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### **WEF, National Municipal Stormwater Alliance Sign Memorandum of Understanding**

ALEXANDRIA, Va., Dec. 21, 2016 – The Water Environment Federation (WEF) and the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to support the stormwater sector and help advance effective stormwater programs for the protection of public health and the environment.

WEF and its [Stormwater Institute](#) were instrumental in the formation of NMSA, a non-profit that works to support, educate, and represent Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) permittees and related entities impacted by stormwater runoff. As the next step in this affiliation, the organizations have agreed to work together to deliver high quality information and programs to their respective memberships.

“This partnership allows WEF to increase our service to the more than 7,500 MS4 permittees across the country and further establish the WEF Stormwater Institute as a center of excellence for the stormwater sector,” said WEF Executive Director Eileen O’Neill. “We look forward to our continued engagement with NMSA and promoting our mutual interests for the benefit of stormwater professionals and the restoration of our water resources and environment.”

As part of the three-year agreement, the organizations will identify opportunities for collaboration in the following areas: publications; events; sharing research findings and technical materials; identifying mutually beneficial projects, technical experts, and thought leaders; and dual promotion of stormwater activities and related communications with constituents and federal agencies. The organizations will also participate in their respective stormwater steering committees and provide opportunities for member engagement.

“As a new organization representing and articulating the interests and concerns of entities and people associated with MS4 permittees, NMSA is stronger because of this relationship with WEF and its 88-year record of preserving and enhancing the water environment,” said NMSA Chair Randy Neprash and Vice Chair Scott Taylor in a joint statement. “We look forward to years of productive and effective joint efforts in the stormwater sector.”

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### **About WEF**

The Water Environment Federation (WEF) is a not-for-profit technical and educational organization of 33,000 individual members and 75 affiliated Member Associations representing water quality professionals around the world. Since 1928, WEF and its members have protected

public health and the environment. As a global water sector leader, our mission is to connect water professionals; enrich the expertise of water professionals; increase the awareness of the impact and value of water; and provide a platform for water sector innovation. To learn more, visit [www.wef.org](http://www.wef.org).

**About NMSA**

Formed in 2016, the National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (NMSA) is a not-for-profit organization that supports municipal stormwater communities to reach our vision of clean water for the nation. NMSA's charter members are state- and regional-level organizations that focus on the interests of Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) permittees. To learn more, visit [www.nationalstormwateralliance.org](http://www.nationalstormwateralliance.org).