



Water Quality Dispatch

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Welcome! This is the first of a series of publications from the Caltrans Stormwater Program. The goal of the Water Quality Dispatch is to inform and educate all interested parties about new policies and guidance, created to comply with changing water quality regulations and to promote process improvements. Lessons learned will also be shared. The intended audience is Caltrans staff and stakeholders. These one page publications will address all aspects of the Department's Stormwater Program; including planning, design, construction, and maintenance activities. Topics will be selected based on program priorities and needs, and issues of interest within the Stormwater Program.

The first few topics of this new publication will be aimed at CGP activities, and the associated changes to our construction program.

Construction General Permit (CGP)

The State Water Resources Control Board issued the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction and Land Disturbance Activities, Order No. 2009-0009-DWQ (NPDES No. CAS000002 commonly called the Construction General Permit (CGP), on September 2, 2009. The permit became effective on July 1, 2010.

The CGP can be found online at the State Board website:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/constpermits.shtml

Additional information about Caltrans implementation of the CGP can be found:

<http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/env/stormwater/cgp/index.htm>

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