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Fwd: MDE Tentative Determination to issue Two NPDES Phase II MS4 General Permits

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Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 8:26 AM

To: Alex Romero <alexcy_romero@nps.gov>

Cc: Brenda Wasler <brenda_wasler@nps.gov>

Good morning Alex!

No, I had not seen this. Brenda has been working with our regional team and we had heard rumblings that this was coming down the pike. We'll follow up and I'll report back to you on how this will affect us.

Cheers,
Simone

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Date: Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 8:22 AM

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To: simone_monteleone <simone_monteleone@nps.gov>

Simone,

I missed this one. Did you see this?

Thank you,
Alexcy Romero
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All,

The Maryland Department of the Environment, Water Management Administration (MDE\WMA) has reached a tentative determination to issue two National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) as follows:

1. A general permit for discharges from small municipal separate storm sewer systems (General Discharge Permit No. 13-IM-5500, General NPDES No. MDR055500); and
2. A general permit for discharges from State and federal small municipal separate storm systems (General Discharge Permit No. 13-SF-5501, General NPDES No. MDR055501).

These five year permits are designed to comply with the United States Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) regulations and to control stormwater pollutant discharges from storm drain systems owned or operated by small municipalities and State or federal agencies. Under the conditions of the permits, regulated small MS4s will be required to implement the following minimum control measures: public/personnel education and outreach; public participation and involvement; illicit discharge detection and elimination; construction site stormwater runoff control; post-construction stormwater management; and pollution prevention/good housekeeping. The permits also outline new requirements for impervious area restoration. Permittees are required to perform watershed assessments, identify water quality improvement opportunities, secure appropriate funding, and develop an implementation schedule to show that twenty percent impervious area restoration will be achieved by 2025. Restoration planning strategies and implementation schedules required under the conditions of these permits are consistent with addressing Chesapeake Bay restoration and the water quality goals of local rivers and streams. Implementation of these permit conditions will improve stormwater controls, reduce pollution, and satisfy the water quality requirements of federal regulations under the Clean Water Act.

More information on the permits and fact sheets, as well as instructions for submitting comments during the public comment period, may be accessed on MDE's website at:

<http://mde.maryland.gov/SWM>

MDE will hold a public hearing for both permits on February 6, 2017. Further information on the public hearing is available on MDE's website. The public comment period will remain open until March 30, 2017.

If there are any questions concerning these permits, please feel free to contact me at (410) 537-3533, Christina Lyerly at (410) 537-3546, or Michelle Crawford at (410) 537-3547.

Thank you for your attention,

Debbie

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Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 8:31 AM

Well, this looks like it'll be a joy to implement as well...

About that hiring idea for a regional stormwater person...

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Wed, Jan 11, 2017 at 9:54 AM

Hi David,

This is the upcoming MS4 general permit for Maryland. Since it will be affecting a number of our parks (GWMP, NACE, CHOH, MONO), comments sent from the regional director level would be most appropriate. We will have all of the parks together at the upcoming NAT meeting at GWMP after inauguration, so it might be a good time to bring it up for discussion. (This will be my first NAT meeting, so I'm not entirely sure of the format or topics).

Thanks,

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FYI - MS4 fun & games for Maryland coming up!

I will be gathering comments on it for GWMP, and hopefully giving them to the region to send from the regional director.

I haven't been to the NAT meeting (natural resources) yet to know if it's something that would cover anything in your land, but might want to check with Jason to see if it's something you should plan on. It's one of those things that took a while for me to discover! There are also regional meetings for cultural resources and maintenance, though I'm not sure what other groups have them.

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FYI,

Steve Sims is usually Chief of Facilities for NER. I didn't realize when I emailed him he was Acting Supt., anyway, see his response to NPS units having MS4 permits.

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Subject: Re: MDE Tentative Determination to issue Two NPDES Phase II MS4 General Permits

To: "Norris, Marian" <marian_norris@nps.gov>

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Marian,

Thank you for your email. I strongly discourage any park unit from obtaining an MS4 permit (Individual or General). Park stormwater systems are generally part of (connected to) a municipality that has MS4 requirements. Therefore, the town/city owns the MS4 and the park falls within and complies with the requirements as part of a larger permit....the NPS doesn't own the permit.

Also, has anyone inquired about the cost of managing an MS4 permit? The reporting requirements, etc? A park doesn't need this additional burden if it can fall within an existing MS4. Per the MD MS4 Permit Improvement Guide (page 7 the ***"EPA encourages permittees in a geographic area to establish cooperative agreements in implementing their stormwater programs. Partnerships and agreements between permittees and/or other agencies can minimize unnecessarily repeating activities and result in using available resources as efficiently as possible."*** Again, the NPS needs to 'partner' with the adjacent municipality, not own an MS4 that it can't maintain.

For Ft. McHenry, they should be partnered with MD DPE/Baltimore on their stormwater requirements.

Hope this helps-

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On Thu, Jan 12, 2017 at 7:53 AM, Norris, Marian <marian_norris@nps.gov> wrote:
Steve,

Last year Carmen Chapin emailed you and cc'd me regarding the potential for stormwater permitting requirements on NPS units in the Chesapeake Bay Watershed. The jurisdictions and EPA provided much speculation on what would happen, but there was no concrete information on how they would proceed.

Based on the enclosed message forwarded to me from an NCR park (see below) Maryland is finally following up.

Based on conversations I had with Deborah Cappucitti last year, Maryland is only interested in larger paved areas. For NER, she only identified Fort McHenry's parking lot and Supt. Tina Cappetta is in the recipient list. Please note this is still a draft proposal, it does not appear that EPA has given final approval.

West Virginia and Pennsylvania have said they are not interested in pursuing permits for NPS properties at this time. They consider us to be sheet flow not point source and therefore very hard to measure. Virginia is interested in pursuing permits for paved areas on NPS properties (such as Skyline Drive), but they are understaffed and badly backlogged and have no coherent plan or timeline of implementation.

This is not my area of expertise, I stumbled into this through the Chesapeake Bay Total Maximum Daily Load for nitrogen, phosphorus and sediment, but if you have any questions I will try to answer them.

Thank you,
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Interesting point of view on the MS4.

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In case this is helpful for you..

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