

## ACE YOUR ACSCE!

Do you remember facing that star pitcher ... the ace on the other team? Remember having a lump in your throat and a sweaty bat? Remember feeling the ball blow by you, hearing the smack of the catcher's glove, and the ump's "steeee-rike".

Ace pitchers are hard to beat. But it can be done. Even Roy Halladay gave up 234 hits and 82 runs last year! To do so, you have to be on your game. It takes attention to **fundamentals**, **focus**, and **follow-through**.

May is typically the month when industrial facilities perform their **Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluations** or ACSCEs. These evaluations are mandated by your industrial storm water permit and are an important part of your facility's pollution prevention program.

But doing well on an ACSCE is like facing an ace pitcher; you have to be on your game! You need to remember the **fundamentals** of pollution prevention, **focus** on problem areas, and **follow-through** with corrective action. We will discuss these three "Fs" later in this newsletter so that you too can ace this year's ACSCE.



## May's "To Do List"

- The Annual Comprehensive Site Compliance Evaluation (Form 5). If you need help, call WGR to schedule an appointment.
- May Storm Water Observations (Form 4) at all outfalls.
- Storm Water Sampling – This is the last month of the wet season!
- Do the 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter Non-Storm Water Observations (Forms 2 & 3 by May 31)



## We Have a Winner !!!

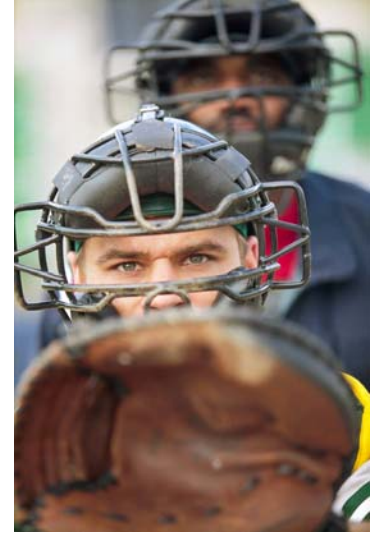
**Ron Bronson** was right in the strike zone with his answer for last month's contest question!

What protocol should a sampler follow to prevent cross-contamination of a storm water sample?

*Ron quoted from his SWPPP:*

*Sample Procedure 3 states "Use only an empty unused collection container to retrieve storm water from the sample location and then fill the individual analysis sample containers provided by the laboratory to return samples to the laboratory for analysis. The use of any other sample containers returned to the laboratory for analysis may not provide the adequate sample volume or preservative needed for accurate or uncontaminated sample results".*

*Sample procedure 4 states "To prevent contamination of the sample, do not touch or put anything into the sample containers before collecting storm water samples. Wearing gloves during the sampling also helps prevent the contamination of the samples".*



**Ron will be sent a \$25 gift card to Lowe's for his spring home improvement projects. Good job Ron!**

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## The 3 F's of a Clean Facility

Are you in a compliance slump? Has your pollution prevention batting averages dropped? Are your company's BMP stats suffering? If so, we want to give you some tips to break out of the slump and get on base with permit compliance. Consider implementing the following "3 F's".

### ***Fundamentals:***

Get back to the fundamentals of pollution prevention. Compliance doesn't have to be expensive or complicated, but it does involve some very basic steps including:

- Wherever possible, cover pollutant sources. Keep trash bin lids closed. Place chemicals, oils, lubricants, paints, and other substances within a covered shed or building. Cover stock piled materials with plastic sheeting. Cover oily or rusty equipment in the spare part "bone yard" with a tarp.
- Maintain a clean facility. Sweep (do not wash) the yard area. Get rid of junk including oily and rusty parts that have been sitting around your facility for as long as anyone can remember. Clean out storm drain inlets. Clean up oily stains on the pavement. Pick up trash, debris, and spent absorbent.
- Store hazardous materials and other chemicals within secondary containment and within a covered structure.

### ***Focus:***

Focus on problem areas. Is there an area of your facility that is messy, has re-occurring spills, or is an on-going source of pollutants (such as sediments, metals, or oil & grease)? Focus your BMPs on these areas. Bring these problem areas to the attention of the facility manager and suggest options for reducing the source of the pollutants. Focus not only on possible structural changes, but also on procedural changes. Perhaps a practice or activity can be altered to reduce the amount of pollutants exposed to storm water.

### ***Follow-through:***

The industrial storm water permit requires that permittees take an "iterative approach" to BMPs. That means you should make adjustments to your BMPs, test the subsequent storm water discharges, compare the monitoring results to benchmark levels, and take additional corrective action if benchmarks are continuing to be exceeded. This cyclic evaluation and corrective action process is required to maintain compliance with your storm water permit. The ACSCE process requires the following steps:

- Review your monitoring data and compare to State and Federal benchmark values;
- Inspect your facility for potential sources of pollutants, especially ones that had benchmark exceedances;
- Review existing BMPs and identify additional needed BMPs; and
- ***Follow-through*** by implementing the new BMPs and updating the SWPPP.

If you put into practice the 3 F's you should have no problem acing this year's ACSCE. To download an ACSCE checklist, a list of benchmark values, or obtain other helpful compliance information, go to WGR's website at [www.wgr-sw.com](http://www.wgr-sw.com) .



## May's Storm Water Contest

By May 31, submit a response for the following:

**What is a good way to protect storm drain inlets during the non-rainy season?**

All persons submitting correct answers will be placed in a drawing. The winner will receive a \$25 gift card to **Lowe's** to buy a new set of BBQ tools or something to get your summer off to a good start. Please submit your entries to [jteravskis@wgr-sw.com](mailto:jteravskis@wgr-sw.com).

*Please contact us if you have any questions ...*

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