

**Los Angeles County Municipal Storm Water Permit****City of Industry Individual Annual Report  
Attachment N – Assessment of Program Effectiveness****Introduction**

The City of Industry is a co-Permittee under the December 13, 2001 Municipal NPDES Permit No. CAS004001, along with the County of Los Angeles as the Principal Permittee and the Incorporated Cities therein. The following is an assessment of the overall effectiveness of this city's storm water management program during the 2009-10 Fiscal Year.

This assessment includes a description of permit compliance, the evaluation methods used, any program strengths and weaknesses, highlights and accomplishments, any water quality improvements or degradations, any coordination between other cities, future plans for storm water management and suggestions for improvements.

**Permit Compliance**

The City of Industry has been fulfilling its permit requirements to the Maximum Extent Practicable by implementing the Storm Water Quality Management Plan and is in compliance with the current Order. A majority of the permit tasks and/or on-call services are being performed by the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works - Sewer Maintenance, Flood Maintenance, Environmental Programs and Road Maintenance Divisions on behalf of the City of Industry.

The City of Industry has exceeded various requirements to reduce the amount of pollutants from entering the storm drain system by performing street sweeping once per week throughout the entire area within the jurisdiction.

**Evaluation Methods**

The City of Industry relies on several methods to evaluate the storm water management program.

These methods include the observations - by either the public works inspectors, the storm water coordinator, or the code enforcement officer -of any illicit discharges onto our roadways and the MS4; by the informal and random drive-by surveillance of facilities by the individuals above; by monitoring the total number of annual complaints from calls directed to the County Hotline number or to the City of Industry; by the coordination efforts with the County Environmental Programs Division (field staff) in responding to illicit discharges to the MS4; and monitoring the level of compliance and general cooperation from facility operators.

**Program Strengths and Weaknesses**

The City of Industry believes that the strength of our Storm Water Management Program is our increased level of efforts monitoring construction activities and sources of illicit discharges. There is a stronger emphasis on compliance enforcement toward contractors and facility operators.

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We continue to find that it has been helpful and efficient to maintain a high level of communications and coordination with other agencies and entities, such as the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works, the Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, the Los Angeles & San Gabriel River Watershed Council and other municipalities in the following areas:

- 1) The workshop training with the Water Board for industrial site inspections
- 2) The non-storm water sampling of the San Jose Creek for TMDL modeling
- 3) The joint efforts with the County Household Hazardous Waste Roundups for Public Educational Outreach to the general public.
- 4) The sharing of information with the San Gabriel River Watershed committee members.

The amount of trash and debris removed from the City's storm drain catch basins during the dry season was approximately 2 tons per year. This is less than 8 pounds per catch basin. In addition, less than 2 pounds of trash and debris was collected during the wet season during each year of the past cycle. This appears to be an indication that the City's public education and business education programs are reducing the amount of trash discarded to the city streets. This also reflects on the installation and weekly pickup of trash from receptacles at all transit stops, and continued weekly sweeping of all streets.

There are no perceived program weaknesses.

**Highlights and Accomplishments**

The following are some highlights and accomplishments:

- 1) The City met the required Tier 2 Storm Water Inspections by the end of FY2006-07. In addition, the City completed the third cycle of inspections in FY2007-08.
- 2) An increase in awareness and of the need to implement BMPs by general contractors during construction activities.
- 3) An increase in awareness and need for good housekeeping practices by facility operators during their daily activities.
- 4) More coordination with the County Environmental Programs Division.
- 5) Continued services of an experienced and highly qualified Storm Water professional to manage the City's stormwater program.

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Our observations of the San Jose Creek Concrete Lined Channel indicate no significant degradation of water quality. Monitoring performed by the Principal Permittee may provide an assessment of water quality.

We believe there has been a decrease in the quantity of trash on public roadways due to the installation and weekly pickup of trash from receptacles at all transit stops, and continued weekly sweeping of all streets.

**Inter-Agency Municipal Coordination**

Inter-Agency coordination is conducted through the San Gabriel River Watershed Management's monthly meetings. Coordination includes sharing of ideas, and discussions of permit activities.

Other coordination efforts include agencies other than cities, such as the Department of Health Services, the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Environmental Programs, the Public Affairs Division for Public Educational Outreach, and the Flood Control Maintenance Division.

**Future Plans**

The City of Industry will be utilizing additional staff as necessary to further fully implement all elements of this order. The City has prepared a map of all permitted connections to the storm drain system, and will be inspecting for illicit connections to the system as the permit requires.

This municipality will investigate possible regional solutions for enhanced water quality.

**Storm Water Management Program Suggestions**

The City of Industry offers the suggestion to minimize or eliminate repetition of data and information in the annual reports.

**Compliance**

The City of Industry rates the level of compliance on a scale of 1 to 10 as being a 9 for achieving compliance.

**Program Reporting Suggestions**

None