

Stormwater Management Program Plan



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1 Overview of the Stormwater Management Program Plan



Des Plaines River – Lake County, IL Photo by Dave Piasecki

1.1 Introduction

This Stormwater Management Program Plan (SMPP) was developed by Vernon Township Highway Department (VTHD) based off a SMPP template provided by the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission. The purpose of the SMPP is to meet the minimum standards required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase II program. Federal regulations through the USEPA require that all Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), partially or fully in urbanized areas based on the 2000 census, obtain stormwater permits for their discharges into receiving waters. There are many different types of MS4s including municipalities, park districts, drainage districts, township highway departments, counties and county and state transportation departments (LCDOT and IDOT).

The SMPP describes the procedures and practices that can be implemented by VTHD toward the goal of reducing the discharge of pollutants within stormwater runoff in order to comply with Federal standards. Compliance with the plan is intended to protect water quality thus contributing to the following amenities:

- cleaner lakes and streams,
- improved recreational opportunities and tourism,
- flood damage reduction,
- better aesthetics and wildlife habitat, and

- a safer and healthier environment for the citizens.

The SMPP addresses the primary program elements for all VTHD and activities, including the manner in which VTHD:

- maintains its facilities and performs its day-to-day operations;
- works toward protecting the receiving waters from illicit discharges;
- provides public education and outreach;
- trains its employees in carrying out and reporting program activities; and
- continually monitors and evaluates the program.

1.2 State & Federal Regulations



Federal environmental regulations based on the 1972 Clean Water Act (CWA) require that MS4s, construction sites and industrial activities control polluted stormwater runoff from entering receiving bodies of water (including navigable streams and lakes). The NPDES permit process regulates the discharge from these sources based on amendments to CWA in 1987 and the subsequent 1990 and 1999 regulations by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA). In Illinois, the USEPA has delegated administration of the Federal NPDES program to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA). On December 20, 1999 the IEPA issued a general NPDES Phase II permit for all MS4s. The General Permit is included in **Appendix 5.16**. Under the General ILR 40 Permit each MS4 was required to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) declaring compliance with the conditions of the permit by March 10, 2003. The original NOI describes the proposed activities and best management practices that occurred over the original 5-year period toward the ultimate goal of developing a compliant SMPP. At the end of the 5th year (March 1, 2008) the components of the SMPP were required to be implemented; per the ILR40 permit. The IEPA reissued the ILR 40 permit on April 1, 2009.

Additionally, under the General ILR10 permit also administered IEPA, all construction projects that disturb greater than 1 acre of total land area are required to obtain an NPDES permit from IEPA prior to the start of construction. Municipalities covered by the General ILR40 permit, are automatically covered under ILR10 30 days after the IEPA receives the NOI from the municipality.

1.3 Countywide Approach to NPDES Compliance

The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) is a countywide governmental agency created by county ordinance under the authority of Illinois Revised Statute 55/5-1062. SMC's goals include the reduction of flood damage and water quality degradation. Another purpose of SMC is to assure that new development addresses non-point source pollution, does not increase flood and drainage hazards to others, or create unstable conditions susceptible to erosion. To accomplish this, the SMC works cooperatively with individuals, groups, and units of government as well as serving as the corporate enforcement authority for the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance. SMC enforces the WDO in non-certified communities on behalf of the municipality. The municipality is responsible for enforcing the WDO in Certified Communities. A municipality is considered a Certified Community after its petition is approved by SMC. SMC utilizes technical assistance, education programs and watershed planning to increase public awareness of natural resources and the impacts of urbanization on stormwater quality. In addition, SMC provides solutions to problems related to stormwater and identifies effective ways of managing natural resources.

In 2002, SMC formed an Ad Hoc Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) specifically to advise MS4s on the NPDES Phase II Permit program. Municipalities, townships, drainage districts, consultants and county representatives comprise the MAC. SMC advised and assisted the MS4s in preparing their NOIs, but is not a permittee as it does not own or operate any sewer systems.

The General Permit allows for MS4s to take credit for activities being performed by a Qualifying Local Program (QLP) toward meeting its permit requirements. The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) is a Qualifying Local Program for MS4s in Lake County. As part of their ongoing services, SMC performs some functions related to each of the six minimum control measures. SMC has been providing services under four of the six minimum control categories since it began implementing a comprehensive, countywide stormwater program in 1991. However, MS4s are required to provide additional services for each of the Minimum Control Measures with the greatest effort in the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination and Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping categories.

SMC sponsors informative workshops and roundtable discussions. It formed the Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC) to receive input on how SMC can best assist local governments during the permit application process and implementation period. Through these discussions, it was decided that each municipality (or MS4) submit its own "Notice of Intent" (NOI) to be covered under IEPA's statewide general permit. However, using the countywide approach, municipalities may take credit for the programs and ordinances developed by SMC as well as tailor specific local BMP programs for compliance with the Phase II rules.

As part of the countywide approach to comply with the NPDES Phase II program, SMC assists municipalities with the following:

- Supports NPDES II presentations to local boards,
- Develops model Notice of Intent (NOI),
- Provides countywide drainage system overview and receiving waters map,
- Provides general 5-year BMP Plan for NOI,
- Develops specific BMP Measurable Goals and program development tasks,
- Serves as a clearinghouse for all support information and acts as a liaison to IEPA and USEPA,
- Supports an on-going Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC),
- Drafts a model of the Annual Performance Report and specific BMP Measurable Goals for the subsequent years, and
- Provides model Illicit Discharge Ordinance language.
- Provides SMPP Template.

SMC countywide services qualify for credit under four of the six Minimum Control Measures. Additionally, SMC developed the SMPP template for revision/adoption by the MS4s. This template is intended to be reviewed, revised and accepted by MS4s within the county and describes a program intended to be in compliance with the ILR40 permit requirements. A general list below summarizes additional SMC services under the 6 minimum control categories:

1. **Public Education and Outreach:** SMC provides, through its Public Information Coordinator, various training workshops, homeowners workshops, brochures, training manuals, teacher/student education, videos, etc.,
2. **Public Participation and Involvement:** SMC coordinates and participates in public meetings and committees, including the Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC), SMC Board of Commissioners, Technical Advisory Committee (TAC), citizen watershed planning committees, Watershed Management Board (WMB), and volunteer support.
3. **Construction Site Runoff Control:** SMC adopted the countywide Watershed Development Ordinance in 1992, which establishes the minimum stormwater management requirements for development in Lake County. The WDO, which is enforced by SMC as well as by certified communities in the county, establishes standards for construction site runoff control.
4. **Post-Construction Runoff Control:** The Watershed Development Ordinance also establishes standards for post-construction runoff control.

1.4 Organization of SMPP

The SMPP identifies best management practices to be implemented in six different categories. These categories are:

- Public Education and Outreach,
- Public Participation/Involvement,
- Construction Site Runoff Control,
- Post-Construction Runoff Control,
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, and
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.

Chapter 1: Overview of the Stormwater Management Program Plan - discusses the format of the SMPP document and the regulations associated with NPDES II through county, state and federal agencies.

Chapter 2: Program Management - discusses the logistics of the Plan. This includes the organization, implementation and responsible parties necessary to achieve overall compliance with the SMPP and Permit. It also identifies how VTHD coordinates with other county and state agencies and discusses the legal authority that the MS4s have to implement the Plan components.

Chapter 3: The Program - addresses stormwater pollutant control measures implemented by VTHD per the six minimum control categories established by the USEPA:

- Public Education and Outreach,
- Public Participation/Involvement,
- Construction Site Runoff Control,
- Post-Construction Runoff Control,
- Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, and
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping.

Chapter 4: Monitoring, Program Evaluation and Reporting - describes the monitoring, evaluation and reporting procedures associated with the program. The SMPP is a guide created to protect the VTHD receiving waters from pollution and resultant degradation. This Chapter assists in identifying best management practices and processes that may require improvement and refinement as the document becomes an effective tool.

Chapter 5: Appendices – including forms, references, exhibits and bibliography.

1.5 Watersheds, Sub-Watersheds and Receiving Waters



Des Plaines River

VTHD is primarily located within the Des Plaines Watershed. There are several receiving waters, tributary to the Des Plaines River, which are located within the Township. These streams include Indian Creek and Aptakisic Creek. Lakes and other on-stream bodies of water are also considered part of the receiving water system.

Watershed: The land area that contributes stormwater to one of the four major Rivers in Lake County.

Sub-Watershed: The land area that contributes stormwater to one of the receiving waters tributary to a major River.

Receiving Water: A natural or man-made system into which stormwater or treated wastewater is discharged, including the four major rivers in Lake County, their tributary stream systems and other Waters of the U.S.

The major Watersheds and receiving waters are presented on **Figure 1 Map of Major Sub-watershed and Receiving Waters**.

Des Plaines River Watershed

The Des Plaines River watershed originates in Racine and Kenosha Counties in Wisconsin flowing south into Illinois. The Des Plaines watershed in Lake County drains an area of approximately 202 square miles or 129,577 acres. It is the largest of the county's four major watersheds. The topography of the watershed is dominated by a gently rolling landscape with numerous wet marshy areas. The Lake County portion of the watershed is divided into nine sub-watersheds.

The Des Plaines River watershed wholly or predominantly includes the communities of Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Deer Park, Grayslake, Gurnee, Hawthorn Woods, Indian Creek, Kildeer, Libertyville, Lincolnshire, Lindenhurst, Long Grove, Mettawa, Mundelein, Old Mill Creek, Riverwoods, Third Lake, Vernon Hills, Wadsworth and Wheeling. New development has centered on the many lakes in the watershed. Open space areas are concentrated along the Des Plaines River, where the Lake County Forest Preserve District has substantial holdings, which stretch uninterrupted from the Wisconsin-Illinois border into Cook County. Watershed planning activities continue for the entire Des Plaines River watershed and planning sponsors include the Illinois

Department of Natural Resources, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Lake, Cook and DuPage Counties. The Lake County Stormwater Management Commission has completed watershed management plans for the Indian Creek, Bull Creek/Bull's Brook, and Squaw Creek sub-watersheds to date. As funding becomes available, future watershed planning efforts will be implemented.

Figure 1: Map of Major Sub-watersheds and Receiving waters

Insert Map of Sub-Watersheds and receiving waters within MS4 boundaries

2 Program Management

This Chapter describes the organizational structures of VTHD, the County and IEPA. It further discusses the roles and responsibilities of the various involved parties.

2.1 Implementation of this SMPP

The SMPP includes detailed discussions on the types of tasks that are required to meet the permit conditions under the NPDES II program and how to perform these tasks. It is anticipated that implementation of this SMPP constitutes compliance with the program. The SMPP must be posted on the VTHD website.

2.2 Stormwater Coordinator

The Highway Commissioner is the policy and budget setting authority for Vernon Township and VTHD. The Highway Department and Vernon Township maintenance staff work together to implement this SMPP. The Stormwater Coordinator has primary responsibility for managing the overall program.

- is the lead contact for coordination with the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission, the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, contractors, the development community and other external regulatory agencies;
- understands the requirements of ILR40, ensures that the SMPP meets the requirements of the permit and that VTHD effectively implements the SMPP;
- ensures that the Township Facilities comply with all minimum ILR40 permit requirements;
- understand the role illicit discharges play in the overall NPDES II program. In general, an incidence of non-compliance must be filed with IEPA for illicit discharges exiting an MS4's outfall into a receiving water. Additionally, if the illicit discharge is generated by a construction site, it may be necessary for both the applicant and the MS4 to file the ION form with IEPA.

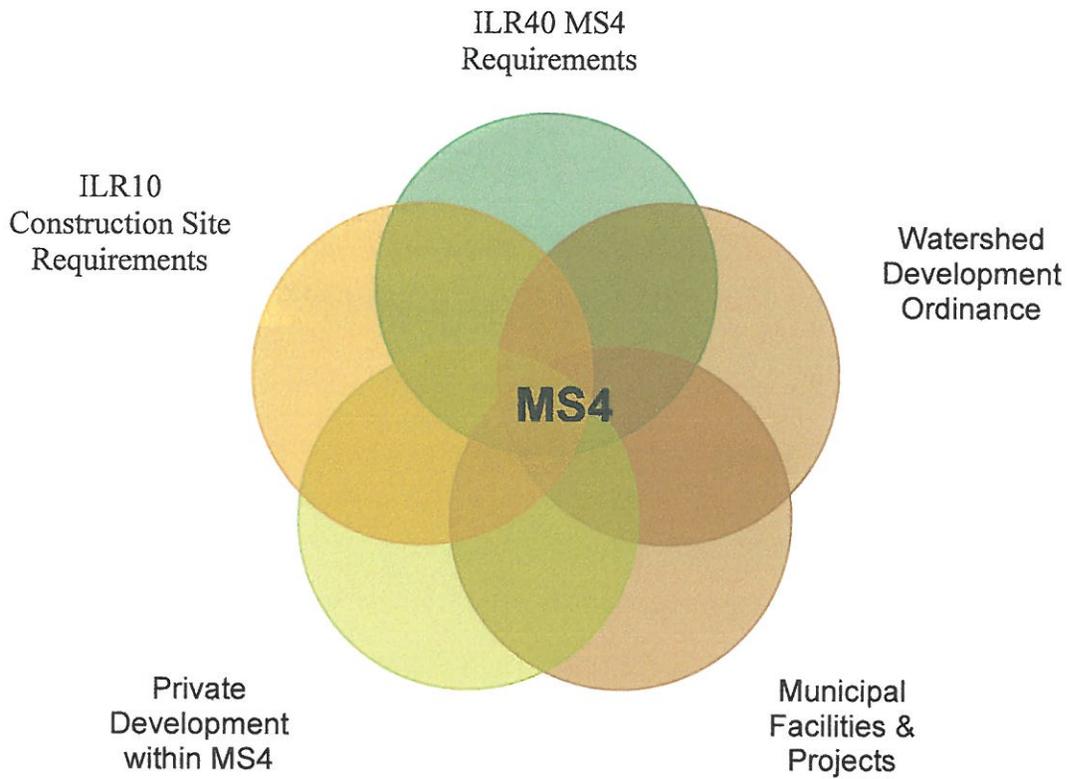


Figure 2: Roles of MS4
provided by Gewalt Hamilton & Associates

2.3 Coordination with Lake County Stormwater Management Commission

Coordination between the MS4 and the Lake County Stormwater Management Commission (SMC) occurs through both participation in the SMC sponsored MAC forums and through the Certified Community Status under the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO). The MS4's Stormwater Coordinator is the lead contact for participation in the MAC forums. If the MS4 is a Certified Community, the MS4's Enforcement Officer is responsible for enforcement of the WDO and is designated by the MS4 to the SMC.

2.4 Coordination with Lake County Planning, Building and Development

Vernon Township is located within the jurisdictional limits of the Lake County Planning, Building and Development Division (LCPBD). The LCPBD is also classified as an MS4 and is responsible for complying with all requirements of NPDES II, including the creation and adoption of a SMPP. Development activity within the Township requires a permit from LCPBD and is subject to the provisions of both the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) and WDO. The VTHD does not have any regulatory authority over development activities outside of the R.O.W. The LCPBD is a certified community and is responsible for enforcing the WDO for development activity within the Township. LCPBD services qualify for credit under three of the six Minimum Control Measures. The VTHD supports efforts by the LCPBD in obtaining compliance with the WDO.

1. **Public Education and Outreach:** LCPBD provides brochures and training manuals.
2. **Construction Site Runoff Control:** The WDO, is enforced by LCPBD, and establishes standards for construction site runoff control.
3. **Post-Construction Runoff Control:** The WDO, is enforced by LCPBD, also establishes standards for post-construction runoff control.

2.5 Coordination of Contractors

VTHD may hire contracted services. VTHD also has a responsibility to hire contractors who are knowledgeable of the applicable requirements of the ILR40 and ILR10 permits. The Township shall require documentation that appropriate training has been attended, for all contractors responsible for municipal green infrastructures.

2.6 Coordination with the Public

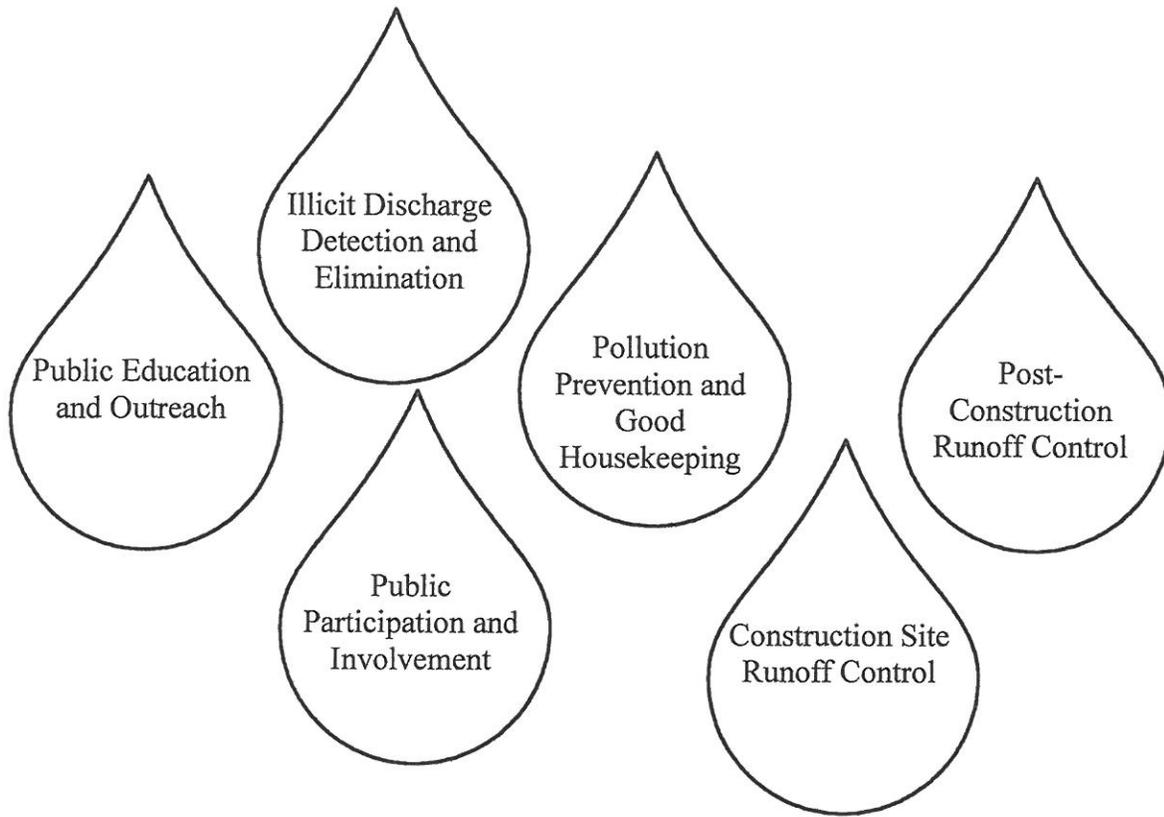
Coordination with the Public occurs on several levels. The Public Education and Outreach Program of this SMPP is discussed in Chapter 3.1. The Public Participation and Involvement Program of this SMPP is discussed in Chapter 3.2.

2.7 Coordination with the IEPA

VTHD is required to complete annual reports which describe the status of compliance with the ILR40 permit conditions and other related information as presented on the annual report template provided by the QLP. The annual report must be posted on VTHD's website and submitted to the IEPA by the first day of June each year. Annual reporting to IEPA should consist of "implemented SMPP" for all tasks completed in accordance with this SMPP. Additional information should be provided for areas of enhancement or tasks not completed.

Records regarding the completion and progress of the SMPP commitments must be kept by the Township. The task sheets, described in Chapter 2.1, should be updated throughout the year. The completed task sheets should be located in a binder with necessary supporting documentation. The binder must be available for inspection by both IEPA and the general public.

3 The Program



This Stormwater Management Program Plan includes six components, each of which is necessary in an effort to reduce/eliminate stormwater pollution in receiving water bodies. Chapter 3.1 describes the efforts to educate the public about stormwater pollution and stormwater pollution prevention. The manner in which VTHD incorporates public participation and involvement into the SMPP is explained in Chapter 3.2. Chapter 3.3 describes the approach to detecting and eliminating stormwater illicit discharges. Construction and post construction runoff control is addressed in Chapters 3.4 and 3.5. Lastly, Chapter 3.6 discusses responsibilities for the care and upkeep of its general facilities, associated maintenance yards, and municipal roads and to minimize pollution. This chapter also discusses necessary training for employees on the implementation of the SMPP.

3.1 Public Education and Outreach



VTHD conducts public education programs that inform the community of potential impacts to receiving waters and the contributions the public can make to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff. Vernon Township targets contractors, homeowners, business owners, boaters, and the remaining general public as part of this Public Education and Outreach Program.

VTHD, in cooperation with the QLP, utilizes a variety of methods to educate and provide outreach to the public about the importance of managing pollutants that potentially could enter the stormwater system. The program includes the following activities which are discussed in greater detail in this chapter.

- Distribute information sheets regarding stormwater BMP, water quality BMP, and proper hazardous waste use and disposal.
- Maintain a water quality/stormwater section in the Vernon Township newsletter.
- Coordinate, and participate in at least 2 SWALCO events. And publicize multiple others.
- Maintain Vernon Township website which offers links to additional educational information, and ways to contact Vernon Township personnel.

3.1.A Distribution of Paper Materials

VTHD actively pursues the acquisition of educational sheets prepared by the QLP, IEPA, USEPA, Center for Watershed Protection, Solid Waste of Lake County (SWALCO) and other agencies and organizations. VTHD maintains a list of available publications in the SMPP binder and provides materials on the take away rack

Types of materials distributed include:

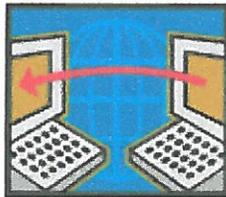
- “After the Storm” pamphlet
- “The Solution to Stormwater Pollution” Pamphlet
- “Discover the Des Plaines River Watershed” Pamphlet

- “Rain Gardens: A how-to manual for homeowners”
- SWALCO event information sheets: Electronic Recycling and Household Chemical Waste
- “Mainstream”
- Rain barrel and Compost bin sale information
- “Flush Responsibly” provided by the Village of Lincolnshire
- “Riparian Area Management: A Citizen’s Guide”
- “Living with Wetlands”
- Publicize Watershed meeting information

Publications are provided in the following manner:

- At take-a-away racks located at Vernon Township,
- The township newsletter, a quarterly publication,
- “Thirstin’s Wacky Water Adventure” is distributed to over 200 kids through the township day camp and backpacker program
- At scheduled meetings with the general public. Such as Board Meetings.
- Scheduled Electronic Recycling Events are publicized via a flyer at multiple local business, and public buildings.

3.1.B Web Site



The VTHD web site includes stormwater quality specific elements. The web-site gives information regarding water quality, solid waste and hazardous material, illicit discharges, stormwater and general environmental health; refer to Chapter 3.1.A for a more detailed description of the type of information to be posted. The web-site is updated by Vernon Township staff. A significant amount of information is made available through links to other educational and informational sites.

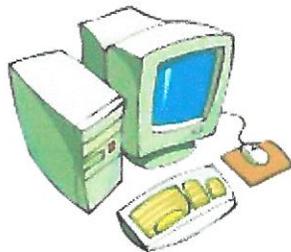
This SMPP, the NOI and any previous annual reports must be posted on the VTHD website. Each year’s annual report must be posted on the VTHD website and submitted to the IEPA by the first day of June each year.

3.1.C Technical Workshops



Periodically, the QLP hosts or co-host workshops for the general public that focus on specific stormwater topics. These workshops typically discuss stormwater topics currently of interest within the County. They offer the opportunity to share information and facilitate a collective focus on potential solutions to the challenges faced by the County, Villages, and other stakeholders. Vernon Township publicizes these events at take-a-way racks and on the web-site.

3.1.D Household Hazardous Wastes



The average garage contains a lot of products that are classified as hazardous wastes, including paints, stains, solvents, used motor oil, pesticides and cleaning products. While some household hazardous waste (HHW) may be dumped into storm drains, most enters the storm drain system as a result of outdoor rinsing and cleanup. Improper disposal of HHW can result in acute toxicity to downstream aquatic life. The desired neighborhood behavior is to participate in HHW collection days, and to use appropriate pollution prevention techniques when conducting rinsing, cleaning and fueling operations. Vernon Township supports the initiatives of the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County to employ a range of tools to improve resident participation. These include:

- Conventional outreach materials notifying residents about HHW and collection days

3.1.D.1 Solid Waste Agency of Lake County (SWALCO)

SWALCO provides solid waste management programs to Lake County (in both incorporated and unincorporated areas). These programs are aimed at reducing our reliance on landfills through source reduction, recycling and energy recovery. In general, the programs help residents dispose of problem wastes, such as household chemicals, electronic equipment, and yardwaste. Their recycling programs are targeted at both commercial and residential markets in order to divert as much solid waste as possible from reaching landfills. They also administer its own public information and education efforts include the “Earth Flag” and “Earth Flag Every Day” programs in the schools, promoting SWALCO events, and publishing various resources.

VTHD coordinates with SWALCO to participate in at least two collections per year. These collections encourage the proper disposal of hazardous materials. Typically there is a spring Electronics Collection Event and a Fall Electronic Collection Event. The events are held at the Township Garage. At a minimum, VTHD encourages participation in the event by publicizing these special collections at our offices and train station. VTHD maintains a log of event dates and quantities collected.

Car washing is a common neighborhood behavior that can produce transitory discharges of sediment, nutrients and other pollutants to the curb, and ultimately the storm drain. Communities have utilized many innovative outreach tools to promote environmentally safe car washing, including:

- Outreach materials distributed through the website and newsletter

3.2 Public Participation and Involvement

The public participation and involvement program allows input from citizens during the development and implementation of the SMPP. The SMPP should be evaluated annually. Major highlights and deficiencies should be noted annually and the plan revised accordingly on a minimum 5-yr basis, or as necessary.

3.2.A Public Review Process

Comments on the SMPP are accepted through phone calls or in person. Comments are evaluated for inclusion and incorporated into the next revision of the SMPP as appropriate.

3.2.B Complaints, Suggestions and Requests



Calls are screened, logged and routed to the appropriate department for action. General program related calls are directed to the Stormwater Coordinator or designee for follow up. Construction related calls are direct to the Lake County Planning, Building and Development office. VTHD maintains a website which allows the public access to the SMPP and yearly reports.

3.2.C Watershed Planning and Stakeholders Meetings

Vernon Township encourages the participation of local stakeholders in QLP or other sponsored watershed planning events.

3.2.D Illicit Discharge/Illegal Dumping Hotline



VTHD maintains, operates and publicizes a call in phone number where parties can contact VTHD with environmental concerns. Primary advertisement venues include the website and the township newsletter. Telephone calls received from residents, other internal Departments or other agencies are logged on the **Indirect Illicit Discharge Tracking Form (Appendix 5.13)**. The Stormwater Coordinator should transfer information from the tracking form to the **Indirect Illicit Discharge Summary Form (Appendix 5.13)** monthly. This tracking form is reviewed by the Stormwater Coordinator annually to determine if trends can be seen and if there is additional outreach efforts needed.

3.2.E LCSMC Municipal Advisory Committee (MAC)

Vernon Township attends events hosted by the QLP.

3.3 Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination¹



Currently, illicit discharges (defined in 40 CFR 122.26(B)(2)) contribute considerable pollutant loads to receiving waters. There are two primary situations that constitute illicit discharges; these include non-stormwater runoff from contaminated sites and the deliberate discharge or dumping of non-stormwater. Illicit discharges can enter the storm sewer system as either an indirect or direct connection.

3.3.A Regulatory Authority

Effective implementation of an IDDE program requires adequate legal authority to remove illicit discharges and prohibit future illicit discharges. As discussed above in Section 1 the VTHD's legal authority ends at its right of way limits. If an illicit discharge is found within the right of way VTHD will address that situation as it occurs. VTHD relies on the County to enforce their Ordinances regarding IDDE (including the UDO and WDO) this topic is further discussed in Section 2.1. Additionally, IEPA has regulatory authority to control pollutant discharges and can take the necessary steps to correct or remove an inappropriate discharge over and above SM4 jurisdiction.

Watershed Development Ordinance

Several provisions of the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) prohibit illicit discharges as part of the development process. These provisions are only applicable for regulated development activities as defined by the WDO. Regulated developments are required to meet the soil erosion and sediment control standards of the WDO. Furthermore, the WDO requires that the

¹ Section 3.3 is a revision of the Lake Michigan Watershed Stormwater Outfall Screening Program Training Program (April 1994 by SMC), and incorporates material from the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: A Guidance Manual for Program Development and Technical Assessments (October 2004 by the Center for Watershed Protection and Robert Pitt, University of Alabama).

applicant prohibit illicit discharges into the stormwater management system generated during the development process.

The WDO is enforced by the Lake County Planning Building and Development (LCPBD) within unincorporated areas. The WDO allows the LCPBD to require inspection deposits, performance bonds and to adopt/enforce violation procedures. These tools assist in achieving complaint construction sites within the VTHD. The County should be contacted directly for additional information regarding their permitting process.

3.3.B Understanding Outfalls and Illicit Discharges

Understanding the potential locations and the nature of illicit discharges in urban watersheds is essential to find, fix and prevent them.

3.3.B.1 Identifying Outfalls and Receiving Waters

An Outfall (is defined at 40 CFR 122.26(B)(9)) means a point source (as defined by 40 CFR 122.2) at the point where a municipal separate storm sewer discharges into a waters of the United States “receiving water”. Open conveyances connecting two municipal storm sewers, or pipes, tunnels or other conveyances which connect segments of the same stream or other Waters of the United States are not considered Outfalls. For the purposes of this manual the following definitions shall be used:

Outfall: Storm sewer outlet, or other open conveyance point discharge location, that discharges into a Waters of the U.S, receiving water or another MS4.

Regulated systems include the conveyance or system of conveyances including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, gutters, ditches, swales, manmade channels or storm sewers.

The outfall inventory was completed by Vernon Township. This investigation was completed with the help of GIS software. The outfall and inlet inventory was produced by Vernon Township. The inlets and outfall locations have been numbered to facilitate detection and tracking of identified illicit discharges. The outfall inventory is reviewed annually.

3.3.B.2 Potential Sources of Illicit Discharges

Table 1 shows that direct connections to storm sewer systems most likely originate from commercial/industrial facilities. Thus, the focus on Chapter 3.3 is on the identification of illicit discharges from commercial/industrial facilities.

Table 1: Potential Sources of Illicit Discharges to Storm Sewers

Potential Sources	Storm Sewer Entry		Flow Characteristics	
	Direct	Indirect	Continuous	Intermittent
Residential Sources				
Sanitary Wastewater	√	X	√	X
Septic Tank Effluent	-	√	√	X
Household Chemicals	X	√	-	√
Laundry Wastewater	√	-	-	√
Excess Landscaping Watering	-	√	-	√
Leaking Potable Water Pipes	-	√	√	-
Commercial Sources				
Gasoline Filling Stations	√	X	-	√
Vehicle Maint./Repair Facilities	√	X	-	√
Laundry Wastewater	√	-	√	X
Construction Site Dewatering	-	√	√	X
Sanitary Wastewater	√	X	√	-
Industrial Sources				
Leaking Tanks and Pipes	X	√	√	X
Misc. Process Waters	√	X	√	X

√: Most likely condition.

X: May Occur

-: Not very likely

Source: Adapted From: USEPA. January 1993. Investigation of Inappropriate Pollutant Entries Into Storm Drainage Systems: A User's Guide. Cincinnati, Ohio.

3.3.B.3 USEPA Exclusions

It is noted that not all dry-weather flows are considered inappropriate discharges. Under certain conditions, the following discharges are not considered inappropriate by USEPA:

- Water line flushing,
- Landscaping irrigation,
- Diverted stream flows,
- Rising groundwaters,
- Uncontaminated groundwater infiltration,
- Uncontaminated pumped groundwater,
- Discharges from potable water sources,
- Flows from foundation drains,
- Air conditioning condensation,
- Irrigation water,

- Springs,
- Water from crawl spaces,
- Lawn watering,
- Individual car washing,
- Flows from riparian habitats and wetlands,
- Dechlorinated swimming pool water, and
- Street wash water.

3.3.B.4 Pollutant Indicators

PHYSICAL INDICATORS

Adapted from New Hampshire Estuaries Project and the IDDE Guidance Manual by the Center for Watershed Protection.

Odor

Water is a neutral medium and does not produce odor; however, most organic and some inorganic chemicals contribute odor to water. Odor in water may originate from municipal and industrial waste discharges, from natural sources such as decomposition of vegetative matter, or from associated microbial activity.

Table 2: Odor or Potential Illicit Discharges (adapted from CWP)

Odor	Possible Cause
Sewage	Wastewater treatment facilities, domestic waste connected into storm drain, failing septic system
Sulfide (rotten eggs)	Decaying organic waste from industries such as meat packers, dairies and canneries
Rancid/sour	Many chemicals, including pesticides and fertilizers, emit powerful odors that may produce irritation or stinging sensations.
Petroleum/gas	Industry associated with vehicle maintenance or petroleum product storage; gas stations
Laundry	Laundromat, dry cleaning, household laundry

Color

Color is a numeric computation of the color observed in a water quality sample, as measured in cobalt-platinum units. Both industrial liquid wastes and sewage tend to have elevated color values. Unfortunately, some “clean” flow types can also have high color values. A color value higher than 500 units may indicate an industrial discharge.

Table 3: Color of Potential Illicit Discharges (adapted from CWP)

Water Color	Possible Cause	Images
<p>Brown Water – water ranging in color from light-tea to chocolate milk; it may have a rotten egg odor.</p>	<p>Human causes may be eroded, disturbed soils from constr. sites, animal enclosures, destabilized stream banks and lake shore erosion due to boat traffic.</p>	
<p>Yellow –</p>	<p>Human causes may include textile facilities, chemical plants or pollen.</p>	
<p>Gray Water – water appears milky and may have a rotten egg smell and/or soap odor. There may also be an appearance of cottony slime.</p>	<p>Human causes may be illicit connections of domestic wastewater; untreated septic system discharge; illegal boat discharge; and parking lot runoff.</p>	
<p>Green Water – ranging from blue green to bright green color and may impart odor. Conditions typically occur from May to October.</p>	<p>Human causes may be over-fertilizing lawns, boat discharges, septic systems, agriculture operations, or discharging poorly treated wastewater.</p>	
<p>Orange/Red -</p>	<p>Human causes may include meat packing facilities or dyes.</p>	
<p>Green Flecks – resembling floating blue-green paint chips or grass clippings. These <i>Blooms</i> and are potentially toxic.</p>	<p>Human cause is excessive nutrients. Fertilizers used on lawns can contaminate surface and ground water.</p>	

Table 3 (continued)

Water Color	Possible Cause	Images
Green Hair-Like Strands - bright or dark green, resembling cotton candy and often in floating mats.	Human causes are excessive nutrients from fertilizers or failed on-shore septic systems.	
Multi-Color Water – various or uniform color, other than brown, green or gray. For rainbow sheen see floatables.	Human causes include oil or hazardous waste spill, paint and paint equipment rinsed into storm drains or into failing septic systems.	

Turbidity

Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity may be caused by many factors, including suspended matter such as clay, silt, or finely divided organic and inorganic matter. Turbidity is a measure of the optical properties that cause light to be scattered and not transmitted through a sample. The presence of turbidity is to be assessed by comparing the sample to clean glass sample container with colorless distilled water.

Turbidity and color are related terms but are not the same. Remember, turbidity is a measure of how easily light can penetrate through the sample bottle, whereas color is defined by the tint or intensity of the color observed.

Figure 4
Turbidity Severity Examples
 (adapted from CWP)



Turbidity
 Severity 1



Turbidity
 Severity 2



Turbidity
 Severity 3

Floatables

The presence of sewage, floating scum, foam, oil sheen, or other materials can be obvious indicators of an illicit discharge. However, trash originating from areas adjacent to the outfall is this section.

- If you think the floatable is sewage, you should automatically assign it a severity score of three since no other source looks quite like it.
- Suds are rated based on their foaminess and staying power. A severity score of three is designated for thick foam that travels many feet before breaking up. Natural foam breaks apart easily, can be brown, black or yellowish and may smell fishy or musty.
- Surface oil sheens are ranked based on their thickness and coverage. In some cases, surface sheens may not be from oil discharges, but instead created by in-stream processes. A petroleum sheens doesn't break apart and quickly flows back together.

Figure 5
Natural Sheen versus Synthetic
(adapted from CWP)

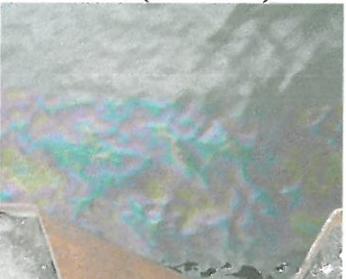


Sheen from natural bacteria forms a swirl-like film that cracks if disturbed



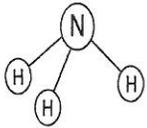
Synthetic oil forms a swirling pattern

Table 4: Floatables in Potential Illicit Discharges (adapted from CWP)

Floatables	
<p>Sewage</p> 	<p>Human causes include connection of domestic wastewater, leaking sanitary sewers or failing septic systems.</p>
<p>Suds and Foam –</p> 	<p>Common human causes of unnatural foam include leaking sewer lines, boat discharges, improper sewer connections to storm sewers and detergents from car washing activities.</p>
<p>Petroleum (oil sheen)</p> 	<p>Human causes may include leaking underground storage tank or illegal dumping.</p>
<p>Grease</p> 	<p>Common human causes include overflow from sanitary systems (due to clogging from grease) and illegal dumping.</p>

3.3.B.4.B TESTING INDICATORS

Ammonia



Ammonia is a good indicator of sewage, since its concentration is much higher there than in groundwater or tap water. High ammonia concentrations (>50 mg/l) may also indicate liquid wastes from some industrial sites. Ammonia is relatively simple and safe to analyze. Some challenges include the potential generation of wastes from non-human sources, such as pets or wildlife.

Chlorine



Chlorine is used throughout the country to disinfect tap water, except where private wells provide the water supply. Chlorine concentrations in tap water tend to be significantly higher than most other discharge types. Unfortunately, chlorine is extremely volatile, and even moderate levels of organic materials can cause chlorine levels to drop below detection levels. Because chlorine is non-conservative, it is not a reliable indicator, although if very high chlorine levels are measured, it is a strong indication of a water line break, swimming pool discharge, or industrial discharge from a chlorine bleaching process.

Copper



Concentrations of copper in dry-weather flows can be a result of corrosion of water pipes or automotive sources (for example, radiators, brake lines, and electrical equipment). The occurrence of copper in dry-weather flows could also be caused by inappropriate discharges from facilities that either use or manufacture copper-based products. A copper value of >0.025-mg/L indicates an industrial discharge is present.

Industrial sources of copper include the following:

- Copper manufacturing (smelting),
- Copper metal processing/scrap remelting,
- Metal plating,
- Chemicals manufacturing,
- Analytical laboratories,
- Power plants,
- Electronics,
- Wood preserving, and
- Copper wire production.

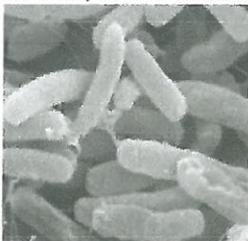
In each of these industries, wastes containing copper would normally be discharged to a treatment facility. Sludge from the waste treatment facility, whether on-site (including lagooning) or publicly operated treatment facilities, would contain copper. If the sludge (or the treatment process) is not managed properly, copper could enter the storm sewer system.

Detergents



Most illicit discharges have elevated concentration of detergents. Sewage and washwater discharges contain detergents used to clean clothes or dishes, whereas liquid wastes contain detergents from industrial or commercial cleansers. The nearly universal presence of detergents in illicit discharges, combined with their absence in natural waters or tap water, makes them an excellent indicator. Research has revealed three indicator parameters that measure the level of detergent or its components-- surfactants, fluorescence, and surface tension. Surfactants have been the most widely applied and transferable of the three indicators. Fluorescence and surface tension show promise, but only limited field testing has been performed on these more experimental parameters; therefore these are not tested. Refer to Boron and Surfactants descriptions.

E. coli, Enterococci and Total Coliform



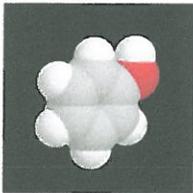
Each of these bacteria is found at very high concentrations in sewage compared to other flow types, and is a good indicator of sewage or seepage discharges, unless pet or wildlife sources exist in the subwatershed. Overall, bacteria are good supplemental indicators and can be used to find “problem” streams or outfalls that exceed public health standards. A Fecal Coliform count greater than 400 per 100 mL indicates waste water contamination.

Fluoride



Fluoride, at a concentration of two parts per million, is added to drinking water supplies in most communities to improve dental health. Consequently, fluoride is an excellent conservative indicator of tap water discharges or leaks from water supply pipes that end up in the storm drain. Fluoride is obviously not a good indicator in communities that do not fluorinate drinking water, or where individual wells provide drinking water. Fluoride levels greater than 0.6-mg/L indicate a potable water source is connected to the stormwater system.

Phenol



Phenol is a very commonly occurring chemical and can be found in foods, medicines, and cleaning products, as well as industrial products and by-products. Generally, the appearance of phenols in stormwater would indicate a misconnected industrial sewer to a storm drain or ditch. Exceptions would include runoff from treated wood storage yards (for example, treated lumber and telephone poles) and improper disposal (flash dumping) of cleaning products. A phenol value greater than 0.1-mg/L indicate an illicit discharge is present.

Industrial sources of phenol include the following:

- Chemical manufacturing (organic),
- Textile manufacturing,
- Paint and coatings manufacturing,
- Metal coating,
- Resin manufacturing,
- Tire manufacturing,
- Plastics fabricating,
- Electronics,
- Oil refining and re-refining,
- Naval stores (turpentine and other wood treatment chemicals),

- Pharmaceutical manufacturing,
- Paint stripping (for example, automotive and aircraft),
- Military installations (rework and repair facilities),
- Coke manufacturing,
- Iron production, and
- Ferro-alloy manufacturing.

Other sources of phenol include improper handling and disposal of cleaning compounds by institutions such as hospitals and nursing homes.

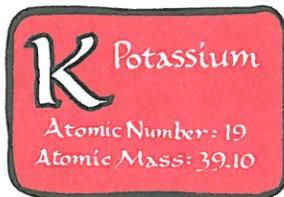
pH



Potential ID Range: <6.5 and > 8.5

Most discharge flow types are neutral, having a pH value around 7, although groundwater concentrations can be somewhat variable. pH is a reasonably good indicator for liquid wastes from industries, which can have very high or low pH (ranging from 3 to 12). The pH of residential wash water tends to be rather basic (pH of 8 or 9). The pH of a discharge is very simple to monitor in the field with low cost test strips or probes. Although pH data is often not conclusive by itself, it can identify problem outfalls that merit follow-up investigations using more effective indicators.

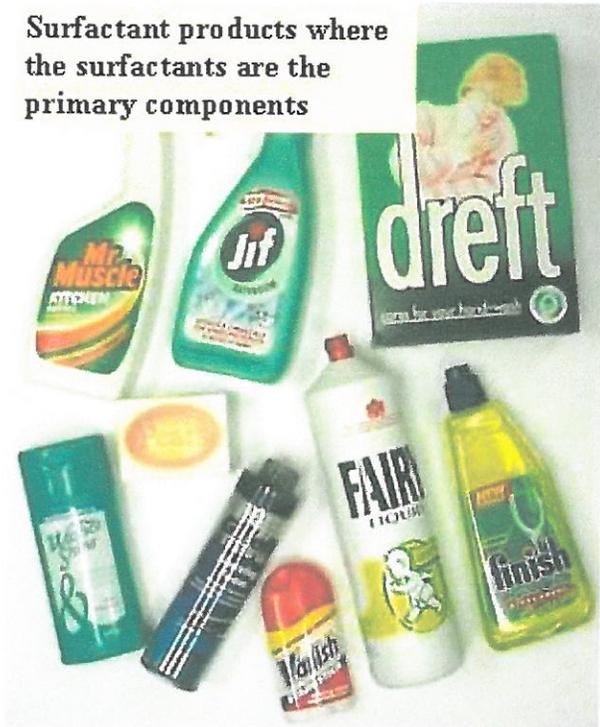
Potassium



Potassium is found at relatively high concentrations in sewage, and extremely high concentrations in many industrial process waters. Consequently, potassium can act as a good first screen for industrial wastes, and can also be used in combination with ammonia to distinguish wash waters from sanitary wastes. An ammonium to potassium ratio of >1 or <1 indicate waste water or wash water discharge respectively. A potassium value of >20-mg/l is a good indicator for industrial discharges.

Surfactants

Surfactant products where the surfactants are the primary components



Products where surfactant is a secondary component in the material or the production.

Surfactants are the active ingredients in most commercial detergents, and are typically measured as Methyl Blue Active Substances (or MBAS). They are a synthetic replacement for soap, which builds up deposits on clothing over time. Since surfactants are not found in nature, but are always present in detergents, they are excellent indicators of sewage and wash waters. The presence of surfactants in cleansers, emulsifiers and lubricants also makes them an excellent indicator of industrial or commercial liquid wastes. A surfactant value of $> 0.25\text{-mg/L}$ within residential areas indicates that either a sewage or washwater is present in the stormwater; a value of $>5\text{-mg/L}$ within non-residential areas indicates that there is an industrial discharge (refer to Table 46 from the Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination manual by the Center for Watershed Protection for use in determining industrial flow types).

3.3.C Indirect Connection Program



Indirect connections are subtle connections, such as dumping or spillage of materials into storm sewer drains. Flash dumping is a common type of indirect connection. Generally, indirect modes of entry produce intermittent or transitory discharges, with the exception of groundwater seepage. There are five main modes of indirect entry for discharges.

3.3.C.1 Groundwater Seepage

Seepage discharges can be either continuous or intermittent, depending on the depth of the water table and the season. Groundwater seepage usually consists of relatively clean water that is not an illicit discharge by itself, but can mask other illicit discharges. If storm drains are located close to sanitary sewers, groundwater seepage may intermingle with diluted sewage. Addressing seepage that is observed during the outfall screening process is described in more detail in this Chapter.

3.3.C.2 Spills

These transitory discharges occur when a spill travels across an impervious surface and enters a storm drain inlet. Spills can occur at many industrial, commercial and transport-related sites. A very common example is an oil or gas spill from an accident that then travels across the road and into the storm drain system. The Spill Response Plan is described in Chapter 3.6.B.

3.3.C.3 Dumping

Dumping a liquid into a storm drain inlet: This type of transitory discharge is created when liquid wastes such as oil, grease, paint, solvents, and various automotive fluids are dumped into the storm drain. Liquid dumping occurs intermittently at sites that improperly dispose of rinse water and wash water during maintenance and cleanup operations. A common example is cleaning deep fryers in the parking lot of fast food operations. The Storm Drain Stenciling, Household Hazardous Wastes, Vehicle Fluid Maintenance and Pool Dewatering programs are designed to minimize dumping; these programs are described in Chapter 3.1.F, G, I and K. Additionally, the Village maintains a Illegal Dumping Hotline which is described in Chapter 3.2.D. The procedure for handling a dumping incident is described in Chapter 3.6.B.1.

3.3.C.4 Outdoor washing activities

Outdoor washing may or may not be an illicit discharge, depending on the nature of the generating site that produces the wash water. For example, hosing off individual sidewalks and driveways may not generate significant flows or pollutant loads. On the other hand, routine washing of fueling areas, outdoor storage areas, and parking lots (power washing), and construction equipment cleanouts may result in unacceptable pollutant loads. Individual washing activities are addressed through the Public Education and Outreach Program in Chapter 3.1.J whereas observed/documented routine washing activities should be addressed through the Removal of Illicit Discharges Procedure in Chapter 3.3.E.4.

3.3.C.5 *Non-target irrigation from landscaping or lawns*

Irrigation can produce intermittent discharges from over-watering or misdirected sprinklers that send tap water over impervious areas. In some instances, non-target irrigation can produce unacceptable loads of nutrients, organic matter or pesticides. The most common example is a discharge from commercial landscaping areas adjacent to parking lots connected to the storm drain system. This type of discharge is addressed by the Public Education and Outreach Program in Chapter 3.1.

3.3.D **Direct Connection Illicit Discharge Program**



Direct connections enter through direct piping connections to the storm sewer system, and since direct connections exist regardless of whether or not a stormwater event (e.g. rain or melting snow) is occurring, they are most easily detected during dry-weather periods. Inspection of stormwater outfalls during dry-weather conditions reveals whether non-stormwater flows exist. If non-stormwater flows are observed, they can be screened and tested to determine whether pollutants are present. If the presence of pollutants is indicated, the detective work of identifying the source of the discharge can begin. Once the source is identified, it can then be corrected. A direct connection illicit discharge program consists of three principal components: 1) program planning, 2) outfall screening, and 3) follow-up investigation and program evaluation.

1. **Program Planning** involves the office work, planning, and organization required to conduct the subsequent outfall screening and follow-up investigative activities of the program. Program planning identifies the regulatory authority to remove directly connected illicit discharges and the identification of the outfalls and receiving waters in the municipality (both discussed earlier in this chapter). Program planning for the direct connection portion of the overall program also includes the identification of the staffing and equipment needed to conduct the outfall screening, and scheduling of the outfall screening activities (Chapter 3.3.A).

2. **Outfall Screening** consists of pre-screening to determine whether dry-weather flows are present and outfall inspection which includes field-testing and grab samples to determine whether pollutants are present in any observed dry-weather flows (Chapter 3.3.B).

3. **Follow-Up Investigation and Program Evaluation** are the steps necessary to determine the source of any identified pollutant flows and eliminate them. The major follow-up investigation and program evaluation components (Chapter 3.3.C.) include:

- reviewing and assessing outfall inspection results,
- internal coordination,
- conducting detailed storm sewer investigations to identify pollutant sources (*tracing*),
- exercising the appropriate legal means to achieve enforcement of the program objective (*removal of pollutants at the source*), and evaluating the program to determine whether subsequent screening activities are necessary.

3.3.D.1 Program Planning

The program planning component is primarily office work related to assembling the necessary information and equipment for efficiently conducting outfall-screening activities. This component of the program addresses the following issues (see **Figure 3**).

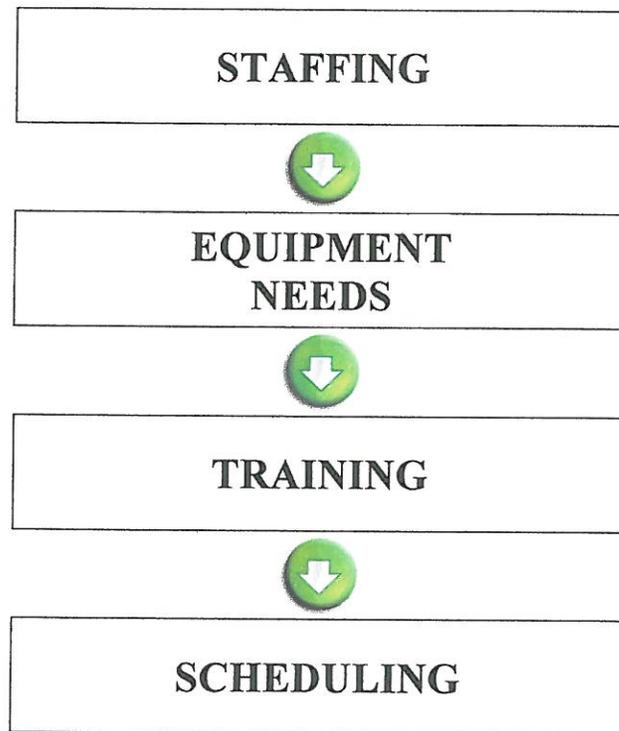


Figure 3: Program Elements

STAFFING



Personnel for an outfall inspection screening program are required for program administration, effort for conducting the outfall screening, and any follow-up investigations. Typically, a two-member crew is required for the outfall screening and follow-up portions of the program. Based on the number of identified outfalls and program goals, it is anticipated that a two-member crew will be required to perform inspections at least several weeks throughout the year.

EQUIPMENT NEEDS



General field equipment and specialized outfall screening equipment are required for IDDE programs. The method of collecting and managing inspection screening data is driven by available technology. Field Crews carry basic safety items, such as cell phones, surgical gloves, and first aid kits.

TRAINING

Applicable Public Works personnel shall thoroughly read and understand the objectives of the IDDE subchapters of this manual. Applicable field personnel shall have completed a standard training session. It is recommended that applicable Public Works personnel accompany a Public Works supervisor on at least two outfall inspections to learn the use of the *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form (Appendix 5.3)* and the use of sampling equipment and test kits. As a training exercise, new Highway Department personnel should independently conduct outfall screening activities until two outfall screening data forms are accurate and consistent with the highway department commissioner's investigator's forms.

SCHEDULING

Scheduling for pre-screening or outfall inspections is dependent on staff availability and weather. Pre-screening generally takes place during the late summer or fall months, ideally in August, September, or October, although other summer or fall months may be acceptable, depending on weather conditions. This time period is generally warm, which improves field efficiency as well as reliability and consistency of field-testing. This time period is also more likely to have extended dry periods with little or no precipitation, which is required for the inspection activities.

In order to ensure that samples collected are representative of dry-weather flows, conduct pre-screening and follow-up inspections preceding a dry-weather period, a period of 72 hours of dry weather. A period of 72 hours is selected to allow local detention facilities to drain and local groundwater flows to recede after precipitation events. However, some judgment may be exercised in evaluating the 72 hour period to sampling. For example, if very light rain or drizzle occurred and no runoff was experienced, it is likely that dry-weather conditions would exist and outfall inspection could be conducted.

3.3.D.2 *Outfall Inspection Procedure*



The identification of potential illicit discharge locations is primarily a two part process, pre-screening and follow-up inspections. Pre-screening is performed by a rapid inspection of all outfalls in a pre-determined area such as along a receiving water. Follow-up inspections are required for those pipes found to have dry weather flow. Once probable illicit discharges are found, identify the sources of illicit discharges and correct per the removal procedure of Chapter 3.3.C.4. Outfall inspection consists of the following tasks:

- Pre-Screening
- Outfall Inspection Setup,
- Outfall Inspection,
- Outfall Assessment and Documentation, and
- Daily closeout.
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PRE-SCREENING

Communities that DID NOT perform pre-screening during outfall inventory

Pre-screening consists of a rapid inspection of outfalls, during dry weather flow conditions. During pre-screening outfalls are rapidly inspected, preceding a dry-weather period a period of at least 72 hours. Document outfalls observed to have dry weather flow and the quantity of flow (such as trickle, moderate or substantial). Also document outfalls that are partially or fully submerged should for follow-up inspection.

OUTFALL INSPECTION SETUP AND PRECAUTIONS

In this step, an attempt is made to visualize the outfall locations and anticipate any potential problems that could affect the days screening activities. Of particular concern in daily setup is whether any safety issues will be associated with the day's screening activities. For example, does traffic need to be controlled or is access to the outfall difficult. Before leaving an outfall inspection location, field crews must ensure that all necessary equipment is available, operable, and calibrated (as appropriate).

Safety is the primary consideration while inspecting upstream sampling locations. In general, the rule "*if in doubt, don't*" is followed. Latex gloves are worn while collecting and handling samples. A first aid kit is included in each vehicle to treat minor injuries. Obtain medical help for major injuries as soon as possible. Report all injuries, minor and major to appropriate persons.

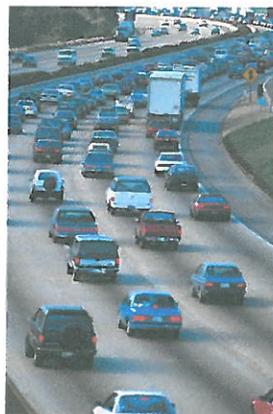
Access to Private Property



In some cases, it may be necessary for Highway personnel to enter or cross private property to investigate discovered illicit discharges. A form letter should be prepared that includes a short description of the project, the purpose of the access to the property, and the name of a project contact person with a telephone number. Attempt to contact each home, or business, owner for permission. Highway Department personnel shall have identification indicating that they are municipal employees. If the owner is not present, a letter should be left at the premises to facilitate return inspection. If permission to access property is denied, a public official should then contact the owner at a later date.

Avoid confrontational situations with citizens and attempt to answer questions concisely and without being alarmist. Highway Department personnel should be coached on appropriate responses to questions from citizens. If a field crew feels uncomfortable or threatened, they should remove themselves from the situation and report to the incident to their supervisor.

Traffic



All traffic control measures are to be in accordance with the requirements of the *Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices* and other internal Policies and Procedures as set forth by the Highway Department.

In general, the following additional policies are applicable. Highway department personnel generally work on streets only during the hours of 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. except in emergency situations. All field crews are required to wear Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) in accordance with Standard Operating Procedures set forth by the VTHD.

Confined Space Entry

Confined space entry for this program would include climbing into or inserting one’s head into a pipe, manhole, or catch basin. In general, do not cross the vertical plane defining an outfall pipe or the horizontal plane defining a manhole, unless properly prepared for confined space entry. **IN NO CASE SHALL FIELD CREW MEMBERS WHO ARE UNTRAINED AND/OR UNEQUIPPED FOR CONFINED SPACE ENTRY ATTEMPT TO ENTER CONFINED SPACES.** Confined space entry shall be conducted only by trained personnel with appropriate rescue and monitoring equipment.

Other Hazards

Table 5: Other Outfall Inspection Hazards

Hazard	Prevention
Access	Avoid steep slopes, dense brush and deep water. Report unsafe locations and move on to next location.
Stuck	Avoid wading where bottom sediments are easily disturbed or depths are unknown.
Strong Gas/Solvent Odor	Do not select manhole for sampling
Bodily Harm From Manhole Covers	Use manhole hook and watch for pinch points
Slip	Proper Foot Gear and Use of Rope If Warranted
Falls	Use extended sample collection device; don’t cross horizontal or vertical plane at end of outfall
Heat and Dehydration	Adequate Water Intake; Avoid Excessive Exertion on Hot Days
Sunburn	Sunscreen and Appropriate Clothing
Poisonous Plants/Animals	Identify and Avoid
Vicious Dogs	Avoid; Use Animal Repellent if necessary
Water Bodies	Flotation Devices
Ticks	Check Entire Body at End of Each Day
Mosquitoes	Apply Repellent

Test Kit Analysis Safety

In general, safety procedures established by the USEPA Industrial User Inspection and Sampling Manual for POTWs and related IEPA publications are used. Following are general guidelines.

1. Appropriate gloves (latex or rubber) are worn AT ALL TIMES when handling samples or conducting test kit analyses. Other appropriate Personal Protection Equipment (PPE) is also be worn, as required.
2. Copies of Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) are maintained with all test kits. Be familiar with instructions provided in the MSDSs.
3. Always conduct test kit analyses in a well-ventilated area.
4. Wash hands thoroughly with soap and water at every opportunity.

OUTFALL INSPECTION



An outfall inspection is required for outfalls determined to have dry weather flow, or with submerged outlets, based on the pre-screening efforts. Upon arriving at an outfall, the field crew inspects the outfall by approaching the outfall on foot to a proximity that allows visual observations to be made.

Outfalls are assessed to determine which one of the three following conditions applies:

- (1) The outfall is dry or damp with no observed flow,
- (2) Flowing discharges are observed from the outfall, or
- (3) The outfall is partially or completely submerged with no observed flow or is inaccessible.

Scenario 1: No Observed Flow. Under Scenario 1, the field crew should photograph the outfall and complete applicable sections of the *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form (Appendix*

5.3). Use the flow chart, **Figure 7**, to identify applicable sections of the form that must be filled out.

Scenario 2: Observed Flow. Under Scenario 2, the field crew photographs the outfall and complete applicable sections of the *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form (Appendix 5.3)*. Use the flow chart, **Figure 7**, to identify applicable sections of the form that must be filled out, including sampling/testing requirements. The intent is to gather additional information to determine if an illicit discharge is present. Determine the need for on-site testing and obtaining grab samples for laboratory analysis based on the flow chart. Testing results are then used to identify potential sources.

The initial testing results are not intended to document the event for future removal and/or enforcement actions. If the preliminary test results identify a potential illicit discharge an independent laboratory shall be contracted to test an additional sample prior to initiating removal procedures.

Scenario 3: Submerged or Inaccessible Outfall. Under Scenario 3, if standing water is present in an outfall or if it is inaccessible, then complete available information from Sections 1, 2, 3 and 7 of the *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form (Appendix 5.3)*, with appropriate comments being written in the “Remarks” section of the data form. Locating an upstream sampling point may be required if any of the following conditions exist at an outfall:

- The outfall discharge is submerged or partially submerged due to backwater conditions,
- Site access and safety considerations prevent sample collection,
- The outfall is from a facility providing water quality treatment (for example, detention basin outlet), or
- Other special considerations.

Determine the upstream sampling location using the VTHD storm sewer atlas. Manholes, catch basins, or culvert crossings can be used for upstream sampling locations. Make reasonable efforts to locate upstream sampling points that are accessible and exhibit flow. If inaccessible, resolve the problem in the office with appropriate supervisory personnel.

The outfall locations within VTHD jurisdictional limits are predominantly within linear right-of-ways bordering VTHD roadways. Therefore, the upstream storm sewer system from any outfall is likely to consist of only a small number of possible sample points within the VTHD jurisdiction. Therefore, if the submerged outfall does not exhibit signs of an illicit discharge no further action is required by the VTHD. However, if indicators are present the upstream structure within the R.O.W. should be identified and referred to the bordering municipality or Lake County Planning Building and Development. The VTHD should coordinate with the upstream MS4 and document follow-up results provided by the MS4.



Figure 6: Characterizing Submersion and Flow
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OUTFALL ASSESSMENT AND DOCUMENTATION

Complete the *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form (Appendix 5.3)* for all outfall screening and grab sampling activities. All completed forms must be dated, legible, and contain accurate documentation of each outfall inspection. A separate data form must be completed for each outfall.

It is recommended that non-smearing pens be used to complete the forms and that all data be objective and factual. Once completed, these data forms are considered accountable documents and are maintained as part of the VTHD files. In addition to standard information, the data form is used to record other information that is noted at the time the outfall inspection is conducted (e.g. observations of dead or dying plants, fish kills, algal blooms (excessive algae growth), construction activities, and other activities that might provide information regarding the potential for illicit connections or inappropriate discharges).

DAILY CLOSEOUT

Disposal and Clean-up



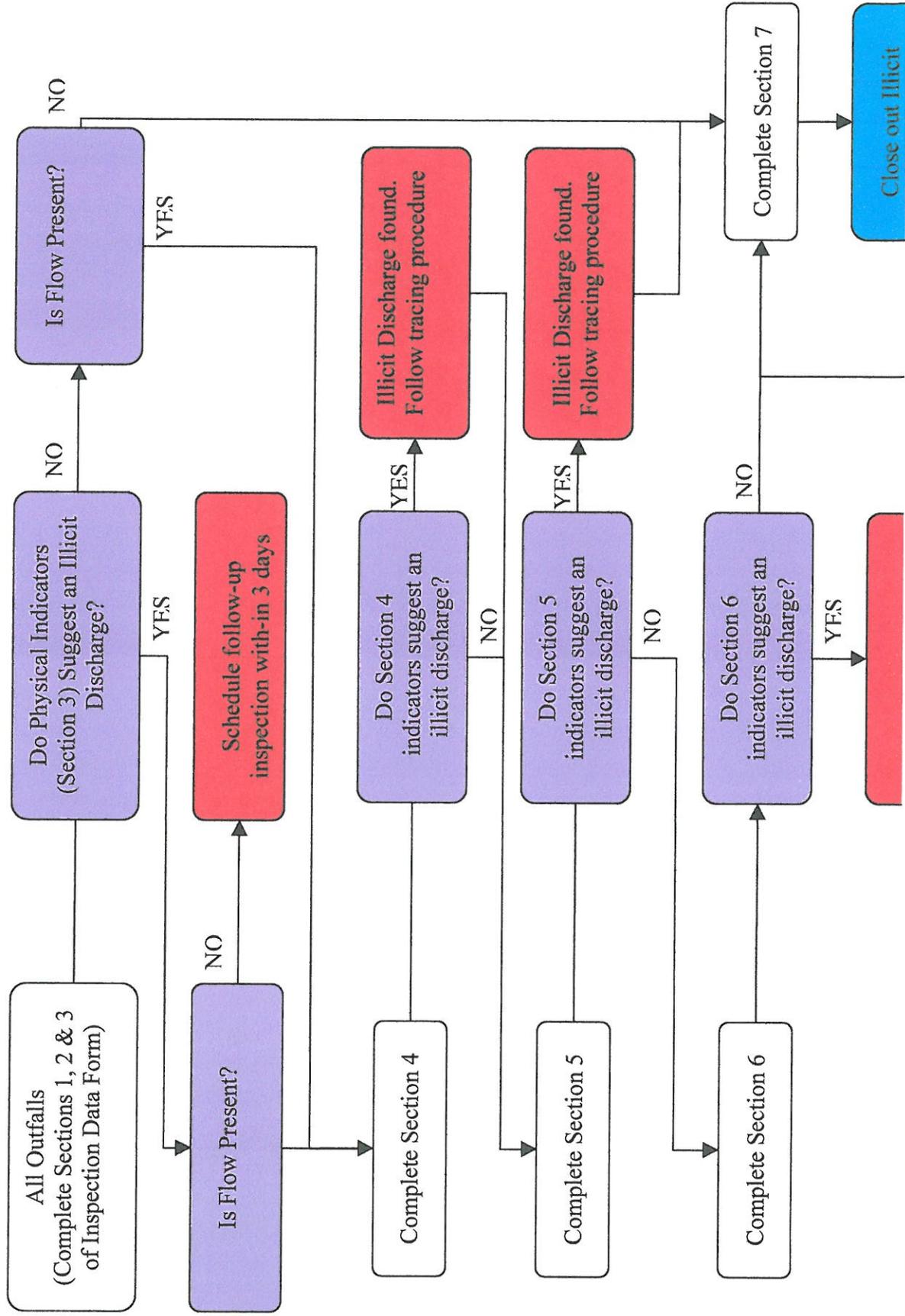
Properly dispose of test waste items per the following table. Before leaving any field inspection site, check the area to ensure that all equipment has been cleaned, collected, and stored. Do not leave any trash or litter at the site.

Item	Field Disposal	Final Disposal
Grab Sample (Uncontaminated)	On Site	-----
Grab Sample (Contaminated by Contact with Test Kit Ampoule)	Liquid Waste Container	Sanitary Sewer
Test Kit Ampoule	Used Ampoule container	Dispose of Container as a Hazardous Waste
Paper Towels/ Latex Gloves	Trash Bags	Municipal Garbage

Office Closeout

In the office, file copies of completed data forms. Also, update the outfall screening scheduling and completion form and plan the next screening day’s activities. Discuss any problems locating outfalls with appropriate supervisory personnel so that alternate sampling locations can be identified. Once a month, compile data from the *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form* (Appendix 5.3) onto the *Outfall Inspection Screening Summary Form* (Appendix 5.5).

Figure 7: Outfall Inspection Procedure Flow Chart



3.3.D.3 Follow Up Investigation and Program Evaluation

Follow up investigation is required for all outfalls with positive indicators for pollutant discharges. The outfall assessment results are reviewed to determine the magnitude of the dry-weather pollution problem and to determine the necessary steps to identify and remove the sources of any detected pollutants. **Figure 8** provides a flow chart to aid in follow-up investigations of potential illicit discharges.

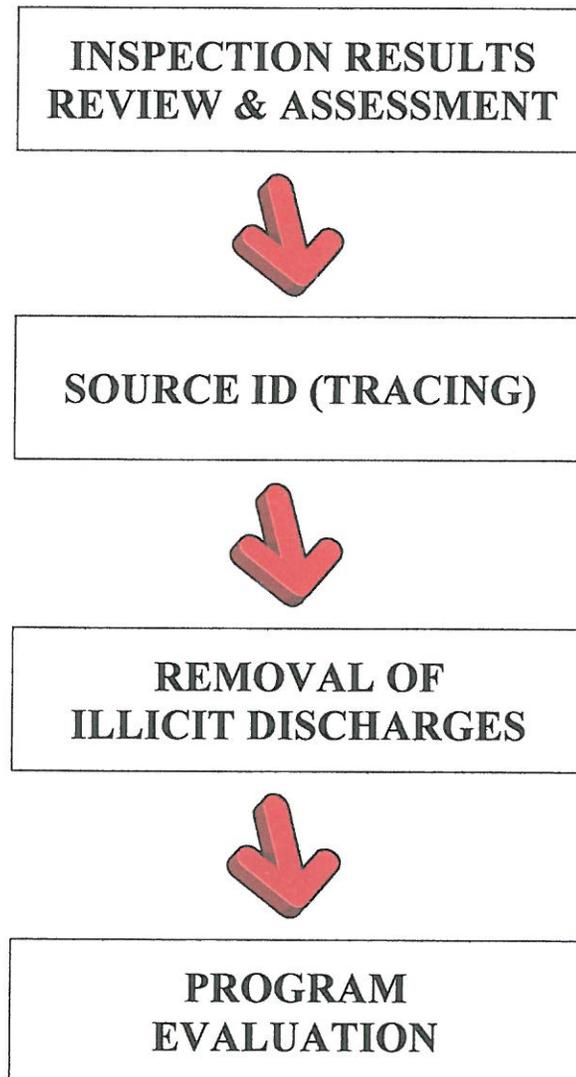


Figure 8: Follow Up Procedure

OUTFALL SCREENING RESULTS REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT

Detailed investigations of the storm sewer system may be required upstream of the outfalls to locate sources of illicit discharges or improper disposal. The need for detailed investigations is based on evaluation of the data from the initial outfall screening. This element of the program serves to detect and remove pollutant sources. This is accomplished by reviewing the ***Outfall Inspection Screening Summary Form (Appendix 5.5)*** to determine if there are outfalls that require a follow up investigation, target sewer system areas for detailed investigation and then conducting intensive field investigations upstream of the polluted outfall to identify potential sources.



INDEPENDENT VERIFICATION

If the initial outfall assessment identifies potential illicit discharges (through either the on-site or off-site testing procedures), additional sampling is required. The results of the inspection and testing should be discussed with the Stormwater Coordinator. Contract an independent laboratory to take and test an additional sample and verify preliminary finding. Use the established procedure to coordinate the independent laboratory sample and testing.

SOURCE IDENTIFICATION

Follow up investigation is required for all outfalls with positive indicators for pollutant discharges during the pre-screening efforts. The procedure for detailed storm sewer investigation and source identification has three major components: 1) mapping and evaluation, 2) storm sewer investigation, and 3) tracing.

Mapping and Evaluation

For each outfall to be investigated, a large-scale working map should be obtained (digitally or in paper form) that includes the entire upstream storm sewer network, outfall locations and parcel boundaries indicated. This map product is based on information from the storm sewer atlas and outfall map and can be obtained from the VTHD GIS program. Land use information is evaluated to determine the types of residential, commercial, and industrial areas that might contribute the type of pollution identified at the outfall. Make attempts to match detected indicators with upstream activities.

Storm Sewer Investigation



After conducting the mapping evaluation, a manhole-by-manhole inspection is conducted to pinpoint the location of the inappropriate discharge, into the storm sewer / conveyance system. This inspection requires a field crew to revisit the outfall where the polluted dry-weather discharge was detected. The field crew should be equipped with the same testing and safety equipment and follow similar procedures as used during the outfall inspection.

After confirming that dry-weather flow is present at the outfall, the field crew continues moving to the next upstream manhole or access point investigating for dry weather flow. In cases where more than one source of dry-weather discharge enters a manhole, the field crew records this information on the screening form and then tracks each source separately. All sources are tracked upstream, manhole-by-manhole, until the dry-weather discharge is no longer detected. Finally, the last manhole where dry-weather flow is present is identified and potential sources to that manhole are accessed. This data is important for source identification.

The field crew should also determine whether there has been a significant change in the flow rate between manholes. If the flow rate appears to have changed between two manholes in the system, the illicit connection likely occurs between the two manholes. Changes in the concentration of pollutant parameters could also aid in confirming the presence of an illicit connection between the two manholes.

Tracing



Once the manhole inspection has identified the reach area, between two manholes suspected of containing an inappropriate discharge, testing may be necessary. If there is only one possible source to this section of the storm sewer system in the area, source identification and follow-up for corrective action is straightforward. Multiple sources, or non-definitive sources, may require additional evaluation and testing in order to identify the contributing source. The method of testing must be approved by the Stormwater Coordinator prior to testing. Potential testing methods include fluorometric dye testing, smoke testing, and/or remote video inspections. Once identified, clearly log the contributing source.

3.4 Construction Site Runoff Control



The goal of the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) is to ensure that new development does not increase existing stormwater problems or create new ones. The WDO establishes countywide standards for runoff maintenance, detention sites, soil erosion and sediment control, water quality, wetlands and floodplains. These provisions are only applicable for regulated development activities as defined by the WDO. Applicants that hydrologically disturb greater than 1-acre are also required to seek coverage under the statewide construction general permit by filing a Notice of Intent (NOI) with IEPA.

The WDO is implemented primarily at the local level. In October of 2008, forty-two of fifty-three municipalities in the county were "Certified Communities." The designation allows those communities to enforce WDO standards within their own jurisdictions. SMC administers the WDO and issues permits for the developments within the Non-Certified Communities.

3.5 Post Construction Runoff Control



The Lake County Planning, Building and Development Department (LCPBD) is a certified community and is responsible for ensuring Township compliance with NDPES permit requirements by incorporating Ordinance and BMP standards to minimize the discharge of pollutants of development projects.

3.5.A Regulatory Program

The WDO includes numerous performance standards on Grading, Stormwater and Soil Erosion/Sediment Control that must be met for all parties undertaking construction. The Lake County Technical Reference Manual is a guidance tool that describes BMP and implementation procedures for enforcing the WDO.

Additional sentence for non-certified communities: The SMC is responsible for ensuring that the development design meets all applicable performance standards on behalf of the insert MS4 type.

3.5.B Runoff Volume Reduction Hierarchy

The WDO includes performance standards which require that the site plan include a combination of structural and/or non-structural BMPs that will reduce the discharge of pollutants, the volume and velocity of storm water flow to the maximum extent practicable. The permittee should ensure that the development plan addresses these provisions during the plan review process.

3.5.C Green Infrastructure

Each permittee should adopt strategies that incorporate storm water infiltration, reuse and evapotranspiration of storm water into the project to the maximum extent practicable. Site plan design and review should ensure that the development plan incorporates green infrastructure or low impact design techniques when possible. Types of techniques include green roofs, rain gardens, rain barrels, bioswales, permeable piping, dry wells and permeable pavement.

3.5.D Long Term Operation and Maintenance

The SMPP includes two long term maintenance plans. These sample maintenance plans are included in **Appendix 5.14**.

- The first plan is the recommended plan for existing detention and stormwater management facilities, whether publicly or privately maintained. The intent of this sample plan is to provide guidance for the maintenance of facilities that do not have an approved plan. If an existing facility already has an adequate plan adequate; this document would supersede the sample plan. Attempts should be made to provide the sample maintenance plan to pre-WDO sites with stormwater management facilities.
- The second plan is provided to applicants during the permit review period. This plan should be reviewed and enhanced by the applicant to reflect the sites specific design. Receipt of the signed and recorded maintenance plan is required prior to issuance of the WDP or listed as a permit condition. Additional sentence for non-certified communities: The SMC is responsible for ensuring that the new developments provide an adequate maintenance plan during the permit review process.

3.5.E Site Inspections

The inspection program for its general facilities is discussed in detail in Chapter 3.6.A. The inspection procedure for site inspections related to construction activities is discussed in detail in Chapter 3.4.E. This section focuses on post-construction inspections of previously developed sites, streambanks / shorelines, streambeds, and detention / retention ponds.

3.5.E.1 *Previously Developed Sites*

The insert MS4 type attempts to inspect approximately 20% of all existing properties with stormwater management facilities a year; resulting in a re-occurrence inspection interval of every 5-years.

- Previously accepted developments are inspected with respect to the approved maintenance plan. A letter indicating the maintenance activity highlights, deficiencies or additional enhancements to the plan should be provided to the responsible party.
- For older developments that do not have a maintenance plan, the insert MS4 type inspects facilities with respect to the sample existing facilities maintenance plan. A letter indicating the maintenance activity highlights and deficiencies should be provided to the responsible party. The sample maintenance plan is provided with the letter and the responsible party is encouraged to implement an annual maintenance program.

3.5.E.2 *Shorelines*



Annually inspect 20% of detention basin shorelines in the spring and/or fall pending weather conditions. Pond locations are listed on the ***Detention/Retention Pond Checklist (Appendix 5.9)***. Observed erosion, seeding/re-seeding or slope stabilization needs are documented. Documented deficiencies should be reported to insert title who evaluates and determines appropriate remediation activities. Remedial actions might include notifying the property owner or including maintenance activities in the insert MS4 type's work program.

New developments are required to provide a maintenance plan for constructed detention/retention facilities. The recorded maintenance plan for developments permitted through the Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance (WDO) is used, if available, for shoreline areas. Typical BMP for maintenance of these areas are similar to those for a construction site. SMC's streambank/shoreline stabilization manual is used as a starting point in choosing the appropriate BMP for remediation activities.

3.5.E.3 Streambanks and Stream Bed Sediment Accumulation

Annually inspect 20% receiving water streambanks for erosion and flowlines for sediment plumes. Inspections should be performed in the spring and/or fall pending weather conditions. Stream locations are depicted on **Figure 1**. Document observed erosion and/or sediment accumulation. Documented deficiencies should be reported to insert title who evaluates and determines appropriate remediation activities. Remedial actions might include notifying the property owner or including maintenance activities in the insert MS4 type's work program.

3.5.E.4 Detention / Retention Pond Sediment Accumulation

Ensure that new detention/retention ponds are over excavated during construction to account for sediment accumulation. The developer is responsible for ensuring that the design grade is established prior to insert MS4 type's acceptance of the pond. Pond information, including the design permanent pool pond depths, is added to the ***Detention/Retention Pond Checklist (Appendix 5.9b)*** upon acceptance of the pond.

Annually inspect 20% of detention basins to determine the permanent pool pond depth. Log observed depths onto the ***Detention/Retention Pond Checklist (Appendix 5.9b)***. If the inspected pond depth is found to be 2 feet or less from the design depth (i.e. shallower than the

design permanent pool depth) this information should be reported to insert title who evaluates and determines appropriate remediation activities.

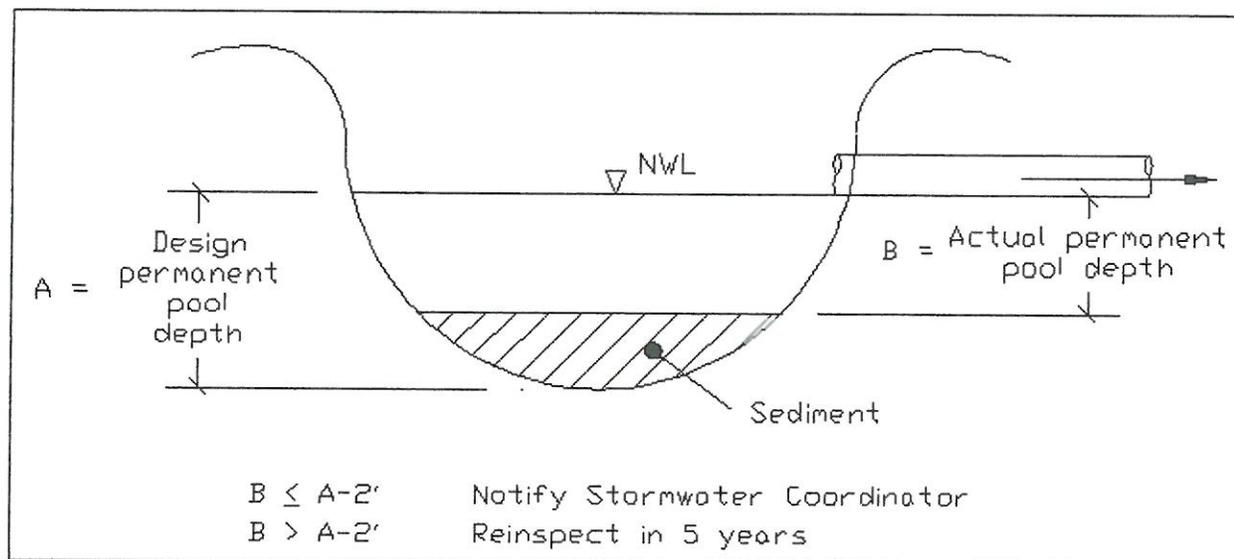


Figure 9: Pond Sediment Accumulation

3.6 Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping



The VTHD is responsible for the care and upkeep of the general facilities, municipal roads, its general facilities and associated maintenance yards. Many maintenance activities are most regularly performed directly by staff; however from time to time contractors are employed to perform specific activities. This chapter describes how the compliance with permit requirements is achieved by incorporating pollution prevention and good housekeeping stormwater quality management into day-to-day operations. On-going education and training is provided to ensure

that all of its employees have the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their functions effectively and efficiently.

3.6.A Inspection and Maintenance Program



The following chapters describe areas/items that require inspection and their recommended inspection frequency. It further details recommended maintenance activities and subsequent tracking procedures for each of the tasks.

3.6.A.1 Street Sweeping

Street sweeping operations are performed to reduce potential illicit discharges and to provide a clean environment. The curb lines of all streets are cleaned on a rotating basis. Each street is typically swept/cleaned approximately 2 times per year. Sweeper waste is collected and disposed of in the spoil waste area.

3.6.A.2 Drainageways

Drainageways include any river, stream, creek, brook, branch, natural or artificial depression, ponded area, lakes, flowage, slough, ditch, conduit, culvert, gully, ravine, swale, wash, or natural or man-made drainageway, in or into which surface or groundwater flows, either perennially or intermittently.

POND OUTLETS

The ***Detention/Retention Pond Checklist*** (Appendix 5.9) is used to determine inspection locations. Structures are added to the checklist after new developments are approved and accepted. Locations identified on the checklists are inspected both before a forecasted storm (0.25 inches or more) and during the storm event. Observed obstructions are cleared and debris hauled to the spoil waste area. Ponds are inspected and evaluated for a low, medium and high level of flood height according to the following classifications.

Flood Height Classification

- Low – Normal Water Level (NWL)
- Medium – NWL to top of grate

- High – Top of Grate and above

Condition

- Good – outlet is unimpaired, not blocked
- Fair –outlet obstructions observed although outlet is discharging
- Poor – outlet is blocked or obstructed

Comments

Note structural defects or other observances.

Inspections continue until water level recedes to mid-pipe (Medium classification). If maintenance work is required for a pipe culvert within the VTHD limits but in the State of Illinois right of way, the State’s Maintenance Facility, is notified. Similarly, the County of Lake, 847-362-3950, is contacted for work within their right of way.

BOX CULVERTS AND BRIDGES

Box Culverts & Bridges are listed on the *Roadway Culvert/Bridge Checklist (Appendix 5.10)*. Structures are added to the checklist after new developments are approved and accepted. Locations identified on the checklists are inspected both before a forecasted storm (0.25 inches or more) and during the storm event. Inspection procedures follow the Pond Outlet discussion above.

DRIVEWAY CULVERTS

Maintenance and replacement of driveway culverts is the property owner’s responsibility. Permits are required for culvert replacement; a soil erosion and sediment control plan may be required as part of the permit. The Highway Department inspects the culvert when it is set to grade and prior to backfilling and may rod/clean culverts on an as needed basis.

CATCH BASINS

Catch basin locations are identified on the **Storm Sewer Atlas**. The Highway Department’s goal is to annually clean approximately 20% of all catch basins, to a minimum sump depth of 2 feet. Spoil waste obtained from catch basin cleaning is disposed of in the spoil waste area. Locations of cleaned catch basins are tracked.

Catch basins found to have structural deficiencies are reported to the Highway Commissioner. Necessary remedial actions are completed by the Highway Department or incorporated into a capital project. Catch basins that have been cleaned are tracked on a spread sheet.

STORM SEWERS

If catch basin debris is at the invert elevation of the downstream pipe (i.e. has completely filled the sump area), then the downstream storm sewer system is also cleaned. Likewise, if a water

main break or other heavy flow occurs that flushes potential illicit discharges into the storm sewer system, the receiving storm sewer lines are inspected and then cleaned as necessary.

OTHER INLET AND GRATE CLEANING

Cleaning of these areas occurs on an as-needed basis (e.g. complaints, incidences, standing water, etc). Spoil waste that is obtained from inlet and grate cleaning or vacuuming is disposed of at is disposed of in the spoil waste area. Any waste jetted out is picked up with a clapper bar if possible.

SWALES AND OVERLAND FLOW PATHS

Right-of-way Drainage Swales: The VTHD Department documents observed or reported erosion or sediment accumulation. Areas of significant concern are incorporated into a maintenance program.

Privately Owned Drainage Swales (side/rear yard): Observed or reported erosion or sediment accumulation in privately owned swales are referred to the LCPBD for follow-up.

3.6.A.3 *Landscape Maintenance*



The VTHD maintains care and upkeep of its general facilities, municipal roads, associated maintenance yards, and other public areas. Municipal staff is responsible for Litter and Debris control described in Chapter 3.6.A.4.a below. The Township Supervisor is responsible for other Township facilities including parks areas.

LITTER AND DEBRIS

Litter and debris can accumulate on VTHD type property and roadway right-of-ways and should be removed. Each department is responsible for the clean up of their respective facilities. Clean-up at park and recreation areas is the responsibility of the Supervisor's Office. Other VTHD properties and right-of-ways are cleaned up on an as-needed basis.

FERTILIZER

The landscape maintenance, for parks and recreational areas, is the responsibility of the Township Supervisor.

3.6.A.4 *Snow Removal and Ice Control*



During snow removal and ice control activities, salt, de-icing chemicals, abrasives and snow melt may pollute stormwater runoff. To address these potential pollutants, the following procedures for the “winter season” (November 1 through May 1) are implemented.

ROADWAY ICE CONTROL

Use the minimal amount of salt, de-icing chemicals and additives necessary for effective control. Prior to November 1, preparation work to obtain seasonal readiness is completed. These tasks include: inspecting and re-conditioning of spreaders and spinners, install these items onto snow removal vehicles, performing test operations, and calibrating distribution rates . The completion of these preparatory tasks helps to ensure that only the necessary level of salt is applied.

Once the ambient temperature is below 20-degrees Fahrenheit, The Highway Commissioner considers the additional use of Calcium Chloride to improve the efficiency of snow melting efforts.

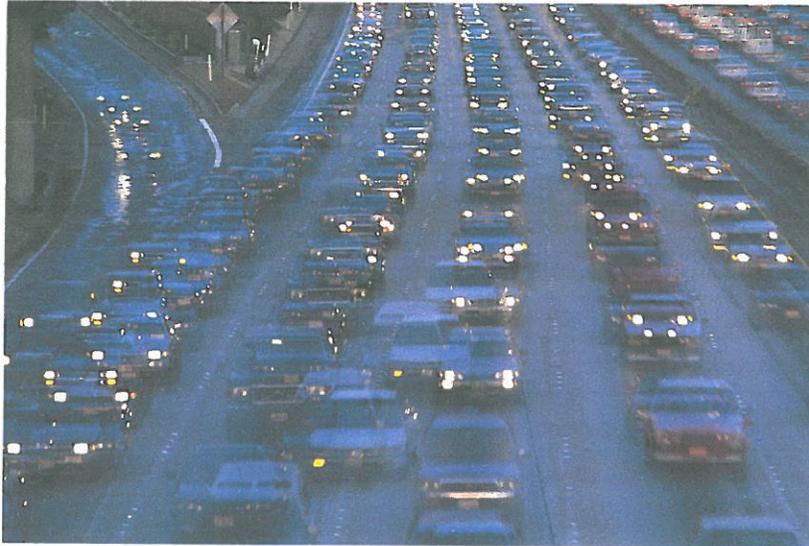
SALT DELIVERY AND STORAGE

Steps are taken to ensure that the delivery, storage and distribution of salt does not pollute stormwater runoff from the Highway Department salt bin. The floor of the salt storage building and adjacent receiving/unloading area are constructed of asphalt. Delivered salt is unloaded into the salt bin. The limits of the salt pile are pushed back from the door opening to minimize potential illicit runoff.

SNOW PLOWING

Snow plowing activities direct snow off the pavement and onto the parkways. This reduces the amount of salt, chemical additives, abrasives or other pollutants that go directly into the storm sewer system. When deemed necessary, the VTHD hauls accumulated snow to designated stockpile locations. These locations are asphalt surface areas. Snow blowing, plowing or dumping into drainageways is not allowed. Once the snow has melted, the stockpile areas are cleaned with a street sweeper removing any debris deposited.

3.6.A.5 *Vehicle and Equipment Operations*



Vehicle and equipment fueling procedures and practices are designed to minimize or eliminate the discharge of pollutants to the stormwater management system, including receiving waters.

3.6.A.5.A VEHICLE FUELING

The vehicle fueling area contains 1 tank divided in two. These tanks self-contained and monitored with a leak meter as a detection system. Leak tests are performed visually with the leak meter.

3.6.A.5.B VEHICLE MAINTENANCE

Vehicle maintenance procedures and practices are designed to minimize or eliminate the discharge of petroleum-based pollutants to the stormwater management system, including receiving waters. This chapter discusses proper handling and disposal of vehicle maintenance by-products such as waste oil, antifreeze, batteries and tires.

Waste Oil

Used motor oil, transmission fluids, gear lubes, brake fluids and other vehicle fluids (except antifreeze) are collected and stored. Typically, the waste oil tank is emptied and the contents removed for recycling.

Antifreeze

Used antifreeze is stored at VTHD. A special waste hauler is contacted for collection and disposal.

Batteries

Used batteries are stored in an enclosed covered container. Typically, the batteries are collected bi-monthly from a local vendor.

Tires

Used tires are disposed of annually. Tires are stored outside at VTHD until picked up for disposal.

Other

Private certified companies perform all air-conditioning related work; therefore, the disposal of freon is not handled directly by the VTHD. Cleaning fluids, and solvents are contained within an enclosed tank and maintained by VTHD.

3.6.A.6 *Animal Nuisance Control*

The VTHD, upon receiving notification, collects “road kill” from right-of-way areas. The carcasses are disposed of in the VTHD Complex garbage dumpsters.

3.6.A.7 Waste Management



Waste Management consists of implementing procedural and structural practices for handling, storing and disposing of wastes generated by a maintenance activity. This helps prevent the release of waste materials into the stormwater management system including receiving waters. Waste management practices include removal of materials such as asphalt and concrete maintenance by-products, excess earth excavation, contaminated soil, hazardous wastes, sanitary waste and material from within the triple basins.

3.6.A.7.A SPOIL STOCK PILE

The spoil stock pile is located at the VTHD. Asphalt and concrete maintenance by-products and excess earth excavation materials are temporarily stored in the stock pile. Attempts are made to recycle asphalt and concrete products prior to storage in the spoil stock pile. Licensed waste haulers are contracted to remove and dispose the contents of the spoil stock pile at a licensed landfill.

3.6.A.7.B CONTAMINATED SOIL MANAGEMENT

Collect or manage contaminated soil/sediment generated during an emergency response or identified during construction activities for treatment or disposal. Attempts are made to avoid stockpiling of the contaminated soil. If temporary stock piling is necessary, place the stockpile on an impermeable liner. Additionally, BMP (presented in the SMC's Technical Reference Manual or the Illinois Urban Manual) are used to protect the downslope of the stockpiled area for erosion downstream. Locate the construction access on the upstream side of the temporary stock pile.

3.6.A.7.C HAZARDOUS WASTE

Store all hazardous wastes in sealed containers constructed of compatible material and labeled. The containers are located in non-flammable storage cabinets or on a containment pallet. These items include paint, aerosol cans, gasoline, solvents and other hazardous wastes. Please refer to chapter 3.6.A.7 for vehicle related hazardous wastes. Do not overfill containers. Paint brushes and equipment used for water and oil-based paints are cleaned within the designated cleaning

area. Contain associated waste and other cleaning fluids within an enclosed tank, the tank is maintained by a private licensed special waste company.

3.6.A.7.D SANITARY WASTE

Discharge sanitary waste into a sanitary sewer or managed by a licensed waste hauler.

3.6.A.7.E TRIPLE BASINS

Floor drains in the garage bay floor area of the VTHD are directed to an underground Triple Basin. The vacuumed out material is transported to the wastewater treatment station to air-dry on a protected impervious surface. The dried material is then transported to a landfill.

3.6.A.8 *Water Conservation & Irrigation*



Water conservation practices minimize water use and help to avoid erosion and/or the transport of pollutants into the stormwater management system. Maintenance activities (performed by the staff or its contractors) preserve water by utilizing vacuum recovery as opposed to water based cleaning when possible. Additionally, the water main replacement program decreases the possibility for water main leaks. In the event that a water main leak occurs, valve off the leaking section as soon as possible and then repair.

3.6.B Spill Response Plan



Spill prevention and control procedures are implemented wherever non-hazardous chemicals and/or hazardous substances are stored or used. These procedures and practices are implemented to prevent and control spills in a manner that minimizes or prevents discharge to the stormwater management system and receiving waters. The following general guidelines are implemented, when cleanup activities and safety are not compromised, regardless of the location of the spill:

- Cover and protect spills from stormwater run-on and rainfall, until they are removed,
- Dry cleanup methods are used when ever possible,
- Dispose of used cleanup materials, contaminated materials and recovered spill material in accordance with the Hazardous Waste Management practices or the Solid Waste Management practices of this plan,
- Contaminated water used for cleaning and decontamination shall not be allowed to enter the stormwater management system,
- Keep waste storage areas clean, well organized and equipped with appropriate cleanup supplies, and
- Maintain perimeter controls, containment structures, covers and liners to ensure proper function.

3.6.B.1 Non-Hazardous Spills/Dumping

Non-hazardous spills typically consist of an illicit discharge of household material(s) into the street or stormwater management system. Upon notification or observance of a non-hazardous illicit discharge, VTHD personnel implement the following procedure:

- Sand bag the receiving inlet to prevent additional discharge into the storm sewer system, as necessary. It may be necessary to sand bag the next downstream inlet.
- Check structures (immediate and downstream). If possible, materials are vacuumed out. The structure(s) are then jetted to dilute and flush the remaining unrecoverable illicit discharge.

- Clean up may consist of applying “Oil Dry” or sand and then sweeping up the remnant material.
- After containment and cleanup activities have been performed, the on-site VTHD personnel fills out the *Spill Response Notice (Appendix 5.12)* and distributes to adjoining residences/businesses. In residential areas, the hanger should be provided to residences on both sides of the spill and on both sides of the street.
- VTHD personnel document the location, type of spill and action taken on the *Indirect Illicit Discharge Tracking Form (Appendix 5.13)*.
- The on-site VTHD personnel provide the tracking form to their supervisor. The supervisor, or his designee, takes the information from the form and transfers it to the *Indirect Illicit Discharge Summary Form (Appendix 5.13)*.
- If a person is observed causing an illicit discharge, LCPBD is notified.

3.6.B.2 Hazardous Spills

Upon notification or observance of a hazardous illicit discharge, VTHD follows the following procedure:

- Call 911, explain the incident. The Fire Department responds;
- VTHD provides emergency traffic control, as necessary;
- The Fire Department evaluates the situation and applies “No Flash” or “Oil Dry” as necessary;
- The Fire Department’s existing emergency response procedure, for hazardous spill containment clean-up activities, is followed;
- VTHD documents the location, type of spill and action taken on the Indirect Illicit Discharge Tracking Form (**Appendix 5.13**); and,
- The on-site VTHD Personnel provide the tracking form to their supervisor. The supervisor, or his designee, takes the information from the form and transfers it to the *Indirect Illicit Discharge Summary Form (Appendix 5.13)*.

3.6.C Employee Training



The VTHD practice is to provide education and training to all of its employees to ensure that they have the knowledge and skills necessary to perform their functions effectively and efficiently. The purpose of the Employee Stormwater Training Program is to teach appropriate employees about the following:

- Stormwater characteristics and water quality issues;
- The roles and responsibilities of the various Departments, and individuals within these Departments, regarding implementation of the SMPP to consistently achieve Permit compliance;
- Activities and practices that are, or could be sources, of stormwater pollution and non-stormwater discharges;
- On managing and maintaining green infrastructure and low impact design features; and,
- How to use the SMPP and available guidance materials to select and implement best management practices.

3.6.C.1 Training Approach

Employees are encouraged to attend all relevant training sessions offered by the QLP and other entities on topics related to the goals/objectives of the SMPP. Additionally, the VTHD will develop employee training programs with curricula and materials tailored to specific functional groups. Refer to **Table 7**. The materials focus on stormwater pollution prevention measures and practices involved in routine activities carried out by the various functional groups. Training materials primarily focus on revisions to the various programs (that were in place prior to the acceptance of the SMPP).

Table 7: Employee Responsibilities

Functional Group	Area of Responsibility	Members
Planning and Design	Responsible for overseeing the development and implementation of best management practices through the project planning and design phase for construction projects.	Stormwater Coordinator
Construction	Responsible for overseeing the implementation of best management practices relating to the construction stage of projects (private and public).	Stormwater Coordinator
Maintenance	Responsible for development and implementation of best management practices relating to the maintenance of facilities, infrastructure and properties.	Stormwater Coordinator

3.6.C.2 Training Schedule and Frequency

The initial training program will be offered within 6 months of the acceptance of the SMPP. Digital and hard copies of the training materials will be kept and shared with applicable new employees as part of their job introduction. Revisions/enhancements to the SMPP will be approved by the Stormwater Coordinator and then shared with applicable employees. The Stormwater Coordinator will monitor the potential need for overall refresher material distributions and offer additional training as necessary.

Employees are encouraged to share information with other employees via email or other formats. Information may include:

- updates and news which might enhance pollution control activities,
- feedback from field implementation of best management practices, or
- new product information.

4 Program and Performance Monitoring, Evaluation and Reporting



The SMPP represents an organized approach to achieving compliance with the stormwater expectations of the NPDES Phase II program for both private and public activities within the VTHD. Land development, redevelopment and transportation improvement projects were required to comply with the provisions of the WDO prior acceptance of the SMPP. Additionally, the VTHD had numerous written and unwritten procedures for various tasks. This SMPP documents and organizes previously existing procedures and incorporates the objectives of the WDO to create one cohesive program addressing pre-development, construction, post-development activities and municipal operations.

This chapter describes how the VTHD will monitor and evaluate the proposed stormwater pollution prevention plan based on the above stated objective. As part of the stormwater management program, the VTHD:

- reviews its activities,
- inspects its facilities,
- oversees, guides, and trains its personnel, and
- evaluates the allocation of resources available to implement stormwater quality efforts.

This chapter describes how program monitoring, evaluation and reporting will be accomplished.

4.1 Performance Milestones

Previously established ordinances and programs implement many of the anticipated tasks. The following schedule describes general performance expectations.

- Within 6 months following the acceptance of the SMPP, applicable employees will receive training regarding the implementation of the SMPP.
- Within 1 year following the acceptance of the SMPP, program enhancement items within Chapter 3 will be implemented, except for the IDDE program milestones discussed below. Refer to Chapter 2.1 for a description of tasks associated with the implementation of the SMPP.

- Within 3 years following the acceptance of the SMPP, the Outfall Inspection Procedure will be completed for all pipes identified, during the pre-screening efforts, as having dry weather flow.
- Within 5 years following the acceptance of the SMPP, tracing and removal procedures will be completed for all pipes identified, during the Outfall Inspection Procedure, as contributing illicit discharges to receiving waters.

4.2 Program Monitoring and Research

Currently water quality sampling/monitoring is not required under the NPDES Phase II program. Therefore, monitoring efforts focus on qualitative, not quantitative, examination of the stormwater practices. It is anticipated that the USEPA and IEPA programs will evolve to require water quality monitoring and sampling. Future efforts may involve collecting information on the characterization of discharges from outfalls, identifying other sources of pollutants, characterizing the receiving waters, sampling construction site discharges, identifying the performance of existing and potential enhanced stormwater pollution control measures. The VTHD will comply with future federal and state mandates.

The Stormwater Coordinator will monitor research conducted by others regarding the effectiveness of various alternative stormwater practices, procedures and technologies. The VTHD will continue to seek innovative stormwater practices and technologies. Information and guidance obtained through the MAC meetings and other sources will be incorporated into this SMPP as practical. This information will be used to provide insight into how the program may need to evolve.

4.3 Program Evaluation

The primary mechanism for evaluating the program and ensuring that the field staff has adequate knowledge is supervision by responsible managers. Management personnel include the VTND Commissioner and VT Supervisor.. Management support tasks include observing and evaluating design, construction and field personnel as they implement the requirements of the SMPP on both municipal and private projects, and maintenance personnel as they conduct their assigned activities. These responsibilities were outlined in detail in Chapter 2: Program Management.

The following types of questions/answers are discussed annually between the Stormwater Coordinator, Managers and field staff.

- Are efforts to incorporate stormwater practices into maintenance activities effective and efficient?
- Is the training program sufficient?
- Is the SMPP sufficient?
- Are the procedures for implementing the SMPP adequate?

5 Appendices

5.1 List of Acronyms

BMP	Best Management Practices
CWA	Clean Water Act
DECI	Designated Erosion Control Inspector
EO	Enforcement Officer (Lake County WDO)
HHW	Household Hazardous Waste
ID	Identification
IDDE	Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
IDOT	Illinois Department of Transportation
IEPA	Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
ION	Incidence of Non-compliance (with IEPA)
IUM	Illinois Urban Manual
LCDOT	Lake County Division of Transportation
LOC	Letter of Credit (surety)
MAC	Municipal Advisory Committee (Countywide)
MS4	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems
NOI	Notice of Intent
NOT	Notice of Termination (with IEPA)
NPDES	National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
PPE	Personal Protection Equipment
QLP	Qualify Local Program
SE/SC	Soil Erosion and Sediment Control
SMC	Lake County Stormwater Management Commission
SWALCO	Solid Waste Agency of Lake County
SMPP	Stormwater Management Program Plan
TAC	Technical Advisory Committee
TRM	Technical Reference Manual
USEPA	United States Environmental Protection Agency
WDO	Lake County Watershed Development Ordinance
WDP	Watershed Development Permit
WMB	Watershed Management Board

STORM WATER OUTFALL SCREENING EQUIPMENT CHECKLIST	
Field Analysis	pH Testing Strips
	Chlorine Testing Strips
	Copper Test Strip
	Ammonia Test Strip
	Phenols Test Kit (Minimum of 15 Tests)
	Detergents Test Kit (Minimum of 15 Tests)
	Color Chart
	Thermometer
	Wash Bottle with Tap Water
Sampling	Extended Sampler
	250-ml and 500-ml glass sample containers with labels
	Cooler with ice or ice packs
Other	Outfall Screening Data Form (Minimum of 10)
	Outfall Sampling Report (Minimum of 10)
	Clipboard and Pens
	Resident Form Letters (Minimum of 10)
	Training Manual
	Storm Sewer Atlas
	Digital Camera
	Flashlight
	Manhole Cover Hook
	Tape Measure
	Folding Rule
	Brush Clearing Tool
	Plastic Trash Bags
	Paper Towels
Safety (PPE Equipment)	Traffic Cones/Flags/Light Sticks
	Traffic Safety Vest
	First Aid Kit
	Steel-Toe Boots
	Work Gloves
	Safety Glasses/Goggles
	Rubber Boots
	Disposable Gloves (Latex)
	ID Badge
Personal (supplied by employee if desired)	Insect Repellant
	Sunscreen

5.2 Storm Water Outfall Screening Equipment Checklist

Section 1: Background Data

Subwatershed:	Outfall ID:	
Date:	Time (Military):	
Temperature:	Inspector(s):	
Previous 48 Hours Precipitation:	Photo's Taken (Y/N)	If yes, Photo Numbers:
Land Use in Drainage Area (Check all that apply):	<input type="checkbox"/> Open Space <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Residential Other: _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial Known Industries: _____	

Section 2: Outfall Description

LOCATION	MATERIAL	SHAPE		DIMENSIONS (IN.)	SUBMERGED
Storm Sewer (Closed Pipe)	<input type="checkbox"/> RCP <input type="checkbox"/> CMP <input type="checkbox"/> PVC <input type="checkbox"/> HDPE <input type="checkbox"/> Steel <input type="checkbox"/> Clay / draintile <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Circular <input type="checkbox"/> Elliptical <input type="checkbox"/> Box <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Single <input type="checkbox"/> Double <input type="checkbox"/> Triple <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Diameter/Dimensions: _____ _____	In Water: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Fully With Sediment: <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Partially <input type="checkbox"/> Fully
	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete <input type="checkbox"/> Earthen <input type="checkbox"/> rip-rap <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Trapezoid <input type="checkbox"/> Parabolic <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	Depth: Top Width: Bottom Width:		

Section 3: Physical Indicators

INDICATOR	CHECK if Present	DESCRIPTION	COMMENTS
Outfall Damage	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Spalling, Cracking or Chipping <input type="checkbox"/> Peeling Paint <input type="checkbox"/> Corrosion	
Deposits/Stains	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Oily <input type="checkbox"/> Flow Line <input type="checkbox"/> Paint <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Abnormal Vegetation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive <input type="checkbox"/> Inhibited	
Poor pool quality	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Odors <input type="checkbox"/> Colors <input type="checkbox"/> Floatables <input type="checkbox"/> Oil Sheen <input type="checkbox"/> Suds <input type="checkbox"/> Excessive Algae <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Pipe algae/growth	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Orange <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____	
Do physical indicators suggest an illicit discharge is present (Y/N):			

Flow Present?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	If No, Skip to Section 7 and Close Illicit Discharge Investigation
Flow Description	<input type="checkbox"/> Trickle <input type="checkbox"/> Moderate <input type="checkbox"/> Substantial	

Section 4: Physical Indicators (Flowing Outfalls Only)

INDICATOR	CHECK if Present	DESCRIPTION	RELATIVE SEVERITY INDEX (1-3)		
Odor	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewage <input type="checkbox"/> Rancid/sour <input type="checkbox"/> Sulfide <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum/gas <input type="checkbox"/> Laundry <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Faint	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Easily detected	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – Noticeable from a distance
Color (color chart)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Clear <input type="checkbox"/> Brown <input type="checkbox"/> Gray <input type="checkbox"/> Yellow <input type="checkbox"/> Green <input type="checkbox"/> Orange/Red <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Color <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Faint colors in sample bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Clearly visible in sample bottle	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – Clearly visible in outfall flow
Turbidity	<input type="checkbox"/>	See severity	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Slight cloudiness	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Cloudy	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – Opaque
Floatables -Does Not Include Trash!!	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/> Sewage <input type="checkbox"/> Suds and Foam <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum (oil sheen) <input type="checkbox"/> Grease <input type="checkbox"/> Other:	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-Few/slight; origin not obvious	<input type="checkbox"/> 2 – Some; indications of origin	<input type="checkbox"/> 3 – Some; origin clear
Do physical indicators (flowing) suggest an illicit discharge is present (Y/N):					

Section 5: On-Site Sampling / Testing (Flowing Outfalls Only)

PARAMETER	RESULT	ACCEPTABLE RANGE	WITHIN RANGE (Y/N)	EQUIPMENT
Temperature		NA	NA	Thermometer
pH		6 – 9		5-in-1 Test Strip
Ammonia		<3 mg/L April – Oct < 8 mg/L Nov - March		Test Strip
Free Chlorine		NA	NA	5-in-1 Test Strip
Total Chlorine		< 0.05 mg/L		5-in-1 Test Strip
Phenols		< 0.1mg/L		Test Kit
Detergents as Surfactants		> 0.25 mg/L residential > 5 mg/L non-residential		Test Kit
Copper		<0.025 mg/L		Test Strip
Alkalinity		NA	NA	5-in-1 Test Strip
Hardness		NA	NA	5-in-1 Test Strip
Sample Location				

(Note NA values used for future tracing procedures)

Section 6: Data Collection for Lab Testing (see flow chart)

1. Sample for the lab?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
2. If yes, collected from:	<input type="checkbox"/> Flow	<input type="checkbox"/> Pool

PARAMETER	RESULT (from lab)	ACCEPTABLE RANGE	WITHIN RANGE (Y/N)
Fecal Coliform		400 per 100 mL	
Fluoride		0.6 mg/l	
Potassium		Ammonium/Potassium ratio or > 20mg/l	

*note label sample with outfall number

Section 7: Any Non-Illicit Discharge Concerns (e.g., trash or needed infrastructure repairs)?

Instructions for completing the *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form*

Strike out incorrect entries with a single line; correct values or descriptions are written above or near the struck-out entries. Do not use a new data entry form to correct an incorrect entry. At the completion of each outfall inspection, the field crews are responsible for ensuring that a *Stormwater Outfall Inspection Data Form* has been completely and correctly filled out and that all data and remarks are legible. **It is important to check that values for all chemical parameters have been entered.**

Section 1: Background Data

Subwatershed: The receiving water from the stormwater outfall inventory to be entered here.

Outfall ID: Enter the outfall identification number from the stormwater outfall inventory.

Date: To avoid confusion, dates are to be written in the following manner: DAY MONTH YEAR. For example, 10 MARCH 2007.

Time: Military time (24-hour clock) to be used (for example, 8:30 a.m. would be written as 0830; likewise, 1:30 p.m. would be written as 1330).

Temperature: A concise description of the weather conditions at the time of the screening is to be recorded (for example, Clear, 75° F).

Inspector: The name(s) of the field personnel.

Previous 48 Hours Precipitation: The total amount of precipitation during the 48 hours preceding the inspection is to be noted (for example, none-72 Hours or 0"=4 days). If the total precipitation is not known, it is appropriate to enter a qualitative assessment if the precipitation was minor. For example, *Drizzle-36 Hours* if appropriate. If the precipitation amount was significant, actual precipitation totals is obtained from a local rain gage, if available.

Photo's Taken (Yes/No): Photographs are to be taken with a camera that superimposes date and time on the film. The date and time should correspond to the date and time recorded on the data form.

Photo Numbers: If photographs are taken, the number(s) is recorded.

Land Use: Check all that apply, noting which land use is predominate. If the industrial box is checked, any known industries are listed to facilitate potential tracing efforts.

Section 2: Outfall Description

Type of Outfall: Storm Sewer (Closed Pipe) or Open Drainage (Swale/Ditch):

First check if the outfall is either from a Closed Pipe or Open Drainage. Then complete the following row to describe outfall characteristics.

Section 3: Physical Indicators

Indicators: Complete rows describing outfall characteristics (Outfall Damage, Deposits/Stains, Abnormal Vegetation, Poor pool quality, Pipe algae/growth). This section is filled out regardless of current flow conditions. No flow during the time of the inspection, does not rule out the potential of illicit discharges. Corroding or stained pipes, dead or absence of vegetation, are potential indicators of illicit discharges from direct or indirect (i.e. dumping) sources.

Likelihood: After inspecting the physical conditions of the outfall, the likelihood of an illicit discharge is assessed.

Flow Present (Yes/No): A *Yes* or *No* is entered here to indicate the presence or absence of dry-weather flow. If the outfall is submerged or inaccessible, “See Notes” is entered and an explanation provided in the “Notes” section.

Flow Description: A description of the quantity of the dry-weather flow is provided. Refer to Figure 6 of the SMPP.

Flow Chart Procedure:

- If *No* is entered in the “Flow Present” block and no non-flowing physical indicators appear present the inspection can be closed, skip to Section 7 of the form.
- If *No* is entered in the “Flow Present” block but indicators appear present, place the outfall on the follow-up inspection log, then the current inspection can be closed, skip to Section 7 of the form.
- If *Yes* is entered in the “Flow Present” block (regardless of the presence of non-flowing physical indicators), complete remainder of Section and proceed to Section 4.

Section 4: Physical Indicators (Flowing Outfalls Only)

Complete rows describing outfall characteristics (Odor, Color, Turbidity, Floatables). This section is filled out for flowing outfalls only.

Odor: The presence of an odor is to be assessed by fanning the hand toward the nose over a wide-mouth container of the sample, keeping the sample about 6 to 8 inches from the face. Be careful not to be distracted by odors in the air. Provide a description of the odor, if present. Refer to Table 2 of the SMPP.

Color: The presence of color in the discharge is to be assessed by filling a clean glass sample container with a portion of the grab sample and comparing the sample with a color chart, if color is present. If a color chart is used, the number corresponding to the color matching the sample is to be entered in this blank. Color is not assessed by looking into the discharge. Refer to Table 3 of the SMPP.

Turbidity “clarity”: Turbidity is a measure of the clarity of water. Turbidity may be caused by many factors, including suspended matter such as clay, silt, or finely divided organic and inorganic matter. Turbidity is a measure of the optical properties that cause light to be scattered and not transmitted through a sample. The presence of turbidity is to be assessed by comparing the sample to clean glass sample container with colorless distilled water. Refer to Table 4 of the SMPP.

Floatables: The presence of floating scum, foam, oil sheen, or other materials on the surface of the discharge are to be noted. Describe of any floatables present that are attributable to discharges from the outfall. Do not include trash originating from areas adjacent to the outfall in this observation. Refer to Figure 5 and Table 4 of the SMPP.

Likelihood: After inspecting the physical conditions of the outfall discharge, the likelihood of an illicit discharge is assessed. If flowing physical indicators are present the tracing procedure are immediately implemented by one of the field crew. The second member of the field crew continues with the inspection by performing the on-site testing in Section 5.

Flow Chart Procedure:

- If flowing physical indicators are present the tracing procedure is immediately implemented by one of the field crew. The second member of the field crew continues with the inspection by performing the on-site testing in Section 5.
- If flowing physical indicators do not suggest an illicit discharge continue with the inspection by performing the on-site testing in Section 5.

Section 5: On-Site Sampling/Testing (Flowing Outfalls Only)



Parameters: Test strip or kit chemical analyses are conducted for the following parameters in accordance with the Flow Chart, refer to Figure 7 of the SMPP.

- pH, test strip,

- Color, color chart,
- Chlorine, test strip,
- Copper, test strip,
- Ammonia, test strip,
- Phenols, test kit, and
- Detergents, test kit.

Testing is done by either a test strip or test kit as applicable (refer to the equipment column). The results are compared with the “acceptable range” and the “within range” column is filled out with a Yes or No. Note that the Temperature, Alkalinity and Hardness are determined although these results do not need to be compared with an “acceptable range”. These values are used to assist in determining the source of the illicit discharge during the tracing procedure.

Sampling Location: A description of the actual sampling location is to be recorded (for example, at end of outfall pipe). If the outfall is submerged or is inaccessible for sampling, an upstream sampling location may be required. A description of any upstream sampling locations is recorded here. Grab samples are collected from the middle, both vertically and horizontally, of the dry-weather flow discharge in a critically cleaned glass container. Samples can be collected by manually dipping a sample container into the flow.

Sampling Procedures: Detailed, step-by-step instructions for using the test strips and kits are available through the Public Works Department. Please also refer to Chapter 3.3.B.7.b. for test kit safety information. Use the following procedures for all test kit analyses:

1. Take a grab sample and swirl to ensure that the sample is well mixed.
2. Rinse the sample cup (25ml) twice with distilled water. Next, rinse the sample cup twice with water from the grab sample.
3. Fill the sample cup to the 25 ml mark, or as required by the instructions for the test kits. Hold the sample cup at eye level to ensure that measurements are accurate.
4. Conduct the test kit analyses following the manufacturer’s instructions.
5. Dispose of the sample as follows:
 - If no chemical or reagents have been added to the sample, the water can be poured on the ground.
 - If any chemical or reagent is added to the sample, pour the water into a container marked “Liquid Waste” for proper disposal to a sanitary sewer system at the end of the day.
6. Rinse the sample cup three times with tap water and dry with a paper towel.

Flow Chart Procedure:

- If any parameter is outside of the “acceptable range” then an illicit discharge has likely been found. The tracing procedure is immediately implemented by one of the field crew. Testing can be stopped, and the second member of the field crew continues with the inspection by completing Section 7.
- If none of the parameters are outside of the acceptable range, proceed to Section 6.

Section 6: Data Collection for Lab Testing

Determine if the Village’s Waste Water Treatment Plant (WWTP) has adequate staff capacity to analyze the samples.

- If the WWTP has adequate staff capacity, collect grab samples and provide them to the WWTP. Note the location of the sample. Label the sample with the outfall ID number. Proceed to Section 7 while in the field and complete the remainder of Section 6 after the lab results are available.
- If the WWTP does not currently have adequate capacity, determine if Sections 3 or 4 of the inspection form suggest an illicit discharge.
 - If Sections 3 or 4 suggest an illicit discharge contact and outside lab to perform the testing. Proceed to Section 7 while in the field and complete the remainder of Section 6 after the lab results are available.
 - If Sections 3 or 4 do not suggest an illicit discharge, note the outfall ID number. Place the outfall on the follow-up inspection log and proceed to Section 7 of the form. Re-inspect and sample the discharge when the WWTP has adequate capacity.

Sample Location: The location of the sample is noted. Additionally, the sample is labeled with the outfall ID number. Use the insert MS4 type’s sampling procedures and refer to Chapter 3.3.B.7.b. for test kit safety information. . The following additional items are noted.

1. When you collect any samples you must fill out an ***Outfall Sampling Report (Appendix 5.4)***. The report must document time you arrive on location, take the sample and get to the plant to drop off the sample.
2. A 500-ml glass bottle sample is used to collect the sample. If you are collecting a sample that has grease 2-250ml samples taken with a glass container are required.
3. If you use the sampling container that is on a rope, it must be washed with soap and water after every use.

Parameters: Grab samples and lab testing is performed. After lab results are available enter the results here.

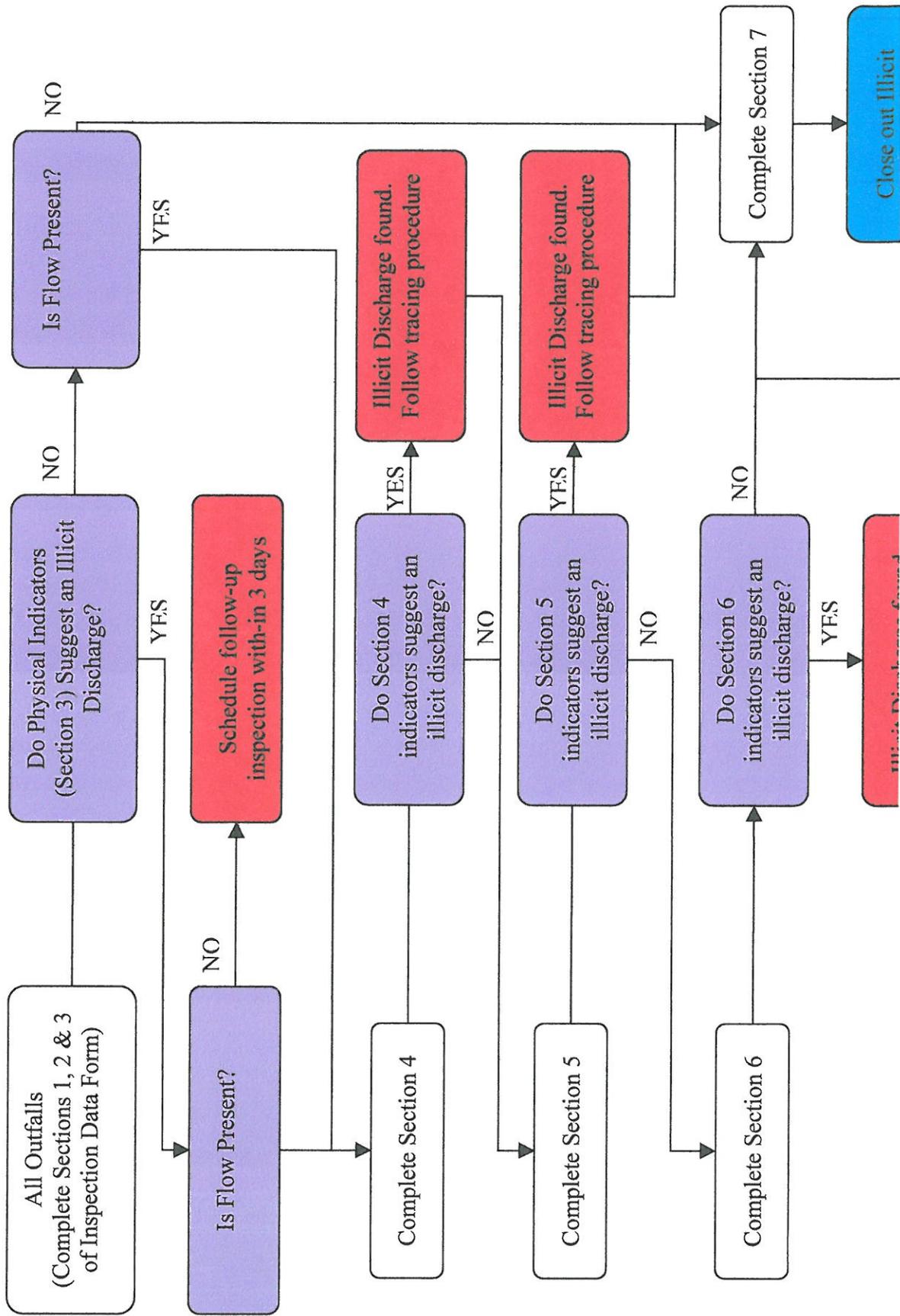
- If any parameter is outside of the “acceptable range” then an illicit discharge has likely been found. The tracing procedure should be immediately implemented.

- If none of the parameters are outside of the acceptable then the investigation can be closed.

Section 7 Any Non-Illicit Discharge Concerns

Any problems or unusual features are to be entered here. If the outfall appears to be potentially impacted by inappropriate discharges, this can be recorded here. This section is to be completed even if no flow is observed.

Figure 4: Outfall Inspection Procedure Flow Chart



Outfall Sampling Report

Structure ID #	Date:
Outfall ID #	Time of Sample:
Sampled By:	AM PM

Glass Bottle Size:	250 ml	500 ml	32 ml
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Tests requested:	Flouride	Potassium	Fecal Coliform
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Relinquished By:	Date:
Comments:	Time:
Received By:	Date:
Comments:	Time:
Relinquished By:	Date:
Comments:	Time:
Received By:	Date:
Comments:	Time:

Illicit Discharge Incident Tracking Form

Incident ID:

Responder Information

Call taken by:

Call date:

Call time:

Precipitation (inches) in past 24-48 hrs:

Reporter Information

Incident time:

Incident date:

Caller contact information (*optional*):

Incident Location (*complete one or more below*)

Latitude and longitude:

Stream address or outfall #:

Closest street address:

Nearby landmark:

Primary Location Description

Secondary Location Description:

Stream corridor
(*In or adjacent to stream*)

Outfall

In-stream flow

Along banks

Upland area
(*Land not adjacent to stream*)

Near storm drain

Near other water source (storm water pond, wetland, etc.):

Narrative description of location:

Upland Problem Indicator Description

Dumping

Oil/solvents/chemicals

Sewage

Wash water, suds, etc.

Other: _____

Stream Corridor Problem Indicator Description

Odor

None

Sewage

Rancid/Sour

Petroleum (gas)

Sulfide (rotten eggs);
natural gas

Other: Describe in "Narrative" section

Appearance

"Normal"

Oil sheen

Cloudy

Suds

Other: Describe in "Narrative" section

Floatables

None:

Sewage (toilet paper, etc)

Algae

Dead fish

Other: Describe in "Narrative" section

Narrative description of problem indicators:

Suspected Violator (name, personal or vehicle description, license plate #, etc.):

Stormwater Pollution Found in Your Area!

This is not a citation.

This is to inform you that our staff found the following pollutants in the storm sewer system in your area. This storm sewer system leads directly to

- Motor oil
- Oil filters
- Antifreeze/transmission fluid
- Paint
- Solvent/degreaser
- Cooking grease
- Detergent
- Home improvement waste (concrete, mortar)
- Pet waste
- Yard waste (leaves, grass, mulch)
- Excessive dirt and gravel
- Trash
- Construction debris
- Pesticides and fertilizers
- Other



For more information or to report an illegal discharge of pollutants, please call:

Highway Commissioner
Vernon Township Highway Department
847-634-4600



www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater

EPA 833-F-03-002
April 2003



Stormwater runoff is precipitation from rain or snowmelt that flows over the ground. As it flows, it can pick up debris, chemicals, dirt, and other pollutants and deposit them into a storm sewer system or waterbody.

Anything that enters a storm sewer system is discharged *untreated* into the waterbodies we use for swimming, fishing, and providing drinking water.

**Remember:
Only Rain Down the Drain**

To keep the stormwater leaving your home or workplace clean, follow these simple guidelines:

- ◆ Use pesticides and fertilizers sparingly.
- ◆ Repair auto leaks.
- ◆ Dispose of household hazardous waste, used auto fluids (antifreeze, oil, etc.), and batteries at designated collection or recycling locations.
- ◆ Clean up after your pet.
- ◆ Use a commercial car wash or wash your car on a lawn or other unpaved surface.
- ◆ Sweep up yard debris rather than hosing down areas. Compost or recycle yard waste when possible.
- ◆ Clean paint brushes in a sink, not outdoors. Properly dispose of excess paints through a household hazardous waste collection program.
- ◆ Sweep up and properly dispose of construction debris like concrete and mortar.





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217/782-0610

August 1, 2013

Re: Renewal of General NPDES Permit For Storm Water Discharges from Construction Site Activities

Dear Permittee:

The Agency is required to notify you of the above referenced reissued permit. Discharges from your construction site activity are automatically covered by this permit.

Please be advised of Part I.B.1. of the permit, whereby discharges from construction sites which were initially covered under the previous version of the ILR10 permit are eligible for coverage under this permit.

Also, please be advised of Part II.A.2. of the permit, whereby your SWPPP must be updated/ revised within 12 months of the effective date of this reissued permit. You must submit any revised SWPPP with your permit number identifying your project to epa.constilr10swppp@illinois.gov. Updating of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) is not required if construction activities are completed and a Notice of Termination is submitted within 12 months of the effective date of this permit.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Melissa Parrott or Terri LeMasters of my staff at 217/782-0610 or at the address listed above.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan Keller".

Alan Keller, P.E.

Manager, Permit Section

Division of Water Pollution Control

NPDES Permit No. ILR10

General NPDES Permit No. ILR10

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NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

General NPDES Permit
 For
 Storm Water Discharges From Construction Site Activities

Expiration Date: July 31, 2018

Issue Date: July 30, 2013

Effective Date: August 1, 2013

In compliance with the provisions of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act, the Illinois Pollution Control Board Rules and Regulations (35 Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C, Chapter I), and the Clean Water Act, and the regulations thereunder the following discharges are authorized by this permit in accordance with the conditions and attachments herein.



Alan Keller, P.E.
 Manager, Permit Section
 Division of Water Pollution Control

Part I. COVERAGE UNDER THIS PERMIT

- A. **Permit Area.** The permit covers all areas of the State of Illinois with discharges to any waters of the State.
- B. **Eligibility.**
1. This permit shall authorize all discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity from a construction site that will result in the disturbance of one or more acres total land area or a construction site less than one acre of total land that is a part of a larger common plan of development or sale if the larger common plan will ultimately disturb one or more acres total land area. This permit may authorize discharges from other construction site activities that have been designated by the Agency as having the potential to adversely affect the water quality of waters of the state. This permit also authorizes discharges from construction sites previously approved by the Agency under the previous version of ILR10 that are still occurring after the effective date of this permit, except for discharges identified under Part I.B.3 (Limitations on Coverage). Where discharges from construction sites were initially covered under the previous version of the ILR10, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan must be updated/revised as necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of this reissued ILR10 permit in accordance with Part II.A.2.
 2. This permit may only authorize a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity from a construction site that is mixed with a storm water discharge from an industrial source other than construction, where:
 - a. the industrial source other than construction is located on the same site as the construction activity;
 - b. storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where construction activities are occurring are in compliance with the terms of this permit; and
 - c. storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where industrial activities other than construction are occurring (including storm water discharges from dedicated asphalt plants and dedicated concrete plants) are covered by a different NPDES general permit or an individual permit authorizing such discharges.
 3. **Limitations on Coverage.** The following storm water discharges from construction sites are not authorized by this permit:
 - a. storm water discharges associated with industrial activities that originate from the site after construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization;
 - b. discharges that are mixed with sources of non-storm water other than discharges identified in Part III.A (Prohibition on Non-Storm Water Discharges) of this permit and in compliance with paragraph IV.D.5 (Non-Storm Water Discharges) of this permit;

NPDES Permit No. ILR10

- c. storm water discharges associated with industrial activity that are subject to an existing NPDES individual or general permit or which are issued a permit in accordance with Part VI.N (Requiring an Individual Permit or an Alternative General Permit) of this permit. Such discharges may be authorized under this permit after an existing permit expires provided the existing permit did not establish numeric limitations for such discharges;
- d. storm water discharges from construction sites that the Agency has determined to be or may reasonably be expected to be contributing to a violation of a water quality standard; and
- e. storm water discharges that the Agency, at its discretion, determines are not appropriately authorized or controlled by this general permit.
- f. storm water discharges to any receiving water specified under 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.105(d) (6).

C. Authorization.

- 1. In order for storm water discharges from construction sites to be authorized to discharge under this general permit a discharger must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with the requirements of Part II below, using an NOI form provided by the Agency.
- 2. Where a new contractor is selected after the submittal of an NOI under Part II below, or where site ownership is transferred, a new Notice of Intent (NOI) must be submitted by the owner in accordance with Part II.
- 3. Unless notified by the Agency to the contrary, dischargers who submit an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this permit are authorized to discharge storm water from construction sites under the terms and conditions of this permit in 30 days after the date the NOI is received by the Agency.
- 4. The Agency may deny coverage under this permit and require submittal of an application for an individual NPDES permit based on a review of the NOI or other information.

Part II. NOTICE OF INTENT REQUIREMENTS

A. Deadlines for Notification.

- 1. To receive authorization under this general permit, a discharger must submit a completed Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements) and the requirements of this Part in sufficient time to allow a 30 day review period after the receipt of the NOI by the Agency and prior to the start of construction. The completed NOI may be submitted electronically to the following email address: epa.constilr10swppp@illinois.gov
- 2. Discharges that were covered by the previous version of ILR10 are automatically covered by this permit. Where discharges associated with construction activities were initially covered under the previous version of ILR10 and are continuing, the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan must be updated/revised within 12 months of the effective date of this reissued permit, as necessary to ensure compliance with the provisions of the reissued ILR10. Updating of the SWPPP is not required if construction activities are completed and a Notice of Termination is submitted within 12 months of the effective date of this permit.
- 3. A discharger may submit an NOI in accordance with the requirements of this Part after the start of construction. In such instances, the Agency may bring an enforcement action for any discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity from a construction site that have occurred on or after the start of construction.

- B. **Failure to Notify.** Dischargers who fail to notify the Agency of their intent to be covered, and discharge storm water associated with construction site activity to Waters of the State without an NPDES permit are in violation of the Environmental Protection Act and Clean Water Act.

- C. **Contents of Notice of Intent.** The Notice of Intent shall be signed in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements) of this permit by all of the entities identified in paragraph 2 below and shall include the following information:

- 1. The mailing address, and location of the construction site for which the notification is submitted. Where a mailing address for the site is not available, the location can be described in terms of the latitude and longitude of the approximate center of the facility to the nearest 15 seconds, or the nearest quarter section (if the section, township and range is provided) that the construction site is located in;
- 2. The owner's name, address, telephone number, and status as Federal, State, private, public or other entity;
- 3. The name, address and telephone number of the general contractor(s) that have been identified at the time of the NOI submittal;
- 4. The name of the receiving water(s), or if the discharge is through a municipal separate storm sewer, the name of the municipal operator of the storm sewer and the ultimate receiving water(s);
- 5. The number of any NPDES permits for any discharge (including non-storm water discharges) from the site that is currently authorized by an NPDES permit;
- 6. A description of the project, detailing the complete scope of the project, estimated timetable for major activities and an estimate of the number of acres of the site on which soil will be disturbed;
- 7. For projects that have complied with State law on historic preservation and endangered species prior to submittal of the NOI, through coordination with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources or through fulfillment of the terms of interagency agreements with those agencies, the NOI shall indicate that such compliance has occurred.
- 8. An electronic copy of the storm water pollution prevention plan that has been prepared for the site in accordance with Part IV of this permit. The electronic copy shall be submitted to the Agency at the following email address: epa.constilr10swppp@illinois.gov

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9. Revised notice of intents shall be submitted for any substantial modifications to the project such as: address changes, new contractors, area coverage, additional discharges to waters of the state, or other substantial modifications.

D. Where to Submit.

Construction activities which discharge storm water that requires a NPDES permit must use an NOI form provided by the Agency. The applicable fee shall also be submitted. NOIs must be signed in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements) of this permit. The NOI form may be submitted to the Agency in any of the following methods:

1. File electronically with digital signature at the following website address:
<http://dataservices.epa.illinois.gov/SWConstructionPermit/bowLogin.aspx>

Registration specific to the permittee is required in order to file electronically.

2. Submit complete NOI and SWPPP electronically to the following email address: epa.constilr10swppp@illinois.gov. Submit the NOI with original signature and fee by certified mail to the Agency at the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Water Pollution Control, Mail Code #15
Attention: Permit Section
1021 North Grand Avenue East
Post Office Box 19276
Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

- E. **Additional Notification.** Construction activities that are operating under approved local sediment and erosion plans, land disturbance permits, grading plans, or storm water management plans, in addition to filing copies of the Notice of Intent in accordance with Part D above, shall also submit signed copies of the Notice of Intent to the local agency approving such plans in accordance with the deadlines in Part A above. See Part IV.D.2.d (Approved State or Local Plans). A copy of the NOI shall be sent to the entity holding an active General NPDES Permit No. ILR40 if the permittee is located in an area covered by an active ILR40 permit.

- F. **Notice of Termination.** Where a site has completed final stabilization and all storm water discharges from construction activities that are authorized by this permit are eliminated, the permittee must submit a completed Notice of Termination that is signed in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements) of this permit.

1. The Notice of Termination shall include the following information:

- a. The mailing address, and location of the construction site for which the notification is submitted. Where a mailing address for the site is not available, the location can be described in terms of the latitude and longitude of the approximate center of the facility to the nearest 15 seconds, or the nearest quarter section (if the section, township and range is provided) that the construction site is located in;
- b. The owner's name, address, telephone number, and status as Federal, State, private, public or other entity;
- c. The name, address and telephone number of the general contractor(s);
- d. The date when construction was completed and the site was stabilized; and
- e. The following certification signed in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements) of this permit:

"I certify under penalty of law that all storm water discharges associated with construction site activity from the identified facility that are authorized by NPDES general permit ILR10 have otherwise been eliminated. I understand that by submitting this notice of termination, that I am no longer authorized to discharge storm water associated with construction site activity by the general permit, and that discharging pollutants in storm water associated with construction site activity to Waters of the State is unlawful under the Environmental Protection Act and Clean Water Act where the discharge is not authorized by a NPDES permit. I also understand that the submittal of this notice of termination does not release an operator from liability for any violations of this permit or the Clean Water Act."

For the purposes of this certification, elimination of storm water discharges associated with industrial activity means that all disturbed soils at the identified facility have been finally stabilized and temporary erosion and sediment control measures have been removed or will be removed at an appropriate time, or that all storm water discharges associated with construction activities from the identified site that are authorized by a NPDES general permit have otherwise been eliminated.

2. All Notices of Termination are to be sent to the Agency to the mailing address in Part II.D.1, using the form provided by the Agency, or electronically if the permittee submitted a Notice of Intent by electronic means.

Part III. SPECIAL CONDITIONS, MANAGEMENT PRACTICES, AND OTHER NON-NUMERIC LIMITATIONS

A. Prohibition on Non-Storm Water Discharges.

1. Except as provided in Part I paragraph B.2 and paragraphs 2, 3 or 4 below, all discharges covered by this permit shall be comprised entirely of storm water.
2. a. Except as provided in paragraph b below, discharges of materials other than storm water must be in compliance with a NPDES permit (other than this permit) issued for the discharge.

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- b. The following non-storm water discharges may be authorized by this permit provided the non-storm water component of the discharges is in compliance with Part IV.D.5 (Non-Storm Water Discharges): discharges from fire fighting activities; fire hydrant flushings; waters used to wash vehicles where detergents are not used; waters used to control dust; potable water sources including uncontaminated waterline flushings; landscape irrigation drainages; routine external building washdown which does not use detergents; pavement wash waters where spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous materials have not occurred (unless all spilled material has been removed) and where detergents are not used; uncontaminated air conditioning condensate; springs; uncontaminated ground water; and foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials such as solvents.
3. The following non-storm water discharges are prohibited by this permit: concrete and wastewater from washout of concrete (unless managed by an appropriate control), drywall compound, wastewater from washout and cleanout of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds and other construction materials, fuels, oils, or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance, soaps, solvents, or detergents, toxic or hazardous substances from a spill or other release, or any other pollutant that could cause or tend to cause water pollution.
4. Discharges from dewatering activities, including discharges from dewatering of trenches and excavations, are allowable if managed by appropriate controls.

B. Discharges into Receiving Waters With an Approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL):

Discharges to waters for which there is a TMDL allocation for sediment or a parameter that addresses sediment (such as total suspended solids, turbidity, or siltation) are not eligible for coverage under this permit unless the owner/operator develops and certifies a SWPPP that is consistent with wasteload allocations in the approved TMDL. To be eligible for coverage under this general permit, operators must incorporate into their SWPPP any conditions and/or Best Management Practices applicable to their discharges necessary for consistency with the TMDL within any timeframes established in the TMDL. If a specific numeric waste load allocation has been established that would apply to the project's discharges, the operator must incorporate that allocation into its SWPPP and implement necessary steps to meet that allocation.

Please refer to the Agency website at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/tmdl/report-status.html>

- C. Discharges covered by this permit, alone or in combination with other sources, shall not cause or contribute to a violation of any applicable water quality standard.

Part IV. STORM WATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS

A storm water pollution prevention plan shall be developed for each construction site covered by this permit. Storm water pollution prevention plans shall be prepared in accordance with good engineering practices. The plan shall identify potential sources of pollution which may reasonably be expected to affect the quality of storm water discharges associated with construction site activity from the facility. In addition, the plan shall describe and ensure the implementation of best management practices which will be used to reduce the pollutants in storm water discharges associated with construction site activity and to assure compliance with the terms and conditions of this permit. The permittee must implement the provisions of the storm water pollution prevention plan required under this part as a condition of this permit.

A. Deadlines for Plan Preparation and Compliance.

The plan shall:

1. Be completed prior to the start of the construction activities to be covered under this permit and submitted electronically to the Agency at the time the Notice of Intent is submitted; and
2. Provide for compliance with the terms and schedules of the plan beginning with the initiation of construction activities.

B. Signature, Plan Review and Notification.

1. The plan shall be signed in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements), and be retained at the construction site which generates the storm water discharge in accordance with Part VI.E (Duty to Provide Information) of this permit.
2. Prior to commencement of construction, the permittee shall provide the plan to the Agency.
3. The permittee shall make plans available upon request from this Agency or a local agency approving sediment and erosion plans, grading plans, or storm water management plans; or in the case of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system. A list of permitted municipal separate storm sewer systems is available at: <http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/permits/storm-water/ms4-status-report.pdf>
4. The Agency may notify the permittee at any time that the plan does not meet one or more of the minimum requirements of this Part. Such notification shall identify those provisions of the permit which are not being met by the plan, and identify which provisions of the plan require modifications in order to meet the minimum requirements of this part. Within 7 days from receipt of notification from the Agency, the permittee shall make the required changes to the plan and shall submit to the Agency a written certification that the requested changes have been made. Failure to comply shall terminate authorization under this permit.
5. A copy of the letter of notification of coverage along with the General NPDES Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Site Activities or other indication that storm water discharges from the site are covered under an NPDES permit shall be posted at the site in a prominent place for public viewing (such as alongside a building permit).
6. All storm water pollution prevention plans and all completed inspection forms/reports required under this permit are considered reports that shall be available to the public at any reasonable time upon request. However, the permittee may claim any portion of a storm water pollution prevention plan as confidential in accordance with 40 CFR Part 2.

- C. **Keeping Plans Current.** The permittee shall amend the plan whenever there is a change in design, construction, operation, or maintenance, which has a significant effect on the potential for the discharge of pollutants to Waters of the State and which has not otherwise been addressed in the plan or if the

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storm water pollution prevention plan proves to be ineffective in eliminating or significantly minimizing pollutants from sources identified under paragraph D.2 below, or in otherwise achieving the general objectives of controlling pollutants in storm water discharges associated with construction site activity. In addition, the plan shall be amended to identify any new contractor and/or subcontractor that will implement a measure of the storm water pollution prevention plan. Amendments to the plan may be reviewed by the Agency in the same manner as Part IV.B above. Any revisions of the documents for the storm water pollution prevention plan shall be kept on site at all times.

D. **Contents of Plan.** The storm water pollution prevention plan shall include the following items:

1. **Site Description.** Each plan shall provide a description of the following:

- a. A description of the nature of the construction activity or demolition work;
- b. A description of the intended sequence of major activities which disturb soils for major portions of the site (e.g. clearing, grubbing, excavation, grading, on-site or off-site stockpiling of soils, on-site or off-site storage of materials);
- c. An estimate of the total area of the site and the total area of the site that is expected to be disturbed by clearing, grubbing, excavation, grading, on-site or off-site stockpiling of soils and storage of materials, or other activities;
- d. An estimate of the runoff coefficient of the site after construction activities are completed and existing data describing the soil or the quality of any discharge from the site;
- e. A site map indicating drainage patterns and approximate slopes anticipated before and after major grading activities, locations where vehicles enter or exit the site and controls to prevent offsite sediment tracking, areas of soil disturbance, the location of major structural and nonstructural controls identified in the plan, the location of areas where stabilization practices are expected to occur, locations of on-site or off-site soil stockpiling or material storage, surface waters (including wetlands), and locations where storm water is discharged to a surface water; and
- f. The name of the receiving water(s) and the ultimate receiving water(s), and areal extent of wetland acreage at the site.

2. **Controls.** Each plan shall include a description of appropriate controls that will be implemented at the construction site and any off-site stockpile or storage area. The Illinois Urban Manual www.aiswcd.org/IUM or other similar documents shall be used for developing the appropriate management practices, controls or revisions of the plan. The plan will clearly describe for each major activity identified in paragraph D.1 above, appropriate controls and the timing during the construction process that the controls will be implemented. For example, perimeter controls for one portion of the site will be installed after the clearing and grubbing necessary for installation of the measure, but before the clearing and grubbing for the remaining portions of the site. Perimeter controls will be actively maintained and/or repaired until final stabilization of those portions of the site upward of the perimeter control. Temporary perimeter controls will be removed after final stabilization. The description of controls shall address as appropriate the following minimum components:

- a. **Erosion and Sediment Controls.** The permittee shall design, install and maintain effective erosion controls and sediment controls to minimize the discharge of pollutants. At a minimum, such controls must be designed, installed and maintained to:
 - (i) Control storm water volume and velocity within the site to minimize soil erosion;
 - (ii) Control storm water discharges, including both peak flowrates and total storm water volume, to minimize erosion at outlets and to minimize downstream channel and streambank erosion;
 - (iii) Minimize the amount of soil exposed during construction activity;
 - (iv) Minimize the disturbance of steep slopes;
 - (v) Minimize sediment discharges from the site. The design, installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls must address factors such as the amount, frequency, intensity and duration of precipitation, the nature of resulting storm water runoff, and soil characteristics, including the range of soil particle sizes expected to be present on the site;
 - (vi) Provide and maintain natural buffers around surface waters, direct storm water to vegetated areas to increase sediment removal and maximize storm water infiltration, unless infeasible; and
 - (vii) Minimize soil compaction and, unless infeasible, preserve topsoil.
- b. **Stabilization Practices.** The storm water pollution prevention plan shall include a description of interim and permanent stabilization practices, including site-specific scheduling of the implementation of the practices. Site plans should ensure that existing vegetation is preserved where practicable and that disturbed portions of the site are stabilized. Stabilization practices may include: temporarily seeding, permanent seeding, mulching, geotextiles, sod stabilization, vegetative buffer strips, protection of trees, preservation of mature vegetation, staged or staggered development, and other appropriate measures. A record of the dates when major grading activities occur, when construction activities temporarily or permanently cease on a portion of the site, and when stabilization measures are initiated, shall be included in the plan. Stabilization of disturbed areas must, at a minimum, be initiated immediately whenever any clearing, grading, excavating or other earth disturbing activities have permanently ceased on any portion of the site, or temporarily ceased on any portion of the site and will not resume for a period exceeding 14 calendar days. Stabilization of disturbed areas must be initiated within 1 working day of permanent or temporary cessation of earth disturbing activities and shall be completed as soon as possible but not later than 14 days from the initiation of stabilization work in an area. Exceptions to these time frames are specified as provided in paragraphs (i) and (ii) below:
 - (i) Where the initiation of stabilization measures is precluded by snow cover, stabilization measures shall be initiated as soon as practicable.
 - (ii) On areas where construction activity has temporarily ceased and will resume after 14 days, a temporary stabilization method can be used. Temporary stabilization techniques and materials shall be described in the SWPPP.
- c. **Structural Practices.** A description of structural practices utilized to divert flows from exposed soils, store flows or otherwise limit runoff and the discharge of pollutants from exposed areas of the site. Such practices may include silt fences, earth dikes, drainage swales, sediment traps, check dams, subsurface drains, pipe slope drains, level spreaders, storm drain inlet protection, rock outlet protection, reinforced soil retaining systems, gabions, and temporary or permanent sediment basins. Structural practices should be placed on upland soils to the degree practicable. The installation of these devices may be subject to Section 404 of the CWA.

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- (i) The following design requirements apply to sediment basins if such structural practices will be installed to reduce sediment concentrations in storm water discharges:
- a. When discharging from the sediment basin, utilize outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface in order to minimize the discharge.
 - b. Prevent erosion of the sediment basin using stabilization controls (e.g., erosion control blankets), at the inlet and outlet using erosion controls and velocity dissipation devices;
 - c. Sediment basins shall be designed to facilitate maintenance, including sediment removal from the basins, as necessary.
- d. **Use of Treatment Chemicals.** Identify the use of all polymer flocculants or treatment chemicals at the site. Dosage of treatment chemicals shall be identified along with any information from any Material Safety Data Sheet. Describe the location of all storage area for chemicals. Include any information from the manufacturer's specifications. Treatment chemicals must be stored in areas where they will not be exposed to precipitation. The SWPPP must describe procedures for use of treatment chemicals and staff responsible for use/application of treatment chemicals must be trained on the established procedures.
- e. **Best Management Practices for Impaired Waters.** For any site which discharges directly to an impaired water identified on the Agency's website for 303(d) listing for suspended solids, turbidity, or siltation the storm water pollution prevention plan shall be designed for a storm event equal to or greater than a 25-year 24-hour rainfall event. If required by federal regulations or the Illinois Urban Manual, the storm water pollution prevention plan shall adhere to a more restrictive design criteria. Please refer to the Agency's website at: (<http://www.epa.state.il.us/water/tmdl/303d-list.html>)
- f. **Pollution Prevention.** The permittee shall design, install, implement, and maintain effective pollution prevention measures to minimize the discharge of pollutants. At a minimum, such measures must be designed, installed, implemented and maintained to:
- (i) Minimize the discharge of pollutants from equipment and vehicle washing, wheel wash water, and other wash waters. Wash waters must be treated in a sediment basin or alternative control that provides equivalent or better treatment prior to discharge;
 - (ii) Minimize the exposure of building materials, building products, construction wastes, trash, landscape materials, fertilizers, pesticides, herbicides, detergents, sanitary waste and other materials present on the site to precipitation and to storm water; and
 - (iii) Minimize the discharge of pollutants from spills and leaks and implement chemical spill and leak prevention and response procedures.
- g. **Other Controls.**
- (i) **Waste Disposal.** No solid materials, including building materials, shall be discharged to Waters of the State, except as authorized by a Section 404 permit.
 - (ii) The plan shall ensure and demonstrate compliance with applicable State and/or local waste disposal, sanitary sewer or septic system regulations.
 - (iii) For construction sites that receive concrete or asphalt from off-site locations, the plan must identify and include appropriate controls and measures to reduce or eliminate discharges from these activities.
 - (iv) The plan shall include spill response procedures and provisions for reporting if there are releases in excess of reportable quantities.
- h. **Best Management Practices for Post-Construction Storm Water Management.** Describe the measures that will be installed during the construction process to control pollutants in storm water discharges that will occur after construction operations have been completed. Structural measures should be placed on upland soils to the degree attainable. The installation of these devices may be subject to Section 404 of the CWA. This permit only addresses the installation of storm water management measures, and not the ultimate operation and maintenance of such structures after the construction activities have been completed and the site has undergone final stabilization. Permittees are responsible for only the installation and maintenance of storm water management measures prior to final stabilization of the site, and are not responsible for maintenance after storm water discharges associated with industrial activity have been eliminated from the site.
- (i) The storm water pollution prevention plan and design and construction plans shall explicitly consider post-construction storm water management. Such practices may include: storm water detention structures (including wet ponds); storm water retention structures; flow attenuation by use of open vegetated swales and natural depressions; infiltration of runoff onsite; and sequential systems (which combine several practices). The Permittee must plan for and put in place storm water BMPs to retain the greatest amount of post-development storm water runoff practicable given the site and project constraints by installing one or more of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) as described in the Illinois Urban Manual.
- The storm water pollution prevention plan shall include an explanation of the technical basis used to select the practices to control pollution where post-construction flows will exceed predevelopment levels.
- (ii) Velocity dissipation devices shall be placed at discharge locations and along the length of any outfall channel as necessary to provide a non-erosive velocity flow from the structure to a water course so that the natural physical and biological characteristics and functions are maintained and protected (e.g. maintenance of hydrologic conditions, such as the hydroperiod and hydrodynamics present prior to the initiation of construction activities).
- (iii) Unless otherwise specified in the Illinois Urban Manual (2012), the storm water pollution prevention plan shall be designed for a storm event equal to or greater than a 25-year 24-hour rainfall event.
- i. **Approved State or Local Plans.**
- (i) The management practices, controls and other provisions contained in the storm water pollution prevention plan must be at least as protective as the requirements contained in the Illinois Urban Manual, 2012. Construction activities which discharge storm water must include in their storm water pollution prevention plan procedures and requirements specified in applicable sediment and erosion control plans or storm water management plans approved by local officials. Requirements specified in sediment and erosion control plans or site permits or storm water management site plans or site permits approved by local officials that are applicable to protecting surface water resources are, upon submittal of an NOI to be authorized to discharge under this permit, incorporated by reference and are enforceable under this permit. The plans shall include all requirements of this permit and include more stringent standards required by any local

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approval. This provision does not apply to provisions of master plans, comprehensive plans, non-enforceable guidelines or technical guidance documents that are not identified in a specific plan or permit that is issued for the construction site.

- (ii) Dischargers seeking alternative permit requirements are not authorized by this permit and shall submit an individual permit application in accordance with 40 CFR 122.26 at the address indicated in Part II.D (Where to Submit) of this permit, along with a description of why requirements in approved local plans or permits should not be applicable as a condition of an NPDES permit.

3. **Maintenance.**

- a. The plan shall include a description of procedures to maintain in good and effective operating conditions, all erosion and sediment control measures and other Best Management Practices, including vegetation and other protective measures identified in the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan.
- b. Where a basin has been installed to control sediment during construction activities, the Permittees shall keep the basin(s) in effective operating condition and remove accumulated sediment as necessary.

4. **Inspections.** Qualified personnel (provided by the permittee) shall inspect disturbed areas of the construction site that have not been finally stabilized, structural control measures, and locations where vehicles enter or exit the site at least once every seven calendar days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm or by the end of the following business or work day that is 0.5 inches or greater. Qualified personnel means a person knowledgeable in the principles and practices of erosion and sediment controls measures, such as a licensed Professional Engineer (P.E.), a Certified Professional in Erosion and Sediment Control (CPESC), a Certified Erosion Sediment and Storm Water Inspector (CESSWI) or other knowledgeable person who possesses the skills to assess conditions at the construction site that could impact storm water quality and to assess the effectiveness of any sediment and erosion control measures selected to control the quality of storm water discharges from the construction activities.

- a. Inspections may be reduced to once per month when construction activities have ceased due to frozen conditions. Weekly inspections will recommence when construction activities are conducted, or if there is 0.5" or greater rain event, or a discharge due to snowmelt occurs.
- b. Disturbed areas and areas used for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation shall be inspected for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system. Erosion and sediment control measures identified in the plan shall be observed to ensure that they are operating correctly. Where discharge locations or points are accessible, they shall be inspected to ascertain whether erosion control measures are effective in preventing significant impacts to receiving waters. Locations where vehicles enter or exit the site shall be inspected for evidence of offsite sediment tracking.
- c. Based on the results of the inspection, the description of potential pollutant sources identified in the storm water pollution prevention plan in accordance with Part IV.D.1 (Site Description) of this permit and the pollution prevention control measures identified in the plan in accordance with Part IV.D.2 (Controls) of this permit shall be revised as appropriate as soon as practicable after such inspection to minimize the potential for such discharges. Such modifications shall provide for timely implementation of any changes to the plan and pollution prevention control measures within 7 calendar days following the inspection.
- d. A report summarizing the scope of the inspection, name(s) and qualifications of personnel making the inspection, the date(s) of the inspection, major observations relating to the implementation of the storm water pollution prevention plan, and actions taken in accordance with paragraph b above shall be made and retained as part of the storm water pollution prevention plan for at least three years from the date that the permit coverage expires or is terminated. All inspection reports shall be retained at the construction site. The report shall be signed in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements) of this permit.
- e. The permittee shall notify the appropriate Agency Field Operations Section office by email at: epa.swnoncomp@illinois.gov, telephone or fax within 24 hours of any incidence of noncompliance for any violation of the storm water pollution prevention plan observed during any inspection conducted, or for violations of any condition of this permit. The permittee shall complete and submit within 5 days an "Incidence of Noncompliance" (ION) report for any violation of the storm water pollution prevention plan observed during any inspection conducted, or for violations of any condition of this permit. Submission shall be on forms provided by the Agency and include specific information on the cause of noncompliance, actions which were taken to prevent any further causes of noncompliance, and a statement detailing any environmental impact which may have resulted from the noncompliance. Corrective actions must be undertaken immediately to address the identified non-compliance issue(s).
- f. All reports of noncompliance shall be signed by a responsible authority as defined in Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements).
- g. After the initial contact has been made with the appropriate Agency Field Operations Section Office, all reports of noncompliance shall be mailed to the Agency at the following address:

Illinois Environmental Protection Agency
 Division of Water Pollution Control
 Compliance Assurance Section
 1021 North Grand Avenue East
 Post Office Box 19276
 Springfield, Illinois 62794-9276

5. **Non-Storm Water Discharges.** Except for flows from fire fighting activities, sources of non-storm water listed in Part III.A.2 of this permit that are combined with storm water discharges associated with industrial activity must be identified in the plan. The plan shall identify and insure the implementation of appropriate pollution prevention measures for the non-storm water component(s) of the discharge.

E. **Additional requirements for storm water discharges from industrial activities other than construction, including dedicated asphalt plants, and dedicated concrete plants.** This permit may only authorize any storm water discharge associated with industrial activity from a construction site that is mixed with a storm water discharge from an industrial source other than construction, where:

1. The industrial source other than construction is located on the same site as the construction activity;

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2. Storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where construction activities are occurring are in compliance with the terms of this permit; and
3. Storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the areas of the site where industrial activity other than construction are occurring (including storm water discharges from dedicated asphalt plants [other than asphalt emulsion facilities] and dedicated concrete plants) are in compliance with the terms, including applicable NOI or application requirements, of a different NPDES general permit or individual permit authorizing such discharges.

F. Contractors.

1. The storm water pollution prevention plan must clearly identify for each measure identified in the plan, the contractor(s) or subcontractor(s) that will implement the measure. All contractors and subcontractors identified in the plan must sign a copy of the certification statement in paragraph 2 below in accordance with Part VI.G (Signatory Requirements) of this permit. All certifications must be included in the storm water pollution prevention plan except for owners that are acting as contractors.
2. **Certification Statement.** All contractors and subcontractors identified in a storm water pollution prevention plan in accordance with paragraph 1 above shall sign a copy of the following certification statement before conducting any professional service at the site identified in the storm water pollution prevention plan:

"I certify under penalty of law that I understand the terms and conditions of the general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (ILR10) that authorizes the storm water discharges associated with industrial activity from the construction site identified as part of this certification."

The certification must include the name and title of the person providing the signature in accordance with Part VI.G of this permit; the name, address and telephone number of the contracting firm; the address (or other identifying description) of the site; and the date the certification is made.

Part V. RETENTION OF RECORDS

- A. The permittee shall retain copies of storm water pollution prevention plans and all reports and notices required by this permit, records of all data used to complete the Notice of Intent to be covered by this permit and the Agency Notice of Permit Coverage letter for a period of at least three years from the date that the permit coverage expires or is terminated. This period may be extended by request of the Agency at any time.
- B. The permittee shall retain a copy of the storm water pollution prevention plan and any revisions to said plan required by this permit at the construction site from the date of project initiation to the date of final stabilization.

Part VI. STANDARD PERMIT CONDITIONS

- A. **Duty to Comply.** The permittee must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the CWA and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or for denial of a permit renewal application. Failure to obtain coverage under this permit or an individual permit for storm water releases associated with construction activities is a violation of the Illinois Environmental Protection Act and the CWA.
- B. **Continuation of the Expired General Permit.** This permit expires five years from the date of issuance. An expired general permit continues in force and effect until a new general permit or an individual permit is issued. Only those construction activities authorized to discharge under the expiring general permit are covered by the continued permit.
- C. **Need to halt or reduce activity not a defense.** It shall not be a defense for a permittee in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.
- D. **Duty to Mitigate.** The permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.
- E. **Duty to Provide Information.** The permittee shall furnish within a reasonable time to the Agency or local agency approving sediment and erosion control plans, grading plans, or storm water management plans; or in the case of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with an NPDES permit, to the municipal operator of the system, any information which is requested to determine compliance with this permit. Upon request, the permittee shall also furnish to the Agency or local agency approving sediment and erosion control plans, grading plans, or storm water management plans; or in the case of a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity which discharges through a municipal separate storm sewer system with an NPDES permit, to the municipal operator of the system, copies of all records required to be kept by this permit.
- F. **Other Information.** When the permittee becomes aware that he or she failed to submit any relevant facts or submitted incorrect information in the Notice of Intent or in any other report to the Agency, he or she shall promptly submit such facts or information.
- G. **Signatory Requirements.** All Notices of Intent, storm water pollution prevention plans, reports, certifications or information either submitted to the Agency or the operator of a large or medium municipal separate storm sewer system, or that this permit requires be maintained by the permittee, shall be signed.
 1. All Notices of Intent shall be signed as follows:
 - a. For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (1) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (2) any person authorized to sign documents that has been assigned or delegated said authority in accordance with corporate procedures;
 - b. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
 - c. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this section, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (1) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (2) a senior executive officer

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having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency.

2. All reports required by the permit and other information requested by the Agency shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
 - a. The authorization is made in writing by a person described above and submitted to the Agency.
 - b. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of manager, operator, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position).
 - c. **Changes to Authorization.** If an authorization under Part I.C (Authorization) is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the construction site, a new authorization satisfying the requirements of Part I.C must be submitted to the Agency prior to or together with any reports, information, or applications to be signed by an authorized representative.
 - d. **Certification.** Any person signing documents under this Part shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."
- H. **Penalties for Falsification of Reports.** Section 309(c)(4) of the Clean Water Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false material statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or by both. Section 44(j)(4) and (5) of the Environmental Protection Act provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in an application form, or form pertaining to a NPDES permit commits a Class A misdemeanor, and in addition to any other penalties provided by law is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 for each day of violation.
- I. **Penalties for Falsification of Monitoring Systems.** The CWA provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by fines and imprisonment described in Section 309 of the CWA. The Environmental Protection Act provides that any person who knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or record required in connection with any NPDES permit or with any discharge which is subject to the provisions of subsection (f) of Section 12 of the Act commits a Class A misdemeanor, and in addition to any other penalties provided by law is subject to a fine not to exceed \$10,000 for each day of violation.
- J. **Oil and Hazardous Substance Liability.** Nothing in this permit shall be construed to preclude the institution of any legal action or relieve the permittee from any responsibilities, liabilities, or penalties to which the permittee is or may be subject under section 311 of the CWA.
- K. **Property Rights.** The issuance of this permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, nor any exclusive privileges, nor does it authorize any injury to private property nor any invasion of personal rights, nor any infringement of Federal, State or local laws or regulations.
- L. **Severability.** The provisions of this permit are severable, and if any provision of this permit, or the application of any provision of this permit to any circumstance, is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances, and the remainder of this permit shall not be affected thereby.
- M. **Transfers.** This permit is not transferable to any person except after notice to the Agency. The Agency may require the discharger to apply for and obtain an individual NPDES permit as stated in Part I.C (Authorization).
- N. **Requiring an Individual Permit or an Alternative General Permit.**
 1. The Agency may require any person authorized by this permit to apply for and/or obtain either an individual NPDES permit or an alternative NPDES general permit. Any interested person may petition the Agency to take action under this paragraph. Where the Agency requires a discharger authorized to discharge under this permit to apply for an individual NPDES permit, the Agency shall notify the discharger in writing that a permit application is required. This notification shall include a brief statement of the reasons for this decision, an application form, a statement setting a deadline for the discharger to file the application, and a statement that on the effective date of the individual NPDES permit or the alternative general permit as it applies to the individual permittee, coverage under this general permit shall automatically terminate. Applications shall be submitted to the Agency indicated in Part II.D (Where to Submit) of this permit. The Agency may grant additional time to submit the application upon request of the applicant. If a discharger fails to submit in a timely manner an individual NPDES permit application as required by the Agency under this paragraph, then the applicability of this permit to the individual NPDES permittee is automatically terminated at the end of the day specified by the Agency for application submittal. The Agency may require an individual NPDES permit based on:
 - a. information received which indicates the receiving water may be of particular biological significance pursuant to 35 Ill. Adm. Code 302.105(d)(6);
 - b. whether the receiving waters are impaired waters for suspended solids, turbidity or siltation as identified by the Agency's 303(d) listing;
 - c. size of construction site, proximity of site to the receiving stream, etc.

The Agency may also require monitoring of any storm water discharge from any site to determine whether an individual permit is required.
 2. Any discharger authorized by this permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of this permit by applying for an individual permit. In such cases, the permittee shall submit an individual application in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR 122.26(c)(1)(ii), with reasons supporting the request, to the Agency at the address indicated in Part II.D (Where to Submit) of this permit. The request may be granted by issuance of any individual permit or an alternative general permit if the reasons cited by the permittee are adequate to support the request.
 3. When an individual NPDES permit is issued to a discharger otherwise subject to this permit, or the discharger is authorized to discharge under an

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alternative NPDES general permit, the applicability of this permit to the individual NPDES permittee is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit or the date of authorization of coverage under the alternative general permit, whichever the case may be. When an individual NPDES permit is denied to a discharger otherwise subject to this permit or the discharger is denied for coverage under an alternative NPDES general permit, the applicability of this permit to the individual NPDES permittee remains in effect, unless otherwise specified by the Agency.

- O. **State/Environmental Laws.** No condition of this permit shall release the permittee from any responsibility or requirements under other environmental statutes or regulations.
- P. **Proper Operation and Maintenance.** The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain all construction activities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit and with the requirements of storm water pollution prevention plans. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. Proper operation and maintenance requires the operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems, installed by a permittee only when necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit.
- Q. **Inspection and Entry.** The permittee shall allow the IEPA, or an authorized representative upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:
1. Enter upon the permittee's premises where a regulated construction activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
 2. Have access to and copy at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
 3. Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
 4. Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.
- R. **Permit Actions.** This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. The filing of a request by the permittee for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.
- S. **Bypasses and Upsets.** The provisions of 40 CFR Section 122.41(m) & (n) are applicable and are hereby incorporated by reference.

Part VII. REOPENER CLAUSE

- A. If there is evidence indicating potential or realized impacts on water quality due to any storm water discharge associated with industrial activity covered by this permit, the discharger may be required to obtain an individual permit or an alternative general permit in accordance with Part I.C (Authorization) of this permit or the permit may be modified to include different limitations and/or requirements.
- B. Permit modification or revocation will be conducted according to provisions of 35 Ill. Adm. Code, Subtitle C, Chapter I and the provisions of 40 CFR 122.62, 122.63, 122.64 and 124.5 and any other applicable public participation procedures.
- C. The Agency will reopen and modify this permit under the following circumstances:
1. the U.S. EPA amends its regulations concerning public participation;
 2. a court of competent jurisdiction binding in the State of Illinois or the 7th Circuit Court of Appeals issues an order necessitating a modification of public participation for general permits; or
 3. to incorporate federally required modifications to the substantive requirements of this permit.

Part VIII. DEFINITIONS

"Agency" means the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.

"Best Management Practices" ("BMPs") means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the United States. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control construction site runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.

"Commencement of Construction or Demolition Activities" The initial disturbance of soils associated with clearing, grading, or excavating activities or other construction or demolition activities.

"Construction Activities" Earth disturbing activities, such as clearing, grading and excavation of land. For purposes of this permit, construction activities also means construction site, construction site activities, or site. Construction activities also include any demolition activities at a site.

"CWA" means Clean Water Act (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972) Pub. L. 92-500, as amended Pub. L. 95-217, Pub. L. 95-576, Pub. L. (96-483 and Pub. L. 97-117, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.).

"Dedicated portable asphalt plant" A portable asphalt plant that is located on or contiguous to a construction site and that provides asphalt only to the construction site that the plant is located on or adjacent to. The term dedicated portable asphalt plant does not include facilities that are subject to the asphalt emulsion effluent limitation guideline at 40 CFR 443.

"Dedicated portable concrete plant" A portable concrete plant that is located on or contiguous to a construction site and that provides concrete only to the construction site that the plant is located on or adjacent to.

"Dedicated sand or gravel operation" An operation that produces sand and/or gravel for a single construction project.

"Director" means the Director of the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency or an authorized representative.

"Final Stabilization" means that all soil disturbing activities at the site have been completed, and either of the two following conditions are met:

- (i) A uniform (e.g., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) perennial vegetative cover with a density of 70 percent of the native background vegetative cover for the area has been established on all unpaved areas and areas not covered by permanent structures, or
- (ii) Equivalent permanent stabilization measures (such as the use of riprap, gabions, or geotextiles) have been employed.

For individual lots in residential construction, final stabilization means that either:

- (i) The homebuilder has completed final stabilization as specified above, or
- (ii) The homebuilder has established temporary stabilization including perimeter controls for an individual lot prior to occupation of the home by the homeowner and informing the homeowner of the need for, and benefits of, final stabilization.

"Large and Medium municipal separate storm sewer system" means all municipal separate storm sewers that are either:

- (i) Located in an incorporated place (city) with a population of 100,000 or more as determined by the latest Decennial Census by the Bureau of Census (these cities are listed in Appendices F and G of 40 CFR Part 122); or
- (ii) Located in the counties with unincorporated urbanized populations of 100,000 or more, except municipal separate storm sewers that are located in the incorporated places, townships or towns within such counties (these counties are listed in Appendices H and I of 40 CFR Part 122); or
- (iii) Owned or operated by a municipality other than those described in paragraph (i) or (ii) and that are designated by the Director as part of the large or medium municipal separate storm sewer system.

"NOI" means notice of intent to be covered by this permit (see Part II of this permit.)

"Point Source" means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, landfill leachate collection system, vessel or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharges. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural storm water runoff.

"Runoff coefficient" means the fraction of total rainfall that will appear at the conveyance as runoff.

"Storm Water" means storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.

"Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity" means the discharge from any conveyance which is used for collecting and conveying storm water and which is directly related to manufacturing, processing or raw materials storage areas at an industrial plant. The term does not include discharges from facilities or activities excluded from the NPDES program. For the categories of industries identified in subparagraphs (i) through (x) of this subsection, the term includes, but is not limited to, storm water discharges from industrial plant yards; immediate access roads and rail lines used or traveled by carriers of raw materials, manufactured products, waste material, or by-products used or created by the facility; material handling sites; refuse sites; sites used for the application or disposal of process waste waters (as defined at 40 CFR 401); sites used for the storage and maintenance of material handling equipment; sites used for residual treatment, storage, or disposal; shipping and receiving areas; manufacturing buildings; storage areas (including tank farms) for raw materials, and intermediate and finished products; and areas where industrial activity has taken place in the past and significant materials remain and are exposed to storm water. For the categories of industries identified in subparagraph (xi), the term includes only storm water discharges from all areas listed in the previous sentence (except access roads) where material handling equipment or activities, raw materials, intermediate products, final products, waste materials, by-products, or industrial machinery are exposed to storm water. For the purposes of this paragraph, material handling activities include the storage, loading and unloading, transportation, or conveyance of any raw material, intermediate product, finished product, by-product or waste product. The term excludes areas located on plant lands separate from the plant's industrial activities, such as office buildings and accompanying parking lots as long as the drainage from the excluded areas is not mixed with storm water drained from the above described areas. Industrial facilities (including industrial facilities that are Federally or municipally owned or operated that meet the description of the facilities listed in this paragraph (i)-(xi)) include those facilities designated under 40 CFR 122.26(a)(1)(v). The following categories of facilities are considered to be engaging in "industrial activity" for purposes of this subsection:

- (i) Facilities subject to storm water effluent limitations guidelines, new source performance standards, or toxic pollutant effluent standards under 40 CFR Subchapter N (except facilities with toxic pollutant effluent standards which are exempted under category (xi) of this paragraph);
- (ii) Facilities classified as Standard Industrial Classifications 24 (except 2434), 26 (except 265 and 267), 28, 29, 311, 32, 33, 3441, 373;
- (iii) Facilities classified as Standard Industrial Classifications 10 through 14 (mineral industry) including active or inactive mining operations (except for areas of coal mining operations meeting the definition of a reclamation area under 40 CFR 434.11(l)) and oil and gas exploration, production, processing, or treatment operations, or transmission facilities that discharge storm water contaminated by contact with or that has come into contact with, any overburden, raw material, intermediate products, finished products, byproducts or waste products located on the site of such operations; inactive mining operations are mining sites that are not being actively mined, but which have an identifiable owner/operator;
- (iv) Hazardous waste treatment, storage, or disposal facilities, including those that are operating under interim status or a permit under Subtitle C of RCRA;
- (v) Landfills, land application sites, and open dumps that have received any industrial wastes (waste that is received from any of the facilities described under this subsection) including those that are subject to regulation under Subtitle D of RCRA;
- (vi) Facilities involved in the recycling of materials, including metal scrapyards, battery reclaimers, salvage yards, and automobile junkyards, including but

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limited to those classified as Standard Industrial Classification 5015 and 5093;

- (vii) Steam electric power generating facilities, including coal handling sites;
- (viii) Transportation facilities classified as Standard Industrial Classifications 40, 41, 42, 44, and 45 which have vehicle maintenance shops, equipment cleaning operations, or airport deicing operations. Only those portions of the facility that are either involved in vehicle maintenance (including vehicle rehabilitation, mechanical repairs, painting, fueling, and lubrication), equipment cleaning operations, airport deicing operations, or which are otherwise identified under subparagraphs (i)-(vii) or (ix)-(xi) of this subsection are associated with industrial activity;
- (ix) Treatment works treating domestic sewage or any other sewage sludge or wastewater treatment device or system, used in the storage treatment, recycling, and reclamation of municipal or domestic sewage, including land dedicated to the disposal of sewage sludge that are located within the confines of the facility, with a design flow of 1.0 mgd or more, or required to have an approved pretreatment program under 40 CFR 403. Not included are farm lands, domestic gardens or lands used for sludge management where sludge is beneficially reused and which are not physically located in the confines of the facility, or areas that are in compliance with 40 CFR 503;
- (x) Construction activity including clearing, grading and excavation activities except: operations that result in the disturbance of less than one acre of total land area which are not part of a larger common plan of development or sale unless otherwise designated by the Agency pursuant to Part I.B.1.
- (xi) Facilities under Standard Industrial Classifications 20, 21, 22, 23, 2434, 25, 265, 267, 27, 283, 31 (except 311), 34 (except 3441), 35, 36, 37 (except 373), 38, 39, 4221-25, (and which are not otherwise included within categories (i)-(x)).

"Waters" mean all accumulations of water, surface and underground, natural, and artificial, public and private, or parts thereof, which are wholly or partially within, flow through, or border upon the State of Illinois, except that sewers and treatment works are not included except as specially mentioned; provided, that nothing herein contained shall authorize the use of natural or otherwise protected waters as sewers or treatment works except that in-stream aeration under Agency permit is allowable.

"Work day" for the purpose of this permit, a work day is any calendar day on which construction activities will take place.

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The following modifications have been made to the final permit from the previously issued General NPDES Permit ILR10:

1. I.B.1: A requirement that existing permittees may have to update/revise their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). See also Section II.A.2 below
2. II.A.2: Provides that permittees must upgrade/revise their SWPPP within 12 months of the effective date of this permit. Projects which will be terminated within the next 12 months are not required to update/revise their SWPPP.
3. II.C.7: The requirement for consultation with the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency and the Illinois Department of Natural Resources was moved from Section I.C.3 to Section II.C.7.
4. II.C.9: Revised Notices of Intent for substantial modifications.
5. II.D: Where to submit Notices of Intent.
6. II.E: NOI shall be copied to local active MS4 permit holders.
7. II.F.1.d: Date of completion and stabilization now included in Notice of Termination (NOT).
8. II.F.2: Provides for electronic submission of NOT.
9. III.A.3: Prohibition of various non-storm water discharges in accordance with 40 CFR 450.
10. III.A.4: Allowance for groundwater dewatering in accordance with 40 CFR 450.
11. IV.B.5: Copy of Approval Letter must be posted at site.
12. IV.D.1.e: Inclusion of information concerning off-site stockpiling of soils or other materials in the site description.
13. IV.D.2.a: Delineation of erosion and sediment controls now specified in accordance with 40 CFR 450.
14. IV.D.2.b: Requirements for initiation of stabilization activities in accordance with 40 CFR 450.
15. IV.D.2.c: Design requirements for sediment basins added to permit.
16. IV.D.2.f: Pollution prevention measures now included in permit in accordance with 40 CFR 450.
17. IV.D.2.g: Provisions for control of other wastes now included in permit.
18. IV.D.2.h: Requirement to explicitly consider post-construction storm water management in the SWPPP.
19. IV.D.3.b. Requirement to keep sediment basins in operating condition.

20. IV.D.4.a: Clarified inspection requirements after construction has temporarily ceased or under frozen conditions.
21. IV.D.4.e: Specified that corrective actions must be undertaken immediately following an incident of non-compliance in accordance with 40 CFR 450.
22. VI.S: Bypass and Upsets provisions were added to the Standard Permit Conditions.
23. VIII: Definition of construction activities was added to permit.
24. VIII: Definition of work day was added to the permit.
25. General: References to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency's Urban Manual were changed to Illinois Urban Manual (2012).
26. General: The word "facilities" in previous permit was changed to "construction activities" in the draft permit.
27. General: Various edits.

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