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## NPDES Phase II Small MS4 General Permit: Annual Report

Municipality: Fall River Sewer Commission, 1 Govt. Ctr., Fall River, MA, 02722

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### Part I. General Information

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**Part III. Summary of Minimum Control Measures**

**STORMWATER REPORT 2008**  
**Year 4 Best Management Practices (5/31/08)**

| <b>BMP #</b>     | <b>BMP Description</b>  | <b>Measurable Goal(s)/Schedule</b>   | <b>Progress on Goal(s) Year 5</b>   |             |
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| <b><u>1.</u></b> | <b>Public Education and Outreach</b>  |  |   |             |
| 1-1              | SW article/brochure made available to public and mailed.                                  | Develop article/brochure in yr 2; make available @ Library/City Hall & mail yrs 3-5.       | Brochure selected & made available @ Library/City Hall, mailed with taxes.  | Com<br>with |
| 1-2              | Update City website to include information on SW management.                              | City website updated to include SW management issues in years 1-5.                         | Website updated.  | Com         |
| 1-3              | Continue to sponsor annual Coastal Cleanup.   | Hold City sponsored Cleanup Days annually in yrs 1-5.                                      | Multiple City & private sponsored Cleanup Days held in April, May, and June.  | Com<br>Cle  |
| 1-4              | Presentation on SW management issues to be given to schools or organizations in the City. | Presentation to be given to at least one group or school annually in yrs 2-5.              | We could not find documentation of any presentations given this year on SW & CSO's so we will try to give at least 2 next year. | Com<br>and  |
| 1-5              | Educate dog owners about picking up dog waste.  | Pet waste fact sheets developed in yr 2 and distributed with dog registrations in yrs 3-5. | Fact sheet developed and distributed.   | Com<br>dog  |
| 1-6              | Install & maintain signs for pet waste cleanup and SW management at parks and schools.    | Install signs at parks and schools in yr 2, and inspect/maintain signs in yrs 3-5.         | Signs installed/maintained at 31 playgrounds, parks, schools, & cemeteries.   | Ins         |
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| 1-7       | Staff a table w/ SW info at annual Earth Day event.                             | Collect materials in yr 1; staff table and distribute at Earth Day event yr 2-5; brochures distributed.   | No Earth Day held this year.  | Continue to staff table if event is held.  |
| <b>2.</b> | <b>Public Participation and Involvement</b>                                     |   |   |  |
| 2-1       | Comply with state public notification guidelines (MGL Ch 39 Sect. 23B).         | Post notices of upcoming meetings as required by state law yr 1-5.  | Notices posted in designated locations: City Clerks Bulletin Board & Public Works Dept.                               | Continue posting notices for all public meetings per MGL.  |
| 2-2       | Stencil catch basins with don't dump message.                                   | Stencil a minimum of 25 CB's per year in yr 2-5 with a priority given to those discharging to sensitive areas (wetlands, ponds, rivers).                        | <u>115 CB's</u> stenciled.  | Continue stenciling annually.  |
| <b>3.</b> | <b>Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination</b>                              |   |   |  |
| 3-1       | Conduct dry weather outfall screening.  | The 1 <sup>st</sup> round of screening was already done and will be redone in yr 5. Number of outfalls screened.  | 2 <sup>nd</sup> round of dry weather screening was conducted, no illicit discharges detected.                         | Conduct 3rd round of dry weather outfall screening in year 10 or sooner if required.   |
| 3-2       | Continue to update the GIS map of the SW collection system (CS).                | Annual update of GIS SW CS mapping w/ new or revised information.   | GIS mapping is continuously updated as information is received.   | Continue to update SW mapping as data is received. City is considering hiring a person to be dedicated to SW issues and Sewer & Drain Mapping. |
| 3-3       | Develop & implement a plan to identify & remove non-SW discharges from the MS4. | Number of illicit connections investigated, found, & removed. Prioritize outfalls for investigation. Locate and remove illicit conn. within 2 yrs of screening. | No contamination was detected at secondary screening. Investigations continue at all CCTV inspections and complaints. | Continue investigations and complaint follow-ups.  |
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| 3-4       | Investigate if any twin invert (TI) manholes are in the separate SW system.  | Review all SW plans for TI's in yr 2. Evaluate TI's in yr 3. Corrective plan in yr 4. Implement in yr 5.               | Plans reviewed. 2 TI's found (Lowell St.; Quequechan St.). They're near CSO diversion structures and are being connected to the CSO tunnel ( <b>Project = \$185 million</b> ) under contracts started in year 5. | This phase of CSO project is on going and will be completed in yr 6. |
| 3-5       | Develop bylaw prohibiting non-SW conns. to the MS4, allows access to search for illicit conns., and requires removal of illicit conns. | Draft bylaw in yr 2; submit to City Council in yr 3 and thereafter until passed.                                       | Draft of totally revised SUO completed and approved by EPA. Not submitted yet.   | Submitting to City Council mid '08.                                  |
| 3-6       | Develop bylaw to require inspection of new construction for proper conn. to SS.  | Draft bylaw in yr 2; submit to City Council in yr 3 and thereafter until passed.                                       | Existing bylaw covers inspections, but totally updated/revised SUO completed and approved by EPA. Not submitted yet.   | Submitting to City Council mid '08.                                  |
| <b>4.</b> | <b>Construction Site Runoff Control</b>  |  |  |  |
| 4-1       | Develop Construction Site Erosion & Sediment Control bylaw for sites > 1 acre.   | Draft bylaw in yr 2; submit to City Council in yr 3 and thereafter until passed.                                       | Modifying similar bylaws from other jurisdictions for draft. Not submitted yet.  | Submit to City Council asap.   |
| 4-2       | Require developers/contractors to submit monthly erosion & sediment control inspection reports to City for sites > 1 acre.             | Develop procedure for receiving & reviewing monthly reports in yr 3; require report submittals in yr 4 and thereafter. | Not completed yet.   | Finish developing procedures and require submittals.                 |
| 4-3       | Review site plans (> 1 AC) for SW impacts, including adequate erosion/sediment controls.   | Develop protocol for reviewing plans (including training) in yr 2; begin reviews in yr 3.                              | Plans being reviewed but formal protocol still being developed.  | Continue reviewing plans.  |
| 4-4       | Consideration of public input for sites disturbing > 1 AC.   | Allow public review & comment period and have signs w/ phone # posted at construction sites in yr 3 and thereafter.    | Public comment period not set up yet.  | Post phone # at each construction site for comments or complaints.   |

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| <b>5.</b> | <b>Post-construction SW Management in New Development and Redevelopment</b>                       |   |  |  |
| 5-1       | Develop a bylaw to apply Performance Standards 2, 3, 4, 7, & 9/3 of MSP to sites disturbing >1AC. | Develop bylaw in yr 2, present to City Council in yr 3 and thereafter.  | Bylaw in development.  | Finish bylaw and present to Council.   |
| 5-2       | Specify a SW BMP manual in the bylaw to be used for consistent design & performance standards.    | Specify a SW BMP manual to be included in the bylaw. MA DEP/CZM "Stormwater Management Volume 2: Stormwater Technical Handbook, March '97" was selected in yr 1.                        | NA   | NA   |
| 5-3       | Ensure long-term maintenance of structural BMPs.  | Include provisions in the bylaw requiring developers to submit thorough specs for BMPs & provide maintenance funding in yr 2; present to City Council in yr 3 and implement w/approval. | These provisions are in development.   | Finish provisions. We may have to eliminate the provision for developer funding due to political considerations. |
| <b>6.</b> | <b>Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping For Municipal Operations</b>                            |   |  |  |
| 6-1       | Employee training program.  | Sewer, Water, DPW, & Parks field & maintenance staff shall receive at minimum one SW related training course per 5 yr permit term (# or % trained /yr).                                 | Parks & DPW received training. 1 <sup>st</sup> 5 year training cycle is completed. | Start 2nd 5 Year training cycle.   |
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| 6-2 | Continue street & parking lot sweeping.                                | All municipal parking lots & streets swept in spring, daily sweeping of commercial areas thru out year (tons removed).   | Required cleanings are ongoing with sweepings weighed at the landfill. A new Tymco Regenerative Air Sweeper (CWA compliant, \$183K) and addition of a 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift of sweeping increased annual sweepings to <u>≈ 5,300 Tons</u> (4X year 4). | Continue required sweeping and have DPW compile tonnage.                              |
| 6-3 | Storm drain maintenance.   | Goal to clean all basins (≈5,000) at least once every 3-4 years (# cleaned).   | ≈ <u>1,500 CB's</u> cleaned, and over <u>1090 Tons</u> of grit removed from CB's & drain/sewer lines.  | > 1,600 CBs cleaned.  |
| 6-4 | Evaluate street sweeping & catch basin cleaning equipment.             | Ongoing evaluation of street sweeping and collection system cleaning equipment for improvement or replacement.   | Collection system equipment is in good shape having been replaced and added to over the past 5 or 6 yrs. Replaced the oldest of the 3 street sweepers this year, see 6-2.  | Continue ongoing equipment evaluations. Seek funding to replace the 2 older sweepers. |
| 6-5 | Continue roadway-deicing procedures.                                   | Calibrate equipment as needed, but at least once per yr. Keep salt in a covered facility. Maintain records of amount & type of deicers used annually.  | Equipment calibrated annually. Salt stored in dome/shed. <u>8,400 Tons of salt</u> and <u>500 Cubic Yards of sand</u> were used in yr 5.   | Continue practices and procedures as outlined herein.                                 |
| 6-6 | Continue spill prevention & response measures at municipal facilities. | Continue training Sewer, Water, DPW, & Parks workers on spill prevention & response annually. Update Spill prevention & response plan annually.  | Training continued but plan not officially updated.  | Continue training and update spill prevention & response plan.                        |
| 6-7 | Maintain hazardous materials inventory.                                | Continue to maintain an inventory of hazardous waste & materials that could contaminate SW to aid in the management of their use (Sewer, Water, DPW, Parks).   | Inventories maintained.  | Continue to maintain inventories.   |
| 6-8 | Minimize impacts from vehicle maintenance.                             | Continue minimizing impacts from vehicle maintenance thru training and proper hazardous materials management & use reduction. Continue to limit maintenance of vehicles to the inside of the respective maintenance facilities or other similarly contained areas. | Training ongoing, hazardous materials tracked, & regular maintenance restricted to inside of facilities.   | Continue practices and procedures as outlined herein.                                 |

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| 6-9  | Minimize impacts from vehicle washing.   | Continue to minimize impacts from vehicle washing by washing inside maint. facilities or where water drains to sanitary/combined sewer systems. Use biodegradable phosphate-free soap by end of yr 2. | Switch to phosphate-free biodegradable soap will occur after inventories are depleted. <b>All maintenance facilities are located on combined sewer systems.</b>   | Continue practices and procedures as outlined herein.                                       |
| 6-10 | Park & landscape maintenance.  | Train staff to minimize application of herbicides, pesticides, & fertilizers by end of yr 2. Keep records of amounts used thereafter.   | Training conducted and will be ongoing. Records of use kept.  | Maintain records of herbicide/pesticide/fertilizer use.                                     |
| 6-11 | Continue tree planting & maintenance program.  | Continue practice of planting about <b>100 trees per yr.</b> and replacing trees that have been cut down. Keep records of # of trees planted.   | Approximately <b>125 trees planted</b> by City and affiliated groups.   | Continue City and affiliated groups tree planting programs.                                 |
| 6-12 | Hold an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day.   | Hold an annual Household Hazardous Waste Collection Day once per yr.  | BFI had stopped sponsoring the event, so it was not held this year. <b>Allied Waste</b> bought BFI and <b>held HHWCD May 10, 2008.</b>  | Have <b>Allied Waste</b> or another funding source sponsor HHWCD in upcoming years.         |
| 6-13 | Continue to accept waste motor oil, batteries, & other items through regular drop off hours at the DPW garage.     | Maintain regular drop off hours for waste motor oil, batteries, and other items at the DPW garage throughout the permit term for Fall River residents.  | Fall River & Somerset residents may drop off waste oil <b>Fridays from 8AM to 2PM and the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of each month from 8AM to 12PM.</b> Other waste items may be dropped off from 8-2, Monday to Friday.  | Continue program as delineated herein.  |
| 6-14 | Continue enforcement of pet waste pick-up ordinance & frequent trash barrel emptying to encourage proper disposal. | Reduce complaints (if any) of pet waste in public areas by continuing to enforce the pet waste pick-up ordinance and empty trash barrels in public areas frequently.                                  | Enforcement & trash pickup was continued. The Animal Control Division was started up on 7/1/06 under the Police Dept. (AC was previously contracted out). It is staffed with 3 full time ACO's, open 7 days 8-4. <b>They will also enforce the pet waste ordinance.</b> | Animal Control Division to continue to enforce ordinance. Continue frequent trash pick-ups. |

## **Part II. Self-Assessment- Year 5**

Although a full time Administrator of Public Utilities/Director of Water Pollution Control came on board July 1, 2006, the FRSC central staff is still down to 3 persons from 4 **(but is up from 2)**.

This lack of manpower and time has caused the City to not meet all of its goals for year 5 of the SW Permit. The major area where we did not meet our goals was in the formulation or passage of new/updated regulations. **We have made good progress on the physical aspects of the program.**

The FRSC is considering creating a position that would be **dedicated to storm water/drainage issues** including drainage/sewer mapping in FY '09.

In addition to our regular O & M of the drainage & sewer systems in year 6, the FRSC is removing trash, debris and contaminated sediments from around **4,000 LF of drainage swales and channels to improve water quality & wildlife habitat.** Also the last 5 drop shafts/connections to the **\$185,000,000 CSO Project** will come online **greatly improving the water quality in the Quequechan and Taunton Rivers.**