm Water Discharge Permits: Discharges of non-storm water to the storm water drainage system are prohibited unless specifically exempted by the State Water Resources Control Board general permit or approved by the Regional Water Quality Control Board through a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) wastewater discharge permit. Specific exemptions noted in the State Water Resources Control Board general permits are listed in the section of this policy entitled "Procedure."

V. Procedure:

- A. The Fresno Metropolitan Flood Control District shall generally follow the policy outlined in the attached "Guideline for Prohibited Discharges to the Storm Drain System" when determining whether a specific discharge is allowable, or is prohibited; and if prohibited, in determining acceptable disposal methods for such non-storm water.

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1. Whenever the District identifies any non-storm water discharge or receives any request to discharge non-storm water, the attached guidelines shall be referenced for the proper disposal determination.

2. The following non-storm water discharges may be conditionally allowed in the District's storm drainage system:
 - a. Non-chlorinated swimming pool/spa water, insuring the chlorine has dissipated prior to discharge to the system and that algaecides, filter backwash and other contaminants are not present.
 - b. City of Fresno/Clovis well development discharge, subject to discharge agreements with the District.
 - c. Discharges made pursuant to NPDES permits issued by the Central Valley Regional Water Quality Control Board (CVRWQCB), subject to discharge agreements with the District.
 - d. Residential and non-profit car washing activities.
 - e. Overflow from concrete washout disposal facilities, insuring concrete sediments are not released to the system.
 - f. Construction/foundation dewatering, insuring such discharge water is non-turbid, and uncontaminated.

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- g. Uncontaminated groundwater.

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- h. Runoff from fire fighting, provided the fire does not involve a hazardous material storage manufacturing or processing facility.
- i. Potable waterline and hydrant flushing and testing, insuring the chlorine has dissipated and no other contaminants are present.
- j. Landscape and agricultural irrigation runoff.
- k. Discharges of potable water subject to confirmation by analytical tests and letter approval by the CVRWQCB.
- l. Residential air conditioning condensation.
- m. Non-residential air conditioner cooling water provided such water has not been exposed to contaminants prior to discharge.

B. The District shall administer and enforce this policy through the following mechanisms:

- 1. All Dischargers of prohibited non-storm water discharges shall be directed to utilize the most appropriate disposal method per the attached guideline.
- 2. Potentially hazardous discharges shall be referred immediately to Fresno County Department of Community Health Hazardous Material Emergency Response Team or Fresno City Fire Department.

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3. Discharges which are violations of the State Health and Safety Code or local illegal dumping and nuisance ordinances shall be referred to the County Health Department.

4. Discharges which represent potential violations of the ordinance codes of the cities of Clovis or Fresno or the County of Fresno shall be referred to the appropriate response department and legal counsel of such agency.

5. Discharges which represent violations of the District's ordinance code shall be referred to the Environmental Resources Manager and General Counsel of the District.

6. Conditionally allowable discharges shall be handled as follows:
 - a. Residential and agricultural discharges: provide resident and/or property owner with informational letter.
 - b. Construction discharges: provide contractor with informational letter; refer problem situations to CVRWQCB.
 - c. Fire fighting flows: emergency response agencies shall contact the District if contamination is suspected and shall contain such flows to

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- d. All other onetime discharges of uncontaminated or treated water (i.e., meets drinking water standards) from industrial, commercial, and agency sources: discharger required to perform analytical tests and secure letter approval to discharge from RWQCB.
- e. All other discharges of uncontaminated or treated water (i.e., meets drinking water standards) from industrial, commercial, and agency sources: discharger required to secure NPDES wastewater discharge permit and enter into a discharge agreement with District providing proper assurances relating to the quality and quantity of flows and liability protection.