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March 1, 2009

Re: Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program
Notice of Final Permit Decision
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 renewal of the Highway Agency Stormwater General Permit NJ0141887 (Highway Agency Permit) effective March 1, 2009. The Department has issued a Response to Comments document, which is available at http://www.state.nj.us/dep/dwq/msrp_home.htm.

Enclosed is the final New Jersey Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NJPDES) General Permit, which has been issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A, and your Authorization to Discharge page.

The Department is not requiring any new major capital projects or expenditures in the renewal permit due to current statewide economic concerns and has made a number of changes designed to give municipalities more flexibility in meeting permit requirements. Below is a brief summary of the changes to the Highway Agency Permit.

- establish a definition for "Permanent Structure" to clarify eligible structures for De-Icing Storage;
- require the addition of a Refuse Containers / Dumpsters BMP;
- clarify the Storm Drain Inlet Retrofitting BMP to specifically state that "resurfacing (including top coating or chip sealing with asphalt emulsion or a thin base of hot bitumen)" is repaving;
- revise the Stormwater Facility Maintenance BMP so that catch basin cleaning becomes a separate BMP and create a schedule for catch basin inspection and cleaning for those Highway Agencies with 2,000 or more catch basins;
- change the Road Erosion Control BMP to an Optional Measure;
- require Highway Agencies to record where and when vehicle and equipment washing activities occur;
- refine the language within the minimum standard of the Employee Training BMP; and
- require the revision of the SPPP on or before June 1, 2009 to incorporate the changes required by the renewal of the Highway Agency Permit.

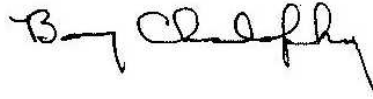
The Department has made minor changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors. In addition, the Department has made the following substantive changes to the Highway Agency Permit upon adoption:

- established a definition for "Existing Permittee" and clarified the definition for "New Permittee";
- established a definition for "original EDPA" since some statewide basic requirement implementation schedules from the March 1, 2004 permits extend into the timeframe of the March 1, 2009 renewal permit;
- changed the Annual Report and Certification deadline to on or before May 2nd annually; and

- changed the reporting period for the Annual Report and Certification to January 1st through December 31st each year.

Thank you for your continued support of the Department's Clean Water Initiative. If you have questions or comments regarding the renewal please contact your Case Manager at (609) 633-7021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Barry Chalofsky". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Barry" and last name "Chalofsky" clearly distinguishable.

Barry Chalofsky, P.P., Chief
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C: Water Compliance and Enforcement Regional Office