

COUNTY OF



ALLEGHENY

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November 3, 2015

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**RE: CLARIFICATION OF STORM WATER REQUIREMENTS  
ALLEGHENY COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT'S  
PLUMBING AND BUILDING DRAINAGE CODE (ARTICLE XV)**

Dear Municipal «SirMadam»:

The purpose of this letter is to clarify the involvement of the Allegheny County Health Department (ACHD) in the management of storm water within municipalities as it relates to the Department's Rules and Regulations contained in Section AC-1101.2 of Article XV, entitled "Plumbing and Building Drainage."

In Pennsylvania, municipal responsibility is derived from the Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act, Act of October 4, 1978, P.L. 864, No. 167, and the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Phase I and II Storm Water Program for municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) under the Federal Clean Water Act. Both the Pennsylvania Storm Water Management Act and the Federal MS4 Program require municipalities to enact storm water management ordinances to assure adequate management of storm water to protect public health and safety.

In addition, the Pennsylvania Uniform Construction Code and the ACHD's Plumbing Code have certain requirements regarding storm drainage piping. Some but not all of the requirements include types of material, sizing, and trapping when connected to a municipal combined sewer system. ACHD will continue to require a plumbing permit and will continue to perform inspections of storm sewers from the point of connection to the municipal combined sewer system to the building or to the storm water management system. Permitting and inspections of storm water management systems, including systems utilizing green infrastructure practices such as rain gardens, vegetated swales, pervious pavement with infiltration beds, drywell/seepage pits, etc., will be the responsibility of the municipality.



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As such, inquiries directed to the ACHD regarding storm water management system requirements from the public and/or Master Plumbers will be directed to the applicable municipality. It is the municipalities' responsibility to enforce its Storm Water Ordinance(s) to prevent and/or eliminate public nuisances pursuant to the Storm Water Management Act.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 412-578-8387 or by email at [mcomo@achd.net](mailto:mcomo@achd.net) .

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Como".

Michael A. Como  
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