

How do I know if my wash down bay is compliant with local regulations?

Wash-down bays are required to have pre-treatment devices like oil separators and interceptor pits to remove suspended solids and hydrocarbons from wash water before discharge. Unroofed bays may also need a diversion system for rainwater. If your bay lacks these, contact CleanaWater to discuss necessary upgrades for compliance.

Does a wash bay need a roof?

Generally no, however a first flush system is likely to be required if a roof is not in place. First flush diversion systems are designed to divert rainwater to stormwater and wash water to a pre treatment device for compliance discharge.

Is my wash water running off into stormwater compliant?

No. Contact CleanaWater to discuss what you need to do to achieve compliance.

What detergents and degreasers should I be using in my wash down?

Use biodegradable detergents and quick-break degreasers for effective oil separation. Quick-break degreasers ensure oil and water separate within minutes, enhancing your oil separation system's efficiency. Non-quick-break compounds keep oil and water suspended longer, potentially bypassing the oil separator.

Does a wash bay need any walls?

Wash bay slabs should be graded to a holding pit and perimeter bunding installed to protect the wash down bay from ingress of water from surrounding areas as a minimum. If overspray into surround areas is to be contained it is recommended that perimeter walls are installed.

Do I need to complete any excavation works?

Modular wash bays which require no excavation works are available. Alternatively excavation to install a collection pit is required. Small excavation is also required for plumbing connections.

Are there above ground wash down bays available?

Yes, CleanaWater offer modular wash bays which are a cost-effective and convenient solution where site modification isn't possible.

How do I best retain solids that accumulate in my wash down practices?

Silt traps and baffled pits are effective measures to retain solids for easy scheduled removal. Beach pits/drive in sumps are excellent for high solids wash down environments.