

Public Notification Plan

This program was developed in compliance with the requirements of the Village's National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) General Permit No. ILM580036. The primary objective of this program is to inform the public in the event of combined sewer overflows.

The Metropolitan Water Reclamation District (MWRD) has flow monitoring equipment installed at various outfalls along the North Shore Channel in Skokie. In addition, the MWRD has created a public notification plan that includes signage at the outfalls, a Web page to inform the public of CSO occurrences, and an email address book of interested parties.

In the interest of avoiding a redundancy of efforts, the MWRD has invited TARP municipalities to use the MWRD Public Notification Plan for their public notification compliance. Given that the Village's outfalls are currently monitored by the MWRD, the Village proposes that the MWRD's public notification program largely meets the Village's requirements.

To complement the MWRD's program, the Village of Skokie proposes to:

- Provide a link from the Village of Skokie Web site to the MWRD CSO Web page.
- Install signage adhering to the MWRD developed specifications at outfalls.
- Coordinate with the MWRD regarding the flow monitoring data such that the Village will be aware of any combined sewer overflows. The Director of Public Works shall at all times keep the Village Manager, and/or his appointee, informed of any dangerous condition that may exist. Should the village administration consider the condition to be an "emergency," then the Village's Emergency Operation Plan shall be implemented.