

Memorandum

DATE: April 23, 2009
TO: Palm Beach County NPDES Permittees
FROM: Alan Wertepny
REF. NO. A8045.01
SUBJECT: Minutes of NPDES Steering Committee Meeting held on March 18, 2009

I. Attendees/Introductions

Approximately 30 of the 41 permittees were represented at the March 18, 2009 NPDES Steering Committee meeting. Steering Committee members present included: Laurent Van Cott (Chair), Jay Foy (Vice Chair), Randal Krejcarek (Secretary), Dan Beatty (Member), Karen Brandon (Member), and Bonnie Finneran (Member). A copy of the sign-in sheet is available upon request.

II. Administrative Activities

- a. **Approval of February 18, 2009 Meeting Minutes** – A motion was made by Jay Foy to approve the minutes, seconded by Dan Beatty, and approved by the Steering Committee.
- b. **6th Year Joint Report** – A motion was made by Jay Foy, seconded by Dan Beatty, for approval of the 6th Year Joint Report. The motion passed by the Steering Committee.
- c. **Delray Affair – April 17 – 19, 2009.** Volunteers are needed to man our stormwater public education table. Working the table is easy. You will be asking questions from a list of questions and if they get it correct they will spin the wheel to win a small gift (sticker, notepad, chip clip, and a tote bag. Please visit the website (www.stormwaterandme.org/Schedule.asp) to see what shifts are available.

III. Municipal Training Videos

Two 20-minute training videos were viewed, Storm Watch and SPCC Controlling Oil. These training videos were obtained from EXCAL Visual and contain the following information:

- Using, storing, and mixing of pesticides, herbicides and fertilizers.

- Identifying and reporting of illicit discharges into the MS4.
- Spill prevention and response.
- Erosion and sediment controls for construction sites.

Attendees for the training videos included 81 representatives from 30 of the Palm Beach County MS4 co-permittees. The correct answers for the two exams distributed for the two training videos viewed are attached. For the 7th Year Annual Report, municipalities attending this training session may take credit for stormwater management programs under Part III.A.6, Pesticides, Herbicides, and Fertilizer Usage, Part III.A.7.c, Illicit Discharges, Part IIIA.7.d, Spill Response, and IIIA.9.b, BMPs for Construction Sites.

We now have four (4) training videos from EXCAL Visual. These include Storm Watch, Storm Warning, Ground Control and SPCC Controlling Oil. You may purchase your own videos by contacting Marc Mancuso at (888) 925-6554 or visit their website at www.man.excalvisual.com. You may also borrow these video by contacting Mock•Roos (Jane Hayes) at (561) 683-3113, x-264, or jane.hayes@mockroos.com.

IV. Draft Guidance Document for Preparing Stormwater Monitoring Plans

The March 2009 FDEP Guidance for Preparing Stormwater Monitoring Plans appears to require expansion of our current monitoring program in order to meet the Annual Report (Reporting/ Evaluation of Monitoring Results) objectives for the pending MS4 Third Term, 5 year permit.

Specific monitoring components are left up to the permittees to propose for acceptance or negotiated modifications. Review of the guidance document indicates that it is important that the monitoring program includes other monitoring approaches in addition to the existing ambient water quality monitoring to gain acceptance. This can be accomplished, as done in the past, by including other monitoring approaches; for example, sea grass monitoring, oyster survey, mapping efforts, and a sediment sourcing study. In addition, there are water quality ambient stations currently monitored by others (i.e., L-8 and Hillsboro Canal) that could be included in the NPDES program, and new stations could be added to provide a more robust monitoring effort. The combination can help support the reporting requirement.

Stormwater EMC monitoring does not necessarily needed to be a component of our monitoring program. Educating FDEP on the impractical nature of this type of monitoring as it related to surface water management within Palm Beach County will be important.

The current monitoring program may not, in and of itself, meet FDEP's monitoring program expectations. However, supplementing the existing program with the other monitoring efforts we should be able to meet FDEP's goals. A motion was made by Dan Beatty and seconded by Randal Krejcarek to create a Monitoring Sub-Committee. The motion passed. Member of this committee will include Jay Foy, Brian Gentry, Alan Wertepny and Paul Davis (Palm Beach County ERM Coordinator for the current sediment source monitor study underway for the C-51 Canal). Our new Monitoring Sub-Committee will be meeting to discuss FDEP's finalized guidance document and proposed program modifications to the Steering Committee.

V. Next Steering Committee Meeting

The next steering committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2009, 9:00 a.m., at the Emergency Operations Center in Jupiter. The primary purpose of the meeting will be a presentation by Robert van den Akker (SAIC) on the 2008 annual reports and changes to the annual reporting requirements.

I believe these minutes accurately reflect the discussions and decisions of this meeting; however, additions and/or corrections will be accepted in writing within seven (7) days of the date of these minutes.

If you have any questions, please call me at 683-3113, extension 231.

ADW:jeh

Copies: All Permittees
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