

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY - REGULATORY CONTROL BRANCH

Policy
for
Vehicle Hand Wash Operations
January 2, 2003

The discharge of wastewater from facilities hand washing vehicles is allowed into the City Sewer System with the following restrictions:

- 1. No engine cleaning, degreasing or washing of the undercarriage.**
- 2. No inflow is permitted in the sewer system (storm water, surface water, ground water, roof runoff or subsurface drainage are prohibited).**

A sedimentation collection system is recommended to allow the heavier particles of dirt or grit to separate from the wastestream or be filtered from the discharge and collected.

Wastestream quality data collected by the State Department of Health Safe Drinking Water Branch, as well as, information obtained from other municipalities on facilities handwashing vehicles has indicated that no pretreatment is required prior to discharging the waste water to the City sewer system. (Automated washing facilities must install conventional oil interceptors due to the higher discharge flow rates.)

However, the generator of any discharge found to be in violation of Federal, State or local laws will be required to take appropriate action to correct the violation and may be subject to enforcement action.

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