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City Updates Enforcement Response Plan (ERP)

On December 13, 2012, Tempe's City Council approved revisions to the City's Enforcement Response Plan (ERP). The new ERP replaces the former plan that has been in effect since April 12, 1990. The ERP establishes objective criteria that allows the City to enforce its ordinances for drinking water, cross connection control, stormwater pollution prevention, and for commercial and industrial users of the City's wastewater collection and treatment system. (See Tempe City Code, Chapter 12, Division 4 – Enforcement, Section 12-153; Chapter 27, Section 27-95 and Divisions 10 – 12; Chapter 33, Section 33-111)

Required by order of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and approved by the Arizona Department of Environmental Quality on December 28, 2012, the ERP revisions ensure Tempe's ordinances are enforced in a reasonable, equitable and consistent manner. The revised ERP uses a point system that assigns points differently for each classification of violation. Point assignment varies depending upon the severity of the violation, the potential for environmental, public or employee harm, the impact of the violation on the City's infrastructure, and costs to the City resulting from the violation. Each Violation by a responsible party (RP) shall result in points being assigned to that RP. Point accumulation is used to determine a user's compliance status and to calculate civil penalties for ordinance violations.

Violations which occur on or after January 1, 2013, are subject to the criteria established in the revised ERP and approved by the City Council. The Enforcement Response Plan is available at: <http://www.tempe.gov/modules/showdocument.aspx?documentid=2932>. If you have questions or need further information please contact: Mike Golden, Environmental Compliance Supervisor, (480) 350-2674.

City of Tempe Stormwater Program Reminder:

“Be Stormwater Smart” and visit our website for Best Management Practices you can use to reduce the risk of adding pollutants to stormwater. <http://www.tempe.gov/stormwater> You can also use this website to learn more about Tempe's Stormwater Management Program, to report illicit discharges to storm drains, or to file a stormwater related complaint.

Remember that it is a violation of the City of Tempe Code to cause or allow a non-stormwater discharge to a stormwater drain!

As required by Tempe's stormwater permit, Environmental Compliance Inspectors have significantly increased commercial and industrial stormwater inspections. If you would like to schedule an inspection at your facility, please call (480) 350-2678.

