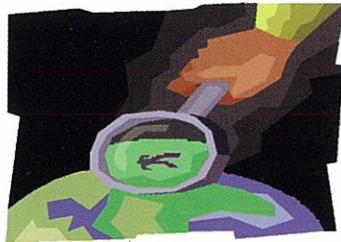




SRI Unit Recap

If a business is found to be out of compliance, the SRI Unit may issue infractions, along with instructions for reversing the situation into compliance. The SRI Unit also responds to emergency spills into the storm drain system and is a first responder to oversee proper clean up and recovery efforts.



Inspectors help keep the oceans clean.

Remember, the SRI Unit was established to ensure compliance of NPDES federal regulations. These laws are designed to improve the conditions of the nation's waterways and surrounding oceans. It is important to maintain a healthy environment and cooperation is key. Please contact the Public Works Department to find out what you can do to help improve stormwater runoff conditions.



Striving to reduce pollution is the goal of the SRI Unit.

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Stormwater Runoff Inspection Unit



Keeping our storm drains clean and debris free

Storm Drains are for Rain...

What is the Stormwater Runoff Inspection Unit?

The Stormwater Runoff Inspection Unit, or SRI Unit, was established by a City Ordinance and is comprised of City staff members who have an understanding of the National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) portion of the Federal Clean Water Act. Stormwater Runoff Inspectors are trained to enforce some of the regulations in the Clean Water Act.

What is NPDES?

NPDES is an unfunded federal mandate that intends to help prevent pollutants in runoff water from entering the storm drain systems. When rain falls, storm drains flow into waterways and oceans.



Runoff causes debris and pollutants to spill into the ocean.

NPDES is designed to protect the waterways and oceans so that they will have fewer pollutants.

How Does the SRI Unit Enforce NPDES?

NPDES requires municipalities to conduct inspections of commercial facilities. These inspections are geared specifically toward illicit discharges into the storm drain systems. Illicit discharges may include litter, metal, oil, grease, or other materials, that flow into the storm drains via urban runoff. This is important, because the storm drains in Inglewood flow into the Pacific Ocean without being treated. Therefore, commercial facilities in violation of NPDES regulations could be unintentionally

polluting the nearby beaches. Inspections are designed to curtail and control illicit discharges.

What Happens During an Inspection?

All businesses within NPDES required categories, such as auto repair shops, restaurants and gas stations will be inspected by Stormwater Runoff Inspectors. During the inspection, these officers will:

- ➔ Inform business owner or onsite manager that an inspection has begun
- ➔ Use visual as well as sampling methods
- ➔ Note violation(s), if any
- ➔ Request acknowledgement of inspection receipt from business representative, along with instructions pertaining to resolving the violation(s)
- ➔ Follow-up inspections are generally performed within 15 days to ensure compliance with NPDES

What Can You Do?

NPDES is a federal regulation. The City is compelled to observe all regulations. If the City does not comply, serious financial penalties could occur. The City relies on the help of you and others in the community to achieve the success of NPDES. You can help by making sure your trash is contained properly and ready for pick up. Make certain that you do not wash harmful pesticides, fertilizers, oils, or detergents down into the gutter. Cooperate with the Stormwater Runoff Inspectors as they are trying to avoid pollution and penalties. Attend workshops to fully understand NPDES issues.

What if You are In Violation of NPDES?

Remember that citations are issued to comply with NPDES and City ordinances No. 01-05

and No. 03-12. The City will inspect all applicable businesses and will not target specific owners. The Inspectors will issue a citation and explain the violation. They will also explain what steps must be taken to come into compliance with the law. Please remember that the Inspectors will be making a follow-up visit and they will expect all corrections to be made by the time they revisit. If corrections have not been made, an infraction could be issued that will assess a penalty fee. The fee does not reverse the infraction and the cited corrections must be made along with the fee. In the event that a reinspection of the property is necessary, the owner will be charged a reinspection fee of \$120.00.

Infraction fines are as follows:

- ➔ \$100.00 for the first violation
- ➔ \$200.00 for the second violation
- ➔ \$250.00 for each additional violation thereafter

How to File an Appeal?

If you are dissatisfied with the inspection findings, you may file a written notice of appeal no later than 15 days from the date the Notice of Violation is issued. A final determination shall be made by the Public Works Director or his/her designee.



Cleaner water is healthier for all living things.

For more information contact:

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