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## **Question:**

Can rainwater leaders drain to a dry well (rock pit) which is installed in accordance with Article 9.14.5.3.?

## **Interpretation:**

Yes,

Sentence 2.1.2.2.(1) of the BC Plumbing Code states that "Except as provided in in Subsection 2.7.4., every storm drainage system shall be connected to a public storm sewer, a public combined sewer or a designated storm water disposal location."

A properly designed dry well would be considered a designated storm water disposal location and would also comply with the requirement of Sentence 9.26.18.2.(1).

  
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