



**Term IV Semi-annual Meeting for Anchorage MS4 Permit No. AKS05255-8  
Municipality of Anchorage and State of Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities**

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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Tuesday, March 28, 2023– 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Online Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Introductions**

Kristi Bischofberger	Joshua James	Ron Searcy
Kurt Koehler	Jim Belz	Kyle Cunningham
Vernon Vreeland	Renee Goentzel	Sam Kito
Tony Winsor	Eric Hodgson	Paul VanLandingham
Kyle Kelley		

**March 2023 Meeting Agenda** – Approved with no additions.

**October 2022 Meeting Summary** – Approved

**Old Business:**

***2023 APDES Annual Meeting***

The 2023 APDES Annual Meeting took place on March 9, 2023, at the BP Energy Center. It was the first annual meeting held in person after several years meeting virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Josh J. – Having it all in one room helped him feel like he wasn't missing anything.

Kurt K. – Relayed that Casey E. attended and said meeting was very informative.

Kristi B. – The venue has a lot more rules than before and we had to use an outside caterer. Do people prefer in person or virtual meetings in the future? Josh J. and Vernon V. both said they prefer in person.

***2022 APDES Annual Report***

The 2022 APDES Annual Report has been posted on the WMS website and was submitted through the ADEC EDMS system. Any concerns? Renee G. said it looked good.

**New Business:**

***Third Year Compliance Work Products***

Business as usual. The Animal Facilities report is due this year. WMS is starting to work on the Campbell Creek Watershed Plan which is due in year 5.

Renee G. – DOT&PF continues to work on the OGS waste facility, currently working on permitting and funding. The currently selected site may not be authorized due it being

zoned as PLI. DOT&PF has engaged MOA find a solution with may include code changes (adding use to allowable uses in a PLI zone; other alternative would be bigger – rezoning under the Anchorage Plan). There are currently no other DOT&PF owned parcels of land that would be options for the facility, as it has specific needs (topography, size, location, etc.).

DOT&PF is evaluating snow storage sites after a high snow volume winter. The O’Malley site in particular is getting very tall/high and they are worried about snowmelt water leaving the site. There are vegetated ditches between the snow dump and the MS4, but BMPs in the ditches may need to be considered, and DOT&PF is hoping to construct as second snow site in Anchorage before next winter.

Kristi B. – The permit requires us to select and study an under-managed pollutant source for increased management efforts this term. The default option has been car washes, but you may still submit other options for consideration as well.

**Informational Items:**

**ADEC – Sam Kito**

Sam K. stated he appreciated the APDES Annual Meeting and the presentation of the Chester Creek Plan. ADEC is now one year into its Environmental Data Management System (EDMS) project, and feedback on the system will be forthcoming. The 2022 APDES Annual Report was submitted via EDMS.

**DOT&PF Construction – Ron Searcy and Joshua James**

Current Regional Director Wolfgang Junge is retiring from DOT&PF. In 2022, DOT&PF had 10 carry-over projects and 15 new projects, and zero discharges to report from any of their 2022 projects. In 2023, DOT&PF anticipates having up to 15 new General Permit projects and 12 carry-over projects from 2022.

O’Malley settling pond and Seward Hwy./Dowling interchange with five settling ponds are expected be completed this year.

Jake Ciufu has been promoted to the Central Region Hydrologist position. Elliot Smith, his replacement, should be added to the invite list for future APDES meetings (Keep Jake invited also).

Four DOT&PF projects had ADEC inspections in 2022, which resulted in zero NOVs. The Campbell Creek at C St. project just broke ground - ADF&G is on site with DOT&PF engineers; AWC concerns have been resolved. SWPPP Track program launching as voluntary for Central Region DOT&PF projects, but will be made mandatory in the future.

**DOT&PF - Renee Goentzel**

DOT&PF looking at getting SWPPP Track to work for permanent facilities under MSGP and potentially MS4 storm water permits; it should work at remote sites as well.

**Monitoring – Kristi Bischofberger**

MOA will be conducting Wet Weather and Dry Weather Screening this year. No Pesticide

screening this year.

**ARDSA – Paul VanLandingham and Eric Hodgson**

OSHA may be monitoring post-sweep this year for silica and dust levels. May need post-sweep treatment to control dust levels. Business as usual, still actively hauling snow for a few more weeks. ~3000 catch basins cleaned last year, will be working on the North quad this year. Same sweeping contractor as last year. Snow dumps all “busting at the seams” with 100K+ loads this year (avg. year ~ 50-60K loads). 3-4 SWPPP projects in the works for this year. ARDSA will likely be pushing up against the spring sweep deadline due to the amount of snow that is still remaining.

**CBERRRSA – Tony Winsor**

Vactor contract is currently at Purchasing, sweeping contractor is ready to go. This year CBERRRSA will have one - Type 2 project and twelve - Type 1 projects.

**GRSA – Kyle Kelley**

Currently steaming inlets and peeling, will start sweeping in late April. Several fish culvert projects on line for this summer.

**DOT&PF – Kurt Koehler**

Snow dumps are very full, DOT&PF done hauling for the season, no capacity left. Load counts likely doubled from avg. winter. Business as usual otherwise.

**DOT&PF Maintenance – Vernon Vreeland**

Sweeping and catch basin cleaning contracts are in place; will likely start working mid to late April.

**Set next meeting date** – October 2023, Kristi B. will send an invite.

**Adjourn**



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**MEETING SUMMARY**

Wednesday, October 25, 2023– 2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
Online Meeting via Microsoft Teams

**Introductions**

Kristi Bischofberger	Joshua James	Ron Searcy
Kenna Billups	Jim Belz	Kyle Cunningham
Vernon Vreeland	Renee Goentzel	Sam Kito
Tony Winsor	Eric Hodgson	Paul VanLandingham
Greg Soule	Kayce Eliason	Jake Ciufo
Kevin Jackson	Elizabeth Stergiou	

**Introductions** – Kenna Billups (new MOA WMS Environmental Specialist), Elizabeth Stergiou (ADEC), Kayce Eliason (replaces Kurt Kohler DOT&PF).

**October 2023 Meeting Agenda** – Approved with no additions.

**March 2023 Meeting Summary** – Approved.  
Kayce did not receive notes from last meeting.

**Old Business:**

***3<sup>rd</sup> Year of Current Permit Term***

Kristi B. – Animal Facilities report will be included in this year's annual report; reporting as usual otherwise. MOA must study an under regulated source of pollution, may look at food trucks and coffee carts using portable generators and require secondary containment for fuel sources.

WMS will start working on the 2023 APDES Annual Report in the coming weeks, so we need everyone to start working on data/submittals, we're looking for input by early December.

Renee G. – OGS facility is currently in design process, hoping to permit over the winter and construct next summer.

**New Business:**

***ADEC Audit***

Elizabeth S. – Focusing on site visits so far; field portion is complete. Audit is focusing on new items and questions that arose from last audit. Planning to meet again at the end of November (possibly the 27<sup>th</sup> or 28<sup>th</sup>). Audit should be wrapped up by the end of December.

Joshua J. – Question: will ADEC need documentation for all of the past two years of the permit term. Elizabeth said yes, but ADEC will ask for a specific list of documentation that is needed. Renee G. stated that she and Kevin have the list of documentation that ADEC needs by 11/13/2023.

***Annual Meeting***

Annual meeting will be held on 3/6/2023 at the BP Energy Center Birch Room. Kayce E. needs to be added to the distribution list.

**Informational Items:**

**DOT&PF – Vernon V. and Kayce E.**

Sweeping and storm drain cleaning activities are done for the year, and they are starting to work on the annual report. Snow dump BMPs have been a struggle due to excessive snow from last winter. Winter season shut down is proceeding.

**MOA CBERRRSA – Tony W.**

All summer projects are complete. No BMP issues. Working on pulling storm drain cleaning records. Snow dump has been cleaned and dressed for winter operations.

**MOA ARDSA – Jim B.**

Had some issues with Muni vac trucks, but all but 1 of 315 OGSs were cleaned this year. Snow dumps still need work, starting to work on them now. All but three sectors were completely swept (due to weather).

**MOA ARDSA – Paul VL. and Eric H.**

Questioning the timing and effectiveness of the late fall sweep due to the amount of resource required and the amount of material being collected, especially for residential-type streets. Does not recommend a complete elimination of the fall sweep, but maybe adjust dates or focus on specific areas for next permit term. Potentially allow for modification of sweeper train. The idea can be addressed in the draft of the permit for the next permit term.

**DOT&PF – Jake C.**

Ongoing DOT&PF projects include Seward Hwy O'Malley to Potter, AMATS Potter, Seward Hwy./Tudor Rd. interchange. All large projects include LIDs, Dowling/New Seward has five detention basins. DOT&PF will be conducting culvert and storm drain inspections and condition assessments using CCTV.

**DOT&PF – Ron S.**

Sean Holland will be new Central Region Director. Review comments for Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (STIP) now closed. DOT&PF has spent 300 million dollars in construction contracts so far this year.

**DOT&PF – Joshua J.**

CESCL training is coming up -sign up early, as there is limited space. Not sure if DOT&PF classes will be open to other groups or not. Seven projects have NOTs, 9 NOIs are still active. AIA,

Seward Hwy, and McHugh Creek projects are still ongoing. One discharge on the Seward Hwy project resulted in an ADEC visit. There are nine carry-over projects from 2023.

**DOT&PF – Renee G. and Jake C.**

Workflow set up for getting DOT&PF as-builts to MOA for digital mapping updates. Snow site development delayed until 2025, at the earliest, due to funding, though may turn in MOA administrative plan review package early and ask to use new site for snow storage emergency in the meantime, if the need arises.

**MOA – Kristi B.**

New rain garden at Cuddy Park to be constructed next summer. Inspections are ongoing, with no known issues at this time.

**ADEC – Sam Kito**

EDMS system has been described as cumbersome for changes to contracts. Refining EDMS, adding engineering support. Stormwater reviews are not yet in EDMS. Seventy-four permits authorized with 45 NOTs. Working on defining Waters of the US vs. Waters of the State due to federal changes to the CWA. Trying to catch up on General Permits. New APDES permit draft due next fall.

**Set next meeting date** – March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024, Kristi B. will send an invite.

**Adjourn:** 3:27pm