



## City of Phoenix Aviation Department Rules & Regulations

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**Authority:** **This Rule and regulation is promulgated pursuant to Phoenix City Code Chapter IV, Article IV, Sections 4-12; 4-109; 4-116.**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed a National program to regulate storm water quality runoff from industrial and urban settings, protecting streams, rivers and lakes fed by these sources.

The EPA has issued a (NPDES) Permit to the City of Phoenix (as a municipality) and to the Phoenix airports (as an industrial source) imposing certain obligations and responsibilities. Airports and associated airline, fueling and FBO activities are specifically required by Federal law to obtain this permit and take certain actions to curtail runoff pollution from these activities. The airports' permits regulate the City's Aviation Department, its tenants and permittees (see the "Multi-Sector General Permit for Industrial Activities, National Pollutant Discharge Elimination Program (NPDES)", dated October 30, 2000, *Federal Register* Vol. 65, No. 210.)

Likewise, the City of Phoenix has the authority to regulate the use of the public storm drainage system. Phoenix City Code Chapter 32C was adopted to reduce to the maximum extent practicable the addition of pollutants such as fuels, chemicals and debris to storm water runoff to prevent violations of the City's NPDES permit or applicable water quality standards.

Phoenix City Code Section 4-109 requires any person who spills or otherwise releases a pollutant on airport property, including disposal of pre-flight check sump fuel on the ramp, to immediately remove the pollutant. Section 4-12 confers ultimate responsibility for all damages to airport property upon an airport tenant, whether caused by the tenant's employees or its contractors.

**Rules and Regulations:**

### **Storm Water Enforcement**

This Rule explains the possible actions that the City of Phoenix Aviation Department may use to prevent pollution of the Waters of the United States (more specifically the Salt River, Agua Fria tributaries, or Cave Creek drainage) through the municipal storm drain system that provides surface drainage on the three City of Phoenix Airports. The Aviation Department believes that a policy specific for its airports will better ensure that all enforcement actions will be handled with fairness and with consideration for airport operations.

