

Chemical Management

DESCRIPTION

Chemical management addresses the problem of storm water polluted with chemical pollutants through spills or other forms of contact. The objective of the chemical management is to minimize the potential of storm water contamination from construction chemicals through appropriate recognition, handling, storage, and disposal practices.

It is not the intent of chemical management to supersede or replace normal site assessment and remediation procedures. Significant spills and/or contamination warrant immediate response by trained professionals. Suspected job-site contamination should be immediately reported to regulatory authorities and protective actions taken. Significant spills should be reported to the National Response Center (NRC) at (800) 424-8802.

PRIMARY USE

These management practices along with applicable OSHA and EPA guidelines should be incorporated at all construction sites that use or generate hazardous wastes. Many chemicals such as fuel, oil, grease, fertilizer, and pesticide are present at most construction sites.

INSTALLATION, APPLICATION AND DISPOSAL CRITERIA

The chemical management techniques presented here are based on proper recognition, handling, and disposal practices by construction workers and supervisors. Key elements are education, proper disposal practices, as well as provisions for safe storage and disposal. Following are lists describing the targeted materials and recommended procedures:

- Targeted Chemical Materials
 - Paints
 - Solvents
 - Stains
 - Wood preservatives
 - Cutting oils
 - Greases
 - Roofing tar
 - Pesticides, herbicides, & fertilizer
 - Fuels & lube oils
 - Antifreeze

Storage Procedures

- Wherever possible, minimize use of hazardous materials.
- Minimize generation of hazardous wastes on the job-site.
- Segregate potentially hazardous waste from non-hazardous construction site debris.
- Designate a foreman or supervisor to oversee hazardous materials handling procedures.
- Keep chemicals in appropriate containers (closed drums or similar) and under cover.
- Store chemicals away from drainage ditches, swales and catch basins.
- Use containment berms in fueling and maintenance areas and where the potential for spills is high.

Applications

- Perimeter Control
- Slope Protection
- Sediment Trapping
- Channel Protection
- Temporary Stabilization
- Permanent Stabilization

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Housekeeping Practices

Targeted Constituents

- Sediment
- Nutrients Toxic Materials
- Oil & Grease
- Floatable Materials
- Other Construction Wastes

Implementation Requirements

- Capital Costs
- Maintenance
- Training
- Suitability for Slopes > 5%

Legend

- Significant Impact
- Medium Impact
- Low Impact
- ? Unknown or Questionable Impact

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Waste Handling

- Ensure that adequate hazardous waste storage volume is available.
- Ensure that hazardous waste collection containers are conveniently located.
- Do not allow potentially hazardous waste materials to accumulate.
- Enforce hazardous waste handling and disposal procedures.
- Clearly mark on all hazardous waste containers which materials are acceptable for the container.

Disposal Procedures

- Ensure that adequate cleanup and containment materials are available onsite.
- Regularly schedule hazardous waste removal to minimize on-site storage.
- Use only licensed hazardous waste haulers.

Education

- Instruct workers on safety procedures for construction site chemical storage.
- Instruct workers in identification of chemical pollutants.
- Ensure that workers are trained in procedures for spill prevention and response.
- Educate workers of potential dangers to humans and the environment from chemical pollutants.
- Educate all workers on chemical storage and disposal procedures.
- Have regular meetings to discuss and reinforce identification, handling, and disposal procedures (incorporate in regular safety seminars).
- Establish a continuing education program to indoctrinate new employees.

Quality Assurance

- Foreman and/or construction supervisor shall monitor on-site chemical storage and disposal procedures.
- Educate and if necessary, discipline workers who violate procedures.
- Ensure that the hazardous waste disposal contractor is reputable and licensed.

Requirements

- Job-site chemical and hazardous waste handling and disposal education and awareness program.
- Commitment by management to implement chemical storage and hazardous waste management practices.
- Compliance by workers.
- Sufficient and appropriate chemical and hazardous waste storage containers.
- Timely removal of stored hazardous waste materials.

Cost

- Possible modest cost impact for additional chemical storage containers.
- Small cost impact for training and monitoring.
- Potential cost impact for hazardous waste collection and disposal by licensed hauler - actual cost depends on type of material and volume.

LIMITATIONS

This practice is not intended to address site-assessments and pre-existing contamination. Major contamination, large spills and other serious hazardous waste incidents require immediate response from specialists.

Demolition activities and potential pre-existing materials, such as lead and asbestos, are not addressed by this program. Site-specific information on plans is necessary.

Contaminated soils are not addressed.