

Public Notice of Availability of General NPDES Permit for Petroleum Product Contaminated Groundwater Remediation Systems (PAG-05)

By this notice, the Department of Environmental Protection (Department) is reissuing its National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for Petroleum Product Contaminated Groundwater Remediation Systems (PAG-05). The General Permit, 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) is reissued for 5 years. The current General Permit, which expired on December 12, 2007, has remained in force pending publication of this notice. 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 individual permits.

The PAG-05 General Permit is intended for use by eligible dischargers of treated water from petroleum product contaminated groundwater remediation systems into waters of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Among other requirements, the authorization is subject to effluent limitations, terms, conditions, monitoring and reporting.

Notice requesting public comments on the issuance of PAG-05 was published at 37 *Pa.B.* 5570 on October 13, 2007. During the public comment period, the Department received one comment on the proposed General Permit, which is addressed in the comment and response document that accompanies the general permit package.

In the final permit, the monitoring frequency for oil and grease has been changed from once a year to once every six months, while the monitoring frequency for dissolved iron and total suspended solids has been changed to twice per month to comply with the average monthly monitoring requirement.

The final General Permit package, including the comment and response document, 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, email: gmaduka@state.pa.us. The General Permit is also available on the Department's website at www.depweb.state.pa.us (DEP Keywords: " NPDES Permits;" choose "General Permits"). 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).

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