

Department of Environmental Quality
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (Non-Storm Water) Program Report
for Fiscal Year 2014

This report is being submitted to fulfill the reporting requirement contained in the 2004 PA 91 (Act 91) amendment to the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, by adding Section 3121(5). Section 3121(5) states:

By January 1, 2006 and by January 1 of each year thereafter, the department shall prepare and submit to the governor, the legislature, the chairs of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with primary responsibility for issues related to natural resources and the environment, and the chairs of the subcommittees of the senate and house appropriations committees with primary responsibility for appropriations to the department a report that details the departmental activities of the previous fiscal year in administering the department's national pollutant discharge elimination system program that were funded by the fund. This report shall include, at a minimum, all of the following as it relates to the department:

(a) The number of full-time equated positions performing each of the following functions:

- (i) Permit issuance and development.
- (ii) Compliance.
- (iii) Enforcement.

(b) The number of permit applications received by the department in the preceding year, including applications for new and increased uses and reissuances.

(c) The number of staff hours dedicated to each of the fee categories listed in section 3120.

(d) The number of permits issued for fee categories listed in section 3120.

(e) The number of permit applications denied.

(f) The number of permit applications withdrawn by the applicant.

(g) The percentage and number of permit applications that were reviewed for administrative completeness within statutory time frames.

(h) The percentage and number of permit applications submitted to the department that were administratively complete as received.

(i) The percentage and number of permit applications for which a final action was taken by the department within statutory time frames for new and increased uses and reissuances.

(j) The number of permits reopened by the department.

(k) The number of unfilled positions dedicated to the national pollutant discharge elimination system program.

(l) The amount of revenue in the fund at the end of the fiscal year.

The activities discussed in this report represent the fiscal year (FY) 2014 activities performed in administering the Department of Environmental Quality's (DEQ) National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Program that were funded by the NPDES Fund. The activities identified correspond to those required in Act 91.

Activity (a):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee FTE</u>	<u>Total FTE</u>
Permit issuance and development	5.9	18.2
Compliance	16.4	48.8
Enforcement	0.2	3.9

There were approximately 48 (48.3) full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2014 in this program that were not funded by the NPDES fees.

Activity (b):

The DEQ received 454 NPDES permit applications.

Activity (c):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee-Funded Staff Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Industrial major	5,269	23,620
Industrial minor	8,951	33,034
Municipal major	17,523	40,659
Municipal minor	8,938	24,152
Municipal combined sewer overflow	488	2,571
Wastewater lagoon	1,139	2,686
Agricultural permit	1,443	18,502
No discharge	3,064	1,966

Activity (d):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Industrial major	10
Industrial minor	77
Municipal major	17
Municipal minor	23
Municipal combined sewer overflow	2
Wastewater lagoon	8
Agricultural permit	0
No discharge	0
Concentrated animal feeding operation*	28
Ballast water*	23
Biosolids*	1

*These are additional types of permits that were issued but they are not covered by a fee category indicated in Section 3120(1); therefore, they are not required to be reported in activity (c), above.

Activity (e):

Zero permit applications were denied.

Activity (f):

Permit applicants withdrew 7 applications.

Activity (g):

The percentage and number of permit applications reviewed for administrative completeness within statutory time frames were 61 percent and 276, respectively.

Activity (h):

The DEQ received 313 permit applications (69 percent) that were administratively complete as received.

Activity (i):

The DEQ took final action for 56 out of 70 new permit applications (80 percent) within 180 days, and 336 out of 401 applications for reissuance (84 percent) within the required time frame.
Note: 17 of the applications processed were received in FY 2013.

Activity (j):

The DEQ reopened zero permits to put them in the proper basin year.

Activity (k):

There were 3 unfilled positions dedicated to the NPDES Program at the end of the FY.

Activity (l):

The amount of revenue in the NPDES Fund at the end of the FY was \$3,822,000.