

Ohio EPA Policy	<b>Design Criteria; Wastewater from Car Washes</b>	
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<b>THIS POLICY DOES NOT HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW</b> Pursuant to Section 3745.30 of the Revised Code, this policy was reviewed and removed.		

This policy does not meet the definition of policy contained in Section 3745.30 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA is removing this document from the Division of Surface Water Policy Manual and is considering addressing this topic in a future rulemaking.

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### APPLICABLE

REGULATIONS: Section 6111.45 of the Ohio Revised Code prohibits establishment and/or modification of subject facilities unless plans for disposal of wastes generated have been submitted to and approved by the Director of the Ohio EPA.

Section 6111.04 of the Ohio Revised Code prohibits direct discharge of wastes to waters of the state from subject facilities without a permit issued by the Director.

Section 402(p) (3) (b) (ii) of the Water Quality Act of 1987, PL 100-4, prohibits non-stormwater discharges into storm sewers.

PURPOSE: To provide criteria on the disposal of wastewater from car wash facilities.

BACKGROUND: This policy applies to facilities, both fixed site and mobile units, which are used for washing exteriors of over-the-road automotive vehicles. It may also be applied to facilities which clean containers, railroad equipment, or construction equipment, as deemed appropriate.

Several options are available for disposal of wastewater. Based on the constituents and the hard-to-treat nature of washing facility wastewater, experience has shown that protection of waters of the state is best served by agency insistence on use of treatment methods on a ranked order basis. Factors to be considered in plan approval include proximity to waste treatment facilities, location with respect to potential receiving stream, treatment system acquisition and operating costs, and operator performance.

POLICY: District personnel shall advise operators/applicants of the order of acceptable treatment methods and disapprove plans when a higher ranked method is achievable.

The order of wastewater disposal methods is as follows:

1. Direct discharge to a POTW via sanitary sewer.
2. Total recycle with no discharge and disposal of solids at an approved site.
3. Transport to a POTW sanitary sewer system or approved commercial disposal facility.
4. Discharge to surface water in accordance with provisions of a NPDES permit. Permit effluent limits and monitoring frequency shall be established on a case-by-case basis.

When an operator/applicant requests disposal other than by direct discharge to a POTW via sanitary sewer, written justification with cost estimates for acquisition and operation of the selected system must be presented to the district office for consideration.