



## **MCM #6: Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations**

**The following are the requirements for MCM #6 that are included in the Federal Regulations:**

- *Develop and implement an operation and maintenance program that includes a training component and has the ultimate goal of preventing or reducing pollutant runoff from municipal operations (40 CFR Part 122.34(b)(6)(i)).*
- *Provide employee training to prevent and reduce stormwater pollution from activities such as parks and open space maintenance, fleet and building maintenance, new construction and land disturbances, and stormwater system maintenance (40 CFR Part 122.34(b)(6)(i)).*

**The following requirements, Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Measurable Goals are to be implemented and achieved:**

**BMP #1:** Identify and document all facilities and activities that are owned or operated by the permittee and have the potential for generating stormwater runoff to the regulated small MS4. This includes activities conducted by contractors for the permittee. Activities may include the following: street sweeping; snow removal/deicing; inlet/outfall cleaning; lawn/grounds care; general storm sewer system inspections and maintenance/repairs; park and open space maintenance; municipal building maintenance; new construction and land disturbances; right-of-way maintenance; vehicle operation, fueling, washing and maintenance; and material transfer operations, including leaf/yard debris pickup and disposal procedures. Facilities can include streets; roads; highways; parking lots and other large paved surfaces; maintenance and storage yards; waste transfer stations; parks; fleet or maintenance shops; wastewater treatment plants; stormwater conveyances (open and closed pipe); riparian buffers; and stormwater storage or treatment units (e.g., basins, infiltration/filtering structures, constructed wetlands, etc.).

**Measurable Goal:** By the end of the first year of permit coverage, new permittees shall identify and document all types of municipal operations, facilities and activities and land uses that may contribute to stormwater runoff within areas of municipal operations that discharge to the regulated small MS4. Renewal permittees should have completed this list during the previous permit term. For all permittees, this information shall be reviewed and updated each year of permit coverage, as needed. Part of this effort shall include maintaining a basic inventory of various municipal operations and facilities.

**BMP #2:** Develop, implement and maintain a written operation and maintenance (O&M) program for all municipal operations and facilities that could contribute to the discharge of pollutants from the regulated small MS4s, as identified under BMP #1. This program (or programs) shall address municipally owned stormwater collection or conveyance systems, but could include other areas (as identified under BMP #1). The O&M program(s) should stress pollution prevention and good housekeeping measures, contain site-specific information, and address the following areas:

- a. Management practices, policies, procedures, etc. shall be developed and implemented to reduce or prevent the discharge of pollutants to your regulated small MS4s. You should consider eliminating maintenance-area discharges from floor drains and other drains if they have the potential to discharge to storm sewers.
- b. Maintenance activities, maintenance schedules, and inspection procedures to reduce the potential for pollutants to reach your regulated small MS4s. You also should review your procedures for maintaining your stormwater BMPs.
- c. Controls for reducing or eliminating the discharge of pollutants from streets, roads, highways, municipal parking lots, maintenance and storage yards, waste transfer stations, fleet or maintenance shops with outdoor storage areas, and salt / sand (anti-skid) storage locations and snow disposal areas.
- d. Procedures for the proper disposal of waste removed from your regulated small MS4s and your municipal operations, including dredge spoil, accumulated sediments, trash, household hazardous waste, used motor oil, and other debris.

**Measurable Goal:** During the first year of permit coverage, new permittees shall develop and implement a written O&M program that complies with BMPs #1 and #2. Renewal permittees shall continue to implement their existing program. All permittees shall review the O&M program annually, edit as necessary, and continue to implement during every year of permit coverage.

Guidance: Permittees may develop a single all encompassing written O&M program or they may develop separate programs for their stormwater system and for their vehicles.

**BMP #3:** Develop and implement an employee training program that addresses appropriate topics to further the goal of preventing or reducing the discharge of pollutants from municipal operations to your regulated small MS4s. The program may be developed and implemented using guidance and training materials that are available from federal, state or local agencies, or other organizations. Any municipal employee or contractor shall receive training. This could include public works staff, building / zoning / code enforcement staff, engineering staff (on-site and contracted), administrative staff, elected officials, police and fire responders, volunteers, and contracted personnel. Training topics should include operation, inspection, maintenance and repair activities associated with any of the municipal operations / facilities identified under BMP #1. Training should cover all relevant parts of the permittee's overall stormwater management program that could affect municipal operations, such as illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction sites, and ordinance requirements.

Measurable Goal - 1: During the first year of permit coverage, new permittees shall develop and implement a training program that identifies the training topics that will be covered, and what training methods and materials will be used. Renewal permittees shall continue to operate under their existing program. All permittees shall review the training program annually, edit it as necessary, and continue to implement it during every year of permit coverage.

Measurable Goal - 2: Your employee training shall occur at least annually (i.e., during each permit coverage year) and shall be fully documented in writing and reported in your periodic reports. Documentation shall include the date(s) of the training, the names of attendees, the topics covered, and the training presenter(s).

Guidance: The training requirements of this BMP can be met in various ways. Training can be:

- a. formal or informal;
- b. conducted on-site or off-site;
- c. conducted on-the-job or during dedicated training periods;
- d. conducted one-on-one or in a group setting (including with staff from other MS4s);
- e. conducted by municipal staff or consultants/volunteers;
- f. conducted via oral presentations/instructions and/or via written materials (e.g., SOP's, guidance manuals, tests).

Recommendation: For efficiency and cost savings, your may wish to arrange and schedule joint training events with other nearby operators of regulated small MS4s.