**What is the Storm Water Program**

Storm water is defined by US EPA as the runoff generated when precipitation from rain and snowmelt events flows over land or impervious surfaces without percolating into the ground. Storm water is often considered a nuisance because it mobilizes pollutants such as motor oil and trash. In most cases, storm water flows directly to water bodies through sewer systems, contributing a major source of pollution to rivers, lakes, and the ocean. Storm water discharges in California are regulated through National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. The Water Boards are actively involved in initiatives to improve the management of storm water as a resource.

**What Type of Permit Do You Need**

Start by answering the 11 question in the No Exposure Checklist.

If you answer “yes” to any of the questions you will have to obtain an Industrial General Permit, which is much more detailed, constant oversight, and very costly. If you answer “no” you can qualify for a No Exposure Certificate. A condition of “No Exposure” means that your industrial activities and materials are not exposed to storm water. All members should strive to obtain the No Exposure Permit.

**Dischargers Guide**

I have attached the Dischargers Guide. I suggest you proceed in the following way:

Open the dischargers guide\_smarts.pdf. Then go to the [https://smarts.waterboards.ca.gov/smarts/faces/SwSmartsLogin.jsp](https://webmail.piasc.org/owa/redir.aspx?C=shfee584XBvcax1HqfzV9zc2i1NjE_qUL3FzY4dbCn_6LlQVw5_UCA..&URL=https%3a%2f%2fwebmail.piasc.org%2fowa%2fredir.aspx%3fREF%3dDAwDOuOrdTPBJZNPf6W0svBNGPiMGW3v3_).

Start on page 6 of the Dischargers Guide and follow the instructions (page 6 shows screen shots).

Register as a New User and follow the prompts. You'll have to provide User Account Security Details (page 7 screen shot) for Legally Responsible Party. You'll then print the New User Registration. Make sure you print a couple of copies. The Legally Responsible Party will eventually have to sign the form in BLUE ink and send it in with $200.

You then wait until you get a return email with a password. Once you get the password, you'll have to make some decisions.

4. If you designate a Duly Authorized Representative (follow directions on pages 9-13). I would suggest you don't designate a Duly Authorized Representative, but jump to page 27.

5. Open your account with the user name you chose and the password.

6. Once opened, go to pages 26-30 and complete the application.

7. Make sure you put a zero (0) in the Total Area of Industrial Activities box (lower right top of page 28) as well as the longitude and latitude of the facility. If the longitude and latitude link doesn't work, just go to Google and ask for the longitude and latitude for your address.

8. You will also need to upload a site map with internal drain and external sewers identified on the map.