Dye testing involves the addition of water-soluble non-hazardous dyes to drains or sewer lines in order to positively identify whether they are connected to sanitary or storm water sewer systems.

When dye testing is to be performed the following provisions must be observed:

1. EHS must be notified at 882-7018 before the material is added to the water system of interest.
2. EHS must also be notified at 882-7018 in the event that dye is found to be visible in storm sewers.
3. Dyes used for this purpose must be pre-approved by EHS.
4. Dye releases should be limited to the minimum quantity required to achieve results. Unused unwanted dyes should be submitted to EHS for collection using an Unused Materials Pick Up Request Form.
5. Any spilled dye should be cleaned up immediately and thoroughly. Spilled dye may not be visible until wetted. Notify EHS in the event of a spill at 882-7018.
6. Floor Drains or other interior fixtures which are found to be plumbed to storm water sewer systems should be clearly marked with a purple ‘No Dumping’ storm drain marker (see below left). Storm water inlets on streets and the exteriors of buildings should be clearly marked with a blue ‘No Dumping’ storm drain marker (see below right). No materials should be released to these inlets without prior written approval from EHS.