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BAUM ENVIRONMENTAL GROUP



Over 20 years ago, we opened our doors as an environmental consulting firm. As enforcement became more common, the company expanded to address a need that was ignored by most consultants and engineering firms. Usually, environmental consultants and engineers do not handle the stormwater aspects of stormwater management, as it is within the scope of construction work. Diane Baum, founder and CEO of Baum Environmental Group, Inc., said "In a sense we have become part of their subcontractor core group and learned to organize our experiences to fit within their construction world. We became invested in learning the nuances involved in construction and understand their pain points."

We have developed a market niche to provide contractors in residential and commercial construction a choice for low-cost solutions to regulations that construction firms are not normally adapted to handling. By establishing the knowledge and capability to adapt to our construction clients, we have built up credibility to our client base as they recognize we understand their type of business.

Our core focus of work is the mandatory Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) required for construction. This plan encompasses various unique factors of the site and is the easiest way to achieve non-compliance from regulatory agencies. Additionally, inspections are a requirement to ensure that the site is complying as we work with clients through citizen

complaints or work as a liaison with the city or state compliance management.

Enforcement is more strict since flooding has become a prevalent problem, therefore regulatory agencies, municipalities and citizen groups are always looking for contractors to serve as scapegoats to limit budgets and flooding in their neighborhoods.

To provide an overview of Baum Environmental Group's services, we have provided a list below. These include, but not limited to, the following:

- Stormwater Plans (SWPPP)
- Stormwater Inspections
- Sewage Plant Testing and DMR work
- Small Sewer Plant Installs
No Discharge Sewer Plants
- Green Home and Energy Star Review/Inspection
(Louisiana Housing Authority, HUD)
- Erosion Control Installation and Supplies
- Third-Party Code Inspections
- Permit and DEQ Liaison Work
- DEQ/EPA Environmental Permitting (All Types)
- Air Permitting
- Post-Construction Stormwater
Maintenance Plans and Covenants

New procedures and rules in East Baton Rouge Parish and the City of Prairieville require sewer plants to have lower limits and no discharge. We have been helping clients meet these goals by completing sewer projects at commercial sites which allows the projects to proceed with limited space and no need for DEQ permits.

Lastly, we see a need to educate children at the elementary level about stormwater and how it effects the environment. Rebecca Bruton, COO at Baum Environmental Group, Inc., said, "Giving children a visual of how stormwater travels and seeing the pollutants it picks up along its journey to the storm drain and eventually to where the fish live is important to them understanding ways to protect the environment." We are eager for opportunities to educate whether it be to a peer or a child.

Baum Environmental Group looks forward to more innovations and to the introduction of Silt Signs to the construction market. We also hope for a great year in infrastructure funding and to continue to innovate and assist their contractor clients with their comprehensive environmental needs in construction. We strive to stay active in the Associated General Contractors Association and provide much needed relief to all environmental stormwater and compliance issues within the construction industry.

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