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Re: Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit Draft Modification (NJ0141861)
Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program

Dear Stormwater Program Coordinator:

Since the adoption of the NJPDES rule amendments and issuance of the Tier A and Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permits, the Department has continued to work closely with municipalities and the New Jersey State League of Municipalities. Commissioner Bradley M. Campbell's April 11, 2005 letter to William G. Dressel, Jr., Executive Director, New Jersey State League of Municipalities, discussed among other topics the possible modification of the Tier A and Tier B Permits to assist municipalities in complying with the stormwater program.

As a result of these discussions the Department has proposed to modify the Tier A and Tier B General Permit to address a number of concerns. Enclosed is the public notice for the proposed modification that appeared in the, June 14, 2005 editions of the Vineland Daily Journal, Trenton Times, and the June 15, 2005 editions of the NJDEP Bulletin, Newark Star Ledger, Camden Courier-Post, and Atlantic City Press. Included in the public notice are the requirements for the submission of comments by a specified date, and other procedures for reaching a final permit decision in accordance with N.J.A.C. 7:14A-15, -16, and -17. The comment period will begin on June 15, 2005, and will end on July 16, 2005.

Attached is a complete package including the Public Notice, draft modification of the Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141861) and Tier B modification Fact Sheet. A separate letter with a copy of the Public Notice has been sent to your municipality's Mayor. Some of these proposed modifications are highlighted below:

- clarifies that flows from washing fire fighting vehicles are authorized by the permit;
- extends the deadline for Pinelands municipalities to adopt a municipal stormwater management plan, and improves consistency with Pinelands CMP;

- adds a requirement that “conditionally approved” and “disapproved” municipal stormwater plans and ordinances be resubmitted to the county review agency; and
- authorizes equipment and vehicle washing from municipal operations until February 28, 2009 to protect municipalities from potential violations of the Water Pollution Control Act and NJPDES Regulations. This provision however, does require municipalities to either cease or get permits for such discharges after that date. The Department is committing to work with municipalities, counties, the League of Municipalities, and the NJ Department of Transportation to develop alternative solutions.

Thank you for your continued support of the Department’s Clean Water Initiative. If you have questions or comments regarding the draft modifications please contact either me or Bruce Friedman, Supervisor, Municipal Stormwater Permits Unit, at (609) 633–7021.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures:

Public Notice

Draft Modification of the Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit (NJ0141861)

Tier A Municipal Stormwater General Permit Modification Fact Sheet