

<b>Talk No:</b> 62	<b>Title:</b> Dirty Water
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**Introduction:** Dirty water from cleaning activities should not be allowed to enter surface water drains or road gullies, which generally discharge directly into local streams or rivers. Dirty water should only be discharged through dirty water drains.

- Main points:**  
 What should you do?
- Make sure you know where the dirty water discharge points are
  - Do not empty buckets with dirty water into any drain, only use the approved cleaner's sinks for dirty water
  - Only use approved chemicals as per your method statement
  - Report to your supervisor any incident where dirty water has discharged into surface water drains

- Key Points**
- What shouldn't you do?
- Don't allow dirty cleaning water to go down gullies or drains next to a road or service yard
  - Do not use drains if they are not identified as approved or authorised waste drains
  - Don't use more water than is required
  - Don't use more chemical than is identified in the manufacturers guidance

*Example of approved discharge points*



If you do not have a suitable discharge point, or it is currently blocked or out of service, please inform your line manager as a matter of urgency.

**BY MAKING SURE WE CORRECTLY DISCHARGE DIRTY WATER, WE WILL PROTECT THE ENVIRONMENT FROM HARMFUL CHEMICALS.**

**Notes:**