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The South Dakota Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) is in the process of reissuing the General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activities (“General Permit”). DENR is writing to discuss three issues related to this General Permit.

First, the General Permit expired January 31, 2015, and has been administratively continued. This letter is to inform you DENR has drafted a renewal permit and would like input on the draft permit from the public, as well as people operating under the permit, during an informal comment period. The draft permit is located on DENR’s website at: <https://denr.sd.gov/des/sw/stormwater.aspx>. **Please read and review the draft permit. We would like to receive comments or concerns to DENR by October 31, 2017.** Comments or concerns can be submitted by email to Stormwater@state.sd.us or by mail sent to the address above, with attention to Katie Luce. DENR will review the informal comments received on the draft permit, make any necessary changes, and formally publish the draft permit throughout the state. This formal comment period will allow 30 days for formal public comments.

Second, DENR is considering charging annual fees for construction stormwater permits and is hoping to bring the topic before the Legislature in 2018. Currently, DENR is considering the following annual fees for construction stormwater sites based on permitted acreage:

- ❖ < 5 acres - \$100
- ❖ 5-50 acres - \$250
- ❖ >50 acres - \$750

Third, DENR’s Stormwater team plans to host a meeting over the Dakota Digital Network (DDN) to discuss the proposed changes in the draft permit and the potential annual fees, as well as address questions and accept comments from the public. **The DDN meeting will be held on October 10, 2017 from 2:00pm – 4:00pm Central Standard Time.** Seating at some locations may be limited, but DENR will record the meeting and provide a link on DENR’s Stormwater webpage once available. Information regarding the DDN locations and instructions how to call in and listen as a conference call are available on the back of this letter.

DENR may be able to add additional DDN locations. If you wish to attend a DDN meeting but are not near any of the DDN sites on the enclosed list, please contact DENR’s Stormwater team to see if an additional DDN location can be added.

Thank you for helping to protect the natural resources of South Dakota. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 1-800-SDSTORM (737-8676).

Sincerely,

Katie Luce

Program Assistant

SDDENR / Surface Water Quality Program

Enclosure

Dakota Digital Network (DDN) Meeting Locations
October 10, 2017
2:00-4:00pm CST

City	Location
Aberdeen	SD DOT Building 2735 W Hwy 12
Belle Fourche	SD DOT Building Hwy 34 W
Brookings	SD DOT Building 3031 6 th Street
Custer	SD DOT Building Hwy 385 S
Huron	SD DOT Building 901 Dakota Ave N
Mitchell	SD DOT Building 1300 S Ohlman
Pierre	SD State Capitol Building 500 E Capitol Basement Room B12
Rapid City	SD DOT Building 2300 Eglin St Large Conference Room
Sioux Falls	SD DOT Building 5316 W 60 th St Large Conference Room
Spearfish	SD Dept of Human Services Bldg 1300 N Ave
Watertown	SD DOT Building 5000 9 th Ave SE
Yankton	SD DOT Building 1306 W 31 st St

Conference Call Option: This option allows you to call in and listen to the DDN meeting, but not view the presentation. Call the toll free number and when prompted enter the Conference Code. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact DENR's Stormwater team.

Toll free number: (866) 410-8397
 Conference Code: 1904346035

Online Viewing: This DDN meeting will be recorded and available for viewing afterwards. DENR will post the information for accessing the recording on the Stormwater homepage where the draft permit is located: <http://denr.sd.gov/des/sw/stormwater.aspx>.