

Wisconsin utilities use many terms tied to rules, water quality, and system upkeep. This handout groups the most common ones into three simple sections: statewide rules, stormwater practices, and water-sewer systems.

Regulator & Administrative (Wisconsin Focus)

WDNR – Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

WPDES – Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System Permit

NR – Wisconsin Administrative Code (NR 151, NR 216)

WQC – Water Quality Certification

PSC – Public Service Commission Wisconsin

Stormwater & Environmental Management

MS4 - Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System

BMP – Best Management Practices

TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load

TSS – Total Suspended Solids

EIA – Effective Infiltration Area

MEP – Maximum Extent Practicable

BMP – Best Management Practice

Examples:

- Rain Garden
- Retention Pond
- Rain Barrels

Water & Sewer Key Acronyms

CCC = Cross Connection Control

SSO – Sanitary Sewer Overflow

DMR – Discharge Monitoring Report

I&I – Inflow and Infiltration

WWTP – Wastewater Treatment Plant

LS – Lift Station

SCADA - Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition

GIS - Geographic Information Systems

CCF = 100 Cubic feet (or approximately 748 gallons)