

Contractor Pre-Construction Water Quality Certification

Per City of Boulder and CDPHE requirements, discharge of any process water or materials from projects or construction sites to sanitary or storm sewers must comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

NO DISCHARGES OF PROCESS WATER OR OTHER MATERIALS ARE ALLOWED TO STORM SEWERS (gutters, parking lots, outdoor drains, certain floor drains, tunnel drains, landscaped areas, foundation drains, etc.)—these types of discharges go directly to Boulder Creek without treatment, and **severe penalties including monetary fines can be incurred by Contractors who illicitly discharge process water or other materials to storm drains.**

Sanitary sewer discharges (sinks, toilets, showers, certain floor drains, etc.) which are treated at the City of Boulder Water Treatment Plant must meet certain requirements. Generally, dilute water-based solutions can be disposed in the sanitary sewer in small volumes (<5 gallons).

Examples of typical project-related wastes that are **approved for Sanitary Sewer disposal** are:

- Soaps, Detergents, and Non-Ionic Surfactants, diluted in water
- Clean-up and rinses from latex paint, such as brush washing
- Drywall mud rinses, such as cleaning of tools
- Dilute antifreeze solutions

Examples of project-related wastes that **cannot be disposed in the Sanitary Sewer** are:

- Oils or greases
- Oil-based paints or paint thinner, including residues
- Concentrated or full-strength corrosive chemicals, acidic or caustic
- Flammable solvents
- Toxic chemicals, or solutions that contain metals (lead, mercury, etc.)

Questions related to appropriate water discharges from projects can be related to the [Environmental Health & Safety Department \(EH&S\) at 303-492-6025](#).

CONTRACTORS: In the spaces below please indicate any/all potential discharges of process water, chemicals, de-watering, or other materials to sewer systems or landscape areas that are expected to result from project activities:

Description of Discharge	Discharge Point
<i>Example: clean-up from drywall mudding operations</i>	<i>sanitary sewer</i>

Contractors are required to locate drains or other water discharge points in the area of the project and provide measures to protect from illicit discharges during contractor activities. For example, berms or drain covers can be used to protect drains from accidental spills. Chemical products can be protected from spills by use of pans, trays, or other types of secondary containment during storage. A spill kit or spill supplies should be kept on-hand during the project in case of accidental releases. Prevent spills from reaching any drains if it's safe to do so. **Immediately notify 911 and EH&S 303-492-6025 of accidental hazardous materials releases.** For assistance with determining where a drain leads to (storm vs. sanitary, especially floor drains), contact the Facilities Management service center at 303-492-5522.

Contractor Name: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Project No. _____

Project Name: _____