Storm Water Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS)

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The State Water Resources Control Board and associated Regional Water Quality Control Boards are charged with protection of waters of the State. The Storm Water program is responsible for regulating discharges of storm water from sites subject to regulation under National Pollution Discharge Elimination Systems (NPDES) General Permits for industrial facilities, construction sites and small municipal areas.

To obtain permit coverage dischargers, subject to regulation submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) package online through SMARTS. Storm water program staff are responsible for reviewing, processing, and terminating NOIs, as well as maintaining invoice and billing status for each discharger and use SMARTS to do so. An NOI is assigned a Waste Discharger Identification (WDID) that remains active until the discharger files a Notice of Termination (NOT) through SMARTS. The appropriate Regional Water Quality Control Board (RWQCB) and approves it, if appropriate.

Annual and ad-hoc monitoring reports are also submitted by dischargers via SMARTS. Regional Board staff can track and review the submittals through SMARTS.

Per the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) all NPDES electronic reporting systems must be approved under the Cross Media Electronic Reporting Rule (CROMERR). SMARTS complies with the rule by requiring the users to have a unique user identification, a password, and answer to one of five selected security questions when data are submitted.

SMARTS is also used to track inspections, violations, and enforcement actions. Regulatory information and report submittals associated with some regional general stormwater permits are also tracked in SMARTS.

All data submitted via SMARTS are currently available through the SMARTS public user interface. Eventually data from SMARTS will be available through the greengov.data.ca.gov open data portal. Also in the next five years, the State Water Board will be transferring data to USEPA to comply with the Electronic Reporting Rule.

For more information regarding SMARTS, please see our websites or use the contact information below:

SMARTS Homepage
https://smarts.waterboards.ca.gov

SMARTS Help Desk
https://smarts.waterboards.ca.gov
1-866-563-3104

Storm Water Program
http://waterboards.ca.gov/water-issues/programs/stormwater