

### 6.3 Water Quality Checklist

Water quality is a priority for the state of Wisconsin. Groundwater is the primary source of drinking water for most areas of the state, and surface waters are important for Wisconsin's vast recreational industry in addition to many other areas. Businesses may use public sewer systems for wastewater or may discharge directly to surface waters in some cases. There is also the potential for accidental spills. Any of these avenues of release is a potential source of environmental contaminants that may be regulated and could result in liabilities for a business.

Any response to questions marked with an asterisk should be looked at carefully. Additional information may be needed to assist businesses in properly addressing these issues.

- 1) Has the business investigated whether it complies with or is subject to local, state, and federal regulations on wastewater discharges?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*

- 2) If there are wastewater discharges, have the discharges been analyzed, quantified, and documented?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*

- 3) If there are wastewater discharges to the municipal wastewater treatment facility, are the discharges in compliance with all pre-treatment requirements or discharge limits?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \* Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_ \*

- 4) If there is any direct discharge of wastewater into groundwater or to the surface such as a stream, lake or drainage ditch, does the business have a permit to do so?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*

- 5) Does the business have floor drains that go directly to the sewer?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ \* No \_\_\_\_\_ Don't Know \_\_\_\_\_ \*

- 6) Does the business regularly monitor its discharges and keep track materials used in the facility?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*

- 7) If the business has industrial activity exposed to storm water, does it have a permit to discharge the storm water?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*

8) If there are plans to modify a facility that has a permit for wastewater discharges, have the regulatory agencies been notified of those plans?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_ \*