



PAG-13
AUTHORIZATION TO DISCHARGE UNDER THE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)
GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES FROM
SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS (MS4s)
APPROVAL OF COVERAGE

NPDES PERMIT NO. PAG136204

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251 et seq. ("the Act") and Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law, as amended, 35 P.S. Section 691.1 et seq.,

Township of Collier
2418 Hilltop Road
Presto, PA 15142

Is authorized to discharge from a regulated small municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) located in **Collier Township, Allegheny County** to **Chartiers Creek, Thoms Run, Painters Run, Robinson Run, Pinkertons Run and their tributaries as well as to Scotts Run** in Watershed 20-F in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.

APPROVAL OF COVERAGE TO DISCHARGE UNDER THIS GENERAL NPDES PERMIT IS AUTHORIZED BEGINNING ON JULY 31, 2018. WHEN THE GENERAL PERMIT IS RENEWED, REISSUED OR MODIFIED, THE FACILITY OR ACTIVITY COVERED BY THIS APPROVAL FOR COVERAGE MUST COMPLY WITH THE FINAL RENEWED, REISSUED OR MODIFIED GENERAL PERMIT.

The authority granted by coverage under this General Permit is subject to the following further qualifications:

1. The permittee shall comply with the effluent limitations and reporting requirements contained in this General Permit.
2. Following initial coverage under this General Permit, the submission of Annual MS4 Status Reports in accordance with Part A III.D of the General Permit shall constitute the permittee's Notice of Intent (NOI) for continued coverage under the General Permit. The permittee shall be responsible for complying with the final renewed, reissued or amended General Permit. If the permittee is unable to comply with the renewed or amended General Permit, the permittee must submit an application for an individual NPDES permit within 90 days of publication of the final General Permit.
3. The NOI and its supporting documents are incorporated into this approval of coverage. If there is a conflict between the NOI or its supporting documents and the terms and conditions of this General Permit, the terms and conditions of this General Permit shall apply.
4. Failure to comply with the terms, conditions, or effluent limitations of this General Permit is grounds for enforcement action, permit termination or revocation.
5. The permittee shall implement Pollutant Control Measures as specified in **Appendices A, B and C.**
6. The permittee shall achieve pollutant loading reductions for Sediment and Total Phosphorus as specified in **Appendix E by March 15, 2023.**

This approval of coverage is authorized by:

Christopher Kriley, P.E.
Clean Water Program Manager
Southwest Regional Office
Department of Environmental Protection



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In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. Section 1251 *et seq.* (the "Act") and Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law, as amended, 35 P.S. Section 691.1 *et seq.*, the Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) hereby authorizes, by this General Permit, the discharge of stormwater from regulated small municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) to surface waters in accordance with effluent limitations, monitoring requirements and other conditions set forth herein.

Eligible dischargers who wish to be covered under this General Permit must submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to DEP in accordance with the requirements of this General Permit, using the NOI form provided by DEP.

No new discharge may be commenced under this General Permit until the applicant complies with all of the following:

1. The applicant has submitted a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) in accordance with the requirements of this General Permit, using a NOI form provided by DEP.
2. The applicant has received a signed copy of the Approval of Coverage from DEP that authorizes coverage under the PAG-13 General Permit.

DEP may deny coverage under the PAG-13 General Permit and require submission of an application for an individual permit based on a review of the NOI or other relevant information, including monitoring data.

Once coverage is approved under the PAG-13 General Permit, coverage will continue when the PAG-13 General Permit is reissued, unless the permittee is otherwise notified by DEP. The submission each year of the Annual MS4 Status Report in accordance with Part A III.D of the General Permit shall constitute the permittee's NOI for continued coverage under the General Permit unless DEP notifies the permittee in writing that the submission of a new NOI is required.

SCOPE

The PAG-13 General Permit is intended to provide NPDES permit coverage to regulated small MS4s for discharges of stormwater to surface waters. Permittees operating under this General Permit have been either automatically designated as regulated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) pursuant to 40 CFR § 122.32(a)(1) or designated as regulated by DEP under 40 CFR § 122.32(a)(2).

NOI REQUIREMENTS

Deadlines for NOI

MS4 permittees with existing NPDES permit coverage, MS4s that previously have been waived by DEP, and MS4s newly designated as a result of the 2010 census that are seeking coverage under this PAG-13 General Permit or a waiver must submit and DEP must receive an administratively complete and acceptable NOI by September 16, 2017. MS4s authorized to discharge under an individual NPDES permit who are seeking coverage under this General Permit may continue to discharge in accordance with the individual permit while their NOI and associated documents are being reviewed by DEP.

Contents of the NOI

The NOI shall be signed in accordance with the signatory requirements of this General Permit and shall contain the information required in the NOI form.

Where to Submit the NOI

An NOI is to be submitted to the regional office of DEP that has jurisdiction over the county where the MS4 is located.

DISCHARGES AUTHORIZED BY THIS GENERAL PERMIT

Except where specifically prohibited under the "Discharges Not Authorized by this General Permit" section, this General Permit authorizes the discharge of stormwater to surface waters from regulated small MS4s. In addition, the following non-stormwater discharges are authorized by this General Permit as long as such discharges do not cause or contribute to pollution as defined in Pennsylvania's Clean Streams Law:

1. Discharges or flows from firefighting activities.
2. Discharges from potable water sources including water line flushing and fire hydrant flushing, if such discharges do not contain detectable concentrations of Total Residual Chlorine (TRC).
3. Non-contaminated irrigation water, water from lawn maintenance, landscape drainage and flows from riparian habitats and wetlands.
4. Diverted stream flows and springs.
5. Non-contaminated pumped ground water and water from foundation and footing drains and crawl space pumps.
6. Non-contaminated HVAC condensation and water from geothermal systems.
7. Residential (i.e., not commercial) vehicle wash water where cleaning agents are not utilized.
8. Non-contaminated hydrostatic test water discharges, if such discharges do not contain detectable concentrations of TRC.

In the event existing outfall(s) are identified during the term of General Permit coverage that were not identified on maps submitted as part of the NOI (where required), the permittee shall identify the outfall(s) in the subsequent Annual MS4 Status Report that is submitted to the DEP office that approved permit coverage. In the event new stormwater outfalls are proposed, the permittee shall submit written notification to the DEP office that approved permit coverage at least 60 days prior to commencing a discharge, unless such discharges would meet one or more of the criteria specified in the "Discharges Not Authorized By This General Permit" section, in which case an individual permit application must be submitted and an individual permit obtained prior to commencing a discharge.

DISCHARGES NOT AUTHORIZED BY THIS GENERAL PERMIT

The following discharges are not authorized under the PAG-13 General Permit, and DEP may deny coverage under the General Permit when one or more of the following conditions exist:

1. The discharge, individually or in combination with other similar discharges, is or has the potential to be a contributor of pollution, as defined in the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law, which is more appropriately controlled under an individual permit.
2. The discharger is not, or will not be, in compliance with one or more of the conditions of the General Permit.
3. The applicant has failed and continues to fail to comply or has shown a lack of ability or intention to comply with a regulation, permit, schedule of compliance or order issued by DEP.
4. A change has occurred in the availability of demonstrated technology or practices for the control or abatement of pollutants applicable to the point source.
5. Categorical point source effluent limitations are promulgated by the EPA for those point sources covered by the General Permit.
6. The discharge is not, or will not, result in compliance with an applicable effluent limitation or water quality standard.

7. Other point sources within the MS4 require issuance of an individual permit, and issuance of both an individual and a General Permit for the facility would constitute an undue administrative burden on DEP.
8. The discharge from the regulated small MS4 is or would be to a surface water classified as a High Quality (HQ) or an Exceptional Value (EV) water under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93 (relating to Water Quality Standards).
9. The discharge contains toxic or hazardous pollutants, or any other substance which, because of its quantity, concentration or physical, chemical or infectious characteristics, may cause or contribute to an increase in mortality or morbidity in either an individual or the total population, or pose a substantial present or future hazard to human health or the environment when discharged into surface waters.
10. The discharge individually or cumulatively has the potential to cause significant adverse environmental impact or have been determined by DEP to have caused impairment to the surface waters receiving the discharge(s).
11. The discharge would adversely affect a listed endangered or threatened species or its critical habitat.
12. The MS4 is covered by an individual permit, and coverage under this General Permit would result in less stringent effluent limitations or terms and conditions.
13. DEP determines that the denial of coverage is necessary for any other reason to ensure compliance with the Federal Clean Water Act, the Pennsylvania Clean Streams Law or DEP regulations.
14. The regulated MS4 is a large or medium MS4 as defined in 40 CFR §§ 122.26(b)(4) or (7).
15. The permittee is implementing a local or tribal Qualifying Local Program (QLP) pursuant to 40 CFR 122.44(s) that is not the state's program as outlined in 25 Pa. Code Chapter 102.
16. The regulated small MS4 is assigned a wasteload allocation (WLA) (either specific to the MS4 or general) in a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) for local surface waters, where the pollutant(s) of concern are nutrients (i.e., nitrogen and/or phosphorus) and/or sediment (i.e., siltation or total suspended solids), and the MS4 is identified in the "MS4 Requirements Table" (see definitions) as needing to complete a TMDL Plan.
17. The regulated small MS4 1) discharges to waters impaired for nutrients and/or sediment without an EPA-approved TMDL or discharges to the Chesapeake Bay watershed; 2) is identified in DEP's "MS4 Requirements Table"; and 3) has not developed and submitted a Pollutant Reduction Plan (PRP) with the NOI to reduce pollutant loading for the cause(s) of impairment.
18. The discharge will be commingled with sources of non-stormwater unless such non-stormwater discharges are identified in the "Discharges Authorized by this General Permit" section of this General Permit or are in compliance with a separate NPDES permit and do not cause or contribute to pollution.
19. Stormwater discharges associated with industrial activity as defined in 40 CFR §§ 122.26(b)(14)(i)-(ix) and (xi).
20. Stormwater discharges associated with construction activity as defined in 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(14)(x) or 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(15).

THE AUTHORITY GRANTED BY THIS GENERAL PERMIT IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING CONDITIONS:

1. If the permittee submits a timely NOI for coverage under this General Permit (i.e., received by DEP on or before September 16, 2017) and the previous General Permit expires, the permittee is authorized to continue discharging under the terms and conditions of this General Permit. The permittee must comply with all terms and conditions in this General Permit with the exception of requirements that do not take effect until DEP's approval of coverage, as specified in this General Permit.
2. DEP may require a permittee with discharge(s) authorized by this General Permit to apply for and obtain an individual permit by notifying the permittee in writing that an individual permit application is required. Any interested person may petition DEP to take action under this paragraph.

DEP's notice will include the following:

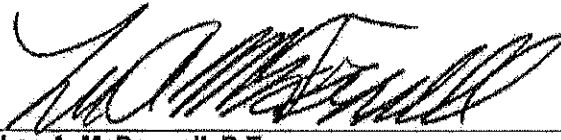
- A brief statement of the reason(s) for this decision;
- An Individual permit application form;
- A deadline for the owner or operator to submit the application; and
- A statement that on the effective date of the individual permit, coverage under this General Permit shall automatically terminate.

If a permittee fails to submit an Individual permit application required by DEP under this paragraph in a timely manner, then the applicability of this General Permit to the permittee is automatically terminated at the end of day specified for submission of the application.

3. Any person authorized to discharge by this General Permit may request to be excluded from the coverage of this General Permit by applying for an individual permit.
4. When an individual permit is issued to a person whose discharge(s) are covered by this General Permit, the applicability of this General Permit is automatically terminated on the effective date of the individual permit. When an individual permit is denied to a person whose discharge(s) are covered by this General Permit, the person may continue discharging if all eligibility requirements under this General Permit are met.
5. This General Permit will expire 5 years from the date of its issuance. DEP will publish a notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin* of the draft reissued General Permit or of any amendments to this General Permit. After a comment period, notice of the final reissued or amended General Permit will be published in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The permittee shall be responsible for complying with the final renewed, reissued or amended General Permit. If the permittee is unable to comply with the renewed, reissued or amended General Permit, the permittee must submit an application for an individual permit within 90 days of publication of the final renewed, reissued or amended General Permit.
6. If DEP decides to administratively extend this General Permit, DEP will publish a notice in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*. The terms and conditions of the General Permit will continue during the period of administrative extension. Permittees with existing coverage under the General Permit will continue to have coverage, unless otherwise notified by DEP. DEP will not approve new coverage under the General Permit during the period of administrative extension.
7. Following approval of coverage under this General Permit, if the permittee encounters a condition affecting eligibility under this General Permit as identified above ("Discharges Not Authorized by this General Permit") and does not provide a remedy to correct that condition, coverage under this General Permit may be revoked in writing by DEP, and DEP may require the permittee to obtain an individual permit. Coverage under this General Permit may be revoked if there is evidence indicating potential or actual adverse impacts to water quality as a result of the permittee's discharge(s).
8. No condition of this General Permit shall release the permittee from any responsibility or requirements under other federal or Pennsylvania environmental statutes or regulations or local ordinances.
9. Following initial coverage under this General Permit, the submission of an Annual MS4 Status Report in accordance with Part A III.D of the General Permit shall constitute the permittee's Notice of Intent (NOI) for continued coverage under the General Permit. The permittee is authorized to discharge in accordance with the terms of the General Permit immediately upon submission of the Annual MS4 Status Report.
10. The permittee shall comply with the requirements of this General Permit in accordance with the schedules contained herein. A summary of the scheduled requirements contained in this General Permit is available (see Document ID No. 3800-PM-BCW0100I).

General Permit
(PAG-13) Issued

By



Lee A. McDonnell, P.E.
Director
Bureau of Clean Water

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Expires: March 15, 2023