

Department of Environmental Quality
Storm Water Discharge 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 3119(7). Section 3119(7) 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 storm water program that were funded by the fund. This report shall include, at a minimum, all of the following:

- (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 new permit applications received by the department in the preceding year.
- (c) The number of renewal permits in the preceding year.
- (d) The number of permit modifications requested in the preceding year.
- (e) The number of staff hours dedicated to each of the fee categories listed in section 3118.
- (f) The number of permits issued for fee categories listed in section 3118.
- (g) The average number of days required for review of a permit from the date the permit application is determined to be administratively complete.
- (h) The number of permit applications denied.
- (i) The number of permit applications withdrawn by the applicant.
- (j) The percentage and number of permit applications that were reviewed for administrative completeness within 10 days of receipt by the department.
- (k) The percentage and number of permit applications submitted to the department that were administratively complete as received.
- (l) The percentage and number of new permit applications for which a final action was taken by the department within 180 days.
- (m) The percentage and number of permit renewals and modifications processed within the required time.
- (n) The number of permits reopened by the department.
- (o) The number of unfilled positions dedicated to the department's storm water program.
- (p) 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) Storm Water Discharge Program that were funded by the Storm Water 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	1.1	2.3
Compliance	9.3	18.7
Enforcement	0.7	1.9

This is the sixth year the program is substantially funded by federal funds. There were 11.8 full-time equivalent (FTE) positions in FY 2014 in the program that were not funded by the storm water discharge fees.

Activity (b):

The DEQ received 532 new storm water permit applications.

Activity (c):

The DEQ received 375 storm water permit applications for reissuance.

Activity (d):

The DEQ received and processed 32 permit modification requests.

Activity (e):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Fee-Funded Staff Hours</u>	<u>Total Hours</u>
Construction site permits	5,037	10,555
Industrial permits	10,027	18,370
Municipal permits – institutions	364	780
Municipal permits – city, village, township	5,789	15,306
Municipal permits – county	1,668	2,305
Municipal permits – state, federal	44	128

Activity (f):

<u>Subactivity</u>	<u>Permits Issued</u>
Construction site permits	442
Industrial permits	331
Municipal permits – institutions	0
Municipal permits – city, village, township	0
Municipal permits – county	0
Municipal permits – state, federal	0

Activity (g):

The average number of days for a permit review was 217 days.

Activity (h):

Zero permit applications were denied.

Activity (i):

Permit applicants withdrew 32 applications.

Activity (j):

The percentage and number of permit applications reviewed for administrative completeness within 10 days of receipt by the DEQ were 61 percent and 553, respectively.

Activity (k):

The DEQ received 698 out of 907 permit applications (77 percent) that were administratively complete as received.

Activity (l):

The DEQ took final action for 553 out of 553 new permit applications (100 percent) within 180 days. Note: 21 of the applications processed were received in FY 2013.

Activity (m):

The DEQ completed all permit reissuance and modification requests within the required time, with the exception of 4 permit reissuances that were not completed by September 30, 2014.

Activity (n):

The DEQ did not reopen any storm water permits.

Activity (o):

There was 1.0 unfilled position dedicated to the DEQ's Storm Water Discharge Program at the end of the FY.

Activity (p):

The amount of revenue in the Storm Water Fund at the end of the FY was \$2,218,100.