

## **Pennsylvania**



## **Stormwater Coalition**

February 13, 2012

The Honorable Patrick Meehan  
U.S. House of Representatives  
513 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Meehan:

I am writing concerning the federal National Pollution Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). Under new regulations promulgated by EPA to meet requirements of the Clean Streams Act, Pennsylvania municipalities are required to have an NPDES permit for discharge from their stormwater systems. The Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) administers this program in the Commonwealth.

The 57 municipalities of the Pennsylvania Stormwater Coalition have been working very closely with the DEP on new regulations for what is commonly called PAG-13, the department's General Permit that municipalities must obtain as part of the NPDES. The permit establishes minimum control measures (MCM's) that municipalities agree to take to control stormwater runoff and to manage the quality of stormwater that discharges from their municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) and then into the waters of the Commonwealth. The municipalities have closely monitored the development of these regulations because it is possible that compliance with some provisions could have a significant financial impact on their budgets.

One area that was of concern to the Coalition was whether a municipality would be responsible for all stormwater generated within its boundaries, i.e. "Urbanized Area," or only stormwater carried by conveyances that a municipality owned and operated. That is why we were very

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pleased to be told by EPA and DEP representatives at a January 5, 2012 training session that a municipality would only be responsible for stormwater carried by conveyances. This was a very important determination. We appreciate the consideration of the EPA and DEP in making this decision.

The Stormwater Coalition will continue to work with DEP to ensure that the PAG-13 regulations adequately protect our environment and are reasonable, responsible and attainable, while not creating significant financial hardships for municipalities.

Thank you for your time and service.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Michael J. Fox". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Michael" being the most prominent part.

Michael J. Fox  
Chairman

cc:

EPA Administrator Lisa Jackson  
DEP Secretary Michael Krancer  
Pennsylvania Stormwater Coalition members

Letters Were Sent to the Following Individuals:

The Honorable Bob Brady  
The Honorable Robert P. Casey  
The Honorable Charlie Dent  
The Honorable Michael Fitzpatrick  
The Honorable James Gerlach  
The Honorable Tim Holden  
The Honorable Patrick Meehan  
The Honorable Allyson Schwartz  
The Honorable Pat Toomey