Stormwater Safety

Safety Training Handout

Why we control stormwater runoff:

- Controlling stormwater is required under the Clean Water Act
- EPA, state and local governments are enforcing the rules
- Fines for violating stormwater rules can be as high as $32,500 per day per violation
- Controlling stormwater runoff helps reduce pollution in our waterways

What we’ll be doing:

- Creating a stormwater management team
- Developing a stormwater pollution prevention plan (SWP3)
- Locating where stormwater leaves our property
- Identifying area where precipitation comes into contact with materials, equipment, chemicals and wastes on our property
- Determining which discharges are not regulated by stormwater rules
- Selecting best management practices and good housekeeping practices for controlling stormwater that are appropriate for our operation
- Create a history of all leaks and spills on the property

Who needs to know about our plan:

- Company management and ALL employees, even office staff
- Federal, state and local regulators
- Community groups

Ways to control stormwater

- Physical structures like dikes, berms and secondary containment
- Vegetation cover like grass, hay bales, silt fences and settling ponds
- Regular inspections of controls to make sure they’re working
- Readily available spill control equipment