



## Got a Rain Gauge?

*VPDES Construction Permits  
Expire June 30th...be prepared!*

Civil Engineers

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*The new VPDES  
permit will require  
each site to have a  
rain gauge for  
recording rainfall  
amounts.*

*As you may know, each construction project in the Commonwealth that disturbs a total of more than one acre requires a Virginia Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (VPDES) General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Construction Activities. All current VPDES permits are due to expire on June 30th of this year. The State Water Control Board has just approved re-issuance of the VPDES construction permit and significant changes are in store.*

*Among the changes for the new permit is a requirement that the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) that accompanies the permit application must address any addition to the sediment Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for the receiving stream that the project will produce.*

*In addition, the SWPPP must show Best Management Practices (BMPs) that will be used to reduce the impacts of the project and calculate the pollutant discharges resulting from the project. This requirement may entail water quality modeling of the site, using sophisticated computer software.*

*Another change is the requirement for each project to have and maintain a rain gauge, and the permanent logging of each rain event as recorded by the gauge.*

*We are helping our clients meet this requirement by providing you with the enclosed rain gauge for use on your project site.*

*PSA can help you stay in compliance! For more information on how the new VPDES permit will affect your project call Dr. Bill Kirby or Erv Bedker at 703-934-0900.*

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