

Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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Key news and information you need to stay current on the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) and the strategic approach to stormwater monitoring and assessment to reduce stormwater impacts to Puget Sound

Mussel contaminant samples off to the lab

Last month, Washington Dept. of Fish and Wildlife's staff and volunteers retrieved mussel cages at 40 RSMP sites inside Urban Growth Areas and 33 additional sites along the Puget Sound marine shoreline. The mussels were deployed more than 3 months earlier. The mussels have been processed and their tissue will be analyzed for stormwater-relevant chemicals including metals and polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons (PAHs).

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/status.html>

Status and trends monitoring locations available for download

A spreadsheet list and map of status and trends monitoring locations are available on Ecology's RSMP website. A Geographic Information System "shapefile" of the locations will soon be available on the same website.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/status.html>

IDDE database population underway

As part of the RSMP Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) a consultant for the City of Lakewood compiled the illicit discharge detection and elimination (IDDE) incident tracking data reported in Ecology's Permit and Reporting Information System (PARIS). The consultant is preparing the information for analysis to identify patterns in illicit discharges and results to inform methods and approaches and prioritize IDDE and source control effectiveness studies.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/source.html>

SWG considering recommendations for monitoring requirements in next permit cycle

The various caucuses and subgroups of the Stormwater Work Group are considering recommendations for the Special Condition S8 Monitoring and Assessment requirements in the next municipal stormwater permit cycle anticipated to begin in August 2018. The SWG has been discussing these [draft recommendations](#) since last summer and will finalize them in upcoming meetings.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/mtgsummaries.html>

RSMP quarterly budget reports are available

All RSMP project deliverables are posted on the RSMP web page. Ecology gives regular budget and progress reports as part of the RSMP oversight process. The report for the last quarter of 2015 has been posted with previous reports. An annual report for 2015 is expected to go out in April.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp/admin.html>

Join our effort!

Our subgroups and caucuses continue to oversee RSMP implementation and identify lessons learned. We need more representation of tribes and local, state, federal, business, and environmental caucuses on the work group and in our subcommittees. Our meetings are open to all interested parties. Contact [Karen Dinicola](#) to be added to a list.

More information: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html

About the Stormwater Work Group

The Stormwater Work Group (SWG) is part of the Puget Sound Ecosystem Monitoring Program (PSEMP). The SWG is a coalition of representatives of local, state, and federal governments, environmental and business organizations, tribes, and agriculture. The SWG formed in 2008 to develop a strategic, coordinated, and integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound that will help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem. The SWG's technical subgroups actively support implementation of the RSMP and other related monitoring.

More information: www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/swworkgroup.html

Prior issues available for download

This is the twenty sixth issue of the SWG Reporter. Previous issues are available for download at our website.

More information: <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/psmonitoring/reporter.html>