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Subject: Authorization of Coverage under Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES)
Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System General Permit No. WI-S050075-2

Dear Mr. Hetzel:

The Department of Natural Resources (Department) has reissued WPDES Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) General Permit No. WI-S050075-2 ("general permit"), which replaces previous coverage under expired WPDES MS4 General Permit No. WI-S050075-1. Discharges from your MS4 will continue to be authorized and regulated in accordance with the reissued general permit, ch. 283, Wis. Stats., and subch. I of ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code. The University of Wisconsin La Crosse must comply with the terms and conditions of the general permit to lawfully discharge storm water from the MS4 to waters of the state.

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 University of Wisconsin La Crosse’s Start Date of coverage under the general permit is the date of this letter authorizing coverage, May 7, 2014. The schedule for meeting many of the requirements under the general permit is based on this start date. A compliance schedule is given in section 2.11 on pages 19 and 20 of the general permit. It is important that the University of Wisconsin La Crosse understand the terms and conditions of the general permit because it is enforceable under both state and federal law.

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

If you have any questions about the general permit, please contact me at 608-264-8971,
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Sincerely,

Jim Bertolacini
Storm Water Program Coordinator
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cc: Roberta Walls, DNR WC Region

More important information on the following page
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.