



**CUYAHOGA COUNTY**

**STORM WATER  
MANAGEMENT  
PROGRAM**

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## **Section I: Introduction**

On March 28, 2003, Cuyahoga County was approved (Ohio EPA Facility Permit Number: 3GQ10003\*AG) for coverage under Ohio EPA NPDES General Permit OHQ100000.

The plan designed by Cuyahoga County to reduce the discharge of pollutants into our MS4 consists of two (2) separate Storm Water Management Programs (SWMPs). The first was prepared by the County Engineer's Office concerning its activities, and the second SWMP, primarily prepared by the Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer's Office, outlined the plan for activities that fall under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners. Together, these SWMPs comprise the complete Storm Water Management Program for Cuyahoga County.

Section 4.3 of the General Permit requires annual reports to the director starting one year after the date Ohio EPA has granted general permit coverage.

In April, 2004 the Cuyahoga County Engineer was named to fill the position of Cuyahoga County Sanitary Engineer. A result of this merger of the two offices has been that the County Engineer's Storm Water Management Plan Review Committee has merged with the Sanitary Engineer's Storm Water Management Plan Review Committee to form a single Cuyahoga County Storm Water Management Plan Review Committee.

Last year the Annual Report was comprised of two (2) separate documents. The first document contained report information concerning the County Engineer's SWMP, while the other document contained report information for activities that fell under the jurisdiction of the Board of County Commissioners. As a result of the merger of the offices, the Annual Report for Cuyahoga County is being submitted as a single document.

At this time, no effort has been made to combine the two (2) Storm Water Management Plan documents into a single document. This task will be completed in 2005 and is documented as a BMP in Table 1 BMP No. 2

## **Section II: Appropriateness and Effectiveness of Selected BMPs**

After two years of the NPDES Phase II program, Cuyahoga County is pleased with our selection of BMPs and their effectiveness. The implementation of the BMPs, over the course of the permit period will lead to the improvement of water quality within our jurisdictional area.

The composition of our Storm Water Management Plan Review Committee assures that the implementation of our selected BMPs will be County wide. . The County Engineer's Chief Highway Design Engineer is considered the Storm Water Manager. Beside the County Engineer/Sanitary Engineer and the administrative staff of the respective offices, our committee includes County Engineer Department Heads of the Bridge Design, Bridge Inspection and Maintenance, Construction, Highway Design, Maintenance, Public Information, Survey, and Transportation and Traffic Departments. From the Sanitary Engineer's Office the committee includes the Supervisor - Inspection and Permits, Operations Supervisor – Treatment Plants, Environmental Services Manager, Contract Coordinator, Building and Grounds Supervisor, Sewer Maintenance Manager, and Chief Engineer. Each member has been directly involved in the committee and with the implementation of the BMPs.

As can be seen in our Minimum Control Measure summaries for Construction, Post-Construction, and Good Housekeeping, much of the first year of the permit period was used to review and document our current practices. Many of our BMPs for the second year of the permit period require us to research and explore alternative practices. We found that new policies and procedures were being introduced by other organizations, probably in conjunction with their own individual Phase II permits. As an example, in January 2004, the Ohio Department of Transportation introduced their Post Construction Storm Water Management Interim Policy and provided training (which we attended). Using the information gathered in 2003 concerning our current practices, along with new information that was gathered during the upcoming year, we will be able to make intelligent decisions concerning policies and practices that will be implemented in 2005.

We began providing storm water information to our employees and the public in 2003 through our Public Information and Public Education MCM BMPs. For much of the public, this was the first time they have received information concerning storm water quality. We continued this practice in 2004 and found that we were not alone. Other municipalities and organizations were spreading the same message. We feel that, like many good marketing campaigns, the public's awareness of storm water issues has been raised by hearing the repeated message. We are confident that our efforts, combined with the efforts of many other organizations in Northeast Ohio, will result in increased awareness among the public of how their individual activities affect storm water quality.

Finally, through our Illicit Discharge MCM, we are continuing our efforts to have complete and accurate storm sewer system maps created and available. This will allow all our employees to be aware of illicit discharges and track the source. In particular, our Bridge Inspection crews come in contact with discharges into streams and rivers in their day-to-day work. They have developed a process for detecting and documenting illicit discharges. Our survey crews, maintenance personnel and construction inspectors are being trained to recognize and document illicit discharges that they may come across. Already in 2003 and 2004, they found several illicit discharges and the owner of the local MS4 was notified.

A summary of each BMP is included in Appendix A.

### **Section III: Progress Towards Achieving Identified Measurable Goals**

Cuyahoga County has met all Measurable Goals identified for 2004 in our Storm Water Management Program. A summary sheet of each BMP including the name of the BMP, Responsible Party, 2004 Measurable Goal, Description of 2004 Progress, and 2005 Measurable Goal is included in Appendix A, Measurable Goals for Each MCM BMP.

### **Section IV: Status of Compliance with Permit Conditions**

Cuyahoga County has complied with all permit conditions.

Cuyahoga County has met or exceeded the Measurable Goal for each BMP provided in our SWMP. A summary of each BMP including a Description of 2004 Progress is included in Appendix A of this report.

### **Section V: Summary of Storm Water Activities to be Implemented in 2004**

Cuyahoga County has included a summary of each BMP in Appendix A. Besides the description of the BMP and discussion of progress in 2004, the summary includes the 2005 Measurable Goal for each BMP identified in our Storm Water Management Program.

## Appendix A

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