

To: Gary Richardson, City of Crest Hill Date: February 23, 2026
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Subject: NPDES MS4 – Stormwater Compliance Program – Public Meeting Project No. 25-R0770.CTH

The City is required to have a public meeting to discuss the City’s compliance efforts under the State requirements for stormwater quality. The City is required to submit a report every year as well as a permit renewal every five years. The City also has various responsibilities under six different categories:

1. Public Outreach and Education (on Storm Water Quality issues)
2. Public Involvement & Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Post Construction Storm Water Runoff Control (in New Developments & Redevelopments)
6. Pollution Prevention & Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Frequently Asked Questions:

What is new with NPDES?

- IEPA issued a new permit on 8/01/25 with additions and modifications that are required to be implemented as part of the City’s program before 8/01/26. The City is preparing a new Stormwater Management Plan that will summarize all program components.

What does NPDES stand for?

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System

Why is this important?

- The Clean Water Act requires each state to implement a program to assist regulation of stormwater discharges. The state implements the program through each municipality.
- Municipalities can make a positive difference in stormwater quality through decisions about development and land use planning, as well as in public works operations.
- Water pollution degrades surface water making it unsafe for drinking, fishing, swimming and other activities.

What is an MS4?

- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
- A system of conveyances owned by a public entity, including storm sewers, ditches, creeks, floodplain

What is an illicit discharge?

- An illicit discharge is any discharge into a storm system that is not entirely composed of stormwater. This includes yard care products, fertilizers, dog waste, car soaps and automotive fluids. There are some exceptions, such as discharges from hydrant flushing, dechlorinated swimming pool and firefighting.

What do I do if I see some a spill or dumping or pollution?

- Call Public Works at 815-741-5108.