NPDES Phase II Newsletter

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Protecting and improving the watersheds within and around Genesee County

The NPDES Ph II permit program had 2 types of permits. The jurisdictional permit and the watershed permit. Currently all Genesee County NPDES Ph II permitees have a watershed permit. Under the new permit cycle, the only permit available will be the Jurisdictional. This may change the interpretation on some of the current permit requirements. As has been the trend, this change to a jurisdictional permit will require each permitee to take more ownership of their individual permit. We will and can continue to work together, but as the permit holder the State holds the individual permitee responsible for all the requirements within their permit, regardless of who performs those requirements. The new permit cycle is 2013-2018, but since the State cannot process all the permitees in 2013, they are staggering the dates for application based on watersheds. For Genesee County communities, that means that in 2014 we will be reapplying for a new permit effective in 2015.

Genesee County Community Water Quality Consortium

- Fall 2013: New permit training by MDEQ
- Winter 2013: Meetings with MDEQ

Let's make one thing

Perfectly Clear.

- April 1, 2014: Applications for new permit due
- Fall 2014: approval of application. Effective 2015

Although there will be few overall changes to how we implement the Ph II program, the new permit will have differences.

• February 13, 2013: The State sent out a letter to permitees, in regards to IDEP dry weather screening. Under the new permit, the permitee may ask for alternatives to the dry weather screening. If an alternative approach was approved under the new permit, there may be savings for communities with a large number of repetitive outfalls.

Stephanie Kammer of the MDEQ spoke to the Storm Water Advisory Group (SWAG) at the May 15 regular meeting. Topics included:

- Post construction controls.
- Permit Fee Appeal
- New Permit

The State of Michigan will be performing NPDES Ph II audits this year on City of Davison in April, Genesee County will begin in May and depending on the timing there may be a third audit of a local permitee this year. Additional audits will be held in 2014.

• Communities would only be responsible for testing the MS4's they own and operate within an urbanized area. The map on the back of this page shows the current urbanized area. This requirement will not affect the cities, but may affect a few of the Townships.

Stephanie Kammer sent out an e-mail to the Communities. Those that wish to file a fee appeal request may see a reduction on their annual permit fees to the state.

