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**Stormwater Treatment:  
Assessment and Maintenance**

**Field Data Sheet for Level 1 Assessment: Visual Inspection  
Wet Ponds**

Inspector's Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date of Inspection: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Location of the wet pond: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address or Intersection: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Latitude, Longitude: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date the wet pond began operation: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Wet pond dimensions. Depth (ft.): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Area (ft. x ft.) \_\_\_\_\_  
 Time since last rainfall (hr): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Quantity of last rainfall (in): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rainfall Measurement Location: \_\_\_\_\_

*Site Sketch (include inlets, outlets, north arrow, etc.)*

Based on visual assessment of the site, answer the following questions and make photographic or video-graphic documentation:

1. Has visual inspection been conducted at this location before?  Yes  No  I don't know
  1. a) If yes, enter date: \_\_\_\_\_
  1. b) Based on previous visual inspections, have any corrective actions been taken?
    - Yes  No  I don't know (If yes, describe actions in comments box)
2. Has it rained within the last 48 hours at this location?  Yes  No  I don't know
3. Access
  3. a) Access to the wet pond is:
    - Clear  Partially obstructed  Mostly obstructed  Inaccessible
  3. b) If obstructed, the obstruction is (choose and provide comments) :
    - temporary **and**  no action needed **or**  action needed
    - permanent **and**  before or during installation **or**  new since installation
  3. c) Access to the upstream and downstream drainage is:
    - Clear  Partially obstructed  Mostly obstructed  Inaccessible
  3. d) If obstructed, the obstruction is (choose and provide comments) :
    - temporary **and**  no action needed **or**  action needed
    - permanent **and**  before or during installation **or**  new since installation

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4. Inlet Structures

4. a) How many inlet structures are present?  0  1  2  3  4  5  > 5
4. b) Are any of the inlet structures clogged? (If yes, mark location on site sketch above and fill in boxes below with items causing clogging (ie. debris, sediment, vegetation, etc.)

	Inlet #:				
Partially					
Completely					
Not Applicable					

4. c) Are any of the inlet structures askew or misaligned from the original design or otherwise in need of maintenance? (if yes, write in reason: frost heave, vandalism, unknown, etc.)

	Inlet #:				
Reason					

5. How many cells are in the wet pond system? \_\_\_\_\_

5. a) Does the water in the pond have:
- Surface sheen (from oils or gasoline)
  - Murky color (from suspended solids)
  - Green color (from algae or other biological activity)
  - Other (describe in comment box)

6. Is there evidence of illicit storm sewer discharges?
- Yes  No  I don't know (if yes, describe in comment box)

7. Does the wet pond smell like gasoline or oil?  Yes  No

8. Are there indications of any of the following in the wet pond? (If yes, mark on site sketch)
- Sediment deposition in excess of 50% of the sediment storage capacity
  - Erosion or channelization
  - Excessive or undesirable vegetation (that needs mowing or removal)
  - Bare soil or lack of healthy vegetation significantly different from the original design
  - Litter or debris
  - Other
  - No

8. a) If sediment deposition is evident, what is the source?
- Erosion or channelization inside the wet pond
  - Erosion or channelization outside the wet pond
  - Construction site erosion
  - Other
  - Unknown

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9. Are there indications of any of the following on the banks of the wet pond:

- Erosion or channelization
- Soil slides or bulges
- Excessive animal burrows
- Seeps and wet spots
- Poorly vegetated areas
- Trees on constructed slopes

10. Are any outlet or overflow structures clogged?  No  Partially  Completely  NA

10. a) If yes, specify the clogging material (i.e. debris, sediment, vegetation, etc.) in the box below.

	Outlet #:	Outlet #:	Outlet #:
Material			
Partial or Comp.			

10. b) Are any of the outlet or overflow structures askew or misaligned from the original design or otherwise in need of maintenance? (if yes, write in reason: frost heave, vandalism, unknown, etc.)

	Outlet #:	Outlet #:	Outlet #:
Reason			

11. Is there any evidence of any of the following downstream of the outlet structure?

- Sediment deposition
- Erosion or channelization
- Other
- No

11. a) If sediment deposition is evident, what is the source?

- Erosion or channelization inside the filtration practice
- Erosion or channelization outside the filtration practice
- Construction site erosion
- Other, Specify \_\_\_\_\_
- Unknown

12. Inspector's Recommendations. When is maintenance needed?

- Before the next rainfall
- Before the next rainy season
- Within a year or two
- No sign that any is required

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12. Summarize the results of this inspection and write any other observations in the box below.

***Summary and other observations***

