



# STORMWATER NEWSLETTER

## Upcoming Trainings

### 2007 Stormwater Training

Annual training is **mandatory** for all staff. All employees need to know how to protect stormwater and identify illegal or threatened discharges. If cited with violations, it can result in fines up to \$25,000 per violation per day!

We would like to hear from you on training topics or ideas for next year. Some ideas we already have include:

- Touring other municipal facilities
- Municipal contractors
- "How-To" Demonstrations

E-mail your training ideas to be entered for a chance to win movie tickets!

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## Stormwater Compliance Spotlights

### City of Longmont is Leading Municipalities in Illegal Discharge Reporting and Action

This last year the City of Longmont responded to several stormwater violations, all which were reported by city employees. Violators were issued warning letters or Notice of Violations (NOVs) in accordance with the storm sewer code. Violators were charged for the cost of cleanup.

Deb Sassanella, a city of Longmont employee, reported a leaking dumpster at a furniture refinishing company. Methylene chloride had been improperly disposed of and had spilled out onto the ground. Upon inspection, numerous hazardous waste violations were found, but fortunately the chemicals had not entered the storm sewer system; however, it had entered the sanitary sewer. The company plead guilty to the criminal enforcement and were fined \$9,000 based on the sanitary sewer code.

City of Longmont recognizes employees for reporting stormwater violations with two different programs: "You Make a Difference" and "Star Performer." Employees are awarded with gift certificates or monetary rewards, a recipient's luncheon, and public recognition.



### New Wash Pad at Coal Creek Golf Course in Louisville Earns the Facility WASH-PACE Certification

In 2006, the Coal Creek Golf Course (CCGC) Maintenance Shop in Louisville installed a concrete wash pad and collection system for washing mowers. This pad is connected to an oil/water separator that drains the wastewater off to the sanitary sewer and collects the oil and solids in the tank. Grass clippings are first blown off the mowers, swept up, and then disposed of in the trash; then the mowers are washed over this pad. This installation allowed CCGC to become "WASH/PACE Certified" and to be in compliance with their stormwater permit! The City of Louisville's municipal operations are now 100% "WASH/PACE Certified." Thanks to the persistence of Chris Bradford of Coal Creek Golf Course and Ken Mason, City of Louisville's Wastewater Treatment Plant Manager, for completing this final step towards compliance!



## ***What is a Treated Water Management Plan and Do I need one?***

A Treated Water Management Plan (TWMP) is a self-designed plan that utilizes Best Management Practices (procedural or structural) to reduce discharge of chlorinated water to state waters.

Discharge of super-chlorinated water greater than 5 mg/L poses acute toxicity to aquatic environments. Discharge of lower levels of chlorine (less than 5 mg/L) can also adversely affect aquatic environments. Operators need to ensure that super-chlorinated water does not reach state waters!

You may need a TWMP if you have wastewater discharge from:

- ◆ Hydrant flushing
- ◆ Fire flow testing
- ◆ Water line flushing, replacement, and repair
- ◆ Super chlorination of lines and storage tanks
- ◆ Water main or reservoir dewatering
- ◆ Flushing of sediment from reservoirs
- ◆ Emergency discharges, such as a water main break

Please visit the State Water Quality Division's website for more information:

[http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/PermitsUnit/IandD/380000TWDS\\_GD.pdf](http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/PermitsUnit/IandD/380000TWDS_GD.pdf)

PACE is available to do non-regulatory site visits or to assist you in determining if you need a TWMP. We can help you apply for these permits. Contact PACE today at 303.441.1174 or 303.441.1241.

## ***What is PACE?***

The PACE (Partners for A Clean Environment) program is a voluntary, non-regulatory program that offers free pollution prevention education and technical assistance to Boulder County businesses. PACE is a partnership of local governments and businesses to encourage and recognize environmental achievement. Look for our logo at restaurants, auto repair and auto body shops, printers, dental offices, retail stores, and some small manufacturers. The PACE Program also has a Stormwater Certification Program for municipal operations within Boulder County and parts of Weld County. PACE developed stormwater pollution prevention certification criteria in 2003. Criteria include implementation of both structural and non-structural Best Management Practices for various municipal operations.



*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!**

**Congratulations to Mary Kazlauskas, Peter Rosato, and Jeff Zayach! They won the movie tickets for answering the last edition's trivia question correctly.**

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## ***Helpful Resources***

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WASH Website  
<http://www.basin.org/WASH>