



MCM #2: Public Involvement / Participation

The following are the requirements for MCM #2 that are included in the Federal Regulations:

- *Comply with applicable state and local public notice requirements when implementing a public involvement / participation program (40 CFR Part 122.34(b)(2)(i)).*

The following requirements, Best Management Practices (BMPs) and Measurable Goals are to be implemented and achieved by MS4 permittees in Pennsylvania:

BMP #1: Develop, implement and maintain a written Public Involvement and Participation Program (PIPP), which describes various types of possible participation activities and describes methods of encouraging the public's involvement and of soliciting the public's input.

Measurable Goal: New permittee's PIPP shall be developed and implemented during the first year of coverage under this permit. All permittees shall re-evaluate the PIPP each permit year and revise as needed. Your PIPP shall include, but not be limited to:

- Opportunities for the public to participate in the decision-making processes associated with the development, implementation, and update of programs and activities related to this permit.
- Methods of routine communication to groups such as watershed associations, environmental advisory committees, and other environmental organizations that operate within proximity to the permittee's regulated small MS4s or their receiving waters.
- Making your periodic reports available to the public on your website, at your municipal offices, or by US Mail upon request.

BMP #2: Prior to adoption of any ordinance required by this permit, provide adequate public notice and opportunities for public review, input, and feedback.

Measurable Goal: Advertise any proposed MS4 Stormwater Management Ordinance, provide opportunities for public comment, evaluate any public input and feedback, and document the comments received and the municipality's response.

BMP #3: Regularly solicit public involvement and participation from the target audience groups. This should include an effort to solicit public reporting of suspected illicit discharges. Assist the public in their efforts to help implement your SWMP. Conduct public meetings to discuss the on-going implementation of your SWMP.

Measurable Goals: Conduct at least one (1) public meeting per year to solicit public involvement and participation from target audience groups. The public should be given reasonable notice through the usual outlets a reasonable period in advance of each meeting. During the meetings, you should present a summary of your progress, activities, and accomplishments with implementation of your SWMP, and you should provide opportunities for the public to provide feedback and input. Your presentation can be made at specific MS4 meetings or during any other public meeting. Under this MCM, you should document and report instances of cooperation and participation in your activities; presentations you made to local watershed organizations and conservation organizations; and similar instances of participation or coordination with organizations in your community. You also should document and report activities in which members of the public assisted or participated in your meetings and in the implementation of your SWMP, including education activities or organized implementation efforts such as cleanups, monitoring, storm-drain stenciling, or others.