

## Kennel Wastewater

Question: Where may kennel wash-down wastes be discharged?

Answer:

**Exterior kennels.** DNR allows kennel wastewater from exterior kennels to surface discharge if it does not allow significant detrimental discharges to the surface or groundwater. This means that exterior kennels may have drains that discharge to ground surface as long as . . .

1. The drain does not discharge to surface water.
2. The drain does not discharge to a drainage ditch or waterway that leads to surface water.
3. The drain does not discharge to a location where high groundwater exists. The high groundwater designation is dependent on soil texture, structure and depth to creviced bedrock.

**Interior kennels.** Interior kennel drains may discharge to the sanitary system, IF the building sewer connects to a municipal main or the POWTS system is sized to include the kennel wastewater. If the POWTS is not adequately sized or if the owner does not want the kennels to discharge with the sanitary waste, a holding tank may be installed for the kennel waste. The holding tank installation must receive plan approval from Safety and Buildings prior to installation and must also be approved by DNR.

If you have any questions, contact Lynita Docken, (608) 785-9349 or DNR (608)266-7715.