



# Example Stormwater Permit Language Regarding Road Salt

## What You Need to Know

Part of Maryland’s Strategy to reduce winter road salt is incorporating language into Municipal Separate Storm Sewer (MS4) permits about winter road salt and best management practices. Below is an example of the language appearing in Phase I MS4 permits.

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The County shall reduce the use of winter weather deicing and anti-icing materials, without compromising public safety, by developing a County Salt Management Plan (SMP) to be submitted to the Department in its third year annual report and implemented thereafter. The SMP shall be based on the guidance provided on best road salt management practices described in the Maryland Department of Transportation, State Highway Administration’s Maryland Statewide Salt Management Plan, developed and updated annually as required by the Maryland Code, Transportation Section 8-602.1. The County’s SMP shall include, but not be limited to:

- i. A plan for evaluation of new equipment and methods, and other strategies for continual program improvement;
- ii. Training and outreach:
  - Creating a local “Salt Academy” that annually provides County winter weather operator personnel and contractors with the latest training in deicer and anti-ice management, or the participation of County personnel and contractors in a “Salt Academy” administered by another MS4 permittee or State agency.
  - Developing and distributing best salt management practices outreach for educating homeowners within the County.
- iii. Tracking and reporting:
  - Starting with the fourth year annual report, during storm events where deicing or anti-icing materials are applied to County roads, track and record the amount of materials used and snowfall in inches per event, if applicable, and;
  - Report the deicing or anti-icing application by event or date, and the monthly and annual pounds used per lane mile per inch of snow.