

Mesa County Valley School District #51 Environmental Health & Safety Information

Mesa County Valley School District 51 has an Environmental Health & Safety Specialist (Charles "Petie" Pope, 254-7525) on staff to assist you in handling Environment Health & Safety concerns. Areas of concern may include hazardous materials, indoor air quality, stormwater management and occupational exposures to various items in the workplace.

Custodial:

Aerosol spray cans
Batteries
Bleach
Disinfectant concentrates
Fluorescent light tubes
Floor sealer concentrates
Floor stripper concentrates

Food Service:

Aerosol spray cans
Bleach
Detergent concentrates
Disinfectant concentrates
Oven cleaners

Grounds and Maintenance:

Aerosol spray cans, household batteries
Asbestos brake pads
Batteries (lead /acid)
Freon containers
Lubricants
Plumber's primers and adhesives
Pesticides, herbicides, fertilizers, smoke bombs
Solvents
Radiator fluid
Used oil

Office Staff:

Adhesives (industrial strength glue)
Aerosol spray cans
Batteries
Copy machines toner cartridges
Household products (bleach, detergents, disinfectants)

Teachers:

Science chemicals
Art supplies
Adhesives (industrial strength glue)
Aerosol spray cans
Batteries
Household products (bleach, detergents, disinfectants)
Paints, lacquers, thinners and solvents

The District will provide staff training to insure purchases, donations, use, disposal and recycling of hazardous materials are in compliance with federal, state, local regulations and School Board Policy.

Stormwater Illicit Discharge Reporting Procedures

1) Staff handling hazardous materials (teachers, custodial, maintenance, grounds & transportation) must complete training to include information on how to deal with an illicit stormwater discharge and good housekeeping practices.

2) Under state and federal regulations certain discharges are allowed into storm drains, these include:

- Landscape irrigation
- Lawn watering
- Diverted stream flows
- Irrigation return flow
- Rising ground waters
- Uncontaminated ground water infiltration {as defined in 40CFR 35.2005(20)}
- Uncontaminated pumped ground water
- Springs
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands
- Water line flushing
- Discharges from potable sources
- Foundation drains
- Air conditioning condensation
- Water from crawl space pumps
- Footing drains
- Individual residential car washing
- De-chlorinated swimming pool discharges
- Street wash water

3) Under state and federal regulations actions that would constitute an illicit discharge into storm drains would include items such as:

- Oil, oil filter, anti-freeze & solvent
- Paint & lacquer thinner
- Fuel and oil spill
- Custodial rinseate disposal (water from carpet cleaners, mop buckets, etc.)
- Fertilizer

3A) Grounds staff making fertilizer applications must:

1. Minimize the amount of fertilizer by application using only the recommended amount or less
2. Immediately clean up any spills

4) Employees will take reasonable steps to mitigate any illicit discharges discovered and **immediately report** it to the Environmental Health and Safety Specialist at **254-7525**.