



PHASE II OVERVIEW

The Phase II stormwater program is a mandatory permit program for discharges from your stormwater collection system. Stormwater discharges are allowed by Federal and State law only if your permit requirements are met.

Each Phase II City **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:

1. *Education & Participation*
2. *Inspection & Enforcement*
3. *Pollution Control BMPs*

EPA regulations were finalized December 1999 to establish the Phase II stormwater program. The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality (ODEQ) is the State's permitting authority that enforces compliance.

There are 44 Phase II permittees in Oklahoma, including 34 cities, five counties, two Air Force bases, two State transportation departments and a major University .

Each permitted entity must file for and comply with the State's general permit for stormwater (OKR04). The permit is renewed every five years, just as is done for a city's wastewater treatment plant permit.

The Phase II stormwater permit is a true discharge permit incorporated into the EPA and ODEQ regulations addressing point source discharges. All penalty provisions for non-compliance apply to the stormwater permit.

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Information for
City and
County Officials

*What you as a City or
County official must
know about the Phase II
stormwater program.*



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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). The six MCMs 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 develop a comprehensive "Stormwater Management Program" (SWMP) document and submit an Annual Report to ODEQ.

INCOG has established a regional program to assist permittees with many aspects of public education, employee training and data management, including help with the SWMP and Annual Reports. Visit

INCOG's **Green Country Stormwater Alliance**.



ILLICIT DISCHARGES

With few exceptions, nothing but rainwater and snow-melt should enter local streams, ponds and lakes. To ensure this, EPA and ODEQ regulations require that a



Phase II permittee implement a comprehensive program to inspect the storm water system, including all potential sources, and enforce local codes that prohibit illicit discharges.

Potential sources include all construction projects one acre or greater in disturbance as well as all sources of chemicals, including from private residences, as well as commercial and industrial facilities.

LOCAL CODES & ORDINANCES

The EPA and ODEQ regulations require that each Phase II permittee adopt local codes and ordinances to control pollution in stormwater runoff. The goal is to have each city and county become the first and most effective authority to enforce against surface water pollution.

Local codes and ordinances must be adopted that adequately prevent water quality pollution. Three enforcement areas must be addressed:

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

Local inspection and enforcement is mandated by EPA and ODEQ. Phase II counties may partner with the ODEQ or co-permit with a Phase II city to ensure there is enforcement of State regulations and local codes. All permittees should coordinate local enforcement with ODEQ as needed.

For the post-construction MCM, EPA and ODEQ expect Phase II permittees to encourage local utilization of Low Impact Development (LID) initiatives. Phase II permittees must also implement a variety of public education and outreach programs as a means to control stormwater pollution at its source.



INCOG's **Green Country Stormwater Alliance** has established many public education activities on behalf of its Phase II membership.

OTHER REQUIREMENTS

Your 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 incorporate 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 ODEQ.

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