

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan

For

Compliance with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment Municipal Phase II Stormwater Permit

Provided by

The Watershed Approach to Stream Health (WASH)

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Stormwater pollution is an environmental issue of national importance. Stormwater is made up of rain, snow and hail, as well as snowmelt runoff, surface runoff and drainage associated with storm events. Stormwater can pick up pollutants such as sediment, oil and grease, and nutrients, as it travels and can become a major source of water pollution.

As required by the Clean Water Act, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has developed the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permitting program. The program began in 1990, and focused on the most serious sources of stormwater discharges such as runoff from industrial sources and large municipalities. Phase II of this permitting program began in 1999, the program was expanded to include regulation of runoff in smaller municipalities. Compliance with the NPDES program became a requirement for local Boulder and St. Vrain Watershed municipalities in March of 2003.

Watershed Approach to Stream Health (WASH)

To cost-effectively meet stormwater regulations and the region's water quality needs, several municipal governments in the Boulder Creek and St. Vrain watersheds joined together to pool resources and expertise. Thus, the Watershed Approach to Stream Health (WASH) Project was formed in 1999. Participants include Boulder County, cities of Boulder, Longmont and Louisville, and the towns of Superior and Erie. The primary goal of the WASH Project is to implement a regional stormwater management program and address broader water quality and watershed issues common to the Boulder Creek and St. Vrain drainage areas. WASH programs are intended to focus on prevention and cost effectiveness, and create common standards that are consistent throughout the watershed.

As part of the State Stormwater Permit, WASH communities must develop and implement an operation and maintenance program that includes an employee training component and has the ultimate goal of preventing or reducing pollutant runoff from municipal operations.

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The undersigned are committed to complying with all applicable Federal, State and Local environmental laws and ordinances concerning the protection of stormwater and the prevention of stormwater pollution. This binder has been compiled to assist facilities in this endeavor.

The undersign agree to utilize the content of this binder by:

- Tracking and record the metrics listed in the Tracking Requirements section
- Completing and utilizing the Spill Response Plan, and training employees in its use
- Developing and maintaining site and facility maps
- Recording all spills in the Spill Log
- Training employees to properly implement the Best Management Practices
- Following the WASH Criteria
- Providing stormwater pollution prevention training to employees utilizing the enclosed materials and maintaining a log of all training

Sign and Date:

Facility Manger

WASH Steering Committee Representative