

Best Management Practice Plan for Industrial/Commercial Businesses

What is a Best Management Practice Plan (BMP Plan)?

A BMP Plan is a site-specific, written plan that identifies how the business will respond to an accidental release of pollutants.

Why do I need to have a BMP Plan for my industrial or commercial business?

According to San Diego Municipal Code (§43.0307) and Appendix IX of the Jurisdictional Runoff Management Plan, all industrial and commercial businesses within the City of San Diego are required to develop a written plan that describes how the business will prevent pollution from leaving their site.

How do I write a BMP Plan for my industrial or commercial business?

Developing a BMP Plan for an industrial or commercial business is simple: using the template provided, simply pick out which of the 37 minimum BMPs apply to the business and write out how the business has a plan in place to monitor and respond to any potential release of pollutants. Most of the time, businesses can write about how they will employ frequent inspections of outdoor areas for over-irrigation, accumulation of trash or other debris, or ensuring that materials stored outdoors have adequate labels, elevation, or cover/secondary containment. Most businesses will have a relatively short BMP Plan because most of the 37 minimum BMPs will not apply to their business. In the template provided, either write “Not Applicable,” or if the BMP is applicable to the business, write your business’s pollution response plan. For reference, there is example text placed in the box provided where you can put your business’s response plan.

What do I do with my BMP Plan after it has been developed?

After you have filled-out all of the applicable fields, save and print your BMP Plan. Send a copy of your BMP Plan to your inspector via email. Maintain a copy of your BMP on-site and be prepared to show it to the inspector during your next inspection.