

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Website

A How-To Guide

www.epa.gov/npdes

Many Ways To Enter!

EPA NPDES - Office of Wastewater Management - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

[Recent Additions](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Print Version](#) Search NPDES:

[EPA Home](#) > [OW Home](#) > [OWM Home](#) > NPDES Home



Who Are You?

- Agriculture
- Industrial and Commercial Facilities
- Interested Citizens
- Municipalities and Wastewater Treatment Plants
- States and Tribes

NPDES Information

- NPDES Permit Program Basics
- Where You Live

Program Areas

- Animal Feeding Operations
- Combined Sewer Overflows
- Pretreatment

If you are a New User: "Who Are You?"

If you are an Expert User: "Program Areas"

Simply go to a Specific Category



NPDES Information

- [Recent Additions](#)
- [FAQs](#)
- [Publications](#)
- [Regulations](#)
- [Training & Meetings](#)
- [Links](#)
- [Contacts](#)



OVERVIEW

Water pollution is a serious problem that is unsafe for drinking, fishing, swimming, and other activities. As authorized by the Clean Water Act, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program controls water pollution by regulating point sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States. Point sources are discrete conveyances such as pipes or man-made ditches. Individual homes that are connected to a municipal system, use a septic system, or do not have a surface discharge do not need an NPDES permit; however, industrial, municipal, and commercial dischargers are required to obtain a permit. Their discharges go directly to surface waters. In most cases, these dischargers are regulated by [authorized states](#). Since its introduction, the NPDES program has been responsible for significant improvements to our Nation's water quality.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

The site contains information about the NPDES permit program. The NPDES Permits Program consists of a number of programs and initiatives are located on the left navigational menu.

- For information on specific facilities with NPDES permits, you can visit [EPA's Envirofacts Warehouse](#). Simple searches

Sign Up For NPDES NEWS

Internet

Get the Most Up to Date Information!

The screenshot shows the EPA NPDES website interface. A green box with the text "The most CURRENT ISSUES" has an arrow pointing to the "NPDES Current Issues" section. Another green box with "RECENT ADDITIONS available for each Program Area" has an arrow pointing to the "Recent Additions" link in the "NPDES Information" sidebar. A third green box with "Sign up for NPDES NEWS to receive the latest information" has an arrow pointing to the "Sign Up For NPDES NEWS" button at the bottom right. The website content includes a navigation menu with "NPDES Topics", "Alphabetical Index", "Glossary", and "About NPDES". The "NPDES Current Issues" section lists links for "Urban BMP Performance Tool", "Urban Stormwater Retrofit Practices Manual", "Using Green Infrastructure", "Construction SWPPP Guide", "Stormwater Qualifying Local Programs", and "Stormwater Webcast Series". The "OVERVIEW" section provides a brief description of the NPDES permit program. The "WHAT CAN I FIND ON THIS WEB SITE?" section mentions a navigational bar. The "NPDES Information" sidebar lists links for "Recent Additions", "FAQs", "Publications", "Regulations", "Training & Meetings", "Links", and "Contacts". The "Sign Up For NPDES NEWS" button features a lightning bolt icon.

The most CURRENT ISSUES

RECENT ADDITIONS available for each Program Area

Sign up for NPDES NEWS to receive the latest information

NPDES Information

- Recent Additions
- FAQs
- Publications
- Regulations
- Training & Meetings
- Links
- Contacts

Sign Up For NPDES NEWS

EPA Sanitary Sewer Overflows - Office of Wastewater Management - Microsoft Internet Explorer

File Edit View Favorites Tools Help

Address http://cfpub.epa.gov/npdes/home.cfm?program_id=4

Google Y! US EPA EPA Sanitary Sewer Overflows - ...

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
National Sanitary Sewer Overflows Program (NPDES)

Recent Activity

Home > OWM Home > OWM Home > NPDES Home > Sanitary Sewer Overflows

NPDES Topics Alphabetical Index Glossary About NPDES

Featured Case Studies & Factsheets
SSO Toolbox
FACA
FAQs
2004 Report to Congress
Peak Flow Wet Weather Discharges
Sanitary Sewer Overflows Home

Sanitary Sewer Overflows

OVERVIEW

WHAT CAN I FIND ON THIS WEB SITE?

NPDES Permit Requirements for Municipal Sanitary Sewer Collection Systems and SSOs - The [draft fact sheet](#) (PDF - 41 KB - 3 pp) and [model permit conditions](#) (PDF - 74 KB - 7 pp) explain that NPDES permit authorities should be improving implementation of NPDES permit requirements for SSOs and sanitary sewer collection systems by clarifying how conditions in NPDES permits for discharges from POTWs apply to

Permits for Clean Water
NPDES

Sanitary Sewer Overflows Home

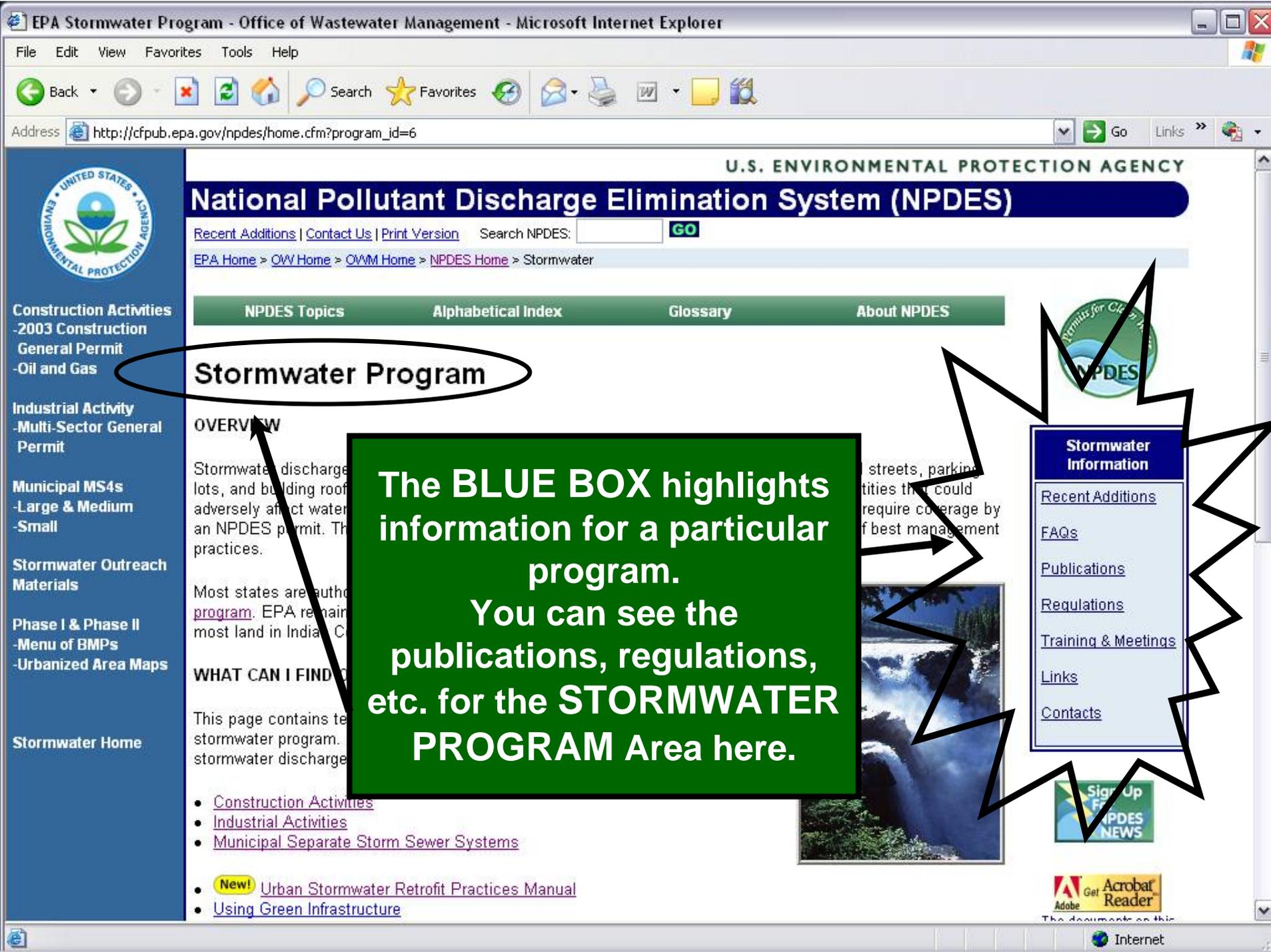
Training & Meetings
Links
Contacts



Each Program's site has a unique LEFT NAVIGATION BAR which highlights certain features of that Program Area.

Program Area

Each Program's site has two sections an OVERVIEW and WHAT YOU CAN FIND in the particular Program Area.



National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

[Recent Additions](#) | [Contact Us](#) | [Print Version](#) Search NPDES: [GO](#)

[EPA Home](#) > [OWW Home](#) > [OWWM Home](#) > [NPDES Home](#) > Stormwater

[NPDES Topics](#) [Alphabetical Index](#) [Glossary](#) [About NPDES](#)

Stormwater Program

OVERVIEW

Stormwater discharge from streets, parking lots, and building roofs can adversely affect water quality. An NPDES permit. The practices.

Most states are authorized to administer the program. EPA retains authority over most land in Indian Country.

WHAT CAN I FIND

This page contains the information for the stormwater program. The information covers stormwater discharge.

- [Construction Activities](#)
- [Industrial Activities](#)
- [Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems](#)
- **New!** [Urban Stormwater Retrofit Practices Manual](#)
- [Using Green Infrastructure](#)

The BLUE BOX highlights information for a particular program. You can see the publications, regulations, etc. for the STORMWATER PROGRAM Area here.

- ### Stormwater Information
- [Recent Additions](#)
 - [FAQs](#)
 - [Publications](#)
 - [Regulations](#)
 - [Training & Meetings](#)
 - [Links](#)
 - [Contacts](#)



The document on this page is a PDF document.