

Permit Requirements & Control Measures

Pollution Prevention

Pollution Prevention measures are designed to reduce and eliminate pollutants in stormwater that originate from daily operations and maintenance activities. Any employee with the responsibility of roadway maintenance, street sweeping, litter collection, herbicide application, vehicle maintenance or hazardous material involvement, receives annual storm water awareness training to highlight the importance of pollution prevention and thereby, reduce the potential impacts of stormwater pollutants.



Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) is managing the campus response and permit requirements set forth by The Alabama Department of Environmental Management. EHS will continue to provide the program flexibility required for the University to respond to future needs regarding Stormwater requirements. For additional information contact EHS.

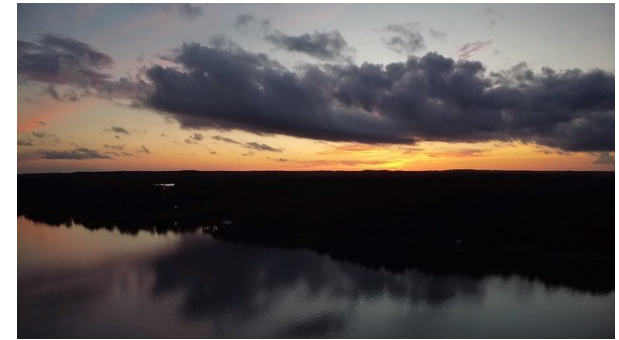
For questions, concerns, or to report any potential stormwater violations, contact Environmental Health & Safety.

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Stormwater Management



Regulatory History of Stormwater Management on The University of Alabama Campus

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On December 8, 1999 The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) published the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II Stormwater Final Rule. This final rule required certain small municipalities to obtain a separate Municipal Storm Sewer System (MS4) NPDES Permit. On March 10, 2003, The Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM) issued a State General NPDES Permit for small MS4 operators. Municipalities were required to file an application for a Phase II Stormwater Permit. Entities covered under this program included hospital complexes, military bases and educational institutions, as they are similar to small MS4's and are located within an urbanized area. The University of Alabama meets the definition as an operator of a regulated small MS4. As such, the specified fees are required to be covered under the State General Permit. The University of Alabama NPDES Permit was updated by ADEM on October 1, 2021.

The University of Alabama Response

In response to the stormwater management requirements, The University of Alabama Department of Environmental Health & Safety (EHS) completed and filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) with ADEM in 2003. The University of Alabama is regulated as a small MS4 separate from The City of Tuscaloosa and Tuscaloosa County. However, The University also forged an alliance with city representatives in regards to stormwater management. This level of cooperation between both parties result in cleaner waters and an increased level of environmental awareness in this area.



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Under the NOI filed by The University of Alabama with ADEM, certain control measures are included as permit requirements. A general summary of each control measure follows:

Public Education and Outreach

As part of Public Education and Outreach, brochures, advertisements and other educational materials are developed and distributed by EHS regarding the campus stormwater management program. EHS maintains a website that is updated accordingly and the written stormwater management permit can be located at this site, www.ehs.ua.edu. Visit the EHS X (twitter) account, [@EHS-UA](https://twitter.com/EHS-UA) for timely information regarding meetings and announcements. The University of Alabama community is encouraged to report any stormwater concerns to EHS by contacting 205-348-5905.

Public Involvement

Annually EHS hosts the Stormwater Committee Meeting which is held at 1500 Warrior Drive, Tuscaloosa, AL 35487. This meeting is open to the public and everyone is welcome to attend. Additionally, there is a campus clean up event held annually by EHS at Manderson Landing. Everyone is welcome to attend. Dates and times will be posted on campus digital media signage and X (twitter) or contact EHS at 348-5905 for dates and times of event.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

An illicit discharge is any discharge of a substance that is not clean water at a known stormwater outfall. The University of Alabama has 20 known outfalls that are inspected annually. All outfalls are inspected for illicit discharges.

New employees, in select departments, such as Facilities and Grounds, and Custodial Services, are required to receive stormwater awareness training. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination information is included in this training. If you have suspicion of an Illicit Discharge contact Environmental Health and Safety.

Construction Site Runoff & Post Construction Site Runoff

Oversight of all construction projects is handled by The University of Alabama's Facilities and Grounds department and/or the Construction Administration department. One of the primary concerns during construction projects relates to sediment runoff. Silt fences are utilized to reduce the runoff of sediments.