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# MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

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### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

All Loan Applicants and Consulting Engineers Currently Pursuing FY-2015 Funding

Through the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF)

FROM:

MS Department of Environmental Quality (MDEQ)

Office of Pollution Control

Surface Water Division/Construction Branch

**SUBJECT:** 

**FY-2015 WPCRLF Priority System Deadlines Reminder** 

Loan Application Packages/Supplemental Guidance Enclosed

DATE:

June 15, 2015

## FY-2015 WPCRLF PRIORITY SYSTEM DEADLINES REMINDER

As you may recall from our February 3, 2015, memorandum notifying all potential Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Fund (WPCRLF) applicants and consulting engineers of the upcoming changes to the WPCRLF Program and the resulting compacted FY-2015 schedule, the Priority System deadlines for this FY are as follows:

By June 15, 2015, submit a complete WPCRLF facilities plan to MDEQ. The facilities plan must be prepared in accordance with the WPCRLF Loan Program regulations effective for loans on or after December 19, 2004, and the FY-2015 supplemental facilities planning guidance.

By July 15, 2015, a completed WPCRLF loan application and all associated documents required by the WPCRLF regulations and the supplemental FY-2015 WPCRLF funding guidance must be submitted to MDEQ.

By September 1, 2015, all approvable documents and responses to MDEQ comments necessary for loan award must be submitted to MDEQ for review and approval.

If your project met the June 15, 2015, facilities plan deadline, it will be ranked on the Priority List in the Draft FY-2015 WCRLF Intended Use Plan (IUP) and funds will be reserved for that project in FY-2015. In order for the funds to remain reserved, the July 15 and September 1, 2015 deadlines must also be met. Otherwise, any funds reserved for the project may be released and made available for other projects that are ready for a loan award, in accordance with the Priority System.

If your project did not meet the June 15, 2015, facilities plan deadline, it will be listed on the FY-2016 and After Planning List in the IUP as a "catch-up" project. Such catch-up projects may be funded this FY ("first-come, first-served" as they become ready for award) with any excess funds not reserved for Priority List ranked projects. We are confident that significant excess funds will be available for catch-up projects this FY, but at this time we cannot confirm in what amount. In order to allow adequate time to process applications, the July 15 and September 1, 2015, deadlines must also be met by catch-up projects.

### LOAN APPLICATION PACKAGES/SUPPLEMENTAL GUIDANCE ENCLOSED

Enclosed is a copy of the loan application package, including regulations, to assist you in meeting the remaining deadlines.

Also enclosed is an <u>updated supplemental guidance document</u> entitled, "GUIDANCE FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL REVOLVING LOAN FUND PROJECTS FUNDED DURING FY 2015 (OCTOBER 1, 2014 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2015)" and <u>Dated June 10, 2015</u>. This document contains the planning phase guidance of the original document which was transmitted with our February 3, 2015, memorandum, as well as the post-planning phase guidance mentioned in that memorandum. <u>The</u> "Loan Application" section of this supplemental guidance is to be used in conjunction with the enclosed loan application package and <u>WPCRLF Regulations</u> to insure that all FY-2015 application requirements are met. This supplemental guidance document is also available for viewing/downloading on MDEQ's WPCRLF Program webpage.

We urge you to carefully review all of the enclosed material and insure that all remaining Priority System deadlines are met, so that funds will remain reserved for your Priority List-ranked projects, or to maximize the potential for funding of your "catch-up" projects.

If you desire, we will hold a Pre-Application Conference at our offices or via telephone to assist you in the preparation of your loan application. Please contact your MDEQ Project Manager as soon as possible to schedule the date and time for the Pre-Application Conference/Teleconference if one is desired.