

Environment Summit set for Wednesday

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TEXAS CITY — The Galveston County Health District will conduct an Environmental Summit Wednesday that will focus on stormwater management.

The Stormwater Management Program is a national program that regulates pollution carried by stormwater runoff into waterways such as bays and bayous.

Program regulations look at runoff from industry, construction and municipal water systems. In Texas the program is administered by the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality.

The Galveston County Health District has been delegated by the Galveston County Commissioner's Court to develop and implement Phase II of the county's Stormwater Management Plan to comply with regulations.

The current stormwater permit and stormwater management plan is set to expire in August 2012.

The health district's chief executive officer, Dr. Mark Guidry, said: "The environment can have a big impact on our health and quality of life. A safe and healthy environment helps people to stay well and reduces injuries and illnesses.

Keeping pollutants out of our waterways helps us in our efforts to create an overall healthy community."

This year's summit will focus on topics such as:

- Brief discussion of the current Galveston County Storm Water Management Plan
- Available "Best Practices" for stormwater management in Texas
- Best practices in the power washing and cosmetic cleaning industry
- Public input on the future of stormwater management

"We work very hard at all times to improve our services provided in the county," said Ronnie Schultz, director of environmental programs.

The health district conducts summits to inform the public about environmental issues.