



Illicit Discharge Policy

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I. Purpose and Applicability

- A. This policy mandates compliance with the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program. This program is required by USG's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System general permit which is administered by Maryland Department of the Environment (Code of Maryland Regulations 26.08.04.01).

II. Definitions

- A. *Illicit Discharge*: a discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer system not composed entirely of storm water (Federal code: 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(2)). Can originate from incorrect plumbing, broken infrastructure, inappropriate business practices, and illegal dumping.

III. Policy Statement

- A. The Universities at Shady Grove explicitly prohibits illicit discharges into the municipal separate storm sewer system.
- B. The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program prevents illicit discharges into the municipal storm sewer system and unnecessary pollution of Maryland's waterways.
- C. Exceptions for uncontaminated flows may be approved under the state general permit and therefore, are not illicit discharges, including:
 - 1. Landscape Irrigation
 - 2. Diverted Stream Flows
 - 3. Rising Groundwater
 - 4. Groundwater Infiltration
 - 5. Pumped Groundwater
 - 6. Foundation Drains
 - 7. Air Conditioning Condensate
 - 8. Irrigation Water
 - 9. Springs
 - 10. Water from Crawl Space Pumps
 - 11. Footing Drains
 - 12. Landscape Watering Runoff
 - 13. Flows from Riparian Habitats and Wetlands

- 14. Residual Street Wash Water
- 15. Discharges or Flows from Firefighting Activities

D. All students, employees, and contractors are required to follow the campus wide IDDE Plan. The program also consists of a campus specific storm sewer system map, periodic outfall inspections, incident investigation/tracking, and an education and training program.

IV. Related Documents

- A. [IDDE Plan](#)

V. Revision History

Date	Description	Revised By
10/2022	Initial Policy Creation	Johnathan Robertson

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