Appendix C

Definitions

Appendix C. Definitions (for the purposes of this permit)

Word or Phrase	Definition
Best Management Practice or BMP	Means schedules of activities, prohibitions of practices, maintenance procedures, and other management practices to prevent or reduce the pollution of waters of the United States. BMPs also include treatment requirements, operating procedures, and practices to control runoff, spillage or leaks, sludge or waste disposal, or drainage from raw material storage.
Biennial	Occuring once every two years.
Control Measure	For the purposes of this permit, means any Best Management Practice or other method used to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.
Clean Water Act	Means the Clean Water Act (formerly referred to as the Federal Water Pollution Control Act or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972) Pub.L. 92-500 as amended by Pub.L 95-217, Pub.L 95-576, pub.L. 96-483 and Pub.L. 97-117, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.
Discharge	When used without a qualifier, refers to "discharge of a pollutant" as defined at 40 CFR §122.2.
Discharge of Storm Water Associated with Construction Activity	For the purposes of this permit, refers to a discharge of pollutants in storm water runoff from areas where soil disturbing activities (e.g., clearing, grading, or excavation), construction materials or equipment storage or maintenance (e.g., fill piles, borrow areas, concrete truck washout, fueling) or other industrial storm water directly related to the construction process are located. (See 40 CFR §122.26(b)(14)(x) and 40 CFR §122.26(b)(15) for the two regulatory definitions of storm water associated with construction sites.)
Discharge of Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity	Is defined at 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(14)
Discharge-related Activities	For the purposes of this permit include: activities which cause, contribute to, or result in storm water point source pollutant discharges and measures to control storm water discharges, including the siting, construction, and operation of best management practices to control, reduce or prevent storm water pollution.
Discharge Monitoring Report	Means the EPA uniform national form, including any subsequent additions, revisions or modification for the reporting of self monitoring results by permittees. See 40 CFR §122.2.
Evapotranspiration	Means the sum of evaporation and transpiration of water from the earth's surface to the atmosphere. It includes evaporation of liquid or solid water plus the transpiration from plants.

Word or Phrase	Definition
Facility or Activity	Means any NPDES point source or any other facility or activity (including land or appurtenances thereto) that is subject to regulation under the NPDES or APDES program.
Green Infrastructure	Means runoff management approaches and technologies that utilize, enhance and/or mimic the natural hydrologic cycle processes of infiltration, evapotranspiration and reuse.
Illicit Connection	Means any man-made conveyance connecting an illicit discharge directly to a municipal separate storm sewer.
Illicit Discharge	Defined at 40 CFR §122.26(b)(2) and refers to any discharge to a municipal separate storm sewer that is not entirely composed of storm water, except discharges authorized under an NPDES permit (other than the NPDES permit for discharges from the MS4) and discharges resulting from fire fighting activities.
Industrial Activity	For the purposes of this permit, refers to the eleven categories of industrial activities included in the definition of discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity at 40 CFR§ 122.26(b)(14).
Industrial Storm Water	For the purposes of this permit, refers to storm water runoff associated with the definition of discharges of storm water associated with industrial activity.
Infiltration	The process by which storm water penetrates into soil.
Low Impact Development or LID	Means storm water management and land development techniques, controls and strategies applied at the parcel and subdivision scale that emphasize conservation and use of on-site natural features integrated with engineered, small scale hydrologic controls to more closely mimic pre-development hydrologic functions.
Maximum Extent Practicable	Means the technology-based discharge standard for municipal separate storm sewer systems to reduce pollutants in storm water discharges that was established by CWA §402(p). A discussion of MEP as it applies to small MS4s is found at 40 CFR §122.34.
Measurable Goal	Means a quantitative measure of progress in implementing a component of a the storm water management program.
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System	Is used to refer to either a Large, Medium, or Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System. The term, as used within the context of this permit, refers to small MS4s (see definition below) and includes systems operated by a variety of public entities (e.g., military facilities, prisons, and systems operated by other levels of government).

Word or Phrase	Definition
Municipality	Means a city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body created by or under State law and having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, or other wastes, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA.
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer	Means a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, man-made channels, or storm drains): (i) Owned or operated by a State, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water, or other wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA that discharges to waters of the United States; (ii) Designed or used for collecting or conveying storm water; (iii) Which is not a combined sewer; and (iv) Which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as defined at 40 CFR §122.2.
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System	Means the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under sections 307, 402, 318 and 405 of the CWA. The term includes an approved program
Outfall	For the purposes of this permit, means a point source (defined below) at the point where a municipal separate storm sewer discharges to waters of the United States and does not include open conveyances connecting two municipal separate storm sewers or pipes, tunnels, or other conveyances which connect segments of the same stream or other waters of the United States and are used to convey waters of the United States.
Owner or Operator	Means the owner or operator of any facility or activity subject to regulation under the NPDES program.
Point Source	Means any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, landfill leachate collection system, vessel or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural storm water runoff.

Word or Phrase	Definition
Pollutant	Defined at 40 CFR '122.2. A partial listing from this definition includes: dredged spoil, solid waste, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, chemical wastes, biological materials, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt, and industrial or municipal waste.
Significant Contributors of Pollutants	Means any discharge that causes or could cause or contribute to a violation of surface water quality standards.
Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System	Is defined at 40 CFR §122.26(b)(16) and refers to all separate storm sewers that are owned or operated by the United States, A state, city, town, borough, county, parish, district association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, storm water, or other wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity, or an Indian tribe or an authorized Indian tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA that discharges to waters of the United States, but is not defined as large or medium municipal separate storm sewer system. This term includes systems similar to separate storm sewer systems in municipalities such as systems at military bases, large hospital or prison complexes, and highways and other thoroughfares. The term does not include separate storm sewers in very discrete areas such as individual buildings.
Storm Water	Is defined at 40 CFR §122.26(b)(13) and means storm water runoff, snow melt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.
Storm Water Management Program	Refers to a comprehensive program to manage the quality of storm water discharged from the municipal separate storm sewer system.
Total Maximum Daily Load	An analysis of pollutant loading to a body of water detailing the sum of the individual waste load allocations for point sources and load allocations for non-point sources and natural background. See 40 CFR §130.2.
Waters of the United States	Has the meaning given in 40 CFR §1222.22
Wetlands	Means those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or groundwater at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas.