

Stormwater Management Plans

What is a Stormwater Management Plan and do I need to prepare one for my proposed work? A Stormwater Management Plan (SMP) shows how you propose to deal with or manage the stormwater your proposed work will generate or any overland stormwater flows your proposed work will affect. An SMP needs to include a site plan showing: areas of site or building development which will generate stormwater run-off; how stormwater flows will be controlled and where the stormwater will be discharged to; any overland flow paths that might affect or be affected by your development.

In most cases you will need to attach a Stormwater Management Plan to your application for Building Consent. If you are in doubt, consult a planner or engineer with an environmental services company or call Ohio EPA.

Who can prepare a Stormwater Management Plan? This depends on the complexity of the stormwater issues presented by your site and development. If it appears your stormwater issues are complex, you will need to consult an engineer.

The early advice of an experienced professional may save you time and money.

Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water (DSW) has begun deploying a new electronic data reporting system for Monthly Operating Reports (MORs). The new system, called eDMR or Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report, will replace the current SWIMware program. With the transition, Ohio will be switching to match the rest of the country and refer to MORs as DMRs. eDMR went live on October 22, 2007 and is the first service available in the new Agency eBusiness Center.

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