

Iowa State University
Storm Water Management Policy Statements
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In accordance with Iowa State University policy and the University's National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), the following statements establish guidance for the University in its storm water compliance efforts.

Illicit Discharge Prohibition:

To the maximum extent possible, Iowa State University prohibits the illicit discharge of non-storm waters to the MS4. Discharges to the university operated MS4 that are not comprised of storm water, properly permitted storm water discharges associated with industrial activity or allowable non-storm water are specifically prohibited. Failure to comply with this policy may result in work stoppages, formal project review and appropriate corrective actions.

Post-construction Site Runoff Control:

Iowa State University acknowledges the importance of post-construction site runoff control after construction activities have been completed. Storm water quality and quantity shall be considered in the design of new construction and best management practices shall be implemented when practicable. Design considerations shall promote the use of storm water detention and retention, grass swales, bioretention swales, riparian buffers and proper operation and maintenance of these facilities.

Construction Site Runoff Control:

Iowa State University acknowledges the importance of construction site runoff control during all phases of construction activity on all sites for which NPDES permits are required and should be considered for all construction sites. Construction site runoff will be minimized to the greatest extent possible by following best management practices for building materials storage, concrete truck washout, chemical management, solid waste and sanitary waste. Appropriate plans will follow the Iowa Construction Site Erosion Control Manual, Iowa Department of Transportation Erosion Control Standards and the University's Standard Operating Procedures for NPDES Construction Permits and shall be modified as operational experience dictates. Failure to comply with this policy may result in work stoppages, formal project review and appropriate corrective actions.

The intent of these policy statements is to control storm water runoff, minimize storm water pollution and contribute to the protection of Iowa's natural resources.