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DNR Region: West Central Region
County: St. Croix

Subject: Authorization of Coverage under Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit No. WI-S050181-01

Dear Permittee:

Pollutants carried in storm water runoff from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) threaten or degrade water quality in many areas of the state. Because of this problem, state and federal laws require that certain owners or operators of MS4s have coverage under a storm water discharge permit. The purpose of the storm water discharge permit is to identify conditions under which storm water can be discharged from an MS4 to help protect the quality of surface waters, wetlands and groundwater.

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) has reviewed the Notice of Intent (NOI) application submitted for the St Joseph Town and has determined that the discharge from the St Joseph Town's MS4 will be authorized and regulated in accordance with the WPDES MS4 General Permit No. WI-S050181-01. Discharges from the St Joseph Town's MS4 must comply with the terms and conditions of the general permit to lawfully discharge storm water to waters of the state.

It is important that you read and understand the terms and conditions of the general permit because it is enforceable under both state and federal law. Please obtain the general permit from the Department's website at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/municipal/>. This website contains additional information about the Department's MS4 storm water permit program.

The St Joseph Town's **Start Date** of coverage under general permit is the date of this letter. The schedule for meeting many of the requirements under the general permit is based on this **Start Date**. The Compliance Schedule is given on pages 21 to 25 of the general permit which lists certain activities to complete and when reports must be submitted to the Department.

Unless otherwise notified, all information that you submit to the Department in fulfillment of the general permit requirements should be mailed to the following address:

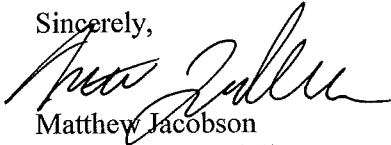
Attn: Matthew Jacobson

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In accordance with s. 283.33(9), Wis. Stats. and s. NR 216.08, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department will assess an annual fee for coverage under the general permit. In late May or early June of each year, the St Joseph Town will receive separate instructions from the Department about this fee and how it should be paid.

If you have any questions about the general permit, please contact the regional DNR storm water staff person who handles your area: Matthew Jacobson at Matthew.Jacobson@wisconsin.gov or (715) 684-2914.

Sincerely,



Matthew Jacobson
Stormwater Specialist

cc: Jim Bertolacini –DNR Madison

Local government officials, departmental managers, and staff are encouraged to subscribe to the free GovDelivery notification service used to keep Wisconsin citizens informed about important activities of the Department. To sign up for the MS4 topic, go to dnr.wi.gov and click on the red envelop icon at the lower right corner of the webpage. Follow the instructions to sign up and check the box for “Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)” under the “Water” topic. The Department will use the GovDelivery notification service to send out important notices and updates on the MS4 program including future outreach and training opportunities, webinars, guidance, and technical resources.

Notice of Appeal Rights

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that the Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with s. NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with s. NR 2.03, Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review and does not extend the 30 day period for filing a petition for judicial review.