

RULE H: ILLICIT DISCHARGE AND CONNECTION

1. **POLICY.** It is the policy of the Board of Managers to:
 - (a) Regulate the contribution of pollutants to the District's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) by any user;
 - (b) Prohibit Illicit Connections and Discharges to the District's MS4;
 - (c) Carry out inspection and monitoring procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this Rule under statutory and related authority.

2. **PROHIBITION.** No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged into a public drainage system within the District any materials, including but not limited to pollutants or waters containing any pollutants that cause or contribute to a violation of applicable water quality standards, other than stormwater.

3. **EXCEPTIONS.** The commencement, conduct or continuance of any illegal discharge to the waters of the District is prohibited except as described as follows:
 - (a) The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by this rule:
 - (1) Water line flushing or other potable water sources
 - (2) Landscape irrigation or lawn watering
 - (3) Diverted stream flows
 - (4) Rising ground water
 - (5) Ground water infiltration to storm drains
 - (6) Uncontaminated pumped ground water
 - (7) Foundation and footing drains
 - (8) Firefighting activities
 - (b) Discharges specified in writing by the District, or other federal, state or local agency as being necessary to protect the public health and safety.
 - (c) Dye testing is an allowable discharge, but requires a verbal notification to the District prior to the time of the test.
 - (d) The prohibition shall not apply to any non-storm water discharge permitted under an NPDES permit, waiver, or waste discharge order issued to the discharger and administered under the authority of the Federal Environmental Protection Agency, provided that the discharger is in full compliance with all requirements of the permit, waiver, or order and other applicable laws and regulations, and provided that written approval has been granted for any discharge to the storm drain system.

4. **ILLICIT CONNECTIONS PROHIBITED**
 - (a) The construction, use, maintenance or continued existence of illicit connections to the public drainage system is prohibited.
 - (b) This prohibition expressly includes, without limitation, illicit connections made in the past, regardless of whether the connection was permissible under law or practices applicable or prevailing at the time of connection.
 - (c) A person is considered to be in violation of this rule if the person connects a line conveying sewage to the public drainage system, or allows such a connection to continue.