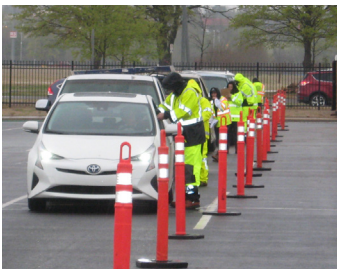




STORM WATER QUALITY NEWSLETTER

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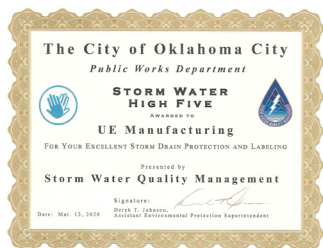
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Rescheduled events:

- Household Hazardous Waste Special Collection Event will be held at the Oklahoma State Fairgrounds on Saturday, October 10, 2020.
- The Industrial Workshop will be held October 13th and 14th, 2020 at the OKC Zoo Rosser Conservation Education Center, 2000 Remington Place.
- The rain barrel pick-up event will be rescheduled. Visit www.upcycle-products.com/static.asp?path=8214 for updates on pickup dates.

For more information in regard to these, or other events, please contact Brooke Vierck at: brooke.vierck@okc.gov -or- (405) 297-1797

CHANGES DUE TO COVID-19

The novel coronavirus has impacted many aspects of our personal and professional lives. Changes to daily schedules, business operations and behavior have fundamentally changed the way we do business. In order to follow recommended social distancing guidelines, we have modified procedures to maintain essential functions.

We continue to work with all permit holders to ensure continuity of services while respecting the institutional controls of your business. We are also available to provide guidance and answer any questions you have regarding permit compliance.

Please note the following changes:

- 420 W Main Street, is currently **closed** to the public. Please call the Storm Water Office (405) 297- 1774 for more information.
- The Household Hazardous Waste Facility is **open**, with vehicular traffic limited to one at a time. The "Swap Shop" is temporarily **closed** to the public.
- For permits, email applicable form(s) to **stormwater@okc.gov**; please note processing time(s) have slightly increased.
- Notice of Intent inspection results will be emailed to the point of contact specified on the form submission.





SWPPP TIPS

1. Adjust your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) as necessary, it remains a living document.
2. Involve team members with the SWPPP. The more people that know where the plan is, understand the plan and how to implement the plan; the better. At a minimum, meet annually to review site inspections and other program components - this will help the site's overall compliance goal.
3. Ask your SWQ inspector or other professionals in the field questions about the SWPPP. Conversations often lead to solutions and good ideas moving forward.

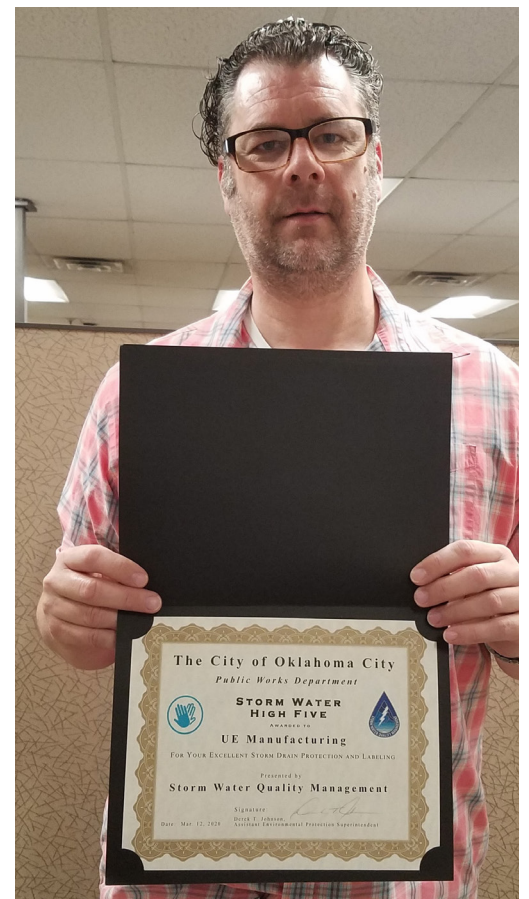
INDUSTRIAL "HIGH 5" AWARD

The Industrial "High 5" Award was created to recognize permit compliance excellence in Industrial Storm Water programs. Inspectors look for excellent permit compliance in the following categories:

- Overall Industrial storm water program
- Best management practices
- Employee training
- Spill prevention and secondary containment
- Visual monitoring
- Sample documentation
- SWPPP documentation
- Spill response

The High 5 Award recognized UE Manufacturing for their excellent Storm Drain Protection and Labeling. The award was presented to Darrick Crist after a March 12th inspection.

The inspector, Sylvain Hache, observed extra protections for the facility's storm drains during a ride-along inspection. UE Manufacturing has storm drain inserts, inlet filtration filters on the storm drain grates and flags marking the number and location of storm drains.



STAFF SPOTLIGHT RAYMOND L MELTON



HIGHLIGHTS

Former Position: Environmental Protection Superintendent

New Position: Assistant Streets, Traffic and Drainage Superintendent

Employed since: 1993
Development Center - 2 years
Storm Water Quality - 24 years

Advice to new hires: "My advice would be to work hard, and good things will come your way. Take care of your own business, do not worry about what someone else is doing or getting paid. Finally, enjoy the ride because it goes by quick."

Fun Fact: "In February I finished a master's degree in Theology from Liberty University, Lynchburg Va."

"I have been married 28 years, we have 3 children and 2 grandchildren."

Raymond has worked for the City of Oklahoma City for 26 years. His first job with the City was issuing building permits in the Development Center. After two years he moved to the Storm Water Quality Division.

While in the Storm Water Division, he started as an entry level technician, spent time as a unit supervisor and was ultimately promoted to the division head, where he served for fourteen years.

Raymond recently left SWQ and has transitioned to the Streets, Traffic and Drainage Maintenance Division of the Public Works Department as Assistant Streets Superintendent.

Raymond was involved with various projects throughout his time with the City. One of his favorites was the development of the Bricktown Canal.

"In the mid 80's I lived in San Antonio for several years. When friends and family came to visit, the first place I took them was the San Antonio Riverwalk," Raymond said. "I remember thinking, I sure wish OKC had a Riverwalk."

He said he could see the future potential it held to be a focal point for OKC locals and visitors.

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Twenty six years ago, I would never have thought I could leave work and walk three blocks to enjoy an NBA game.

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Raymond said he feels blessed to be able to witness and partake in what Downtown OKC has become and see how it has blossomed throughout the last 26 years.