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# **MANATEE COUNTY GOVERNMENT CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE APPLICATION MANUAL**

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## **Introduction**

This manual is intended as a guidance document for Users seeking to discharge wastewater generated from construction dewatering activities to the **Manatee County Utilities Department (MCUD)** sanitary sewer collection system.

## **Obtaining Approval to Discharge to the Manatee County Sanitary Sewer System**

Construction dewatering is the act of pumping groundwater and/or stormwater away from an active construction site. MCUD regulates the disposal of such wastewater into the sanitary sewer collection system.

In order to discharge this water to the sanitary sewer collection system, authorization must first be obtained from the MCUD Wastewater Compliance Division. Completion and submittal of a **Construction Dewatering Authorization to Discharge Application** is required; this Application must be completed in its entirety, as missing information may delay the approval process.

After reviewing the completed Construction Dewatering Authorization to Discharge Application, the MCUD Wastewater Compliance Division will determine whether a letter of approval, a discharge authorization, or a discharge permit (the most complex type of approval) is required. In a discharge approval, Manatee County may include:

- 1) The requirement to self-monitor for pollutants of concern;
- 2) Water quality limits above and beyond the County local limits;
- 3) The requirement to monitor flow;
- 4) Sedimentation control method;
- 5) Exclusion limits for solids greater than fifteen (15) millimeters in diameter.

For sites suspected of containing contaminated groundwater, Manatee County will require an applicant to demonstrate that the discharge meets the Manatee County Sewer Use Ordinance local limits. For a copy of the local limits, see the Manatee County Sewer Use Ordinance on the Manatee County Government website ([www.mymanatee.org](http://www.mymanatee.org)). Additional limits may be imposed based upon water quality characterization of the discharge.

If the applicant does not meet the Manatee County Sewer Use Ordinance local limits, pretreatment may be required prior to approval of discharge. Otherwise alternative means of disposal will have to be obtained by the applicant. This may require hauling the wastewater off site for disposal at a licensed facility for treatment.