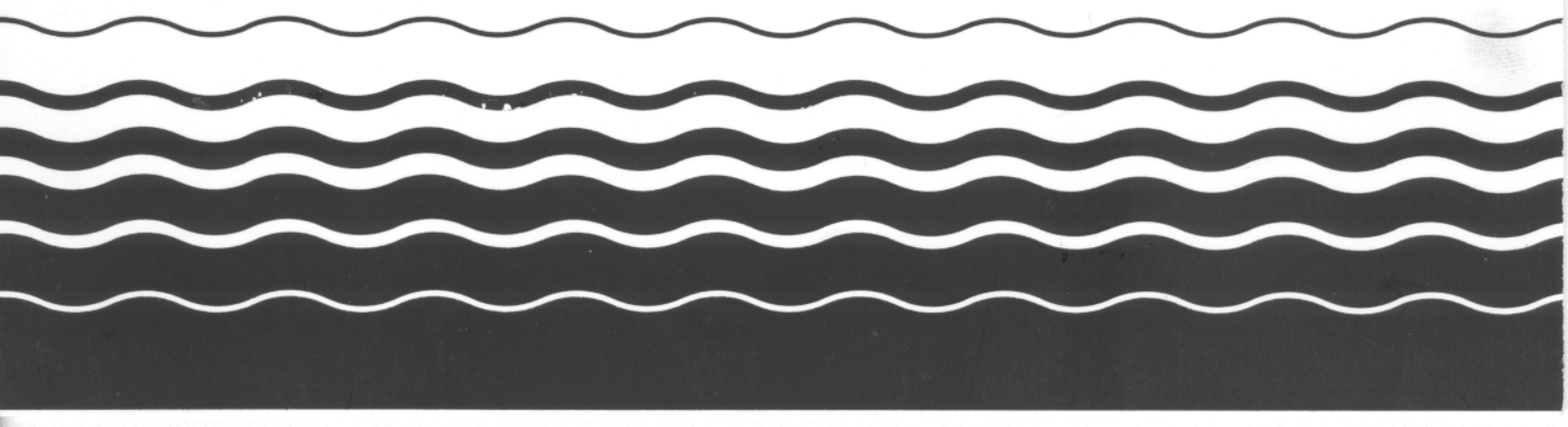




Storm Water Management For Construction Activities

Developing
Pollution Prevention Plans
And Best Management
Practices



FOREWORD

This manual provides detailed guidance on the development of storm water pollution prevention plans and identification of appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) for construction activities. It provides technical assistance and support for all construction activities subject to pollution prevention requirements established under National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits for storm water point source discharges.

EPA's storm water program significantly expands the scope and application of the existing NPDES permit system for municipal and industrial process wastewater discharges. It emphasizes pollution prevention and reflects a heavy reliance on BMPs to reduce pollutant loadings and improve water quality. This manual provides essential guidance in both of these areas.

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This document will be revised and expanded periodically to reflect additional pollution prevention information and data on treatment effectiveness of BMPs. Comments from users will be welcomed. Send comments to U.S. EPA, Office of Wastewater Enforcement and Compliance, 401 M Street, SW, Mail Code EN-336, Washington, DC 20460.

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