

SEWAGE WASTE (LAVATORY HOLDING TANK) PROCEDURES

Scope

These procedures apply to all company employees and vendors or contract workers who drain lavatory-holding tanks on buses.

General Information

The dumping of sewage waste from bus lavatory holding tanks will be performed only at locations expressly approved for this purpose.

When a lavatory holding tank is to be dumped, the bus will be parked with the tank directly and squarely over the catch basin to prevent splashing on any adjacent area. The catch basin cover will be completely removed to allow for the free flow of waste products.

Employees will wear appropriate protective equipment (e.g., eyewear, long pants and footwear, gloves, etc.) necessary to prevent contact with waste and chemicals contained in the holding tanks.

Employees will be certain that no passengers or other individuals are in the immediate vicinity of the dumping process to avoid contact with the dumped waste.

Covers will be replaced over the catch basin after lavatories are emptied. Splashed waste must be washed completely off adjacent areas with the clean-up materials deposited in the catch basin.

Once the tank has been properly drained, employees replenishing the tank chemical will be provided a copy of the Material Safety Data Sheet obtained from the chemical manufacturer. All employees involved in this process will be properly trained in understanding the M.S.D.S. and the necessary precautions to prevent inadvertent contact with the chemical. Supervisors will assure proper handling of lavatory holding tanks by reviewing waste disposal procedures with affected employees on a routine basis, as needed.