

SBEAP Technical Water Subcommittee December 15, 2010

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Topics

- NPDES General Pesticide Permit. The group had a general discussion of outreach for this Permit.
 - Texas is in the process of developing outreach ideas.
 - South Carolina will be posting information on the Internet and is developing a two page summary that discusses changes in their rule that differ from EPA requirements.
 - In New Hampshire, outreach will be done by their Dept. of Agriculture.
 - Texas is developing a fact sheet and flow chart targeted at those affected at the lowest level, such as farmers.

The group discussed how this Permit will affect small businesses and the group indicated that groups other than small business would likely be more affected. Most were not planning to devote a lot of resources to outreach for this Permit. There was additional discussion about diminishing resources, and the lack of planned outreach and enforcement in most states.

- EPA's NetDMR electronic submittal system. Alison (Indiana) asked the group if they are using this or another system and if anyone is providing outreach to industry. Both South Carolina and Ohio use a different system. Ohio has done extensive training both internally and externally to users. Indiana is looking for a system that is 'CROMERR'
- (Cross-Media Electronic Reporting Regulation) compliant.
- 2011 Conference. The group discussed content for the Subcommittee meeting at the 2011 Conference, and focused on issues related to implementation of the stormwater quality requirements. Issues mentioned include implementation of Phase 2 MS4 program, lack of compliance with the Multi-Sector General Permit, the lack of SWPPPs, and the reissuance of the Construction General Permit.

Several states indicated that they had low storm water program compliance from industrial facilities and the group identified these avenues for outreach:

- Trade associations (e.g. ready mix concrete)
- Referral through local programs
- Newsletters
- Targeting sectors one-by-one
- Recognition programs (e.g. auto salvage sector)

- Working through other agencies that have requirements for the same sector (e.g. license needed to sell used auto parts)
- Enforcement amnesty, combined with outreach

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