

# POLLUTION PREVENTION TEAM

NEWSLETTER DEDICATED TO STORMWATER POLLUTION AT THE AIRPORTS

Spring 2022

## Virtual Training is Coming in June!



PPT member training for the stormwater program is scheduled for June.

2022 marks our third year with the mandatory stormwater training being conducted virtually. This method provides a flexible and safe way for PPT members to work at their own pace and achieve their training compliance. As June approaches, this is a reminder to be on the lookout for an email with your training invitation. This training is designed to "train the trainer", so be prepared to pass along what you learn to personnel at your facility and be sure to update your own training logs.

As we do every year, we aim for 100% of our PPT members to complete the training.



*L-R: Christopher (Chris) Cisneros, Maria Scudder, Richard (Rick) Rogowski and Lauren Buseman*



## Meet Your New Inspectors!

We are pleased to welcome four new Environmental Quality Specialists to the Planning & Environmental Division.

Chris Cisneros has extensive experience as an air quality inspector and in the regulation of hazardous building materials. Maria Scudder is licensed as a Registered Geologist and has an environmental remediation and

permitting background. Rick Rogowski has nearly 10 years of experience working in the Aviation Department, most recently as a supervisor at Phoenix Deer Valley Airport. Lauren Buseman is a veteran of the U.S. Coast Guard and has a background in regulatory compliance and emergency management.

## Coming Soon: New Newsletter Format



**The Pollution Prevention Team stormwater newsletter will soon have a new look and new functionalities!** Newsletters will be sent to you by email and the content will be embedded within the email instead of attached as a file. The new format will let you scroll and then click to read the content. Sometimes there will be a short question to answer and there may even be an occasional quick survey. The new format will be easier to read while on the go and lets us develop future content to encourage higher rates of compliance.





## Q1 Inspections Complete



The routine site inspections (RSIs) for the first quarter of 2022 are complete and we are now focusing on the inspections for the 2nd quarter.

### Performing and documenting self-inspections

The PPT stormwater newsletter information is for you, the PPT member, to stay in compliance with the requirements of your stormwater permit. Performing and documenting self-inspections regularly is a mandatory activity. The inspection gives you time to fix an issue before it's a problem, and then, before it becomes a finding! If you haven't written down what you've done for your weekly inspection, there's no evidence that the inspection occurred. It's easy to stay in compliance when you make a practice of walking your site and looking for things like effective spill containment, spill kits that are well stocked, and making sure you have your paperwork in one location. Take the time to do this throughout the month so your site is clean and stormwater management control measures are in good working order.

#### SELF INSPECTIONS

- ✓ Self-inspections are a SWPPP requirement
- ✓ Must be completed at least monthly or more frequently
- ✓ Inspection form is available on Virtual Notebook: SWPPPHX.net
- ✓ Must document findings and the date the findings were corrected



*Before and after: Trash should always be in a covered container, not just bagged. Here, trash and trash bags cover a storm drain and the area around it.*



*Trash is not considered contained when the dumpster is overfilled and the lid will not close.*



## Lean In, Keep It Clean

Successful inspections often rely on your site being clear of trash. Make it a habit to pick up trash and dispose of it properly throughout the work shift. Don't let it pile up. Keep your trash picked up! It's so much easier when you're keeping the trash picked up so it doesn't get into trench drains, storm drains, blow around on your facility, or create foreign object debris (FOD).



*Uncontained trash can get into the stormwater system and end up at outfalls at the Salt River.*

*Do you recognize these items that became outfall trash? What can you do to stop trash from getting to outfalls?*

*What actions can you take to decrease trash (e.g., reusable water bottles and cups)?*

**PICK IT UP!**



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