

March 7, 2018

A & E Concrete Construction

**RE: Discharge/Disposal of Concrete Wash Water to the City Storm Sewer System.**

Madison General Ordinance (MGO) 7.46 *Water Pollution Control* prohibits the discharge of any concrete, mortar, wash water, concrete cutting water or exposed aggregate wash to the City storm sewer system. This practice is also prohibited under State Statutes 29.601(3); *Deleterious Substances* and State Statutes Chapter 283; *Pollution Discharge Elimination*.

Any concrete waste, including wash water or delivery truck chute clean out must be contained and collected for proper disposal. The contractor in control of the construction site is responsible for providing suitable concrete waste containment. Saw cutting slurry may be detained by sandbags in the curb at the first practical location down slope, but must be removed at the end of the workday or sooner if impending rain is forecast. It is illegal to allow concrete waste to flow unchecked on any paved surface. Detained slurry can be retrieved with a vacuum. Other retrieval methods may also be suitable. Best management practices for concrete wash out water are available from the US EPA.

<http://www3.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/concretewashout.pdf>

Businesses found in violation of MGO 7.46 will be referred to the City Attorney's office for prosecution or ticketed. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in regulatory enforcement including a fine of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) or more than two thousand dollars (\$2000.00) per offense. Each day of a continuing violation is a separate offense. Clean-up costs may also be incurred.

If you have any questions or require further information, please contact Rick Wenta 225-2396 of the Environmental Protection Unit, Public Health Madison-Dane County.