Wet Weather Priorities

- Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOs)
- Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs)
- Stormwater
- Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs).

- Detailed strategy summaries located at: http://www.epa.gov/compliance/data/planning/priorities/cwa.html
CSO Strategy...

- Primary focus is ensuring appropriate progress towards addressing CWA CSO violations.
- Recognizes that smaller CSO communities in non-compliance may also need to be addressed.
SSO Strategy...

- Primary focus is to ensure large and medium systems continue progress towards eliminating SSOs.
- EPA will work with the states to address smaller municipal sewer systems.
Recent Developments

**Federal Legislation**

S.2080 and H.R. 2452 would require reporting Basement backups caused by the municipality, as well as spills/overflows that do not reach waters of the U.S.
ECOS Resolution

September 2008 ECOS resolution urges Congress to amend the CWA to include a provision requiring reporting of sewage spills and overflows.
National Consistency

- Federal legislation and the ECOS resolution would improve National consistency in addressing CSOs and SSOs.

- EPA shares goal of National consistency and supports uniform reporting of CSOs and SSOs.
Financial Capability

- EPA is sensitive to financial issues in the current economic climate.

- Given the current financial situation, EPA would consider a change in circumstances (i.e., bankruptcy or other significant financial hardship) in implementing CDs.
The Goal

Clean Water

- CSOs and SSOs continue to be an EPA National Enforcement Priority until wastewater systems warranting Federal attention are in compliance with the Clean Water Act.
The Goal
Clean Water

• If your system is not in compliance today, EPA will be taking a look.

• Not just focusing on large systems anymore - looking at medium and small systems as well.