

May 19, 2000

Memorandum

TO: Palm Beach County NPDES Permittees
FROM: Alan D. Wertepny, P.E.
SUBJECT: Minutes of NPDES Steering Committee Meeting Held On May 17, 2000
(Our Ref. No. 99022.01)

I. Attendees/Introductions – Approximately 26 of the 40 permittees were represented at the May 17, 2000 NPDES meeting. Steering Committee Members present included: Laurent Van Cott (Chair), John Bonde (Vice Chair), Randal Krejcarek (Secretary), Allen Trefry (Member), Rebecca Travis (Member), and Brian Sullivan (Member). A list of those present at the meeting is available upon request. The steering committee approved the minutes of the March 15, 2000 meeting.

II. Administrative Activities/Reports

a. Inspector Training Program

There were 113 attendees at the workshops held in December 1999 and February 2000 for the Steering Committee's Inspector Training Program. Of these participants, 27 continued with the educational program and passed the FDEP's State Certification Exam. To date, 34 of the 40 permittees have participated in this training program. Four of the six remaining permittees are not required to participate in a training program because areas within their jurisdiction are completely built out and do not have any projects meeting the threshold requirement of 5 acres. The inspector training program will continue based on needs of the permittees. If any permittee is interested in participating in the Steering Committee's training program or the state certification program, please contact Todd Engle at Mock, Roos & Associates, Inc. (561-683-3113, extension 294). Once we have 15 individuals registered for the steering committee program, the program date will be set at Mock, Roos & Associates, Inc. for presentation. The proctored state certification exam will be provided on an as-needed basis.

b. FDEP NPDES Stormwater Rules

The State has received delegation of the NPDES stormwater programs (municipal, industrial, and construction). Palm Beach County's NPDES permittees have been represented by Alan Wertepny on the Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) for NPDES Stormwater Delegation. The last TAC meeting was held on April 17, 2000 in Orlando. As a result of that meeting, the state revised the fee schedule for the MS4 permits, basing it on population on a flat rate plus per capita charge. The result is that the Palm Beach County fees will be lowered from the estimated \$30,000 to approximately \$25,000. The State's MS4 stormwater rules are scheduled to become effective October 1, 2000. The latest information on the rules can be obtained at the FDEP's website

(www.dep.state.fl.us/water/slerp/pds/draft.htm). The management of the MS4 program will be conducted by allocating 50% usage of three current positions at FDEP (Legal, Secretarial, and Administrative) and contracting for the three additional full time personnel. The duties conducted by these individuals will include:

- Review and comments on the annual reports
- Review and comment, noticing and reissuing permit renewals
- Conducting site visits for each permittee (budgeted three days each year)
- Processing billings (permit fees)
- Daily operations (questions, referrals, education, etc.)
- Annual workshop with permittees

It appears that the FDEP's TAC committee for the MS4 will be phasing out and be replaced with a TAC committee for developing standardized annual report requirements. Alan Wertepny will continue representing Palm Beach County's permittees by becoming a member of this TAC committee. The third year annual reports will be sent to FDEP, with a copy to the EPA. Construction projects requiring NPDES coverage prior to October 1, 2000 should submit the NOI to the EPA. After October 1, 2000, the NOI should be submitted to the FDEP. This process has been coordinated with the FDEP's NPDES coordinator, Michael Bateman.

c. Annual Reports

To date, 25 of 40 draft reports have been received and 10 of the 40 have been finalized. Final reports have been submitted by Cloud Lake, Gulf Stream, Juno Beach, Jupiter Inlet Colony, Lake Clarke Shores, Pahokee, Palm Beach, Palm Springs, Tequesta, and Indian Trail Improvement District. All permittees are reminded that the finalized annual reports from the permittees were due May 17, 2000. Please submit this information as soon as possible, so that it can be incorporated into the draft of the joint report.

d. University of Florida (UF) Sediment Disposal and Reuse Program

The Solid Waste Authority sent a \$10,000 check to UF for Characterization of Stormwater Sediments, Catchbasin Sediments, and Streetsweeping Sediments for disposal and reuse. The first phase of this program will be initiated this summer. The Principal UF Investigator is Dr. Timothy Townsend (352-392-0846). The University of Florida will be establishing a website to communicate the status and results of the study. Once the website has been established, Palm Beach County permittees will be notified through a steering committee meeting.

III. Water Quality Monitoring

Brian Gentry of Palm Beach County provided an update of the joint water quality monitoring program. The report is in draft form will cover four ambient water quality monitoring events. Review of the data indicates that exceedances of water quality goals occur for dissolved oxygen, metals (copper and lead), coliform bacteria and nutrients. Over 25% of the exceedances occur due to dissolved oxygen, which is attributed mainly

to groundwater seepage and stagnant conditions in the canal systems. Violation of coliform bacteria is generally attributed to animal waste. Possible sources for copper include the aquatic herbicide applications and brake-lining material in automobiles. Nutrients appear to be high for the C-15 and C-16 canals. This may be attributed to usage for agricultural and golf course facilities. The monitoring program report will be included in the draft of the 3rd year joint report.

IV. Next Scheduled Meeting

The meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday, June 21, 2000 at 9:00 a.m. at the offices of Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District. The meeting will cover the third year joint report and provide a budget update. There is a possibility that this meeting will be cancelled. In lieu of a meeting, co-permittees will receive a draft of the third year joint report and a budget report. Permittees will be notified if there will be a June meeting.

Another item was raised for possible discussion at the June meeting or at a future date concerning procedural requirements between permittees for construction activities. In some cases, site clearing is being initiated without receiving an acceptable Pollution Prevention Plan by the entity potentially receiving a runoff from the site. This may occur in instances where local governments (county or municipalities) issue a clearing permit and the applicant hasn't received PPP approval from the special district in which the facility is located.

We believe that these minutes accurately reflect the discussions and decisions of this meeting; however, the writer will welcome additions and/or corrections in writing within seven days of the date of these minutes. Should you have any questions, please call me at extension 231.

ADW:kmm

Copies: Peter L. Pimentel
All Attendees