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PUBLIC NOTICE OF TWO DRAFT COMBINED KANSAS WATER POLLUTION CONTROL GENERAL STORMWATER PERMITS AND NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM GENERAL STORMWATER PERMITS FOR SMALL MUNICIPAL SEPARATE STORM SEWER SYSTEMS

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has prepared two draft general stormwater permits for small municipalities with separate storm sewer systems (MS4). The permits are written for non-urban and urbanized areas in Kansas based on the 2010 U.S. census and the designation criteria in 40 CFR Parts 122 and 123. General permit G-FST-0604-SO01 is written for applicants receiving a MS4 permit for the first time. General permit G-SCD-0604-SO01 is written for the permittees who are receiving a re-issued permit.

A general stormwater permit is provided for those entities engaged in similar activities and discharging stormwater of similar quality. A general permit is placed on public notice once during the life of the permit and then is made available, without further public notice, to all qualified entities which meet the requirements of the permit. The permittees are also required to meet all other federal, state and local requirements.

The small MS4 general permit program addresses MS4s that generally serve populations less than 100,000 in urbanized areas, and those MS4s located outside of urbanized areas that have or may have the potential to negatively impact surface water quality as a result of their discharges.

Both general permits require the permittee to develop, implement, and enforce a stormwater management plan (SMP) designed to reduce the discharge of pollutants from the MS4 to the Maximum Extent Practicable, to protect water quality, and to satisfy the appropriate water quality requirements of the Clean Water Act and Kansas law. The SMP covers the six minimum stormwater control measures and also requires implementation of Best Management Practices (BMPs) for discharges of stormwater to designated Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) streams and lakes in the immediate area downstream of or within the municipality. The SMP document must address the BMPs to be implemented by the permittee, provide measurable goals for the BMPs, designate the municipality or municipalities responsible for implementing the control measures, provide appropriate maps and conduct stormwater/receiving stream sampling and testing based upon the TMDL impairments. The draft permits contain schedules of compliance requiring the development and submittal of the various documents to KDHE and implementation of practices to control stormwater pollution from the MS4.

Copies of the draft permits, the designated TMDLs, fact sheets, may be downloaded from www.kdheks.gov/muni by accessing MS4 Stormwater General Permits. These documents may be obtained by writing: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Bureau of Water - Municipal Programs Section, 1000 SW Jackson St. - Suite 420, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367.
