

Date of Public Notice: December 24, 2007

PUBLIC NOTICE OHQ000002  
Statewide Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4)

On the basis of staff review and application of standards and regulations, on December 24, 2007, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency will issue a draft general permit for the statewide regulation of Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) to discharge storm water. The draft permit will be issued as a final action unless the Director revises the draft after consideration of the record of a public hearing or written comments, or upon disapproval by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Any person may submit comments on the draft permit and administrative record.

The general permit for Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) to discharge storm water (Permit No. OHQ000002) is the second generation of this general permit. This permit would afford coverage to all small MS4s required to obtain NPDES permit coverage to discharge throughout the State of Ohio. The permit identifies who can be covered, how an entity obtains coverage and how a permittee terminates coverage. The permit contains requirements for permittees to develop and implement a Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). The SWMP provides what best management practices (BMPs) the MS4 has selected to address the six minimum control measures in the permit, why those particular BMPs were selected by the MS4 in light of local water quality issues, and milestones for BMP implementation.

The public notice, associated fact sheet and general permit may be viewed over the internet at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/storm/>. Copies are also available for inspection at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency-Central Office, Division of Surface Water, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Jason Fyffe at 614-728-1793 or via email at [jason.fyffe@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:jason.fyffe@epa.state.oh.us).

The processing of this general permit and associated Notices of Intent for coverage is and will be done, respectively, in accordance with Ohio's antidegradation rule, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-1-05, and NPDES general permit rules, OAC 3745-38.

An Ohio EPA public hearing to accept comments on the draft general permit has been scheduled for 2:00 p.m. on February 14, 2008, at the Riffe Government Center, 12th Floor Conference Room, 77 South High Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The public hearing will end when everyone in attendance has had an opportunity to provide comments related to the draft general permit. In lieu of attending the public hearing, written comments may be submitted as outlined in the following paragraph.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this general permit. Comments should be submitted in person or by mail no later than February 21, 2008. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of this hearing. Deliver or mail all comments to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Surface Water - Permits Processing Unit  
50 West Town Street, Suite 700  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

The OEPA permit number should appear next to the above address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments.