



Licking County MS4 Partners Newsletter

January 2013

Welcome to the January 2013 edition of the newsletter. Please feel free to forward or share this newsletter with others who might benefit.

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

Training was held for 58 Licking County and Partner employees in December to meet training requirements of this minimum control measure.

NOTE: it is a permit requirement that all employees have training or a refresher ANNUALLY. Documentation of training & who received it must be kept on file.

The training PowerPoint, *Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations*, for the above sessions can be found on our web page:

<http://www.lcounty.com/Engineer/StormWaterManagementProgram.aspx>

Training materials and videos are also available from the ODOT Library:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/divisions/Planning/SPR/library/Pages/default.aspx>

Instructions for obtaining a library card from the State of Ohio Library and borrowing materials can also be found there.

Partners may do in-house training, hire a consultant, or are welcome to request training from this office. Training is required for all employees involved in outside work where storm water could be adversely affected by improper action or the lack of action, and for shop workers that get out from time to time or are responsible for a particular facility that has an SWPPP (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan). **All training received should be documented as this information will be included in the annual report.**

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP):

All of the Partnering Communities should now have at least a basic Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations (PPGHMO) plan in hand. We were able to forward copies of a generic plan, but tailored somewhat, to each of those communities not yet having a written plan.

The communities of Buckeye Lake, Village of Granville, Newark Township, Newton Township, Madison Township and Union Township will also need to prepare the SWPPP for your facilities that lie within the Urbanizing Area of your MS4 community. We have prepared site plans for Madison and Newark Townships, and will assist others if requested.

Annual inspections of these facilities must be performed and documented. Inspection sheets are usually included as part of the Plan. Please be sure to **perform these inspections and submit**

copies of your inspection sheets as documentation for the annual report. Contact Dan Blatter at the Licking County Engineer's Office if you have questions.

Partnership Meeting Scheduled for January 30, 2013.

The first Partnership meeting of 2013 is planned for January 30, 2013, in the Licking County Administration Building at 9:30 am. The purpose of the meeting is to share information and bring everyone up to date on the activities of this office. Please begin the process of collecting information for the annual report (see below) and bring any question you have. A formal meeting notice will be sent in the near future.

Annual Report for 2012 Activities now in process:

Collection of information documenting 2012 program activities should now be underway by all of the Permit Partners. This may be lists of activities, a narrative of what each individual entity (Village or Township) accomplished, or a combination. Information should be listed according to MCM (minimum control measure) including both what was accomplished in 2012 and what is planned for 2013. Please review the form of the report to identify all information needed— Annual Report forms are found at: http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/permits/GP_MS4StormWater.aspx

Construction site inspection information (MCM4) should include the NOI permit number for the site and dates of construction starts and completions.

Please compile your data or information as soon as possible and submit to the County's MS4 Program Coordinator (Dan) no later than March 1st. This information will be combined into one Partnership report and submitted to the Ohio EPA by the end of March.

Salt Storage Issues and Information:

Many entities found themselves in possession of much extra road deicing salt last year due to its mild winter. The problem does not look like it will be repeated this year; however, the Ohio EPA has issued special recommendations for villages, townships, and the county regarding salt storage. Interim Guidance was issued in April, 2012:

http://epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/storm/Interim_Salt_Storage_Guidance.pdf

This was also highlighted in an article published in *The Columbus Dispatch* Monday December 24, 2012: <http://www.dispatch.com/content/stories/local/2012/12/24/epa-has-rules-for-salt-storage.html>

Six Minimum Control Measures Reviewed:

The SWMP (Storm Water Management Program) is based on six "Minimum Control Measures" or MCMs:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Participation and Involvement

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE)
4. Construction Site Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Information on these MCMs is found at: <http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/munic.cfm>

The Ohio-specific Program is on the **Municipal MS4** tab at:
<http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/index.aspx>

Ongoing implementation of the above MCMs is critical to the success of the Partnership's SWMP and to keep in compliance with the Ohio EPA MS4 Permit.

More about Public Participation & Involvement (MCM#2):

To facilitate and enhance Public Participation and Involvement locally – Please consider dedicating a brief segment of your regular meetings to storm water related public comment. Be sure to offer the public opportunities to participate in your programs or events that focus on or include improving storm water quality.

Upcoming Environmental Education Opportunities:

May 8-10, 2013 - Ohio Stormwater Association's 2013 Ohio Stormwater Conference – Registration expected to open in January 2013.

Information:

<http://www.ohioswa.com/calendar-events/annual-conference/online-registration-ohio-stormwater-conference/>

This conference typically includes several educational sessions tracks...check it out!

Ohio EPA training opportunities and archives of previous presentations can be found at:

<http://epa.ohio.gov/ocapp/train/tabid/6067/LiveTabId/126540/Default.aspx>

Various training is offered by the Ohio LTAP Center. Training is offered to county, city, village, or township employees and much of it is low-cost or sometimes free. You can obtain more information and subscribe to their mailing list at:

<http://www.dot.state.oh.us/Divisions/Planning/LocalPrograms/LTAP/Pages/ContactUs.aspx>

The last word:

The Office of the Licking County Engineer is here to help you meet obligations and requirements of the Permit and the Partner's SWMP. It remains each entity's responsibility to be actively involved and to insure each MCM is locally (Township or Village) addressed to a satisfactory level that meets the goals of the Program.

Please send comments, contact and address changes (please include email addresses), or Program suggestions to Dan Blatter (dblatter@lcounty.com) Office of Licking Co. Engineer, 20 S. 2nd St., Newark OH 43055. Office direct phone: 740/670-5297.