

**STORMWATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
FOR SECONDARY PERMITTEES
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Kelso School District 458

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Program Perspective

Background

Kelso School District has one combined campus that is designated as a small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) by the Environmental Protection Agency: Kelso High School & Coweeman Middle School.

Kelso School District is required to apply for a Municipal Stormwater permit for this campus associated with the Stormwater discharges from the site. As a requirement for this permit a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) will be developed and implemented. The purpose of this Stormwater permit and Stormwater Management Program is to improve the quality of water in streams and rivers throughout the United States. Kelso School District can contribute to the overall efforts of improving the quality of water in streams and rivers within their community by implementing the elements defined within the following Stormwater Management Program.

Overview

This Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) will utilize existing communication mediums to promote and educate the public. The public is defined as students, teachers, custodians, maintenance personnel, and outside contractors who work for Kelso School District. The District will also encourage participation in Stormwater pollution prevention activities for the student/teacher populations at Kelso High School and Coweeman Middle School.

Training programs will be developed and implemented for custodians and maintenance personnel. Procedures will be documented and implemented by custodians and maintenance personnel with a focus on Stormwater pollution prevention. Language will be incorporated into existing documentation for new construction requiring contractors to follow erosion and sediment control on building construction projects.

1. Public Education and Outreach

Kelso School District will utilize multiple communication tools to increase knowledge and awareness associated with Stormwater run-off and the quality of streams and rivers. The information will address the impact of stormwater discharges on receiving waters, and steps that can be taken to reduce pollutants in stormwater runoff.

Kelso School District will take the following actions:

- The Kelso School Board will approve a Stormwater Management Program.
- An awareness program will involve participating in the “Partners for Clean Water” public education and outreach programs; a partnership with Cowlitz County, City of Kelso, City of Longview, and Longview School District.
- Custodians and maintenance personnel will be trained on how their functions impact stormwater quality.
- The Kelso School District's website will provide information and awareness with respect to Stormwater runoff and water quality.
- Storm water drain inlets will be clearly and permanently labeled with the message “Dump no waste. Drains to River”.

2. Public Participation and Involvement

Kelso School District provided information and encouraged public participation through the following actions:

- Published a public notice in the local newspaper to solicit public review.
- Made the latest updated version of the SWMP to the public using the District website.

3. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination

Kelso School District will establish policies and procedures to detect and eliminate illicit discharges into the stormwater sewer conveyance system.

Kelso School District will take the following actions:

- The District will comply and cooperate with the City of Kelso with the appropriate enforcement procedures for illicit discharges.
- A storm sewer system map showing all known storm drain outfalls, receiving waters and areas contributing runoff to each outfall is available in the Maintenance Office.
- The District will develop an illicit discharge policy and enforcement plan. (see Appendix B)
- Field inspections will be conducted to identify and remove illicit discharges.
- Develop a Spill Response Plan (see Appendix B)
- Training will be provided to custodians and maintenance personnel on proper best management practices for preventing illicit discharges, including spills.

4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control

The Kelso School District will make every effort to prevent stormwater pollution during construction projects. This requirement will also be included as part of the bid specifications on any new project that may cause soil erosion.

Kelso School District will take the following actions:

- Comply with the City of Kelso ordinances, rules, and regulations related to construction site erosion and sediment control.
- For all construction projects under the control of Kelso School District which require a construction stormwater permit, the District will obtain coverage under the NPDES General Permit for stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activities or an alternative individual NPDES permit prior to discharging construction related stormwater.
- Coordinate with the City of Kelso regarding projects owned by other entities which discharge into the Kelso School District stormwater system, to assist the city with achieving compliance with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the city.
- Provide training or coordinate with existing training efforts to educate relevant staff in erosion and sediment control Best Management Practices and requirements, or hire trained contractors to perform the work.
- Coordinate requested access, by the Department of Ecology or City of Kelso, for inspection of construction sites or other land disturbances, during the active grading and/or construction period.

5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management for New Development and Redevelopment

Kelso School District will take the following actions:

- Comply with the City of Kelso ordinances, rules, and regulations related to construction site erosion and sediment control.
- Coordinate with the City of Kelso regarding projects owned by other entities which discharge into the Kelso School District stormwater system, to assist the city with achieving compliance with all relevant ordinances, rules, and regulations of the city.

6. Pollution Prevention / Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

Kelso School District will develop and implement a municipal operation and maintenance (O&M) plan to minimize stormwater pollution from activities at Kelso High School and Coweeman Middle School. The O&M Plan shall include appropriate pollution prevention and good housekeeping procedures for the following operations and activities:

- Stormwater collection and conveyance system (includes catch basins, stormwater sewer pipes, culverts, structural stormwater controls, and structural runoff treatment and/or flow control facilities.
- Parking lots
- Vehicle and Equipment fleets
- External Building maintenance
- Fields and Open spaces
- Material storage areas, heavy equipment storage areas, and maintenance areas
- Other facilities that would reasonably be expected to discharge contaminated runoff
- Employee Training for all custodians and maintenance personnel