

## TERMINOLOGY

**Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4s)**- All separate storm sewers that are defined as “large” or “medium” or “small” municipal separate storm sewer systems pursuant to 40 CFR §§ 122.26(b)(18), or designated as regulated under 40 CFR § 122.26(a)(1)(v). [PAG-13]

**Best Management Practices (BMPs)** -Any structural or non-structural construction activities to install facilities that are intended to be a primary means of stormwater management and to improve water quality.

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)**- A permit issued under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 92a (relating to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permitting, monitoring and compliance) for the discharge or potential discharge of pollutants from a point source to surface waters. [PAG-13]

**Outfall**-A “Point Source” as defined by 40 CFR § 122.2 is the point where an MS4 discharges stormwater to other surface waters of this Commonwealth. This does not include open conveyances connecting two municipal separate storm sewers, or pipes, tunnels or other conveyances which connect segments of the same stream and are used to convey waters of the Commonwealth (40 CFR § 122.26 (b) (9)). [PAG-13]

**Owner or Operator**-The owner or operator of any “facility” or “activity” subjected to regulation under the NPDES program.

**Area of Responsibility(Planning Area)**-Land that has been parsed out and determined to fall under the ownership based upon which outfall the water is being discharged into. The proposed BMPs to meet the PRP are placed in the Township’s Area of Responsibility. This area is what comprises the actual pollutant loads that are applicable to the MS4 and the required load reductions.

**Pollutant**-Any contaminant or other alteration of the physical, chemical, biological, or radiological integrity of surface water which causes or has the potential to cause pollution as defined in section 1 of The Clean Streams Law, 35 P.S. § 691.1. [PAG-13] It can vary in quantities of sediment, nutrients, organic chemicals, petroleum hydrocarbons, and other constituents that cause water quality degradation.