



**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

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St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

# MS4 SWPPP Application for Reauthorization

for the NPDES/SDS General Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit MNR040000 reissued with an effective date of August 1, 2013  
Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) Document

Doc Type: Permit Application

**Instructions:** This application is for authorization to discharge stormwater associated with Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) under the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System/State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit Program. **No fee** is required with the submittal of this application. Please refer to "Example" for detailed instructions found on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) MS4 website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/ms4>.

**Submittal:** This MS4 SWPPP Application for Reauthorization form must be submitted electronically via e-mail to the MPCA at [ms4permitprogram.pca@state.mn.us](mailto:ms4permitprogram.pca@state.mn.us) from the person that is duly authorized to certify this form. All questions with an asterisk (\*) are required fields. All applications will be returned if required fields are not completed.

**Questions:** Contact Claudia Hochstein at 651-757-2881 or [claudia.hochstein@state.mn.us](mailto:claudia.hochstein@state.mn.us), Dan Miller at 651-757-2246 or [daniel.miller@state.mn.us](mailto:daniel.miller@state.mn.us), or call toll-free at 800-657-3864.

## General Contact Information (\*Required fields)

### MS4 Owner (with ownership or operational responsibility, or control of the MS4)

\*MS4 permittee name: Minnesota Department of Transportation--Outstate Districts \*County: Ramsey  
*(city, county, municipality, government agency or other entity)*  
\*Mailing address: 395 John Ireland Blvd  
\*City: St. Paul \*State: MN \*Zip code: 55155  
\*Phone (including area code): 651-296-3000 \*E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

### MS4 General contact (with Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program [SWPPP] implementation responsibility)

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*(department head, MS4 coordinator, consultant, etc.)*  
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### Preparer information (complete if SWPPP application is prepared by a party other than MS4 General contact)

Last name: Carson First name: Tara  
*(department head, MS4 coordinator, consultant, etc.)*  
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## Verification

- I seek to continue discharging stormwater associated with a small MS4 after the effective date of this Permit, and shall submit this MS4 SWPPP Application for Reauthorization form, in accordance with the schedule in Appendix A, Table 1, with the SWPPP document completed in accordance with the Permit (Part II.D.).  Yes
- I have read and understand the NPDES/SDS MS4 General Permit and certify that we intend to comply with all requirements of the Permit.  Yes

## Certification (All fields are required)

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- Yes - I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gathered and evaluated the information submitted.

*I certify that based on my inquiry of the person, or persons, who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete.*

*I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of civil and criminal penalties.*

This certification is required by Minn. Stat. §§ 7001.0070 and 7001.0540. The authorized person with overall, MS4 legal responsibility must certify the application (principal executive officer or a ranking elected official).

By typing my name in the following box, I certify the above statements to be true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that this information can be used for the purpose of processing my application.

Name: Michael Barnes  
*(This document has been electronically signed)*

Title: Director of Operations Division Date (mm/dd/yyyy): 12/16/2013

Mailing address: 395 John Ireland Blvd

City: St. Paul State: MN Zip code: 55155

Phone (including area code): 651-366-4825 E-mail: michael.barnes@state.mn.us

**Note:** *The application will not be processed without certification.*

# Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program Document

## I. Partnerships: (Part II.D.1)

- A. List the **regulated small MS4(s)** with which you have established a partnership in order to satisfy one or more requirements of this Permit. Indicate which Minimum Control Measure (MCM) requirements or other program components that each partnership helps to accomplish (List all that apply). Check the box below if you currently have no established partnerships with other regulated MS4s. If you have more than five partnerships, hit the tab key after the last line to generate a new row.

No partnerships with regulated small MS4s

Name and description of partnership	MCM/Other permit requirements involved
1. Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance (CMWEA)	MCM 1
2. Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT)	MCM 1

- B. If you have additional information that you would like to communicate about your partnerships with other regulated small MS4(s), provide it in the space below, or include an attachment to the SWPPP Document, with the following file naming convention: *MS4NameHere\_Partnerships*.

*District 1: Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT)*

*The RSPT mission is to protect and enhance the region's shared water resources through stormwater pollution prevention by providing coordinated educational programs and technical assistance. Team members are committed to preventing and resolving issues of mutual concern for environmental protection on a regional watershed scale. This commitment is reinforced by policies internal to each agency.*

*District 3: Central Minnesota Water Education Alliance (CMWEA)*

*CMWEA is a coalition of central Minnesota MS4's and other organizations that provide educational outreach to promote water quality stewardship. The mission of CMWEA is to develop and implement educational programs that encourage individuals in Central Minnesota to protect water resources by increasing their knowledge and making simple behavior changes. By working in concert, the members of CMWEA are able to provide a consistent water quality educational message.*

*MS4 permitted CMWEA members include the Cities of St. Cloud, Sartell, Sauk Rapids, Waite Park, St. Joseph; Stearns County; St. Joseph Township, Le Sauk Township; St. Cloud State University; and MNDOT. Other members include the Cities of Cold Spring, Melrose, Rockville, Paynesville and Richmond; Stearns County Soil and Water Conservation District; Sauk River Watershed District; and the Sauk River Chain of Lakes Association.*

*CMWEA members are required to sign a membership agreement which includes membership dues and a member participation requirement. Both are critical to ensure maximum benefit to each member and the public. CMWEA is dedicated to assist members meet education requirements through a variety of tools and resources. Members have access to all of CMWEA's past and current education material to use beyond CMWEA's programs and to specifically target additional local education needs. CMWEA annually evaluates its education program to ensure the needs of each member is met and to meet associated permit requirements. Please visit our website for more information: [www.mnwaterconnection.com](http://www.mnwaterconnection.com)*

## II. Description of Regulatory Mechanisms: (Part II.D.2)

### Illicit discharges

A. Do you have a regulatory mechanism(s) that effectively prohibits non-stormwater discharges into your small MS4, except those non-stormwater discharges authorized under the Permit (Part III.D.3.b.)?  Yes  No

1. If **yes**:

a. Check which *type* of regulatory mechanism(s) your organization has (check all that apply):

- Ordinance  Contract language  
 Policy/Standards  Permits  
 Rules

Other, explain: State statutes: requires permits for draining to MnDOT R/W, prohibits littering/dumping of materials onto streets and highways, draining any noisome materials into ditches, and manner of loading (requires loads to be secured)

b. Provide either a direct link to the mechanism selected above or attach it as an electronic document to this form; or if your regulatory mechanism is either an Ordinance or a Rule, you may provide a citation:

Citation:

*MN Statutes 160.20 ,MN Statutes 169.42, MN Statute, MN Statutes 160.2715, MN Statutes 169.81 Subd. 5.*

Direct link:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=160.20>

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=169.42>

[https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=160.2715&year=2013&keyword\\_type=all&keyword=noisome](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=160.2715&year=2013&keyword_type=all&keyword=noisome)

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=169.81>

Check here if attaching an electronic copy of your regulatory mechanism, with the following file naming convention: *MS4NameHere\_IDDEreg.*

2. If **no**:

Describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, this permit requirement is met:

### Construction site stormwater runoff control

A. Do you have a regulatory mechanism(s) that establishes requirements for erosion and sediment controls and waste controls?  Yes  No

1. If **yes**:

a. Check which *type* of regulatory mechanism(s) your organization has (check all that apply):

- Ordinance  Contract language  
 Policy/Standards  Permits  
 Rules

Other, explain: MnDOT Standard Specifications for Construction

b. Provide either a direct link to the mechanism selected above or attach it as an electronic document to this form; or if your regulatory mechanism is either an Ordinance or a Rule, you may provide a citation:

Citation:

Direct link:

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/pre-letting/spec/2014/2014-Std-Spec-for-Construction.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/files/pdf/permits/short-form-complete.pdf>

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/files/pdf/permits/drainage-form-complete.pdf>

Check here if attaching an electronic copy of your regulatory mechanism, with the following file naming convention: *MS4NameHere\_CSWreg.*

- B. Is your regulatory mechanism at least as stringent as the MPCA general permit to Discharge Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity (as of the effective date of the MS4 Permit)?  Yes  No

If you answered **yes** to the above question, proceed to C.

If you answered **no** to either of the above permit requirements listed in A. or B., describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

- C. Answer **yes** or **no** to indicate whether your regulatory mechanism(s) requires owners and operators of construction activity to develop site plans that incorporate the following erosion and sediment controls and waste controls as described in the Permit (Part III.D.4.a.(1)-(8)), and as listed below:

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 1. Best Management Practices (BMPs) to minimize erosion.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. BMPs to minimize the discharge of sediment and other pollutants.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 3. BMPs for dewatering activities.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 4. Site inspections and records of rainfall events   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 5. BMP maintenance   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 6. Management of solid and hazardous wastes on each project site.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 7. Final stabilization upon the completion of construction activity, including the use of perennial vegetative cover on all exposed soils or other equivalent means. | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 8. Criteria for the use of temporary sediment basins.  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

**Post-construction stormwater management**

- A. Do you have a regulatory mechanism(s) to address post-construction stormwater management activities?  
 Yes  No

1. If **yes**:

a. Check which *type* of regulatory mechanism(s) your organization has (check all that apply):

- |   |   |
|---|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Ordinance        | <input type="checkbox"/> Contract language  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Policy/Standards | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Permits |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rules            |   |

Other, explain: State statute requires permits for draining to MnDOT R/W.

b. Provide either a direct link to the mechanism selected above or attach it as an electronic document to this form; or if your regulatory mechanism is either an Ordinance or a Rule, you may provide a citation:

Citation:

*MN Statute 160.20 DRAINAGE*

Direct link:

<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=160.20>

<http://www.dot.state.mn.us/utility/files/pdf/permits/drainage-form-complete.pdf>

Check here if attaching an electronic copy of your regulatory mechanism, with the following file naming convention: *MS4NameHere\_PostCSWreg.*

- B. Answer **yes** or **no** below to indicate whether you have a regulatory mechanism(s) in place that meets the following requirements as described in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a.):

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|---|---|
| 1. <b>Site plan review:</b> Requirements that owners and/or operators of construction activity submit site plans with post-construction stormwater management BMPs to the permittee for review and approval, prior to start of construction activity.   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| 2. <b>Conditions for post construction stormwater management:</b> Requires the use of any combination of BMPs, with highest preference given to Green Infrastructure techniques and practices (e.g., infiltration, evapotranspiration, reuse/harvesting, conservation design, urban forestry, green roofs, etc.), necessary to meet the following conditions on the site of a |   |

construction activity to the Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP):

- a. For new development projects – no net increase from pre-project conditions (on an annual average basis) of:  Yes  No
- 1) Stormwater discharge volume, unless precluded by the stormwater management limitations in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(3)(a)).
  - 2) Stormwater discharges of Total Suspended Solids (TSS).
  - 3) Stormwater discharges of Total Phosphorus (TP).
- b. For redevelopment projects – a net reduction from pre-project conditions (on an annual average basis) of:  Yes  No
- 1) Stormwater discharge volume, unless precluded by the stormwater management limitations in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(3)(a)).
  - 2) Stormwater discharges of TSS.
  - 3) Stormwater discharges of TP.

3. **Stormwater management limitations and exceptions:**

- a. Limitations
- 1) Prohibit the use of infiltration techniques to achieve the conditions for post-construction stormwater management in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(2)) when the infiltration structural stormwater BMP will receive discharges from, or be constructed in areas:  Yes  No
    - a) Where industrial facilities are not authorized to infiltrate industrial stormwater under an NPDES/SDS Industrial Stormwater Permit issued by the MPCA.
    - b) Where vehicle fueling and maintenance occur.
    - c) With less than three (3) feet of separation distance from the bottom of the infiltration system to the elevation of the seasonally saturated soils or the top of bedrock.
    - d) Where high levels of contaminants in soil or groundwater will be mobilized by the infiltrating stormwater.
  - 2) Restrict the use of infiltration techniques to achieve the conditions for post-construction stormwater management in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(2)), without higher engineering review, sufficient to provide a functioning treatment system and prevent adverse impacts to groundwater, when the infiltration device will be constructed in areas:  Yes  No
    - a) With predominately Hydrologic Soil Group D (clay) soils.
    - b) Within 1,000 feet up-gradient, or 100 feet down-gradient of active karst features.
    - c) Within a Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA) as defined in Minn. R. 4720.5100, subp. 13.
    - d) Where soil infiltration rates are more than 8.3 inches per hour.
  - 3) For linear projects where the lack of right-of-way precludes the installation of volume control practices that meet the conditions for post-construction stormwater management in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(2)), the permittee's regulatory mechanism(s) may allow exceptions as described in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(3)(b)). The permittee's regulatory mechanism(s) shall ensure that a reasonable attempt be made to obtain right-of-way during the project planning process.  Yes  No

4. **Mitigation provisions:** The permittee's regulatory mechanism(s) shall ensure that any stormwater discharges of TSS and/or TP not addressed on the site of the original construction activity are addressed through mitigation and, at a minimum, shall ensure the following requirements are met:

- a. Mitigation project areas are selected in the following order of preference:  Yes  No
- 1) Locations that yield benefits to the same receiving water that receives runoff from the original construction activity.
  - 2) Locations within the same Minnesota Department of Natural Resource (DNR) catchment area as the original construction activity.
  - 3) Locations in the next adjacent DNR catchment area up-stream
  - 4) Locations anywhere within the permittee's jurisdiction.
- b. Mitigation projects must involve the creation of new structural stormwater BMPs or the retrofit of existing structural stormwater BMPs, or the use of a properly designed regional structural stormwater BMP.  Yes  No
- c. Routine maintenance of structural stormwater BMPs already required by this permit cannot be used to meet mitigation requirements of this part.  Yes  No
- d. Mitigation projects shall be completed within 24 months after the start of the original construction activity.  Yes  No
- e. The permittee shall determine, and document, who will be responsible for long-term maintenance on all mitigation projects of this part.  Yes  No

- f. If the permittee receives payment from the owner and/or operator of a construction activity for mitigation purposes in lieu of the owner or operator of that construction activity meeting the conditions for post-construction stormwater management in Part III.D.5.a(2), the permittee shall apply any such payment received to a public stormwater project, and all projects must be in compliance with Part III.D.5.a(4)(a)-(e).  Yes  No
5. **Long-term maintenance of structural stormwater BMPs:** The permittee's regulatory mechanism(s) shall provide for the establishment of legal mechanisms between the permittee and owners or operators responsible for the long-term maintenance of structural stormwater BMPs not owned or operated by the permittee, that have been implemented to meet the conditions for post-construction stormwater management in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(2)). This only includes structural stormwater BMPs constructed after the effective date of this permit and that are directly connected to the permittee's MS4, and that are in the permittee's jurisdiction. The legal mechanism shall include provisions that, at a minimum:
- a. Allow the permittee to conduct inspections of structural stormwater BMPs not owned or operated by the permittee, perform necessary maintenance, and assess costs for those structural stormwater BMPs when the permittee determines that the owner and/or operator of that structural stormwater BMP has not conducted maintenance.  Yes  No
- b. Include conditions that are designed to preserve the permittee's right to ensure maintenance responsibility, for structural stormwater BMPs not owned or operated by the permittee, when those responsibilities are legally transferred to another party.  Yes  No
- c. Include conditions that are designed to protect/preserve structural stormwater BMPs and site features that are implemented to comply with the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(2)). If site configurations or structural stormwater BMPs change, causing decreased structural stormwater BMP effectiveness, new or improved structural stormwater BMPs must be implemented to ensure the conditions for post-construction stormwater management in the Permit (Part III.D.5.a(2)) continue to be met.  Yes  No

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within twelve (12) months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

*Within our jurisdiction, we follow watershed district and NPDES Construction General Permit requirements to comply with all of the items listed above for MnDOT projects.*

*MnDOT - Outstate Districts does not have jurisdiction outside of our right-of-way limits. Therefore, we will rely on the responsible state and local authorities to enforce these requirements on those that drain to our right-of-way. This permit application does not provide alternatives for non-traditional MS4s..*

### III. Enforcement Response Procedures (ERPs): (Part II.D.3)

- A. Do you have existing ERPs that satisfy the requirements of the Permit (Part III.B.)?  Yes  No
- If **yes**, attach them to this form as an electronic document, with the following file naming convention: *MS4NameHere\_ERPs*.
  - If **no**, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, with twelve (12) months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

- B. Describe your ERPs:

*MCM 3: The Yellow Tag Process allows MnDOT, in situations where the responsible party is discovered, to collect labor and equipment costs due to illicit discharges. Whenever cases involve discharge from off of MnDOT's right-of-way or or hazardous discharge, MnDOT will rely on MPCA to enforce.*

*MCM 4: MnDOT has developed guidelines, titled "Administering Environmental Requirements of Highway Construction Contracts", for site inspectors to use in non-compliance situations related to erosion and sedimentation issues.*

### IV. Storm Sewer System Map and Inventory: (Part II.D.4.)

- A. Describe how you manage your storm sewer system map and inventory:

*MnDOT captures our network in Hydinfra (an Oracle database), which displays in ArcGIS.*

- B. Answer **yes** or **no** to indicate whether your storm sewer system map addresses the following requirements from the Permit (Part III.C.1.a-d), as listed below:

1. The permittee's entire small MS4 as a goal, but at a minimum, all pipes 12 inches or greater in  Yes  No

- diameter, including stormwater flow direction in those pipes.
2. Outfalls, including a unique identification (ID) number assigned by the permittee, and an associated geographic coordinate.  Yes  No
  3. Structural stormwater BMPs that are part of the permittee's small MS4.  Yes  No
  4. All receiving waters.  Yes  No

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

*Each District will be tasked with finding As-Builts, or their equivalent, in order to identify items in the named categories that need to be mapped and/or given a unique ID number. Certain items may be flagged to be field-verified during the field season.*

**Task:**

- (1) All pipes 12 inches or greater--including flow direction in those pipes
- (2) Outfalls: (a) Unique ID (b) Geo Coordinate
- (3) Structural Stormwater BMPS
- (4) receiving waters

**Schedule:** Complete by Spring 2015

**Interim Milestones:**

Winter 2014: Prep meeting to create a 12-month map plan, identify sources of data (As-Builts, Plans, other maps, field observations, etc)

Spring 2014-Spring 2015: Mappers will coordinate with cities for shape files, collect data, create and update maps with new requirements. This task is to be completed within 12 months of the date Permit coverage is extended.

- C. Answer **yes** or **no** to indicate whether you have completed the requirements of 2009 Minnesota Session Law, Ch. 172. Sec. 28: with the following inventories, according to the specifications of the Permit (Part III.C.2.a.-b.), including:
1. All ponds within the permittee's jurisdiction that are constructed and operated for purposes of water quality treatment, stormwater detention, and flood control, and that are used for the collection of stormwater via constructed conveyances.  Yes  No
  2. All wetlands and lakes, within the permittee's jurisdiction, that collect stormwater via constructed conveyances.  Yes  No
- D. Answer **yes** or **no** to indicate whether you have completed the following information for each feature inventoried.
1. A unique identification (ID) number assigned by the permittee.  Yes  No
  2. A geographic coordinate.  Yes  No
  3. Type of feature (e.g., pond, wetland, or lake). This may be determined by using best professional judgment.  Yes  No

If you have answered **yes** to all above requirements, and you have already submitted the Pond Inventory Form to the MPCA, then you do not need to resubmit the inventory form below.

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

*Central Office (OES) will work with each District to identify each feature, provide a unique ID #, and a geographic coordinate.*

**Inventory**

(1) A unique identification (ID) number assigned by the permittee

(2) A geographic coordinate

(3) Type of feature (e.g., pond, wetland, or lake).

**Schedule:** Complete by Spring 2015

**Interim Milestones:**

Winter 2014: District Mappers will assist Office of Environmental Stewardship (OES) in identifying all of the features in their MS4 that need to be inventoried, and categorize their feature type. Districts will decide upon a naming convention for Unique IDs.

Spring 2014-Spring 2015: OES will complete inventory by assigning features a Unique ID and Geo Coordinates. Certain features may be field-verified during the 2014 field season. This task is to be completed within 12 months of the date Permit coverage is extended.

- E. Answer **yes** or **no** to indicate if you are attaching your pond, wetland and lake inventory to the MPCA on the form provided on the MPCA website at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/ms4>, according to the  Yes  No



specifications of Permit (Part III.C.2.b.(1)-(3)). Attach with the following file naming convention:  
*MS4NameHere\_inventory.*

If you answered **no**, the inventory form must be submitted to the MPCA MS4 Permit Program within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended.

## V. Minimum Control Measures (MCMs) (Part II.D.5)

### A. MCM1: Public education and outreach

1. The Permit requires that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, existing permittees revise their education and outreach program that focuses on illicit discharge recognition and reporting, as well as other specifically selected stormwater-related issue(s) of high priority to the permittee during this permit term. Describe your **current** educational program, including **any high-priority topics included**:

*MnDOT's current education program is implemented through two different approaches: 1) The Central MN Water Education Alliance (CMWEA) and Regional Stormwater Protection Team (RSPT; and 2) MnDOT- Outstate Districts initiatives.*

*1) CMWEA, as described in the partnership section, is utilized to meet all or part of the established BMPs shown below (insert MS4 specific text here as needed; e.g. except for our City's educational survey). CMWEA is dedicated to developing and implementing educational programs that encourage individuals in Central Minnesota to protect water resources by increasing their knowledge and making simple behavior changes. CMWEA is operated through membership dues, member staff participation, grants, sponsorship and in-kind support. The annual education program consists of:*

- Annual top 10 water protection tips (high priority topics as chosen by the members)*
- Media ad campaign based on the top 10 list which includes various print media, radio ads, videos on local cable channels and billboard*
- High School TV Ad Contest*
- Social Media (Facebook)*
- Website which includes the top 10, blog, member contact information, promotional tools, outreach, and lots of education information and links.*
- Traveling Education Booth and Library that shows up a several area events and workshops*
- Rain barrel and compost bin sale*
- Handouts (brochures, member material & info, seed packets, etc)*

*2) MnDOT-Outstate Districts makes additional efforts by having a MS4 website, and brochure that explains the MS4 permit and the Districts' MS4 program. We have volunteered at the MPCA EcoExperience Salt Dilemma exhibit, and we train about water quality statewide with the Adopt-a-Highway program.*

*Pollutants that will be targeted are chloride, oil, trash and sediments.*

2. List the categories of BMPs that address your public education and outreach program, including the distribution of educational materials and a program implementation plan. Use the first table for categories of BMPs that you have established and the second table for categories of BMPs that you plan to implement over the course of the permit term.

Include the measurable goals with appropriate timeframes that each BMP category will be implemented and completed. In addition, provide interim milestones and the frequency of action in which the permittee will implement and/or maintain the BMPs. Refer to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) *Measurable Goals Guidance for Phase II Small MS4s* (<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/measurablegoals.pdf>).

**If you have more than five categories**, hit the tab key after the last line to generate a new row.

<b>Established BMP categories</b>	<b>Measurable goals and timeframes</b>
MnDOT MS4 Website	Completed in 2006 – updated as needed.
MS4 Brochure	Developed in 2006 – will continue to develop new brochures and revise existing ones as needed.
<b>BMP categories to be implemented</b>	<b>Measurable goals and timeframes</b>
Stormwater pollutant message and IDDE information trained in Adopt-A-Highway Program	Developed in 2007
Develop additional stormwater educational materials	Spring 2015
Develop and deliver educational materials	Distribute to target audiences (2015-2018)
Track distribution and website hits	Track distribution and hits (2015-2018)

3. Provide the name or the position title of the individual(s) who is responsible for implementing and/or coordinating this MCM:

*District 1: Environmental Coordinator*

*District 2: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 3: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 4: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 6: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 7: Hydraulics Engineer*

**B. MCM2: Public participation and involvement**

1. The Permit (Part III.D.2.a.) requires that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, existing permittees shall revise their current program, as necessary, and continue to implement a public participation/involvement program to solicit public input on the SWPPP. Describe your current program:

*MnDOT - Oustate Districts will continue to hold an annual meeting for each MS4 District and we have a website for our MS4 program. The public can comment on our SWPPP through both of these avenues.*

2. List the categories of BMPs that address your public participation/involvement program, including solicitation and documentation of public input on the SWPPP. Use the first table for categories of BMPs that you have established and the second table for categories of BMPs that you plan to implement over the course of the permit term.

Include the measurable goals with appropriate timeframes that each BMP category will be implemented and completed. In addition, provide interim milestones and the frequency of action in which the permittee will implement and/or maintain the BMPs. Refer to the EPA's *Measurable Goals Guidance for Phase II Small MS4s* (<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/measurablegoals.pdf>). **If you have more than five categories**, hit the tab key after the last line to generate a new row.

<b>Established BMP categories</b>	<b>Measurable goals and timeframes</b>
Conduct Annual Meeting	Annual meetings for each MS4 District
Public Notice Meeting	Publish public notice prior to the meeting each year.
Review Input on Program	Review any input from public meeting and website; amend program as necessary each year.
SWPPP posted on MS4 Website with appropriate contact information for questions or concerns.	Website created in 2006
<b>BMP categories to be implemented</b>	<b>Measurable goals and timeframes</b>

3. Do you have a process for receiving and documenting citizen input?  Yes  No

If you answered **no** to the above permit requirement, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, this permit requirement is met:

4. Provide the name or the position title of the individual(s) who is responsible for implementing and/or coordinating this MCM:

*District 1: Environmental Coordinator*

*District 2: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 3: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 4: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 6: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 7: Hydraulics Engineer*

**C. MCM 3: Illicit discharge detection and elimination**

- The Permit (Part III.D.3.) requires that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, existing permittees revise their current program as necessary, and continue to implement and enforce a program to detect and eliminate illicit discharges into the small MS4. Describe your current program:

*MnDOT-Outstate Districts has utilized a video created from MnDOT - Metro to train staff in the Districts. The IDDE flowchart clearly defines who follows up for what type of discharge (hazardous substance or unpermitted drainage). The illicit discharge results are reported back to the person who called in the potential illicit discharge. MnDOT has a well-developed spill response program that pre-dates the MS4 permit. For our purpose, spills are handled separately and are not considered illicit discharges under our MS4 program.*

- Does your Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Program meet the following requirements, as found in the Permit (Part III.D.3.c.-g.)?
  - Incorporation of illicit discharge detection into all inspection and maintenance activities conducted under the Permit (Part III.D.6.e.-f.)Where feasible, illicit discharge inspections shall be conducted during dry-weather conditions (e.g., periods of 72 or more hours of no precipitation).  Yes  No
  - Detecting and tracking the source of illicit discharges using visual inspections. The permittee may also include use of mobile cameras, collecting and analyzing water samples, and/or other detailed procedures that may be effective investigative tools.  Yes  No
  - Training of all field staff, in accordance with the requirements of the Permit (Part III.D.6.g.(2)), in illicit discharge recognition (including conditions which could cause illicit discharges), and reporting illicit discharges for further investigation.  Yes  No
  - Identification of priority areas likely to have illicit discharges, including at a minimum, evaluating land use associated with business/industrial activities, areas where illicit discharges have been identified in the past, and areas with storage of large quantities of significant materials that could result in an illicit discharge.  Yes  No
  - Procedures for the timely response to known, suspected, and reported illicit discharges.  Yes  No
  - Procedures for investigating, locating, and eliminating the source of illicit discharges.  Yes  No
  - Procedures for responding to spills, including emergency response procedures to prevent spills from entering the small MS4. The procedures shall also include the immediate notification of the Minnesota Department of Public Safety Duty Officer, if the source of the illicit discharge is a spill or leak as defined in Minn. Stat. § 115.061.  Yes  No
  - When the source of the illicit discharge is found, the permittee shall use the ERPs required by the Permit (Part III.B.) to eliminate the illicit discharge and require any needed corrective action(s).  Yes  No

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

- List the categories of BMPs that address your illicit discharge, detection and elimination program. Use the first table for categories of BMPs that you have established and the second table for categories of BMPs that you plan to implement over the course of the permit term.

Include the measurable goals with appropriate timeframes that each BMP category will be implemented and completed. In addition, provide interim milestones and the frequency of action in which the permittee will implement and/or maintain the BMPs. Refer to the EPA's *Measurable Goals Guidance for Phase II Small MS4s* (<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/measurablegoals.pdf>).

If you have more than five categories, hit the tab key after the last line to generate a new row.

Established BMP categories	Measurable goals and timeframes
Update stormwater inventory and map as features are added or altered	Work plan meetings will be held with the mappers in Jan/Feb 2014. Any necessary field verifications will be conducted in Summer 2014. Updates of inventory and maps, per new permit requirements, to be completed within 12 months of the date Permit coverage is extended.
Annual training of MnDOT field staff on illicit discharge detection and elimination.	Annual training
Tracking and follow up of reported potential illicit discharges.	Potential illicit discharges will continue to be investigated (ongoing)
Investigate non-stormwater discharges to determine if they are a significant pollution source	New operating procedures will be developed, if necessary (ongoing).
Anti-icing and De-icing Production and Storage System Guidelines	Updated every 5 years

**BMP categories to be implemented****Measurable goals and timeframes**

Mark underground outfalls on maps

District progress will be checked late Summer 2014. Task will be completed within 12 months of permit application acceptance date.

4. Do you have procedures for record-keeping within your Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination (IDDE) program as specified within the Permit (Part III.D.3.h.)?  Yes  No

If you answered **no**, indicate how you will develop procedures for record-keeping of your Illicit Discharge, Detection and Elimination Program, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended:

5. Provide the name or the position title of the individual(s) who is responsible for implementing and/or coordinating this MCM:

*District 1: Safety Officer and GIS Technician*

*District 2: Safety Officer and GIS Technician*

*District 3: Safety Officer and Transportation Specialist*

*District 4: Safety Officer and Maintenance Support Staff*

*District 6: Safety Officer and Hydraulics Technician*

*District 7: Safety Officer and Maintenance Operations Supervisor*

**D. MCM 4: Construction site stormwater runoff control**

1. The Permit (Part III.D.4) requires that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, existing permittees shall revise their current program, as necessary, and continue to implement and enforce a construction site stormwater runoff control program. Describe your current program:

*MnDOT - Outstate Districts MS4 construction program includes having an inspector that reviews erosion and sediment controls on the construction projects. In addition, MnDOT Central Office staff from the Office of Environmental Stewardship (OES) assist with oversight inspections, as needed. These inspectors also assist in addressing how resources can be protected as phases of the construction project move forward.*

2. Does your program address the following BMPs for construction stormwater erosion and sediment control as required in the Permit (Part III.D.4.b.):
- Have you established written procedures for site plan reviews that you conduct prior to the start of construction activity?  Yes  No
  - Does the site plan review procedure include notification to owners and operators proposing construction activity that they need to apply for and obtain coverage under the MPCA's general permit to *Discharge Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity No. MN R100001*?  Yes  No
  - Does your program include written procedures for receipt and consideration of reports of noncompliance or other stormwater related information on construction activity submitted by the public to the permittee?  Yes  No
  - Have you included written procedures for the following aspects of site inspections to determine compliance with your regulatory mechanism(s):
    - Does your program include procedures for identifying priority sites for inspection?  Yes  No
    - Does your program identify a frequency at which you will conduct construction site inspections?  Yes  No
    - Does your program identify the names of individual(s) or position titles of those responsible for conducting construction site inspections?  Yes  No
    - Does your program include a checklist or other written means to document construction site inspections when determining compliance?  Yes  No
  - Does your program document and retain construction project name, location, total acreage to be disturbed, and owner/operator information?  Yes  No
  - Does your program document stormwater-related comments and/or supporting information used to determine project approval or denial?  Yes  No
  - Does your program retain construction site inspection checklists or other written materials used to document site inspections?  Yes  No

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met.

*Winter 2014: OES will develop our procedure into a written procedure for site prioritization and inspection frequency.*

*This task is to be completed within 12 months of the date Permit coverage is extended.*

3. List the categories of BMPs that address your construction site stormwater runoff control program. Use the first

table for categories of BMPs that you have established and the second table for categories of BMPs that you plan to implement over the course of the permit term.

Include the measurable goals with appropriate timeframes that each BMP category will be implemented and completed. In addition, provide interim milestones and the frequency of action in which the permittee will implement and/or maintain the BMPs. Refer to the EPA's *Measurable Goals Guidance for Phase II Small MS4s* (<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/measurablegoals.pdf>). **If you have more than five categories**, hit the tab key after the last line to generate a new row.

Established BMP categories	Measurable goals and timeframes
NOTs required for contract close outs	Started in 2011. Will continue.
Created ERP – Administering Environmental Requirements of Highway Contracts	Created in 2013 – will continue to review and modify, as necessary
BMP categories to be implemented	Measurable goals and timeframes

4. Provide the name or the position title of the individual(s) who is responsible for implementing and/or coordinating this MCM:

- District 1: Resident Engineer
- District 2: Resident Engineer
- District 3: Resident Engineer
- District 4: Resident Engineer
- District 6: Resident Engineer
- District 7: Resident Engineer

**E. MCM 5: Post-construction stormwater management**

1. The Permit (Part III.D.5.) requires that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, existing permittees shall revise their current program, as necessary, and continue to implement and enforce a post-construction stormwater management program. Describe your current program:

*Each District conducts a site plan review for projects applying to MnDOT for a drainage permit.*

2. Have you established written procedures for site plan reviews that you will conduct prior to the start of construction activity?  Yes  No
3. Answer **yes** or **no** to indicate whether you have the following listed procedures for documentation of post-construction stormwater management according to the specifications of Permit (Part III.D.5.c.):
- a. Any supporting documentation that you use to determine compliance with the Permit (Part III.D.5.a), including the project name, location, owner and operator of the construction activity, any checklists used for conducting site plan reviews, and any calculations used to determine compliance?  Yes  No
  - b. All supporting documentation associated with mitigation projects that you authorize?  Yes  No
  - c. Payments received and used in accordance with Permit (Part III.D.5.a.(4)(f))?  Yes  No
  - d. All legal mechanisms drafted in accordance with the Permit (Part III.D.5.a.(5)), including date(s) of the agreement(s) and names of all responsible parties involved?  Yes  No

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements, describe the steps that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met.

*MnDOT-Outstate Districts will create written procedures for permit application site plan reviews This task is to be completed within 12 months of the date Permit coverage is extended.*

*(3b-d)MnDOT does not have jurisdiction to regulate outside of our right-of-way limits. These requirements are covered under other state and local permitting processes. We are a non-traditional MS4.*

4. List the categories of BMPs that address your post-construction stormwater management program. Use the first table for categories of BMPs that you have established and the second table for categories of BMPs that you plan to implement over the course of the permit term.

Include the measurable goals with appropriate timeframes that each BMP category will be implemented and completed. In addition, provide interim milestones and the frequency of action in which the permittee will implement

and/or maintain the BMPs. Refer to the EPA's *Measurable Goals Guidance for Phase II Small MS4s* (<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/measurablegoals.pdf>). **If you have more than five categories**, hit the tab key after the last line to generate a new row.

Established BMP categories	Measurable goals and timeframes
Drainage Permit Process	Process has been in place since 1970's – ongoing

BMP categories to be implemented	Measurable goals and timeframes
Creating guidelines for site plan reviews	Spring 2015

5. Provide the name or the position title of the individual(s) who is responsible for implementing and/or coordinating this MCM:

*District 1: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 2: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 3: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 4: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 6: Hydraulics Engineer*

*District 7: Hydraulics Engineer*

**F. MCM 6: Pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations**

1. The Permit (Part III.D.6.) requires that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, existing permittees shall revise their current program, as necessary, and continue to implement an operations and maintenance program that prevents or reduces the discharge of pollutants from the permittee owned/operated facilities and operations to the small MS4. Describe your current program:

*MnDOT has a strong regulated materials program, which audits facilities periodically and trains annually. Each District has a Waste Management Coordinator responsible for properly storing materials and training staff.*

2. Do you have a facilities inventory as outlined in the Permit (Part III.D.6.a.)?  Yes  No
3. If you answered **no** to the above permit requirement in question 2, describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, this permit requirement is met:

*Winter 2014: Prep meeting with OES to (1) identify locations that need to be inventoried (2) develop plan for field visits, maps, and database*

*Spring-Summer 2014: Conduct site walk of each truck station, storage and maintenance site within MnDOT - Outstate Districts.*

*Fall 2014-Spring 2015: Complete inventory database. This task is to be completed within 12 months of the date Permit coverage is extended.*

4. List the categories of BMPs that address your pollution prevention/good housekeeping for municipal operations program. Use the first table for categories of BMPs that you have established and the second table for categories of BMPs that you plan to implement over the course of the permit term.

Include the measurable goals with appropriate timeframes that each BMP category will be implemented and completed. In addition, provide interim milestones and the frequency of action in which the permittee will implement and/or maintain the BMPs. For an explanation of measurable goals, refer to the EPA's *Measurable Goals Guidance for Phase II Small MS4s* (<http://www.epa.gov/npdes/pubs/measurablegoals.pdf>).

**If you have more than five categories**, hit the tab key after the last line to generate a new row.

Established BMP categories	Measurable goals and timeframes
Street Sweeping	Completion of sweeping each spring and proper management of sweepings.
Anti-Icing/De-Icing	MDSS/AVL to optimize salt use
Vegetation Management Plan	Annual training conducted by OES to minimize use of pesticides/fertilizers, and incorporate native vegetation and biological agents along shoulders and medians.
Inspection of Structural Stormwater BMPs	Complete inspections of all SPCDs annually.
Inspection of Ponds and Above Ground Outfalls	Complete inspections of ponds and outfalls before expiration of permit.
Training of Maintenance Staff	Annual training conducted by OES on topics such as water quality, salt storage and handling procedures, and regulated waste storage and handling procedures.
Inspection of Ponds and Above Ground Outfalls	Complete inspections of ponds and outfalls before expiration of permit.
BMP categories to be implemented	Measurable goals and timeframes
Review and update facility and operation stormwater BMPs	Spring/Summer 2014: Conduct site walks Complete review by Spring 2015
Inspection of Structural Stormwater BMPs	Complete inspections of SPCDs annually.
Inspection of stockpiles, and material storage and handling areas.	Complete inspections of stockpiles, and material storage and handling areas quarterly.

5. Does discharge from your MS4 affect a Source Water Protection Area (Permit Part III.D.6.c.)?  Yes  No
- a. If **no**, continue to 6.
- b. If **yes**, the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) is in the process of mapping the following items. Maps are available at <http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/maps/index.htm>. Is a map including the following items available for your MS4:
- 1) Wells and source waters for drinking water supply management areas identified as vulnerable under Minn. R. 4720.5205, 4720.5210, and 4720.5330?  Yes  No
- 2) Source water protection areas for surface intakes identified in the source water assessments conducted by or for the Minnesota Department of Health under the federal Safe Drinking Water Act, U.S.C. §§ 300j – 13?  Yes  No
- c. Have you developed and implemented BMPs to protect any of the above drinking water sources?  Yes  No
6. Have you developed procedures and a schedule for the purpose of determining the TSS and TP treatment effectiveness of all permittee owned/operated ponds constructed and used for the collection and treatment of stormwater, according to the Permit (Part III.D.6.d.)?  Yes  No
7. Do you have inspection procedures that meet the requirements of the Permit (Part III.D.6.e.(1)-(3)) for structural stormwater BMPs, ponds and outfalls, and stockpile, storage and material handling areas?  Yes  No
8. Have you developed and implemented a stormwater management training program commensurate with each employee's job duties that:
- a. Addresses the importance of protecting water quality?  Yes  No
- b. Covers the requirements of the permit relevant to the duties of the employee?  Yes  No
- c. Includes a schedule that establishes initial training for new and/or seasonal employees and recurring training intervals for existing employees to address changes in procedures, practices, techniques, or requirements?  Yes  No

9. Do you keep documentation of inspections, maintenance, and training as required by the Permit (Part III.D.6.h.(1)-(5))?  Yes  No

If you answered **no** to any of the above permit requirements listed in **Questions 5 – 9**, then describe the tasks and corresponding schedules that will be taken to assure that, within 12 months of the date permit coverage is extended, these permit requirements are met:

10. Provide the name or the position title of the individual(s) who is responsible for implementing and/or coordinating this MCM:

*District 1: Maintenance Sub Area Supervisor, HydInfra Technician*

*District 2: Maintenance Area District Engineer*

*District 3: Maintenance Area District Engineer*

*District 4: Maintenance Supervisor*

*District 6: Maintenance East Area District Engineer*

*District 7: Maintenance Superintendent*

## VI. Compliance Schedule for an Approved Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) with an Applicable Waste Load Allocation (WLA) (Part II.D.6.)

- A. Do you have an approved TMDL with a Waste Load Allocation (WLA) prior to the effective date of the Permit?  Yes  No

1. If **no**, continue to section VII.
2. If **yes**, fill out and attach the MS4 Permit TMDL Attachment Spreadsheet with the following naming convention: *MS4NameHere\_TMDL*.

This form is found on the MPCA MS4 website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/ms4>.

## VII. Alum or Ferric Chloride Phosphorus Treatment Systems (Part II.D.7.)

- A. Do you own and/or operate any Alum or Ferric Chloride Phosphorus Treatment Systems which are regulated by this Permit (Part III.F.)?  Yes  No

1. If **no**, this section requires no further information.
2. If **yes**, you own and/or operate an Alum or Ferric Chloride Phosphorus Treatment System within your small MS4, then you must submit the Alum or Ferric Chloride Phosphorus Treatment Systems Form supplement to this document, with the following naming convention: *MS4NameHere\_TreatmentSystem*.

This form is found on the MPCA MS4 website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/ms4>.

## VIII. Add any Additional Comments to Describe Your Program

*MnDOT is not an enforcement agency and does not have the ability to create ordinances. MnDOT utilizes our construction specifications and contracts to keep us in compliance for construction, and depends upon state and local regulations for enforcement, especially for anything off of our right-of-way.*

*Post-construction stormwater management - pages 5 and 6, item B.2.a. and b., are checked "no" because MnDOT - Outstate Districts does not have jurisdiction to regulate outside of our right-of-way limits. These requirements are covered under other state and local permitting processes across the state.*

*Post construction of MnDOT projects is covered under the BMPs listed in MCM 6 - Good Housekeeping and MCM 3 - inventory and mapping.*

*Pages 6 and 7, 4. and 5. are checked "no" because within our jurisdiction we follow the watershed requirements, which requires all the items listed in the section. Outside our jurisdiction and outside of our right-of-way, other state and local requirements apply.*

*Page 13, 3 b-d are checked "no" because this is not within our jurisdiction. We rely on other state and local regulations.*