

**New York City
Department of Environmental Protection
Bureau of Water Supply**

Section 6.1: *DEP will develop a guidance document to assist applicants undertaking regulated activities in complying the stormwater provisions of the City's Watershed Rules and Regulations.*

OCTOBER 2011

Prepared in accordance with the July 2007 EPA Filtration Avoidance Determination



**David Warne
Assistant Commissioner
Bureau of Water Supply**

Prepared by: **Matthew Giannetta, CPSWQ**
Bureau of Water Supply
Regulatory Review & Engineering

The New York City Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) amended its *Rules and Regulations for the Protection from Contamination, Degradation, and Pollution of the New York City Water Supply and Its Sources* (Watershed Regulations) in April 2010.

Section 18-39 of the amended Watershed Regulations, which governs Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPPs) and the construction of impervious surfaces, was revised to clarify technical terminology and to reflect both regional and national changes in stormwater management standards for construction activities since initial promulgation of the regulations in 1997. In particular, Section 18-39 includes new or revised language to meet or, in certain cases, exceed the minimum requirements set forth in New York State Department of Environmental Conservation's (DEC) stormwater regulations. Toward that goal, DEP incorporated by reference the latest SPDES General Permit for Construction Activities (GP-0-10-001) and Stormwater Management Design Manual (August 2010) to ensure consistent and complementary enforcement of the latest regulatory standards for stormwater runoff watershed-wide. (Until the April 2010 amendments, the Watershed Regulations incorporated the 1993 SPDES General Permit for Construction Activities.)

DEP is required under the 2007 Filtration Avoidance Determination to finalize revisions to the existing "Applicant's Guide to Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans" (the Guide) within 18 months from the promulgation of the 2010 amendments to the Watershed Regulations. Among other items of note, the Guide was modified to include information on the latest treatment practice sizing criteria, runoff reduction, and green infrastructure requirements.

Draft versions of the Guide were circulated to select stakeholders during the winter and spring of 2011. Those stakeholders included EPA, DOH, DEC, Putnam and Westchester Counties, select environmental groups, and the Coalition of Watershed Towns. The draft Guide was also reviewed by the Executive Committee of the Watershed Protection & Partnership Council. The Guide reflects stakeholder feedback and incorporates several changes made in direct response to specific stakeholder comments.

The final version of the Guide, dated October 2011, has been posted on DEP's website and is available for download in pdf format.

www.nyc.gov/html/dep/html/watershed_protection/watershed_regulations.shtml