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# **PAG-04**

# **NPDES General Permit Re-draft**

## **Water Resources Advisory Committee**

### **July 20, 2023**

Josh Shapiro, Governor

Richard Negrin, Secretary

# PAG-04 - General

- General Permit for discharges from Small Flow Treatment Systems
- Expired on May 11, 2019
  - Has been administratively extended until November 11, 2023
- There are over 2,500 facilities covered under PAG-04

# Re-cap of 2018 Proposed Changes

- Fee Increase
- Include definition of “Service Provider”
- Allow any propriety technology evaluated by BCW
- Annual Maintenance Report
- Solids Removal
- TRC Effluent Limit
- UV Maintenance

# PAG-04 – Draft Permit

- Draft published on November 5, 2022
- Included the changes presented to WRAC in 2018
- Additionally, included a requirement for renewal NOI

# PAG-04 – Re-Draft Permit

## DEP intends to remove the renewal NOI requirement based on 25 Pa Code § 92a.23(c):

General permits for POTWs, CSOs, CAFOs, MS4s, primary industrial facilities, and stormwater discharges associated with industrial activities must require that an NOI be submitted for each issuance and reissuance of coverage under the general permit. A general permit for any other category of discharges may be designed to allow discharges to be authorized to discharge without submitting an NOI for coverage under the general permit. **Alternatively, such a general permit may require an initial NOI for issuance of coverage, but no subsequent NOI for reissuance of coverage.**

The Department will consider the following in deciding whether an NOI must be submitted for coverage under the general permit: the type of discharge; the potential for toxic and conventional pollutants in the discharge; the estimated number of discharges to be covered by the permit and the cumulative impact of the discharges. The public notice of the general permit will provide the reasons for not requiring the NOI.

# Questions

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