

APPENDIX I — DISCLAIMER & UPDATES

Disclaimer

This manual establishes criteria and minimum standards and specifications to achieve the goal of maintaining or improving water quality through effective project design, applied planning principles, and the selection of storm water quality measures. The manual also establishes performance standards for storm water quality measures. Although every effort has been made to assess and compile the best available information and technology, the use and application of the information and guidelines contained in this manual is solely the responsibility of the user. It is important to recognize that selecting specific storm water quality measures will require thorough site assessment and design. Many of the measures can be applied and/or installed based on general criteria. However, there are measures contained within this manual that will require selection and design that is based on sound engineering principles. These measures include, but are not limited to, sediment basins, grassed and riprap-lined channels, infiltration trenches, and wetlands. These measures should be evaluated for feasibility and designed by a qualified individual. All structural measures should be designed by a professional engineer.

This manual may not be all inclusive in development of a storm water pollution prevention plan. Users of this manual are encouraged to utilize similar guidance documents, available research, and apply new technology and sound engineering principles to supplement this manual.

It is not the intent of this manual to include all commercial measures or products, but to establish minimum standards manufacturers can use to gage and test their product against.

Use of trade names, brand names, or drawings designating specific products are for reference purposes only and does not constitute an endorsement of products or services by the state of Indiana or any of the cooperating agencies/organizations.

This manual is designed to be nonregulatory and should be used as a reference tool only. The planning principles, design criteria/guidelines, and storm water quality measures are intended to assist plan designers, members of the construction industry, and other land users to meet various regulatory requirements. Appropriate application and implementation of these principles and measures based on individual project conditions will aid in complying with state and local storm water regulations.

Updates

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Water Quality recognizes that the field of storm water management and erosion and sediment control is dynamic and technology is continually changing. Therefore, updates of this manual are essential to adequately address the requirements and needs of the construction industry in their endeavor to address these important resource issues. To meet these challenges, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Water Quality plans to periodically review and update this manual.

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The department does not anticipate a significant amount of deviation from the standards described in this manual. However, as local authorities and the construction industry use the storm water quality measures in this manual they may discover new measures, variations of existing measures, or modifications to standards/specifications that are more effective in managing storm water.

In an effort to work cooperatively with the construction industry and to keep the manual up-to-date, the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Office of Water Quality welcomes comments and suggestions for revisions to this document. All suggestions and recommendations promoting more effective and economical approaches to achieving water quality will be looked upon favorably. Comments and suggestions can be sent to the address below:

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Procedure for Inclusion of Recommendations Received by the Department

Additions and/or corrections will be submitted to a multidisciplinary technical oversight committee. This committee will be responsible for reviewing suggested additions, corrections, and modifications and making recommendations for inclusion in future updates.

Procedures for Requesting Manual Updates

Individuals who would like to be notified of revisions to the Indiana Storm Water Quality Manual should mail contact information (i.e., name, address, city/state/ZIP code, phone number and e-mail address) to IDEM's Office of Water Quality using the above address.