

Stormwater Work Group Reporter

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Key news and information you need to stay current on the effort to create a regional stormwater monitoring and assessment strategy for Puget Sound

Draft Illicit Discharge Incident Tracking form available for comment

A draft Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) Incident Tracking form is now available for review and comment through May 3, 2013. Please provide feedback on this form which may be used by Phase I and II Western Washington municipal stormwater permittees beginning in the 2014 calendar year to track and report illicit discharge response activities for annual reports that are due beginning in March 2015. The form is designed to provide incident-specific compliance information required by the permits and information to be analyzed regionally as part of permit condition S8.D, the Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR). Ecology appreciates the leadership of the SWG's SIDIR Subgroup in developing this draft form. We plan to finalize the content of the form by early summer and have various formats developed and distributed to permittees in fall 2013.

More information (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/source-identification-information-repository/idde-incident-tracking-form>)

Source Identification Information Repository (SIDIR) supports adaptive stormwater management

SIDIR is a means of collecting and sharing two separate but connected types of information: a library of methods and resources for IDDE and source control to help local governments use the most effective strategies and actions for reducing stormwater pollution; and regional analysis of the results and findings of IDDE and source control programs to identify common stormwater problems that could be supported or better addressed by regional efforts such as education, training, new BMPs, additional regulation, product replacement initiatives, etc. The SIDIR component of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) will build on previous work and will be supported by municipal stormwater NPDES permittees, GROSS grants, and other sources of funding.

More information (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/source-identification-information-repository>)

New findings will influence proposed list of effectiveness studies

Under a grant from the Department of Ecology, a group of contractors is finalizing a set of papers that synthesize the findings of a stormwater management program effectiveness study literature review completed in 2011. The findings were presented to the SWG last month. The SWG Effectiveness Subgroup is revising the list of studies that were recommended to be conducted as part of the Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program funded by municipal stormwater permittees. Many of the top-ranked questions have already been answered under conditions relevant to Puget Sound. The findings will be distributed to the public via the Association of Washington Cities website before the end of June.

More information (<https://sites.google.com/site/pugetsoundstormwaterworkgroup/home/selection-of-effectiveness-studies>)

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 October 2008 to develop a Stormwater Assessment and Monitoring Program for Puget Sound (SWAMPPS) that provides a strategic, coordinated, and integrated approach to quantifying the stormwater problem in Puget Sound. SWAMPPS is intended to help us efficiently and effectively manage stormwater to reduce harm to the ecosystem. The SWG's many technical subgroups actively support SWAMPPS implementation. The Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP) implemented through the municipal stormwater permits is part of SWAMPPS.

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

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