



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20460

Survey ID: LODQ78526

OFFICE OF
WATER

Dear Sir/Madam:

EPA's Office of Water (OW) is considering revisions to its current National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations for discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s), as well as expanding the scope of stormwater discharges regulated by EPA under the Clean Water Act. Specifically, EPA is considering establishing standards for discharges from newly developed and redeveloped sites and strengthening existing requirements for discharges from MS4s. EPA is also considering the need to revise the existing MS4 regulations to include requirements for retrofitting stormwater controls at existing developed sites that discharge to an MS4. This action would strengthen the stormwater program's effectiveness in protecting water quality by reducing pollutant loading, promoting hydrologic sustainability and preserving surface water health and integrity.

To collect data to inform decisions regarding how the stormwater regulations should be strengthened and to support the technical and financial feasibility analyses associated with this rulemaking, EPA is sending a questionnaire to owners/developers of residential, non-residential, industrial, and commercial sites.

Your business has been selected to complete this questionnaire, and is required to complete and return a version of the "Stormwater Management Including Discharges from Developed Sites: Owner/Developer Questionnaire." Please go to <http://app6.erg.com/stormwatersurvey/> to access the questionnaire and instructions and follow the instructions for completion of the questionnaire. You will need the Survey ID located at the top of this letter to complete the questionnaire. All parts of the questionnaire, including a Certification Statement, must be completed and returned to EPA. EPA must receive the completed questionnaire no later than **60 days** after your receipt of this letter.

Completion and return of this questionnaire is required under authority provided by Section 308 of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1318.¹ Moreover, it is in your business' best interest to ensure that the information on which EPA will base its regulations presents an accurate and representative picture of current building and real estate improvement projects and associated long term (post construction) stormwater controls. We appreciate your cooperation in completing this questionnaire.

¹ Section 308 provides that, "Whenever required to carry out the objective of this Act, including but not limited to . . . developing or assisting in the development of any effluent limitation . . . pretreatment standard, or standard of performance under this Act, . . . the Administrator shall require the owner or operator of any point source to . . . establish and maintain such records, . . . make such reports, . . . install, use, and maintain such monitoring equipment . . . sample such effluent . . . and provide such other information as he may reasonably require."

If you have any questions regarding this letter, please contact either of two members of my staff: Jan Matuszko at matuszko.jan@epa.gov or (202)566-1035 or Ahmar Siddiqui at siddiqui.ahmar@epa.gov or (202) 566-1044.

Thank you for your efforts in completing this questionnaire for the NPDES regulations for stormwater discharges.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M T Smith', written over a horizontal line.

Mary T. Smith, Director
Engineering and Analysis Division

US EPA
Stormwater Owner/Developer Questionnaire Webcast

Webcast: Thursday, October 14, 2010

Three-hour audio Web broadcast

Eastern: 12:00 pm – 3:00 pm, Central: 11:00 am – 2:00 pm

Mountain: 10:00 am – 1:00 pm, Pacific: 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Session Description: The purpose of this webcast is to briefly describe the questionnaires and to answer questions about the type of information that needs to be submitted. People who did not receive a questionnaire may attend the webcast, but EPA will only be answering questions about the owner/developer questionnaires during this webcast. Additional information about the questionnaires and the proposed stormwater rulemaking, including copies of the questionnaires, can be found at www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking

Session Format: After a presentation from EPA about the questionnaires, EPA will answer questions submitted by audience members through the webcast website. There will be a brief break at approximately 90 minutes into the webcast.

Registration: You must register in advance to attend this webcast. Visit the NPDES Web site at www.epa.gov/npdes/training to register.

Note: Your computer must have the capability of playing sound in order to attend this webcast.