

**Minutes**  
**Quarterly Teleconference for Florida Phase II MS4**  
**NPDES Coordinators**  
**Wednesday, June 26, 2019**

**Next quarterly teleconference for Phase II NPDES Coordinators:**

- October 23, 2019 @ 1:30 pm, same Call-in information:
- Submit agenda items at least 2 weeks prior of the teleconference to [Robin.Starkie@floridadep.gov](mailto:Robin.Starkie@floridadep.gov)
- Sign up in GovDelivery for teleconference notifications.  
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**Permittees may use the following link to access a plethora of stormwater educational brochures, flyers, and tools which can be used to implement elements of the Stormwater Management Program.**

<http://www.stormwater.ucf.edu/toolkit/vol1/Contents/publication.html>

**Notes**

**Welcome, Staff Changes – Borja Crane-Amores**

The program welcomes Sarah Ketron as the dedicated FDOT Coordinator whom will also lead in rulemaking efforts.

**Coastal Resilience Tools - Joe Bauer, DEP Office of Resilience and Coastal Protection**

Joe Bauer gave a presentation (see attached) on multiple coastal flood mapping tools municipalities can use.

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- The Nature Conservancy's Coastal Resilience mapper (<https://maps.coastalresilience.org/>)
- NOAA's Coastal Flood Exposure Mapper (<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/flood-exposure.html>)
- NOAA's Sea Level Rise Viewer (<https://coast.noaa.gov/digitalcoast/tools/slr.html>)
- UF GeoPlan/FDOT Sea Level Sketch Planning Tool (<http://sls.geoplan.ufl.edu/#intro>)
- GulfTREE (<http://www.gulftree.org/>)

If you have questions about any of the tools or to schedule a meeting, contact Joe at: [Joseph.Bauer@FloridaDEP.gov](mailto:Joseph.Bauer@FloridaDEP.gov) or 850-245-2180.

## **Stormwater Discharges – Hector Rivera**

What Is An “Illicit Discharge”? Federal regulations define an illicit discharge as “...any discharge to an MS4 that is not composed entirely of stormwater...” with some exceptions. Illicit discharges are considered “illicit” because MS4s are not designed to accept, process, or discharge such non-stormwater wastes.

These exceptions include discharges from NPDES-permitted industrial sources, discharges from fire-fighting activities, air conditioning condensation, and many others. You can find the list of exceptions under Florida Admin Code CHAPTER 62-624.200.

The illicit discharge detection and elimination program does not require the MS4 operator to address the discharges from the list unless the operator of the regulated small MS4 identifies it as being a significant contributor of pollutants to the MS4.

What can you do?

- Visual screening to see how bad the situation is.
- Check your local rules or with your local Water District Management District to find out if there are any requirements for the management or disposal of any of the discharges mentioned on the list.
- Education efforts and working with the discharger can be effective in resolving the problem.
- Find if there is any BMP to address any of these discharges.

Please ensure to document all actions taken to address a possible illicit discharge.

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**Illicit Discharge Educational Material – Jason Maron**

The MS4 team has recently updated an outdated illicit discharge educational PowerPoint with accurate information as well as making it ADA compliant. The intent of the presentation is for it to be used to educate primarily field staff on illicit discharge detection and elimination but could also be used to educate businesses and the general public. The presentation is in the final approval by department management.

**GIS Inventory Request – Michelle Bull**

The NPDES Stormwater Program recently met with DEAR and the GIS team to initiate an extensive project to gather and compile MS4 inventories from the 377 MS4 permittees throughout the state.

Statewide MS4 Inventory Initiative:

- The Stormwater Program and the GIS team are developing a pilot project that will take several months to evaluate data for GIS capability and consistency (nomenclature of structures, etc.). We will collect MS4 data within the Lake Okeechobee BMAP to be evaluated and initiate a statewide MS4 inventory.
- Based on the results of the pilot, we may request data from permittees that have GIS capabilities. Then, as permits are reissued, we will request data from permittees that may not have GIS capabilities.
- This will be an extensive ongoing project, as MS4 inventories are constantly being updated. In the future, we plan to collect updated MS4 data at every 5 years during permit reissuance to update our statewide inventory.

**Clay Black (Hernando County)** – Do you want all of the GIS information the MS4s have?

**Michelle Bull** – We would like everything that you have mapped so far. So, if some items have not been mapped yet, they are not required to be submitted.

**Tentative Audit Schedule – Jason Maron**

| <b>Permittee</b> | <b>Month</b> |
|------------------|--------------|
| Highlands County | July         |
| Sebring          |              |
| Avon Park        |              |
| Orange City      | August       |

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| DeBary   | September |
| Leesburg |           |
| Tavares  |           |
| Umatilla |           |

All permittees should be prepared to conduct a construction site inspection or fleet maintenance yard inspection which the department can shadow the inspector on. The intent of these inspections is not for the department to conduct the inspection but to ensure the designated inspector is conducting the inspection properly. If the inspector has time constraints the department is willing to accommodate a time for them, but please contact us prior to the audit so we are aware.

**Jeremey Bucannon (Osceola County)** – If we need to request assistance in inspecting a site with a CGP can we contact the NPDES program or the district offices?

**Borja Crane-Amores** - The MS4 should be inspecting construction sites to ensure there is no impact to the MS4; if there are any other issues that are identified please contact the NPDES Program in Tallahassee.

## **Open Discussion**

Borja Crane-Amores –

- EPA has several initiatives to inspect various facilities within Florida.
- EPA has developed a tool to identify unpermitted facilities which would require an MSGP.
- The department is currently responding to the EPA's Permit Quality Review where they looked at two permits and provided a report to the department.
- The program is currently working with IT staff to meet the e-reporting deadline where permittees will submit data which will then be transmitted to EPA. Permittees will have to use the DEP Business Portal to insert information once the e-reporting rule takes full effect.

**Clay Black (Hernando County)** – What exact sites does EPA intent on visiting?

**Borja Crane-Amores** – EPA will be inspecting 20 known facilities which include 12 wastewater treatment facilities, three MSGPs, five NPDES CGPs. There will be two EPA teas with the joint DEP interview.