



Illicit Connections Policy

I. Purpose:

A regulation to prohibit illicit connections to the municipal separate storm sewer system(s) operated by Ramapo College, so as to protect public health, safety and welfare, and to prescribe penalties for the failure to comply. This regulation does not apply to any illicit connection which emanates from a location outside Ramapo College property.

II. Definitions:

For the purpose of this regulation, the following terms, phrases, words, and their derivations shall have the meanings stated herein unless their use in the text of this regulation 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 merely directory. Most of 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.

- a) **Domestic sewage** - waste and wastewater from humans or household operations.
- b) **Illicit connection** – any physical or non-physical connection that discharges domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater) to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by Ramapo College, unless that discharge is authorized under a NJPDES permit other than the Public Complex Stormwater General Permit (NJPDES Permit Number NJ0141879). Non-physical connections may include, but are not limited to, leaks, flows, or overflows into the municipal separate storm sewer system.
- c) **Industrial waste** - non-domestic 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)).
- d) **Municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4)** – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) that is owned or operated by Ramapo College or other public body, and is designed and used for collecting and conveying stormwater.
- e) **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.
- f) **Non-contact 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. Non-contact cooling water may however contain algacides, or biocides to control fouling of equipment such as heat exchangers, and/or corrosion inhibitors.
- g) **Person** – any individual (including but not limited to a college officer, agent, professional staff member, another employee, or student), corporation (including Ramapo College), company, partnership, firm, association, or political subdivision of this State, whose conduct on college property is subject to regulation by the College.
- h) **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, byproduct, or waste product. Process wastewater includes, but is not limited to, leachate and cooling water other than non-contact cooling water.



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- i) **Stormwater** – water resulting from precipitation (including rain and snow) that runs off the land’s surface, is transmitted to the subsurface, is captured by separate storm sewers or other sewerage or drainage facilities, or is conveyed by snow removal equipment.
- j) **College** - Ramapo College of New Jersey.
- k) **College property** – lands and buildings owned or controlled by Ramapo College.

III. **Regulated Activities:**

Ramapo College and its officers, staff, agents, other employees, contractors, and students shall not discharge or cause to be discharged, through an illicit connection to the municipal separate storm sewer system operated by Ramapo College, any domestic sewage, non-contact cooling water, process wastewater, or other industrial waste (other than stormwater).

IV. **Violations:**

- a) Any College student who is found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to official warning, disciplinary probation, suspension, expulsion, or other sanctions in accordance with the College’s Student Conduct Code.
- b) Any College officer, staff member, employee, or agent who is found to be in violation of this regulation shall be subject to dismissal, removal, reduction of salary, suspension, demotion, or other disciplinary action in accordance with applicable New Jersey statutes and relevant contracts or agreements.
- c) Any other person who has entered into a contract or agreement with the College to provide equipment, materials, supplies, or services on college property, and who is found to be in violation of this regulation, shall be subject to sanctions in accordance with the contract or agreement.
- d) Any visitor, guest, or other person who is not identified under V.a, V.b, or V.c above, and who continues to be in violation of this regulation, after being duly notified, is subject to being banned from college property by the Director of Public Safety or prosecution for criminal trespass under N.J.S.A. 2C:18-3.