

# ILLICIT DISCHARGE & ILLEGAL CONNECTIONS

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Underground Injection Control (UIC) drainage wells are designed to carry rain water away from the airport to prevent flooding. The UIC program serves to protect the quality of Hawaii's underground sources of drinking water from chemical, physical, radioactive, and biological contamination. Stormwater can carry many types of pollutants, including:

- Litter
- Oil, fuel, and other maintenance fluids
- Pesticides & fertilizers
- Sediment
- Bacteria (animal and human waste)

DOT Airports is committed to improving water quality and reducing the amount of pollutants that enter our waterways. Follow Best Management Practices (BMPs) to keep pollutants from entering the UIC drainage well:

- Repair and prevent auto and aircraft leaks.
- Properly dispose of used motor oil and other wastes.
- No topping off when filling up fuel.
- Properly dispose trash in closed bins.
- Never dump anything into a UIC drainage well.
- Clean up spills immediately using absorbents.



## DEFINITIONS



**Illicit Discharge** – Any discharge to the UIC drainage well that is not composed entirely of stormwater, unless permitted otherwise.



**Illegal Connection** – A physical connection to the UIC drainage well that conveys illicit discharges into the storm drain system and / or is not authorized by DOTA.



**Stormwater Runoff** – Rainfall that flows over the land surface on the way to the nearest UIC drainage well.



