



Quarterly Meeting for Anchorage MS4 Permit No. AKS05255-8
Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, March 18, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
Municipal Permit Center, Conference Room 170

Attendees:

Kristi Bischofberger	Tom Grman	Jennifer Micolichek
John Kim	William Ashton	Renee Forque
Jeff Urbanus	Mark Littlefield	Paul VanLandingham

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Unfinished Business

Permit proposal submitted August 4th – The Draft Permit is currently being reviewed by signatory authority. ADEC anticipates a 10-day permittee review as soon as 2-3 weeks from now. The current proposed effective date is August 1st. The permit will not interrupt the activities already under way during 2015, but will start the new requirements in the next seasonal period.

Annual Meeting - The 2015 APDES Annual Meeting was held on February 24th, at the BP Energy Center. The format was similar to last year although there were fewer side presentations. Attendance was good ~ 70 people. The DCM/Stormwater manual seemed well received, it is now on the website for download and comment. There was a comment about confusion at the end with some people anticipating a greater wrap-up that didn't really happen.

New Business:

Informational Items

Update on DEC actions and priorities – The MSGP is effective April 1st, and facilities will have until July 29, 120 days, to update any related NOI/SWPPPs. Work is progressing on the CGP. ADEC still anticipates that the comment period will begin this fall.

Update on 5th year activities

Construction – Projects have been in winter shut-down and have been under surveillance.

Monitoring – MOA extended existing permit for this summer's monitoring activities – dry weather, wet weather, LID, based on administratively extended permit. Work will begin in May, after breakup.

New Development & Pilot Projects –The DCM Drainage Chapter is out for public comment for a month before it makes its way to P&Z for review. . Work continues in trying to find opportunities for LID/Green Infrastructure Demonstration Projects. At least one project will likely occur this summer.

Maintenance - MOA has started sweeping early and are considering it a pre-spring sweep. There appears to be more sediment on the roads this year, probably because less was picked up and hauled away to snow disposal. ADOT anticipates starting in April. CBERRSA is also planning a startup.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 17th.



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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 10, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Municipal Permit Center, Conference Room 170

Attendees:

Kristi Bischofberger	Eric Hodgson	Jennifer Micolichek
John Kim	William Ashton	Jim Amundson
Jeff Urbanus	Mark Littlefield	Paul VanLandingham
Ron Searcy	Josh James	

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Miscellaneous:

ADOT&PF staff discussed impacts to the various programs in the event that a State of Alaska budget fails to pass in the Alaska Legislature. Most employees will be recalled, not Maintenance and Operations. Impacts on contractors are unknown.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Draft Permit – Public notice for the draft APDES Permit ended on June 5th. One comment received requested copper sampling as part of the monitoring program. Recent studies have suggested that there are environmental effects at extremely low concentrations of copper. William states that comments are currently “in-review.” Five-day notice will be issued the following week. Jeff asked whether there was the potential to be held to a standard lower the Alaska WQS. Kristi asked that given the existing good understanding of the problem whether the concern was better addressed by bringing issue to manufacturers of suspected sources (brake pads, etc).

Kristi observed that most of what requested in comments from permittees during the 10-day review was accepted and reflected in the most proposed draft of the permit. An exception was the proposal to drop copper and phenols testing from Dry Weather Screening.

In the current draft from ADEC noteworthy changes to the current permit are

- SWMP for this permit will differ from the format that was required during the last permit
- Quarterly Meetings will now be Semi-annual. Original thought was March and September, ADOT and MOA maintenance staff requested October instead of September

William expects that permit will be signed on July 1st. A 30-day appeal period will follow. It is anticipated that the new permit will be effective August 1st

EPA MS4 Audit – Kristi related MOA had not received a great deal of detail about the upcoming EPA MS4 Audit. EPA told her that it is a compliance inspection and they will meet with ADEC on June 15th and be meeting with the permittees in the office and in the field June 16th - 19th. Tara Martich from the local EPA Office and Kara Kusche from ADEC will be assisting with the audit.

William provided a brief description of his recollection of what was part of similar, past audits. Largely, the audit is to determine whether the program elements that are part of the permit have been implemented, as required.

Josh asked what would be required of them during the audit and requested that Mary was notified if the EPA visits any ADOT&PF construction sites. Kristi replied SWPPPs, inspections, etc and that WMS would defer immediately to ADOT&PF if the EPA visits any ADOT sites. Mark asked how far back inspection records would be required. Kristi said January to present to cover this year and provided a more detailed schedule of the first day, who should attend, and what records they should bring with them

Informational Items

Update on DEC actions and priorities – William provided a more detailed explanation of what would happen in the event of a state government shutdown and explained that the eNOI portal will be shut down, so there would be no approval of new permits

The Construction General Permit will be reviewed in July. A 60-day comment period is anticipated during August.

Monitoring- Notice to proceed has been issued for dry-weather screening. WMS is currently reviewing scope for wet-weather monitoring.

New Development – DCM public comment period has closed. Next draft will be prepared for review by the MOA Planning and Zoning Commission. The DCM Public Advisory Group will be meeting on July 8th.

Pilot Projects – A new LID pilot project will be constructed this summer. WMS is pursuing other project opportunities with Parks and Recreation.

Maintenance – MOA First sweep is done, second sweep is underway. Construction projects will start next week. OGS cleaning has started. Drain cleaning is just about done.

ADOT – Sweeping north of Tudor Road is completed; hopefully south will be completed by the 15th. ADEC has been notified of the delay. Drain cleaning is almost done, OGS, pipe, and basins is underway.

CBERRSA – Finished first seep just in time, lots of debris this year. Northern Mechanical will be cleaning drains and OGS. Will start second sweep just prior to the Bear Paw Festival.

Next Meeting – The next quarterly meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October, 7th.



Semi-annual Meeting for Anchorage MS4 Permit No. AKS05255-8
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DRAFT MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, October 7, 2015 – 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Municipal Permit Center, Conference Room 275

Attendees:

Kristi Bischofberger	Kyle Kelley	Jennifer Micolichesk
Tom Grman	William Ashton	Vernon Vreeland
Jeff Urbanus	Mark Littlefield	Paul VanLandingham
Ron Searcy	Josh James	Jeanne Schwartz

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Unfinished Business

The MS4 audit took place in June as planned. Currently, we have no feedback on results other than what we were told at the time of the inspection – the field audit showed we appeared to be meeting compliance requirements. The auditors returned to perform a paper audit on compliance submittals. We should anticipate results by the end of the year.

New Business

Permit Implementation–

The MOA is making progress on its **Coordination Plans**, and **MOU between MOA and State**.

Transitions from Term II to III -

Street Sweeping and the Monitoring programs were conducted through the summer according to the Term II permit as allowed by the Term III permit. The monitoring program does not have any significant changes, except for the addition of copper to outfall monitoring, in the transition and will be updated pretty much in its current form.

ADEC concurred, and pointed out that there are not many deliverables for the first annual report of this term since officially projects due at the end of the first year are not actually deliverables until the second annual report. According to the schedule, the Enforcement Response Policy and Evaluation of Monitoring Results are due this year in addition to the yearly activities. There may be something else in the language of the permit that is not on the schedule or is different than the schedule. In that case the language of the permit prevails over the schedule. February 15 is the annual report due date in the new term.

March 1 is the annual meeting which will be at the BP Center again.

Informational Items

Update on DEC actions and priorities – William tells us the ACGP received comments from a recent 10-day review and many of these will be incorporated into the next draft coming out next Monday for a 30-day review period. It will be necessary to review the entire draft.

The ADEC sent out letters in September to all eligible SIC businesses to apply for coverage under the MSGP. They reached out to people who have never before complied with the requirement and didn't know about it.

In addition to Anchorage's MS4 permit ADEC issued a permit to the Port and to JBER. They also are requiring TSIA to perform sampling in expectation of renewal of their MSGP. Kristi asked if their permit would have any fecal coliform monitoring requirements and what does ADEC consider the MS4 permits responsibility is toward managing that given it is listed in our permit as an impaired waterbody. Jeanne, who is Tim Steven's replacement, indicated Lake Hood is not one of their high priority waterbodies. William also thought no, because they have a program to remove the waterfowl which takes care of their problem. Josh asked if ADOT needed to report airport discharges to the Anchorage MS4 permit. William answered, only if its in a location or activity not covered under their MSGP. Kristi indicated the MOA is also trying to decide what other permit requirements apply to the airport. For example, we require new developments to submit O&M plans for permanent controls, but we don't see how we would ask lease-holders on the airport for them as they are leasing from the airport. William said, to call out these positions in the permit reports. The ADEC is experiencing budget cuts and will be losing its e-NOI position.

Construction – ADOT had another busy year with mill and pave work and the Glenn and Muldoon projects. The State and justice Department have agreed to end the Consent Decree and are just waiting for signature. But ADOT will likely keep the same practices in place..

MOA also had a busy year and is continuing into a busy fall, probably because the interest rates are staying low.

Monitoring- The monitoring programs proceeded as they have over the last five years. There were plenty of storm events, and we await the storm sampling report from Kinetic Lab and HDR. Dry Weather Screening took place and did not have any actionable hits so far this year. Snow site and pesticide monitoring will take place next year.

New Development – WMS is pursuing demonstration project opportunities with Parks and Recreation for Jewel lake parking lot and .Westchester Lagoon nature area, and also is continuing to work on moving forward with Fire Station #9. We are pursuing a new one on Mallard Drive at UAA where the existing site is failing and could benefit from a bio-swale. Paul suggested a pilot parking lot project at Connors Bog to solve a drainage problem occurring there.

The State has not yet identified new pilot projects but Ron will look into beginning working on identifying some projects including opportunities within

their public facilities projects who are part of the permit even though they are a separate group. Kristi said she would be happy to reach out and start having them come to the meetings.

Maintenance – MOA has two remaining sectors two sweep and after finishing them will continue to sweep to pick up leaves until freeze-up. They have 228 drain left to clean but expect to be finished next week.

ADOT – Sweeping and drain cleaning are done. The Sweeping contract is about to go out to bid for next year with the intent of issuing a NTP well before spring.

CBERRSA – they are continuing to sweep back-of-curb for leaves but otherwise they are done for the year. There are a couple of drains left to clean and those will be complete in the next week. Contracts are good until 2017.

GRSA – Sweeping and drain cleaning are done for the year. The contract is in administrative extension and will need to be replaced.

Next Meeting – The next semi-annual meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30th. ADOT will host if they find a conference room.