

NPDES Phase II Newsletter



Protecting and improving the watersheds within and around Genesee County

- o December 2010: the 2008 permit has been withdrawn. Revert to 2003 permit
- o February 2011: follow up letters sent out to phase II communities
- o March 2011: Drain Commissioner's Office, Tetra Tech had a phone conference with MDEQ that was followed up with an e-mail summarizing permit requirements.
- o Pending permit requirements resulted in holding May 3rd meeting.

MAY 3rd MEETING SUMMARY

Go through the approved Watershed Management Plan (WMP). Submitted in February 2008. According to March 2011 e-mail we will have to update and resubmit WMP or determine that no update is needed and each permitee submit a letter.

Look at SWPPI for 2003- permit cycle verses 2008 permit cycle. The 2003- permit cycle SWPPI is approved but will need to be updated and resubmitted.

The 2008- IDEP plan had been changed to comply with State. The 2003- IDEP plan does not match what is currently being done. IDEP plan will have to be amended to match what is being done and each permitee submit revised plan to State.

Discuss the Pending Storm Water Ordinance. What is required in 2008 permit versus what was committed to in the 2003 SWPPI. GCDC office has requested MDEQ to complete review of Ordinance. Our schedule is on hold until we hear from them. It was decided that we would have a BMP sub-committee meeting once we have heard from the MDEQ on this matter.

AFTER MAY 3rd EMAIL FROM MDEQ

You will not have to update the WMPs. DEQ has decided that under the 2003 permit, there is no requirement to update the WMPs and SWPPIs every two years. Therefore, you will not have a requirement to update these documents unless they are specifically found to be in noncompliance with the permit. This would usually be determined during the audit process.

As far as your question regarding the SWPPI update. We will be taking no formal action on the alternative approaches that were submitted last year. If you would like to supplement the alternative approach (or any other implementation items) in place of what was included in the SWPPI developed under the 2003 permit, you must modify the SWPPI and submit the entire document for review and approval. Based on my knowledge of what was submitted last year for post construction control, I do not see any problems with approving the updated post construction information as meeting the 2003 permit requirements.

Again, you would have to submit the IDEP as part of a modified SWPPI for us to approve.

Until the modified SWPPI is submitted and approved, you are required to implement according to your previously approved SWPPI. Therefore, you should try to submit the updated SWPPIs as soon as possible (this is different than what I had thought previously).

All documents used during this meeting are available http://www.gcdcswm.com/PhaseII/