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Innovating the Process as Well as the Product

As the most dynamic segment of the water sector, stormwater professionals are endlessly pursuing new and better ways to protect lives, property, and the environment. This spirit of innovation not only guides the tools and infrastructure interventions customary to the stormwater profession, but also the ways in which the sector delivers those outcomes. This edition of [Stormwater Report](#) explores efforts by the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, the University of California, Los Angeles, and others as they work beyond traditional norms and boundaries to attract new ideas and make more efficient investments.

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'Counting Every Drop Challenge' Offers \$300K For New Precipitation Measurement Solutions

The U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) is offering a total of USD \$300,000 in prizes for new and improved methods of measuring precipitation. The Counting Every Drop Challenge, which opened for submissions Aug. 4, tasks entrants with building novel rain gauges tailored for use in remote areas. Participate in the first phase of the competition by Oct. 24, 2022.



Scientists Contend PFAS in Rainfall Represents Global Crisis

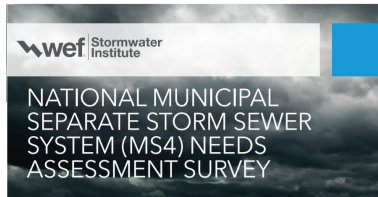
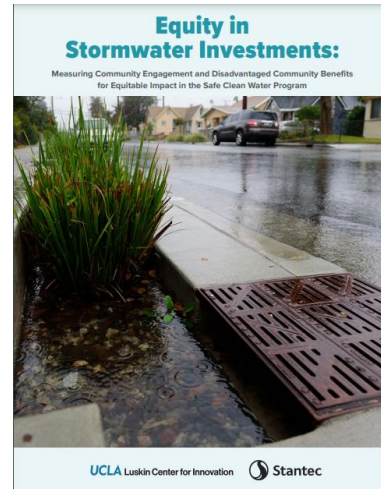


According to new research, rainfall virtually everywhere on Earth contains levels of per- and poly-fluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) that exceed safety limits for drinking water set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and other environmental regulators, affecting even the world's most remote regions. In their study, scientists argue that this level of PFAS contamination could compromise humanity's ability to thrive into future generations.

Report Explores How Public Outreach Supports Equity in Stormwater Investments

As infrastructure managers scrutinize the ways they deliver projects under the lens of environmental equity, a new report spearheaded by researchers from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and

Stantec (Los Angeles) argues that each step from conception to construction must center on comprehensive public engagement. [Focusing on a stormwater infrastructure funding program in Los Angeles, authors provide helpful advice for programs in any setting that seek to promote equitable investment](#).



[2022 MS4 Needs Assessment Survey to Open Soon](#)

The Water Environment Federation Stormwater Institute is in the final stages of preparing its 2022 MS4 Needs Assessment Survey, the third installment in an ongoing campaign to gauge the common challenges of U.S. stormwater managers. The survey is set to launch in September. [As we look to build upon data collected in past surveys, get prepared by refamiliarizing yourself with the 2020 survey questionnaire](#).

[WEF Stormwater Institute Seeks Collaborators on Asset Management](#)

The Water Environment Federation Stormwater Institute and its partners are launching a national-level initiative to improve asset management strategies for stormwater infrastructure. We want your municipality, utility, or research organization to be a part of it. [Learn more about how your organization can help make asset management easier for the stormwater sector](#).



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Operation and Maintenance Now Available for Pre-Order

On Sept. 7, WEF and the American Society of Civil Engineers will release a new guidebook detailing ways to ensure stormwater control measures remain adaptable to climate change, evolving maintenance requirements, and other long-term pressures. WEF members are eligible to save up to 20% on all publications. [Pre-order Urban Stormwater Controls Operation and Maintenance at the WEF website.](#)



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