

THE FINISH LINE

Hey racing fans! Don't you love the smell of the high octane fuel, the horsepower rush you feel as the cars zip by, and the roar of the crowd? And, there is nothing like a bump and shove, down to the wire finish. To win a race, it takes a team effort, dedication, a commitment to quality, and lots of hard work. But, it is all worth it when you finally cross the finish line. So how is your 2010-2011 storm water year race going? Don't give up! A couple more laps and you will be seeing the checkered flag. The two laps remaining in this year's race include the Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation (ACSCE) and the annual report preparation. In this edition of *The Rain Events*, we will be discussing how to successfully close out your storm water year. We will talk about what you need to do to prepare your annual report due July 1. We will also look at the ACSCE, which is like a compliance pit stop, allowing you to check everything out and make sure you are in good shape for the big finish. So tighten your seat belt and hang on tight, we are going to push it to the finish line!



“To Do List” for May:

- Last monthly storm water observations, if you have a qualifying event (Form 4)
- Quarterly non-storm water observations sometime between now and June 30 (Forms 2 & 3)
- Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation (a review of the facility and SWPPP) (Form 5)
- Gather records and analytical reports needed next month for the annual report preparation.





Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation

The ACSCE is an important part of the industrial storm water compliance program. It is when we take a good look at how our program is running and see if there is anything that is keeping it from optimal performance. There is no specified time period to perform this annual review, but, we recommend you consider doing it in May of each year. This will allow you to see how your storm water system performed during the storm water year, and give you all dry season to make any necessary changes or improvements. Since you will be gathering storm water observation and analytical data for this review, it will be handy for the annual reporting preparation that takes place in June. California Storm Water Quality Association (CASQA) recommends that the evaluation should include the following¹:

- A review of the results of visual inspections of potential pollutant sources for evidence of, or the potential for, pollutants entering the drainage system;
- A review of visual observation records, inspection records, and sampling and analysis results;
- A review and evaluation of each BMP to determine whether it is adequate, properly implemented, and maintained;
- A review of site activities to ascertain if change has occurred, and if so, whether new or modified BMPs are needed;
- A review of the list of significant materials to ascertain if the list has changed, and if so, whether new or modified BMPs are needed;
- A review of spills that have occurred over the past 12 months, with a determination of cause(s) and possible solutions, including modified or new BMPs;
- A determination of whether each BMP must be modified, replaced, and whether additional BMPs are needed; and
- An evaluation report.



Draft Industrial Permit Update

The extended comments deadline, April 29, 2011 has come and gone. There is no new news posted on the State's industrial permit website. The e-mails and comments we have been seeing seem to suggest that the State has received a significant amount of push-back on this permit. WGR will continue to monitor developments in this area and let you know when and how the State responds to the massive wave of comments to their proposed permit.

¹ California Stormwater BMP Handbook January 2003, Industrial and Commercial, www.cabmphandbooks.com



We Have an April Contest Winner!

Rita Koehnen submitted the winning answer!

The question was: *In the current and Draft General Permit, how many days do you have to apply changes to your Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan following your Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation?*

Rita was correct with the answer of 90 days.

She will receive a \$25 eGiftCard to



FAST FACTS ABOUT ANNUAL REPORTS

- The Annual Report is due July 1.
- It can be prepared using the State's on-line SMARTS system. For more information go to http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/annualreport.shtml
- If you don't do the report on line, it is highly recommended (but not mandated) to use the State's report template, which is available at the same link provided above.
- You must include information from the monthly visual observations, quarterly non-storm water observations, and the ACSCE.
- You must summarize the analytical results on Form 1 and include a copy of the analytical laboratory reports. If you are preparing the report on SMARTS, the analytical reports will need to be uploaded as a pdf document.
- Whether the report is completed electronically or via a hard-copy, it must be certified by one of the following parties:

9. Signatory Requirements

- a. All Notices of Intent (NOIs) submitted to the State Water Board shall be signed as follows:
- (1) For a corporation: by a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this section, a responsible corporate officer means: (a) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy or decision-making functions for the corporation; or (b) the manager of the facility if authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures;
 - (2) For a partnership or sole proprietorship: by a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or
 - (3) For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: by either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. The principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes the chief executive officer of the agency or the senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrators of U.S. EPA).
- b. All reports, certifications, or other information required by the General Permit or requested by the Regional Water Board, State Water Board, U.S. EPA, or local storm water management agency shall be signed by a person described above or by a duly authorized representative. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:
- (1) The authorization is made in writing by a person described above and retained as part of the SWPPP.

- (2) The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity, such as the position of manager, operator, superintendent, or position of equivalent responsibility or an individual or position having overall responsibility for named position.)
- (3) If an authorization is no longer accurate because a different individual or position has responsibility for the overall operation of the facility, a new authorization must be attached to the SWPPP prior to submittal of any reports, certifications, or information signed by the authorized representative.

10. Certification

Any person signing documents under Provision 9. above shall make the following certification:

"I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to ensure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations."

MAY STORM WATER CONTEST

Try it out! You can win!

By May 31, submit a response for the following question by email to jteravskis@wgr-sw.com.

All of the following items are required to be submitted with the Storm Water Annual Report except for:

- a. **The laboratory reports**
- b. **A comments page**
- c. **Information about the visual observations**
- d. **Information about the ACSCE**
- e. **A copy of the SWPPP**

All persons submitting the correct answer will be placed in a drawing. The winner will receive a \$25

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Please contact us if you have any questions ...

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Coupon

Annual Report Preparation Sale

\$285

- Offer expires on 6/17/2011.
- Must redeem coupon by contacting Aaron Ortiz at aortiz@wgr-sw.com to coordinate your annual report preparation.
- Coupon user must pay by credit card on-line when downloading the completed report.
- Coupon user is responsible for providing observation and analytical data to WGR, and for the signing and submittal of the completed report.