

Stormwater discharges from the Atlantic facilities have the potential for having a significant impact on the St. John's River and Sister's Creek that are adjacent to the property, if precautions are not taken that will minimize or eliminate the stormwater from becoming contaminated.



A major component in stormwater pollution prevention is the management of work processes and operations in an effort to minimize or eliminate the generation and/or spread of contaminants and the proper management of materials being stored and/or used. These activities are called “Best Management Practices” or BMPs. The following is a list of BMPs and good housekeeping practices that should serve as a guideline for your everyday work activities.

- Keep your work area free of clutter, debris, and waste material at all times.
- Materials being stored outdoors should be placed on a pallet and covered with a water-proof covering to prevent contact with rain and stormwater flow.
- Under “NO” circumstances, should anything ever be poured or dumped directly into a stormwater drain sump.
- Immediately report any storm drain that is block with debris or is otherwise not properly functioning.
- All spilled “solid” materials should be swept or vacuumed up, not washed down with a water hose or blown with compressed air.
- All spilled “liquid” materials should be mopped up or dried up with rags or absorbent pads, not washed down with a water hose. Note: Hazardous materials spills should only be cleaned up by those personnel that have been specifically trained to do so.
- All material being transported should be secured (preferably tied and palletized) to prevent accidental spillage. Additionally, all drums and cans should have their lids firmly secured.
- Tarps and drop cloths should be used if possible to prevent debris from accumulating on the ground, especially for painting and blasting operations. Note: only approved fire-retardant materials should be used in areas where hot-work is taking place.
- All vehicle and equipment maintenance should take place on the Maintenance Shop pad if possible, or in an area not subject to stormwater contact.
- Vehicles and/or equipment with minor leaks should employ drip-pans or absorbent pads to prevent leaks from contacting the ground. Additionally, vehicles and/or equipment with leaks should be taken out of service as soon as possible for repair.
- Drip-pans should be used for liquid transfers involving pouring, and at all connections for bulk liquid transfers.
- Dumpsters and waste/scrap skiffs should remain covered unless in active use.
- Storm drains should be blocked or protected with absorbent materials in the area of all bulk liquid transfer operations.
- Report any suspicious evidence of spills to your immediate supervisor.

No spill is insignificant. This river belongs to you, your family, your neighbors, for generations to come. Do your part in protecting it by observing Stormwater Pollution Prevention Best Management Practices.

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