



City of Cañon City

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First Quarter 2011 Stormwater Management Program News

First and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who took the time to contact me throughout the past year with their questions and concerns about stormwater. It takes community involvement for the stormwater program to be successful. Your calls and emails show that there is interest and concern about stormwater issues.

2010 Stormwater Program Overview

Because the City of Cañon City is a Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) permittee there are six (6) minimum measures we must meet annually. These are Public Education and Outreach, Public Participation/Involvement, Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination, Construction Site Runoff Control, Post-construction Stormwater Management and Municipal Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping. I'd like to give a summary of what was accomplished in each area during 2010.

Public Education/Outreach and Public Participation/Involvement

Some of the methods we use to fulfill these requirements include newsletters, public service announcements, stormwater presentations and stenciling of storm drains.

- 1) During 2010, four (4) quarterly newsletters were sent to residential customers and commercial establishments. These newsletters address the stormwater management program and ask for feedback from readers. An additional two hundred fifteen (215) newsletters were sent to businesses addressing power washing of parking lots.
- 2) Presentations and demonstrations on stormwater were given at local schools. A Stormwater Information booth was set up at one of the craft fairs during Blossom weekend. Brochures and children's activity booklets were given out. Staff was available to answer questions about the Stormwater Program and to give demonstrations about runoff.
- 3) Ten (10) public service announcements were aired on the local radio station and three (3) stormwater related programs were aired ten (10) times on CCTV-Channel 19.
- 4) Twenty-two (22) storm drains were stenciled with the message "Dump No Waste Drains to River" by students from Garden Park High School.
- 5) The City provided financial support and advertising for the Upper Arkansas Recycling Program and Cañon Proud.
- 6) The City has a stormwater hotline (275-5265) for citizens to phone in with issues and questions. The adjacent table shows the breakdown of the one hundred ten (110) calls handled.
- 7) The City is a member of, or involved in, several council and associations concerning stormwater. Various staff members attended several meetings and conferences during 2010.

Category	% of Calls
Information	26
Complaint	25
SW Fees/Impervious Surface	13
Illicit Discharge	25
BMP Inspection	8
Other	3

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

Program elements required by the State in this category include Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination and Staff Education.

- 1) Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination: During 2010, thirty-four (34) incidents of suspected illegal discharges were reported or found during inspections. Twenty seven (27) of those were valid, requiring investigation. The investigations resulted in fifteen (15) verbal warnings and eight (8) notices of non-compliance.
- 2) An Illicit Discharge Detection Training was held for fifty-seven (57) City employees.

3) Water quality tests were performed at eight (8) sites.

Construction Site Runoff Control

A requirement of the City's stormwater permit is the inspection of all construction sites to assess stormwater runoff control at each site. In 2010, one hundred (110) inspections were conducted at thirty-four (34) construction sites. These inspections resulted in four (4) verbal warnings and ten (10) notices of non-compliance.

Post-construction Stormwater Management

A requirement of our permit is the annual inspection of post-construction stormwater facilities such as detention basins, stormwater quality vaults, grass swales, etc. One hundred five (105) inspections were done during 2010 on permanent facilities (both private and public).

Municipal Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping

Our State permit requires that the City of Cañon City prevent stormwater pollution, to the best of its ability, from its facilities through good housekeeping practices. Fifty-seven (57) City employees attended training on pollution prevention in May. Inspections of municipally owned facilities (including parks) were conducted to assess the potential for pollution of stormwater runoff. During 2010, forty-one (41) facilities were inspected with the results sent to the appropriate department heads. In addition, eighty (80) drainage channels were inspected.

Other Accomplishments

- Clean-up and maintenance of several drainages throughout the city.
- Participation (including submitting comments) on EPA issues that will impact our Stormwater Program.
- Repair and maintenance of stormwater infrastructure including:
 - New inlets and culvert at Fremont Dr. and Orchard Ave.
 - Reconstruction of the outlet for the Tyrolean Way storm sewer
 - New inlet on S. 5th St.
 - New inlet and culvert at 12th St. and Main Street
 - New culvert at 10th St. and Royal Gorge Blvd.
- Channel stabilization in Dawson Ranch.
- Channel clean-up by the Youth Corps in Dawson Ranch
- Repair, retrofit and cleanout of the 3rd St. Hogbacks Detention Basin.
- Repair of the Hydraulic Ditch spillway at the Abbey Detention Basin.
- Reconstruction of sections of the Mountain Vista drainage channel.

A final note: It is my hope that these newsletters help to shed light on the Federal and State mandates the City of Cañon City is required to meet for stormwater management and how we are accomplishing these goals. Please feel free to direct any concerns or questions to Glenda DeBekker, City of Cañon City Stormwater Program at either 276-5265 or grdebekker@canoncity.org. You may also write to The City of Cañon City's Stormwater Program, P.O. Box 1460, Cañon City, CO 81215-1460.



Remember: The responsibility for keeping our City's and State's waterways clean for all to enjoy ultimately falls to everyone in the choices they make. Please make wise choices.