



SAM Newsletter #15 - September 2023

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Round 4 SAM Study Solicitation Wrap up

Over 100 MS4 permittees and interested stakeholders attended the August 29th Hybrid Workshop to hear about newest proposed SAM studies. MS4 permittees have voted on their top three project proposals. The SWG will discuss these proposals at both the September 13 and November 15 meetings. These votes and caucus recommendations are key for making final funding decisions in November. We encourage participation in the SWG Caucuses to weigh in on the funding decisions. Please reach out to your caucus or interest group lead to learn more. Find caucus lead contact information [on the SWG website](#). Successful studies will be funded as part of the current permit cycle, 2019 - 2024 and carried forward into the next permit cycle. All of the Round 4 SAM Study Proposals and [workshop summary](#) are available on the [SAM Website](#).

Recently completed SAM projects and new SAM Fact Sheets

Three new SAM Fact Sheets were recently completed:

- Read [SAM Fact Sheet 29: Stormwater Particle Size Distribution \(PSD\) & Implications for BMP Effectiveness](#) to learn about this project's findings in identifying the range of particle sizes typically studied in stormwater runoff and BMP effectiveness.
- Read [SAM Fact Sheet 30: Evaluation of Hydraulic Control Approaches for Bioretention Systems](#) to learn about this study's findings for orifice control of hydraulic conditions in bioretention systems and impacts to performance and water quality in the effluent.
- Read [SAM Fact Sheet 31: Business Source Control & Inspection Program Guidance](#) to learn more about the new Source Control Inspection Program Guidance Manual and the free online training that is now available.

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All active SAM projects have a dedicated page on SAM's webpages. Completed projects are moved to the 'accordions' on the [Effectiveness Studies](#), [Source ID Projects](#), or [Status and Trends](#) web pages.