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Proposed Reissuance of PAG-02 NPDES General Permit

Water Resources Advisory Committee

July 25, 2019

Tom Wolf, Governor

Patrick McDonnell, Secretary

Major Changes

- Expiration of coverage
- Permittee assurance of personnel training
- Prohibition of certain discharges
- E&S and PCSM Plan templates

Expiration of Coverage

- 2017 PAG-02:
 - Coverage granted for five (5) years
 - Had to renew coverage end of that five (5) years
- 2019 PAG-02:
 - Coverage will be granted until December 7, 2024
 - Must submit NOI to renew coverage if NOI for new coverage was submitted prior to December 7, 2023

Required Training

- 2017 PAG-02:
 - No specific training requirements identified in permit
- 2019 PAG-02:
 - Permittee is responsible for ensuring that all personnel conducting work on the project site relating to earth disturbance are aware of, understand, and have adequate qualifications and training to carry out earth disturbance activities

Prohibition of Certain Discharges

- 2017 PAG-02 – Impaired Waters:
 - No net change in volume, rate or water quality for impaired waters unless analysis demonstrates discharges will not cause or contribute to impairment
- 2019 PAG-02 – Impaired Waters:
 - Non-discharge alternatives or ABACT BMPs must be implemented to waters impaired for siltation, suspended solids or nutrients

Prohibition of Certain Discharges

- 2017 PAG-02 – TMDL Waters:
 - E&S and PCSM Plans must include implementation measures consistent with TMDL
- 2019 PAG-02 – TMDL Waters:
 - Non-discharge alternatives or ABACT BMPs must be implemented to waters impaired for siltation, suspended solids or nutrients, and WLAs must be met if applicable

E&S and PCSM Plan Templates

- 2017 PAG-02:
 - No templates but detailed checklists
- 2019 PAG-02:
 - E&S and PCSM Modules that will serve as the narrative components of E&S and PCSM Plans (detailed checklists eliminated)

Other Changes

- Specification of storm event total (0.25 inch) constituting a “measurable storm event” triggering inspections
- Non-Compliance Reporting within 4 hours for spills and other incidents
- Use of new forms to notify municipalities and counties of construction activities to satisfy Act 14

Next Steps

- Currently under review by the Agricultural Advisory Board
- Publication of draft general permit planned for July/August (needs EPA approval)
- Publication of final general permit on or before December 7, 2019



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