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Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)

New Braunfels, Texas — When the City of New Braunfels hit the 50,000 population mark in the 2010 Census, it became responsible for implementing a federally mandated Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) per the guidelines set by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality (TCEQ).

The federal government's Clean Water Act is the basis for this program, which is designed to reduce discharge pollutants by establishing measurable goals over a five year period. The five Minimum Control Measures include:

- Public education, outreach and involvement
- Illicit discharge detection and elimination
- Construction site stormwater management
- Post construction/new development and redevelopment
- Pollution prevention and good housekeeping

An annual report will be submitted to TCEQ within 90 days of the end of each reporting year and will include the status of compliance, a summary of results analyzed, summary of activities, any proposed changes to the plan, a description and schedule for additional Best Management Practices implementation and any agreements with other MS4s.

“The adoption of the MS4 program is in line with the goals and objectives outlined in the City’s 2006 Comprehensive Plan, to provide stewardship for natural water resources, protect ground and surface water sources and prevent pollution, and implement a watershed management program,” said Steven Ramsey, Public Works Director.

Copies of the Notice of Intent, technical application for the Storm Water Management Program, the MS4 general permit, the Fact Sheet and the Executive Director’s Preliminary Decision are available for public review at the City of New Braunfels Municipal Building, 424 S. Castell Ave. during normal business hours.

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