

### Connecticut Department of Energy & Environmental Protection

Bureau of Materials Management & Compliance Assurance Water Permitting & Enforcement Division

# Environmental Permitting Fact Sheet

# General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

Covers
Municipalities
Containing
Urbanized Areas

- Census Bureau defines Urbanized Areas (UA)
- 130 Connecticut towns contain UAs
- Possible waiver if <1,000 population in UA

Registration Required

- Two parts Part A April 9, Part B July 9
- Registration fee \$250.00 with Part A

Stormwater Management Plan Required

- Five years to implement
- Address six minimum control measures
- Implement Best Management Practices for each measure
- Signed by chief elected official

### **Annual Report**

• Review fee \$187.50

# **Average Processing Time**

• For this permit program, processing time for a typical application, based upon recent experience is less than 60 days. Past performance is not a guarantee of future processing timeframes. In order to increase the efficiency of application processing, we recommend that you utilize the <a href="Department's Pre-Application Guidance">Department's Pre-Application Guidance</a> process, assure that your application package is properly completed at the time of submittal, and that you promptly reply to any requests for information.

### Six Minimum Control Measures

- Public education and outreach
- Public participation
- Illicit discharge detection/elimination
  - ♦ Map storm sewer outfalls
  - ♦ Screen outfalls for non-stormwater discharges
  - ♦ Ordinance prohibiting non-stormwater discharges
- Construction stormwater management
- Post-construction stormwater management
  - ♦ Ordinance for post-construction stormwater management
- Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping
  - ♦ Street sweeping/catch basin cleaning criteria
  - ♦ Training of town employees
  - ♦ Evaluate system for possible upgrade/repair

## Limited Annual Wet Weather Sampling

• Six representative samples/year or equivalent

### Qualifying Local Program

• May use existing programs to meet six minimum measures

#### **Contact Address**

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