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EPA's Office of Compliance has just published the "*Managing Your Environmental Responsibilities: A Planning Guide for Construction and Development (the MYER Guide)*." This assistance tool reflects significant input from stakeholders and is a product of joint effort by the industry, states, other federal agencies, non-governmental organizations and EPA.

The MYER Guide contains two different sets of checklists and detailed discussion/case studies on major environmental areas (including stormwater) affecting the construction industry. It is designed to help the construction industry understand which environmental regulations apply to them, and it can be used during different phases of a construction project. The industry can use the Guide at the Pre-Bid phase to learn about the applicable environmental requirements, so appropriate costs can be taken into consideration early. The industry can also use the responsibility-assignment checklist during the Pre-Construction phase to facilitate allocation of environmental responsibilities to all parties before breaking ground. In addition, the readers will find answers to many environmental questions and can conduct self audits by using the self-audit checklists, included in Part II of the Guide, during the Construction phase.

The MYER Guide is designed so that each of the checklists and chapters can be pulled out and used in the field. You can obtain an electronic copy of the guide at www.cicacenter.org/links or a hard copy at no cost from the National Service Center for Environmental Publications (NSCEP) at (800) 490-9198 or visit <http://yosemite.epa.gov/ncepihom/nsCatalog.nsf> Please specify document number EPA305-B-04-003 when you request a copy.