

# New York State Department of Environmental Conservation

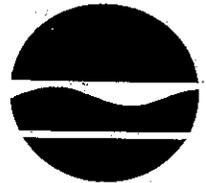
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Mr. Scott A. Russell, Supervisor  
Town of Southold  
Town Hall, 53095 Route 25  
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Re: New York State Department of Environmental Conservation SPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), GP-0-08-002

Dear Mr. Russell:

This letter is to notify you that the Town of Southold has been designated as a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) operator that is required to obtain coverage under the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation SPDES General Permit for Storm Water Discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s), GP-0-08-002 (Enclosed).

Your designation results from application of Criterion 1 of the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) FINAL Designation Criteria for Identifying Regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s). Criterion 1 designates additional areas as requiring coverage under the SPDES General Permit GP-0-08-002 as follows:

Criterion 1: MS4s discharging to waters for which an EPA-approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) required reduction of a pollutant associated with stormwater beyond what can be achieved with existing programs (and the area is not already covered under automatic designation). See NYS DEC Stormwater Interactive Map at: <http://www.dec.ny.gov/imsmaps/stormwater/viewer.htm>

As you are aware, the EPA has approved the Peconic Pathogen TMDL. It addresses twenty five Peconic waterbodies where pathogen contamination adversely impacts shellfishing waters. Further, the EPA has also approved the Peconic Nitrogen TMDL. It covers three Peconic waterbodies that exhibit low dissolved oxygen due to excessive levels of nitrogen. Each of these TMDLs quantify pollutant load reductions that are required of MS4s.

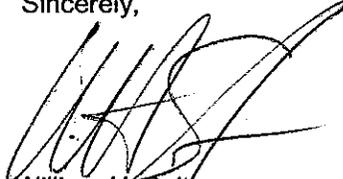
The SPDES General Permit GP-0-08-002 requires that you prepare and document a Stormwater Management Program Plan, and develop, implement, and enforce a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from your separate storm sewer system to the maximum extent practicable. The SWMP must include best management practices (BMPs) as required for each of the six minimum control measures.

To obtain permit coverage, it will be necessary for you to complete and submit the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI) to the address provided on the NOI form within 180 days of receiving this letter. Submitting an NOI is an affirmation that an initial SWMP has been developed and will be implemented in accordance with the terms of SPDES GP-0-08-002. Authorization under GP-0-08-002 occurs thirty calendar days after receipt by the NYS DEC of a complete NOI.

To help you, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (NYS DEC) has contracted with the New York Sea Grant Nonpoint Education for Municipal Officials (NYSG NEMO) Program to support Long Island municipalities with their Phase II stormwater management programs. NYSG NEMO is available to clarify municipal PH II requirements, to help guide implementation, and to provide consultations, trainings and workshops. You may reach them directly at (631) 444-0422. Further, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has made assistance materials available at its stormwater website: <ftp://ftp.dec.state.ny.us/dow/stormdocuments/ms4/>

Thank you for your ongoing efforts to reduce the impacts of polluted runoff on Long Island's natural resources. Municipal stormwater programs are making important advances in protecting public health, coastal businesses, bathing beaches, fisheries, and other wildlife.

Sincerely,



William H. Spitz  
Regional Water Manager

Enclosures

cc: Tony Leung, NYSDEC Region 1, Environmental Engineer  
Eileen Keenan, NY Sea Grant NEMO Program Manager