

ENVIRONMENTAL COMPLIANCE

Ripa has an Environmental Protection Division that is a unique entity within the company, dedicated solely to the protection and preservation of Florida's wetlands, waterways and natural resources. We employ our own Environmental Director, Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP) Qualified Stormwater Management Inspector (QSMI) Superintendent and two NPDES maintenance and repair crews led by QSMI Foreman/Inspectors to help insure that our projects stay in compliance with all local, state and Federal regulations.

Ripa is contractually obligated in one of two ways for environmental compliance of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to use Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge From Large and Small Construction Activities (RULE 62-621.300(4), F.A.C.). This will be done as the "Operator" of the permit or as a signed Contractor/Subcontractor in the "Operators" Storm Water Pollution Plan (SWPPP) complying with the permit. In either instance, Ripa will uphold and expects all site contractors/operators to uphold local, state and Federal environmental Rules and Regulations.

*Note, All "Part" references below are referred to in DEP Document No. 62-621.300(4)(a), Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge From Large and Small Construction Activities.

Ripa contracted as the NOI Operator (RULE 62-621.300(4), F.A.C.)

As the Operator, Ripa will obtain and post the NOI Permit and abide by the State of Florida Department of Environmental Protection Generic Permit For Stormwater Discharge from Large and Small Construction Activities (Document No. 62-621.300(4)(a)). This includes the development and implementation of a SWPPP that will be located pursuant to "Part VI.B."

Once the job site has been finally stabilized and all stormwater discharges authorized by the permit are eliminated in accordance with "Part VIII.A.2.", Ripa will submit a completed Notice of Termination within 14 days of final stabilization of the site to terminate coverage under the NOI permit.

Ripa signing onto the Operators SWPPP as a contractor/subcontractor

As a SWPPP contractor/subcontractor, Ripa will conduct NPDES inspections, repairs and maintenance in accordance with the Florida Stormwater Erosion and



Sedimentation Control Inspectors Manual and as defined in "Part VII.C.1.". This will be done within the limits of our contracted scope of work for the job or as otherwise documented.

Ripa's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) inspections will be prepared in accordance with "Part V.D.4.c." and will be signed and recorded electronically. The dated e-mail from our inspector is a unique mark and characteristic of the inspector which will serve as his/her signature on the inspection report as defined in "Part VII.C.2." The inspection report will be provided electronically to the NOI operator for filing in their SWPPP and for a signature by their responsible authority as specified in "Part VII.C.1.". Based on the results of the NPDES inspections, all maintenance functions needed to assure the proper operation of all controls, BMPs, practices or measures identified in the stormwater pollution prevention plan will be done in a timely manner, but in no case later than 7 calendar days following the inspection unless documented in the SWPPP.

If items are listed on the inspection report and do not fall within Ripa's scope of work, they will be identified in the "Corrective Action Needed" section of the report as "To be repaired by NOI operator", these items will need to be corrected by the NOI operator. Ripa expects the NOI Operator and their subcontractors to comply with "Part V.D.6." of the NOI Permit and will not be responsible for their fulfillment.

Ripa has set the following rules for all our job sites:

- Trash and debris must be properly discarded by the end of each work day.
- Dewatering methods must be approved by Ripa's EPD prior to commencement.
- Erosion control (silt fence, hay bales, construction entrance, inlet protection, etc.) must be maintained daily and as soon as possible after a rain event but not later than 24 hours unless documented in the SWPPP.
- Port-o-lets must not be located in tree save or wetland areas and should be set back away from any waterway (stream, pond, inlet, etc.) a minimum of 30 feet.
- Fuel stations, made with visqueen and gravel, sand or dirt must be constructed for all double walled portable bulk fuel containers to be stored/filled on. Single walled tanks will not be used. Fuel stations should be placed downhill of any waterway or tributary and minimum of 100 feet.