Illegal Connection / Illicit Discharge
NPDES Stormwater Training - Knowledge Check

These training questions are intended to support staff awareness, regulatory compliance, and BMP implementation associated with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit requirements.

Core Message	Question #	Question	Answer Options
I	I-A	What is an illicit discharge?	a) Any discharge composed entirely of stormwater b) Any non-stormwater discharge into the MS4 not specifically authorized c) A permitted groundwater discharge d) Rainfall runoff from rooftops
I	I-B	Illegal dumping into a storm drain system is prohibited.	a) True b) False
II	II-A	Which of the following may indicate an illicit discharge?	a) Clear odorless stormwater during rain b) Staining, odors, or unusual flow during dry weather c) Natural vegetation d) Clean curb lines
III	III-A	What is the first action staff should take after identifying a suspected illicit discharge?	a) Ignore the issue b) Document and report the discharge c) Wash the discharge away d) Wait until the next storm event
IV	IV-A	Which discharge is typically allowed if properly managed?	a) Paint wash water b) Sewage discharge c) Potable water line flushing d) Vehicle wash water
V	V-A	Employee education is an important component of illicit discharge prevention.	a) True b) False
VI	VI-A	Which BMP is most effective in preventing illegal connections?	a) Routine inspections and public reporting b) Removing inlet protection c) Eliminating employee training d) Ignoring complaints