

VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE PARK



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NPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. ILM 580008

**PUBLIC NOTIFICATION PROGRAM
VILLAGE OF LAGRANGE PARK, ILLINOIS
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OVERVIEW

This program was developed in compliance with the requirements of the Village's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) General Permit No.ILM580008. The program is designed to notify and educate the public about the Village's combined sewer system and CSO activity.

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

- Educate the public about the potential hazards and impacts of CSO discharges,
- Notify interested residents when CSO discharges are influencing the water quality of Salt Creek, and
- Enable citizens to take appropriate steps to protect themselves and their families from exposure to waters affected by Village or upstream CSO discharges.

MWRD'S PUBLIC NOTIFICATION PLAN

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has flow-monitoring equipment installed at five (5) CSO outfalls along Salt Creek, including one (1) of the six (6) CSO outfalls in the Village of LaGrange Park. In addition, the MWRD has created a public notification plan that includes signage at the outfalls, a web page to inform the public of CSO occurrences, and an e-mail address book of interested parties. In the interest of avoiding a redundancy of efforts, the MWRD has invited TARP municipalities to use the MWRD Public Notification Plan as appropriate for their public notification compliance. Given that one (1) of the Village's outfalls is currently monitored by the MWRD, the Village's public notification program includes by reference much of the MWRD's public notification program.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

CSO Information Website - The MWRD's CSO Website includes background information about combined sewer systems, locations of CSO discharge points, and what efforts the region is currently taking to improve the water quality of Salt Creek along with other waters within their boundaries. The site contains links to the "Web Address Book" for automatic notification, a map showing recent CSO events, and related informational sites. The information posted on the website will be periodically updated. For wider access to the affected public, a link will be provided from the Village of LaGrange Park website to the MWRD CSO web page, by October 1, 2009.

MWRD's CSO Web Address:

<http://www.mwrd.org/irj/portal/anonymous/overview>

Signs - CSO signs have been posted at the CSO discharge points within the Village. The signs warn the public of potential CSO discharges and provide the CSO website a telephone number for more information. The Village will maintain and monitor the signs, and will continue to install signage adhering to the MWRD's developed specifications for any future Village-maintained outfalls. The language on the signage is as follows:

"THIS OUTFALL MAY DISCHARGE SEWAGE CONTAMINATED RAINWATER DURING AND FOLLOWING RAINFALL. IF DISCHARGE IS OBSERVED DURING DRY WEATHER PLEASE CALL 708-352-2922"

The signs are clearly labeled "Village of LaGrange Park" with the outfall number listed, for all Village-maintained outfalls. A photo of a typical sign has been attached to this plan.

NOTIFICATION

The MWRD maintains a "Web Address Book" for individuals wishing to be informed automatically by an e-mail alert in the event of a CSO or diversion to Lake Michigan. The Village coordinates with the MWRD regarding the flow monitoring data so that the Village will be aware of any combined sewer overflows. The Director of Public Works shall at all times keep the Village President and the Village Manager informed of any dangerous condition that may exist. Should the Village administration consider the condition to be an "emergency," then the Village's Emergency Operation Plan shall be implemented.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

For additional information about the Village's CSO Notification Program please contact Mr. Julius Hansen of the Village of LaGrange Park (708-352-2922).



