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March 1, 2009

Re: Municipal Stormwater Regulation Program Notice of Final Permit Decision Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit NJPDES Permit No. NJ0141861

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 Tier B Municipal Stormwater General Permit NJ0141861 (Tier B 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 Tier B Permit.

- establish a point system for the Local Public Education Program to give more flexibility in implementing the BMP;
- require municipalities to record where and when vehicle and equipment washing activities occur;
- require the adoption and enforcement of a Fertilizer Management Ordinance (for those municipalities affected by the Non-Tidal Passaic River Basin Addressing Phosphorus Impairments TMDL); and
- create an Attachment B which lists the approved activities and point totals for the Local Public Education BMP.

The Department has made minor changes to correct typographical and grammatical errors. In addition, the Department has made the following substantive changes to the Tier B 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.

A model Fertilizer Management Ordinance is available by contacting the Division of Watershed Management at (609) 984-0058.

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,

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