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**Alabama Department of
Environmental Management**



ILLICIT DISCHARGE DETECTION AND ELIMINATION (IDDE) PROGRAM



**City of Jacksonville, Alabama
Phase II Small MS4
ADEM NPDES Permit No. ALR040051**

Introduction

In order for the City of Jacksonville to comply with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit ALR040051 for discharges from regulated Small Municipal Storm Sewer Systems (MS4), the City of Jacksonville was required to adopt an Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program. This program was established by Ordinance No. O-563-14.

Purpose/Intent

The purpose of this program is to provide for the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Jacksonville through the regulation of non-stormwater discharges to the storm drain system to the maximum extent practicable as required by federal and state law. The Ordinance establishes methods for controlling the introduction of pollutants into the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) in order to comply with requirements of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit process. The objectives of the Ordinance are:

1. To regulate the contribution of pollutants to the MS4 by storm water discharges by any user.
2. To prohibit illicit discharges and connections to the MS4.
3. To establish legal authority to carry out all inspections, surveillance, monitoring, and enforcement procedures necessary to ensure compliance with this Ordinance.

What is an Illicit Discharge?

Any direct or indirect non-storm water discharge to the storm drain system, except as exempted in Section 8 of the Ordinance.

The following discharges are exempt from discharge prohibitions established by the Ordinance:

Water line flushing, landscape irrigation, diverted stream flows, rising ground waters, uncontaminated ground water infiltration, uncontaminated pumped ground water, discharges from potable water sources, foundation drains, air conditioning condensation, irrigation water, springs, water from crawl space pumps, footing drains, lawn watering, individual residential car washing, flows from riparian habitats and wetlands, dechlorinated swimming pool discharges, street wash water, fire hydrant flushing, firefighting activities and discharges authorized with a separate NPDES Permit.

What is an Illicit Connection?

- Any drain or conveyance, whether on the surface or subsurface that allows an illegal discharge to enter the storm drain system including but not limited to any conveyances that allow any non-stormwater discharge including sewage, process wastewater, and wash water to enter the storm drain system and any connections to the storm drain system from indoor drains and sinks, regardless of whether said drain or connection had been previously allowed, permitted, or approved by an authorized enforcement agency.

- Any drain or conveyance connected from a commercial or industrial land use to the storm drain system that has not been documented in plans, maps, or equivalent records and approved by an authorized enforcement agency.

What is Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)?

The system of conveyances (including sidewalks, roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains) owned and operated by the City of Jacksonville and designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water, and that is not used for collecting or conveying sewage.

What is a Pollutant?

Anything which causes or contributes to pollution. Pollutants may include, but are not limited to: paints, varnishes, and solvents; oil and other automotive fluids; non-hazardous liquid and solid wastes and yard wastes; refuse, rubbish, garbage, litter, or other discarded or abandoned objects, ordinances, and accumulations, so that same may cause or contribute to pollution; floatables; pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers; hazardous substances and wastes; sewage, fecal coliform and pathogens; dissolved and particulate metals; animal wastes; wastes and residues that result from constructing a building or structure; and noxious or offensive matter of any kind.