



# Department of Development Services

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**TO:** Industry

**RE:** Storm Water Runoff Enforcement

### **STORM WATER RUN-OFF ENFORCEMENT & INSPECTION**

On October 1, 2007, Clark County Development Services will begin participating in inspection and enforcement activities associated with storm water run-off from construction sites as an upgrade to Las Vegas Valley Storm Water Management Programs.

Currently, Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management (DAQEM) inspectors perform perimeter inspections of construction sites to verify methods are in place to prevent construction contaminants and excessive soil runoff from entering drains, washes, and ultimately Lake Mead, through storm water runoff.

DAQEM inspectors identify non-compliant projects through written reports submitted to the Public Response Office, which in turn performs enforcement duties. On October 1, DAQEM will begin forwarding those written reports to Development Services for enforcement.

In addition, on January 1, 2008, Development Services will begin on-site inspections of controls to prevent storm water runoff and contamination at permitted construction sites as well.

Non-compliant projects will be issued notices of corrective action and given a timeline by which to comply. If corrective action is not undertaken according to the timeline provided by Development Services' staff, a stop work order will be issued and work will not be allowed to continue until storm water runoff problems are addressed. Continued failure to comply will result in court action.

These changes to the inspection and enforcement of storm water runoff from construction sites are in response to a 2005 audit performed by the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection. The federal Environmental Protection Agency mandates municipalities have in place storm water management programs.

Subsequent notices to industry may be issued at future dates as procedures for on-site inspection and enforcement beginning January 1, 2007, are still in development.

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