

**Rowan University - School of Osteopathic Medicine
Environmental Health and Safety**

Subject: Illicit Connections to the University's Storm Drains
Effective Date: September, 2021
Approved by: Thomas Boyle

I. Purpose:

A regulation to prohibit illicit connections to the storm drains on the property of Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply. This regulation does not apply to any illicit connection which emanates from a location outside Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine property.

II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this regulation, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this regulation clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not merely directory. Most of the definitions below are the same as or based on corresponding definitions in the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.

- a. Domestic sewage - waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.
- b. Illicit connection – any physical or non-physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, noncontact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the storm drains on Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine property, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Public Complex Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141879). Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the storm drains.
- c. Industrial waste - non-domestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b), or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act (33 U.S.C. §1317(a), (b), or (c)).
- d. Storm Drain – a sewer which carries storm and surface waters and drainage but excludes sewage and industrial wastes.
- e. NJPDES permit – a permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A

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- f. Non-contact cooling water - water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Non-contact cooling water may however contain algaecides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.
- g. Person – any individual (including but not limited to a University officer, agent, professional staff member, other employee, or student), corporation, company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State, whose conduct on University property is subject to regulation by the University.
- h. Process wastewater - any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.
- i. Stormwater – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.
- j. University - Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine.
- k. University property – lands and buildings owned or controlled by Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine.

III. Prohibited Conduct

Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine and its officers, staff, agents, other employees, contractors, and students shall not discharge or cause to be discharged, through an illicit connection to the storm drains on Rowan University School of Osteopathic Medicine property, any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

IV. Violations

- a. Any University student who continues to be in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to fines, disciplinary probation, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions pursuant to the University’s Student Handbook
- b. Any University officer, staff member, employee or agent who is in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to dismissal, removal, reduction of salary, suspension, demotion, or other disciplinary action in accordance with applicable Federal and New Jersey statutes and relevant contracts or agreements.

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- c. Any other person who has entered into a contract or agreement with the University to provide equipment, materials, supplies or services on University property, shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with this regulation and/or Federal and New Jersey statutes.
- d. Any person who violates this regulation may also be subject to prosecution under applicable Federal or New Jersey statutes.