

Good afternoon Municipal Stormwater Permittees,

This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information to be shared, including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/trainings, and news. There is a lot of useful information please take a look and share with others who could use the information.

PERMITTEE REQUEST FOR INFORMATION: If you are looking for information from other permittees send the inquiry to Laurie Larson to be sent in the next bulletin.

City of Gig Harbor

Is looking for maintenance standards” for outfalls. Either a maintenance standard or a maintenance checklist for outfalls. If you have information to share please contact: EllisB@cityofgigharbor.net

Business Inspection Group

Is interested in hearing from jurisdictions on Commercial Private Drainage Maintenance Programs. Topics of interest: Incentive/technical assistance for facility inspections. How you anticipate coupling this with source control. Has this changed during COVID-19? Send information to laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

NMSA: (National Municipal Stormwater Association)

Please see the attached documents, which includes information on a new grant program from EPA titled the "Sewer Overflow and Stormwater Reuse Municipal Grant Program" as well as information on a Federal Register notice from EPA seeking input from groups on the formula to allocate funds to states, and lastly, there is a letter from NMSA that has been drafted in response to this Federal Register notice. In summary, the concern is that the currently proposed state allocation formula will not equitably allocate funds. This is based upon a reading of the allocation formula, which includes a focus on state needs to address Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs), Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs), stormwater reuse, and urban stormwater runoff management, as identified EPA Clean Watershed Needs Survey (CWNS), state total population, state urban population, and the average annual precipitation for each state.

We argue in the comment letter that the CWNS under-represents stormwater/MS4 sector needs, that urban and total population are highly correlated, and that MS4 sector needs are significant regardless of average annual precipitation. Details are listed in the comment letter.

Lastly, we include comments on the project prioritization criteria spelled out in federal statutes, which again puts the stormwater/MS4 sector at a disadvantage as these criteria place a higher prioritization on CSO/SSOs as well as projects on Clean Water State Revolving Fund (SRF) Intended Use Plans (IUPs), which rarely include stormwater projects.

Please note that a letter with very similar language will be submitted to key House and Senate staff on Capitol Hill, so provide comments considering that this letter will be submitted not only to EPA but to Congressional offices as well.

In order to **submit this letter** by the due date of September 4, 2020, we require all comments on this letter by 12pm (noon) Eastern Daylight Time on **Monday, August 31**. Contact: Seth Brown, nationalstormwateralliance.org

RESOURCES:

Western Washington Plan Reviewer Training: Focusing on review of stormwater site development plans. Materials available at: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/plan-reviewer-training/>

Stormwater Action Monitoring (more information in newsletter #10 attached)

Register for the September 16, 2020 SAM Study Selection Workshop

The Round 3 workshop is the opportunity to hear study proponents to present on their final study proposal for permittees and stakeholders. Please register and mark your calendar for this virtual event. Be an informed voter on which SAM study to fund, materials will be available on the SAM website a week before. Nine full proposals were reviewed over the summer by city, county, university, private sector, and Ecology. Presentations are now being prepared for the workshop. The 16 LOIs and 9 FPs are listed on the SAM effectiveness studies webpage.

Register now: <https://register.gotowebinar.com/register/5113644271270655245>

Financial Assistance Workshops for State Fiscal Year 2022 Water Quality Combined Funding Program

The Washington State Department of Ecology is holding its annual applicant training workshops. The workshops will include information about the Water Quality Combined Funding Program [1] (WQC) and the State Fiscal Year 2022 (SFY22) application process. In prior years Ecology held workshops in each of its four regions, but this year the workshops will be held online due to COVID-19 protection orders.

There is no cost to attend the workshops. Contact: Daniel Thompson daniel.thompson@ecy.wa.gov

Stormwater Projects: August 27, 2020 9:00am-12:00pm

Evaluating Stormwater Infrastructure Funding and Financing

https://www.epa.gov/sites/production/files/2020-04/documents/efab-evaluating_stormwater_infrastructure_funding_and_financing.pdf

U of W Tribal Climate Tool

his visualization tool enables users to explore and download climate change projections and climate change summaries for priority geographies at the scale of tribal decision-making.

<https://cig.uw.edu/resources/tribal-vulnerability-assessment-resources/tribal-climate-tool/>

Source Control Data Management Software Demos:

In July and August 4 (MS4Front, CityWorks, NPDES Pro and CloudCompli) data management software virtual demonstrations were held. The recorded demonstrations and presentation materials are available on the Washington Stormwater Center website.

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/data-management-software-demonstrations/>

WORKSHOP/TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES: *These dates are subject to change depending upon COVID-19 containment measures.

MuniCon 2021 April 5-8

We are taking MuniCon 2021 Virtual! Plan to join your fellow Washington State stormwater professionals - April 5th - 8th, 2021.

This unique conference focuses specifically on addressing high-priority issues and challenges faced by municipal stormwater permittees statewide, in order to promote broad communication, coordination, and sharing of valuable municipal tools and stormwater management approaches from permittees and other professionals across the state.

MuniCon Call for Abstracts: <http://www.cvent.com/c/abstracts/3977fb4a-8b5e-498d-abad-52aa7521d6f8>

MuniCon 2021 Workshop Survey

The MuniCon planning team would you to take the three question survey to provide information on the interest in workshop topics. **Please complete the survey by Sept. 16, 2020.**

https://wsu.co1.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_0Bq7wUAX6BuW5Lf

ICID Training Update:

A total of eight (8) virtual IC-ID Training sessions will be offered from September through November 2020. There is no charge to attend, and each training session can accommodate up to 30 participants. Municipal staff from western Washington are given priority for registration (other attendees are welcome as space is available). The project is funded by the [Ecology SAM](#) program and western Washington municipal stormwater permittees. Training dates and times are listed below. Click the link above for more information and to register for one of the IC-ID Training sessions!

Registration is now live for the virtual trainings on the *2020 Illicit Connection and Illicit Discharge (IC-ID) Field Screening and Source Tracing Guidance Manual*: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/virtual-ic-id-field-screening-and-source-tracing-training-tickets-114987885862?>

ICID page:

<https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/illicit-connection-illicit-discharge>

Date	Time
Tuesday, Sept. 22	1:00-4:00pm
Thursday, Oct. 1	1:00-4:00pm
Tuesday, Oct. 6	9:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday, Oct. 13	9:00am-12:00pm
Tuesday, Oct. 20	9:00am-12:00pm
Thursday, Oct. 29	1:00-4:00pm

Tuesday, Nov. 3	1:00-4:00pm
Tuesday, Nov. 10	9:00am-12:00pm

StormCon 2020 September 9-10 virtual for \$50: <https://www.stormcon.com/>

International Social Marketing Association (iSMA) registration is now open for the *Introduction to Social Marketing* 12-week online course Sept. 28-Dec. 18, 2020. You can earn a professional certificate of completion. Space is limited and will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Register: <https://isocialmarketing.org/trainings/> iSMA will then follow up with your confirmation and instructions for payment of the US\$800 course. **Scholarship?** iSMA is pleased to cover the full cost of the course for one student. The scholarship application form is available [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdh6u8DLueiadzuTfYHffw2HXshpsYlrBxVnoC9Q3cuz7Juw/v
iewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdh6u8DLueiadzuTfYHffw2HXshpsYlrBxVnoC9Q3cuz7Juw/viewform)

Conference: Managing Stormwater in Washington, NEBC Virtual Event Sept. 10, 2020 registration fee \$195. Registration: <https://www.nebc.org/event/managing-stormwater-in-washington-2/>

JOB OPPORTUNITIES: please share with anyone who may be interested in listed below: