



## Fueling Stations

### *Best Management Practices (BMPs) for Stormwater Protection*

Stormwater enters our storm drainage system and discharges directly to the Rio Grande **without treatment**. Wastes should not be disposed into our storm drainage system. It is important to keep these pollutants from entering our waterways.

Pollutants of concern include (but are not limited to): gasoline, diesel, oil, grease, trash, sediment, degreasers, and cleaning agents.

### Best Management Practices

Below are suggested practices to prevent negative impacts to stormwater quality.

- **Educating** employees on these BMPs is key to proper implementation.
- **Label** drains to indicate where they flow: to an oil/water separator, to the sanitary sewer, or to a storm
- **Never** discharge anything into parking lots except clean water.
- If the establishment has parking lot areas or drive-thru pump lanes that are frequently used and become stained with grease and oil, **employ a professional cleaning service** that recaptures water and chemicals used to clean these areas.
- **Frequently** remove trash from parking lots to prevent litter from entering stormwater.
- **Cover** nearby storm drains during transfer of fuels to underground storage tanks.
- Spot clean leaks and drips **routinely** using dry clean-up methods. Any absorbent used to clean the spill or leak must be picked up and disposed of properly.
- **Focus** pollution prevention activities on containment of spills and leaks, which generally occur during fueling operations.

***Only Rain in the Drains!***



- **Never** blow or sweep sand/debris into storm drains or streets.
- **Never** use wet wash down methods to clean up a spill. Clean heavy oily deposits with an absorbent first, then sweeping.
- Use the following **safeguards**:
  - Overflow protection devices
  - Protective guards around pumps
  - Automatic shutoff in case of severed or damaged fuel hoses
- If fueling station has a car wash, ensure that water, dirt, and trash from related activities do not enter storm drains or leave the property.



## Reporting and Resources

For questions or to report a discharge, spill, or other environmental violation, please visit the website  
***“Submit an Environmental Complaint”***

(<http://www.bernco.gov/public-works/report-water-waste.aspx>),

Email: [water@bernco.gov](mailto:water@bernco.gov)

Phone: (505) 224-2100

Bernalillo County Natural  
Resources Services  
[www.bernco.gov/stormwater](http://www.bernco.gov/stormwater)  
[www.bernco.gov/pollutionprevention](http://www.bernco.gov/pollutionprevention)

Albuquerque Metropolitan  
Arroyo Flood Control  
Authority  
[www.amafca.org](http://www.amafca.org)

Middle Rio Grande  
Stormwater Quality Team  
[www.keeptheriogrand.org](http://www.keeptheriogrand.org)