

INDUSTRIAL STORMWATER CODE OF PRACTICE FACT SHEET

1. Introduction

The Industrial Stormwater Code of Practice fact sheets have been developed by Hume City Council as a resource to assist developers and professional consultants in meeting Clause 22.19 'Industrial Stormwater Management Policy' of the Hume Planning Scheme. This includes applications for new business uses, new development, or whole or partial redevelopment of existing premises.

These fact sheets apply to industrial and warehousing businesses, including businesses that are leasing properties. Industrial development and subdivision can result in greater hard surface area and changes to the volume, velocity and quality of stormwater drainage into natural waterways. Industrial development can also introduce a wide range of chemicals and other potential pollutants through large volumes of stormwater.

Waterways are important environmental assets and Hume City Council requires industrial land owners and business operators to protect water quality by preventing and removing pollution from stormwater before it reaches the stormwater drain. Measures that protect or improve the water quality of waterways are important environmentally, socially and economically.

Incorporating stormwater treatment measures into the design of development, including raingardens and porous pavements to filter pollutants, will help to protect and improve the condition of natural waterways. These guidelines allow for some flexibility and innovation, while ensuring that minimum standards are achieved. These fact sheets apply to all applications for industry, warehouse, and subdivision for industry and warehouse. Industrial sites that involve processing, storing raw and finished materials (e.g. waste transfer stations) will also be required to protect stormwater from industrial pollution by using structural isolation.

These fact sheets include:

- The deemed to comply tool
- Rainwater tanks
- Raingardens
- Permeable paving
- Structural isolation

This resource has been designed to allow for each fact sheet to be updated over time or for new fact sheets to be developed for inclusion.

Any new or updated fact sheets will be available for download from Council's website at www.hume.vic.gov.au/industrialstormwater

Additional Resources

CSIRO (1990) Urban Stormwater Best Practice Environmental Management Guidelines.

Environment Protection Authority (2003) State Environment Protection Policy (Waters of Victoria).

Hume City Council (2008) Industrial Stormwater Code of Practice.

Melbourne Water's Water Sensitive Urban Design web site
www.melbournewater.com.au/wsud

For any enquiries in relation to these guidelines, contact Council's Sustainable Environment Department on 9205 2200.

