

Policy on Inclusion of Proprietary Device Data in the International Stormwater BMP Database¹

Since the first version of the International BMP Database was finalized in 1999, it has been the policy of the Project Team² to accept data from studies of proprietary stormwater treatment devices that met certain conditions. The basic requirements for acceptance have been that:

- 1) the performance data were collected by a third party³ and not by staff of the manufacturer or distributor/sellers of the device,
- 2) the protocols and requirements for monitoring, reporting, and submittal of the data to the International BMP Database were followed, and
- 3) the data submitted complied with relevant BMP Database QA/QC review procedures.

This continues to be the policy of the Project Sponsors. Additionally, copies of the original laboratory analysis reports for water quality samples should also accompany submittals to the database.

Beginning June 2005, data summaries and entered data from new studies containing data on proprietary BMPs will be sent to the device manufacturer for review before posting. The device manufacturer will be given 30 days to provide written comments on the study and discuss any concerns they may have regarding the study or the summary with the Project Team. The Project Team and Sponsors reserve the final right of decision to include the study information in the database after considering manufacturer comments. Manufacturer comments can be included with the study data and analysis as an attached PDF document, if requested by the manufacturer, and approved by the Project Team.

Mention of trade names or commercial product in the International Stormwater BMP Database, website, or associated work product does not in any way constitute endorsement or recommendation by the Project Sponsors or Project Team for their use as BMPs. Similarly, omission of products or trade names from the database does not indicate a Project Sponsor or Project Team position regarding the product effectiveness or applicability. Many different vendor technologies are commercially available for which there are no data currently included in the BMP Database. The data that have been included in the BMP Database are voluntarily submitted for inclusion by third parties and approved by the Project Team in accordance with the data protocols.

¹ Sponsors of the International Stormwater BMP Database currently include the Water Environment Research Foundation (WERF) as the lead sponsor and the American Society of Civil Engineers Environmental Water Resources Institute (ASCE-EWRI), the American Public Works Association (APWA), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) as co-sponsors.

² The Project Team consists of the consulting engineers who manage the database for the Project Sponsors. The current consulting team is Wright Water Engineers, Inc. and Geosyntec Consultants.

³ The Project Team and Sponsors reserve the right to determine whether the third party gathering the data is independent, should questions arise in this regard.