

Concrete Trucks Must Utilize Washout Areas on Construction Sites

Have you seen a construction site where a cement truck rinses off in a non-specified area after unloading its concrete? These trucks are no longer allowed (on construction sites disturbing 1 or more acres of land) to clean or rinse their vehicles while directing the wash water onto the ground or into the storm sewer. Concrete trucks are now required by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to rinse off in a designated Concrete Washout Area or washout internally without releasing any wash water from the truck. This Washout Area is to be identified by a Concrete Washout Sign and must have an impermeable liner. This is to prevent the wash water (that is alkaline and high in chromium) from leaching into the ground and contaminating the ground water. The wash area will also prevent the wash water from migrating to the storm sewer system, where it could increase the pH of area waters and harm aquatic life. For more information, please visit the MPCA website @ www.pca.state.mn.us. If you have additional questions about concrete washouts or notice a construction site that is rinsing their concrete trucks incorrectly, please call Walter Ehresmann @ 952-895-4463 or email @ walter.ehresmann@ci.burnsville.mn.us.



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