



RESOLUTION 10-4
REGARDING THE USEPA STORMWATER INITIATIVE

WHEREAS, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) has initiated a rulemaking to establish a national program to reduce stormwater discharges from new development and redevelopment and to make other regulatory improvements to strengthen its stormwater program; and

WHEREAS, the USEPA's new initiative may have a significant impact on how stormwater will be managed in urban, suburban, rural and newly developed versus existing areas; and

WHEREAS, the proposed USEPA stormwater rules may include in construction permits additional requirements to infiltrate stormwater to the subsurface to mimic pre-development hydrology; and

WHEREAS, the designs of many of these stormwater best management practices (BMPs) may require authorization under the Class V Underground Injection Control (UIC) program; and

WHEREAS, state UIC programs may be required to review stormwater BMPs and authorizations to determine if they qualify as Class V UIC wells.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, the GWPC urges the USEPA to establish better coordination among federal programs for stormwater management, ground water protection (including the UIC program), and water quality monitoring so that programmatic overlaps and opportunities for collaboration in protecting both surface and ground waters can be identified and achieved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT , the GWPC urges the USEPA to provide additional funding to the states to offset the regulatory burden that will be placed on state Class V UIC programs.

Sept 26, 2010

Passed by the Board

Attest

Michel J. Paque

Michel J. Paque, Secretary