Public Notice of Availability; Proposed Revisions to General NPDES Permit for Wet Weather Overflow Discharges from Combined Sewer Systems (PAG-06)

The Department of Environmental Protection (Department) by this notice is proposing to revise its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Wet Weather Overflow Discharges from Combined Sewer Systems (PAG-06) for reissuance for another 5 years. This General Permit is issued under the authority of The Clean Streams Law (35 P. S. §§ 691.1--691.101) and sections 1905-A, 1917-A and 1920-A of The Administrative Code of 1929 (71 P. S. §§ 510-5, 510-17 and 510-20). The current General Permit is scheduled to expire on February 22, 2008, and will continue to be in force until formal revision of PAG-06 is completed and announced in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*, including provision for public review and comment of the proposed revisions to PAG-06. The General Permit will continue to not be applicable to discharges into waters designated as "special protection" under 25 Pa. Code Chapter 93 (relating to water quality standards). The aforementioned discharges are required to be covered through an individual permit.

The Department invites public comments on the proposed revisions to PAG-06. Comments must be submitted by March 10, 2008. If there is significant public interest or if requested, the comment period may be extended at the discretion of the Department for an additional 15-day period. Only comments received during the specified comment period will be considered in the final and revised General Permit. If more significant issues of public interest are raised, the Department may schedule a public meeting or hearing. Written comments should be submitted to John Wetherell at the address below. Comments will also be accepted by e-mail to jwetherell@state.pa.us. Comments will not be accepted by facsimile or voice mail.

The proposed General Permit package is available by contacting the Department of Environmental Protection, Bureau of Water Standards and Facility Regulation, Division of Water Management, Rachel Carson State Office Building, P. O. Box 8774, 11th Floor, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8774, (717) 787-8184, e-mail jwetherell@state.pa.us. The proposed General Permit package is also available on the Department's website at www.depweb.state.pa.us (choose "Public Participation"; then scroll down to "Proposals Currently Open for Comment").

Persons with a disability may contact the Department by using the AT&T Relay Service at (800) 654-5984 (TDD users) or (800) 654-5988 (voice users). Following the specified comment period, the Department will review all submitted comments, prepare a comment and response document and the final documents package for this General Permit. Availability of the final permit documents will be announced in the *Pennsylvania Bulletin*.

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