

The Water Permits Division (WPD) within the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Office of Wastewater Management leads and manages the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program in partnership with EPA Regional Offices, states, tribes, and other stakeholders.

In 1999, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) issued a mandate pursuant to the Clean Water Act requiring urban areas to improve water quality. Specifically, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) regulations have imposed six minimum control measures which are targeted at improving our Nations water resources.

The six minimum control measures include:

1. Public Education and Outreach
2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination
4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control
5. Post-Construction Storm Water Runoff Control
6. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping



Authorized by the Clean Water Act, the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit program controls water pollution by regulating sources that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States.

The City of Hastings was required to develop a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) as part of the permitting process. The SWMP outline steps that will be taken in doing our part to protect water quality. The SWMP is intended to be a working document and change as needed in order to improve effectiveness. The City of Hastings Storm Water Management Plan can be viewed under the Hastings Stormwater Management tab under Engineering, on the City's web site.

To learn more about Storm Water and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System visit the following links:



<http://www.epa.gov/npdes>

<http://www.deq.state.ne.us>



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