



Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Resources – Drinking Water Program

**Instructions for UIC Motor Vehicle Rinse Water, Snow/Ice Melt,
or Rain Drip Technical Compliance Form**
(Attach to your eDEP BRP WS 06 UIC Registration application form)

Introduction

For the purpose of this form and its instructions, all references to Motor Vehicle Rinse Water shall be interpreted to meet the following definition:

Water generated from rinsing vehicles with detergent-free, solvent-free water under low pressure for the sole purpose of removing surface dust from a vehicle. The vehicle washing must not include undercarriage or engine washing, boat bottom washing nor washing of vehicles and other equipment exposed to contamination such as vehicles at a fire, at a spill site or vehicles used to transport hazardous material.

Submission of this Motor Vehicle Rinse Water, Snow/Ice Melt and Rain Drip Technical Compliance Form and Certification Statement constitutes notice that the facility or municipality owning or operating motor vehicle rinse water infiltration/injection well system certifies that the areas where hazardous substances are used or stored are **not** in contact with the motor vehicle rinse water that is infiltrated/injected into or onto the ground. This certification is required as part of inventory registration to qualify as a Rule Authorized UIC Class V Well for motor vehicle rinse water disposal to an infiltration / injection system.

A condition of “technical compliance” exists at a site when all hazardous materials/wastes and activities with the potential to contaminate groundwater are segregated from the area used to rinse the dust and/or salt from vehicles. The storage of motor vehicle fluids such as motor oil and antifreeze is prohibited within the perimeters of the area(s) that drain to ground surface or to a UIC Class V well.

If any industrial activities take place or materials/wastes are stored in the drainage area to the UIC well, then the facility or site is not eligible for MassDEP UIC Registration approval. Industrial materials or activities include, but are not limited to, stored or generated toxic or hazardous materials, petroleum products, material handling equipment or activities, industrial machinery, raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, final products, or waste products. Material handling activities include the storage, loading and unloading, transportation, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, final product or waste product.

All questions regarding the UIC program should be addressed to ask.uic@mass.gov or to Joe Cerutti by phone at 617 292-5859 or by mail at the address shown at the end of this document. You may also contact the MassDEP Drinking Water Program at program.director-dwp@mass.gov, Subject: UIC, or by phone at 617-292-5770.



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Who May File a Technical Compliance Form?

Massachusetts law prohibits the discharge of contaminated vehicle wash water into waters of the U.S., including groundwater, without either qualifying as Rule Authorized or having been issued a Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) Groundwater Discharge Permit. Discharges of motor vehicle rinse water, snow/ice melt and rain drip may qualify as Rule Authorized and thereby be eligible to obtain an Underground Injection Control (UIC) Registration (regulated under 310 CMR 27.00) from MassDEP if the proponent of the discharge can certify that a condition of “technical compliance” exists at the facility or site. If you are **only** registering your Motor Vehicle –Rinse Water, Snow/Ice Melt, or Rain Drip well(s) for Pre-Closure then you are not required to submit this technical compliance form.

Technical Compliance forms are not required if you are registering UIC wells for the purpose of closing all of them.

Obtaining and Maintaining Technical Compliance

This form is used to certify that no conditions exist that would result in unacceptable risk of contamination of an underground source of drinking water in the catchment areas to the entry points to the UIC well. The facility owner and operator must maintain these conditions in order to maintain compliance with the UIC regulations, 310 CMR 27.00. If conditions change resulting in the discharge or potential discharge of contaminants to the UIC Class V well, then the facility operator must file a UIC Pre-Closure form with the MassDEP UIC Registration Program and immediately discontinue the discharge. Otherwise, if the facility owner and operator wish to continue discharging the motor vehicle -rinse water, snow/ice melt or rain drip to the ground surface or subsurface then that entity shall obtain a Ground Water Discharge Permit (regulated under 314 CMR 5.00) from the MassDEP Groundwater Discharge Program.

DIRECTIONS FOR FILLING OUT THE UIC MOTOR VEHICLE RINSE WATER, SNOW/ICE MELT, OR RAIN DRIP TECHNICAL COMPLIANCE FORM:

Please make sure that you have addressed all applicable questions and have made a photocopy for your records before sending the completed form to the above address. If you have not previously applied for and obtained a UIC Registration number from the MassDEP UIC Program for this motor vehicle - rinse water, snow/ice melt or rain drip discharge, then this technical compliance form should accompany a UIC Registration application package (BRP WS-06).

Section A. Facility Owner and Operator Information

1. Provide the legal names of the persons, firms, public organizations, or any other entities that own and operates the facility or site. If the operator is also the owner then you may enter “same” in the owner’s data entry field (item #2).
2. Provide the telephone numbers and mailing addresses as requested in the form.



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Section B. Facility/Site Location Information

1. Enter the official or legal name of the facility or site.
2. Enter the complete street address (if no street address exists, provide a geographic description [e.g. Intersection of Routes 9 and 55]), city, county; state, and zip code.
3. If the site is owned or operated by a Public Water Supplier (PWS) enter the MassDEP issued PWS ID Number.
4. Enter the total size of the site of the drainage area(s) in square feet.
5. If this/these UIC Class V motor vehicle rinse water (dustwater) discharge well(s) has/have received a UIC Registration Number from MassDEP then enter that number.

Section C. Technical Compliance Checklist

Check “Yes” or “No” as appropriate to describe the exposure conditions at your facility. If you answer “Yes” to ANY of the questions (A1) through (A8) or “No” to ANY of the questions (B1) through (B8) or (C1) through (C4) in this section, an unacceptable potential for discharging contaminants to the proposed UIC well exists at your site and you cannot certify to a condition of technical compliance. If technical compliance conditions can’t be met then you must obtain a Ground Water Discharge Permit in order to discharge on-site. For additional details related to questions B7 see Policy for Industrial Wipers Contaminated with Solvents, BWP-94-015 (<https://www.mass.gov/lists/massdep-hazardous-waste-policies-guidance-fact-sheets>)

Section D. Certification Statement

State statutes provide for penalties for submitting false information on this application form. This section must be signed by either the owner or operator of the property/facility. Any person who signs for the operator or owner must have authority to legally bind the business to perform the activities described in the applicable certification statement. The following are the only eligible persons who may sign for the operator or owner.

- In a sole proprietorship, the company’s sole proprietor.
- In a partnership, a general partner with authority to bind the partnership.
- In a corporation or a non-profit corporation, a corporate official with authority to bind the corporation, e.g., president, secretary, treasurer, or vice president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy-making or decision making functions of the corporation.
- In a municipality or other public agency, a principal executive officer or ranking elected official who is empowered to enter into contracts on behalf of the municipality or public agency.

Upload a copy of the signed original document through eDEP upon submittal of your eDEP UIC registration application or mail the original to:

MassDEP
1 Winter Street – 5th Floor
Boston, MA 02108
Attn: UIC Program