

## IDEM Report

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- **Audits:**

In the past IDEM has separated audits into categories and conducted them by minimum control measures. Most recently Staci Goodwin has been doing Good Housekeeping and also the Public Education and Public Involvement as part of the audit. Beginning in 2019, Staci and I are considering adding IDDE to the audits. If we move this direction audits will include MCMs 1, 2, 3, and 6. We believe this approach would simplify the process especially since the MS4s being audited are just beginning their 4<sup>th</sup> permit cycle and should all have their program in place and functioning. The stormwater specialists will continue to audit the Construction Site Run-off and Post-construction Minimum Control Measures (MCMs). I am currently assessing the schedule for this year to determine which MS4s will be audited and who will be conducting the audit. Several staff have a considerable number of MS4s in their region and others only have a small number. There will be the possibility that I will assigning staff to complete these activities outside their assigned regions.

- **Transition of General Permit Rules:** Rule making is currently under way in preparation for the transition. The status of the permits are as follows:

- **Construction Site Run-off:** IDEM has received a non-objection letter from EPA. Next step will be to public notice the permit and take comments. However, at this time the plan will be to complete this overall process of issuance in conjunction with the MS4 permit.
- **MS4 Permit:** EPA has given their initial comments on the draft permit. The advisory group has met and been through the entire permit. The next step will be for IDEM to incorporate the comments from those meetings and then send the draft permit out with the changes. At least one additional meeting will be scheduled to discuss the revisions (date to be determined).

*Note: at this time, IDEM plans to public notice the construction and MS4 permit concurrently, but a date has not been set.*

- **Industrial Stormwater Permit:** Staff is working on a draft of the industrial Stormwater permit.

- **Database Development:** The construction Stormwater program has been selected as a pilot program to develop a new online system that will allow applicants seeking permit coverage under 327 IAC 15-5 to submit online Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans, NOIs and NOTs and manage their project permit status online. Update: IDEM is on schedule to roll the new online system out in July. Currently we are working to schedule external users to test the system.

- **Staffing Update:**

The Wetlands Program vacancy has been filled by Wes Hauser. Wes has taken over the northeast part of the state vacated by Heather Parsons. We have also advertised two Stormwater Specialist positions due to several staff moving on.