

San Diego Regional Board general guidelines for sewage collection overflows

- Requirements in black are from the State Board Order and requirements in red are from the Regional Board Order.
- If a report is entered into CIWQS as a draft or certified report, then there is no need to fax or email a report to the San Diego Regional Board.
- For reporting purposes, if **one SSO event results in multiple appearance points** in a sewer system asset, the enrollee shall complete one SSO report in the CIWQS Online SSO Database which includes the GPS coordinates for the location of the SSO appearance point closest to the failure point, blockage or location of the flow condition that caused the SSO, and provide descriptions of the locations of all other discharge points associated with the SSO event.³
- If **no SSOs for entire calendar month**, certify no SSOs occurred within 30 calendar days of the end of that month.⁷
- **Amendments:** Discharger has 120 days after SSO end date to update or add additional info to a certified SSO report.⁸
- **If CIWQS unavailable**, email required info to San Diego Water Board as required in WQ 2013-0058-EXEC and Order No. R9-2007-0005. Then, enter into CIWQS when available.¹⁰
- **Collection System Questionnaire:** Update and certify every 12 months.¹¹
- These general guidelines are for sewage collection agencies in the San Diego Region and do not supersede any requirements by other agencies (for example - OES and department of health). **Please check with other agencies for any additional requirements.**¹²
- Make **SSMP** available.¹³
- San Diego Water Board contact is Dat Quach (619-521-5899 / Dat.Quach@waterboards.ca.gov / sandiego@waterboards.ca.gov).
- San Diego Water Board Front desk is 619-516-1990) and SSO email account is RB9SSO@waterboards.ca.gov.

Footnotes for Chart

1. Table 2 and Sections B.1, B.2, and B.3 of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
2. Table 2 and Sections B.4 and B.6 of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
3. Section C.2 of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
4. Table 1 and Section C.3 of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
5. Table 2 and Sections C.4.i, C.8.i.a, C.8.i.b, C.8.i.c, and C.8.i.d of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
6. Table 2 and Sections C.4.ii and C.8.i.e of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
7. Section C.4.iii of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
8. Section C.4.iv of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
9. Table 2 and Section B.5 of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
10. Table 2 and Section B.7 of MRP
11. Table 2 and Sections B.8 and C.8.iii of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
12. Table 2 and Section C.8.ii of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
13. Section C.8.iv of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
14. Table 2 and Sections C.5.iii and D of WQ 2013-0058-EXEC
15. Section C.2 of R9-2007-0005, RB9SSO@waterboards.ca.gov
16. Section C.3 of R9-2007-0005, RB9SSO@waterboards.ca.gov
17. Section C.4 of R9-2007-0005

Start Here

Is the spill public or private?

public

private

1) Is the spill $\geq 1,000$ gallons?
and
2) Did spill reach surface waters or spilled in a location where it probably will be discharged to surface water?

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Both yes

Yes for 1 only

No to both

Yes for 2 only

This spill is Cat 1 and ≥ 1000 gallons or possible Cat2 if fully recovered later from MS4⁴
Notify CalEMA and obtain a notification control number w/in 2 hours.¹
Notify San Diego Water Board w/in 24 hours (if not fully recovered from MS4).¹⁵

This spill is Cat 1 and <1000 gallons or Cat 3⁴
Reach surface water and/or reach a drainage channel tributary to a surface water?
Or
Reach a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) and are not fully captured and returned to the sanitary sewer system or not otherwise captured and disposed of properly. Any volume of wastewater not recovered from the MS4 is considered to have reached surface water unless the storm drain system discharges to a dedicated storm water or groundwater infiltration basin (e.g., infiltration pit, percolation pond).

Both yes: Strongly encouraged to call OES²
Yes to #1: Strongly encouraged to call health dept.²
Yes to either or both:
Notify the Regional Board w/in 24 hours.¹⁶

Both no

This spill is Cat 1 or Cat 2⁴
Submit draft report w/in 3 business days of becoming aware of the SSO & certify w/in 15 calendar days of SSO end date.⁵

Notify San Diego Water Board w/in 24 hours.¹⁵

Yes to either question

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Yes to either question

Both No

No to both

This spill is Cat 1⁴
Is the volume of the spill that reached surface waters greater than or equal to 50,000 gallons?

This spill is Cat 2⁴
No future action

This spill is Cat 3⁴
Enter a certified report into CIWQS within 30 calendar days after the month that the spill occurred. (WQ 2013-0058-EXEC, Table 2 and Section C of MRP)⁶

Enter a report into CIWQS within 30 calendar days after the month that the spill occurred.^{2 and 17}

yes

no

This spill is Cat 1 and $\geq 50,000$ gallons⁴
Submit SSO Technical Report w/in 45 calendar days after the end date of spill.⁹
Conduct water quality sampling within 48 hours after initial SSO notification.¹⁴

This spill is Cat 1 and $< 50,000$ gallons⁴
No future action