



Environmental Roundtable

August 1, 2000 Update

Stormwater Phase II

Polluted storm water runoff can enter municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) and ultimately be discharged into local rivers and streams without treatment. DEM is in the process of developing a Storm Water Phase II Rule that establishes a MS4 storm water management program. The rule intends to improve waterbodies by reducing the quantity of pollutants that enter storm sewer systems during these events.

The Storm Water Phase II Rule extends the coverage of the NPDES Stormwater program to include "small" MS4s that are not already covered by the existing program. Twenty-nine communities are automatically designated as requiring permits, but ten areas are eligible for waivers.

Next week DEM will mail a survey to municipal officials to evaluate the local capacity to review sedimentation and erosion controls. DEM intends to convene a program workgroup in August. If you would like to assist in the development of these regulations, please contact Margarita Chatterton or Greg Goblick at 222-4700, extensions 7605 and 7265, respectively. Next steps will include a public workshop and formal public comment period.

Enforcement Update

Enforcement figures show the department is about thirteen percent ahead of last year's formal actions. DEM has recently hired three attorneys and this should help to resolve outstanding cases. Last year DEM averaged a bit more than eight

actions a month. In 2000 to date, DEM has already doubled the actions taken in 1998.

FORMAL ENFORCEMENT ACTIONS ISSUED			
Office of Compliance and Inspections			
Program	1/1/98- 12/31/98	1/1/99- 12/31/99	1/1/00 – 7/28/00
Air	4	14	7
LUST	3	14	2
Multi – Media	1	3	1
RCRA	6	20	3
ISDS	5	9	4
Solid Waste	4	11	5
UST	3	20	31
Water	1	1	6
Wetlands	5	5	5
Total	32	97	64

Greenhouse Gas Update

The Greenhouse Gas reduction steering group meeting was held on July 25, 2000. The group formed a planning committee to establish an agenda for the upcoming stakeholders meeting on September 27, 2000. If you have any questions concerning this matter, please contact Janet Keller or Josh Uebelherr at 222-3434, extensions 4400 and 7134 respectively.

“Section 303(d)” (Impaired Waters) Update

DEM is in the process of updating the list of impaired waters. This 303(d) list also includes a priority ranking and schedule for development of water quality restoration plans. DEM will make the list available for public comment in August and will hold a workshop during the formal comment period.