

Quarterly News & Updates

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Construction (MCM4)

Post Construction (MCM5)



Post Construction Relationships

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As construction projects wrap up for 2025 and complete the land stabilization phase, developers and engineers will be requesting municipalities or jurisdictions to provide their Erosion Control Release letters. The Engineer of Record will be able to submit the Erosion Control Release letter to Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) for their Notice of Termination (NOT). Individual parcel owners on new land developments may not realize that they must continue to maintain erosion control on their site for the Post Construction phase.

Indiana MS4s are required to hold all new development and re-development property owners accountable in implementing compliance with local stormwater ordinances. All MS4s need to follow the four E's: Ensure, Educate, Encourage, and Enforce. This ensures new development and re-development projects comply with all Federal, State and local laws and that adequate operations and maintenance manuals of all projects in the Post Construction phase have proper best management practices (BMPs) in place. Municipalities or jurisdictions should educate all new development and re-development owners on why it is important to follow all stormwater quality operations and maintenance manuals. They should also encourage the new owners to sit down with their local MS4 Coordinator to discuss any questions they may have regarding their manuals. They must enforce all stormwater quality ordinance violations that the new

Welcome!

Happy New Year! The Indiana MS4 Partnership is excited to introduce our new quarterly newsletter. We will be sharing information relevant to MS4s across the state, upcoming events, and helpful resources. Please reach out to [our team](#) if you have specific questions or requests!

IDEM Permit Updates

IDEM has completed, reviewed, and issued the **Industrial Stormwater General Permit (ISGP – 327 IAC 15-6)** with the effective date of 12/30/2025.

Tips and Tricks

Simplify your SWPPP! When writing your SWPPP, you can include more generic information to make updates easier.

Have you joined your **Regional MS4 Advisory Group** yet? If not, [reach out](#) to us for more information.

Save the Date!

2/17/26 - NISWAG Contractors Training ([Register Now](#))
5/11/26 - IN MS4 Workshop
5/12/26 - IN MS4 Annual Meeting ([Register Now](#))
7/7/26 - Purdue LTAP Stormwater Conference

development and re-development will have during the lifetime of their Post Construction phase.

MS4s need to keep a strong relationship with property owners and create a line of communication, so they can discuss their questions or concerns relating to their operations and maintenance manuals and/or any compliance concerns. This communication will help create a stronger relationship between the MS4 and property owners. The most successful way to keep the property owners aware is to educate them with Post Construction MS4 topics. Once the property owners understand the seriousness of the Post Construction phase of their project, they will hopefully stay in compliance with all local stormwater ordinances, and our creeks/streams will be free of pollution from sediment.

Winter Construction Site Runoff

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As we enter Indiana's long season of freeze and thaw cycles, it becomes especially important for MS4 communities to keep a close eye on Construction Site Runoff. While all six MCMs play a vital role in protecting our water resources, this time of year brings unique challenges that directly impact erosion, sediment control, and the performance of temporary best management practices. Materials shift, soils lose structure, and controls that worked well in October may struggle by January. Recognizing how rapidly site conditions can change is essential for staying ahead of compliance issues and maintaining meaningful protection of downstream waters.

For MS4s across the state, this period is an opportunity to strengthen field awareness, reinforce expectations with contractors, and support the use of practical controls that can withstand winter conditions. Construction activities rarely pause when the ground freezes, and neither should our focus on runoff prevention. By elevating attention on Construction Site Runoff during winter transitions, MS4s can reduce failures, improve maintenance efficiency, and ensure that sediment stays out of storm systems and waterways. This is a season that tests the resilience of our programs, and with thoughtful planning and collaboration, we can lead the charge in protecting Indiana's water quality year-round.

9/16/26-9/18/26 - INAFSM
Conference

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Annual Meeting Awards

Has a certain MS4 coordinator or MS4 program gone above and beyond this year? Give them recognition by [nominating](#) them for an award at our annual meeting.

Resources

[MS4 Home](#) | [Indiana](#) | [IN MS4 Partnership](#)

[IDEM: Stormwater Permitting: Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems \(MS4\)](#)

[US EPA: Stormwater Discharges from Municipal Sources](#)

