

Township of Berlin, NJ

Chapter 285. Stormwater Management

Article II. Illicit Connections

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§ 285-6. Definitions; word usage.

For purposes of this article, the following terms, phrases, words and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein, unless their use in the text of this article clearly demonstrates a different meaning. When not inconsistent with the context, words used in the present tense include the future, words used in the plural number include the singular number, and words used in the singular number include the plural number. The word "shall" is always mandatory and not directory. The definitions below are the same as or based on corresponding definitions in the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-1.2.

DOMESTIC SEWAGE

Waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.

ILLICIT CONNECTION

Any physical or nonphysical connection that discharges domestic sewage, noncontact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal storm sewer system operated by the Township of Berlin, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141852). Nonphysical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows or overflows into the municipal sewer system.

INDUSTRIAL WASTE

Nondomestic waste, including, but not limited to, those pollutants regulated under Section 307(a), (b) or (c) of the Federal Clean Water Act [33 U.S.C. § 1317(a), (b) or (c)].

MUNICIPAL STORM SEWER SYSTEM (MS4)

A conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels or storm drains) that is owned or operated by the Township of Berlin or other public body and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.

NJPDES PERMIT

A permit issued by the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection to implement the New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) rules at N.J.A.C. 7:14A.

NONCONTACT COOLING WATER

Water used to reduce temperature for the purpose of cooling. Such waters do not come into direct contact with any raw material, intermediate product (other than heat) or finished product. Noncontact cooling water may, however, contain algacides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment, such as heat exchangers and/or corrosion inhibitors.

PERSON

Any individual, corporation, company, partnership, firm, association or political subdivision of this state subject to municipal jurisdiction.

PROCESS WASTEWATER

Any water which, during manufacturing or processing, comes into direct contact with or results from the production or use of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, by-product or water product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than noncontact cooling water.

STORMWATER

Water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land's surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.

§ 285-7. Prohibited conduct.

No person shall discharge or cause to be discharged through an illicit connection to the municipal sewer system operated by the Township of Berlin any domestic sewage, noncontact cooling water, process wastewater or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

§ 285-8. Enforcement.

This article shall be enforced by the Berlin Township Police Department.

§ 285-9. Violations and penalties.

Any person(s) who continues to be in violation of this article after being duly notified shall be subject to a fine not to exceed \$25 for the first offense. For a second or subsequent offense, the fine shall not exceed \$100.