

Phase II Overview

The Phase II stormwater program is a mandatory permit program for designated stormwater permitted cities and counties in Oklahoma. The permit allows discharges of stormwater from a **Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)**. Designated stormwater permittees must comply with all Federal and State regulations governing the discharges.

Each Phase II City and County **MUST** implement a comprehensive suite of **Best Management Practices (BMPs)** to protect local water quality.

This is **NOT** a flood-related permit; it is specifically established to protect water quality, not quantity.

The three pillars of a successful Phase II stormwater program are:

Education & Participation
Inspection & Enforcement
Pollution Control BMPs

Additional Resources

Visit the **Green Country Stormwater Alliance (GCSA)** website listed below for more details about stormwater protection, including Best Management Practices (BMPs) and other pollution reduction strategies.



Green Country Stormwater Alliance
www.stormwaterok.net

Contact Information:

For information about Green Country Stormwater Alliance, contact INCOG at 918-584-7526 or by email at stormwater@incog.org. For local information, contact your city or county stormwater coordinator.

For more information about stormwater protection, contact the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Water Quality Division at 405-702-8100 or visit the DEQ web site at: <https://www.deq.ok.gov/water-quality-division/stormwater/>

For stormwater related complaints, call the DEQ statewide hotline at 1-800-522-0206. This number is answered 24-7. Citizens may fill out an online complaint form at the DEQ web site at <https://www.deq.ok.gov/environmental-complaints/> and submit it electronically to DEQ. The site also provides contact links to DEQ.

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What must be done to comply

EPA has defined six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) that must be addressed. Each requires implementation of many “Best Management Practices” (BMPs). These are:

1. *Public Education*
2. *Public Participation*
3. *Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination*
4. *Construction*
5. *Post-construction*
6. *Good Housekeeping*

Each permittee must also prepare a “Stormwater Management Program” (SWMP) document and submit Annual Reports to DEQ.

INCOG created the **Green Country Stormwater Alliance (GCSA)** to provide regional assistance to municipal permittees, including education outreach and technical support. Visit the GCSA website for more information at www.stormwaterok.net.

ILLICIT DISCHARGES

Under Phase II, nothing but rainwater and snowmelt should enter local waterways. EPA and DEQ regulations require that a Phase II permittee implement local controls on pollution sources discharging to the storm water system, and enforce local codes that prohibit illicit discharges.

LOCAL CODES & ORDINANCES

Each Phase II permittee must adopt local ordinances that will prevent storm water pollution. Three ordinances are required:

1. *Construction*
2. *Post-construction*
3. *Illicit discharges*

The Phase II program requires local inspections and enforcement. Phase II counties may partner with the DEQ or co-permit with a Phase II city to ensure there is enforcement of State regulations and local codes.

For Post-Construction, Phase II permittees must encourage implementation of Low Impact Development (LID) practices.

Phase II permittees must also implement a variety of public education and outreach programs as a means to control stormwater pollution at its source.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

The Phase II’s municipal public works staff, engineers, inspectors, building officials, planners and department supervisors will all be involved with Phase II program implementation.

Municipal budgets need to ensure adequate funding for this EPA mandated permit. **This program will change how you relate and work with local industries, developers, businesses and your citizens.** For more information about Phase II, please contact INCOG or DEQ.



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