

**ENGINEERING DIRECTIVES AND STANDARDS**

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Subject : **CONTROL OF SEWER EFFLUENT DISCHARGE ONTO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND DEVELOPMENT HIGHWAY RIGHTS-OF-WAY**

1. **SCOPE:** This directive covers Department of Transportation and Development's policy on control of sewer effluent discharge onto DOTD rights-of-way and applies to all new construction and reconstruction projects as well as existing roadways.
2. **POLICY:** In accordance with Louisiana RS 48:385, no industrial wastes, sewage, effluent from septic tanks, nor any noxious or harmful matter, solid, liquid, or gaseous, shall be discharged upon the rights-of-way of State highways without having obtained approval from the Department of Health and Hospitals and securing a permit from DOTD.
3. **IMPLEMENTATION**
  - A. In areas with an open ditch, when the District receives a request for a driveway or discharge permit, the individual submitting a request must be advised of the necessity of obtaining certification from the Department of Health and Hospitals for any effluent which will be discharged directly into the roadside ditch. The individual must be advised of the need for a DOTD permit for this installation which may be issued after DHH approves the effluent. The individual will also be advised that DOTD accepts no responsibility for operation of the system after installation due to any activities or lack of activities by DOTD within our right-of-way.
  - B. In the development of a new project utilizing a closed storm drainage system, the Design Section will ascertain if there is an existing sanitary sewer system prior to the Pre-Design Conference. If none exists, the appropriate governing agency(s) will be notified that no work will proceed on the project until arrangements are made by the appropriate agency(s) to install a sanitary collection system. On projects that have advanced past this stage, a determination should be made not later than the Plan-in-Hand inspection as to the need for a sanitary sewer system. No work on the plans should proceed past the preliminary plan stage without a resolution of this problem.
  - C. In no case, will sewer effluent lines be allowed or permitted to tie into a storm drainage system.
4. **OTHER ISSUANCES AFFECTED:** All directives, memoranda, or instruction, issued prior to this directive which are in conflict are rescinded.
5. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** This directive shall be effective upon receipt.