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Public Hearing  
Martin County Board Of County Commissioners  
Amendments

- National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System





# PROGRAM

## ▶ National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)

- ▶ Created in 1972 by the Clean Water Act, the NPDES permit program is delegated to state governments by the Environmental Protection Agency to perform many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the program.
- ▶ The Clean Water Act prohibits anybody from discharging "pollutants" through a "point source" into a "water of the United States" unless they have an NPDES permit.
- ▶ Intended to prevent and abate pollution through the regulation and control of connections and discharges to the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) of the County.





# BACKGROUND

- ▶ Pursuant to an audit performed by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP), revisions to the existing ordinance are required
- ▶ Additionally, post-audit, our NPDES consultant, Wood Inc., suggested some minor changes



# FDEP REQUIRED AMENDMENT

- ▶ **CHAPTER 67, ARTICLE 13, NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM**
  - ▶ Updates the ordinance to require construction sites to control specific wastes such as discarded building materials, chemicals, concrete washout, and sanitary waste that may cause adverse impact to water quality
  - ▶ The current ordinance does not contain language specific to construction sites





# PUBLIC WORKS PROPOSED AMENDMENTS

## ▶ CHAPTER 67, ARTICLE 13, NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM

- ▶ The ordinance has been amended to set out specific enforcement options





# ISSUES & RECOMMENDATION

## ► Staff Recommendation

- Move that the Board approve the ordinance as presented



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