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This bi-weekly Municipal Stormwater Bulletin contains information to be shared, including a request for information from permittees, updates on workshops/training, and news. There is a lot of informational tools and resources. Please share with others who could use the information. **By: Laurie Larson**

News

Collaborating for cleaner water: The next step for the Spokane River

In 2004, the State of Washington listed the Spokane River as impaired for toxics because it was contaminated with chemicals called polychlorinated biphenyls, or PCBs. This listing made it clear that improving the water quality of the Spokane River was essential. Since that listing, many groups have come together to help [improve the water quality in the Spokane River](#). Because of those partnerships and commitment to hard work, we're seeing PCB source reductions that cover a wide range of prevention, removal, and treatment activities. [Read the blog.](#)

News State, National & Legislative Update

EPA Releases Information that States and Tribes Can Use to Protect Local Fish from Toxic Tire Chemicals

WASHINGTON – June 10, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency published water quality screening values under the Clean Water Act related to short-term concentrations of 6PPD and 6PPD-quinone (6PPD-q). These chemicals have been found in freshwater ecosystems and linked to runoff from automotive tire dust and debris. Once in freshwater, these chemicals are known toxins that can quickly cause fish-kill events. The EPA's non-regulatory and non-binding screening values provide information that Tribes, states, and local governments can use to monitor their waterways and help protect aquatic life from these harmful pollutants.

"Achieving clean water that protects aquatic life and supports commercial, recreational, and cultural fishing practices takes partnership at all levels of government," said EPA Acting Assistant Administrator for Water Bruno Pigott. "6PPD and 6PPD-q can be lethal to fish, so it's important we know where it's polluting waterways. The EPA's screening values provide important information that our partners can use to protect fish populations—especially coho salmon on the Pacific coast. Solutions like stormwater treatment and green infrastructure are effective at reducing concentrations of these chemicals in freshwater ecosystems."

This is the latest in a series of EPA actions to better understand and reduce freshwater aquatic life exposure to these harmful chemicals. In [November 2023](#), the agency committed to consider establishing regulations prohibiting the manufacturing, processing, use and distribution of 6PPD in tires and also announced its intent to publish an advanced notice of proposed rulemaking under the Toxic Substances Control Act (TSCA). The EPA also announced plans to finalize a rule to require manufacturers (including importers) of 6PPD to report lists and copies of unpublished health and safety studies to the agency. In [January 2024](#), the EPA announced the publication of a draft testing method to help Tribes, states, and key stakeholders determine where and when 6PPD-q is present in local stormwater and surface waters. In [March 2024](#), the agency announced investments in the state of Washington to help treat and control stormwater runoff that can contain 6PPD and 6PPD-q.

The EPA's screening values are based on the latest scientific knowledge about the short-term toxicity of 6PPD and 6PPD-q to freshwater aquatic life. Based on current science, the agency believes that concentrations of 6PPD and 6PPD-q at or below these screening values are likely to protect freshwater aquatic life. The EPA's recommended screening values are not regulations and they do not impose any legally binding requirements.

Learn more about the EPA's screening values for 6PPD and 6PPD-q and [other work on 6PPD-q](#).

Contact: EPA Press Office (press@epa.gov).

Peer to Peer Permittee Request for Information

City of Mukilteo is looking to see if any jurisdiction has a Project Manager/Code Enforcement position. I am trying to create such a position, but my HR department is having a hard time finding comps. The person will be managing some of our construction projects and following up on code enforcement as needed. Please let me know if anyone as a similar position in their jurisdiction. Contact Meiring Borcherds, Surface Water Programs Manager. mborcherds@mukilteowa.gov

Regional Permit Coordinator Meetings:

For information on Regional Stormwater Coordinator Groups, visit: <https://www.wastormwatercenter.org/permit-assistance/municipal/877-2/>

APWA July 19, 2024, 9:00am-12:00pm

Central NPDES Permit Coordinators Forum June 20, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm

ROAD Map (Regional Operations and Maintenance Program) July 11, 2024, 1:00-3:30 pm Virtual

South Sound Phase II Coordinator's Group July 25, 2024, 9:00-11:00 am

Business Inspection Group (BIG) June 18, 2024, 1:30-3:30 pm

STORM Quarterly meeting Sept. 12, 2024 location TBD

WSC Municipal EJ Workgroup June 12, 2024 3:00 PM Meeting topic: To attend the meeting contact laurie.larson-pugh@wsu.edu.

Resources

The Office of Wetlands, Oceans, and Watersheds released a new [Request for Applications](#) through which EPA is seeking to establish several new grants and cooperative agreements to advance national priorities in Clean Water Act programs. Applications are due July 17. Eligible applicants include states, local governments, federally recognized Indian Tribes/Nations, intertribal consortia, interstate agencies, territories, possessions of the U.S. (including the District of Columbia), public and private universities and colleges, hospitals, laboratories and public or private non-profit institutions. There is no required cost-share/match.

Under National Priority Area IV in the RFA, we are seeking to establish a 5-year, \$500K grant/cooperative agreement with an entity to provide technical support to Tribal NPS programs across the country through:

1. Convening Tribal NPS Technical Exchanges
2. Providing direct NPS technical assistance to Tribal NPS programs
3. Convening technical NPS trainings for Tribal NPS programs

4. Coordinating with other federal agencies to leverage technical and financial support
5. Providing travel support for Tribal NPS staff to attend NPS-related trainings, etc.

WSC Stormwater Talk Presentation: SAM Bioretention Hydrologic Performance (BHP) Study III

The third phase of the Bioretention Hydrologic Performance (BHP III) studies assesses 50 older (10 years old or older) bioretention facilities throughout the greater Puget Sound region. The research team has compiled the data results and presenting initial findings. Findings will present results of vegetation community currently seen at the sites compared to original plant list, current infiltration rates, soil composition, original design approaches, and the current maintenance practices implemented by the owners' O&M staff for these older facilities. Results are intended to inform regional stormwater and watershed management staff, the engineering community, landscape architect designers, and other facility owners (e.g. school districts) to provide design guidance for future designs.

The **Nature Conservancy WA** has developed a **Scope of Work (SOW) Template for Siting and Selecting GSI** published with [case studies](#). The template provides practitioners with a step-by-step guide to help organizations and communities identify, prioritize, and site high-impact stormwater treatment facilities designed to benefit people and nature. Using a template saves time and money in the planning process. Jurisdictions, municipalities, and other organizations often have to navigate competing priorities and limited resources as they work to make progress on projects to address stormwater pollution. The template aims to efficiently identify high-impact GSI opportunities and provide the foundation to seek grant funding for feasibility studies, design, and construction of stormwater infrastructure.

[SOW Template](#)

[Case Study Document](#)

[Modifiable Template](#)

[Collective Impact Forum resources to advance equity](#) and achieve systems change using a collective impact approach to collaboration.

Workshops/ Trainings/ Conferences

Pacific Northwest Social Marketing Association Forum: Community Based Social Marketing at Oberlin College. Please join PNSMA for our Summer Forum on **June 12th**, 11:30am-1pm PST on-line. We are happy to announce a panel discussion regarding how Oberlin College utilized Community Based Social Marketing to enhance its campus-wide sustainability program. Join us to learn how social marketing was infused throughout multiple departments and programs at Oberlin. The panel features Dr. Cindy McPherson Frantz, Heather Adelman and Peyton Sinnet. Location: ZOOM- Link sent before Forum [REGISTER HERE](#)

Center for Watershed Protection Stream Restoration Webinars: [Finding Common Ground Free](#)

1. [A Whole Watershed Approach - June 11th](#)
2. [Assessing Alternatives: Tools and Best Practices to Restoration Approach Selection - June 18th](#)

[Education Summit @ ESRI UC July 13-16, 2024 at San Diego, CA](#)

StormCon August 27-29, 2024 Reno, NV. [Lean more here.](#)

Online Courses

CWT Academy is introducing **Certified Industrial Stormwater Lead (CISL)**. CISL certification offers state-specific training tailored to permit requirements, ensuring you're equipped to manage stormwater effectively. Valid for three years, CISL certifications include discussions on plan writing, site maps, site monitoring, BMPs and treatment. You have access to resources, will complete assignments, and conclude with an exam. [Training information.](#)

Job Opportunities

City of Ferndale is seeking candidates for our Stormwater Technician position. The position is open until June 24, 2024 and anyone who meets the minimum qualification is encouraged to [apply](#).

City of Olympia is hiring a [Program Specialist \(Stormwater\)](#) first set of resume submissions due date of June 21, 2024.

[Skagit Counting is hiring a Stormwater Development Review Engineer \(PE\)](#)

The City of Kent is currently accepting applications for the position of Environmental Compliance Specialist in Public Works Engineering. Are you a dedicated professional who is passionate about the environment, particularly efforts to enhance environmental quality? The main focus of this position is the performance of source control and storm drainage inspections to protect stormwater quality, enforcing city code related to stormwater or sanitary sewer violations, educating the general public and businesses about pollution prevention and other tasks requiring a high level of independent judgment and decision making. The ideal candidate will be a highly motivated and detail-oriented individual who has relevant education in water quality protection, environmental science or a related field, supplemented with at least two (2) years of experience in stormwater management, stormwater utility inspections, environmental compliance, or another science field. [Environmental Compliance Specialist \(kentwa.gov\)](#)

SALARY RANGE: \$7,171.00 - \$8,717.00 monthly, depending on experience

OPENS: May 24, 2024 **CLOSES: June 17, 2024**

[King County is hiring a Senior Stormwater Engineer III Closes June 16, 2024 at 11:59 PM.](#)

Ecology is currently recruiting:

- [The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill a Permit Developer and Facility Manager \(Environmental Specialist 3\) position.](#) This position is located in our Central Region Office (CRO) in Union Gap, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.
- The Water Quality Program within the Department of Ecology is looking to fill an [Industrial Facility Management Engineer \(Environmental Engineer 5\) position.](#) This position is located in our Central Region Office (CRO) in Union Gap, WA. Upon hire, you must live within a commutable distance from the duty station.

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