



# STORMWATER NEWSLETTER

## Best Management Practices to keep your outdoor summer event in compliance with your stormwater ordinance.

As the weather grows warmer and the days get longer, it's time for outdoor special events to take place in your community. PACE has developed some Best Management Practices (BMPs) to help event coordinators maintain compliance with stormwater ordinances.



BMPs prevent pollution from reaching the creeks and rivers where it can harm wildlife and water quality.

There are two resource sheets available to your community. The first, *Special Event BMPs*, is written for the event coordinators and covers all aspects of the outdoor event from set-up, vendor contracting, waste management to how to clean up after the event. The second resource sheet, *Stormwater Protection for Special Events*, is designed to give food vendors a simple fact sheet for all aspects of stormwater management.

The resource sheets can be found on the PACE website at ([www.ci.boulder.co.us/www/pace/government/index.html](http://www.ci.boulder.co.us/www/pace/government/index.html)) under Resource sheets – Outdoor Events.

Boulder County Public Health's Consumer Protection Program distributed these resource sheets during their educational seminar for temporary event coordinators.

Please distribute these sheets to your municipality's Purchasing, Parks, and/or Facilities Management departments.

## New state regulations for cleaning condenser coils of Heat Transfer Equipment (HTE)

In April 2007, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), Water Quality Control Division started requiring a short-term (90 day) certification or MINDI permit for discharging wastewater from cleaning condenser coils. Starting July 1, 2007, CDPHE is requiring a long-term (5-year) permit under a General Minimal Industrial Discharge (MINDI) Permit.

- This discharge permit covers discharges where **no** chemicals, soaps and detergents are used in the cleaning process. (If any chemicals are used, then all waste cleaning solutions must

be collected and discharged to sanitary sewer.)

- The permit requires implementation of BMPs (see website, below).
- If the discharge is to a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4), you must receive written approval from the (MS4) operator.
- The permit/certification and written approval from the MS4 must be on hand during any cleaning activity.
- Each cleaning activity must be documented and submitted to CDPHE within 30 days after the permit expires.

Facilities Maintenance Departments that perform their own coil cleaning must apply for a permit – *only* if they discharge the rinse water to the storm drain system.

If your employees clean coils or if you oversee a contractor that provides this service, please be sure the appropriate permits have been obtained.

For more information on this permit: <http://www.cdphe.state.co.us/wq/PermitsUnit/Industrial/index.html>.

**Remember, if you don't discharge to stormwater, you don't need a permit!  
Send wastewater to landscaping/vegetation.**





## Partners For A Clean Environment

The PACE (Partners for A Clean Environment) program is a voluntary, non-regulatory program that offers free pollution prevention education and technical assistance to Boulder County businesses. PACE is a partnership of local governments and businesses to encourage and recognize environmental achievement. Look for our logo at restaurants, auto repair and auto body shops, printers, dental offices, retail stores, and some small manufacturers. The PACE Program also provides a Stormwater Certification Program for municipal operations within Boulder County and parts of Weld County. Stormwater pollution prevention certification criteria include implementation of both structural and non-structural Best Management Practices (BMPs) for various municipal operations.

### Know who to call to report illegal discharges - in your city!

Please cut this out and give it to the employees responsible for reporting non-emergency discharges that threaten or pollute storm water.

#### Non-Emergency, Illegal Discharge Responders

##### City of Boulder

Stormwater Quality:

303-413-7350

Public Works: 303-413-7100

##### City of Longmont

Public Works: 303-651-8468

##### City of Louisville

Public Works: 303-335-4608

##### Town of Erie

Public Works: 303-926-2880

##### Town of Superior

Public Works: 303-499-3675

##### Unincorporated Boulder County

Boulder County Public Health:

303-441-1564



Is your staff performing activities that have a high risk of polluting a waterway?

Be sure that everyone knows how to report accidental releases to storm drains, ditches, and creeks.

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Allowing materials or wash water to enter parking lots, streets, storm drains, and eventually creeks or other water bodies is **ILLEGAL!**



**Please Protect Storm Drains!**

Check out our website for a list of certified businesses, helpful resources and updates.

[www.pacepartners.com](http://www.pacepartners.com)

Keep it Clean website  
[www.KeepItCleanPartnership.org](http://www.KeepItCleanPartnership.org)