

Public Works Department News

BUILDERS: DO YOU RECOGNIZE THIS?

This form is for subdivisions of a permitted site with an existing SWPPP. Each new owner must complete this form. An Application for General Storm water Permit for Construction Activity must be used to obtain a new permit. Use an Application for Permit Transfer/Modification to transfer the permit for an entire site from one party to one other party.



National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS)
General Storm-water Permit for Construction Activity (MN R100001)

Subdivision Registration

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
REM Division, Construction Storm-water Permit Program
520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Refer to the NPDES/SDS General Storm-water Permit for Construction Activity (MN R100001) and the original owner's coverage notification letter as you complete this form. Call the MPCA Customer Assistance Center at 651-297-2274 or 800-646-6247 (in Minn.) for assistance.

Each time a lot is sold in a residential subdivision, the new landowner has three new storm water management responsibilities:

1. Complete the Subdivision Registration Form (SRF) and submit it to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA). You'll need to get a copy of the existing construction storm water permit from the developer of your subdivision so you know the right number to put in the form. There is no charge for the SRF.
2. Obtain a copy of the developer's Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) or write your own SWPPP and keep it on the building site.
3. Implement the SWPPP. Keep dirt and garbage on site to keep our water clean!

When builders own the lot, the process is simple – they complete the SRF as the new owner *and* the new contractor. When builders don't own the lot, they must work with the new owner to complete the SRF, since both the owner and the new contractor (the builder) need to sign the SRF. Once you understand the process and have done it a few times, you'll see that it is fairly simple.

Why bother with all this? You can think of this process as an insurance policy. Whenever the MPCA does an inspection of an individual lot construction site, they expect that the SRF is on file, that the SWPPP is on site, and that proper steps are being taken to keep dirt and garbage on site. When they see that these procedures have been understood and followed, they know you are trying to stay in compliance with the state's regulations. This sets the stage for friendly inspectors who are willing to work with you to make any needed corrections. Sites that show no evidence of compliance run a greater risk of enforcement action. Enforcement actions are much more expensive and time consuming than doing what's required before construction starts.

MPCA's storm water web site www.pca.state.mn.us/water/stormwater/stormwater-c.html has more information about their construction storm water management requirements. This winter, Brock White, Rochester Area Builders, and the City of Rochester will co-sponsor a seminar that will teach the ins and outs of completing SRFs and SWPPPs. Stay tuned!