

IV. F.1. - IC/ID Implementation Program

The City of Santa Clarita has two employees inspecting and enforcing storm water illicit connections and illicit discharges (IC/ID). These inspectors work in the City's Environmental Services Division under the Storm Water Utility. Throughout a typical day, the inspectors proactively search for illicit connections and discharges, and respond to phone calls from residents and other City personnel, typically within the hour of receiving the call. During enforcement activities, IC/ID inspectors hand out brochures to contractors and the general public as a part of continuing the education process. The inspectors are equipped with iPad computers for use during field investigations to collect pertinent information about illicit discharges/connections. A database developed for the purpose of tracking incident information is accessible on each inspector's iPad. The database stores information on the details of a discharge including the location, types of violations (if any), relevant notes and previous violations. The use of the iPad computers and this database gives the inspectors the ability to find trends in location or discharge, as well as the ability to research possible flow paths through the storm drain system via online access to the City's GIS stormdrain layer.

The City's Building and Safety and Public Works inspectors complete site visits on construction projects during normal business days. These inspectors are essentially the primary inspectors of construction sites and act as the "eyes and ears" for the IC/ID inspectors overseeing construction sites. The IC/ID inspectors work to proactively seek out construction sites that are lacking BMPs or have inadequate SWPPP implementation. The IC/ID inspectors are also called out by the Building and Safety and Public Works inspectors for enforcement on construction sites that are habitually problematic or need increased enforcement actions to bring them into compliance.

Standard enforcement steps are as follows:

- Verbal Warning: Approach the contractor or superintendent and require them to repair, install, replace, or clean affected area in a specified time frame before any rain event and complete a re-inspection to achieve compliance.
- Written Warnings: Approach the contractor or superintendent, inform them of violation. Write a "Notice to Comply" including compliance date prior to any rain event; establish a date for re-inspection.
- Stop Work Notice: If contractor fails to comply or commits a blatant violation, inspectors will write a "Stop Work" notice to the contractor. The contractor will not be able to continue to work until the violation has been resolved.
- Formal Written Violation notices, Administrative Fines of up to \$1,000 per day: Only if contractor will not comply with above.
- District Attorney Referral: For violations that are blatant or on-going, the District Attorney may be contacted for civil action and/or the Regional Board is contacted for further enforcement action.

Depending on the severity of the event or the intent of the violator, these standardized enforcement procedures may be imposed at an increased level or out of sequence. The approach the City's IC/ID inspectors have taken utilizing education as well as increased enforcement methods has made this portion of the program very successful.