Got Permit?

Maryland’s Tracking System for Unpermitted Sites
Regulated Stormwater

NPDES Permitted Jurisdictions
- Phase I MS4 County
- Phase II MS4 County
- Phase II MS4 Municipality
- No Permit
Overlay of MS4 with Industrial
Industrial Operators by the numbers

2040 Total Permitted Operators
Why are you picking on me… “they” don’t have a permit!
Needed a System

• We have a system that the public can access to identify permitted sites.

• We became aware of sites needing permits.

• We knew it took a concerted effort to bring operators into compliance.

• We needed a way to identify sites and bring them into compliance.
Where to Start?

EPA List of Facilities

• Began as 20,000+ sites provided by EPA
• Tempo Database contained facilities permitted by other MDE Administrations
Finding unpermitted sites

• MDE Inspectors
• Facility Drive-Bys
• Neighbors and Competitors
Finding Sites using Google Maps

- GIS tools make identifying business very easy.
- Sites are often grouped in industrial parks.
What’s an RQST???

1. We have information leading us to believe operator **may** need a Stormwater Discharge Permit

2. We record the facility in our Tempo tracking system (tracking number contains RQST)

3. We notify the operator we believe they need permit coverage and request (**RQST**) that they submit an NOI or NEC
TEMPO RQST Process

Features:
• Customer Service approach
• Bridges Stormwater Permitting and Compliance
• Tracks facility communication
• Generates Reports

GOALS:
• Better Customer Service Records
• Compliant Facility Operations
The Ideal Tracking Process

- Notify Facility, Up to 3 Letters
- Create TEMPO Al#, if needed
- Given 30 days to respond to each letter
- Referred to Compliance after 90 days, if No Response and/or No NOI
Not so Ideal Process

• Most operators need to be convinced they need coverage.

• Difficult to get letters to the ‘right contact’.

• Stormwater is not a language everyone speaks.

• Some contacts cannot or will not access the internet.

• The whole process takes time.
Dedicated Staff Critical
Other Process Goals

• Eliminating Unnecessary MDE Actions

• Prevents additional contact to facilities that DON’T need permitting

• Reduces unnecessary site visits
Progress

- Stormwater Training has been added twice a year to assist new permittees.
- Resources for industrial like facilities.
- In the last 6 months 91 identified facilities became covered.
- Down to 578 left to review out of the initial 20,000…
Questions / Concerns?

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