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Best Management Practices (BMPs) - Floor Drains

Most regulations tell you what you have to do to be in compliance, but they don't explain how to do it. That's where "**best management practices**" come into play. BMPs are proven methods that help you to get into compliance and stay there. The following BMPs are recommended for floor drains.

- Check all of your floor drains and make sure you know where they drain.
- Cap or plug floor drains that are not serving a useful and lawful purpose.
- Use drip pans or similar devices to collect vehicle fluids before they reach the floor drain system.
- Do not put fluids like oil, solvents, paints or chemicals into a floor drain.
- Install berms in the shop around areas where chemicals are stored to prevent their entry into the floor drain system.
- Install screens in drains to prevent solids from entering the floor drain system.
- Develop and implement a maintenance schedule for inspecting and cleaning the floor drain system.
- Prepare and train for emergencies. Have a plan in place to quickly cleanup a spill before it escapes.
- Use dry cleaning methods such as sweeping instead of water cleanup, whenever possible.
- Don't hose down your work area. This practice generates large quantities of contaminated wash water.
- Consider sealing your shop floor with epoxy or other suitable sealant.