

## **ALTERNATIVE METHODS OF DISPOSING OF INDUSTRIAL FLUID WASTES**

Listed below are alternative methods of disposing of fluid waste. These methods are only to be used as guides. EPA considers these methods to be acceptable. They are not the only methods of disposing of fluid waste. If you know of a method not mentioned, feel free to recommend it, and EPA will comment on it prior to implementing the method.

**1. Connect drain line to a sewer. Disconnect the drain line going to the septic tank, dry well, sump, or cesspool and connect to the sewer line. The old portion of the drain going to the septic tank must be plugged with cement or removed.**

**2. Connect drain line to a holding tank. Disconnect the drain line going to the septic tank, dry well, sump, or cesspool and connect to a line to a holding tank. The holding tank must be large enough to completely contain the waste from your facility until the waste is pumped and removed from the premises. The old portion of the drain going to the septic tank must be plugged with cement.**

**3. Recycle the fluid by filtering. By disconnecting the outlet from a floor drain or other type of drain and pumping the fluid back into the facility and filtering prior to reusing the fluid. This is particularly successful for car washes and other large water-using facilities. This process also makes it necessary for very frequent cleaning of the sumps that catch the solids.**

**Approval from EPA must be granted prior to implementation of your alternative plan to dispose of the facility waste (excluding domestic toilet waste). When you have completed the alternative method of disposing of the waste, documentation of the change in disposal practices must be submitted to EPA.**