Public Comment Form

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Comments

Will the project create additional challenges and tools for current trash management?
Our goal is to make the study complementary to agency efforts currently underway, rather than an obstacle or burden on agency staff. We understand that management is already spread thin on trash, and we want to make their job easier, not harder. Our goal with the project is to make trash management easier by identifying strategies, common source(s), and control measures that lower cost and increase efficiency compared to currently employed techniques. We are interested, from a scientific perspective, in identifying new opportunities for source control (i.e., not cleanup and capture) that would unburden O&M and primarily involve actions taken by communities, companies, and policymakers.

Is this project going to make my current practices look bad or shame what I am currently doing?
No. Our goal is to work collaboratively with the agencies so that our findings and lessons learned can be translated into agency procedures that complement, not contradict, their efforts. We understand that trash is a socially/politically sensitive topic, and we will build a TAC composed of diverse stakeholders, including regulatees, regulators, community members, and researchers. Our goal will be to work with this diverse TAC to identify what is working well and figure out how to make it work even better. We will try to foster collaboration between parties, not create friction. We want our collaborators to look and feel good about our work together, and we will not be trying to shame anyone.

How will this project leverage the existing efforts by the county and MS4 permittees to address trash currently?
Our ultimate goal is to create easy-to-understand graphics that highlight the most common