



**Term III Semi-annual Meeting for Anchorage MS4 Permit No. AKS05255-8  
Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, March 20, 2019– 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.  
MOA Permit Center, Conference Room 170

**Introductions**

Kristi Bischofberger	Tom Grman	Eric Miyashiro
William Ashton	Kyle Kelley	Vernon Vreeland
Paul VanLandingham	John Kim	Mark Littlefield
Jennifer Micolichek	Ron Searcy	Jeffrey Urbanus
Jake Ciufo	Renee Goentzel	Eric Hodgson

**Approval of October 2018 Meeting Summary**

**Approval of March 2019 Meeting Agenda**

**New Business:**

Annual Meeting Critique

The Annual Meeting held in February was discussed briefly. Generally, the group thought that the meeting was a success. DEC was happy to hear an update about the proposed Anchorage Stormwater Utility. ADOT inquired as to whether the final report was available. WMS will determine the status of the report and get back the group.

Re-application

An application for a new permit is due in February. WMS and DEC discussed the issue of how best to propose changes to APDES permit during the next term. It was agreed that the best way to move forward is to start with the old permit and propose changes/new to the existing permit language. This is how changes were proposed for the current APDES permit.

DEC anticipates that the next permit will be largely a continuation permit with no new major assessments. There is no new guidance from the EPA and no major concerns have been expressed by the community. DEC intends to look at the assessments from the 1<sup>st</sup> Term Permit and see if any of the items needs any follow up action.

MOA Street Maintenance inquired whether, with the visually clean standard in place, could the prescribed equipment package be eliminated? CBERRRSA and ADOT Maintenance agreed with the need for the change. DEC provided that the best way to request this change is to include updated language, as discussed previously, along with a FAQ Sheet explaining the reason, justification, impacts, etc. for the change. ADOT Maintenance had questions about the usefulness of prescribed sweeping packages, in general.

WMS asked whether there was a need to change the Bi-Annual and/or Annual Meeting. The group discussed the original purpose for the Annual Meeting when the APDES permit was new. Today, multiple terms into the APDES Permit, it is harder to find items of community interest, particularly in years with relatively few permit activities due. Alternatives to an Annual Meeting were discussed briefly. A proposal will be made in the application for the next permit. Generally, the group noted that the Bi-Annual Meetings used to be Quarterly Meetings and meeting twice per year was warranted, moving into the future.

Moving forward, WMS intends to bring together the relevant entities in to smaller groups to focus on individuals permit sections as the permit application is prepared. We intend to keep DEC in the loop as we move through the process. In terms of the big picture, CBERRRSA asked whether it was possible to change what represents permit year, i.e. no longer August to August. A brief discussion ensued; more input on this subject it needed.

### **Old Business**

Follow up monitoring will be conducted for one additional site. During the 4<sup>th</sup> year, permittees will be completing an SOP for catchbasin cleaning.

### **Informational Items:**

#### Update on DEC actions and priorities

ADEC provided some general comments on the 2018 Annual Report: good info in salt report, liked the ADOT Sweeping Table, interesting that more material was observed in catchbasins during 2<sup>nd</sup> year of evaluation, education report looked good, LID Report looked good.

WMS provided clarification that the next watershed plan to be completed will be for the Campbell Creek Watershed.

A discussion occurred about catchbasin fill data. A short discussion of Outfall 12 from the Monitoring Report occurred, related to high flow and measured turbidity in the fall. WMS will provide additional input on Outfall 12

Ted Stevens Airport comment period is open. The permit will be a general permit for all airport MSGP permittees.

JBER MS4 permit is going out for 10-day review tomorrow.

MSGP work will start this summer. No major changes anticipated except perhaps snow dumps. WMS inquired whether top soil processing could be added as a regulated sector.

A Waters of the US vs Waters of Alaska comment period is ongoing.

**Update on current activities:**

Construction

ADOT- A new girder has been installed at Tudor Road. Lots of construction repairs this summer to fix earthquake damage. 150-170 sites total.

MOA – Private sector construction is ongoing. New failure has been discovered at Chester Creek and Providence Drive.

Monitoring

Monitoring activities this summer are status quo; no new of focused evaluations being conducted.

New Development

Permit requirements have been completed for the most part. Will be looking at O'Malley Road improvements.

Maintenance

ADOT- Sweeping meeting with contractor will be next week. Drain cleaning usually starts at the end of April. Contract has been advertised; will be a 2-year contract. May be an early start for sweeping this year.

MOA-Pothole repair and boiling in full swing. May perform a bulk sweep next week. This has proven to be a big help in the last couple of years. MOA may tie in vector waste site this to sanitary sewer. A side discussion occurred about the progress on the regional vector waste facility. Land purchase should occur in 2020. SWS will operate. Liquid waste to AWWU. SWS will keep solids.

MOA believes that catchbasin data may support going back to a 3 year cycle for drain cleaning. Will likely propose this for new permit, with an exception for identified, high-fill basins.

CBERRRSA- Winter maintenance program is ongoing, moving forward spring/summer activities should occur as planned. Lots of earthquake damage. Three roads will need MAJOR repairs. CBERRRSA inquired about whether ASD should be reporting drain cleaning. A short discussion ensued about ASD activities, including snow storage requirements.

**Set next meeting date –October 23, 2019 ?**

**Adjourn**



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**Introductions**

Kristi Bischofberger	Tom Grman	Eric Miyashiro
William Ashton	Kyle Kelley	Renee Goentzel (Phone)
Paul VanLandingham	John Kim	Mark Littlefield
Ron Searcy	Jeffrey Urbanus	Jim Belz
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**Approval of March 2019 Meeting Summary**

William provided correction that the application for the new permit is due in February, not August.

**Approval of October 2019 Meeting Agenda**

**New Business:**

Audit Outcome Discussion-The ADEC audit went well from the MOA perspective. The auditors appear eager in listening to the material that was presented. A follow-up letter is expected in approximately a month. We anticipate that the report will highlight two issues of potential concern: waste tracking, particularly as it related to OGS cleaning; the industrial enforcement program, and potential activities like carwash inspections. Field visits went well, auditors seemed impressed with Kloep Station OGS pit. No feedback has been provided. William relayed that he has not received any feedback yet from the auditors. Kristi clarified that the material sites are covered under the MS4 permit in response to a question from CBERRRSA. Kristi requested a copy of the records that ADOT gave to ADEC directly during field visits, in order to have a complete copy of audit files. WMS indicated that they were intending to capitalize on the record collection required by the audit. WMS is planning on trying to have the 2019 Annual Report completed by the end of December

**Old Business**

Re-application-The re-application process has been on hold the last few weeks to do audit activities, complaint response, etc. WMS will be engaging with smaller groups in the next several weeks to coordinate re-application activities.

William stated that he still doesn't anticipate any major changes in the new permit. He will be looking at audit results during the permit rewrite. WMS asked whether any stakeholder groups have identified concerns that they would like to see in the next permit. William responded that nothing has been brought to ADEC's attention to date.

5<sup>th</sup> year projects-SOPs for catchbasin wastes will have to be updated, in the absence of a new treatment facility. The SOPs will need to specifically address the tracking of waste products. Requiring that contractor facilities obtain MSGP coverage will likely need to be a SOP requirement moving forward. WMS asked whether these facilities represent a regulated sector. William clarified that they would be covered under Sector AD. ADOT indicated that this would require a change to their contracting language.

The permit requires the permittees to identify an industrial sector that requires targeted outreach. WMS has selected breweries/distilleries. Storage of spent grain has been an issue of concern. Letters have been sent to facilities informing them of proper site practices. Inspections will be performed.

**Informational Items:**

**Update on ADEC actions and priorities**

MSGP permit is currently in a 10-day comment period, through October 17<sup>th</sup>. 30-day comment period will be in November. At this point, the addition of petroleum products is the only change. WMS inquired as to whether topsoil processing was added. A discussion ensued. William suggested that if we wanted to see this change, we should submit a comment during the comment period.

Airport General Permit is effective November 1<sup>st</sup>. Impacted businesses will have 120 days to obtain coverage under the new general permit.

Preparing for our 4<sup>th</sup> term permit. No new input has been received from the EPA. ADEC will use the EPA's Permit Quality Review (PQR) to evaluate our permit.

New Excavation and Dewatering Permit was effective October 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Update on current activities:**

ADOT Design – No new big projects anticipated during the next permit period. Focus will be shifting to rehabilitation, including the storm drain system, specifically. This may lead to potential for future LID projects.

MOA New Development-Letters have been mailed to owners of private permanent stormwater controls reminding of them of the requirement for annual maintenance documentations and, where appropriate, the need to schedule an inspection with WMS.

ADOT Construction – This summer work was performed on 6 projects, 2 as carry-overs from the previous years. There were earthquake repair projects this summer. Winter

shutdown of projects will be occurring shortly. Staff is currently busy with inspections. ADOT requests that future audits occur in August or November. October was a difficult time of year. Ron and Kristi met with contractors to discuss track-out. No response has been received from AGC.

ADOT Environmental – Have scanned in all reports and inspections. They are ready to hand off. Vernon has some sweeping samples that need to be run.

CBERRRSA – New contract for maintenance is forthcoming. Catchbasin and OGS cleaning is finishing up. Sweeping is finishing up. Twenty-seven large earthquake projects were completed this summer out of 34. One-hundred and ten small projects are planned for next year. The volume of earthquake repairs this year has made it difficult to complete other tasks.

ARDSA – Drain cleaning has been completed. Fall sweep is almost completed.

MOA Monitoring – Monitoring field work has been completed for the year. Met with ISER this morning to discuss potential future work to monitor salt and salt brine. We recommended that they initially confine their work to in-stream sampling.

#### Miscellaneous

- PM&E has a new Director, Kent Kohlase
- Dave Kemp retired from ADOT. Wolfgang Junge is his replacement.
- There was a short discussion about the SWU Opinion Piece in the ADN, and recent MOA Assembly action regarding SWU
- ARDSA requested a future discussion about fall sweeping dates. Sometimes they are sweeping one day and sanding a couple of days later.

**Set next meeting date –March 25<sup>th</sup>, 2020**

**Adjourn**