



## SSO-WDR COMPLIANCE Public Notification

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The State Water Resources Control Board has issued Order No. 2006-0003 known as “Statewide General WDR (*Waste Discharge Requirements*) For Wastewater Collection Agencies.

The order states that:

*“All federal and state agencies, municipalities, counties, districts, and other public entities that own or operate sanitary sewer systems greater than one mile in length that collect and/or convey untreated or partially treated wastewater to a publicly owned treatment facility in the State of California are required to comply with the terms of this Order.*

To facilitate proper funding and management of sanitary sewer systems, each Enrollee must develop and implement a system-specific Sewer System Management Plan (SSMP). To be effective, SSMPs must include provisions to provide proper and efficient management, operation, and maintenance of sanitary sewer systems, while taking into consideration risk management and cost benefit analysis. Additionally, an SSMP must contain a spill response plan that establishes standard procedures for immediate response to an SSO in a manner designed to minimize water quality impacts and potential nuisance conditions.

One of the requirements of the SSMP is that each Enrollee must provide public notification that the agency is preparing an SSMP. This communication system shall provide the public the opportunity to provide input to the collection system agency as the program is developed and implemented.

Ferndale City Wastewater Chief Operator Doug Culbert is in the process of completing The City’s SSMP. The first deadline that includes the SSMP Development Plan and Schedule, The Goals of the SSMP and the City’s Organizational Chart is due May 2, 2008. All these tasks have been completed and will be submitted on time.

The goals of the City of Ferndale’s SSMP are

1. To properly manage, operate and maintain all portions of the City’s wastewater collection system.
2. To provide adequate capacity to convey the peak wastewater flows.
3. To minimize the frequency of SSOs
4. To mitigate the impacts that are associated with any SSOs that may occur.

If you have any questions or comments regarding the City’s SSMP you can contact CPO Doug Culbert M-F 7:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. His contact information is listed below.