

OIL/WATER SEPARATOR, SAND INTERCEPTOR **CLEANING GUIDELINES**

The following guidelines for oil water separator, sand interceptor cleaning are provided by the Board of Public Utilities

A. Outside Sand Interceptor, Oil Water Separator.

1. All material in the interceptor (single compartment or double compartment) shall be removed to within three inches from the bottom of the tank or less. Sides shall be scraped or washed down with water and the scrapings or material washed down from the walls shall be removed. Inlet and outlet pipes shall be cleaned of any buildup. Lids, and covers shall be replaced to prevent persons from accidentally falling into the interceptor.
2. Any material accidentally spilled on the ground during cleaning, transporting equipment or removing material shall be cleaned up prior to departure from the site.

B. Inside Interceptor/Separator.

1. Lids, covers shall be removed and inspected for damage.
2. All liquid and solid material shall be removed to the bottom of the separator/interceptor.
3. Sides and baffles shall be scraped or washed of accumulated material.
4. Chamber(s) shall be rinsed with water and all material removed.
5. Inlet and outlet pipes shall be checked and cleaned as necessary.
6. The covers and lids shall be replaced and secured to prevent persons from falling into the interceptor/separator.
7. **Any material removed from the interceptor/separator shall not be introduced into the sanitary sewer or storm sewer.**
8. Any material accidentally spilled on the floor during cleaning, transporting of equipment or removing material shall be cleaned up prior to departure from the site.

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- C. If an oil/water separator or sand interceptor is found to be inoperable, damaged or in such condition that it is unsafe or is failing to capture material introduced into the separator/interceptor, the person cleaning the separator/interceptor shall immediately notify the owner/operator of the facility of the condition.
- D. Owners/Operators of facilities which are equipped with interceptors/separators are responsible for regular cleaning and upkeep.
- E. **Material pumped from oil/water separator or sand interceptor shall be recycled or disposed of in an approved facility. No liquid or solid material shall be reintroduced into the interceptor/separator.**
- F. After cleaning, the interceptor/separator shall be filled with fresh water.