

Public Notice
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The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality proposes to reissue the statewide Municipal Separate Stormwater System (MS4) Phase II General Permit. The MS4 Phase II General Permit covers the State of Mississippi and authorizes the discharge of storm water runoff into waters of the State from small MS4s, as defined in 40 CFR 122.26(b)(16). The current General Permit expired on February 28, 2021. The reissued general permit will allow the continued discharge of storm water from small MS4s for a five-year period.

The staff of the Permit Board has developed the draft general permit and has made a preliminary determination that the MS4 Phase II General Permit meets the requirements of the Federal Clean Water Act and applicable provisions of the Mississippi Air and Water Pollution Control Law. Facilities granted coverage under this permit and adhering to conditions contained therein should operate within State and Federal environmental laws and standards. The staff of the Permit Board is soliciting all relative information pertaining to the proposed general permit, including public comment, to ensure that the final staff recommendation on the draft general permit complies with all State and Federal regulations. Public review and comment on the draft general permit and supporting documentation is an important element in the staff evaluation and resulting recommendation to the Permit Board. The draft permit conditions have been developed to ensure compliance with all State and Federal regulations but are subject to change based on information received as a result of public participation.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations are invited to submit comments in writing to Mr. Richard Rebich at rrebich@mdeq.ms.gov or to the Permit Board's address shown above, no later than the end of the thirty (30) day public notice. All comments received by this date will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the general permit. A public hearing will be held if the Permit Board finds a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit. Persons wishing to request a public hearing may do so by submitting that request in writing to Mr. Richard Rebich at rrebich@mdeq.ms.gov or to the Permit Board's address shown above. The Permit Board is limited in the scope of its analysis to environmental impact. Any comments relative to zoning or economic and social impacts are within the jurisdiction of local zoning and planning authorities and should be addressed to them.

Additional details about this general permit, including a copy of the permit draft, are available by writing or calling the Public Records Request Officer at the above Permit Board address and telephone number or by completing the form at the following website: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/about-mdeq/public-records-request/public-records-request-form/>. Additionally, a copy of the proposed draft general permit may be found on MDEQ's website at: <https://www.mdeq.ms.gov/permits/environmental-permits-division/applications-forms/generalpermits/ms4/>. This information is also available for review at the office of MDEQ at the Permit Board address shown above during normal business hours. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know will be interested.