

Village of Alsip
NPDES Public Hearing
March 16, 2015

Good Evening:

This is a public hearing to discuss the Village of Alsip's compliance with the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program.

The NPDES Permit Program was enacted by the EPA, and aims to control water pollution. As required by state and federal regulations, the Village must participate in six minimum control measures, as outlined in Illinois General Permit ILR40. The Village's compliance with these minimum controls is as follows:

Public Education and Outreach:

The Village has worked hard to reach its Public Education and Outreach goal by creating an in-house activity book titled "Storm Water Pollution Presented by Robbie Raindrop", along with various other printed materials. These items are passed out regularly at community events.

Recently information for the Village of Alsip NPDES program was put onto the Village web site. This information can be found under Public Works in the tab marked sewers. Public Works and the Village of Alsip will continue to update this site.

On Saturday March 14th, 2015 Public Works participated in the Alsip Community Expo. Handouts on storm water pollution and a list for drop sites to recycle hazardous wastes were given out. Again, this information can be found on our website villageofalsip.org.

Public Participation and Involvement:

This public hearing was scheduled to comply with, and encourage, Public Participation and Involvement.

The Village of Alsip will be looking to enter into an intergovernmental agreement with the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago (MWRD) for the distribution of rain barrels for residents. The program will provide free rain barrels to residents who meet the following guidelines.

- Own property with downspouts that are directly connected to the sanitary sewer system.

- Agree to disconnect all downspouts from the sewer system and redirect the downspouts into a rain barrel as practicable.
- Agree to properly use and maintain the rain barrels.

We will continue to update on this program as information becomes available.

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination:

The Village has located GPS points for all of its sewers, and has updated its storm atlas. Outfalls are inspected for illicit discharge during dry weather. The Village of Alsip had two reported incidents of illegal dumping into storm sewers for the reporting year. MWRD was notified on both incidents. MWRD enforced fines and citations to the guilty parties. Recently the Village of Alsip purchased an inline sewer televising camera to assist Public Works to perform sewer pipe inspections. This will allow us to detect illegal connections, deteriorated pipes, and monitor infiltration/inflow control.

Construction Site Runoff Control:

The Village previously passed ordinances to regulate Construction Site Runoff Control. These ordinances are continually enforced by the Building Department.

Post-Construction Runoff Control:

The Village previously passed ordinances to regulate Post-Construction Site Runoff Control. These ordinances are also continually enforced by the Building Department.

Pollution Prevention/Good Housekeeping of Municipal Operations:

Employees are trained on how to follow good housekeeping habits to ensure that they are not contributing to storm water pollution while at work.

The Village of Alsip will continue to update these actions each permit year. Should you have any questions or need any additional information please contact my office at 708-385-6902 x364.

Are there any questions from the public?

This concludes tonight's public hearing. Thank you for your attendance.