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Stormwater Report



Storm Feature



WEF provides comments on EPA proposed phase II municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permit remand rule

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) provided public comments on the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's proposed Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permit remand rule, published in the Federal Register on Jan. 6, 2016.

Prior to the register publication, EPA also made prepublication documents available for public review on Dec. 17, 2015. A formal 75-day public comment period concluded March 21, 2016, therefore providing the public with a total of 94 days of review. [Read more](#)

Storm News



White House Water Summit highlights new commitments to a sustainable water future

On World Water Day, the White House hosted a Water Summit to raise awareness about the national importance of water including the significance of cross-cutting, creative solutions for solving today's water problems and inspiring change in how water is used, conserved and protected. The event served as a platform to highlight new commitments by the Administration and over 150 external institutions to better managing water resources and infrastructure for the long term.

As part of this effort, the White House issued a call-to-action for individuals, organizations, and institutions from all sectors to take new, specific, and measurable steps to address key water issues, such as drought or flooding; water availability or quality; water-use efficiency; water security; ecosystem requirements; or others. [Read more](#)

New EPA study evaluates flood loss benefits of green infrastructure

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) released a new study that estimates the benefits of small storm retention practices — or green infrastructure — for managing stormwater from new development and redevelopment. Findings from the study, Flood Loss Avoidance Benefits of Green Infrastructure for Stormwater Management, revealed that over time, green infrastructure strategies can save hundreds of millions of dollars in flood losses when applied to new development and redevelopment only. However, if retrofitting is utilized, the study found that the avoided losses would be even more significant. [Read more](#)

EPA's Soak Up the Rain campaign encourages action on stormwater runoff

Soak Up the Rain is a stormwater public outreach campaign created by the New England office of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help raise awareness about the problem of polluted stormwater runoff and encourage action by citizens, municipalities, and others to help reduce runoff. Launched in 2012, the campaign seeks to highlight the benefits of incorporating green infrastructure, rain barrels, permeable pavement, and other practices for controlling precipitation closer to where it falls and preventing runoff.

The campaign features a website connecting citizens to a host of information and resources, as well as tools to support municipalities in their public outreach efforts. [Read more](#)

Storm Events



EPA Region 4 & IECA Southeast Chapter
**EPA Region 4 & SEIECA Municipal Wet
Weather Stormwater Conference**
May 16-18
Nashville, Tenn.



Chesapeake Water Environment Association
**CWEA Stormwater Committee Spring
Seminar**
June 8
Linthicum Heights, Md.



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StormWater Management



Recognizing stormwater management achievements

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) launched a program this year to recognize communities for high-performing stormwater management efforts. Mark Doneux of the Capitol Region Watershed District and WEF's Pallavi Raviprakash discuss the achievements of the US award-winning communities, including the overall winners the City of Charlotte, North Carolina and City of Fairbanks, Alaska. [Read more.](#)





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