

Town of Southborough

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

Southborough Department of Public Works/Transfer Station
147 Cordaville Road, Southborough, Massachusetts



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SECTION 1 – Introduction

This Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) has been developed by the Town of Southborough to address the requirements of the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (USEPA's) 2016 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) in Massachusetts, hereafter referred to as the 2016 Massachusetts MS4 Permit.

The 2016 Massachusetts MS4 Permit requires that each permittee, or regulated community, address six Minimum Control Measures. These measures include the following:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program
4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
5. Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment (Post Construction Stormwater Management); and
6. Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations.

Under Measure 6, Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations, the permittee is required, per Section 2.3.7.b of the 2016 Massachusetts MS4 Permit (page 50-54), to:

...develop and fully implement a SWPPP for each of the following permittee-owned or operated facilities: maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater as determined by the permittee.

The SWPPP shall contain the following elements:

1. *Pollution Prevention Team*
2. *Description of the facility and identification of potential pollutant sources.*
3. *Identification of stormwater controls*
4. *Management practices including: minimize or prevent exposure, good housekeeping, preventative maintenance, spill prevention and response, erosion and sediment control, management of runoff, management of salt storage piles or piles containing salt, employee training, and maintenance of control measures.*
5. *Site inspections*



This SWPPP accomplishes these requirements by:

- Providing an inventory of the materials and equipment at a facility that have the potential to cause stormwater pollution, and identifying locations where these materials are stored;
- Describing how stormwater is managed at a facility, including: engineered storm drain system conveyance; on-site pretreatment, treatment and infiltration systems; and discharges to surface water directly from the site;
- Reviewing activities that occur at the facility that represent a potential for stormwater pollution;
- Describing the Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will be implemented at the facility to reduce, eliminate and prevent the discharge of pollutants to stormwater;
- Identifying the employees responsible for developing, implementing, maintaining, and revising, as necessary, this SWPPP;
- Establishing a schedule and description of site inspections to be conducted at the facility to determine if the SWPPP is effective in preventing the discharge of pollutants;
- Serving as a tool for the facility employees, including a place to maintain recordkeeping associated with these requirements.



SECTION 2 – Detailed Facility Assessment

2.1 Facility Summary

The Southborough Department of Public Works (DPW)/Transfer Station is located at 147 Cordaville Road and is owned and operated by the Town of Southborough. The Locus Map in **Figure 2-1** shows the location of the facility within the Town of Southborough.

The DPW is primarily responsible for activities at, and maintenance of, the facility.

2.2 Site Inspection

The site inspection associated with the development of this SWPPP was completed on June 16, 2020. The inspection was conducted by Hamid Akinfolarin, and reviewed by Robert J. Sykes, P.E. and Karen Galligan.

During the site inspection, information related to activities at the site, vehicles stored at the site, fueling operations, material storage, transport of oil and other materials, and spill history was gathered.

2.3 Pollution Prevention Team

A Pollution Prevention Team for the Southborough DPW/Transfer Station has been prepared and designated the task of developing, implementing, maintaining, and revising, as necessary, the SWPPP for this facility. Listed below are Pollution Prevention Team members and their respective responsibilities.

Responsibilities assigned to one or more members of the Pollution Prevention Team include:

- Implementing, administering and revising the SWPPP
- Regularly inspecting stormwater control structures
- Conducting stormwater training
- Recordkeeping

Leader: Karen Galligan

Title: DWP Superintendent

Office Phone: 508-485-1210

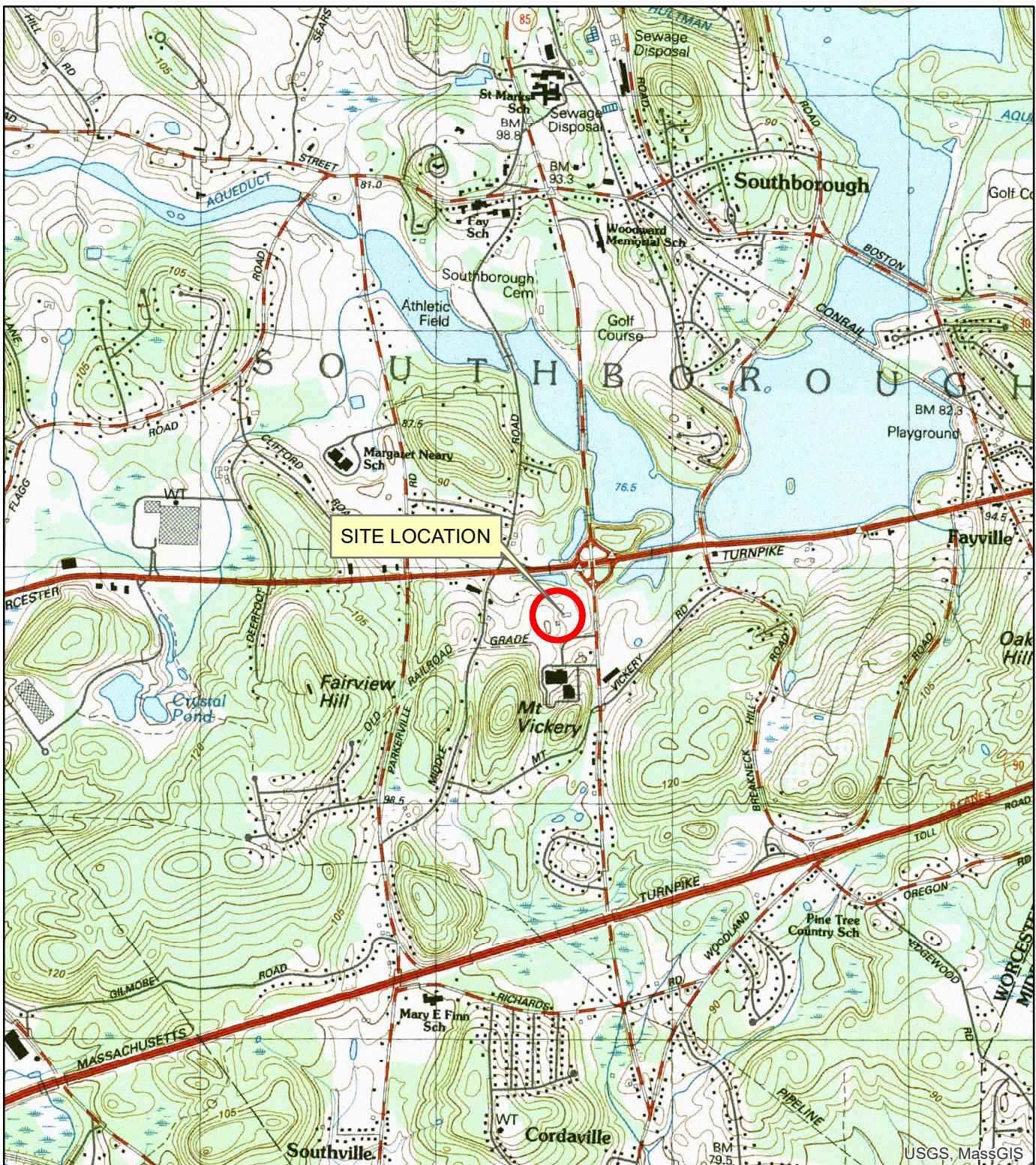
Cell Phone:

Responsibilities: Considers all stages of plan development, inspections, and implementation; coordinates employee training programs; maintains all records and ensures that reports are submitted; oversees sampling program. Responsible for certifying the completeness and accuracy of the SWPPP.



Figure 2-1. Locus Map





SITE LOCATION MAP

SCALE: 1 " = 2,000 '



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LINCOLN, RI 02865
(401) 334-4100



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FIGURE 2-1
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
SOUTHBOROUGH, MA

Member: Chris Leroy
Title: Grounds Supervisor

Office Phone: 508-485-1210
Cell Phone:

Responsibilities: Implements the preventative maintenance program; oversees good housekeeping activities; serves as spill response coordinator; conducts inspections; assists with employee training programs; conducts sampling/visual monitoring.

Member: Dave Daniels
Title: Fleet Supervisor

Office Phone: 508-485-1210
Cell Phone:

Responsibilities: Assists in all components of the stormwater program, as needed. Maintains spill kits at the Southborough DPW/Transfer Station.

2.4 Facility Description

The primary purpose of the Southborough DPW/Transfer Station is to provide a space for storage of DPW vehicles and equipment, office space for staff, salt and sand storage, and to collect, transfer, and transport municipal solid waste and recycling. Additionally, maintenance and fueling of DPW, police, recreation, facilities, and building departments' vehicles and equipment occur at the DPW. Activities at the site are described in **SECTION 2.7**.

The facility covers approximately 7.3 acres, and contains the structures and other features shown on the Site Map in **Figure 2-2** and described in detail in the following sections. Components shown on the site map include:

- Location of the engineered drainage system, including catch basins, ditches, drain manholes, and treatment BMPs
- Outfalls
- Direction of surface water flow
- Structural stormwater pollution control measures
- Location of floor drains
- Vehicle washing areas
- Vehicle fueling areas
- Aboveground storage tanks (indoors and outdoors)
- Underground storage tanks
- Salt storage areas
- Waste disposal areas.



Figure 2-2. Site Map



2.5 Facility Structures

Vehicle Storage and Maintenance

Buildings at the Southborough DPW are used to provide Southborough personnel with heated, covered areas in which to complete minor maintenance, oil changes and preparation of vehicles, equipment and tools for use at locations around Southborough.

The DPW garage is located at the northeastern portion of the property. Activities in this structure include storage, washing, and maintenance of DPW vehicles and equipment. This building contains 6 floor drains, including 2 trench drains, which discharge to an oil/water separator and tight tank.

Maintenance and Storage Buildings

Carpentry, electrical, and minor maintenance activities are completed in the DPW Garage. This building contains no floor drains and is fully enclosed.

Small equipment, signage, and tools are stored in the DPW Garage. This building contains no floor drains and is fully enclosed.

Latex paint, spray paint, and similar products are stored in the Storage Bay Paint Locker. This building contains no floor drains and is fully enclosed. These products are properly stored in flammable materials storage cabinets.

Vehicle Wash Bays or Recycling Systems

Vehicles are washed in the main garage at the northeastern portion of the property. The building is fully-enclosed. This garage is used for storage of DPW vehicles and equipment.

The wash water discharges to trench drains in the garage, which discharge to a tight tank to the west of the building.

Waste Oil Burner

The DPW Building contains a waste oil furnace used and operated by the Town of Southborough.

This structure provides fully-enclosed storage for waste oil drums, and a 300 gallon waste oil tank, within in the waste oil tank room. The room has an interior berm to contain a catastrophic failure of the tank and drums.

Storage of Deicing Materials

Road salt, a sand/salt mix, and sand are stored in the Salt Shed located to the west of the DPW garage. This shed is covered, and the materials are fully contained within the



building. The good housekeeping measure used to minimize the exposure resulting for adding to or removing stored materials include sweeping the loading area regularly or when salt has accumulated on the paved surface.

Storage of Road Deicing Equipment

The Town of Southborough utilizes six vehicles with spreaders on its vehicles to adequately maintain roads. Four vehicles are stored within the DWP Garage, and two are located outdoors, but are covered during periods of no use. In the DWP Garage, the equipment is suspended off the ground so that it can easily be cleaned, inspected, and maintained, but is protected from the elements. The equipment is covered by a roof, but is equipped with garage doors on all sides so that plow trucks and other vehicles can easily attach the devices.

Administrative Buildings

The DPW Administrative offices are located at the central portion of the property, south of the garage. This building includes an administrative office area, DPW director's office, an engineering office, conference room, restrooms, locker room, and storage areas for engineering plans and miscellaneous equipment.

2.5.1 Additional Site Features

Aboveground Storage Tanks

Aboveground storage tanks (ASTs) at the DPW are used for storage of gasoline. An inventory of significant materials is included in **SECTION 2.12**.

Two AST are located at the northeastern portion of the property for storage of fuel. The AST is covered, and roof drainage discharges to the east.

Fuel Islands

An island containing 2 of fuel pumps for gasoline is located at the northeastern portion of the property and is used on a 24-hour basis for fueling of all Southborough vehicles. The island is covered, and roof drainage discharges to the eastern edge of the site. Access to these fuel pumps is controlled by PINs, which are issued to DPW, police, and fire personnel. The location of the fuel island is such that all users are visible to personnel at all buildings at the DPW.



Emergency Generators

An emergency generator located at the eastern portion of the facility (east of the southern end of the DPW main office) provides backup power to the facility during outages. The generator, CAT D175-4, is not under cover (but is in its own enclosure) but has 110% containment of its 784 gallon diesel day tank. The generator is not located on a pervious surface.

Oil/Water Separators

The Town of Southborough maintains 1 oil/water separator at the DPW.

The oil/water separator is located just west of the DPW facility. This pretreatment structure has a cleanout manhole, and is pumped on an annual basis. The DPW is responsible for contracting this work, and maintains records on the pumpout activities. This oil/water separator provides treatment of flow from the DPW garage/main office. Floor drains in all areas where oil materials are used and/or where vehicles are stored receive pretreatment via this oil/water separator.

Tight Tanks

The Town of Southborough maintains 1 tight tank at the DPW.

The tight tank is located directly to the west of the southern end of the DPW garage. This pretreatment structure has a cleanout manhole, and is pumped on an annual basis. The DPW is responsible for contracting this work, and maintains records on the pumpout activities. This tight tank provides treatment of flow from the DPW garage/main office. Floor drains in all areas where oil materials are used and/or where vehicles are stored receive pretreatment via this tight tank.

Solid Waste Management

The Town of Southborough maintains one dumpster at the eastern portion of the property directly east of the main parking area. This dumpster is kept closed when not in use. No inappropriate materials were observed during the facility inspection.

Materials for Use by Residents

The Town of Southborough places an uncovered sand pile in the DPW parking lot before and after a winter storm for use by Southborough residents.

Parking Areas

There are several designated parking areas at the DPW/Transfer Station, each of which is an impervious surface. These parking lots are used primarily for visitors to the DPW/Transfer Station, Southborough-owned cars for daily use by DPW employees, and



employees' personal vehicles; DPW trucks and/or heavy equipment are not kept in this parking lot.

The Transfer Station contains parking for 30 vehicles. The DPW Main Office contains parking for 18 vehicles. The DPW Garage contains parking for 25 vehicles. The total number of parking spaces at the Southborough DPW/Transfer Station is approximately 73.

2.6 Site Drainage

No stormwater from adjacent properties impacts the Southborough DPW/Transfer Station property.

Sheet Flow

Drainage from the impervious surfaces at the DPW/Transfer Station is directed partially to drainage structures throughout the site, and generally flows in a northeasterly direction.

Engineered Drainage

Engineered drainage at the DPW/Transfer Station includes approximately 8 catch basins, 5 manholes, and 3 outfalls. Stormwater from a portion of the site is directed to two drainage ponds located at the northernmost edge of the site. Maintenance of the catch basin structures, including sediment removal, is completed by Truax, which is subcontracted by the DPW.

2.6.1 Receiving Waters

The final point of discharge for stormwater from this site is the Sudbury Reservoir, for which a TMDL has been completed as of the Final Massachusetts Year 2016 Integrated List of Waters. The good housekeeping practices, preventative maintenance and Best Management Practices implemented at the facility are appropriate and adequate controls.

2.7 Site Activities

The following activities occur at the facility:

- Facility or Building Maintenance
- Fueling Operations
- Chemical unloading, handling, and storage (including paint, flammables, fertilizers, and pesticides)
- Painting
- Paving
- Sand storage
- Salt storage
- Solid waste management (including scrap metal)
- Tool storage



- Vehicle and equipment storage
- Vehicle and equipment maintenance/repair (including oil changes)
- Vehicle and equipment washing
- Waste Handling and Disposal
- Waste oil storage.

Below is a discussion of site activities and the potential pollutant sources associated with each, as well as measures taken to minimize pollution. Locations of each activity are shown on the Site Plan (**Figure 2-1**).

The DPW/Transfer Station does not store hazardous materials other than those noted previously, and no obsolete vehicles or other potential sources of pollutants are kept in any structure at the DPW/Transfer Station.

No solvent-based parts washers were observed in any structure at the DPW/Transfer Station. Any hazardous materials are either collected by a third party vendor contracted by the Town of Southborough on an annual basis, or collected at the annual Household Hazardous Waste Day (HHHD) that is hosted for the benefit of Southborough residents. Waste materials from DPW/Transfer Station operations that may be collected at the annual HHHW Day include used motor vehicle fluids that cannot be utilized for the waste oil burner, such as used antifreeze and brake fluid. Any oil that may be contaminated with antifreeze, brake fluid, paint, or other additive that makes it unburnable in the waste oil furnace is also collected on the HHHW Day instead of being used in the waste oil furnace. These materials are properly labeled and stored using appropriate Best Management Practices between the time of generation and disposal.

Pesticides and fertilizers are used regularly on public landscaped areas, including school athletic fields. They are stored in a fireproof cabinet inside the DPW annex. Only Town employees perform fertilizer and pesticide application. There are six Town employees certified to apply pesticide in accordance with the Town's Integrated Pesticide Management program. These employees are required to get CEUs for their licenses.

2.7.1 Stockpiles and Sand Storage

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Sand stored in piles for use during construction and during winter plowing and deicing activities represents a potential source to stormwater pollution. Stockpiled materials such as gravel, loam, and crushed rock represent a similar source of pollution. When stored unprotected outdoors, sand piles and material stockpiles are exposed to precipitation. When the resulting eroded material enters the stormwater system, the sediment can quickly fill the sumps of catch basin structures, rendering them ineffective.

Mixing sand and salt for use in deicing activities poses an additional element of stormwater pollution, particularly if the mixing area is not fully enclosed and protected from the



elements. As discussed in previous sections, salt and sand are stored at the DPW under a shed.

Pollution Prevention

To avoid contamination of stormwater by sand and other stockpiled materials, erosion and sediment control measures should be implemented at each storage site. When planning a location for a stockpile, a relatively level site away from slopes and water features should be selected.

Stockpiles can be stabilized by seeding or mulching if they are to remain exposed for more than two weeks, or can be covered with impermeable sheeting to protect the material from rainwater. If the stockpile location becomes a permanent storage site for sand, a roofed structure should be considered to reduce erosion.

Sediment barriers should be placed around the perimeter of the storage site to prevent any runoff carrying sand from entering storm drains and surface waters. If the weather becomes dry and windy, regular light watering of the stockpile and surrounding area will provide effective dust control. Please refer to SOP 6, “Erosion and Sedimentation Control,” included in **Appendix A**, for more information.

Sand that has been mixed with salt for use during winter plowing and deicing activities should always be stored in an enclosed and covered salt shed. Salt sheds should be constructed on level ground with an impervious base on which to store the salt/sand mixture. Under no circumstances should loose salt/sand mix be stored outside and unprotected. All mixing of salt and sand should take place within the salt shed or other covered, enclosed area.

Ensuring that the storage area is regularly swept and kept clean is an important good housekeeping practice.

2.7.2 Salt Storage

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Salt stored in piles for use during winter plowing and deicing operations represents a potential major contributor to stormwater pollution. When stored unprotected outdoors, salt is exposed to precipitation, causing leachate with high chloride that can be discharged to the receiving water. Salt delivery and loading activities can contribute pollutants to stormwater if the material is not handled with care, and if spills from handling operations are not promptly cleaned up.

Pollution Prevention

To prevent stormwater pollution, all salt piles should be enclosed and covered in sheds to prevent exposure to precipitation. Salt sheds should be constructed on level ground with



an impervious base on which to store the salt. The shed should prevent disturbance or migration of the salt by wind.

During delivery and loading activities, salt should be transferred to and from vehicles within the salt shed, whenever possible. Any spills during unloading and loading events should be tended to without delay. Ensuring that the salt storage area is regularly swept and kept clean is an important good housekeeping practice.

If it is not feasible to fully enclose the salt pile, the salt should be stored on an impervious base and covered with an impermeable membrane material. Under no circumstances should loose salt be stored outside and exposed to precipitation.

The area should not be hosed down to a storm drain as a cleaning method. To further limit stormwater pollution, an independent runoff collection system may be installed in the area of the salt storage to collect and convey runoff either directly to a treatment best management practice or to a sanitary sewer system, with approval from the operator of the sanitary sewer system. As discussed in previous sections, salt and sand are stored at the DPW under a shed.

2.7.3 Solid Waste Management

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Solid waste production and storage locations present the threat to contaminate stormwater with pathogens, including bacteria and viruses, nutrients, including phosphorus and nitrogen, metals and sediments.

Solid waste may be classified as both hazardous and non-hazardous waste consisting of agricultural, construction and demolition, dead animals, industrial, municipal, and tire waste.

Pollution Prevention

To prevent or reduce the potential for stormwater pollution from solid waste management practices the following preventative maintenance procedures are recommended:

1. All staff shall be properly trained in correct solid waste management practices, including waste disposal and spill prevention and response. All employees shall also be knowledge of the potential hazards associated with solid waste handling and storage.
2. Each waste storage location shall be properly labeled and all significant sources of pollution shall be kept in a secure, covered and contained area.
3. The facility and storage containers shall remain locked at all times other than during normal hours of operation.
4. All waste storage containers and waste handling equipment shall be routinely inspected for signs of spills, leaks, corrosion or general deterioration.



5. The facility shall maintain spill response materials in accordance with SOP 4, “Spill Response and Cleanup”.

2.7.4 Use or Storage of Pesticides or Fertilizers

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Improper use and storage of fertilizers and pesticides can contribute to loadings of nutrients and toxic compounds to stormwater. Applying fertilizers and pesticides in quantities exceeding the manufacturer’s recommendations does not make the product more effective. Rather, excess fertilizer and pesticide will be washed away during precipitation events, entering directly into stormwater and surface waters. The risk of incorrect use or spilling of fertilizers and pesticides increases when the chemicals are not handled by properly trained personnel. Contamination of stormwater can also occur during storage, when the pesticides and fertilizers are not being directly used. Leaks and spills from faulty containers can migrate to the storm drain system if not promptly controlled. Fires may break out if pesticides and fertilizers are not stored in the appropriate facilities.

Pollution Prevention

To avoid contamination of stormwater by fertilizers and pesticides during application, all products should be used in strict accordance with the manufacturer’s instructions and with local regulations. Soil testing should be performed before evaluating and selecting a fertilizer. Using the right type and amount of fertilizer for the location will help ensure that the proper nutrients are absorbed by the plants and will reduce runoff. Efficient use of pesticides is maximized when pesticides are applied at the life stage when the pest is most vulnerable. Pesticides must be handled and applied by individuals licensed with the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources.

Fertilizers and pesticides should always be stored indoors in well-ventilated, dry locations. Floors of storage areas should be water tight, impervious, and provide spill containment. In case a spill or leak does occur, storage areas and any vehicles transporting fertilizers and pesticides should be equipped with a spill response kit. For more information, please refer to SOP 4 “Spill Response and Cleanup Procedures,” and SOP 12 “Storage and Use of Pesticides and Fertilizer,” both included in **Appendix A**.

2.7.5 Vehicle and Equipment Storage

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Vehicle and equipment storage activities are a potential source of pollution due to the diesel fuel, gasoline, oil, hydraulic fluid, antifreeze and similar hazardous material or fuel the machinery may contain. In addition, vehicles or machinery may pick up pollutants during the course of offsite activities or at other facilities, and then deposit these pollutants at the storage facility.



Pollution Prevention

Regular visual inspection and maintenance of vehicles and equipment can greatly reduce the potential for pollution by finding and addressing leaks before pollution of the environment occurs. When in storage, vehicles and equipment should be kept on a covered slab or within a building with a common drain. Discharge to this drain shall be managed by an oil/ water separator (refer to SOP 11, “Oil/Water Separator Maintenance”, included in **Appendix A**) to remove oils and gasoline. Vehicle washing activities shall not be completed in areas served by an oil/water separator.

No equipment should be kept in an area where leaks could result in pollutants entering catch basins, channels leading to outfalls, or the engineered storm drain system. If vehicles and equipment are stored outdoors, catch basins or engineered drainage system structures should include devices intended to remove oils and sediments prior to entering the system. These treatment devices should be inspected and replaced at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

2.7.6 Vehicle and Equipment Maintenance/Repair

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Vehicle and equipment maintenance and repair often requires the use of harmful liquids such as fuels, oils, and lubricants, and has the potential for producing dust, scrap and by-products that may contain pollutants. Both accidental and purposeful spillage, i.e., a leaky oil pan needing repair vs. draining the pan during an oil change, can lead to situations where pollutants can potentially enter stormwater runoff if the situations are not approached properly. Although there is little potential for effecting stormwater, it should be noted that hazardous gases can be produced during maintenance and repair as well.

Pollution Prevention

Proper maintenance and repair for vehicles and equipment shall include a preliminary assessment of potential pollutant sources. This assessment shall be used to determine the best means of containing any potential spills or by-products of the situation at hand. Approved containers shall be used to capture hazardous liquids to then be disposed of according to applicable MassDEP and USEPA guidelines. If the project may produce hazardous dust that could come in contact and mix with any liquids, the proper containment shall be utilized.

Due to heavy metal accumulation in antifreeze, brake fluid, transmission fluid, and hydraulic oils, it is not recommended that any of these liquids are disposed of in the sanitary sewer system. Contaminated parts removed or replaced on any vehicles or equipment shall be disposed of properly.



All work shall take place on a covered slab or within a building with a common drain. Discharge to this drain shall be managed by an oil/ water separator (refer to SOP 11, “Oil/Water Separator Maintenance”, included in **Appendix A**) to remove oils and gasoline.

Maintenance and repairs shall not take place in areas prone to stormwater runoff or where pollutants could enter catch basins, channels leading to outfalls, or an engineered storm drain system. All catch basins or engineered drainage systems on site that could be affected by accidental spills should include devices intended to remove oils and sediments prior to entering the system. These treatment devices should be inspected and replaced at the frequency recommended by the manufacturer.

2.7.7 Vehicle and Equipment Washing

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Vehicle and equipment washing activities are a potential source of pollution not only from petroleum products and pollutants deposited on the exterior of the equipment, but also from nutrients and sediment being washed into water bodies from the act of washing itself. Although some cleaning agents are becoming environmentally friendly, many still contain regulated contaminants. Due to the possibility for multiple types of pollutants, vehicle and equipment washing activities have a high potential for degrading stormwater quality.

Pollution Prevention

Outdoors, the use of a tight tank or other similar structure that can contain the wash water is ideal. If the wash water cannot be contained, it shall not be allowed to directly enter water bodies. Use phosphate free detergents that do not contain regulated contaminants, and avoid using solvents where the wash water may enter a sanitary sewer. Impervious surfaces may be used to promote infiltration and treatment before wash water enters the groundwater, but wash water coming from impervious pavement shall be treated to remove nutrients and petroleum products before entering an engineered storm drain system. Infiltration shall not be used within wellhead protection areas or other protected resource areas. Power washing, steam cleaning and engine and undercarriage washing shall not occur outdoors. Heavily soiled or vehicle dirtied from salting shall not be washed outdoors. All adjacent catch basins shall have a sump and be cleaned periodically, (refer to SOP 3, “Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning”, included in **Appendix A**). All debris and particulate accumulation shall be removed and swept clean in all outdoor washing areas.

Washing vehicles and equipment indoors in the proper facilities is preferred over washing outdoors whenever possible. Indoor facilities shall have a common drain and it shall utilize a tight tank or other containment device to hold the wash water. The use of detergents shall be avoided and when the use of detergents cannot be avoided, use detergents free from phosphates and regulated contaminants. Detergents shall not be used when the discharge of this drain is controlled by an oil/ water separator (refer to SOP 11, “Oil/Water Separator Maintenance”, included in **Appendix A**). All drains that discharge directly to a water body or engineered storm drain system shall be plugged or abandoned. Dry clean-up methods



such as vacuuming and sweeping shall be used whenever possible to avoid washing down floors with water.

For both outdoor and indoor washing, maintain absorbent pads and drip pans to collect spills and leaks observed during washing activities. Refer to SOP 4, “Spill Response and Cleanup Procedures” included in **Appendix A** for more information.

Washing of all facility vehicles is completed in the DPW Garage at the DPW. Wastewater from vehicle washing operations is discharged to a tight tank that is maintained by the DPW.

Salt and sand spreaders stored at the DPW/Transfer Station are occasionally pressure washed at that location.

2.7.8 Waste Handling and Disposal

Potential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

Waste handling and disposal facilities and activities present a potential to contaminate stormwater with pathogens (including bacteria and viruses), nutrients, including phosphorus and nitrogen, fertilizers, pesticides and sediments.

There are several classifications of waste which contribute to stormwater pollution, including:

1. Solid Waste
2. Hazardous Materials and Waste
3. Pesticides and Fertilizers
4. Petroleum Products
5. Detergents

Pollution Prevention

A variety of measures are considered appropriate to prevent pollution from waste handling and disposal activities, based on the waste classifications noted previously.

Solid Waste

1. Designate a waste collection area on the site that does not receive a substantial amount of runoff from upland areas and does not drain directly to a receiving water.
2. Ensure that containers have lids so they can be covered before periods of rain, and keep containers in a covered area whenever possible.
3. Schedule waste collection to prevent the containers from overfilling.
4. Clean up spills immediately and in accordance with SOP 4, “Spill Response and Cleanup Procedures” included in **Appendix A**.

Hazardous Materials and Wastes



1. To prevent leaks, empty and clean hazardous waste containers before disposing of them.
2. Never remove the original product label from the container. Follow the manufacturer's recommended method of disposal, printed on the label.
3. Never mix excess products when disposing of them, unless specifically recommended by the manufacturer.
4. Clean up spills immediately and in accordance with SOP 4 "Spill Response and Cleanup".

Pesticides, Fertilizers and Petroleum Products

1. Do not handle the materials more than necessary.
2. Store materials in a dry, covered, contained area.
3. Clean up spills immediately and in accordance with SOP 4, "Spill Response and Cleanup".

Detergents

1. Never dump wastes containing detergents to a storm drain system. All wastes containing detergents shall be directed to a sanitary sewer system for treatment at a wastewater treatment plant.

In addition to the pollution prevention requirements a waste management plan is recommended. The plan shall include employee training and signage informing individuals of the hazards associated with improper storage, handling and disposal of wastes. It is imperative that all employees are properly trained and follow the correct procedures to reduce or eliminate stormwater pollution. Routine visual inspection of storage and use areas is critical. The visual inspection process shall include identification of containers or equipment which could malfunction and cause leaks or spills. The equipment and containers shall be inspected for the following:

1. Leaks
2. Corrosion
3. Support or Foundation Failure
4. Other Deterioration

In the case a defect is found, immediately repair or replace.

2.7.9 Waste Oil StoragePotential Sources of Stormwater Pollution

When not stored properly, waste oil can be a potential source of petroleum in stormwater. Waste oil containers can leak, and spills can occur while during transportation activities.

Pollution Prevention

All waste oil containers should be properly labeled and stored with secondary containment. Containers should be regularly inspected for rust, leaks, or other signs of deterioration. Defective containers should be promptly removed and replaced. A spill response kit should be located wherever waste oil is stored. Facility personnel should know where the spill kit is located and be familiar with the procedures outlined in SOP 4 “Spill Response and Cleanup Procedures” in **Appendix A**. Used oil filters should also be properly disposed.

Care should be taken when transferring used oil to and from storage containers. For additional information see SOP 7 “Fuel and Oil Handling Procedures” found in **Appendix A**.

Waste oil should be stored indoors or under a covered structure to prevent exposure to precipitation. Floor drain in waste oil storage areas should drain to an oil/water separator rather than the storm drain system. See SOP 11 “Oil/Water Separator Maintenance” in **Appendix A** for further information.

When possible, steps should be taken to recycle waste oil or reduce the amount generated.

2.8 Vehicle and Equipment Inventory

Vehicles and major equipment stored and maintained at the facility are shown in **Table 2-1**.

Table 2-1. Vehicle Inventory

Vehicle Type	Number on Site
Diesel Transfer Tank	1
21" Mower	1
36" Walk Behind	1
4 Wheel Trailer	1
4x4 Dump Truck	1
52" Tiger Cub #1	2
Aerator 30	1
Air Compressor	1
Arrow/Message Board Trailer	2
Back-Pack Blower	2
Brush Chipper	1
Compact Utility Tractor	1
Dump	6
Dump Body	1
Dump/Sander	2
Excavator	1
Frt. End Loader	2
Generator	1
Ground Blower #1	2
Loader/Backhoe	2



Pickup	4
Posthole Digger w/12" Auger	1
Power Pruner	1
Road Sweeper	2
Road Tractor	1
Road Tractor T.S.	1
Roadside Mower	1
Seeder/Dethatch	1
Sidewalk Tractor	2
Tractor	1
Transfer Trailer	4
Utility	2
Utility Body	2
Utility Trailer	5
Vac Trailer	2

2.9 Location of Leak and Spill Cleanup Materials

Leak and spill cleanup materials are stored at the DPW/Transfer Station in order to facilitate rapid response. Locations and types of leak and spill cleanup materials are identified in **Table 2-2**.

Table 2-2. Leak and Spill Cleanup Materials

Building or Area	Location	Materials Available
DPW Garage	Mechanics Bay	New Pig 95 gallon overpack drum with socks, mats, pillow, and bags

2.10 Allowable Non-Stormwater Discharges

A non-stormwater discharge is defined as any discharge or flow to the engineered storm drain system that is not composed entirely of stormwater runoff.

Allowable non-stormwater discharges that occur at this facility include:

- Firefighting activities
- Water line flushing
- Rising ground water
- Uncontaminated ground water infiltration (as defined at 40 CFR § 35.2005(20))
- Discharge from potable water sources
- Air conditioning condensation
- Street wash waters



It has been determined that the above non-stormwater discharges at the DPW/Transfer Station do not represent a significant contribution of pollution to the MS4 or the waters of the United States. Therefore, these are considered to be authorized under the current MS4 permit.

2.11 Existing Stormwater Monitoring Data

No stormwater sampling has been performed at the site.

2.12 Significant Material Inventory

Materials stored include those specified in **SECTION 2.7**, “Site Activities”. An inventory of these materials at the DPW/Transfer Station is included in **Table 2-3**, which also reviews the likelihood for each identified material to come in contact with stormwater. The type of container has also been identified. Oil, gasoline, and other petroleum-based materials are listed separately in the table.

The locations of these material storage areas are provided on the Site Plan in **Figure 2-2**.

Table 2-3. Significant Material Inventory
Southborough DPW/Transfer Station

Material	Storage Location	Quantity	Potential Pollutant	Covered (C) or Enclosed (E)	Likelihood of Contact with Stormwater
Petroleum-Based Compounds					
Diesel fuel	AST under canopy	6,000 gal	Petroleum hydrocarbons	C & E	Minimal
Gasoline	AST under canopy	6,000 gal	Petroleum hydrocarbons	C & E	Minimal
Hydraulic Fluid	Transfer Station and Oil Room	2 - 55 gal drums	Petroleum hydrocarbons	E	None
Motor Oil	Oil Room	2 - 55 gal drums	Petroleum hydrocarbons	E	None
Lubricants	Oil Room	40 tubes of grease	Petroleum hydrocarbons	E	None
Transmission Fluid	Oil Room	3 – 5 gal buckets	Petroleum hydrocarbons	E	None
Waste Oil	Waste Oil Bummer Tank Room	300 gal Tank 2 - 55 gal drums	Petroleum hydrocarbons	E	None
Other:					



Material	Storage Location	Quantity	Potential Pollutant	Covered (C) or Enclosed (E)	Likelihood of Contact with Stormwater
Total Volume of Oil At Facility =Approximately 12,645 gallons					
Non-Petroleum Significant Materials					
Antifreeze	Oil Room	18 - 1 gal jugs	Ethylene glycol; potential source of BOD	E	None
Spray Lubricant	Parts Room	24 cans aerosol	Petroleum hydrocarbons	E	None
Adhesives and sealants	Parts Room	4 cans aerosol RTV sealant	Volatile and semivolatile organic compounds	E	None
Aggregates	Salt Shed	25 CY	Sediments	C	Minimal
Batteries, Used Lead Acid	Salt Shed	34 Car/Auto Batteries	Lead, sulfuric acid; possible particulate matter and residual oil	C	Minimal
Brake Fluid	Oil Room	1 gallon 2 quarts	Volatile organic compounds; non-petroleum based oil	E	None
Coolant (new or used)	Oil Room	1 – 55 gal drum capacity	Volatile organic compounds	E	None
Deicer- Road Salt	Salt Shed	1,000 tons	Chlorides	C	Minimal
Detergents	Truck Storage Bay	55 gal car wash	Surfactants	E	None
Fertilizers	Fire Proof Cabinet in DPW	10 gal	Nutrients	E	None
Paint, Oil-Based	Storage Bay Paint Locker	8 – 1 gal bucket	Petroleum constituents, including volatile and semivolatile organic compounds	E	None
Paint, Spray	Storage Bay Paint Locker	24 Spray cans	Petroleum constituents, including volatile and semivolatile organic compounds	E	None
Pesticides	Fire Proof Cabinet in DPW Annex	10 gal	Volatile and semivolatile organic compounds	E	None
Sand	Sand/salt shed		Sediments	C	None



Material	Storage Location	Quantity	Potential Pollutant	Covered (C) or Enclosed (E)	Likelihood of Contact with Stormwater
Solid Waste, Recyclable	Covered containers at the transfer station	Approx. 13 tons/week	Miscellaneous debris/solids, particulate matter, metals	E	None
Solid Waste, for Disposal	In hopper or trailer	Approx. 50 tons/week	Particulate matter, solids, metals	C – hopper E - trailer	None
Spill response material (Speedi Dri or similar)	In garage	5 lbs	Particulate matter, solids, residual oil.	E	None

2.13 Applicability of Spill Prevention, Control and Countermeasure (SPCC) Requirements

Under federal regulations 40 CFR Part 112 (and Amendments), a Spill Prevention, Control, and Countermeasure (SPCC) Plan is required when a facility has an aboveground oil storage capacity greater than 1,320 gallons, when including containers with a capacity of 55 gallons or more. The DPW/Transfer Station does have aboveground oil storage capacity that exceeds 1,320 gallons.

2.14 Description of Significant Material Storage Areas

Many activities at the DPW/Transfer Station which involve the materials included in **Table 2-3** occur within contained garages or bays. These activities may include minor equipment/vehicle repair, oil changes, repainting, lubrication, and parts replacement.

Fueling of all Southborough vehicles occurs at the Fuel Island located at the Southborough DPW. All bulk delivery of fuel to the Fuel Island is monitored by a Southborough employee.

The DPW/Transfer Station emergency generator is fueled with diesel as often as the manufacturer recommends. All bulk delivery of fuel to the emergency generator is monitored by a Town of Southborough employee.

Waste oil other used motor fluids is stored in tanks and drums in the waste oil tank room, all of which have internal containment or are located on appropriate containment pallets. Waste oil is stored in 55 gallon drums and in the 300 gallon waste oil tank prior to being burned.

Within the Salt/Sand Shed, deicing materials including road salt, sand, and a mix of the two are stored. Delivery of deicing materials to the Salt/Sand Shed is monitored by a DPW employee.



2.15 List of Significant Leaks or Spills

There have been no significant spills or leaks at the DPW/Transfer Station.

Forms included in **Appendix B** will be used to document any spill or leak that occurs at the facility in the future.

2.16 Structural BMPs

Structural BMPs include onsite constructed systems that provide pretreatment or treatment of stormwater flows. The following structural BMPs are presently used at the DPW/Transfer Station to maintain water quality.

Please refer to the site map for locations of BMPs.

2.16.1 Pretreatment Structural BMPs

- Deep sump catch basins
- Oil/Grit Separators

2.16.2 Treatment Structural BMPs

- Dry extended detention basin

2.16.3 Other Structural BMPs

- None

2.17 Sediment and Erosion Control

Site topography at the DPW/Transfer Station prevents drainage of stormwater and any associated sedimentation from entering the Southborough storm drain system or discharging directly to a water body.



SECTION 3 – Non-Structural Controls

3.1 Good Housekeeping

Good housekeeping practices are activities, often conducted daily, that help maintain a clean facility and prevent stormwater pollution problems. The following is a list of good housekeeping measures that are practiced at the facility:

- All washing of vehicles is performed within the designated vehicle wash bay.
- All fluid products and wastes are kept indoors.
- Fueling of small equipment is completed indoors.
- All floor drains present within garage bays drain to an oil/water separator.
- Spill materials and cleanup kits are maintained at all locations where oil materials are used, stored, or may be present, including at Fuel Islands.
- Used spill cleanup materials are disposed of properly.
- Materials are stored indoors or in covered areas to minimize exposure to stormwater.
- No fertilizers, herbicides, or pesticides are stored or used at the facility.
- Lead-acid batteries are stored indoors and within secondary containment.
- Hazardous materials storage lockers with spill containment are used. Storage areas are located away from vehicle and equipment paths to reduce the potential of accident related leaks and spills.
- Storage drums and containers are not located close to storm drain inlets.
- All hazardous material storage areas and containers have proper signage, labels, restricted access, locks, inventory control, overhead coverage, and secondary containment.
- All materials, waste oil storage containers, and gas cans are properly labeled.
- Oil/water separators and catch basins are maintained regularly and properly.
- Speedi Dri (or similar absorbent) is readily available and used for appropriate spills.
- Spill kits are located in areas where fluids are stored or where activities may result in a spill.
- Tools and materials are returned to designated storage areas after use.
- Waste materials are properly collected and disposed of.
- Different types of wastes are separated as appropriate.
- Regular waste disposal is arranged.
- Work areas are clean and organized.
- Work areas are regularly swept or vacuumed to collect metal, wood, and other particulates and materials.
- Obtain only the amount of materials required to complete a job.
- Materials are recycled when possible.
- Staff is familiar with manufacturer directions for proper use of materials and associated Safety Data Sheets (SDSs).
- Staff is familiar with proper use of equipment.



- Bollards, berms, and containment features are in place around areas and structures where fluids are stored.
- Drip pans are used for maintenance operations involving fluids and under leaking vehicles and equipment waiting repair.

The facility maintains a supply of spill cleanup materials at many buildings on site, and will maintain this inventory. An inventory of spill containment, control, and cleanup materials and spill kits maintained at the DPW/Transfer Station was shown in **Table 2-2**.

3.2 Preventative Maintenance

Preventative Maintenance can minimize the occurrence of stormwater pollution by addressing issues before they become problems. Vehicles and equipment should be regularly inspected to prevent leaks of fuel, oil, and other liquids. Structural stormwater controls should be regularly maintained to prevent inadequate performance during storm events.

The following is a list of preventative maintenance procedures practiced at the facility

- All staff members are aware of spill prevention and response procedures.
- All staff members have received formal spill prevention and response procedure training.
- All equipment fueling procedures are completed by qualified personnel trained in spill response procedures.
- Hydraulic equipment is kept in good repair to prevent leaks.
- Vehicle storage areas are inspected frequently for evidence of leaking oil.
- Material storage tanks and containers are regularly inspected for leaks.
- All material and bulk deliveries are monitored by facility employees.
- All waste oil is fully contained and the containers are inspected regularly.

3.3 Best Management Practices

In a SWPPP, existing and planned BMPs are identified that will prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants in stormwater runoff for each area of concern listed in **SECTION 2**.

To prevent or reduce the potential of stormwater contamination from petroleum products, the following BMPs shall continue to be followed:

1. Follow Standard Operating Procedures (s) during delivery of waste oil to the equipment/waste oil storage bay. These SOPs are included in **Appendix A**.
2. Follow Standard Operating Procedures during delivery of bulk oil to the emergency generator and bulk fuel to the Fuel Island. These SOPs are included in **Appendix A**.
3. Minimize the volume of gasoline stored within the buildings and on the site.



4. Clean up any oil spills observed in the parking lot, garages, or other surfaces in a timely manner.
5. Monitor all material deliveries.
6. Inspect all storage tanks prior to filling activities for spills, leaks and corrosion.

3.4 Spill Prevention and Response

The following procedures apply to the facility:

- All personnel are instructed in location, use, and disposal of spill response equipment and supplies maintained at the site such as oil absorbent materials.
- The Pollution Prevention Team leader will be advised immediately of all spills of hazardous materials or regulated materials, regardless of quantity.
- Spills will be evaluated to determine the necessary response. If there is a health hazard, fire or explosion potential, 911 will be called. If a spill exceeds five gallons or threatens surface waters, including the storm drain system, state or federal emergency response agencies will be called.
- Spills will be contained as close to the source as possible with oil-absorbent materials. Additional materials or oil-absorbent socks will be utilized to protect adjacent catch basins.



SECTION 4 – Plan Implementation

4.1 Employee Training

Regular employee training is required for employees who work in areas where materials or activities are exposed to stormwater, or who are responsible for implementing activities identified in the SWPPP, including all members of the Pollution Prevention Team.

The DPW is responsible for stormwater management training for the DPW/Transfer Station employees. This position coordinates training related to stormwater management on at least an annual basis to review specific responsibilities for implementing this SWPPP, what and how to accomplish those responsibilities, including BMP implementation.

Additionally, general awareness training is provided regularly (preferably annually) to all employees whose activities may impact stormwater discharges. The purpose of this training is to educate workers on activities that can impact stormwater discharges and to help implement BMPs.

All employees responsible for the fueling or lubrication of vehicles or equipment stored at the facility will be trained regularly (preferably annually). The topics below will be covered at employee training sessions.

1. Spill prevention and response.
2. Good housekeeping.
3. Materials management practices.

Pollution Prevention Team members will meet at least twice a year to discuss the effectiveness of and improvement to the SWPPP. **Appendix C** contains copies of training documentation from these training activities including attendance sheets, instructor name and affiliation, date, time, and location of the training.

4.2 Site Inspection Requirements

It is required that the entire DPW/Transfer Station be inspected at least once each calendar quarter when the facility is in operation (at least one inspection must be conducted during a period when stormwater discharge is occurring). Karen Galligan is responsible for completing this inspection.

The inspection must check for evidence of pollution, evaluate non-structural controls in place at the site, and inspect equipment. The site inspection report must include:

- The inspection date and time
- The name of the inspector
- Weather information and a description of any discharge occurring at the time of the inspection
- Identification of any previously unidentified discharges from the site



- Any control measures needing maintenance or repair
- Any failed control measures that need replacement
- Any SWPPP changes required as a result of the inspection
- Signed certification statement.

The inspection form for these inspections, and copies of completed inspection forms, are included in **Appendix D**.

Corrective actions may be required based on evidence of past stormwater pollution or the high potential for future stormwater pollution to occur. Information about any issues and the respective corrective actions must be included in a Compliance Evaluation report. The permittee must repair or replace control measures in need of repair or replacement before the next anticipated storm event if possible, or as soon as practicable. In the interim, the permittee shall have back-up measures in place. The Compliance Evaluation report must be kept with the SWPPP and must state the problem, the solution, and when the solution was implemented.

2.54.3 Recordkeeping and Reporting

The permittee must keep a written record (hardcopy or electronic) of all activities required by the SWPPP including but not limited to maintenance, inspections, and training for a period of at least five years.

This SWPPP shall be kept at the DPW Main Office and shall be updated if any of the conditions in **SECTION 2.21** occur. The SWPPP and records shall be made available to state or federal inspectors and the general public upon request.

The 2016 Massachusetts MS4 Permit requires that each permittee report on the findings from Site Inspections in the annual report to USEPA and MassDEP.

Inspections of the DPW/Transfer Station should be performed at least quarterly (at least one during stormwater discharge) and described in the Annual Report, including any corrective actions taken, to demonstrate that operation of the DPW/Transfer Station is in compliance with the 2016 Massachusetts MS4 Permit.

2.64.4 Triggers for SWPPP Revisions

The Town of Southborough shall review this SWPPP regularly to determine if any update or revision is required. Changes that may trigger revision include:

- An increase in the quantity of any potential pollutant stored at the facility;
- The addition of any new potential pollutant (not already addressed in this SWPPP) to the list of materials stored or used at the facility;
- Physical changes to the facility that expose any potential pollutant (not presently exposed) to stormwater;
- Presence of a new authorized non-stormwater discharge at the facility; or



- Addition of an activity that introduces a new potential pollutant.

Changes in activity may include an expansion of operations, or changes in any significant material handling or storage practices which could impact stormwater.

The amended SWPPP will describe the new activities that could contribute to increased pollution, as well as control measures that have been implemented to minimize the potential for pollution.

This SWPPP will be amended if a state or federal inspector determines that it is not effective in controlling stormwater pollutants discharged to waterways.



SECTION 5 – SWPPP Certification

I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations.

Karen Jalligan
Authorized Official

DPW Superintendent

Title

June 30, 2020

Date



APPENDIX A

CATCH BASIN INSPECTION FORM

Job No.: _____ Town: _____ Inspector: _____ Date: _____

Catch Basin I.D.			Final Discharge from Structure? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> If Yes, Discharge to Outfall No: _____	
Catch Basin Label:	Stencil <input type="checkbox"/>	Ground Inset <input type="checkbox"/>	Sign <input type="checkbox"/>	None <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
Basin Material:	Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Corrugated metal <input type="checkbox"/> Stone <input type="checkbox"/> Brick <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Catch Basin Condition:		Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Poor <input type="checkbox"/> Crumbling <input type="checkbox"/>
Pipe Material:	Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> Clay Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Pipe Measurements:		Inlet Dia. (in): d= _____ Outlet Dia. (in): D= _____
Required Maintenance/ Problems (check all that apply):		<input type="checkbox"/> Tree Work Required <input type="checkbox"/> New Grate is Required <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe is Blocked <input type="checkbox"/> Frame Maintenance is Required <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Accumulated Sediment <input type="checkbox"/> Pipe Maintenance is Required <input type="checkbox"/> Basin Undermined or Bypassed <input type="checkbox"/> Cannot Remove Cover <input type="checkbox"/> Ditch Work <input type="checkbox"/> Corrosion at Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Erosion Around Structure <input type="checkbox"/> Remove Trash & Debris <input type="checkbox"/> Need Cement Around Grate Other: _____		
Catch Basin Grate Type: Bar: <input type="checkbox"/> Cascade: <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Properly Aligned: Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>		Sediment Buildup Depth: 0-6 (in): _____ 6-12 (in): _____ 12-18 (in): _____ 18-24 (in): _____ 24 + (in): _____	More than 50% full? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	Description of Flow: Heavy <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Slight <input type="checkbox"/> Trickling <input type="checkbox"/> Street Name/ Structure Location:
*If the outlet is submerged check yes and indicate approximate height of water above the outlet invert. h above invert (in): _____				Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Flow <input type="checkbox"/> Standing Water (check one or both)		Observations: Color: _____ Odor: _____		Circle those present: Foam _____ Sanitary Waste _____ Orange Staining _____ Excessive sediment _____ Pet Waste _____ Optical Enhancers _____ Other: _____
Weather Conditions :		Dry > 24 hours <input type="checkbox"/> Wet <input type="checkbox"/>		
Sample of Screenings Collected for Analysis? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>				
Amount of sediment removed:				
Comments:				



Catch Basin Inspection and Cleaning Log
Southborough, Massachusetts

Date	Inspector	Weather Conditions	Number of Catch Basins Inspected/Cleaned	Amount of Material Removed	Catch Basins More Than 50% Full	Corrective Action Taken/Recommended if More Than 50% Full

June 2020



SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup

Introduction

Municipalities are responsible for any contaminant spill or release that occurs on property that they own or operate. Particular areas of concern include any facilities that use or store chemicals, fuel oil, or hazardous waste, including schools, garages, and landfills. Implementation of proper spill response and cleanup procedures can help to mitigate the effects of a contaminant release. The goal of this written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to provide guidance to municipal employees to help reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 as a result of spills or releases.

The Town of Southborough undertakes various precautions with spill response and cleanup procedures.

Leak and spill cleanup materials are stored in the Mechanic Bay at the DPW/Transfer Station in order to facilitate rapid response.

Procedures

The Town of Southborough will implement the following spill response and cleanup procedures to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4:

Responding to a Spill

Employees should be trained in proper spill response specific to the materials used at their site and appropriate personal protective equipment (PPE). In the event of a spill, follow these spill response and cleanup procedures:

- If the facility has a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), notify a member of the facility's Pollution Prevention Team, the facility supervisor, and/or the facility safety officer (fill out the attached spill response contact list). If not, continue to follow the procedures outlined below.
- Assess the contaminant release site for potential safety issues and for direction of flow.
- Complete the following:
 - Stop the contaminant release.
 - Contain the contaminant release through the use of spill containment berms or absorbents.
 - Protect all drains and/or catch basins with the use of absorbents, booms, berms or drain covers.
 - Clean up the spill.
 - Dispose of all contaminated products in accordance with applicable federal, state and local regulations.
 - i. Soil contaminated with petroleum should be handled and disposed of as described in MassDEP policy WCS-94-400, Interim Remediation Waste Management Policy for Petroleum Contaminated Soils (<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/mq/94-400.pdf>).
 - ii. Products saturated with petroleum products or other hazardous chemicals require special handling and disposal by licensed transporters. Licensed transporters will pick up spill contaminated materials for recycling or disposal. Save the shipping records for at least three years.



- iii. Waste oil contaminated industrial wipes and sorptive minerals:
 1. Perform the “one drop” test to ensure absorbents do not contain enough oil to be considered hazardous, as described in the MassDEP Waste Oil Management Guide (<https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2018/12/18/oilwiper.pdf>).
 2. Wring absorbents through a paint filter. If doing so does not generate one drop of oil, the materials are not hazardous.
 3. If absorbents pass the “one drop” test they may be discarded in the trash unless contaminated with another hazardous waste.
 - a. It is acceptable to mix the following fluids and handle them as waste oil:
 - i. Waste motor oil
 - ii. Hydraulic fluid
 - iii. Power steering fluid
 - iv. Transmission fluid
 - v. Brake fluid
 - vi. Gear oil
 - b. **Do not mix** the following materials with waste oil. Store each separately:
 - i. Gasoline
 - ii. Antifreeze
 - iii. Brake and carburetor cleaners
 - iv. Cleaning solvents
 - v. Other hazardous wastes
 4. If absorbents do not pass the “one drop” test they should be placed in separate metal containers with tight fitting lids, labeled “Oily Waste Absorbents Only.”
- If you need assistance containing and/or cleaning up the spill, or preventing it from discharging to a surface water (or an engineered storm drain system), contact your local fire department using the number listed below. **In the case of an emergency call 911.**
 - SOUTHBOROUGH FIRE DEPARTMENT: 508-485-3232
- Contact the MassDEP 24-hour spill reporting notification line, toll-free at **(888)-304-1133**;
 - The following scenarios **are exempt** from MassDEP reporting requirements (see the MassDEP factsheet on oil and hazardous materials handling for more information: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/xm/spillmgm.pdf>).
 - i. Spills that are less than 10 gallons of petroleum and do not impact a water body
 - ii. Spills that are less than one pound of hazardous chemicals and do not present an imminent health or safety hazard
 - iii. Fuel spills from passenger vehicle accidents
 - iv. Spills within a vault or building with a watertight floor and walls that completely contain all released chemicals

Reporting a Spill

When contacting emergency response personnel or a regulatory agency, or when reporting the contaminant release, be prepared to provide the following information:



1. Your name and the phone number you are calling from.
2. The exact address and location of the contaminant release.
3. Specifics of release, including:
 - a. What was released;
 - b. How much was released, which may include:
 - i. Pounds
 - ii. Gallons
 - iii. Number of containers
4. Where was the release sent/what was contaminated, addressing:
 - a. Pavement
 - b. Soil
 - c. Drains
 - d. Catch basins
 - e. Water bodies
 - f. Public streets
 - g. Public sidewalks
5. The concentration of the released contaminant.
6. What/who caused the release.
7. Is the release being contained and/or cleaned up or is the response complete.
8. Type and amount of petroleum stored on site, if any.
9. Characteristics of contaminant container, including:
 - a. Tanks
 - b. Pipes
 - c. Valves

Maintenance and Prevention Guidance

Prevention of spills is preferable to even the best response and cleanup. To mitigate the effects of a contaminant release, provide proper maintenance and inspection at each facility. To protect against contaminant release adhere to the following guidance:

- Ensure all employees are properly trained to respond in the case of a spill, understand the nature and properties of the contaminant, and understand the spill control materials and personnel safety equipment. Maintain training records of current personnel on site and retain training records of former personnel for at least three years from the date last worked at the facility.
- Provide yearly maintenance and inspection at all municipal facilities, paying particular attention to underground storage tanks. Maintain maintenance and inspection records on site.
- Implement good management practices where chemicals and hazardous wastes are stored:
 - a. Ensure storage in closed containers inside a building and on an impervious surface wherever possible.
 - b. If storage cannot be provided inside, ensure secondary containment for 110 percent of the maximum volume of the storage container.
 - c. Locate storage areas near maintenance areas to decrease the distance required for transfer.
 - d. Provide accurate labels, Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) information, and warnings for all stored materials.
 - e. Regularly inspect storage areas for leaks.
 - f. Ensure secure storage locations, preventing access by untrained or unauthorized persons.



- g. Maintain accurate records of stored materials.
- Replace traditional hazardous materials such as pesticides and cleansers with non-hazardous products such as bio-lubricants which can reduce response costs in the case of a spill.

Maintain appropriately stocked spill response kits at each facilities and locations where oil, chemicals, or other hazardous materials are handled and stored.

Employee Training

- Employees who perform work with potential stormwater pollutants are trained once per year on proper spill procedures.
- Employees are also trained on stormwater pollution prevention and illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) procedures.
- If services are contracted, the contractor should be given a copy of this and any applicable SOPs to ensure compliance with MS4 regulations.

Attachments

1. Spill Response and Cleanup Contact List



Spill Response and Cleanup Contact List

Contact	Phone Number	Date and Time Contacted
Safety Officer: _____		
Facility Supervisor: _____		
Fire Department: Chief Steven Achilles	(508) 485-3235	
MassDEP 24-Hour Spill Reporting	(888)-304-1133	
MassDEP Regional Offices:		
Northeast Regional Office	(978) 694-3200	
Southeast Regional Office	(508) 946-2700	
Central Regional Office	(508) 792-7650	
Western Regional Office	(413) 784-1100	
Hazardous Waste Compliance Assistance Line	(617) 292-5898	
Household Hazardous Products Hotline	(800) 343-3420	
Massachusetts Department of Fire Services	(978) 567-3100 or (413) 587-3181	
Licensed Site Professionals Association (Wakefield, MA)	(781) 876-8915 (617) 556-1091	
Licensed Site Professionals Board		



SOP 6: EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL

Erosion and sedimentation from land-disturbing human activities can be a significant source of stormwater pollution. This Standard Operating Procedure describes methods for reducing or eliminating pollutant loading from such activities.

Controlling Erosion and Sediment through Design and Planning

Prevention of erosion and sedimentation is preferable to installing treatment devices. Consistent application and implementation of the following guidelines during the design and review phases can prevent erosion and sedimentation:

1. Avoid sensitive areas, steep slopes, and highly erodible soils to the maximum extent possible when developing site plans.
2. Identify potential problem areas before the site plan is finalized and approved.
3. Plan to use sediment barriers along contour lines, with a focus on areas where short-circuiting (i.e., flow around the barrier) may occur.
4. Use berms at the top of a steep slopes to divert runoff away from the slope's edge.
5. Design trapezoidal or parabolic vegetated drainage channels, not triangular.
6. Use vegetated channels with rip rap check dams, instead of impervious pavement or concrete, to reduce the water velocity of the conveyance system.
7. Design a check dam or sediment forebay with level spreader at the exit of outfalls to reduce water velocity of the discharge and collect sediment.
8. Use turf reinforcement matting to stabilize vegetated channels, encourage vegetation establishment, and withstand flow velocities without scouring the base of the channel.
9. Plan open channels to follow land contours so natural drainage is not disrupted.
10. Use organic matting for temporary slope stabilization and synthetic matting for permanent stabilization.
11. Provide a stable channel, flume, or slope drain where it is necessary to carry water down slopes.

Controlling Erosion and Sediment on Construction Sites

During the construction phase, it is important to inspect active sites regularly to ensure that practices are consistent with approved site plans and the site's Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) or other document, as required by the municipality's legal authority. The following guidelines apply:

1. Erosion and sediment control features should be constructed before initiating activities that remove vegetated cover or otherwise disturb the site. These shall be installed consistent with the approved site plans and with manufacturer's instructions.
2. Erosion and sediment control devices shall be inspected by the contractor regularly, and maintained as needed to ensure function.



3. In the SWPPP or other document, the contractor shall clearly identify the party responsible for maintaining erosion and sediment control devices.
4. An inspection should be completed of active construction sites every month, at a minimum, to check the status of erosion and sedimentation controls. Refer to SOP 5, "Construction Site Inspection", for construction site stormwater inspection procedures.
5. Existing vegetation should be maintained on site as long as possible.
6. Construction should proceed progressively on the site in order to minimize exposed soil, and disturbed areas should be restored as soon as possible after work has been completed.
7. Stockpiles shall be stabilized by seeding or mulching if they are to remain for more than two weeks.
8. Disturbed areas shall be protected from stormwater runoff by using protective Best Management Practices (BMPs).
9. Clean water shall be diverted away from disturbed areas on construction sites to prevent erosion and sedimentation.
10. Sediment traps and sediment barriers should be cleaned out regularly to reduce clogging and maintain design function.
11. Vegetated and wooded buffers shall be protected.
12. Soils shall be stabilized by mulching and/or seeding when they would be exposed for more than one week during the dry season, or more than two days during the rainy season.
13. Vegetation shall be allowed to establish before introducing flows to channels.
14. Regular light watering shall be used for dust control, as this is more effective than infrequent heavy watering.
15. Excessive soil compaction with heavy machinery shall be avoided, to the extent possible.
16. Construction activities during months with higher runoff rates shall be limited, to the extent possible.

Controlling Erosion and Sediment by Proper Maintenance of Permanent BMPs

Many construction phase BMPs can be integrated into the final site design, but ongoing inspection and maintenance are required to ensure long-term function of any permanent BMP. Refer to SOP 9, "Inspection of Constructed Best Management Practices", for more information. The following guidelines summarize the requirements for long-term maintenance of permanent BMPs.

1. Responsibility for maintaining erosion and sediment control devices shall be clearly identified.
2. Erosion and sediment control devices shall be inspected following heavy rainfall events to ensure they are working properly.
3. Erosion control blankets shall be utilized when seeding slopes.
4. Vegetated and wooded buffers shall be protected, and left undisturbed to the extent possible.
5. Runoff shall not be diverted into a sensitive area unless this has been specifically approved.
6. Sedimentation basins shall be cleaned out once sediment reaches 50% of the basin's design capacity.
7. Snow shall not be plowed into, or stored within, retention basins, rain gardens, or other BMPs.



8. Easements and service routes shall be maintained, to enable maintenance equipment to access BMPs for regular cleaning.

Related Standard Operating Procedures

1. SOP 5, Construction Site Inspection
2. SOP 9, Inspection of Constructed Best Management Practices



EROSION AND SEDIMENTATION CONTROL INSPECTION REPORT

General Information

Project Name			
Project Location			
Inspector's Name			
Site Operator			
Date of Inspection		Date of Last Inspection	
Start Time		End Time	
Subject to USEPA Construction General Permit? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, has NOI been approved? Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>			
If yes, attach approved NOI to this report.			
If no, contact contractor immediately to determine status of NOI.			
Type of Inspection:			
Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Storm Event <input type="checkbox"/> During Storm Event <input type="checkbox"/> Post-Storm Event <input type="checkbox"/>			
Describe the weather conditions at time of inspection			
Describe the current phase of construction			



Erosion and Sediment Control (ESC) on Construction Sites

Document any of the following issues found on the construction site, and the corrective action(s) required for each.

Issue	Status	Corrective Action Needed
Have all ESC features been constructed before initiating other construction activities?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is the contractor inspecting and maintaining ESC devices regularly?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is existing vegetation maintained on the site as long as possible?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is construction staged so as to minimize exposed soil and disturbed areas?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are disturbed areas restored as soon as possible after work is completed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is clean water being diverted away from the construction site?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are sediment traps and sediment barriers cleaned regularly?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are vegetated and wooded buffers protected and left undisturbed?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are soils stabilized by mulching and/or seeding when they are exposed for a long time?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Has vegetation been allowed to establish itself before flows are introduced to channels?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is regular, light watering used for dust control?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Is excessive soil compaction with heavy machinery avoided, to the extent possible?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	



(continued)

Issue	Status	Corrective Action Needed
Are erosion control blankets used when seeding slopes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are trees and vegetation that are to be retained during construction adequately protected?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are areas designated as off-limits to construction equipment flagged or easily distinguishable?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
If excavated topsoil has been salvaged and stockpiled for later use on the project, are stockpiles adequately protected?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Are temporary slope drains or chutes used to transport water down steep slopes?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	
Do all entrances to the storm sewer system have adequate protection?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>	

Non-Compliance Actions

The municipality shall provide the site operator with a copy of this report, and notice of the corrective action(s) to be taken. The site operator shall have thirty days from the receipt of the notice to commence curative action of the violation.



SOP 7: Fuel and Oil Handling

Introduction

Spills, leaks, and overfilling can occur during handling of fuels and petroleum-based materials, representing a potential source of stormwater pollution, even in small volumes. The goal of this written Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to provide guidance to municipal employees on a variety of ways by which fuels and petroleum-based materials can be delivered, as well as steps to be taken when petroleum products (such as waste oil) are loaded onto vehicles for offsite disposal or recycling. Delivery, unloading, and loading of waste oils are hereafter referred to as “handling.” Attached is a fuel delivery form checklist.

The Town of Southborough undertakes various procedures and precautions in handling fuel and oil.

An island containing 2 of fuel pumps for gasoline is located at the northeastern portion of the property and is used on a 24-hour basis for fueling of all Southborough vehicles. The island is covered, and roof drainage discharges to the eastern edge of the site. Access to these fuel pumps is controlled by PINs, which are issued to DPW, police, and fire personnel. The location of the fuel island is such that all users are visible to personnel at all buildings at the DPW.

Procedures

The Town of Southborough will implement the following fuel and oil handling procedures to help reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4:

General Guidelines

For all manners of fuel and oil handling described below, a member of the facility’s Pollution Prevention Team (if the facility has a SWPPP) or another knowledgeable person familiar with the facility should be present during handling procedures. This person should ensure that the following are observed:

- There is no smoking while fuel handling is in process or underway.
- Sources of flame are kept away while fuel handling is being completed. This includes smoking, lighting matches, carrying any flame, or carrying a lighted cigar, pipe, or cigarette.
- The delivery vehicle’s hand brake is set and wheels are chocked while the activity is being completed.
- Catch basins and drain manholes are adequately protected.
- No tools are to be used that could damage fuel or oil containers or the delivery vehicle.
- No flammable liquid should be unloaded from any motor vehicle while the engine is operating, unless the engine of the motor vehicle is required to be used for the operation of a pump.
- Ensure that local traffic does not interfere with fuel transfer operations. If it does, make appropriate accommodations.
- The attending persons should watch for any leaks or spills:
 - Any small leaks or spills should be immediately stopped, and spilled materials absorbed and disposed of properly. Follow the procedures in SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup.
 - In the event of a large spill or one that discharges to surface waters or an engineered storm drain system, the facility representative should activate the facility’s Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and report the incident as specified in the document.



Delivery by Bulk (Tanker) Truck

Procedures for the delivery of bulk fuel should include the following:

- The truck driver should check in with the facility upon arrival.
- The facility representative should ensure that the appropriate spill cleanup and response equipment and personal protective equipment are readily available and easily accessible. Refer to SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup for examples of spill cleanup and response materials.
- The facility representative should check to ensure that the amount of delivery does not exceed the available capacity of the tank.
 - A level gauge can be used to verify the level in the tank.
 - If a level gauge is not functioning or is not present on the tank, the tank should be stick tested prior to filling.
- The truck driver and the facility representative should both remain with the vehicle during the delivery process.
- The truck driver and the facility representative should inspect all visible lines, connections, and valves for leaks.
- When delivery is complete and the hoses are removed, buckets should be placed underneath connection points to catch drippings.
- The delivery vehicle should be inspected prior to departure to ensure that the hose is disconnected from the tank.
- The facility representative should inspect the fuel tank to verify that no leaks have occurred, or that any leaked or spilled material has been cleaned and disposed of properly.
- The facility representative should gauge tank levels to ensure that the proper amount of fuel is delivered, and collect a receipt from the truck driver.

Delivery of Drummed Materials

Drummed materials may include motor oil, hydraulic fluid, transmission fluid, or waste oil from another facility (as approved). Procedures for the delivery of drummed materials should include the following:

- The truck driver should check in with the facility upon arrival.
- The facility representative should ensure that the appropriate spill cleanup and response equipment and personal protective equipment are readily available and easily accessible. Refer to SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup for examples of spill cleanup and response materials. The facility representative should closely examine the shipment for damaged drums.
 - If damaged drums are found, they should be closely inspected for leaks or punctures.
 - Breached drums should be removed to a dry, well-ventilated area and the contents transferred to other suitable containers.
 - Drums should be disposed of in accordance with all applicable regulations.
- Drummed materials should not be unloaded outdoors during wet weather events.
- The truck driver and the facility representative should both remain with the vehicle during the delivery process.
- Drums should be handled and unloaded carefully to prevent damage.
- Upon completion of unloading, the facility representative should inspect the unloading point and the drums to verify that no leaks have occurred, that any leaked or spilled material has been cleaned up and disposed of properly, and that the unloaded drums are not leaking.



- The facility representative should check to ensure that the proper amount of fuel or other material is delivered, and collect a receipt from the truck driver.

Removal of Waste Oil from the Facility

When waste oil or similar oil products need to be removed from the premises, only haulers certified to transport waste oil should be utilized. Procedures should include the following:

- The disposal truck driver should check in with the facility upon arrival.
- The facility representative should ensure that the appropriate spill cleanup and response equipment and personal protective equipment are readily available and easily accessible. Refer to SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup for examples of spill cleanup and response materials. The truck driver and the facility representative should both remain with the vehicle during the tank draining process.
- When draining is complete and the hoses are removed, buckets should be placed underneath connection points to catch drippings.
- The facility representative should inspect the loading point and the tank to verify that no leaks have occurred, or that any leaked or spilled material has been cleaned up and disposed of properly.
- The facility representative should collect a receipt from the truck driver.
- When draining bulk oil tanks:
 - The facility representative should verify that the volume of waste oil in the tank does not exceed the available capacity of the disposal hauler's vehicle.
 - The disposal hauler vehicle should be inspected prior to departure to ensure that the hose is disconnected from the tank.

Employee Training

- Employees who handle or deliver fuel and/or oil are trained once per year on proper procedures.
- Employees are also trained on stormwater pollution prevention, illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) procedures, and spill and response procedures.
- If services are contracted, the contractor should be given a copy of this and any applicable SOPs to ensure compliance with MS4 regulations.

Attachments

1. Fuel Delivery Checklist

Related Standard Operating Procedures

- SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup



FUEL DELIVERY FORM
TOWN OF SOUTHBOROUGH**Date:** _____**Time of Arrival:** _____**Time of Departure:** _____**Truck Number:** _____**Name of Truck Driver:** _____**Name of Town Employee:** _____**BEFORE UNLOADING:**

Is all spill response equipment and personal protective equipment in place?

Yes **No**

In the case of bulk fuel delivery, does tank capacity exceed the amount of delivery?

Yes **No** **N/A**

In the case of drum fuel delivery, are all drums free of leaks and punctures?

Yes **No** **N/A** **COMMENCE UNLOADING. REMAIN WITH VEHICLE AT ALL TIMES.****AFTER UNLOADING IS COMPLETE:**

Have all fuel containers, including the vehicle, been inspected for leaks?

Yes **No**

Has the ground at the unloading point been inspected for evidence of leaks?

Yes **No**

If there are any leaks or spills, has the material been properly cleaned?

Yes **No**

Has the correct amount of fuel been delivered?

Yes **No**

Has a receipt been collected?

Yes **No** **DELIVERY IS COMPLETE.**

SOP 11: OIL/WATER SEPARATOR (OWS) MAINTENANCE

Oil/water separators (OWS), also known as gas/oil separators, are structural devices intended to provide pretreatment of floor drain water from industrial and garage facilities. An OWS allows oils (and substances lighter than water) to be intercepted and be removed for disposal before entering the sanitary sewer system. Substances heavier than water settle into sludge at the bottom of the unit. The remaining water passes through the unit into the sanitary sewer system.

OWS units are generally required where petroleum-based products, wastes containing petroleum, or oily and/or flammable materials are used, produced, or stored. OWS units should not be used to manage stormwater or flow from vehicle washing facilities. High flow rates through an OWS will reduce the structure's ability to separate materials. Detergents and solvents can emulsify oil and grease, allowing the particles to enter the sewer, so these should not be disposed of in drains entering the OWS.

General OWS Maintenance Requirements

1. Each OWS at a facility may receive different materials in different quantities, so the cleanout schedule may not be the same for every OWS at a facility.
2. Employees performing inspections of an OWS must be properly trained and be familiar with the maintenance of that specific structure, since function can vary based on design. Third-party firms may be utilized to perform quarterly inspections.
3. Do not drain petroleum, oil, or lubricants directly to an OWS. The structures are designed to manage these materials at low and medium concentrations in sanitary sewage, not as slug loads.
4. Do not drain antifreeze, degreasers, detergents, fuels, alcohols, solvents, coolant, or paint to the OWS.
5. Separator compartment covers should be tightly sealed to ensure floor drainage only enters the first compartment of the OWS.
6. Drains should be kept free of debris and sediment to the maximum extent practicable.
7. Spill cleanup materials should be maintained in the area served by the OWS. For more information on spill cleanup and response materials, refer to SOP 4, "Spill Response and Cleanup Procedures".

OWS Inspection Procedures

Daily inspection of an OWS should include a visual examination of the area served by the OWS for evidence of spills or leaks.

Weekly inspections of an OWS should include the following:

1. Visually examine the area served by the OWS for evidence of spills or leaks.
2. Inspect the point of discharge (i.e., sewer manhole) for evidence of petroleum bypassing the OWS.
3. Inspect drains for any signs of unauthorized substances entering the OWS.
4. Examine the OWS for signs of leaks or any malfunction.

Quarterly inspections of an OWS should include the following:



1. Complete tasks noted as appropriate for daily and weekly inspection.
2. Complete the Quarterly OWS Inspection Checklist, attached, during the inspection.
3. Take the following measurements to benchmark function of the OWS:
 - A. Distance from rim of access cover to bottom of structure
 - B. Distance from rim of access cover to top of sludge layer
 - C. Depth of sludge layer ($C = A - B$)
 - D. Distance from rim of access cover to the oil/water interface
 - E. Distance from rim of access cover to the top of the liquid surface
 - F. Depth of oil layer ($F = D - E$)

OWS Cleaning Procedures

Cleaning of the OWS is required when there has been a spill to the OWS that exceeds ten gallons of oil, one gallon of detergent or solvent, or any material prohibited by the owner of the sanitary sewer. Cleaning is also required when the levels of accumulated sludge and/or oil meet the manufacturer's recommended levels for cleaning. This will vary based on the manufacturer of the OWS. If the manufacturer's recommendations are unknown, the following guidelines are appropriate for determining when to clean:

1. When sludge accumulates to 25% of the wetted height of the separator compartment; or
2. When oil accumulates to 5% of the wetted height of the separator compartment; or
3. When 75% of the retention capacity of the OWS is filled.

Cleaning should be performed a minimum of once per year. When cleaning is required, it shall be performed by licensed OWS maintenance companies. Materials removed from the OWS must be disposed of in accordance with Massachusetts Hazardous Waste Regulations, 310 CMR 30.00.

Documentation of Cleaning and Service

The operator of the premises where the OWS is located shall maintain a log describing the date and type of all inspections, service and maintenance performed in connection with the Separator. Documentation shall include the identity of the inspector (or the identity of the person or entity that performed the service and/or maintenance). Records shall also document the amount of residue removed from the OWS each time it was cleaned, and how removed materials were disposed. This documentation shall be maintained for a minimum of six years.

Attachments

1. Quarterly OWS Inspection Checklist

Related Standard Operating Procedures

1. SOP 4, Spill Response and Cleanup Procedures



OIL/WATER SEPARATOR (OWS)
QUARTERLY INSPECTION CHECKLIST

Facility: _____

OWS Location: _____

Inspected By: _____

Date: _____

Visual Inspection	Are there any signs of spills or leaks in the general area?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Is there any evidence of petroleum bypassing the OWS?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Are there any unauthorized substances entering the OWS?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>
	Does the OWS exhibit any signs of leaks or malfunctions?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

If you answered “Yes” to any of the above questions, further inspection, repair, and/or cleaning may be necessary.

Measurements	A	Distance from rim of access cover to bottom of structure	
	B	Distance from rim of access cover to top of sludge layer	
	C = A - B	Depth of sludge layer	
	D	Distance from rim of access cover to the oil/water interface	
	E	Distance from rim of access cover to the top of the liquid surface	
	F = D - E	Depth of oil layer	

If the values for “C” and/or “F” are greater than those in the manufacturer’s recommendations, the OWS must be cleaned by a licensed OWS maintenance company.



SOP 12: Storage and Use of Pesticides and Fertilizer

Introduction

The use and improper storage of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers can contribute to the discharge of nutrients and toxic compounds to the municipal storm drainage system and surface waters. The goal of this Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) is to provide guidance on municipal employees on proper handling and storage of pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers to prevent the discharge of pollutants from the MS4.

Pesticides and fertilizers are used regularly on public landscaped areas, including school athletic fields. They are stored in a fireproof cabinet inside the DPW annex. Only Town employees perform fertilizer and pesticide application. There are six Town employees certified to apply pesticide in accordance with the Town's Integrated Pesticide Management program. These employees are required to get CEUs for their licenses.

Procedures

Below are procedures for the storage and use of fertilizers, pesticides, and herbicides by municipal employees. In this section, the term "pesticide" include products used as herbicides. Refer to SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup and SOP 17: Hazardous Materials Storage and Handling for information on and handling spills and hazardous materials.

Storage

- Store pesticides and fertilizers in high, dry locations in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.
- Store in cool, well-ventilated, and insulated areas to protect against temperature extremes.
- Store in areas that have been constructed in accordance with local fire codes for storing flammable or combustible materials.
 - Flammable products should be stored separately from non-flammable products, preferably in a fire-proof cabinet.
 - Small quantities (less than 500 lbs. or 220 gallons) of pesticides can be stored in cabinets constructed of double-walled 18-gauge sheet metal.
 - Large quantities (greater than 500 lbs. or 220 gallons) of pesticides can be stored in a prefabricated Hazardous Material Storage building or in a purpose-built storage facility. It is not anticipated that many municipal facilities will store quantities in excess of 500 lbs. or 220 gallons of pesticides.
 - Building walls should have a two-hour fire rating and be impervious to the stored materials.
 - Floors should be watertight, impervious, and provide spill containment.
- Store materials in an enclosed area or in covered, impervious containment, such as a locked cabinet. The cabinet should be located in a first story room or one that has direct access to the outdoors. Storage areas should be equipped with easily accessible spill cleanup materials and portable firefighting equipment. Regularly inspect storage areas for leaks and spills. Emergency eyewash stations and emergency drench showers should be located near the storage area.
- For pesticides, storage cabinets should be kept locked and the door to the storage area should contain a weather proof sign that warns of the existence and danger of the pesticides inside. The



door should be kept locked. The sign should be visible at a distance of 25 feet and should read as follows:



DANGER
PESTICIDE STORAGE AREA
ALL UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS KEEP OUT
KEEP DOORS LOCKED WHEN NOT IN USE

The sign should be posted in both English and any other language used by maintenance workers.

- Pesticides should not be stored in the same place as ammonium nitrate fertilizer.
- Separate pesticides and fertilizers from other chemical storage and other flammable materials.
- Label all containers with date of purchase. Clearly label all secondary containers. Use older materials first.
- Order for delivery as close to the time of use as possible to reduce the amount of chemicals stored at the facility.
- Order only the amount of materials needed in order to minimize excess or obsolete materials, which require storage and disposal.
- Never leave unlabeled or unstable pesticides and fertilizers in uncontrolled locations.
- Maintain a current written inventory of all pesticides and fertilizers at the storage site.
- Ensure that contaminated waste materials are kept in designated containers and stored in labeled, designated, covered, and contained areas.
- Dispose of excess or obsolete pesticides/fertilizers and associated waste materials in accordance with the manufacturer's specification and all applicable regulations.

Use and Application of Fertilizers

- All fertilizer products manufactured or distributed in the State of Massachusetts must be registered with the Department of Agricultural Resources.
- Perform soil testing before choosing a fertilizer. The quantity of available nutrients already present in the soil will determine the type and amount of fertilizer that is recommended. The soil test will also determine the soil pH, humic matter, texture, and exchangeable acidity, which will indicate whether pH adjustment is required for fertilizer to work efficiently. A soil test should be completed at each facility, as soil type can vary widely within a single community.
 - Soil tests are recommended every 3-4 years for turf and plantings (more frequently for problem or newly planted areas) and every year for soil where phosphorus-containing fertilizers are used. Soil pH tests should be conducted every year for all sites.
 - When collecting soil samples, take multiple samples for each target area at a four-inch depth; mix the samples together in a container and properly label the sample with property information and site use type. Separately sample areas that have discoloration, abnormal plant growth, or other problems. Take the sample at approximately the same time every year. If the area has been fertilized, wait eight weeks after fertilizing to test the soil to ensure nutrients have been absorbed.
- When selecting the optimal type of fertilizer to use on an area, consider the soil test results, type of turf, and type of turf use. Slow-use fertilizer should be used for turf grass.
- Calibrate application equipment regularly to ensure proper application and loading rates.
- Mix fertilizers using clean application equipment under cover in an area where accidental spills will not enter surface water or groundwater and will not contaminate the soil.



- Fertilizers should only be applied by properly trained personnel.
- Never apply fertilizers in quantities exceeding the manufacturer's instructions. Instead, apply small amounts throughout the growing season.
- Time fertilizer application methods for maximum plant uptake, usually in the fall and spring (e.g., between April 15 and October 15). When applying at the beginning and end of planting season, take into consideration the slower uptake rate of fertilizer by plants and adjust the fertilizer application accordingly.
- Never apply fertilizer during a drought, when the soil is dry or frozen, when it is raining, or immediately before expected rain.
- Fertilizer should be applied when the ground temperature is above 55° F.
- Apply fertilizers in amounts appropriate for the type of vegetation to minimize losses to surface water and groundwater. Use the results of the soil test to determine optimal fertilizer timing and application rates.
- Where applicable, till fertilizers into the soil rather than dumping or broadcasting (proper application techniques will depend on the type of soil and vegetation).
- Do not hose down paved areas after fertilizer application if drainage will enter into an engineered storm drain system or drainage ditch.
- Limit irrigation after fertilizer application to prevent runoff (approximately ½ inch of water per application for a week following application).
- Turn off irrigation systems during periods of adequate rainfall.
- Do not over-apply fertilizer in late fall to “use it up” before winter. The effectiveness of fertilizer does not reduce when stored.
- If phosphorus fertilizer is used when re-seeding, mix the phosphorus into the root zone. Do not apply directly to the soil surface.
- Avoid combined products such as “weed and feed,” which do not target specific problems at the appropriate time.

Use and Application of Pesticides and Herbicides

The State of Massachusetts has a stringent program for registration of pesticides and certification of those authorized to apply them. Once a pesticide has been approved for use by the USEPA, it must be registered by the Massachusetts Pesticide Board Subcommittee prior to being distributed, purchased, or used in Massachusetts. Pesticide classification in Massachusetts is based on the potential adverse effects the pesticide may have on humans or the environment. “Restricted Use” pesticides can only be sold by Licensed Dealers to Certified Applicators, while “State Limited Use” pesticides may be restricted to use by certain individuals or require written permission from the Department of Agricultural Resources prior to use. Legal application of pesticides must be performed by an individual licensed or certified by the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources. A Commercial Applicator License is required for applying general use pesticides, and a Commercial Applicator Certification is required for applying restricted and state limited use products.

Use and Application of Pesticides

- Pesticides should only be applied by licensed or certified applicators.
- Calibrate application equipment regularly to ensure proper application and loading rates.
- Ensure that pesticide application equipment is capable of immediate shutoff in case of emergency.



- Conduct spray applications according to specific label directions and applicable local regulations.
- Never apply pesticides in quantities exceeding the manufacturer's instructions.
- Apply pesticides at the life stage when the pest is most vulnerable.
- Never apply pesticides if it is raining or immediately before expected rain.
- Establish setback distances from pavement, storm drains, and waterbodies, which act as buffers from pesticide application, with disease-resistant plants and minimal mowing.
- Do not apply pesticides within 100 feet of open waters or of drainage channels.
- Spot treat infected areas instead of the entire location.
- Mix pesticides and clean application equipment under cover in an area where accidental spills will not enter surface water or groundwater and will not contaminate soil.
- Do not hose down paved areas after pesticide application to a storm drain or drainage ditch.
- Recycle rinsate from equipment cleaning back into product.
- Choose the least toxic pesticide that is still capable of reducing the infestation to acceptable levels.
- Use alternatives to pesticides, such as manual weed control, biological controls, and Integrated Pest Management strategies (learn more at: <https://www.mass.gov/files/documents/2016/08/wk/ipm-kit-for-bldg-mgrs.pdf>).
- For the use of herbicides, reduce seed release of weeds by timing cutting and pesticide application at seed set. Select vegetation and landscaping that is low-maintenance in order to tolerate low levels of weeds without interfering with aesthetics.

Employee Training

- Employees who handle pesticides, fertilizers, and herbicides must obtain CEUs on proper handling and storage procedures annually for their licenses.
- Employees are also trained on stormwater pollution prevention, illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) procedures, and spill and response procedures.
- If services are contracted, the contractor should be given a copy of this and any applicable SOPs to ensure compliance with MS4 regulations.

Related Standard Operating Procedures

- SOP 4: Spill Response and Cleanup
- SOP 17: Hazardous Materials Storage and Handling



APPENDIX B

Significant Spills, Leaks or Other Releases

Instructions:

- Include the descriptions and dates of any incidences of significant spills, leaks, or other releases that resulted in discharges of pollutants to waters of the U.S., through stormwater or otherwise; the circumstances leading to the release and actions taken in response to the release; and measures taken to prevent the recurrence of such releases .
- Provide information, as shown below, for each incident, and attach additional documentation (e.g., photos, spill cleanup records) as necessary. Repeat as necessary by copying and pasting the fields below.

Date of incident: [Insert Date of Incident](#)

Location of incident: [Insert Location of Incident](#)

Description of incident: [Insert Description of Incident](#)

Circumstances leading to release: [Describe circumstances leading to release](#)

Actions taken in response to release: [Describe actions taken in response to release](#)

Measures taken to prevent recurrence: [Describe measures taken to prevent recurrence](#)

Date of incident: [Insert Date of Incident](#)

Location of incident: [Insert Location of Incident](#)

Description of incident: [Insert Description of Incident](#)

Circumstances leading to release: [Describe circumstances leading to release](#)

Actions taken in response to release: [Describe actions taken in response to release](#)

Measures taken to prevent recurrence: [Describe measures taken to prevent recurrence](#)

Date of incident: [Insert Date of Incident](#)

Location of incident: [Insert Location of Incident](#)

Description of incident: [Insert Description of Incident](#)

Circumstances leading to release: [Describe circumstances leading to release](#)

Actions taken in response to release: [Describe actions taken in response to release](#)

Measures taken to prevent recurrence: [Describe measures taken to prevent recurrence](#)

Date of incident: [Insert Date of Incident](#)

Location of incident: [Insert Location of Incident](#)

Description of incident: [Insert Description of Incident](#)

Circumstances leading to release: [Describe circumstances leading to release](#)

Actions taken in response to release: [Describe actions taken in response to release](#)

Measures taken to prevent recurrence: [Describe measures taken to prevent recurrence](#)



APPENDIX C

Employee Training

Instructions:

- Keep records of employee training, including the date of the training.
- For in-person training, consider using the tables below to document your employee trainings. For computer-based or other types of training, keep similar records on who was trained and the type of training conducted.

Training Date: [Insert Date of Training](#)
Training Description (including duration and subjects covered): [Insert Description of Training](#)
Trainer: [Insert Trainer\(s\) names](#)

Employee(s) trained	Employee signature
Insert Name	

Training Date: [Insert Date of Training](#)
Training Description (including duration and subjects covered): [Insert Description of Training](#)
Trainer: [Insert Trainer\(s\) names](#)

Employee(s) trained	Employee signature
Insert Name	

Training Date: [Insert Date of Training](#)
Training Description (including duration and subjects covered): [Insert Description of Training](#)
Trainer: [Insert Trainer\(s\) names](#)

Employee(s) trained	Employee signature
Insert Name	



APPENDIX D

Site Inspection Reports

Instructions:

- Include in your records copies of all routine facility inspection reports completed for the facility.
- The sample inspection report is consistent with the requirements in the 2016 Massachusetts MS4 Permit relating to site inspections. **If MassDEP provides you with an inspection report, use that form.**

Using the Sample Site Inspection Report

- This inspection report is designed to be customized according to the specific control measures and activities at your facility. For ease of use, you should take a copy of your site plan and number all of the stormwater control measures and areas of industrial activity that will be inspected. A brief description of the control measures and areas that were inspected should then be listed in the site-specific section of the inspection report.
- You can complete the items in the “General Information” section that will remain constant, such as the facility name and inspector (if you only use one inspector). Print out multiple copies of this customized inspection report to use during your inspections.
- When conducting the inspection, walk the site by following your site map and numbered control measures/areas of industrial activity to be inspected. Also note whether the “Areas of Materials or Activities exposed to stormwater” have been addressed (customize this list according to the conditions at your facility). Note any required corrective actions and the date and responsible person for the correction.



Stormwater Site Inspection Report

General Information			
Facility Name	Southborough DPW/Transfer Station		
Date of Inspection		Start/End Time	
Inspector's Name(s)			
Inspector's Title(s)			
Inspector's Contact Information			
Inspector's Qualifications			
Weather Information			
Weather at time of this inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Cloudy <input type="checkbox"/> Rain <input type="checkbox"/> Sleet <input type="checkbox"/> Fog <input type="checkbox"/> Snow <input type="checkbox"/> High Winds <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____ Temperature: _____			
Have any previously unidentified discharges of pollutants occurred since the last inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, describe: _____			
Are there any discharges occurring at the time of inspection? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No If yes, describe: _____			

Control Measures

- *Number the structural stormwater control measures identified in your SWPPP on your site map and list them below (add as many control measures as are implemented on-site). Carry a copy of the numbered site map with you during your inspections. This list will ensure that you are inspecting all required control measures at your facility.*
- *Describe corrective actions initiated, date completed, and note the person that completed the work in the Corrective Action Log.*

	Structural Control Measure	Control Measure is Operating Effectively?	If No, In Need of Maintenance, Repair, or Replacement?	Corrective Action Needed and Notes (identify needed maintenance and repairs, or any failed control measures that need replacement)
1	Deep Sump Catch Basins	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	Describe Corrective Actions
2	Oil/Grit Separators	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	
3	Detention Pond	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	
4	Positive Limiting Barrier – Fueling Station	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	<input type="checkbox"/> Maintenance <input type="checkbox"/> Repair <input type="checkbox"/> Replacement	

Areas of Materials or Activities exposed to stormwater

Below are some general areas that should be assessed during routine inspections. Customize this list as needed for the specific types of materials or activities at your facility.



	Area/Activity	Inspected?	Controls Adequate (appropriate, effective, and operating)?	Corrective Action Needed and Notes
1	Material loading/unloading and storage areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Describe Corrective Actions
2	Equipment operations and maintenance areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
3	Fueling areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
4	Waste handling and disposal areas	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
5	Salt storage piles or pile containing salt	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
6	Dust generation and vehicle tracking	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> N/A	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	

Non-Compliance

Describe any incidents of non-compliance observed and not described above:

[Describe Non-compliance](#)

Additional Control Measures

Describe any additional control measures or changes to the SWPPP needed to comply with the permit requirements:
Describe Additional Controls Needed

Notes

Use this space for any additional notes or observations from the inspection:

Additional Notes

Print inspector name and title:

Signature: _____ **Date:** _____



Quarterly Visual Assessment Reports – additional form when stormwater discharge is occurring

Instructions:

- Include in your records copies of all quarterly visual assessment reports completed for the facility. An example quarterly visual assessment report can be found on the following page.
- At least one quarterly inspection per year must occur while stormwater is discharging.



Quarterly Visual Assessment Form- additional form when stormwater discharge is occurring

(Complete a separate form for each outfall you assess)

Name of Facility: [Name of Facility](#)Outfall Name: [Name](#) "Substantially Identical Outfall"? No Yes [\(identify substantially identical outfalls\)](#):Person(s)/Title(s) collecting sample: [Name/Title](#)Person(s)/Title(s) examining sample: [Name/Title](#)Date & Time Discharge Began (approx.):
[Enter date and time](#)Date & Time Visual Sample Collected:
[Enter date and time](#)Date & Time Visual Sample Examined:
[Enter date and time](#)Nature of Discharge: Rainfall Snowmelt**Parameter**Color None Other [\(describe\)](#):Odor None Musty Sewage Sulfur Sour Petroleum/Gas _____
 Solvents Other [\(describe\)](#):Clarity Clear Slightly Cloudy Cloudy Opaque OtherFloating Solids No Yes [\(describe\)](#):Settled Solids* No Yes [\(describe\)](#):Suspended Solids No Yes [\(describe\)](#):Foam (gently shake sample) No Yes [\(describe\)](#):Oil Sheen None Flecks Globs Sheen Slick
 Other [\(describe\)](#):Other Obvious Indicators No Yes [\(describe\)](#):
of Stormwater Pollution

* Observe for settled solids after allowing the sample to sit for approximately one-half hour.

Detail any concerns, additional comments, descriptions of pictures taken, and any corrective actions taken below (attach additional sheets as necessary). [Insert details](#)

A. Name:

B. Title:

C. Signature:

D. Date Signed:

