

# 2018 State of Stormwater: 2018 National Municipal Stormwater Alliance Report



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The National Municipal Stormwater Alliance (“NMSA”) announced the publication of a report titled:

*2018 NMSA State of Stormwater (“Report”)*

The *Report* analyzes the effectiveness of MS4 programs in 14 states.

The *Report* discusses potential changes (i.e., regulatory, social, technical, etc.) that each state is theorized able to make to better protect the health of urban waterways.

Some of the conclusions in the *Report* include:

- Despite differences in climate, population density, and approach to stormwater management, many MS4 communities face similar challenges
- MS4 programs often lack dedicated funding sources and/or adequate staffing
- The previously referenced factors hamper states’ ability to build necessary stormwater infrastructure and conduct monitoring to determine the effectiveness of activities
- Climate change, urbanization, the presence of nonpoint source pollution sources in some regions complicate benchmarking efforts
- Regulations that are unclear on specific treatment requirements, quick to change or lack top-down guidance can be problematic
- A need for increased visibility of stormwater management programs to better the understanding of ratepayers of the need for stormwater fees

The states addressed in the *Report* include:

- Arizona
- California
- Indiana
- Iowa
- Kentucky
- Maine
- Massachusetts
- Minnesota
- Nebraska
- Ohio
- Pennsylvania
- Tennessee

- Utah
- Virginia

A link to the [46-page Report](#) can be found here.