

WHAT IS ROADMAP?

When new Phase I and Phase II NPDES Municipal Stormwater Permits went into effect in 2007, operations and maintenance (O & M) representatives from Phase I and Phase II communities and secondary permittees formed a group to address the permit requirements related to their programs in a collaborative environment. They created the Regional Operations and Maintenance Program (ROADMAP) to serve as a forum for identifying, discussing, and developing strategies for implementing permit requirements. Representatives from all permitted municipalities in Western Washington were invited to meetings and to serve on committees that addressed various permit elements.

Since the first ROADMAP meeting in July 2007, participants from over 30 cities, counties, and state agencies have attended meetings. Topics of general interest are discussed at regular meetings and more detailed discussions have taken place within committees on specific subtopics related to the O&M sections of the permits (such as training and mapping). Committees are only convened when a specific question or action item is identified, by the group as a whole, for further research or deliberation.

We use a SharePoint Server to facilitate information sharing. Group members can post documents and events on SharePoint. It also includes contact information for group members, resources for help in implementing the permit, and a discussion board.

ROADMAP operates in parallel with two other regional efforts spawned by the municipal stormwater permits: a public education and outreach program (STORM), and a permit coordinators's group. Communication between the groups is achieved through members common to more than one group.

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