

## IDEM Report

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- **Staffing:**
  - The Storm Water Wetlands Section is fully staffed. The three vacancies were recently filled. The two storm water positions were filled by Drew Gamble and Cassidy Smith. The wetlands position was filled by Aileen Driscoll Farid. At this time a region has not been assigned to the new staff as they are working with staff and receiving training.
- **Online NOI/NOT Submittals:** A service has been recently been made live to allow applicants for 327 IAC 15-5 (Rule 5) to submit NOIs and NOTs electronically. We will be advertising this in the near future. Over the next month, we will be working with INDOT to submit their information via this service. This service will meet one of our commitments to meet the federal EPA e-reporting rule. Industrial storm water services can be submitted through a similar system and has been in place for several years.
- **Audits:** Staff will begin another round of MS4 audits. Staci Goodwin, MS4 Coordinator has started to schedule audits which will focus on the MS4 Good Housekeeping Minimum Control Measure and the Storm Water Specialists will be auditing of the Construction Site Run-off and Post-construction Minimum Control Measures. The audit documents that are used in administering the audits have been revised to reflect specific Rule requirements, simplify the process, and focus on compliance. Staci's efforts initially will focus in the southern portion of the state. Storm Water Specialists audits will be statewide and based on each staff members regional assignment.
- **Transition of General Permit Rules:** The status of the permits are as follows:
  - **Construction Site Run-off:** The advisory group for this draft permit will be meeting in March. This meeting will provide an overview of the new draft permit that was a result of comments and discussions of meetings of the advisory group.
  - **MS4 Permit:** A draft MS4 permit was sent to EPA. The advisory group will be notified soon to begin the process. The format will be the same as used for construction.
  - **Industrial Stormwater Permit:** Staff is working on a draft of the industrial Stormwater permit.
- **Permit Renewals for MS4s and Newly Designated MS4s:** MS4 permits are in their fifth year and renewal of coverage will be required in the fall of 2018. As part of this process, additional MS4s are planned to be added which will require those newly designated MS4s to obtain permit coverage. A list is being finalized which will result in notification to each entity.