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Is this Stormwater Management OR Stormwater Treatment?

Water in Your Life And Life in Your Water

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Gratitude for America and the NPDES Program

I recently had the privilege of providing stormwater training for many of our nation's unsung heroes, the thousands of people working in the water quality industry. These comprise people who have chosen to protect our watersheds on a daily basis by working as stormwater professionals, wastewater treatment plant operators and even land developers who choose to invest in properly designing, installing and maintaining Best Management Practices (BMPs) that effectively keep pollutants on site and out of our streams, rivers and lakes. Let's not forget the individuals who clean up our sewage, making it clean enough to be fishable and swimmable downstream of discharges. They've done such a good job that most Americans today don't recognize the fact that our man-made reservoirs are swimmable, fishable, boatable and aesthetically enjoyable, and just attribute the fact that they're that way to mother nature. Little do most Americans know that clean water comes with great effort and expense. It's America's efforts to comply with NPDES Permits that gives us the water quality we have in our urban watersheds today.

If you're reading this article, please take the time to be grateful for America and the framework we've implemented to make potential polluters accountable for their discharges. Take a minute and acknowledge that it's the Made-in-America NPDES Permitting program that "keeps water in our life, and life in our water!"

Sincerely,
T. Luke Owen, PG MS4CECI MS4GIT

Take a moment to review the report "Evaluating Stormwater Infrastructure Funding and Financing," as it is a valuable resource. It provides an overview of current funding opportunities for stormwater infrastructure and recommendations for the expansion of these, and is the first of its kind to identify common challenges among MS4 permittees on a national level. Learn more about it in the article below.

<https://stormwater.wef.org/2020/06/new-report-underscores-funding-needs-for-u-s-stormwater-sector/>

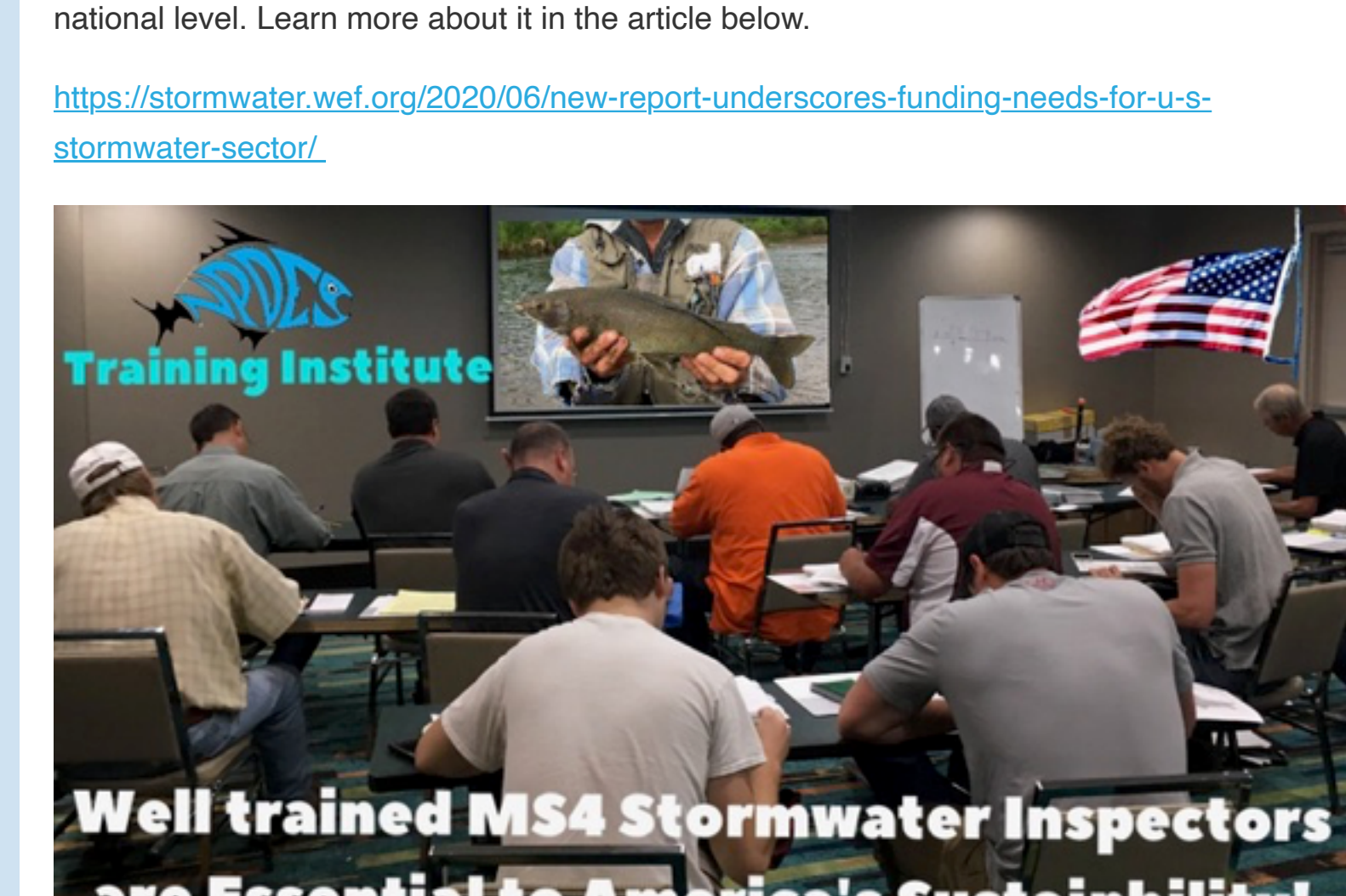
Thank you America for valuing our labor and the accountability we have to make sure our labor doesn't result in polluted rivers and lakes!

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What happens when road crews are not educated about keeping pollution out of our storm drains?

I came across just that situation when driving down the highway the other day, and captured it on video!

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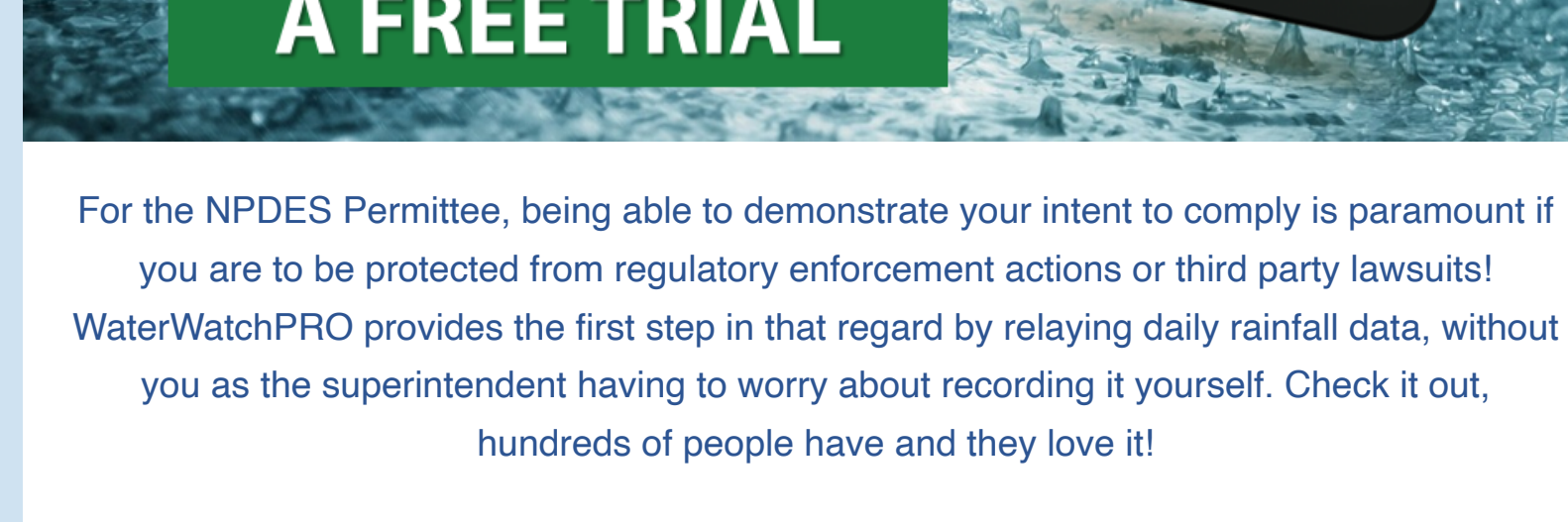
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For the NPDES Permittee, being able to demonstrate your intent to comply is paramount if you are to be protected from regulatory enforcement actions or third party lawsuits! WaterWatchPRO provides the first step in that regard by relaying daily rainfall data, without you as the superintendent having to worry about recording it yourself. Check it out, hundreds of people have and they love it!

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MS4CECI Course Information

One of our most popular courses, this 2-day seminar is developed and designed specifically for municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) compliance and enforcement personnel, field inspectors, stormwater managers and consultants, with a focus on MS4 stormwater permit compliance and enforcement responsibilities.

An examination is conducted immediately following classroom instruction. Course attendees are required to achieve a minimum examination score of 70% for their 3-year MS4CECI Certificate.

The MS4CECI course was designed by federal, state and local regulatory personnel as well as stormwater consultants with over 100 years of combined experience in educating MS4 stormwater personnel to manage and perform stormwater inspections of municipal, commercial, industrial and construction activities. The 2-day seminar teaches federal and state stormwater laws as well as local ordinances, and provides instruction on how to perform outfall investigations, prioritize sub watersheds for inspections and properly comply with and enforce the various NPDES permits assigned for MS4s, construction sites and industrial facilities.



MS4GIT: MS4 Green Infrastructure Technician

The MS4GIT Course is a 1-day training experience focusing on Green Infrastructure BMPs and their installation & maintenance. Attendees will learn how to identify and solve issues surrounding poor maintenance, as well as avoid GI failures entirely.

This course was designed especially for stormwater managers, stormwater engineers and consultants, MS4 inspectors and maintenance crews.

Upon completion, trainees will have learned to:

- Implement correct construction sequencing protocol for BMPs
- Identify soil mixtures to read a BMP landscape plan
- Identify soil mixtures and calculate soil / material volumes
- Identify and select appropriate plants for BMPs
- Understand maintenance requirements of BMPs
- Identify common problems and solutions for BMPs
- Understand how to implement a landscape maintenance plan
- Evaluate plant performance and how to replace failing plants

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MS4 Stormwater Inspector

What is a Hot Spot or Highly Visible Pollutant Source (HSPS)? Once you see it causing an illicit discharge, how are you supposed to inspect one as compared to at a construction site or industrial facility?

This course will give you the confidence you need to properly perform a facility inspection. Believe it or not, it's actually fun to work with the compliance community in protecting our watersheds, and that's what this course will help you do!

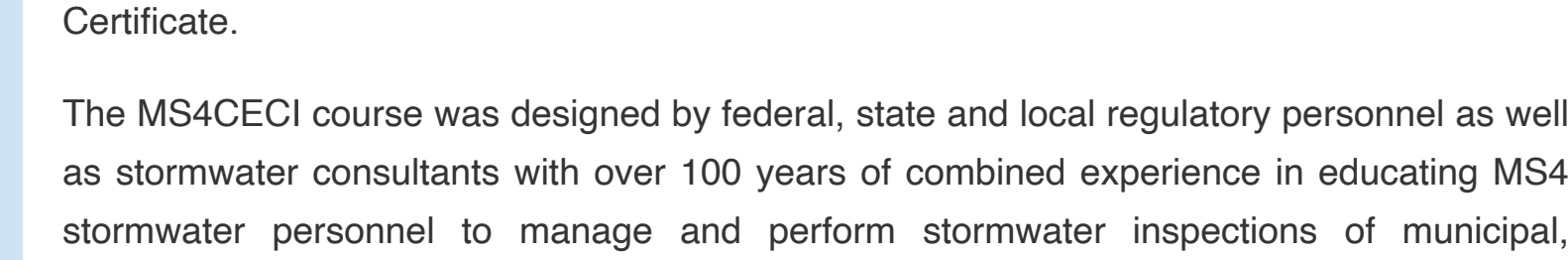
Everyone agrees that we need to keep our watersheds clean and it's the MS4 Stormwater Inspector that makes all the difference in that regard!

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We Must Demand that American Cities Comply with Their Own NPDES Permits!

How can a city government hold a general contractor or industrial operator accountable for NPDES compliance when they themselves are in major violation of their own permit requirements?

The message Los Angeles (see above) is sending their residents when they blow off common sense water quality do's and don'ts is inexcusable in America and part of the reason people are leaving Los Angeles. The city (with obvious tolerance from the State) is willfully violating its MS4 Permit by pressure washing human excrement, syringes and other pollutants directly down their storm drains. Los Angeles, Portland, Seattle and others are just another reminder of how important it is that we Americans demand their compliance with Clean Water Act NPDES rules & regulations! Every time you go fishing or jump in the lake to take a swim, be grateful for the our NPDES permitting program that makes it all possible IF polluters are made to comply. Respecting our neighbors downstream is what America is all about and it's compliance with NPDES Permits that helps us do that!

"We all need to view NPDES Permit compliance as an investment in our nation's future quality of life, so our children will also have an equally great place to live, swim, fish, boat and hunt tomorrow!" - T. Luke Owen

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