



TOWN OF WINDHAM, NEW HAMPSHIRE

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Memo

To: Residents of the Town of Windham

From: David Sullivan, Town Administrator

Date: June 23, 2021

Re: US EPA MS-4 Stormwater Update

The US EPA MS-4 Stormwater Permit was issued in January 2017. The permit covers Stormwater discharges into waterways in urbanized portions of New Hampshire, and requires identification of illicit discharges and mitigation of non-point source pollution.

On May 1, 2003, EPA Region 1 issued its Final General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small MS4 which covered “traditional” (i.e., cities and towns) and “non-traditional” (i.e., Federal and state agencies) MS4 Operators. This permit expired on May 1, 2008 but remained in effect until operators were authorized under the 2016 MS4 general permit, which became effective on July 1, 2018.

The permit outlines a proposed timeline which includes the issuance of a Notice of Intent (NOI) indicating the Towns plan to comply with permit requirements as well as develop a Stormwater Management Program (SWMP) that implements the tasks outlined in the NOI. The goal of the program is to address non-point source pollution of our waterways, and to adopt measures that will protect and enhance water quality.

As of 2021, the Town of Windham continues to diligently map out the location of all outfalls and catch basins and test water quality in various locations throughout the town.

We encourage Windham residents to become involved and take personal steps to improve water quality in our community. Residents may find outreach and education materials on the Town Website’s Stormwater page. Topics include information on well water, septic systems, and pet waste.