



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
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VIA EMAIL

June 12, 2019

John P. Bohenko
City Manager

And;

Peter Rice
Public Works Director
680 Peverly Hill Road
Portsmouth, NH 03801
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Re: National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit ID: NHR041027, City of Portsmouth, NH

Dear Peter Rice:

Your Notice of Intent (NOI) for coverage under the 2017 NPDES General Permit for Stormwater Discharges from Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems in New Hampshire (MS4 General Permit) has been reviewed by EPA and appears to be complete. You are hereby granted authorization by EPA to discharge stormwater from your MS4 in accordance with applicable terms and conditions of the MS4 General Permit, including all applicable Appendices. This authorization to discharge expires at midnight on **June 30, 2023**.

As a permittee located within the Great Bay Watershed, part 2.2.2.a of the 2017 MS4 General Permit identified your MS4 as discharging to a waterbody impaired due to total nitrogen, or tributary of a waterbody impaired due to total nitrogen. As such, discharges from your MS4 within the Great Bay Watershed are subject to the requirements of Appendix H Part I of the permit.

For those permittees that certified Endangered Species Act eligibility under Criterion C in their NOI, this authorization letter also serves as EPA's concurrence with your determination that your discharges will have no effect on the listed species present in your action area, based on the information provided in your NOI.

As a reminder, your first annual report is due by September 30, 2019 for the reporting period from May 1, 2018 through June 30, 2019.

Information about the permit and available resources can be found on our website: <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/new-hampshire-small-ms4-general-permit>. Should you have any questions regarding this permit please contact Suzanne Warner at warner.suzanne@epa.gov or (617) 918-1383.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Thelma Murphy". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending from the end of the name.

Thelma Murphy, Chief
NPDES Permits Branch
Water Division
United States Environmental Protection Agency, Region 1