



STORMWATER NEWSLETTER

2008 brings a new Stormwater Permit and new PACE Stormwater Programs for municipal operations

The first municipal stormwater permit was for a 5-year period (2003 – 2007). The Keep It Clean Partnership (Partners) Steering Committee has been working hard over the last year to apply for their new permits, which take effect January 1, 2008, for their respective communities.

The first five-year permit was written to allow the Partners to bring their communities in to compliance with the regulation. This was a collaborative effort of all the municipal employees; everyone has done a great job and you should all be proud of your accomplishments! The next five years will have a more in-depth focus on a few operations that have a higher risk of compromising

stormwater quality, while maintaining the existing programs from the previous years to ensure compliance of all operations. It is anticipated that the State of Colorado will be performing regulatory audits of some municipal operations to ensure they have accomplished the goals set in the previous permit (2003 through 2007).

PACE will continue to work with the Partners to facilitate educational programs for their employees over the next five years. PACE will maintain its' certification program, site visits (at the shop or out in the field),

customized trainings for municipal operations, and follow-up site visits. During site visits, PACE will review written operations and maintenance procedures, proposed plans and designs, stormwater protection equipment and make suggestions for additional equipment or improvements.



In addition, PACE will be working this year to develop new programs to offer more in-depth outreach for operations performing street maintenance, storm drain maintenance, and maintaining parking lots. We will be seeking input during the development of these new programs to be sure we are meeting the needs of the Partner's operations.

When the snow starts melting, it is a great time to do a self-inspection for stormwater compliance!

When the snow starts melting around town, stormwater starts flowing to the creeks. This is a great time to walk around your shop, job site, or facility and see if there are any potential or active discharges.

Starting in 2008, the PACE program is going to require all municipal operations to submit quarterly self-inspection checklist in order to maintain their PACE stormwater certification. In addition to sending PACE a copy, these should be filed in your Stormwater Pollution



Prevention Plan binder. This will serve as record for compliance if the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment performs an inspection.

The self-inspection checklist can be found on the PACE website under

the government operations tab. Follow this link to the form: <http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/www/pace/government/documents/SelfInspectionChecklist.pdf>

If there is an area where you are out of compliance, be sure to notate on the inspection form how and when the issue was addressed. Assigning teams of employees to perform the inspections is a great way for them to implement the skills learned in training.

BMPs for snow plowing and sand, salt, and liquid de-icer application

- Where possible, avoid blowing, pushing, or blocking watercourses and storm water drainage systems with ice, snow, abrasives, or other debris
- Stop side-cast sweeping within 50 feet of structures over water
- Modify blade angles or blower hoppers in sensitive areas
- Inspect snow and ice control vehicles and equipment for fuel and oil leaks prior to using
- Review winter management and operation plans
- Calibrate spreaders routinely
- Do not over-apply de-icing agents
- Maintain accurate records of the locations for salt or liquid de-icer application and quantities used
- Wash equipment used in the application of de-icing agents at a wash area that discharges to sanitary sewer
- Clean up all spills and drag-out in truck loading areas promptly to reduce run-off from facility



Who won \$100 for protecting water quality?



Mike Selan, Longmont Fire Department
Brian Campbell, City of Boulder
Roy Chambers, City of Longmont

The following employees were nominated for their efforts to implement BMPs to prevent storm water pollution or for reporting illegal discharges they saw in their community.

Mark Peterson	Roy Chambers
Rick Vigil	Mike Selan
Jim Engel	Mark Frederick
Vickie Ilko	Brian Campbell
Rocky Milano	Lisa Green
Nick Haupt	Tom Orlandino
Andell Sawdo	Matt Soderberg
John Winternitz	

(Everyone who was nominated received a gift certificate to a local restaurant or coffee shop. The \$100 winners (listed above) were chosen in a random drawing.)

Congratulations to all the winners and nominees!

Do your part to protect storm water and your name may end up on this list in 2008!

We are always looking for newsletter ideas. If you want more information on a specific topic or have a great storm water story, please send it to Erin or Bonnie!

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Allowing materials or wash water to enter parking lots, streets, storm drains, and eventually creeks or other water bodies is **ILLEGAL!**



Please Protect Storm Drains!

Check out our website for a list of certified businesses, helpful resources and updates.

www.pacepartners.com

Keep it Clean website
www.KeepItCleanPartnership.org

