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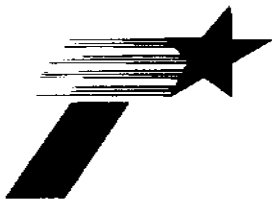


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TO: Mr. Michael Schaffer
FROM: Storm Water Management Joint Task Force (JTF)
DATE: March 5, 2001
SUBJECT: EPA Storm Water Inspection Process Training

EPA recently provided training in the NPDES storm water inspection process for employees of the Texas Natural Resource Conservation Commission (TNRCC), City of Houston, Harris County, and from other jurisdictions.

As part of this training program, EPA and TNRCC staff conducted a series of field inspections on Wednesday, February 28, 2001 and allowed training program participants to accompany them on these inspections. Nine construction sites chosen by EPA were visited for Construction General Permit compliance reviews. The inspections were handled according to EPA's inspection procedures, which do not allow prior notification of inspections. It is our understanding that violations identified in these inspections are being referred to EPA Region VI headquarters (Taylor Sharpe) for possible enforcement.

The City and the County are in the process of developing programs to address storm runoff from construction sites. These programs are required by the City and County's federal permit for their storm sewer systems. The City and County must begin implementing these programs on October 1, 2001.

If you have any questions please call Tom Rolen, City of Houston, at 713-837-0037, Pat Smiley, Harris County at 713-316-3580, Gary Green, HCFCD, at 713-684-4000, or Sam Talje, TxDOT at 713-802-5653 for more information.

cc: JTF Rules Committee Members
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