



# City of Temecula

## Public Works Department

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To Business Owners and Operators:

Re: New State Regulations Affecting Business Owners and Operators Regarding  
Pollutant Discharges

Dear Business Owner or Operator,

The City of Temecula has been mandated to conduct regulatory inspections of local commercial and industrial businesses in accordance with the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit issued to the City of Temecula on July 14, 2004, by the San Diego Regional Water Quality Control Board (SDRWQCB).

Based on your facility's primary Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code, the City must ensure that your facility is actively implementing pollution prevention measures, also known as Best Management Practices (BMPs). Implementing BMPs can significantly reduce the discharge of pollutants into storm drains and creeks. Some common pollutants include dirt, wash-water, vehicle and equipment fluids, fuels, chemicals, soaps, powders, paints, solvents, fertilizers, litter, etc.

The NPDES permit requirements also direct the City to designate site-specific BMPs to facilities that can potentially discharge pollutants into our storm drains and creeks. Examples of these designated BMPs include, but are not limited to:

- Good housekeeping practices (ie. proper disposal of litter and washwater, recycling programs, etc.)
- Employee training (ie. pollution prevention, reduction and elimination)
- Safe handling & storage of hazardous and non-hazardous materials (ie. monitoring of containers, secondary containment, spill clean-up kit, etc.)
- Preventative maintenance
- Stenciling of all onsite drains leading to any storm drain system
- Structural devices to filter, contain, or treat non-permitted discharges and prevent runoff from the property

Business owners may be required to retrofit their existing facilities or activities with the designated BMPs. However, these BMPs will vary based on the facility's operations, including materials stored and wastes generated. The costs for installation, implementation, and maintenance associated with the BMPs, including inspection fees, will be incurred at the owner's expense.

Beginning July 14, 2005, your facility will be inspected, at a minimum, either annually, biennially (once every two years), or once every five years, depending on the facility's potential for discharges or threat to water quality. The inspections will include an onsite meeting with the business representative, a walk-through of the facility, an evaluation of the current pollution prevention BMPs, and recommendations for additional measures if required. A follow-up inspection will also be scheduled to assess the effectiveness of the designated BMPs.

As a result of the new NPDES permit requirements, the City may impose sanctions on owners and operators who do not comply with the new State regulations. These sanctions can include:

- Verbal or written warnings,
- Administrative citations, or
- Temporary suspension or denial of a business license.

The City of Temecula will be able to assist you in achieving compliance with this new State regulation. We appreciate your support and look forward to working with you in keeping our City, local creeks, and groundwater supplies clean. Please call us at (951) 694-6411 for more information or assistance with this important matter.

Sincerely,



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