

## Wanted Dead or Alive

This town ain't big enough for the two of us. One of us has got to go. You are nothing but a low down good for nothing discharge, in fact an illicit discharge in this here town. We don't like your kind flowing down our drains. We are gonna run you and your gang of wash water, sewer overflows, contact water, wastewater, and chlorinated water sources out of our drain inlets. August is the month we clean house in these here parts. Non-storm water discharges will be busted and put out of business. So, it's high noon and time to draw.

Are you ready to join the Non-Storm Water Posse? We need your help in getting rid of these illicit discharges. You may have a few of these undesirables lurking around your facility. Why don't you take action and get them before they get you into compliance trouble? Keep reading to get more information in how you can bring them to justice.



### August's "To Do List"

- File your completed monitoring forms for 2009/2010 and place new clean forms in your storm water data binder for 2010/2011 monitoring.
- Look for illicit discharges and do the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Non-Storm Water Observations (Forms 2 & 3 by August 31<sup>st</sup>.)
- Contact your laboratory and order a new sample kit for the upcoming storm season.



# We Have a Winner

*Lew Watkin submitted the winning answer!*

What does the acronym "NPDES" stand for?

Lew submitted the correct answer "**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System**". He will receive a **\$25** eGiftCard to **Cabela's** to buy some equipment to test how fishable are his local water bodies.

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## Bust that Dust!

Do you have a construction project coming up? If so, you need to be concerned not only about trail dust, but also erosion and sedimentation. A new Construction General Permit became effective on July 1, 2010 and it is significantly different from the older version. WGR was just recently selected by the California Storm Water Quality Association (CASQA) to provide official training on this new permit. To obtain more information on this training, go to:

[www.gotswppp.com](http://www.gotswppp.com)



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## No Spills Here !

SPCC Who?



Did you know new SPCC Plan regulations go into effect on **November 10, 2010**? There are quite a few changes that may affect your facility. Here is a quick checklist for you to evaluate your SPCC Plan:



Do you have over 1,320 gallons of oil and/or fuel stored on site? Anything in a container greater than 55-gallons counts towards that figure.



Are your tanks, totes, and drums in secondary containment?



Has it been over five years since your last SPCC certification?



Did you know you can self-certify if you have less than 10,000 gallons?

For more information on SPCC plans, call Jeff Fleak of WGR at (209) 224-7593.



## NON★STORM WATER OUTLAWS

The Industrial General Permit prohibits certain discharges. Take a look at the following excerpt from the permit ...

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that all facility operators required to be regulated by this General Permit shall comply with the following:

A. DISCHARGE PROHIBITIONS:

1. Except as allowed in Special Conditions (D.1.) of this General Permit, materials other than storm water (non-storm water discharges) that discharge either directly or indirectly to waters of the United States are prohibited. Prohibited non-storm water discharges must be either eliminated or permitted by a separate NPDES permit.

**So, everything but storm water and those things listed in D.1. are not allowed!**

What is listed in D.1. ?

D. SPECIAL CONDITIONS

1. Non-Storm Water Discharges

- a. The following non-storm water discharges are authorized by this General Permit provided that they satisfy the conditions specified in Paragraph b. below: fire hydrant flushing; potable water sources, including potable water related to the operation, maintenance, or testing of potable water systems; drinking fountain water; atmospheric condensates including refrigeration, air conditioning, and compressor condensate; irrigation drainage; landscape watering; springs; ground water; foundation or footing drainage; and sea water infiltration where the sea waters are discharged back into the sea water source.

But, the items listed in D.1. are only allowed if the following conditions are met:

- i. The non-storm water discharges are in compliance with Regional Water Board requirements.
- ii. The non-storm water discharges are in compliance with local agency ordinances and/or requirements.
- iii. BMPs are specifically included in the SWPPP to (1) prevent or reduce the contact of non-storm water discharges with significant materials or equipment and (2) minimize, to the extent practicable, the flow or volume of non-storm water discharges.
- iv. The non-storm water discharges do not contain significant quantities of pollutants.
- v. The monitoring program includes quarterly visual observations of each non-storm water discharge and its sources to ensure that BMPs are being implemented and are effective.
- vi. The non-storm water discharges are reported and described annually as part of the annual report.



## AUGUST STORM WATER CONTEST

By August 31, submit a response for the following:

**If non-storm water cannot go into a storm drain,  
where can it be discharged (legally)?**

All persons submitting correct answers will be placed in a drawing. The winner will receive a **\$25** eGiftCard to ...

**amazon.com**<sup>®</sup>

to buy your favorite western video.

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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