



Quarterly Meeting for Anchorage MS4 Permit No. AKS05255-8
Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities

MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, March 21, 2012 – 1:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Municipal Permit Center, Project Management and Engineering Conference Room B

Attending:

William Ashton
Kristi Bischofberger
Dan Southard

Tom Grman
Jennifer Reed
Jeff Urbanus

Jennifer Lindberg
Kim Stricklan

March 2012 Meeting Agenda - Approved

January 2012 Meeting Summary - Approved

Unfinished Business

Annual Meeting Agenda – the format will be the same as last year with welcome by PM&E, and opening remarks by ADEC, ADOT, and MOA. The agenda (draft agenda handout) program will cover pilot projects, construction compliance, monitoring, sweeping, mapping, and education.

Mitigation – the portion of the permit calling for mitigation (II.B.2.a.i) is not specific on what the mitigation should be focused. We are going to interpret flexibly what mitigation is permissible and develop a policy regarding what projects must do when they cannot incorporate retention into the project.

New Business

Street Sweeping Spring schedule

The 2011-12 snow year has been heavier than usual and a large amount of snow has been stored onto the road shoulder. Due to the encroachment of snow into the gutters and driving lanes street sweeping will be hindered during early spring. For effective results sweeping may be delayed, but will start as soon as practicable. This will put the MOA and ADOT behind the required performance dates (April 15 - June 1) for the first sweep as laid out in the permit schedule; however, we believe that June 15 is a reasonable target date to conclude the spring sweep. We anticipate all other sweeping events will stay on schedule.

William suggested we wait and see what actions, if any, will be needed to demonstrate/extend compliance with the permit.

Underground Injection control

There has been some discussion about what the process should be to meet the requirement in II.B.2.a.i. ADEC indicates that while other Region 10 areas have had to submit paperwork to EPA this has not been required in Alaska.

Informational Items

Update on DEC actions and priorities – Samantha Hunt is leaving ADEC and has not yet been replaced. The national CGP is being reissued.

Update on 3rd year activities – Retrofit and Monitoring of snow disposal sites is a concern this year for the same reason as street sweeping. Snow disposal sites are beyond capacity and there is every expectation they will not be available for construction early enough to get them stabilized before next snowfall. Additionally, sampling outfalls are under snow

Construction – ADOT is planning to give a presentation at the annual meeting on their compliance activities under consent decree.

Monitoring – Monitoring activities for the permit are in place except for the retrofit monitoring of snow disposal sites. We may need to defer the bulk of the sampling for next year.

New Development & Pilot Projects

MOA is on schedule to install pervious pavement and an infiltration gallery at the Russian Jack ball field parking lot.

ADOT is starting construction on the Seward Highway which will include one of the pilot projects. Dowling also is being constructed to contain another. ADOT is working on selecting a third project.

Maintenance – Street Maintenance and ADOT are developing SWPPPs for facilities this permit year.

Next meeting date is June 20, 2012



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MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, June 20, 2012 – 1:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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Attending:

William Ashton

Kristi Bischofberger

Dan Southard

Shawn Dooley

Jennifer Lindberg

Jennifer Reed

Jeff Urbanus

Tom Grman

Tim Crogan

Kim Stricklan

Josh Zellmer

June 2012 Meeting Agenda – Approved as drafted

March 2012 Meeting Summary - Approved

Unfinished Business

Annual Meeting Wrap up –

- the meeting was rushed but the amount of information was about right. Everyone liked the venue which cannot be accessed before 8:00 for setup. Consider extending meeting time to allow an additional hour or two in the meeting. Consider coffee break early and additional break with a light lunch and a meeting from 9:00 to 1:30 or 2:00
- consider grouping speakers by topic and have a panel question and answer session to make certain attendees issues are addressed
- interest in knowing what groups attendees represented, ie, audience makeup

Spring Sweep Schedule – in spite of the greater than normal snow load and late start the spring sweep was completed on schedule and a revision to the schedule was not necessary.

New Business

Snow Storage Site retrofit and monitoring – because of the larger than normal snow load in the snow sites a retrofit project may not be possible as planned for this year. There is a new snow site being finished and put into service in 2012 that could be substituted for one of the retrofits. The new site will have upgraded practices to manage water quality. Consider whether the new site meets the permit requirement.

Any delay in the required snow site retrofit will likely also create a delay in the monitoring that follows it.

We will address this again in September for a schedule revision as needed based on conditions at that time.

Informational Items

Update on ADEC actions and priorities – The EPA Stormwater Regulations have been back-burnered, likely until after elections. Compliance group is working on hiring a new inspector to replace Sam. Permits up for renewal include Fairbanks, 2013 CGP, JBER, and the Port.

Update on 3rd year activities

- Construction – ADOT is still working to comply with its consent decree, its going along fine
- Monitoring – Monitoring activities for the permit are in place with wet weather and dry weather screening, and the ogs/sed basin study. The snow site monitoring is the only area of concern due to delay in retrofit.
- New Development & Pilot Projects - MOA is in construction to install pervious pavement and an infiltration gallery at the Russian Jack ball field parking lot. ADOT is in the construction phase on the Seward Highway and Dowling and Muldoon all which include pilot projects required by the Permit.
- Maintenance – Street Maintenance and ADOT are on track for street sweeping and catch basin/ogs cleanouts and developing SWPPPs for facilities this permit year. ADOT is on track for building a sand storage facility in Girdwood.
- Mapping – MOA and ADOT are making progress to complete the MS4 mapping. This will be finished on schedule.

Next meeting date is September 19, 2012



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MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, September 19, 2012 – 1:00p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

Municipal Permit Center, Project Management and Engineering Conference Room B

Attendees:

William Ashton

Tom Grman

Tim Crogan

Kristi Bischofberger

Josh Zelmer

Jennifer Reed/Carle

Shawn McBride

Jennifer Lindberg

September 2012, Meeting Agenda Approved

June 2012, Meeting Summary Approved

Unfinished Business

Snow Storage Site Retrofit – as a follow up to June discussion the heavily loaded snow sites did not melt in time to enable retrofitting either of the sites identified for the project. There is a new snow disposal site installed with the retrofit technology being brought on-line this winter. It could substitute for the originally chosen sites. Otherwise the permittees will not meet the retrofit schedule in the permit. The monitoring schedule is set for spring 2013, it will focus on the Tudor site retrofit and the new site.

William indicates we need to amend (see p.30, D.2) the SWMP to reflect the new schedule based on the high snow year. The permittees will do this and reflect on the possibility of the new site meeting the permit requirement.

New Business

OGS Vactor Wastes – the MOA believes OGS cleaning and waste management is an activity covered under the MS4 permit. MOA and DOT have been taking their wastes to AWWU discharge points, but AWWU is telling us we need to find an alternative method/disposal site due to the problems the waste is causing their system. We would like to set a meeting with ADEC to discuss appropriate MEP treatment for the effluent prior to decanting into the MS4.

William indicates it would be appropriate to invite the regional director to the discussion. WMS will set the meeting for this fall.

Informational Items

Update on ADEC actions and priorities – DEC has filled its empty positions. William is looking for preliminary (prior to draft) suggestions for MSGP renewal. Draft regulations including MS4 regulations are on hold until after November election. ADEC received training from EPA for MS4 audit. The audit date has not been determined.

Update on 3rd year activities

Construction -

ADOT has had a good second year of compliance with its consent decree. Performance exceeded last year's efforts.

MOA is in the process of revising Title 21. There is a proposal to revise the land disturbance threshold for permitting to one acre. The Alaska General Contractors would like to pursue the opportunity to make the MS4 requirement match the CGP requirement.

Monitoring –

The wet weather monitoring is complete for the year, the OGS monitoring is mostly complete but may sample target sized storm events until snow fall. LID monitoring is starting up for the pilot projects

New Development & Pilot Projects –

ADOT added the Dowling parking lot near Campbell Creek to its list of projects to be completed next year.

MOA is almost finished with the Russian Jack pervious asphalt project construction.

Maintenance –

ADOT has started constructing the Girdwood sand storage building. All groups report Sweeping and OGS/catch basin cleaning is on schedule.

Facility SWPPPs are in progress by all groups.

Next meeting date January 16, 2013, later revised to January 24, 2013



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MEETING SUMMARY

Wednesday, January 24, 2012 – 1:30p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Municipal Permit Center, Project Management and Engineering Conference Room B

Attendees:

William Ashton	Tom Grman	Tim Crogan
Kristi Bischofberger	Jennifer Carle	Jennifer Micolichek
Kim Stricklan	Mark Littlefield	Jeff Urbanus

January 2013, Meeting Agenda Approved

September 2012, Meeting Summary Approved

Unfinished Business

Snow Storage Site Retrofit – the new snow site at 64th and Spruce conforms to the retrofit design standards. However, it is a new site whereas the Mountain View site is closed due to unsuitability. The question for consideration is whether the new site can be counted as a retrofit, considering the permit language calls for retrofits at two existing sites. ADEC will consider and respond to this question.

OGS Vactor Wastes – the design concept for the vactor waste treatment facility was presented to ADEC in the fall. WMS will send their final concept document showing the proposed bmp treatment train to ADEC for concurrence. MOA plans on moving into the design phase for its C Street site in February.

New Business

Major Outfall Disconnect – WMS proposes two 24” culverts be allowed as substitution for one 36” culvert (major outfall) disconnect required by the permit. ADEC will consider and respond.

2013 Annual Meeting – the proposed preliminary agenda was discussed, and it was agreed that the information required in the annual meeting would be presented via poster session and panel question and answer session. Everyone agreed to drop the opening remarks by ADEC, ADOT, and MOA. The invitation will go out shortly – Friday or Monday.

2012 Annual Report – the permittees are on track for delivering the third annual report on February 1st. the document is currently out for review by the contributors. ADEC will receive both electronic and hard copies.

Informational Items

Update on DEC actions and priorities- William reports the NOI position has been filled. Kim Speckman is acting compliance manager until the vacated position is filled. The MSGP renewal is on track for release next year. An MS4 audit is anticipated for summer 2013.

Update on Permittee's 3rd year activities

Construction - ADOT reports a decrease in consent decree violations for 2012.

Monitoring – the OGS project is being reported with the 2012 annual report, as is the wet and dry monitoring. The pesticide project is due to be repeated next year. The pilot projects are set for assessment next year also.

New Development & Pilot Projects – ADOT reports the Dowling project is 90% complete, Seward Hwy is in winter shut down, and Muldoon is finished.

Maintenance – Jennifer is leaving the maintenance program to take a position at the airport. ADOT Girdwood sand storage is under construction and ADOT Anchorage snow storage is working on funding. Birchwood snow storage has site constraints revolving around dual use and highway encroachment. ADOT sweeping contracts are renewed. CBERRRSA sweeping contracts are still being worked for renewal. Anchorage sweeping activities fell short of completion during fall due to wind storm emergency cleanup activities. The unswept sectors are addressed in the annual report.

Set next meeting date (March 2013) – March 27th