

NPDES

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) is a tool utilized by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), their Regional Offices, states, tribes, and other stakeholders. Authorized by the Clean Water Act, the NPDES permit program controls water pollution by regulating sources that might discharge pollutants into the waters of the United States.

In 1999, the EPA issued a mandate requiring urban areas to improve water quality by obtaining an NPDES permit for all storm sewer discharges. Specifically, the NPDES regulations have imposed six Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) which are intended to significantly reduce the pollution entering our Nation's water resources.

THE 6 MCMS:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Stormwater Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping



The City of Grand Island was required to develop a Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) as part of the permitting process. The SWMP outlines steps that will be taken in doing our part to protect water quality. The SWMP is intended to be a working document and to change as needed in order to improve effectiveness. The City of Grand Island Stormwater Management Plan can be viewed at <https://www.grand-island.com/departments/public-works/stormwater/stormwater-management-plan>

To learn more about Stormwater and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System visit the following resources:



<http://www.epa.gov/npdes>



<http://www.deq.state.ne.us>

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