

3.1 Introduction

The goal of the inspection program is to confirm that stormwater BMPs are effectively implemented in compliance with State law, County and municipal ordinances, Regional Board Resolution 98-08, and the SQMP. In addition to these requirements, Retail Gasoline and Automotive Dealerships must meet the requirements of the Stormwater Quality Task Force Best Management Practice Guide for Retail Gasoline and Automotive Dealerships.

Each Permittee’s program must meet the requirements of the Los Angeles County municipal stormwater permit (Permit), as shown in Table 3-1.

**Table 3-1
Permit Requirements –Inspect Critical Sources**

Report Section	Requirement	Permit Section
3.2.1	Implement a procedure to prioritize inspections	Part 4.C.2.a-c
3.2.1	Develop an inspection schedule	Part 4.C.2.a-c
3.2.2	Implement standardized training for inspectors	Part 4.C.2.a-c
3.2.3	Develop and Implement standardized inspection protocol	Part 4.C.2.a-c

3.2 Program Implementation Elements

3.2.1 Implement a procedure to prioritize inspections. The following categories of facilities are identified as the major cause of widespread contamination and water quality problems:

Wholesale trade (scrap recycling, auto dismantling)

Automotive repair/parking

Fabricated metal products

Motor freight

Chemical and allied products

Automotive dealers/gas stations

Food service facilities

This order of categories should be used to outline the order of SICs identified for priority inspections. Conduct inspections utilizing the prioritization table, inspection timeline, and level of inspection in Table 3-2.

**Table 3-2
Permit Requirements –Frequency and Level of Inspection**

Facility Type	Inspection Frequency	Level of Inspection
<p>COMMERCIAL:</p> <p>Restaurants</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice during the 5 year permit cycle • First inspection must occur no later than August 1, 2004 • There must be a minimum of a 1-year interval between the first compliance inspection and the second compliance inspection. 	<p>At each restaurant, inspectors shall verify that the restaurant operator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has received educational materials on storm water pollution prevention practices; • Does not pour oil and grease or oil and grease residue onto a parking lot, street or adjacent catch basin; • Keeps trash bin area clean and trash bin lids closed, and does not fill trash bins with washout water or any other liquid; • Does not allow illicit discharges, such as discharge of washwater from floormats, floors, porches, parking lots, alleys, sidewalks and street areas (in the immediate vicinity of the establishment), filters or garbage/trash containers; <p>Removes food waste, rubbish or other materials from parking lot areas in a sanitary manner that does not create a nuisance or discharge to the storm drain.</p>
<p>Automotive Service Facilities</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice during the 5 year permit cycle • First inspection must occur no later than August 1, 2004 • There must be a minimum of a 1-year interval between the first compliance inspection and the second compliance inspection. 	<p>At each automotive service facility, inspectors shall verify that each operator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintains the facility area so that it is clean and dry and without evidence of excessive staining; • Implements housekeeping BMPs to prevent spills and leaks; • Properly discharges wastewater

<p>Continued</p>		<p>to a sanitary sewer and/or contains wastewaters for transfer to a legal point of disposal;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is aware of the prohibition of non-storm water discharge to the storm drain; • Properly manages raw and waste materials including proper disposal of hazardous waste; • Protects outdoor work and storage areas to prevent contact of pollutants with rainfall and runoff; • Labels, inspects, and routinely cleans storm drain inlets that are located on the facility's property; and • Trains employees to implement storm water pollution prevention practices.
<p>Retail Gasoline Outlets (RGO) and Automotive Dealerships</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice during the 5 year permit cycle • First inspection must occur no later than August 1, 2004 • There must be a minimum of a 1-year interval between the first compliance inspection and the second compliance inspection. 	<p>At each RGO and automotive dealership, inspectors shall verify that each operator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Routinely sweeps fuel dispensing areas for removal of litter and debris, and keeps rags and absorbents ready for use in case of leaks and spills • Is aware that wash down of facility area to the storm drain is prohibited; • Is aware of design flaws (such as grading that doesn't prevent run-on, or inadequate roof covers and berms), and that equivalent BMPs are implemented; • Inspects and cleans storm drain inlets and catch basins within

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<p>Continued</p>		<p>each facility's boundaries no later than October 1st of each year.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Posts signs close to fuel dispensers, which warn vehicle owners/operators against "topping off" of vehicle fuel tanks and installation of automatic shutoff fuel dispensing nozzles; • Routinely checks outdoor waste receptacle and air/water supply areas, cleans leaks and drips, and ensures that only watertight waste receptacles are used and that lids are closed; and • Trains employees to properly manage hazardous materials and wastes as well as to implement other storm water pollution prevention practices.
<p>PHASE I:</p> <p><i>(Permittees need not inspect facilities that have been inspected by the Regional Board within the past 24 months)</i></p> <p>Tier 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice during the 5 year permit cycle • First inspection must occur no later than August 1, 2004 • There must be a minimum of a 1-year interval between the first compliance inspection and the second compliance inspection. 	<p>Each Permittee shall confirm that each operator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a current Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) number for facilities discharging storm water associated with industrial activity, and that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is available on-site, and • Is effectively implementing BMPs in compliance with

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Tier 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice during the 5 year permit cycle • First inspection must occur no later than August 1, 2004 • There must be a minimum of a 1-year interval between the first compliance inspection and the second compliance inspection. • No additional inspections required at those facilities determined to have no risk of exposure of industrial activity to storm water. • For facilities that do have exposure of industrial activities to stormwater, Permittee may reduce frequency of additional inspections to once every 5 years, provided that the Permittee inspects at least 20% of the facilities in Tier 2 each year. 	<p>Each Permittee shall confirm that each operator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a current Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) number for facilities discharging storm water associated with industrial activity, and that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is available on-site, and • Is effectively implementing BMPs in compliance with County and municipal ordinances, Regional Board Resolution 98-08, and the SQMP
OTHER FEDERALLY MANDATED FACILITIES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Twice during the 5 year permit cycle • First inspection must occur no later than August 1, 2004 • There must be a minimum of a 1-year interval between the first compliance inspection and the second compliance inspection. 	<p>Each Permittee shall confirm that each operator:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has a current Waste Discharge Identification (WDID) number for facilities discharging storm water associated with industrial activity, and that a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan is available on-site, and <p>Is effectively implementing BMPs in compliance with County and municipal ordinances, Regional Board Resolution 98-08, and the SQMP</p>

3.2.2 Implement standardized training for inspectors. The training, at a minimum, should include items detailed in Appendix C, Site Inspection Guidance.

3.2.3 Inspection form

To simplify the inspection, several inspection forms are available for different types of facilities. The following five page inspection form is available (Appendix D) and includes:

- General Information Page for comments on violations or corrections, signatures and references to other pages (page 1)
- General BMP Assessment (pages 2 and 3)
- BMPs for Commercial Facilities- Restaurants, Auto Facilities and RGOs (page 4)
- Optional Sheet for sketches and additional information

3.2.4 Develop and Implement standardized inspection protocol as outlined in Appendix C, Site Inspection Guidance.