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MS4 Construction Site Runoff Control Environmental Results Program (ERP) Meeting Invitation

The US Environmental Protection Agency has funded a grant to the RI Department of Environmental Management (the Department) to establish the MS4 Construction Site Runoff Control Environmental Results Program (ERP). The goal of this program is to establish an ERP that would allow a self-certification process to confirm and measure compliance with requirements of the Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control minimum measure of the Phase II Stormwater Regulations.

In our efforts to complete this ERP, we have proposed to establish a stakeholder group that will be composed of representatives of various parties that participate in this process. We are asking you to become a member of this group and help us develop this process so that it is a true reflection of the variety of expertise's involved in the management of stormwater activities. We hope that this group will help us in the development of the final checklist for the program, establish metrics to quantify compliance and develop policies related to this process. In this manner we hope to move onto training workshops for self-certifiers and municipal stormwater coordinators as well as establish a technical assistance program for users.

We anticipate that it will take two (possibly three) meetings to identify the issues and meet the goals of our project. To begin this process we propose the first meeting to be on February 11, 2010 from 2 to 4pm at the RIDEM Promenade St Office, Room 300. At this meeting we will provide a framework of the checklist we anticipate using in the program and ask for your suggestions on additions/deletions and ways to improve compliance with the regulations.

This is your opportunity to be part of the foundation for a state initiative that will surely affect your job activities in some way. We hope that you will share with us your talents and abilities to address this important environmental issue.

If you will join us or would like further information about this program, feel free to contact me by email or at 401-222-4700x 7503.

Thanks for your interest.

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