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Subject: EPA Federal Register Notice Associated with Stormwater Discharges

Stormwater discharges from developed sites can negatively impact water quality through increases in stormwater volume and increased pollutant loads to the receiving waters. These impacts, as well as recommendations to mitigate them, were recently documented by the National Research Council in a report titled "Urban Stormwater Management in the United States."

Because stormwater discharges from the built environment are a principal contributor to water quality impairments nationwide, EPA signed an FR Notice announcing:

- Its plans to propose and take final action by November 2012 on a national rulemaking to strengthen stormwater regulations and to establish a comprehensive program to reduce stormwater discharges from newly developed and redeveloped sites; and

- A proposed information collection request (ICR) to inform the national rulemaking.

The proposed ICR consists of three separate mandatory questionnaire instruments: one specific to the construction industry, one directed to owners and operators of MS4s, and one directed to States and U.S. territories.

The industry questionnaire is designed to gather current or baseline information on a firm's finances, and information on stormwater management and controls for newly developed and redeveloped sites including design, and installation and maintenance costs of such practices.

The MS4 and State/Territory questionnaires would gather information to characterize the current scope of the program; the level of stormwater controls and best management practices at newly developed and redeveloped sites; incentives and disincentives for such practices; and the current burden and expenditures to States and MS4s associated with existing requirements.

The Notice, which EPA expects will be published on October 30, 2009, has a 60 day comment period. In order to facilitate your review and comment, I am attaching prepublication versions of the following:

1) Fact sheet; 2) ICR support statement; and 3) Questionnaires. You may also view or download the complete text of the Federal Register notice, the questionnaires, and the ICR Support Statement on the Internet at:
<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater/rulemaking>.

We look forward to discussing this ICR with you during the comment period. If you have questions about the Notice, the proposed ICR, and/or the rulemaking, please contact me at (202) 566-1035 or matuszko.jan@epa.gov.

(See attached file: Final ICR Factsheet 10.28.09.doc) (See attached file: Part A of the Supporting Statement1stICR.doc) (See attached file: Industry Questionnaire1stICR.doc) (See attached file: MS4 Questionnaire1stICR.doc) (See attached file: statequestionnaire1stICR.doc)

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