

Employee Training: Part 3

Agricultural Water Quality: Employee Training and Annual Facilities Review



Planning for adequate water quality protection includes a number of items that must be addressed on an annual basis. Document the following efforts for your annual inspection:

- **Annual Review of Facilities and Activities:**
 - All facilities, activities, operations and procedures potentially impacting water quality need to be reviewed annually.
 - Look for illegal stormdrain connections or illegal discharges of non-storm runoff into the stormdrain system.
 - Check for illegal disposal practices and take corrective measures.
- **Stormdrain Tileage and Signage:**
 - Both are encouraged as a BMP, but not required

- Anti-dumping message should be placed on or near stormdrains
- **SWPPP-Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan:**
 - If your enforcement agency requires you to develop a SWPPP, it is usually because of a violation or special circumstances.
 - Review your SWPPP and update annually.
- **Pollution Prevention**
 - Implement pollution prevention measures where necessary
 - Review measures and repair or update annually
- **Employee Training**
 - All employers with ten or more full time employees must conduct annual water quality training.
 - Documentation of training must be maintained on site.
 - Training must be adequate to ensure compliance with stormwater ordinance.

Take a look around: Review all locations, practices and situations that may contribute to water quality problems, with your employees if possible. Illegal stormdrain connections are fairly common, and some of them may have been installed even before you owned or managed the property. Remember, only stormwater is allowed to flow into the stormdrain system. Sometimes it is helpful to have the assistance of a representative of an agency providing help to growers in meeting the water quality requirements. There are also self-assessments available from UC Cooperative Extension that will allow you to review your operation and pinpoint problem areas.