



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

**Date:** March 22, 2005  
**To:** Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
**Referral to:**  
**Subject:** Set a Public Hearing date for April 19th, 2005 regarding the 2005 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report.

### Recommendation:

Set a Public Hearing date for April 19th, 2005 to receive public comment on the 2005 Minneapolis Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report. This process is required by City of Minneapolis National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit #MN0061018.

### Previous Directives:

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**Approved by:**

  
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### Financial Impact (Check those that apply)

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

Other financial impact (Explain):

Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

### 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 be permitted under the 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 approved storm water management activities designed to mitigate the pollution effects of urbanization on storm water runoff.

As a point of clarification, the City has two NPDES Permits: Stormwater Runoff and Combined Sewer Overflows.

**Requirements for Annual Reporting, Public Comment, and Council Action**

This Permit requires the City to prepare and submit a Stormwater Management Program and Annual Report (Report) by June 1 of each year. The Report presents the activities that will be implemented for the current and following year, and provides documentation and analysis of the activities conducted in the previous year.

The Permit also requires opportunities for public comment on each Report prior to submittal to the MPCA. This year's report will be published on March 28<sup>th</sup> for public comments. A summary of the public's input and the City's response to the comments are also required to be included as part of the Report. A copy of the City Council's formal resolution also needs to be submitted with the Report to MPCA.

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