

ATTACHMENT C – EXAMPLE BEST MANAGEMENT PRACTICES (BMPs)

The Discharger shall implement BMPs to comply with the requirements of this Order, to protect the beneficial uses of the receiving waters and to prevent erosion or hydromodification caused by drinking water system discharges. Required BMPs include but are not limited to the proven practices established by the American Water Works Association, or other professional associations or institutes, in accordance with updated available technology. Dischargers shall implement BMPs comparable to the following example procedures and measures to achieve compliance.

I. Example BMP Procedures

A. Chlorinated Water Discharges

All chlorinated water shall be dechlorinated chemically or naturally. Filter bags, filter rolls and fabric filters, shall be used to remove any sand, silt or debris from entering the surface water or storm drain system.

B. Superchlorinated Water Discharges

All superchlorinated water shall be dechlorinated at the point of discharge directly into a surface water or the point of discharge into any storm water conveyance system. Filter bags or rolls, or equivalent, shall be used to remove any sand, silt or debris from entering the surface water or storm drain system.

C. Facility Drainage Discharges

All discharges from transmission, treatment, storage and distribution facility draining for cleaning and maintenance shall be dechlorinated. Filter bags, filter rolls and fabric filters shall be used to remove sediment prior to discharging to surface waters or storm drains.

D. Groundwater Supply Well Discharges

During flushing, rehabilitation, or development of water supply wells, multi-baffled settling tanks, or equivalent, shall be used if necessary to remove large particles and to reduce turbidity. If further management is needed to reduce solids after settling, the Discharger shall filter the water implementing a filter-bag filtration system, or equivalent practice, before discharging to achieve a turbidity threshold that is in compliance with this Order.

II. Example BMP Measures

A. Sediment and Erosion Control

Sediment and erosion control BMPs that assess and prevent potential impacts to receiving waters, at discharge points and downstream reaches.

1. **Receiving Waters.** The Discharger shall identify methods for locating discharge points and receiving waters to determine appropriate sediment and erosion control measures.

2. **Sediment Control.** Sediment control practices shall be used to filter and trap sediment particles, and prevent them from reaching storm drains or receiving waters. Sediment control practices to control sedimentation discharge and buildup in receiving waters include:
 - (a) Straw wattles and gravel bags may be placed in a flow pathway and around storm drain inlets;
 - (b) Plastic sheets may be used to line a trench and flow pathway to prevent water contact with soil;
 - (c) Check dams may be constructed to dissipate flow energy and minimize the potential for discharges to dislodge soil; and
 - (d) A storm water swale, if available nearby to the point of discharge that has sufficient capacity for the discharge.
 - (e) Discharge to an open field or turf to remove sand and/or silt or larger particles prior to surface water discharge.
3. **Erosion Controls.** Erosion control practices shall be used to protect soil surfaces at discharge points and receiving waters. Erosion control practices shall be used to prevent re-suspension of ambient sediment within a receiving water, and shoreline erosion and streambed scour. Such controls shall minimize the energy of discharges by managing flow velocities and volumes, and shall be appropriately designed so that the discharge does not exceed the hydraulic capacity of the receiving water at the point of discharge and areas downstream of the discharge point. The following measures may be used to control erosion in receiving waters:
 - (a) Construct check dams to slow down the flow;
 - (b) Install flow diffusers at discharge point;
 - (c) Fashion discharge flow path with as little slope as possible; and
 - (d) Decrease discharge flow rates and duration.

B. Dechlorination

The following types of dechlorination methods, or equivalent, to remove chlorine:

1. **Dechlorinating Diffuser** – The dechlorinating diffuser connects directly to a discharge nozzle (e.g., to a fire hydrant or fire hose) and contains a chamber that houses dechlorination agent. Some diffusers feature a siphon for dechlorinating agent tablets or a solution to dechlorinate the water.
2. **Dechlorination Mats** – These mats are used to facilitate effective contact between the flow and dechlorinating agent during dechlorination. For dechlorination of discharges from trenches during main breaks, the tablets are placed inside synthetic mesh fabric pockets sewn together in a grid or line. The dechlorinating mats are laid across the flow path or over the storm water conveyance system.

As the discharged water contacts the tablets, dechlorinating agent is released and chlorine is inactivated.

3. Broadcast Dechlorination – Dechlorination granules are spread over an area, such as pavement, where chlorinated water is flowing toward a storm water conveyance system inlet. As the discharged water contacts the tablets, dechlorinating agent is released and chlorine is inactivated.
4. Chemical Injection Metering Pump – Occasionally, a dechlorination agent is injected into a discharge pipe, such as a tank drain, to dechlorinate the water before entering the storm water system.

Addition of dechlorination chemicals shall be managed to ensure the dechlorination agent does not adversely affect or impact beneficial uses of the receiving waters.

C. Copper and Zinc Management

A Discharger that applies copper-based herbicides or zinc-based corrosion inhibitors to its water shall implement BMP measures to eliminate or reduce copper and zinc concentrations in its discharges to the extent feasible, including but not limited to the following:

1. Record keeping of where, when and how much zinc or copper is used to treat water that has the potential to be discharged to a surface water.
2. Implementation of BMPs that eliminate planned discharges and minimize emergency discharges to surface water bodies from occurring within 48 hours of applying copper-based herbicides or zinc-based corrosion inhibitors.
3. Implementation of BMPs to eliminate or reduce to the extent feasible the use of copper-based herbicides or zinc-based corrosion inhibitors by using less toxic agents or other methods in place of copper-based herbicides or zinc-based corrosion inhibitors.

D. Training

All personnel using, operating and maintaining all facilities and equipment shall be properly trained to implement BMPs to discharges when conducting mandated operational and maintenance activities. The Discharger's staff and/or contractors shall be properly trained to understand permit compliance needs and perform the required monitoring, notification and reporting.

E. Equipment and Supplies

Equipment and sampling meters shall be inspected, maintained and calibrated per manufacturer instructions and specifications.