



Water Quality at MSU

Recognizing that we are a part of the larger community of the Triplett Creek Watershed that feeds into the Licking River, we pride ourselves on maintaining a high degree of water quality in this natural resource through environmental policies and state compliance programs. The three programs that guide water quality efforts at MSU are the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) program, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program, and the Stormwater Management Program.

The [SPCC program](#) identifies and controls or eliminates potential sources of petroleum contamination to surface waters in the unlikely event of a spill.

Stormwater management is a subset of the NPDES program that addresses contamination from point and nonpoint sources carried to surface waters by stormwater runoff mainly through storm drains or across impervious surfaces. MSU utilizes best management practices for controlling water contamination. At MSU sources of contamination that can be picked up by storm runoff include construction activities, facilities maintenance, accidental spills, and potentially illegal dumping. MSU has developed a management program to address these sources of contamination. Never dump trash or chemical products into storm drains! The drains on campus lead directly to Triplett Creek and then to the Licking River.

The natural topography of our campus rolling hills can result in a deluge of water to our tributaries quickly. Our planning projects include engineering and natural means, such as increasing green space and plantings, to help reduce the stormwater runoff.

Sewer wastewater discharges are sampled monthly in compliance with our Industrial User Permit with the Morehead Utility Plant Board and Kentucky Division of Water.

Drinking water from MSU comes from the Triplett Creek Water Plant on US 60. This plant is owned and operated by MSU and is in compliance with all applicable laws and regulations. A [consumer confidence drinking water report](#) is released annually.