

## **STORMWATER COMPLIANCE PROGRAM**

The Stormwater Compliance Section in DEP's Bureau of Clean Water is responsible for developing policies, guidance, outreach, and inspection strategies for compliance assessment, compliance assistance, and enforcement of regulatory programs relating to stormwater runoff. This section conducts activities relating to regulatory compliance for construction-related erosion and sediment control; post- construction stormwater management; Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s); and industrial stormwater.

The NPDES Construction Stormwater program is a statewide program where permitting and compliance activities are delegated to most County Conservation Districts, and inspections are performed by the Districts throughout construction as well as at the time of permit termination. Table 1 shows the total universe of active permitted construction sites at the time of this report (approximate), the state inspection goal committed to EPA, and the total number of inspections completed for the time period of October 1, 2021 – March 31, 2023 (including inspections completed as a result of the receipt of complaints).

**Table 1.** Total permitted construction sites, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) inspection goal, and the actual inspections completed. EPA expects at least 10% of the regulated construction sites of equal to or greater than one acre of disturbed area to be inspected annually.

Total Permitted Sites	7,500
Inspection Goal	750
Inspections Completed	14,812