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Massachusetts regulators help MS4 communities meet public outreach obligations

Massachusetts environmental regulators are making it easier for 260 municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) permittees in the state to meet public outreach and education requirements set by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The Massachusetts Department of Environmental Protection (MassDEP) partnered with the Massachusetts Statewide Stormwater Coalition, a group of representatives from 94 municipal stormwater agencies, to develop the Think Blue Massachusetts campaign.

[The campaign offers customizable flyers, posters, videos, and webinars for MS4 permittees nationwide to use.](#)

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[See the draft technical program](#)

Minnesota agency offers online industrial stormwater training

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has created a first-of-its-kind, condensed, online, freely available training course on its industrial stormwater regulations and permitting program. The program, which covers the state's 2015–2020 industrial stormwater permit, condenses an all-day, in-person training workshop down to about 1 hour. MPCA also still offers and highly encourages in-person trainings, according to the agency's industrial stormwater training website.

[This beginner-level course covers eight topics to help educate about the state's industrial stormwater regulations and permits.](#)

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U.S. EPA, Army Corps of Engineers release draft 'WOTUS' redefinition language

On Dec. 11, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Department of the Army proposed a new definition for "Waters of the United States" (WOTUS) as described in the Clean Water Act. The redefinition follows a February 2017 Executive Order that tasked the agencies with reviewing — and possibly repealing — amendments made to the rule in 2015.

[Find out what the proposed rule says and how to comment.](#)

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USDA: Growing rice helps farmers curb pesticide water quality risks

More than 40,000 different varieties of rice are grown on every continent (except Antarctica), making rice one of the world's best-loved food crops. And according to new findings from U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) researchers, rice crops also have a secondary function: They keep pesticides and other contaminants out of vulnerable waterways.

[Read about the USDA research to help make rice both a buffer and a cash crop.](#)

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