

CONSTRUCTION SITE EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL PROGRAM

In 1987, the Clean Water Act (CWA) was amended to include the prohibition of discharges of any pollutant to waters of the United States from a point source unless the discharge is authorized by a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. As a result, the NPDES Stormwater Program was implemented in two phases. Phase I was developed in 1990 and targeted municipalities in urban areas with populations greater than 100,000. Phase II was promulgated in 1999 and targeted municipalities in urban areas with populations of less than 100,000. As a result of the Phase II rule, the City of Stuart was automatically designated as a regulated municipality.

Under Phase II, the City of Stuart is required to regulate construction activity associated with stormwater runoff in order to reduce pollution that may potentially enter our streams and rivers. Stormwater discharges from construction activities are considered a point source by the EPA. Pollutants commonly discharged from construction sites include sediment, soil, fertilizers, oil and grease, concrete truck wash water, and construction debris.

Owners/operators of construction sites 1 acre and greater must fill out a NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) GENERIC PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGE FROM LARGE AND SMALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES and submit to FDEP for approval **before** land disturbing activities may begin.

The NOI and instructions may be downloaded from the FDEP State website:
http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/stormwater/npdes/permits_forms.htm

Additional information may be found on the City of Stuart Stormwater website:
<http://www.cityofstuart.us/index.php/stormwater-division> in pdf forms at the bottom of the page.

You may contact the City of Stuart Develop Building Permit Division for City Permit requirements at (772)288-5345, or visit <http://www.cityofstuart.us/index.php/downloads-dev-building> to view and download forms and Permit applications.

For citizens with questions or concerns about a site under construction, you may call (772) 600-1260 or email stormwaterhotline@ci.stuart.fl.us