

Minutes

Quarterly Teleconference for Florida Phase II MS4

Tuesday, July 14, 2020

- Access to the updated Phase II Generic Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Chapter 62-621.300(7), F.A.C.) at: <https://floridadep.gov/water/water/content/water-resource-management-rules-development>
 - Please contact Sarah Ketron (Sarah.Ketron@floridadep.gov) with any comments by August 7, 2020.
- Submit agenda items for the next teleconference to Robin.Starkie@FloridaDEP.gov.
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Welcome, General Updates - Borja Crane-Amores

- Expect business as usual from Department and permittees, including submission and review of annual reports and required documentation.
- If a time extension for any report is needed, reach out to your coordinator.
- This is in accordance with FDEP Emergency Order Due to the Effects of COVID-19, which states: “the Department finds that it is appropriate to extend certain regulatory deadlines by 30 days to accommodate disruptions. This Order does not provide relief from any other regulatory requirements including those of other federal, state, or local agencies.”

Questions:

Jeremy Buchanon (JB) (Osceola County) – Does business as usual include for public education and outreach?

Bora Crane-Amores (BCA) – The next part of our agenda will address this concern and allow for open discussion on what MS4s have done to educate during COVID-19.

Employee Training - Hector Rivera

- All MS4s must conduct trainings at the frequency identified in their approved permit. Due to current circumstances, the Department understands the potential need to seek

alternative training methods to maintain the well-being of MS4 employees. Documentation of these trainings would be expected to be maintained by the permittees for submittal to the Department if requested or for review during audits.

Questions:

Hector Rivera (HR) - Do any permittees want to share examples of what they've done to overcome current barriers to training and education?

JB – Osceola County has developed some Public Service Announcements (PSAs) posted on the County's social media pages.

BCA – Many permittees are also using Microsoft Teams or Zoom to conduct training now.

Maryann Krisovitch (MK) (Several Permittees w/ in Lake County) –

- Contact MaryAnn (maryann@flms.net) if interested in sharing PSAs or other training materials to be posted on the Florida Lake Management Society (<https://flms.net/resources/useful-links/>) which will be included on the citizen's resource page available for use by the public and permittees.
- Currently conducting trainings through Zoom sessions.
- Smaller groups of staff can be trained in larger facilities
- Currently developing webisodes (Water Wonders) and podcasts (Water's Edge) which will be made available on the Lake County Water Authority YouTube page (<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCP9LYsWKBzwSQFMcNcJshw>).
 - First postings of webisodes and podcasts will occur early August.

Clay Black (Hernando County) – Are there any other materials that provide some type of certification for training?

BCA: Florida Department of Transportation has developed a training video for Illicit Discharge detection and Elimination and a video for Spill Prevention and Response which both provide a certification of training at the end.

FDOT IDDE Video - <http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/IllicitDischarge/index.htm>

FDOT Spill Prevention Video - <http://wbt.dot.state.fl.us/ois/SpillPrevention/index.htm>

Permittees can also contact their local UF/IFAS Extension office as many are conducting various trainings and workshops online.

<https://sfyl.ifas.ufl.edu/natural-resources/water-resources/>

Jason Maron (JM) – In addition permittees provide staff educational printouts for pick up at a common location (printouts could include brochures, fliers, or slide presentations which were initially meant for in-house trainings).

Phase II Rulemaking Updates - Borja Crane-Amores

- The Phase II Draft Generic Permit has been revised since it was shared March 31. The revisions mostly involved specificity of existing requirements with no brand-new requirements. (i.e. where you may have been required to have a “program” before, we now ask that you demonstrate that you have program by providing an SOP)
- A new Notice of Intent and Annual Report form have been created.

Questions:

Kurt Spitzer (Florida Stormwater Association): When will updated draft be available?

BCA: Intend on making available on rulemaking website by mid next week. After it's made available, we will allow two weeks to receive comments prior to initiating a Notice of Proposed Rule which will be published in the Florida Administrative Register.

Fred Noble (Florida Department of Transportation): Verifying date updated draft will be made available.

UPDATE: The updated Phase II Generic Permit for Discharge of Stormwater from Phase II Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (Chapter 62-621.300(7), F.A.C.) is currently available at: <https://floridadep.gov/water/water/content/water-resource-management-rules-development>.

Audit Updates – Jason Maron

- Based on the Department's Memorandum of Agreement with EPA's Compliance Monitoring Strategy, the NPDES Stormwater Program will consider conducting “Off-Site Desktop audits”. These audits would be conducted through Microsoft Teams and once scheduled the permittee can expect to receive a notification at least 30 days prior to the audit date.

E-Reporting Updates – Jason Maron

- The Department's IT Analyst Consultants are currently finalizing the Phase II MS4 Analysis Document to incorporate Phase II Generic Permit rulemaking updates. Once the document is complete development of the application will begin.