GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER AND DEWATERING WASTEWATERS FROM CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

FACT SHEET

PROPOSED REISSUANCE WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS

General Permit Background:

The DEEP stormwater general permit program was developed pursuant to EPA’s Stormwater Rule and Connecticut’s stormwater permits are issued under the authority of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-430 and 22a-430b. The DEEP first issued the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater and Dewatering Wastewaters from Construction Activities (construction general permit) on October 1, 1992. The general permit has been reissued since then, most recently on October 1, 2018. The purpose of the general permit is to protect waters of the state from stormwater runoff and dewatering wastewaters from construction activities.

The requirements of the current general permit include registration to obtain permit coverage, development and implementation of a Stormwater Pollution Control Plan (SWPCP) and monitoring of stormwater discharges from the construction activity. The SWPCP contains requirements for the permittee to describe and manage their construction activity, including implementing erosion and sediment control measures as well as other control measures to reduce or eliminate the potential for the discharge of stormwater runoff pollutants both during and after construction.

Proposed Reissuance of the General Permit Without Modifications:

The current general permit will expire on September 30, 2019. In order to maintain permit coverage for the regulated community, the current construction general permit is therefore proposed to be reissued without modifications for the period effective from October 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020. Current registrants will not be required to reregister to maintain authorization under the general permit. However, they are advised that they must continue to comply with the terms and conditions of the general permit, including maintaining and updating their SWPCP, conducting regular inspections, and monitoring stormwater discharges.

The Commissioner intends to reissue a new construction general permit with modifications prior to the expiration of this proposed reissued general permit without modifications. The Department will seek public comment on a notice of tentative decision to reissue the construction general permit with modifications.