

City of Pocatello

Fact Sheet

Drainage

The City of Pocatello is enacting a policy specifying that any stormwater discharge to a shallow injection well will be treated prior to entering. Treatment, for this policy, means 85% removal of total petroleum hydrocarbons, sediment, and antifreeze. Any hazardous waste must be removed 100%. Treatment can be accomplished in many ways including, but not limited to, filter systems, oil/water separators, and/or grit chambers. This policy does not include stormwater from building roof drains.

This policy is being enacted in support of the Idaho Division of Environmental Quality groundwater rules and the EPA Phase II stormwater Regulations. Additionally, the City of Pocatello recommends you review the Idaho Department of Water Resources Rules for waste disposal, injection wells, and shallow injection wells. Excerpts of those rules are provided below.

*State of Idaho Rules
Title 42 / Irrigation and Drainage Water Rights and Reclamation
Chapter 39*

Waste Disposal and Injection Wells

42-3904. Application for permit owner – Operator Responsible – Notice of Construction Form

- (1) The owner or operator shall make application to the director of the department of water resources for a permit as provided in this chapter. When a facility is owned by one person but operated by another, it shall be the operator's duty to obtain a permit. Such application shall be upon forms furnished by the director which shall require information concerning the location and description of the injection well, the quantity, quality and nature of the material being or proposed to be injected, the description of the underground formation and aquifer into which the material is proposed to be or is being injected, the availability of alternative sources of disposal, and such other information as will enable the director to determine the effect of injection upon the quality of the ground water, the effect upon the beneficial uses of said ground water, the effect upon the public health and the effect upon public benefits derived therefrom, if any. Such application shall be submitted complete with fees as provided in this chapter....
- (2) Owners of new shallow injection wells drilled after July 1, 1997, shall submit a notice of construction form to the department of water resources no later than 30 days prior to commencement of construction for each new well. The notice of construction form shall be submitted with the fee as provided in this chapter on a form provided by the department of water resources. New shallow injection wells used for disposal of storm water from building roof drains are exempt from the notice of construction filing.

42-3905. Fees – Transmitted to state treasurer.

- (2) The notice of construction form from each new shallow injection well shall be accompanied by a fee of \$75.00 payable to the department of water resources.

