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PAG-03

NPDES General Permit Redraft

WRAC Meeting

September 15, 2022

Tom Wolf, Governor

Ramez Ziadeh, P.E., Acting Secretary

PAG-03 - General

- General Permit for discharges of stormwater associated with industrial activity
- Expired on September 23, 2021
 - Has been administratively extended until March 23, 2023
- Over 1,900 facilities are covered under PAG-03

PAG-03 - Draft

- Draft published on January 22, 2022
- EPA objected on February 22, 2022
- 90 days to provide a draft permit
- EPA lifted the objection on June 6, 2022
- Received public comments from 7 commenters

Redraft Updates - EPA Objection

- Clarification for when DEP will deny coverage
- Submittal of analytical results for pollutants that are considered the cause of impairment
- Provide info for all structural BMPs
- Part C language about BMPs
- Target Quantitation Limits (TQLs) added to Part C

Redraft Updates - EPA Objection

- Benchmarks
 - TSS reestablished as 100 mg/L
 - Numeric values for pH, BOD-5, and COD
 - Total Aluminum monitoring in Appendix P
 - Numeric value for Nitrate + Nitrite-Nitrogen of 3.0 mg/L
 - pH and COD added to Appendix J
 - COD added to Appendix Q, R, & T
- Benchmark values in next permit term

Redraft Updates - Public Comment

- Use of composite in lieu of grab samples
- Sample time requirements
- Sample location for facilities that do not discharge
- Permittees must consider all BMPs in the BMPs checklist

PAG-03 - Redrafted Draft

- Published on August 20, 2022 for a 30-day public comment period ([52 Pa.B. 5204](#))
- Public comment period closes September 19, 2022

Questions

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