

March 8, 2007

Dear Township Business Owner/Operator:

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has established a municipal stormwater management program, known as the **MS4 Program** that is intended to improve the quality of our Nation's waters by reducing the quantities of pollutants that stormwater picks up and carries into the storm sewer systems during a storm event. As part of the MS4 Program, the Township holds a permit to discharge their stormwater into local waterways. This permit requires the Township to design a stormwater management program that reduces the discharge of pollutants to the maximum extent possible, that protect water quality and that satisfy the water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act. In Pennsylvania, the MS4 program is administered by the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP).

The MS4 stormwater Management Program has six elements termed "minimum control measures," which when implemented, should result in significant reduction in pollutants discharged into the receiving waters. The six minimum control measures and the actions required by the Township are outlined below.

1. **Public Education and Outreach**
Distribute educational materials and conduct outreach to inform citizens about the impacts that stormwater runoff has on water quality.
2. **Public Participation/Involvement**
Provide opportunities for citizens to participate in the stormwater management program or programs which improve water quality.
3. **Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**
Develop and implement a plan to detect and eliminate non stormwater discharges into the stormwater system.
4. **Construction Site Runoff Control**
Develop, implement and enforce an erosion and sediment control program for construction site activities that disturb one acre or greater.
5. **Post-Construction Runoff Control**
Develop, implement and enforce a program to address discharges of post-construction stormwater from new development or redevelopment areas.
6. **Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping**
Develop and implement a program that reduces or prevents pollutants from municipal operations.

The Township is committed to improving water quality in the watershed through better management of stormwater runoff. Every resident and business owner can participate in the Township MS4 Program by reducing or preventing runoff from their property and by reporting any non stormwater discharges into local waterways. The attached flyer provides good housekeeping best management practices for your business, that will help reduce or prevent runoff from your property. For more information, or to report any non stormwater discharge into local waterways please contact one of the agencies listed below.

Tinicum Township 610-521-3530

www.tinicumtownshipdelco.com

Delaware County Conservation District 610-892-9484

www.delcocd.org

Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection 610-250-5970

www.dep.state.pa.us Keyword: Stormwater