



*Protecting and improving the watersheds  
 within and around Genesee County*

**UPDATE**

All Phase II Communities received a letter from the MDNRE in December 2010, notifying them that the 2008 permit has been withdrawn. Follow up letters went to all Phase II communities Feb, 2011.

Sue from the Drain Commissioner's Office and Steve from Tetra Tech had a phone conference with Stephanie Kammer of the MDEQ on March 17th 2011. Ms. Kammer followed up this meeting with an e-mail summarized below.

	<u>2003 COC</u>	<u>2011 Compliance</u>
<u>Middle Flint River</u>		
WMP update (or det not to revise) due:	March 1, 2007	<b>March 1, 2013? or potentially due in 2011</b>
SWPPI update (or det not to revise) due:	Sept 1, 2007	<b>Sept 1, 2011</b>
<u>Lower Flint River</u>		
WMP update (or det not to revise) due:	Sept 1, 2007	<b>Sept 1, 2011</b>
SWPPI update (or det not to revise) due:	March 1, 2008	<b>March 1, 2012</b>
<u>Upper-1 Shiawassee River</u>		
WMP update (or det not to revise) due:	March 1, 2008	<b>March 1, 2012</b>
SWPPI update (or det not to revise) due:	Sept 1, 2008	<b>Sept 1, 2012</b>
<u>Upper Flint River</u>		
WMP update (or det not to revise) due:	Sept 1, 2008	<b>Sept 1, 2012</b>
SWPPI update (or det not to revise) due:	March 1, 2009	<b>March 1, 2013</b>

Annual Report = **November 1, 2011** this should include all activities since your last report (Last 3-years). *Under the 2008 permit the report was due June 1, 2011.*

Since the 2008 SWPPI included an alternative approach for post const. that was not approved, the entire SWPPI is not approved. This means that you now need to follow your last approved plan under the 2003 permit. You have the opportunity to modify the SWPPI and submit for approval if you would like to follow the 2008 SWPPI or some hybrid in between. I think that you could do this when your first SWPPI update is due (Sept 2011) but I am double-checking on this.

*Note: We do not have any correspondence until this e-mail that the 2008 SWPPI is not approved. Because the work we are doing, Specifically IDEP, does not match the 2003 SWPPI, we are going to have to make some changes to the 2008 SWPPI and resubmit for approval. Although only the Middle Flint Communities need to submit by September 2011, it is the plan to have everyone update the SWPPIs at the same time.*

IDEP: Finally, I am checking on how we will be determining compliance for discharge points based on the 2003 requirements. *As stated above, the approved IDEP plan under the 2003 permit does not match the 2008 approved IDEP plan. To stop what we have been doing for the last 2 ½ years and start over would be a waste of both time and finances. Also to change how we do IDEP at this time would require us to modify the 342 Contract.*

## A Look Forward....

### **Watershed Management Plans and SWPPI review meeting: May 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011 at 10:30 am, GCDC trailer**

The watershed management plans have to be reviewed to determine if they need to be updated. As outlined in the Public Participation Plan, We are holding a stakeholder meeting.

### **Spring is here**

This is the time to start thinking about going out and doing your **ANNUAL INSPECTIONS OF YOUR STORM SYSTEMS** to see if they need maintenance. Remember to record your efforts. If you own a facility such as a DPW, vehicle maintenance garage, fuel tanks on property you own, then this is the time to have your storm water operator to go through your SWPPP and make sure it up to date.

### **Handouts**

As part of public education each community has been given various handouts to make available to the public. (See you SWPPI for individual commitments) If you are out of handouts we are happy to provide you more copies of the following education information:

- 7 simple steps to cleaner water
- Riparian Landowner Education
- Spetic System Booklet
- Dump No Waste doorhanger

### **Upcoming Events**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>:** Flint River GREEN student Summit. Students all over Genesee County, have done water quality testing on the Flint River, The Shiawassee River and their Tributaries and come together at the Summit to present their findings.

**May 21<sup>st</sup>.** River Cleanup from 10am – 2pm.  
U of M Flint Campus  
Vietnam Veterans Park  
Flushing Riverview Park  
Holloway Dam  
... and other locations along the Flint River and its tributaries

River walks throughout Genesee Co.

**June 29<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 10<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 24<sup>th</sup>**

Canoe Trips throughout Genesee Co.

**June 21<sup>st</sup>**  
**July 9<sup>th</sup>**  
**July 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**August 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**September 23<sup>rd</sup>**

Contact [slissing@flinriver.org](mailto:slissing@flinriver.org) for more information on events

### **Alphabet Soup... What do those letters Mean?**

**SWPPP: Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan:** A plan outlining what kind of facilities you have, what materials, chemicals, processes you have on site. How they are protected from contaminating surface water and how would your facility respond if the surface water is contaminated.

**SWPPI: Storm Water Pollution Prevention Initiative.** This is the enforceable document that each permittee prepares that outlines how they are going to comply with the NPDES Phase II Permit.

**COC: Certificate of Coverage.** Letter from State allowing the permittee to discharge storm water from the outfalls they own and maintain. This letter has due dates for permit requirements.

**NPDES: National Pollution Discharge Elimination System.** Federal mandate requiring Governmental Agencies to acquire a permit to discharge storm water. Currently only communities / agencies with a minimum population or population density are required to have a permit.