

# Surface Cleaners Training

## Commonly Used Terms and Expressions

**When people mean "wastewater," they may say:**

Sewage

**When people mean "sewer system," you may hear:**

Sanitary sewer

Collection system

Sewers

**Referring to a wastewater treatment plant, people may say:**

POTW — "Publicly Owned Treatment Works"

Water quality control plant

Waste treatment authority

Sewage treatment plant

Treatment plant

**When people talk about "stormwater," they may use these terms:**

Urban runoff

Polluted runoff

Storm drain pollution

Nonpoint source pollution

**A curbside or parking lot grate that is part of the storm drain system may be referred to as:**

Storm drain

Catch basin

Drop inlet

Storm drain inlet

**The system of pipes, channels, etc. that carries stormwater to a creek, the Bay, or Delta may be referred to as:**

Storm drainage system

Storm drains

Storm sewer

**Voluntary or regulatory pollution prevention guidelines for businesses or others may be referred to as:**

Best Management Practices

BMPs

Control measures

Pollution prevention practices