Stormwater Practitioner's Meeting

EPA Audits

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Regulated ADOT Key Dates

- □ ADEQ Primacy in 2002
- □ ADOT Consent Order in 2004
- □ ADOT Individual Permit in 2008
- □ ADOT Audited by EPA in 2010
- □ ADOT Administrative Order in 2013





Arizona DOT Individual Permit

- ☐ Statewide, except Indian Country, and covers municipal, construction, and industrial activities
- □ Comply with USEPA as appropriate on tribal lands



What EPA Saw Audit

- ☐ Construction projects, maintenance yards, and industrial facilities in the Flagstaff, Phoenix, Prescott and Tucson districts
- □ Focused on
 - program implementation
 - consistency at District level
 - housekeeping
 - inspections
 - enforcement





Results Positive

□ Several Elements

- knowledgeable of permit requirements and SWMP
- implemented sound monitoring and sampling procedures
- local environmental staff knew local stormwater features and issues





Results Deficiencies



- □ Employee education and training
 - not fully developed and deployed to appropriate staff
- □ Dry weather monitoring
 - procedures on paper not implemented, storm drain system not 100% mapped, inadequate IDDE program
- □ Encroachment permit (MS4)
 - limited authority, improperly installed/ maintained BMPs
- □ Contractor oversight and BMPs
 - lack of signatures on SWPPPs, no delegated authority, limited proof of inspections
- Maintenance yards
 - housekeeping, inappropriate use of BMPs, track out, and material management

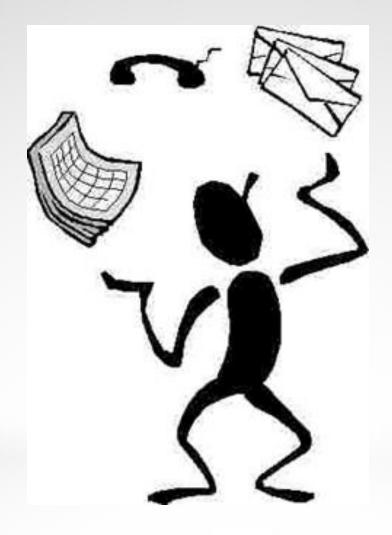


ADOT Response

- Mapping of outfalls
 - completed 35% (of 44,000 drainage features)
- □ Staffing to assist
 - hired four new team members, anticipate two more
- □ Environmental Management System
 - purchased to track and report
- ☐ Line by line
 - explained program deficiencies
 - included supporting documentation









Summer 2012 – Christmas Eve

- □ Teleconference with EPA/ADEQ
- □ Receive draft Administrative Order on Consent

DRAFT: 12/10/2012

UNITED STATES

ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 9

IN THE MATTER OF:

Arizona Department of Transportation

EPA Docket No. CWA-09-2012-2004

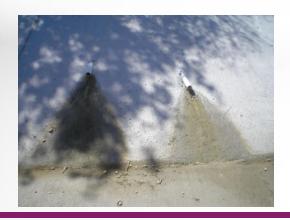
Proceedings under Sections 308(a)

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT and 309(a) of the Clean Water Act, as amended, 33 U.S.C. §§ 1318(a) & 1319(a)



Administrative Order on Consent

- □ Mapping of ADOT features: outfalls and postconstruction best management practices (P-C BMPs)
 - revised definition of outfall
 - reduced menu of P-C BMPs
- □ Inspection and maintenance of outfalls and P-C BMPs









Administrative Order on Consent

□ Enforcement of construction project requirements

- placement of contractor oversight
- oversee, direct, and conduct inspections of all construction activities initiated or controlled
- take appropriate enforcement actions to ensure compliance with the CGP and IP





Deliverables Three

- □ September 15, 2013
- □ November 15, 2013
- □ March 15, 2014

ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER ON CONSENT COMPLIANCE SCHEDULE		
Deadline	Task	Responsible Organization
4/15/13	Ensure placement of contractor oversight and compliance personnel in all nine districts.	SEO
	Submit a report with the name and contact information for the designated Resident Engineer or equivalent for each district.	SEO
5/15/13	Obtain a draft Water Quality Post-Construction BMP Manual from its consultant for review and comment.	ES (coord W/SEO)
6/30/13	Provide comments on draft Water Quality Post-Construction BMP Manual to consultant.	ES
8/30/13	Complete mapping of Task I AOC Outfalls (Globe, Holbrook, Phoenix).	ES (coord W/FIS)
	Complete Water Quality Post-Construction BMP Manual modifications.	ES



Tasks Also, Three

- □ Outfall Task
 - mapping, verifying, inspecting, and maintaining
- □ Post-Construction BMP Task
 - mapping, verifying, inspecting, and maintaining
- □ Construction Oversight Task
 - tracking inspections and reporting the date, the findings, and the remedial actions

http://www.azdot.gov/business/environmental-services-and-planning/water-quality/administrative-order-on-consent



Outfalls

- ☐ Features Inventory System (mapping)
 - Asset management for all ADOT features
 - Pipe openings, guardrail, signs
- □ **Desktop + Site Visit** (verifying & inspecting)
 - Basemap aerial
- □ **Documenting** (maintaining)
 - In FIS there is a rating; this will help staff prioritize the maintenance on a district or route level



PC-BMPs

- □ Revised PC-BMP Manual
 - water quality benefit; only map if discharges
- □ Priorities Established
 - if a qualifying structure is associated with an outfall (PER AOC), map it



Construction Oversight

- □ Nine Districts
 - completing routine SWPPP inspections
- □ Documenting EXCEL spreadsheet
 - AZCON #, date, finding, remediation



Recommendations

- □ Mock Audit
- □ Document All Communications
- □ Commitment**
- □ Funding

REMEMBER – the audit is intended to help ensure conformance



Questions

