

Meeting Notes
Quarterly Teleconference for Florida Phase I MS4 NPDES
Coordinators Wednesday, September 21, 2016
10:30 – 11:00 am EST

Next quarterly teleconference for Phase I NPDES Coordinators: (Tentative)

- December 14, 2016
- Call in #: 1-877-218-0607
- Participant Passcode: 692-926-02#
- Submit agenda items at least 2 weeks prior to the teleconference to Robin.Babin@dep.state.fl.us.

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NOTES:

E-Reporting Rule Update: Borja Crane-Amores

EPA recently finalized the NPDES Electronic Reporting Rule, (E-Reporting Rule). DEP adopted the Federal rule by reference on August 16, 2016. Implementation of the E-Reporting Rule will begin by December 21, 2016. The rule will require NPDES Stormwater facilities covered by the Department's Multi-Sector Generic Permit (MSGP) to submit their Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs) electronically using the Department's Electronic Discharge Monitoring Report System (EzDMR). **MS4s that own and operate MSGP facilities and have requirements to submit a DMR must submit electronically by March 31, 2017 through the EzDMR system.**

To comply with this rule, the Department strongly encourages you to register for the EzDMR system. All NPDES Stormwater DMRs due March 31, 2017 must be submitted through EzDMR if they are submitted on or after December 21, 2016. The EzDMR system is currently being enhanced to also accept NPDES Stormwater DMRs. Additional information will be provided to you once the NPDES Stormwater functionality and development have been completed.

Benefits to the permittee:

- EzDMR is a secure web-based system that will allow NPDES Stormwater facilities to electronically submit their DMRs to the Department.
- EzDMR offers the advantage of less paperwork, accurate reporting and efficiency, thus providing cost savings.
- Permittees using EzDMR will have the ability to:
 - Start, save, view, and submit DMRs.
 - Receive a PDF copy of DMRs after submission for your records.
- EzDMR also has extensive user support and built-in assistance.

Information on how to register for EzDMR can be found on the Department's Water Compliance Assurance EzDMR webpage; www.ezdmr.dep.state.fl.us. Please feel free to contact us at EzDMRAdmin@dep.state.fl.us if you have any questions about EzDMR.

The MSGP facility list can be found here: (Web NPDES Industrial Generic SW Facilities) <http://www.dep.state.fl.us/water/wastewater/facinfo.htm>

SOP Requirements: Steve Cioccia

Reminder at the end of Cycle 3 and beginning of Cycle 4. In Part III of the permits, all 9 elements require SOPs. Some SOPs require specific elements which are listed in the permit. During audits of MS4s, staff noted that some permittees have not fully developed all required SOPs. Please review your SOPs, to ensure that all permit requirements are being met, and permittees are in compliance with SWMP requirements. Contact your regional MS4 Coordinator for questions. Included is an SOP checklist. Please note that Cycle 4 audits will focus on SOPs.

New Bacteria Standard: Borja Crane-Amores

- Environmental Regulation Commission approved the new indicator bacteria for Class 1 and Class 3 surface waters in December 2015. They went into effect in February 2016. EPA has yet to approve of this new standard in Florida.
 - Fecal TMDLs are adopted by rule, rulemaking procedures would have to be initiated to revise these TMDLs.
 - Fecal Coliform TMDL may or may not be revised, as DEP will reassess these TMDLs when there is enough data.
- Permittees that will prioritize a Fecal TMDL in cycle 4 are strongly encouraged to address the new Bacteria standard for E-Coli and Enterococci.
 - Permittees in current development of a BPCP are encouraged to revise their plan to include the new Bacteria standard for E-Coli and Enterococci.
 - Permittees that already have an approved BPCP are not obligated to make any changes at this time but are encouraged to use the new criteria when it becomes feasible for the monitoring entity.
- Cycle 4 permit language has been revised to recognize the new standard by referring to "Bacteria TMDLs" as opposed too Fecal Coliform TMDLs.
 - Purpose of the change is to accommodate TMDLs based on either indicator.
- Implementation (toolkit) of the new Bacteria standard will be consistent with the current required elements in your permit.
 - Permittees would need to monitor and to calculate the magnitude and frequency of percent exceedances. Percent exceedance is a metric applicable to both "old and revised bacteria criteria".
 - Permittees should utilize data to prioritize where to focus restoration efforts.
- DEP is in the process of possibly writing a joint policy statement on this matter

Q: Patti Gertenbach, E Sciences: Should permittees with BPCPs do more monitoring?

A: Only if sampling is needed for source tracking, or sampling is planned.

General Questions:

Q: Mary Thornhill, City of Winter Haven: Will the Polk County permit reporting period stay the same since the permit has expired, and the new permit will be issued at a different time?

A: Email your MS4 Coordinator Jon Turner, to discuss

Q: Errol Boss, ETM: WE are working on updating the Part V monitoring plan. Do you advise using the new criteria?

A: Yes. Using the new criteria is suggested for Parts V and VIII of the permit. The new criteria are better indicators of anthropogenic inputs, have fewer false positives, and are needed for ongoing water quality assessments.

Permit Updates: Borja Crane-Amores

Issued:

Orange County	5/10/2016
Hollywood	6/28/2016
Hialeah	6/30/2016
Hillsborough County	7/11/2016
Palm Beach County	9/8/2016

Intent to Issue:

Polk County	9/13/2016
Miami	9/15/2016
Ft. Lauderdale	9/21/2016

Draft:

Jacksonville	6/9/2016
Bradenton	8/17/2016
Tampa	8/17/2016
Temple Terrace	8/17/2016
Jacksonville Beach	9/23/2016

Applications Being Processed:

Orlando	12/17/2015
Lee County	3/29/2016
Reedy Creek	5/4/2016
Tallahassee	5/24/2016
Leon County	6/1/2016
Pasco County	6/29/2016
Escambia County	6/30/2016
Broward County	7/1/2016