



CDOT Industrial Facilities Program

Water Quality Program INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES PROGRAM



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Why is stormwater runoff a problem?
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- Construction site program
- Non-transport and maintenance program
- Road maintenance program
- Stormwater treatment program
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Industrial discharge is defined as stormwater discharge associated with industrial activity, meaning discharge from any conveyance directly related to manufacturing, processing, or raw material storage areas at an industrial facility.

CDOT's Industrial Facilities Program is focused on educating those industrial facilities that discharge stormwater into CDOT's storm drain system. Under this program, CDOT also educates industrial facilities on the proper management of potential pollutants that could enter the CDOT storm drain system.



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