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GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER ASOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY

FACT SHEET PROPOSED REISSUANCE WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS

General Permit Background:

The DEEP stormwater general permit program was developed pursuant to EPA's Stormwater Rule and Connecticut's stormwater permits are issued under the authority of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-430 and 22a-430b. The DEEP first issued the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activity (industrial general permit) on October 1, 1992. The general permit has been reissued since then, most recently on October 1, 2011. The purpose of the general permit is to protect waters of the state from stormwater runoff from industrial activities.

The requirements of the current general permit include registration to obtain permit coverage, development and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and monitoring of stormwater outfalls discharging from the industrial activity. The SWPPP contains requirements for industrial activities to describe and manage their operations and contains control measures to reduce or eliminate the potential for the discharge of stormwater runoff pollutants from an industrial activity.

Proposed Reissuance of the General Permit Without Modifications:

The current general permit will expire on September 30, 2016. In order to maintain permit coverage for the regulated community, the current industrial general permit is therefore proposed to be renewed *without modifications* for the period effective from October 1, 2016 through September 30, 2018. Current registrants will not be required to reregister to maintain authorization under the general permit. However, they are advised that they must continue to comply with the terms and conditions of the general permit. The general permit's outfall monitoring program will also continue in effect during this renewal period, including any sampling exemptions already obtained through the benchmark monitoring provisions of the general permit.

The Commissioner intends to reissue a new industrial general permit *with modifications* prior to the expiration of this proposed reissued general permit *without modifications*. The Department will seek public comment on a notice of tentative decision to reissue the industrial general permit *with modifications* by July, 2016.