



**Quonset Development Corporation (QDC)  
Storm Water Discharge Permit  
Overview**

The Department of Environmental Management (DEM) signed the Rhode Island Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (RIPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharge from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems and from Industrial Activity at Eligible Facilities Operated by Regulated Small MS4s in 2003. Quonset Development Corporation applied for coverage under this permit in 2004 as required. The General Permit authorizes the discharge of storm water from small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), owned and operated by the State, city, town, district, association, or other public body. The permit also authorizes the discharge of storm water associated with industrial activity from industrial facilities that are owned or operated by QDC.

In accordance with the requirements of the permit, QDC developed a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP). The plan defines what actions QDC will take (and has taken) to reduce storm water pollution from the Quonset Business Park. Many actions outlined within the plan are required by DEM, others have been chosen by QDC. The plan has a five year implementation schedule and an Annual Report must be filed with DEM every year to report on progress.

The SWMP contains specific required elements including six minimum control measures:

1. Public Education
2. Public Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Elimination
4. Construction Site Runoff Controls
5. Post Construction Site Runoff Controls
6. Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping

As part of the development of the SWMP, QDC has mapped the storm water drainage system throughout the Quonset Business Park. QDC is working to ensure that only clean storm water is discharged to the drainage system. QDC will be performing numerous tasks including physical investigations of the drainage system to ensure that potential pollutants do not enter the system.

**Please plan on attending the Public Workshop on March 1, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. at the QDC headquarters located at 30 Enterprise Drive in North Kingstown, Rhode Island to learn more about the Storm Water Management Plan implementation.**

If you have any questions or desire further information regarding the storm water management program for the Quonset Business Park please contact Heather Cain at 295-0044 ext 205.