

Employee Training: Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)

Illicit Discharges are improper, unauthorized, or illegal discharges of pollutants to the local stormwater system. These discharges often have a direct impact on surface waters, and the health, safety and welfare of the public. Sarasota County's [online course](#) provides training to employees of the County and its co-permittees, and their contractors, in how to recognize possible illicit discharges and how to report them. The Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Program is a requirement of Sarasota County's state-issued Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit.

Upon successfully completing the course, trainees will be able to:

- Recognize possible illicit discharges
- Record a description, location or photo-document potential illicit discharges
- Report possible illicit discharges to the County

TARGET AUDIENCE: As part of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit, Sarasota County is required to train employees and contractors who work in the field to identify and report conditions in the stormwater system that may indicate the presence of illicit discharges and/or illegal dumping.

Employees and contractors who require this training include field crews, fleet maintenance staff, inspectors and other staff whose job responsibilities take them out of the office and into the field.

After trainees have completed this course, they may be required to take it, or a similar refresher course, on an annual basis.

[Click here to begin the online training.](#)

NOTE: The online course does not archive or track trainee completion. Each trainee must print the course completion certificate and provide it to his or her NPDES Coordinator.