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August 1, 2005

Re: Notice of Final Permit Decision
R9 -Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit
NJPDES Permit No. NJ0141852

Dear Stormwater Program Coordinator:

Enclosed is the **final modification** of the Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit NJ0141852 (Tier A Permit) effective September 1, 2005. The final permit modification has been issued in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A. A separate notice, pursuant to N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15.15, was sent to your municipality's mayor.

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

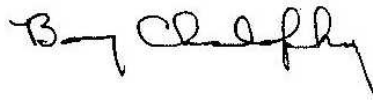
The final modification of the Tier A Permit:

- 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;
- extends the deadline for Pinelands municipalities to adopt a municipal stormwater management plan, and improves consistency with Pinelands Comprehensive Management Plan;
- adds a requirement that "conditionally approved" and "disapproved" municipal stormwater plans and ordinances be resubmitted to the county review agency within a specified timeframe;
- clarifies that the Wildlife Feeding Ordinance allows the feeding of feral cats as part of an approved Trap, Neuter, and Release (TNR) program;
- modifies the Yard Waste Ordinance/Collection Program SBR to give municipalities greater flexibility with the pick-up schedule; 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 your 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, flowing style with a horizontal line extending from the end.

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

Enclosure:

Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141852)

C: Water Compliance and Enforcement Regional Office