

Regional Stormwater Monitoring Program (RSMP)

A new monitoring program, funded with western Washington municipal stormwater permittee contributions, will be implemented after 2013. The RSMP is based on recommendations of an independent stakeholder committee that outlined an overall strategy for a regional stormwater monitoring program and specific recommendations for monitoring requirements in the permits.

Multiple efforts are underway to prepare to implement the RSMP. A new, permit-specific RSMP webpage is now on-line at <http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/stormwater/municipal/rsmp.html> to help permittees understand the process and status of implementing the RSMP.

Below is an outline of the type of information found on the new webpage for the RSMP components that apply to permittees in Southwest Washington.

Effectiveness Monitoring of Stormwater Management Program Activities to provide widely applicable information about what works and what doesn't work in certain situations, and how to improve stormwater management.

Key documents posted on Ecology's new RSMP website:

- *Recommended list of topics*
- *Literature review*
- *Scope of work for current project to synthesize literature review findings*

Current implementation situation: The SWG submitted a prioritized list of recommended study topics to Ecology in September 2011. Findings of a recent literature review are now being synthesized to refine the list of questions. The synthesis papers are expected to be completed in spring 2013 and the list of studies revised shortly thereafter. RFPs for studies are expected to go out in early 2014.

Source Identification Information Repository to provide information about source identification and elimination methods and identify opportunities for regional solutions to common illicit discharges and pollution problems.

Key documents posted on Ecology's new RSMP website:

- *Scoping memo and draft recommendations*

Current implementation situation: The overall pieces of the repository were described in a "scoping memo" but the specific content and next steps to build those pieces have not yet been identified aside from acknowledging the anticipated inclusion of the IDDE Field Screening Manual currently under development. Ecology staff will continue to work with the independent stakeholder group to identify initial content for SIDIR during the coming year. Specific examples of types of regional solutions will be given in the permit FAQs.

Administration of Pooled Funds

Key documents posted on Ecology's new RSMP website:

- *Recommended oversight committee charter*
- *Boilerplate cost-sharing agreement*
- *Requests for qualifications and/or proposals (these will also be posted under each RSMP component)*

Current implementation situation: Permittees who wish to have additional assurance that their funds will be used on the specified RSMP activities through a cost-sharing agreement with Ecology should notify us in the letter indicating which option they choose for the effectiveness studies component. Ecology will not know exactly how much money will be available to conduct RSMP activities until after December 2013 when all permittees have notified us as to which options they choose to implement. Ecology plans to hire the RSMP program manager in early-mid 2013. An oversight committee will be convened after the program manager is hired.