

## Illicit Discharge Warning Signs



**Dry Weather Flow** may be observed after prolonged periods without rain but the stormwater system has flow or drainage structure has signs of staining.



**Suds** often enter storm water systems as a result of improperly connected car washes or washing machines. Suds can also be the result of improper vehicle washing practices.



**Oil/Gas** is recognized as a sheen on the water. Natural sheens may be differentiated from an oil/gas sheen by breaking up the sheen with a stick. Natural sheens will remain separated and have sharp edges while oil/gas sheens will re-attach and form a solid sheet. Oil/gas can enter water bodies via storm water runoff (spills at gas station, oil leaks on pavement, etc.) and illegal dumping.



**Sanitary Sewage** may be present if there is black staining inside the drainage pipe; visible evidence of sanitary waste (such as toilet paper); or opaque or gray water. Sewage may originate from septic tank overflow pipes or improperly disposed waste from travel trailers.