

Presentation & Public Hearing

NJPDES Municipal Stormwater Permit Renewal

A Public Hearing sponsored by the New Jersey Clean Water Council

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. (or close of testimony, if earlier)

New Jersey Forensic Science Technology Center, 1200 Negron Drive, Hamilton, NJ

PURPOSE OF THE HEARING

The New Jersey Clean Water Council (NJCWC) seeks public testimony on the DEP's **Preliminary** Draft Renewal of the stormwater permits issued to municipalities authorizing the discharge of stormwater from municipal stormwater systems. These municipal systems are referred to as Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems, or MS4s.

Most municipalities have developed a stormwater program to comply with the core requirements of the preliminary draft renewal permits. This hearing provides interested parties the opportunity to offer input prior to issuance of the draft permits. The Department will not formally respond to comments received on the preliminary drafts but will consider them during preparation of draft permits. The Council will consider the testimony and make recommendations to NJDEP Commissioner Bob Martin regarding the preliminary draft permits. The Department will then issue draft permits; solicit formal comments; and issue a response to comments document with the final permit decisions. The preliminary draft permits are posted at http://www.nj.gov/dep/dwq/msrp_home.htm

AGENDA

1:00 *Welcome/Opening Comments/Introductions*, **James F. Cosgrove, Jr., P.E.**, NJCWC Chair

1:10 *Keynote Speaker* **Dan Kennedy**, Assistant Commissioner NJDEP, Water Resource Mgmt.

1:25 *"Proposed municipal stormwater permit specifics"*, **Jim Murphy**, Bureau Chief, NJDEP, Bureau of Non-Point Pollution Control:

2:10 *"Stormwater BMP retrofits that have resulted in water quality, flooding and streambank erosion improvements"*, **Brian Friedlich, P.E.**, Kleinfelder Project Manager

2:30 **Q & A / Discussion (No public testimony taken at this time)**

2:45 (Approximate) **Commence Public Testimony**

REQUEST FOR TESTIMONY

The Council seeks recommendations regarding how municipalities can best comply with the permit and how the permit can be best structured to result in environmental benefits. Testimony should consider:

- How can a municipality's Stormwater Program better address water quality impairments and flooding issues?
- What additional practices could further advance addressing water quality impairments?
- What tools or resources can be used to more efficiently complete the inventory and mapping requirements (for example, shared services, use of community groups or interns)?
- Do you have an education and outreach or data sharing program that has been successful?
- What additional training opportunities should the DEP provide to assist municipalities with achieving compliance with the permit?