

9.1 INTRODUCTION

As part of their storm water quality management program, each Permittee must include a component addressing emergency repairs of essential public services and infrastructure, and response to natural disasters. The goal is to reduce the impact of emergency response activities on receiving waters, to the extent possible, without compromising public health and safety.

Each Permittee’s program must meet the requirements of the Los Angeles County municipal storm water permit (Permit), as summarized in Table 9-1.

<i>Table 9-1 Permit Requirement - Emergency Procedures</i>		
<i>Report Section</i>	<i>Requirement (Summary)</i>	<i>Permit Section</i>
9.2	Implement BMPs to the extent that measures do not compromise public health and safety and repair essential public services and infrastructure in a manner to minimize environmental damage in emergency situations.	IV.F.9

The objectives of this program component are to:

- Recognize that public health and safety are the highest priority when conducting emergency response activities.
- Protect surface water quality by incorporating appropriate BMPs into emergency response activities to the extent possible.

9.2 PROGRAM IMPLEMENTATION ELEMENTS

While responding to emergency situations and natural disasters such as, but not limited to, earthquakes, fires, floods, landslides, or windstorms, it is recognized that the highest priority for Permittees is public health and safety. The following procedures will be implemented, where applicable, to address receiving water quality and to minimize environmental damage during emergency repairs:

- BMPs to reduce impacts to the storm drain system and receiving waters will be considered and implemented during emergency response and repair activities, to the extent that such measures do not compromise public health and safety.
- After initial emergency response or emergency repair activities have been completed and essential public services have been restored, implement all appropriate BMPs as

described in Sections 2 through 8 when performing additional repairs, clearing conveyance structures, repairing or rebuilding infrastructure, etc.

- As needed, coordinate with governmental agencies including, but not limited to, the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, California Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the California Office of Emergency Services.

BMPs that may be considered and other guidance on emergency procedures are provided in Appendix K.