1. Public Education and Outreach Program on Storm Water Impacts

ВМР	Description	Status					
		Implemented	Not Applicable	Modified	Effective	Unknown	Not Effective
Department's Website	Maintain a site with links to annual reports and other storm water documents.	x			x		
Sustainability Outreach	Develop program to increase the awareness of the need for storm water asset management	X			x		
Storm Water Publications	Distribute the Department's storm water informational publications.	х			x		
Adopt-A- Highway Program	Develop and implement a cooperative program to clean roadsides.	x				x	
Storm Water Committee	The Storm Water Committee continues to identify how to make the public aware of storm water issues. The group is represented by Central Bureau, District, Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA), personnel.	x			x		
Presentations at Various Engineering and Association Meetings	Provide technical presentations at the request of various conferences.	X			x		
Public Meetings	Provide opportunity for discussions to take place at public meetings held for Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) projects.	x				x	

A. BMPs

I. General Summary

Outreach to the public is vital to the Department's storm water efforts. IDOT continues to maintain a storm water runoff website. The Department uses our web page and the storm water brochure as primary resources to educate the public and help highlight the importance of controlling illicit discharges from the public and to explain IDOT programs. The brochure is available on the department's web page. The Department's Adopt-A-Highway Program continues to be a popular cooperative program with communities and organizations. IDOT also has an Erosion and Sediment Control Field Guide for Construction for download and is available to the public. The Department has been a partner with industry in developing an innovative planning, design, and construction guide and rating system called the Illinois Livable and Sustainable Transportation (I-LAST).

The Storm Water Committee utilizes the diverse expertise of IDOT, IEPA, IDNR and FHWA staff with respect to implementing a storm water program under the Clean Water Act. The committee reviews technical and educational material to ensure material accuracy before disseminating information to stakeholders. Furthermore, the committee provides technical presentations at the request of various conferences.

II. Status of Goals

The overall goal of reducing pollutants of concern is aided by these BMPs. The Department continues to stress the importance of storm water and pollution control to our stakeholders, customers and business associates.

III. Appropriateness

The BMPs selected are all appropriate for a highway department.

IV. Effectiveness

The storm water website provides a valuable, accessible resource for IDOT personnel and the general public to learn about storm water issues in the highway construction industry.

Increased awareness of proper storm water management practices with the availability of the Construction Inspection Guide on the Department's website.

Various brochures are valuable resources and are available on the Department's website.

The Department, in a cooperative effort with IEPA, provides highway signing along various routes at the boundaries of ground water protection areas. The signs serve to educate the public and provide a mechanism for notification in case of a pollutant release.

The Adopt-a-Highway Program continues to be a success and has a direct impact on eliminating waste, trash and garbage from reaching waterways.

Public meetings provide the Department with an opportunity to discuss the importance of Storm Water Management in highway projects. Measurable tracking is impracticable, however, there has been a marked increase in discussions at public meetings. IDOT Phase I engineering reports contain a section on construction storm water impacts and these documents are available for review at project public meetings as well.

IDOT has in place existing policies and roadside BMPs to reforest or use native vegetation that can assist in minimizing the effects of storm water due to climate change.

Formal and informal discussions at various conferences, meetings and events allow the Department to share lessons learned, educate external partners (i.e., local highway agencies, consulting engineers and contractors), and provide the status of IDOT's Storm Water Management Program.

V. Proposed Modifications

The Department will continue to develop and encourage the use of I-LAST rating system.

B. Results of Information Collected and Analyzed

For this reporting period, the Storm Water Management Program website had 346 visits.

The Adopt-A-Highway groups reported that 1,996 bags of garbage were collected.

The Storm Water Committee continues to identify and devise solutions related to storm water issues through standards and specification improvement and development of training.

No external requests were made for presentations concerning storm water.

C. Next Reporting Cycle Activities and Implementation Schedule Modifications

The Department plans to continue to assess the effectiveness of existing BMPs within this Public Outreach Program.

ВМР	Proposed Measurable Goal	Modi	fied?	Schedule			
		Yes	No	Completed this year	Ongoing Implementation		
Department's Website	Number of visits.	x		Yes	Yes		
Sustainability Outreach	Number of involved communities		x	Yes	Yes		
Storm Water Publications	Number of visits.		x	Yes	Yes		
Adopt-A-Highway Program	Number of groups participating, and amount of litter removed from the highways.		x	Yes	Yes		
Storm Water Committee	Number of contacts made.		x	Yes	Yes		
Presentations at Various Engineering and Association Meetings	Number of presentations.		х	Yes	Yes		

2. Public Involvement/Participation

ВМР	Description	Status					
		Implemented	Not Applicable	Modified	Effective	Unknown	Not Effective
Adopt-A-Highway Program	Continue to implement a cooperative program to clean roadsides.	x			x		
Discuss Storm Water Impacts in Project Documents	Discuss storm water impacts and measures in numerous project documents.	x			x		
Distribute Educational Materials	Distribute the department's Storm Water informational materials.	x			x		
Participate as a Stakeholder in Storm Water Groups	Represent IDOT on public involvement groups where roadway impacts to storm water are likely.	x			x		

A. BMPs

I. General Summary

The public is encouraged to provide comments about environmental impacts from projects, including storm water, at all formal and informal public involvement meetings, including through IDOT's Context Sensitive Solutions initiative. The public can also send in questions about the department's activities via the department's website "Contact Us" link. IDOT District 1 personnel participate in the Illinois Urban Manual Technical Committee, Illinois Road and Transportation Builders Landscape/Erosion Subcommittee, ACEC I-LAST Initiative, ACEC Drainage Seminar, Chicago Gateway Green Committee and other watershed specific groups, and make presentations at public forums regarding storm water related issues. As a component of the project study process, the Department also identifies Environmental Justice (EJ) areas and addresses potential impacts to EJ communities.

II. Status of Goals

The Adopt-A-Highway Program continues to be effective. IDOT District 1 personnel participated as stakeholders in the IDNR Millennium Reserve Green Infrastructure Mapping Project, Northeastern Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership and Chicago Gateway Green Committee. IDOT personnel continue to work with personnel from Soil and Water Conservation Districts regarding ways that the two groups could collaborate to improve erosion and sediment control on roadway projects, including revisions to the Illinois Urban Manual.

III. Appropriateness

All the BMPs selected are appropriate for a highway department.

IV. Effectiveness

The Adopt-a-Highway Program have resulted in substantial amounts of trash, tires, and debris being removed from areas that could have produced storm water pollution.

The Department uses its educational materials to inform the public on how to improve water quality.

IDOT uses its participation in various storm water groups to improve its compliance with regional and statewide storm water concerns.

V. Proposed Modifications

None currently.

B. Results of Information Collected and Analyzed

See Adopt-A-Highway discussion under the Public Education and Outreach Program.

All contracts required by the permit include project specific information and procedures to minimize storm water impacts. All projects include a special provision to restrict contractors' operations which might impact storm water discharge.

The Department has placed its educational publications on its website as well as links to other storm water related materials.

Updated BMPs available to projects due to involvement with various storm water groups.

C. Next Reporting Cycle Activities and Implementation Schedule Modifications

Encourage IDOT personnel to participate in storm water groups in Illinois. Encourage knowledgeable individuals to make presentations at public forums regarding the department's public involvement programs.

ВМР	Proposed Measurable Goal	Modified?		Schedule			
	Yes No		No	Completed this year	Ongoing Implementation		
Adopt-A-Highway Program	The number of groups participating, and the amount of litter and debris removed.		x	Yes	Yes		
Storm Water Discussions in Project Documents	The number of project documents which include storm water discussions.		x	Yes	Yes		
Education Materials at Public Meetings	Availability of materials.		x Ye		Yes		
Participate as Stakeholder in Storm water Groups	Number of group involvements.		x	Yes	Yes		

3. Illicit Discharge and Detection Program

ВМР	Description	Status					
		Implemented	Not Applicable	Modified	Effective	Unknown	Not Effective
Storm Sewer Maintenance Program	The department's maintenance forces are responsible for storm sewer maintenance by detecting storm sewer failures and needed repairs along the highway system.	x			x		
Environmental Compliance Audits	Conduct Environmental Compliance Audits for all IDOT facilities.	x			x		
Deficiency Deduction	The Department continues to include its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System / Erosion and Sediment Control Deficiency Deduction Provision in its contracts.	x			x		
Storm Water Outfall Map	Map the Department's storm sewer system and outfalls.			x		x	

A. BMP's

I. General Summary

IDOT will continue efforts to map its storm sewer system outfalls.

The Department continues its environmental compliance assessments at all operations facilities statewide on a rotating basis.

IDOT incorporated the Deficiency Deduction into its standard specifications.

IDOT continues to ensure that hazardous material spills along the highway system have been responded to, cleaned up, and responsible parties identified.

IDOT has in place several programs dealing with litter removal. IDOT also has the Adopt-A-Highway Program with numerous local groups and organizations responsible for litter and debris removal along a sponsored section of roadway. IDOT District 1 also works with the Chicago Gateway Green Committee in Chicago for litter pickup along the expressways.

II. Status of Goals

The goals for the Erosion Control Deficiency Deduction, SWPPPs, hazardous materials spill procedures, environmental compliance audits, and IDOT/DOC litter, Adopt-A-Highway and debris removal programs generally are continuing to be met and IDOT is continuing to make improvements. District 1 continues its storm sewer outfall mapping efforts. IDOT developed protocols for pesticide spill management and provided to districts. All districts have had an Environmental Compliance completed at maintenance yards and/or materials laboratories.

III. Appropriateness

All BMPs selected are appropriate for a highway department.

IV. Effectiveness

The effectiveness of the stated BMPs is evidenced by the lack of complaints received by the Department from the general public pertaining to litter, sewer failures and discharges from IDOT owned facilities, and the ability of the Department to minimize impacts on the environment due to illicit discharges and spills by our contractors or the general public.

V. Proposed Modifications

None at this time

B. Results of Information Collected and Analyzed

For the storm sewer maintenance program, IDOT spent the following:

- 740K for sewer and culvert cleaning.
- 1.9 million for sewer and inlet repair,
- 1.6 million for inlet and basin cleaning, and
- 2 million for inlet and basin repair.

The department conducted 50 environmental compliance assessments (ECAs) in the reporting period at facilities in two (2) districts.

The department conducts ECAs as a means of evaluating compliance performance with respect to environmental laws, regulations, standards, and other requirements such as NPDES permits.

Cycle is April 1, 2023 – March 31, 2024							
District	Date Range	ECAs					
	(based on site assessment date - site visit)						
D4	May thru June	25					
D5	May thru July	25					
	Total completed >>	50					

A total of 718 ECAs have been completed since 2002 at our maintenance yards, headquarters, rest areas, weigh stations, and laboratory facilities throughout the state (based on date the field assessment was completed)

C. Next Reporting Cycle Activities and Implementation Schedule Modifications

Develop protocols for VACTOR waste management.

ВМР	Proposed Measurable Goal	Modified?		Schedule			
	Yes No		No	Completed this year	Ongoing Implementation		
Storm Sewer Maintenance Program	Amount of dollars spent on detecting and repairing storm sewer system.		x	Yes	Yes		
Environmental Compliance Audits	The number of audits performed.		x	Yes	Yes		
Erosion Control Deficiency Deduction	Included in all contracts.		x	Yes	Yes		

Storm Water Outfall Map	Progress toward mapping the department's storm sewer system and outfalls.		x	Yes	Yes
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4. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control

ВМР	Description	Status					
		Implemented	Not Applicable	Modified	Effective	Unknown	Not Effective
Erosion Control Standards, Specifications and Special Provisions	Provide Standards, Specifications and Special Provisions to best comply with NPDES.	x			x		
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)	Provide complete and updated SWPPP to inform contractor how to best comply with NPDES.	x			x		
Erosion Control Preconstruction Meeting	Conduct preconstruction meeting to emphasize the importance of NPDES compliance.	x			x		
Erosion Control Inspections and Reports	Provide BMP guidelines, checklists and standard inspection reports to aid with inspection of the department's projects to best comply with NPDES.	x			x		
Storm Water Committee	Utilize IDOT's diverse expertise with respect to Clean Water Act issues.	x			x		
Erosion Control Training	Develop and provide training to IDOT personnel, consultants and local agencies on NPDES compliance.	x		x	x		
Water Quality Design Guidance	Provide guidance on improving water quality via design criteria.	x			x		

D. BMPs

I. General Summary

The Deficiency Deduction provision was incorporated into the Standard Specifications allowing for enforcement of violations of the NPDES permit on all contracts. Updating the Department's best management practices to reflect advanced proven technologies. New products are continually being evaluated for effectiveness and applicability to IDOT's projects.

Every contract including a SWPPP is required to have an erosion and sediment control meeting on site, prior to earth disturbing activities. A consultant continues to evaluate the effectiveness of SWPPPs in District 1.

IDOT continues to utilize the University of Illinois' "Storm Water Pollution and Erosion and Sediment Control Products Demonstration and Training Center." The Storm Water Committee assists in developing and updating training modules that are taught through the Illinois Center for Transportation (ICT):

- Fundamentals of Storm Water Pollution and Erosion and Sediment Control
- Erosion and Sediment Control Planning and Design
- Inspection of Erosion and Sediment Control Best Management Practices (BMPs)

The Storm Water Committee continues to review and refine current and proposed BMPs.

II. Status of Goals

The goals for IDOT's Storm Water Erosion Control Program have been met but will continue to be evaluated.

III. Appropriateness

All the best management practices selected are appropriate for implementation by the Department.

IV. Effectiveness

The adjustments appear to be effective, but the Department will continue to evaluate new technologies.

V.	Proposed Modifications
	None currently

E. Results of Information Collected and Analyzed

IDOT has spent \$1.02 million on temporary erosion control practices and an average \$5.5 million on permanent practices during this reporting period. Erosion and sediment control was a topic for district annual implementation meetings, which is attended by all construction personnel.

Erosion Control Standards, Specifications and Special Provisions were included in all applicable contracts.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans were included in all applicable contracts.

Erosion Control Preconstruction Meetings were conducted for all contracts covered by an NPDES permit.

Maintenance guidelines have been developed for all BMPs installed on our projects. A guide for installation and maintenance of BMPs was developed. More than 1,500 copies have been distributed nationwide.

Storm Water Committee continues to adapt guidelines to changing conditions.

Approximately 102 IDOT personnel, 434 consultants, and 37 Local Agency staff received Erosion Control Training taught at the ICT.

F. Next Reporting Cycle Activities and Implementation Schedule Modifications

IDOT will continue to review its policies, standards and specifications for effectiveness with compliance. IDOT implemented a Departmental policy to require IDOT's training to design or construction erosion and sediment control consultant personnel. The Department will continue to teach through Illinois Center for Transportation.

In addition, the Department finalized an ICT study to evaluate the effectiveness of plastic-free erosion control blankets. Also, the Department is in the field testing phase for an ICT study on native seed mixes suitable for rural and urban roadsides.

ВМР	Proposed Measurable Goal	Modi	fied?	Sch	edule				
		Yes	No	Completed this year	Ongoing Implementation				
Erosion Control Standards, Specifications and Special Provisions	Include in all applicable contracts.		x	Yes	Yes				
Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan	Include in all applicable contracts.	x		Yes	Yes				
Erosion Control Preconstruction Meeting	Conduct for all contracts covered by NPDES permit.		x	Yes	Yes				
Erosion Control Inspections and Reports	Have maintenance guidelines for all BMPs installed on our projects.		x	Yes	Yes				
Storm Water Committee	Effectiveness to adapt guidelines to changing conditions.		x Y		x Yes		nes to Yes		Yes
Erosion Control Training	Numbers of presentations and trained individuals.		x	Yes	Yes				
Water Quality Design Guidance	Lack of significant modifications to the project SWPPP.		x	Yes	Yes				

5. Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment

ВМР	Description	Status					
		Implemented	Not Applicable	Modified	Effective	Unknown	Not Effective
Maximize Permeable Surfaces	Design projects to reduce the amount of impervious surfaces within Right-of-Way.	x			x		
Minimize the Use of Closed Conveyance Systems	Where safely practicable design open ditch conveyance in lieu of piped conveyance.	x			x		
Maintain Conveyance System Integrity	Implement routine maintenance and monitor overall system for integrity.	x			х		
Installation of Retention/Detention Ponds	Retention/Detention Ponds are installed, monitored, and maintained as needed to help control storm water runoff volume.	X					

A. BMPs

I. General Summary

IDOT encourages the use of vegetated raised medians in urban areas where safe and practical. IDOT designs roadside conveyance systems for open flow in all areas except where prohibited by local conditions.

IDOT has and uses a Maintenance Management and Information System (MMIS) database that can track the post-construction conditions of our right-of-way, and occurrences of maintenance of our permanent storm water facilities to minimize negative impacts to waters of the United States.

The Department utilizes a number of roadside vegetation practices to help facilitate infiltration. In areas adjacent to roadways, where concentrations of salt may occur, a salt tolerant sod or grass seed is planted. In addition, IDOT continues to implement its tree replacement policy.

As needed, the Department installs Retention/Detention ponds, primarily in District 1, to help control storm water runoff volume.

II. Status of Goals

Used closed conveyance systems only where mandated by other regulations. Used the most permeable conveyance surface on all projects.

Prevented catastrophic failures by performing preventative maintenance (street sweeping, sewer and ditch cleaning/repairs, ditch restoration, etc.) in a timely manner.

IDOT continues to study and utilize salt tolerant turfs and other vegetative practices to improve water quality.

III. Appropriateness

All the BMPs selected are appropriate for a highway department.

IV. Effectiveness

Using open conveyance systems improves infiltration rates.

Preventing catastrophic failures by performing preventative maintenance such as routine street sweeping, sewer and ditch cleaning/repairs, ditch restoration, etc. in a timely manner results in less pollutants of concern in our waterways.

Using appropriate, vegetative cover results in less erosion and improved water quality. The vegetation management studies have been effective in determining the most efficient practices to reduce runoff, erosion, and pollutants of concern in rural areas and are providing addition practices for more densely populated locations.

V. Proposed Modifications

None currently.

B. Results of Information Collected and Analyzed

IDOT's post-construction monitoring and maintenance of permanent storm water controls resulted in the maintenance of those items listed in the Illicit Discharge and Detection Program portion of this report.

C. Next Reporting Cycle Activities and Implementation Schedule Modifications

None.

ВМР	Proposed Measurable	Modified?		Schedule			
	Goal Yes No		No	Completed this year	Ongoing Implementation		
Maximize Permeable Surfaces	The use of permeable surfaces is considered on all projects.		x	Yes	Yes		
Maximize Permeable Surfaces	Increase post- construction project permeability.		x	Yes	No		
Minimize the Use of Closed Conveyance Systems	The use of the most permeable conveyance surface is utilized on all projects.		x	Yes	Yes		
Maintain Conveyance System Integrity	Prevention of catastrophic failure.		x	Yes	Yes		
Installation of Retention/Detention Ponds	Retention/Detention Ponds are installed, monitored, and maintained as needed to help control storm water runoff volume.		x	Yes	Yes		

6. Pollution Prevention - Good Housekeeping for Municipal Operations

ВМР	Description	Status					
		Implemented	Not Applicable	Modified	Effective	Unknown	Not Effective
Environmental Compliance Assessments and Training	Conduct assessments targeted toward ensuring compliance with the Good Housekeeping measures required in the ILR40 permit.	x			x		
Road Salt Application and Storage	Appropriately store and apply road salt.	x			x		
Department Training for Pesticides	Provide training for storage and application of pesticides.	x			x		
Proper Hazardous Material Disposal	Properly dispose of hazardous material generated at IDOT facilities and found on ROW.	x			x		
Utilize Inlet Filters	Maintain inlet filters at IDOT facilities as appropriate.	x			x		
Removal of Debris and Sediment from the Storm Water Conveyance System	Monitor removal of sediment and debris from the highway storm system in a timely manner.	x			x		
Environmental Management System	Monitor environmental management system (EMS) based on the compliance assessments that have been conducted to date.	x			x		
Rest Areas Practices	Develop and implement Good Housekeeping practices at rest areas.	x			x		
Street Sweeping	Reduce pollutants of concern through routine street sweepings.	x			x		

ВМР	Description	Status					
		Implemented	Not Applicable	Modified	Effective	Unknown	Not Effective
Vehicle Inspection	Reduce pollutants of concern through routine inspections of motor pool fleet.	x			X		
First Responder Training	Identification of methods to reduce impacts of hazardous material spills on the environment.	x			X		

A. BMPs

I. General Summary

IDOT continues to conduct the environmental compliance assessments for all facilities on a rotating basis, as the assessments are the key to success of the Good Housekeeping measures. These assessments identify potential areas of concern such as disposal of waste, storm sewer impacts, storage, and handling of materials and vehicle maintenance. All IDOT facilities that store salt for winter storms utilize domes over storage areas and have used sensible salting practices for years. IDOT conducts annual winter training on the application and reduction of deicing chemicals such as Chlorides. The Department requires training and certification for all employees engaged in the handling and application of pesticides, which is conducted by the Department of Agriculture. IDOT has a contract with a certified hazardous materials contractor to pick up hazardous materials at Department facilities. The materials are picked up on an as-needed basis. IDOT has employed the use of inlet filters at a number of maintenance facilities to trap fines and oils that might be discharged through the storm drain system. IDOT has marked locations in our rest areas for dog walking and placed bins for recycled material. The Department has a contract to have our roadways swept on a routine basis. IDOT routinely inspects all of the motor pool vehicles for fluid leaks and spills. The Department trains district personnel as first responders. Maintenance staff performs routine cleaning and maintenance of our conveyance systems to ensure they are working properly. IDOT staff was also trained in how to identify potential pollution problems at Department facilities. The EMS was initiated in approximately 2007 and has been continuously improved and is now implemented at all Department operations facilities and laboratories.

The Department has been included in the time-limited water quality standard for chloride by implementing the BMPs approved by the workgroup and being a part of the chloride watershed groups.

II.	Status of Goals
	IDOT continues its environmental compliance assessments of facilities. Covered salt storage and hazardous materials pickup occurs at all maintenance facilities.
III.	Appropriateness
	The current control measures and the environmental compliance assessments appear appropriate to assist the Department in reducing potential storm water pollution.
IV.	Effectiveness
	The environmental compliance assessments have identified areas where implemented practices have been effective. IDOT's hazardous material, salt application and storage, and various training programs appear effective. BMPs instituted at the rest areas are utilized by the motoring public. The EMS appears effective and has been expanded for use throughout the state.
V.	Proposed Modifications
	None currently.
В. Г	Results of Information Collected and Analyzed
	The Department trained personnel in pesticide handling and personnel in Hazmat First Responder. The Department's entire vehicle fleet is inspected annually. The Department completed 29 compliance assessment in the reporting period at 9 districts, and 668 compliance assessments to date at our yards and laboratory facilities throughout the state.
C. <u>1</u>	Next Reporting Cycle Activities and Implementation Schedule Modifications
	None currently.

ВМР	Proposed Measurable	Modi	fied?	Schedule		
Divin	Goal	Yes	No	Completed this year	Ongoing Implementation	
Environmental Compliance Assessments and training	Perform additional compliance assessments on a rotating schedule.		x	Yes	Yes	
Road Salt Application and Storage	Cover salt storage areas.		x	Yes	Yes	
Department Training for Pesticides	All employees who use and handle pesticides are trained.		x	Yes	Yes	
Proper Hazardous Material Disposal	Conduct training seminars in each highway district.		x	Yes	Yes	
Utilize Inlet Filters	Number of inlet filters employed annually at IDOT facilities.		x	Yes	Yes	
Removal of Debris and Sediment from the Storm Water Conveyance System	Lack of complaints concerning debris or material in system.		x	Yes	Yes	
Environmental Management System	Implemented Environmental Management System (EMS).		x	Yes	Yes	
Rest Area Practices	Lack of complaints regarding groundskeeping.		x	Yes	Yes	
Street Sweepings	Lack of complaints regarding surface debris.		x	Yes	Yes	

ВМР	Proposed Measurable	Modi	fied?	Schedule		
	Goal	Yes	No	Completed this year	Ongoing Implementation	
Vehicle Inspection	Percentage of vehicles inspected.		x	Yes	Yes	
First Responder Training	Continued training.		x	Yes	Yes	