

# Reporting Construction Site Stormwater Discharges

Minnesota Statute § 115.061, in effect since 1969, requires every person to immediately notify the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) of a discharge of any substance, accidental or otherwise, that if not recovered, may cause pollution of waters of the state.

## Who to Call

The Minnesota Duty Officer Program provides a one-call system for all state discharge reporting requirements. The Minnesota Duty Officer will record the information provided by the caller and notify the appropriate state agencies. The Minnesota Duty Officer is available 24 hours per day, every day.

## When to Call

At the time of discovery, report a stormwater discharge from the project site to the Minnesota Duty Officer if the stormwater discharge:

- Causes a noticeable amount of sediment or sediment-laden water that may cause pollution of waters of the state such as streams, lakes, wetlands, storm sewer inlets, road ditches, etc.

Report all other non-stormwater discharges of any amount that may cause pollution such as releases of toxic, flammable, corrosive, or dangerous chemicals. You do not need to report a discharge of five gallons or less of petroleum.

When in doubt, notify the Minnesota Duty Officer.

## How to Notify

Immediately call the Minnesota Duty Officer at **651-649-5451** or **800-422-0798** and provide the following information, if available:

- Your name, telephone number, and the project's associated MPCA permit number, if applicable.
- Date, time, and specific location (e.g. address, geographic coordinates, etc.) of the discharge.
- Amount and type of discharge (e.g. sediment, etc.).
- Affected surface water or storm sewer.
- How the release happened and the current situation.
- Responsible party of incident (e.g. property/business owner) and their contact information.
- Best management practices (BMPs) (e.g. silt fence, etc.) that were in place prior to the discharge and the BMPs installed or maintained to prevent the discharge from reoccurring.

## Responsibility to Respond

It is your responsibility to respond to the discharge in the following way.

Step 1: Immediately report the discharge to the Minnesota Duty Officer.

Step 2: Recover the discharge as rapidly and thoroughly as possible.

Step 3: Take immediate action to minimize or avoid further pollution of waters of the state.

Step 4: Document the discharge with a description, location, and photographs.

## For more information

For more information or technical assistance, contact your regional MPCA construction stormwater inspector:

<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/construction-stormwater-contacts>