The Indiana Department of Environmental Management (IDEM) proposes to issue a new General NPDES Permit (INR040000) for Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4). The current permit was a permit by rule Under 327 IAC 15-13, each permitted entity has an expiration date five (5) years from when coverage commences. Under the new administrative general permit, all permitted MS4s will have the same expiration date.

The purpose of this permit is to establish requirements for point source discharges from municipal stormwater conveyance systems.

Each general permit contains specific eligibility requirements. Ineligible discharges will require an individual NPDES permit. Only facilities existing within the boundary of Indiana may obtain general NPDES permit coverage.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the draft general Municipal Stormwater NPDES general permit. IDEM encourages the comments to be submitted via email. Comments submitted via email must be sent to Stormwat@idem.IN.gov. Otherwise all comments or requests must in writing and mailed to: IDEM Office of Water Quality, Attn: Stormwater Program, IGCN Room 1255, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2251. Regardless of the communication method, comments must be received by IDEM no later than January 25, 2021. Any request for a public hearing shall be made in writing and shall include: the name and address of the person making the request, the interest of the person making the request, persons represented by the person making the request, the reason for the request and the issues proposed for consideration at the hearing. The department will determine whether to hold a public hearing based upon the comments and the rationale for the request. All written comments received during the Public Notice period will be considered in the formulation of the final NPDES general permit. Please direct any comments submitted by email to: Stormwat@idem.IN.gov.

The draft general NPDES permit and related documents are posted on IDEM’s web site at https://www.in.gov/idem/6777.htm (for statewide public notices). The draft general NPDES permit documents are available for review at the IDEM Central Office, Indiana Government Center North, Room 1255, 100 North Senate Avenue, Indianapolis, Indiana from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday, excluding state holidays (copies 10¢ per page). The documents are also available via email request. Please tell others whom you think would be interested in this matter. See these sites for information concerning your rights and responsibilities: https://www.IN.gov/idem/5474.htm and https://www.IN.gov/idem/6900.htm.

Questions may be directed to any of the following IDEM staff: Randy Braun at (317) 234-3980 or Staci Goodwin at (317) 234-1601. Please send any email comments or inquiries to Stormwat@idem.IN.gov. IDEM will provide notice of the final determination on this permit to all persons who submit written comments or who request such notice.

Attachments:  Draft MS4 General NPDES Permit INR040000

MS4 NPDES Fact Sheet