Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping Plan
Minimum Requirements:
What Is Needed To Comply With The ILR40 Permit?

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Presentation Outline

• Town of Normal - Public Works
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• ILR40 Permit and PP&GHP requirements
• PP&GHP Considerations
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• Good housekeeping practices for municipal operations
• PP&GHP Standard Elements
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Town of Normal: Background

- Incorporated 1867
- Home to Illinois State University
- At the crossroads of Interstates 55, 74 and 39
- Sustainable initiative started in Uptown area

- 554 Lane Miles of Road
- 202 Miles of Water Main
- 180 Miles of Sanitary Sewer
- 128 Miles of Storm Sewer
- ~54,000 Population
Normal Public Works: What We Do

Public Works is responsible for:
- Fleet Maintenance
- Sewer Maintenance
- Street Maintenance
- Waste and Recycling

Occurs on 11-acre Public Works Facility (PWF) on Warriner Street that includes:
- 44,00 S.F. maintenance & operations building
- Salt dome
- Recycling transfer facility
- Landscape waste processing
- Material storage
ILR40 Stormwater Permit

- Normal has a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)
- Stormwater discharges regulated by IEPA Permit ILR40
- IEPA audited Normal storm water management program in 2015

**Highest priority recommendation:** develop a (storm water) pollution prevention and good housekeeping plan (PP&GHP) for the PWF

- **ILR40 Minimum Control Measure #6:** Reduce Pollutant Runoff from Municipal / Government operations
- **Suggestion:** maintaining communication with IEPA field office staff will promote a good working relationship
PP&GHP Minimum Components
(Part IV, Sec.6, A-F from ILR40)

- O&M program with annual training for staff & contractors to prevent and reduce discharge of pollutants
- Design, install, and maintain effective pollution prevention measures
- Store deicing materials in permanent covered structure
- Employee training to prevent and reduce storm water pollution from public works maintenance activities
- Define best management practices (BMP) and measurable goals for each BMP
- Evaluate PP&GHP annually in the Facility Inspection Report to IEPA
PP&GHP: Considerations Before Developing The Plan

- Take a holistic view of the municipal operations
- Normal PW mission; what is it we do?
- Where should operations be in the next 5 to 10 years?
- Gather all historical information and data
- Assess current operations
- Summarize findings
- Develop PWF improvement goals
- Steps needed to develop PP&GHP

Provide essential services to Normal residents
Assessment of Current Operations

- Reviewed each operation to establish a baseline:
  - Fleet, Sewer, Streets, Waste / Recycling
- Summarize when the facilities were constructed and/or remodeled
- Summarize site runoff
- Inventory materials that could pollute storm water
- List materials and equipment stored outside
- List materials and equipment stored inside or covered
- Establish pollutants of concern
Fleet Assessment & Improvement Goals

Assessment Findings
1. Not all vehicles stored under cover
2. Waste oil and antifreeze recycling containers adjacent to street building without containment and guidelines (public access)
3. No records of fluid use and recycling

Improvement Goals
1. Provide enclosed storage for PWF vehicles of all types
2. Eliminate used motor oil and antifreeze recycling containers
3. Log fluid use and recycling associated with all vehicle maintenance
Assessment Findings

1. Spoil material from sewer repairs stored in the yard
2. PWF storm sewer and inlet cleaning 2 to 3 times per year
3. Debris can easily enter inlets

Improvement Goals

1. Store spoil material in a bunker with paved bottom
2. Increase storm sewer and inlet cleaning to at least 6 times per year
3. Install inlet filters and maintain filters
Street Assessment & Improvement Goals

Assessment Findings
1. Hydraulic oil, crack filler, cleaning solvents stored on floor without containment
2. Storm water runoff leads into the salt dome
3. Extra salt not covered
4. No containment around calcium chloride tank

Improvement Goals
1. Provide spill containment for materials
2. Redirect storm water runoff away from salt dome
3. Provide permanent covered storage of extra salt
4. Provide containment around calcium chloride
Waste & Recycling Assessment & Improvement Goals

Assessment Findings
1. Public access to site unsupervised
2. Public access too close to chipper and yard operations
3. No programs or training for dealing with HHW

Improvement Goals
1. Monitor public access by part-time employee or wireless notification
2. Reconfigure public access to yard to reduce auto and equipment interactions
3. Eliminate deposition and storage of HHW
Determine:

- Routine operations: material storage, yard waste mulching, equipment mobilization, etc.

- Equipment maintenance requirements: fluid change, vehicle repair, vehicle wash down, etc.

- Staff training needs: spill prevention, oil / water separator maintenance

- Documenting processes and procedures
Good Housekeeping Practices: Pollution Prevention Measures

- Review all operations
- Decide which operations could spill and/or pollute ground water and/or surface water
- Determine the weaknesses
- Yard sweeping and inlet cleaning
- Spill prevention and containment measures
- Recycling of fluids
- Keep products and materials off the floor
- Protect floor drains
- Perform vehicle maintenance inside, where possible
Good Housekeeping Practices: Deicing Material Storage

- Per ILR40, deicing materials to have permanent cover by now
- Normal has a salt dome & temporary bunker with tarp
- Normal considering prefabricated structure (e.g., Clear Span type) to cover additional salt
- Locate salt storage away from storm sewer and inlets, if possible
- Include inlet protection near all salt storage
- Be strategic about your salt use to minimize stockpile & impacts
- Set a limit on use of salt; make it dependent on the type of storm
Good Housekeeping Practices: Employee Training Program

- Educate staff about reducing pollution & pollution prevention requirements
- Utilize existing training resources available on internet
- Customize training for the PWF and staff based on skill level
- Hold training annually: pick a day and do it the same time every year
- Adjust training as conditions change (when necessary)
- Maintain a binder of training documents for reference
Good Housekeeping Practices: Define BMPs & Measurable Goals

- Provide containment around materials and fluids
- Increased sweeping of PWF yard
- Increased inlet cleaning
- Protect inlets from debris
- Reducing / eliminating HHW drop offs
- Improved debris/yard waste management
- Protect inlets from debris – Implementing a Grid sediment trap around new inlets
Good Housekeeping Practices: Annual Program Evaluation

- Set aside a few minutes each year to check on progress towards goals
- Determine changes needed to the program
- Evaluate the program when preparing next year’s budget
- Document changes / updates in Annual Facility Report to IEPA
- Assess progress towards achieving reduction in pollutants
Typical Questions to Get Started

• What is your essential function?
• **What are your daily routines/tasks?**
• What improvements and/or equipment would improve efficiency?
• What is your vision for the PWF in five (5) years?
• What pollution prevention practices are in place?
• Is annual pollution prevention training provided to staff?
• What chemicals are stored at the PWF?
• Are MSDS sheets available for all chemicals?
• Is there an emergency spill response plan?
• What type of maintenance is performed inside vs. outside?
• **Are records kept for all maintenance activities?**
New Electronics Recycling Building

- New electronics recycling building constructed and opened in October 2018
- Installation of new salt storage building, storm water drainage improvements and relocation of material storage areas set for Spring/Summer 2019

**Funding**
- Grants were not available to complete this work
- Town was able to utilize storm water fees to fund the improvements
Implementation Plan Changes

Some changes to the original plan had to be made due to changes in operations. **Those operational changes include:**

- Existing transfer center no longer in use.
- A reduction in bulk waste storage in the yard.

**Changes made to the original plan include:**

- Larger salt storage structure to accommodate up to 4,000 tons of salt.
- Inlet protection and sediment traps to be used in place of paving around new storm water inlets.
- Additional fencing to keep public from entering the yard.
- Relocated public landscape drop off area.
- Larger public mulch pick up area.
- Elimination of the recycling drop box program and transfer station.
Suggestions

- Assemble a plan that not only meets minimum requirements, but is implementable and flexible.
- Develop the plan using a template.
- Utilize your staff resources whenever possible.
- Address the “low hanging fruit” first and work your way down the list.
- Keep the plan updated as the facility or mission changes.
- Be able to adapt to changes.
- The requirements are not going away; IEPA will be back for a visit.

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Thank You!

Questions?

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