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August 1, 2005

Re: Notice of Final Permit Decision
R12 –Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit
NJPDES Permit No. NJ0141887

Dear Stormwater Program Coordinator:

This correspondence serves as notice pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15.15 of the Department's decision to issue final a modification of the Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit NJ0141887 (Highway Permit) effective September 1, 2005. The final permit modification has been issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A. The Department has issued a Response to Comments document, which is available at <http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/municstw.html> or from the Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control. Procedures for contesting a final permit decision are found at N.J.A.C. 7:14A-17.

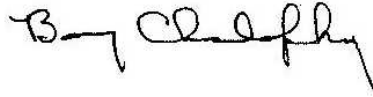
Please note that the permit modification was in part proposed as a result of discussions with stakeholders to address a number of concerns. This final permit modification further clarifies, develops, and simplifies certain aspects of the Highway Agency Permit to better protect water quality and to assist municipalities in complying with the permit's conditions.

The final modification of the Highway Agency Permit:

- authorizes flows from washing fire fighting vehicles;
- defines "catch basin" as a cistern, vault, chamber or well that is usually built along a street as part of the storm sewer system, so it is clearly understood which catch basins must be inspected and cleaned;
- clarifies that the Wildlife Feeding Ordinance allows the feeding of feral cats as part of an approved Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) program;
- rewords the Street Sweeping Statewide Basic Requirement to clarify which streets require monthly/quarterly sweeping; and
- authorizes the discharge of equipment and vehicle washing from municipal operations until February 28, 2009. After February 28, 2009 Tier A Municipalities shall have no unpermitted discharge of equipment and vehicle wash wastewater. Acceptable methods of handling of equipment and vehicle wash wastewater include:
 - installing a vehicle wash reclaim system;
 - capturing and hauling the wastewater for proper disposal;
 - connecting to sanitary sewer (where applicable and approved by local authorities);
 - ceasing the activity; or
 - applying for and obtaining a separate NJPDES permit.

Thank you for your continued support of the Department's Clean Water Initiative. If you have questions or comments regarding the modification please contact Bruce Friedman, Supervisor, Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program, or Matt Klewin, Case Manager at (609) 633-7021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Chalofsky". The signature is written in a cursive, somewhat stylized font.

Barry Chalofsky, P.P., Chief
Bureau of Nonpoint Pollution Control

Enclosures: Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141887)

C: Water Compliance and Enforcement Regional Office