



**Request for City Council Committee Action
From the Department of Public Works**

Date: March 20, 2007
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair, Transportation & Public Works Committee
Subject: **Set a Public Hearing for 2007 Minneapolis NPDES Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report**

Recommendation:

Set a Public Hearing date for April 17, 2007 to receive public comments regarding the 2007 Minneapolis NPDES Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report for 2006. This process is a requirement of the City of Minneapolis' National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit # MN0061018.

Previous Directives: (none)

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Permanent Review Committee (PRC) Approval _____ Not applicable X
Policy review Group (PRG) Approval _____ Not applicable X

Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

- X No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget (If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)
- ___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget
- ___ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget
- ___ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- ___ Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- X Business Plan: X Action is within the plan. ___ Action requires a change to plan.
- ___ Other financial impact (Explain):
- ___ Request provided to department's Finance Dept. contact when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

Neighborhood Notification: Memo announcing opportunity for the general public to provide comments regarding the draft Annual Report will be sent to all neighborhood organizations, other interested parties (see Attachment).

City Goals: A Safe Place To Call Home -- quality of life; a healthy environment; the city's infrastructure will be well-maintained. Enriched Environment -- plentiful green spaces; lakes, rivers and the soil and air will be clean. A Premier Destination -- the country will see Minneapolis as a national treasure.

Comprehensive Plan: Not Applicable

Zoning Code: Not Applicable

Background/Supporting Information

History

In 1990, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) issued regulations that required all stormwater runoff from municipalities with populations greater than 100,000 to be permitted under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program. This program is also called Phase 1 of the Federal stormwater requirements. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA), under a delegation agreement with the EPA, issued the first NPDES Stormwater Runoff Permit (Permit) to Minneapolis on December 1, 2000. The Permit requires the implementation of stormwater management activities that are designed to mitigate the pollution effects of urbanization on stormwater runoff. As a point of clarification, the City has two NPDES Permits: Stormwater Runoff and Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO).

Throughout each year, the City develops and modifies its stormwater management program with input from a variety of sources. Examples include technology and policy changes, regulatory requirements, collaboration with watershed management organizations, environmental groups and other water quality professionals, lessons learned from our projects, input from the Water Quality Monitoring Task Force (WQMTF), Environmental Coordinating Team (ECT), Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC), concerns raised by residents and others, and responses to our website information.

Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action

The Permit requires that the City prepare and submit an Annual Report that includes Permit activities for the previous year and the stormwater management program for current and future years. This Annual Report must be submitted by June 1 of each calendar year. The Permit also requires that opportunities be made for the general public to provide comments regarding the draft Annual Report. The comments must be solicited and received prior to the Annual Report submittal to the MPCA. The cutoff date for comments by the general public regarding this year's draft Annual Report is April 27, 2007.

A notice that the draft Annual Report will be available for viewing on the city's website will be sent on April 2, 2007 to the parties listed on the Attachment. This year's draft Annual Report will be available for viewing and for public comments as of April 5, 2007 at the following website:

<http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/stormwater/NPDESAnnualReportDocuments.asp#TopOfPage>

A paper copy of the draft Annual Report will also be available for viewing between April 5 and April 27 at either of the following locations:

- Office of the City Clerk, Room 304 City Hall, 350 S. 5th Street, Minneapolis MN 55415 between the hours of 8 AM and 4:30 PM Monday through Friday; or
- Public Works Engineering Services, Room 300 City of Lakes Building, 309 2nd Avenue S., Minneapolis MN 55401 by appointment with Marilyn Colin at (612) 673-3636 or Nancy Josie at (612) 673-3609, between the hours of 7:30 AM and 4 PM Monday through Friday.

A summary of the public's input, and the City's response to those comments, are also required to be included in the final Annual Report. The City Council's formal resolution of adoption must also be submitted to the MPCA along with the final Annual Report.

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