

Section 3.6 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Stormwater Program Activities Throughout the Region ('Regionwide')

The 1987 amendments to the federal Clean Water Act mandated the issuance of NPDES permits for stormwater discharges from certain types of municipalities, industries, and construction sites. Municipal stormwater permits are required for municipalities with populations over 100,000, or with smaller populations where municipal stormwater threatens extraordinary resources. Construction NPDES permits apply to construction projects resulting in land disturbances of five acres or greater. Project proponents are required to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP). Industrial NPDES permits apply to facilities which discharge stormwater to surface waters either directly or through a storm drain system.

Priorities for FY 02/03 are shown in the Appendix A to this chapter.