



CITY OF MOBILE

ENGINEERING DEPARTMENT

SAMUEL L. JONES
MAYOR

May 13, 2009

RE: Engineering Department Policy Letter

To Whom It May Concern:

As a point of clarification, all dumpster pads and car wash discharges must tie to a sanitary sewer system, and not the storm sewer system. (This is required regardless of whether or not the discharge is conveyed through an oil water separator or other means of treatment.) The tie to the sanitary sewer system needs to be shown on the site plan submitted with building and/or land disturbance submittals.

The City does not intend to place an additional burden to project development, but this is necessary to keep the City's permitting practices in compliance with its Municipal Separate Storm Water Permit (MS4) with the Alabama Department of Environmental Management (ADEM).

In case you were not aware, the City of Mobile is required to have a MS4 permit administered by ADEM, as part of the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Phase I and II National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Storm Water Programs.

Sincerely,

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cc: John Bell
Ray Richardson

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