

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

DATE: February 8, 1994

TO: Allan Holmes, State Construction and Maintenance Engineer
FROM: Marion Butler, Division Head, Environmental Division
SUBJECT: NPDES Requirements for ADPCE and COE Approval

A meeting has been scheduled Thursday, February 10 at 1:30 in the Walnut Room, Room 1008. Please attend prepared to discuss submission of NPDES plans to ADPCE and the COE.

In response to questions prompted by the attached letter from ADPCE, we have prepared the following explanations:

1. What time period is needed for review and approval of projects? Two weeks for ADPCE, 30 days for COE.
2. How long do we (Environmental Division) need the plans before letting? 90 days to allow submittal, review, possible changes, and approval.
3. How much additional time will be required for Design? A Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan SP will be needed on all jobs submitted to ADPCE, regardless of size. This is the only additional information to be prepared by Design. (A permit will not be required on projects smaller than five acres).
4. Can watershed be defined? Within ADPCE's Regulation No. 2, the "watershed" of an Ecologically Sensitive Waterbody is defined with a crosshatched area. Any project within the crosshatched areas will be submitted. Extraordinary resource waters are designated as specific areas on waterbodies. We have been requested to submit projects crossing or closely paralleling these waterbodies.
5. What defines an Extraordinary Resource Water? A combination of chemical, physical, and biological characteristics reflecting its scenic beauty, aesthetics, scientific values, broad scope recreation potential, and intangible social values. Ecologically Sensitive Waterbody segments are known to provide habitat within the existing range of threatened, endangered, or endemic species of aquatic or semi-aquatic life forms.
6. What division will be responsible for the submittal and approval from ADPCE? The Environmental Division will assume this responsibility.

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7. What effects will this have on construction? Inspections will begin by ADPCE personnel. ADPCE and COE personnel have been instructed to contact the Resident Engineer with their concerns. If a solution cannot be found or the Resident is not available, they are then to contact Leonard Hall in the Construction Office.

Additional concerns we would like to discuss are:

Problems have arisen with State Aid, District, Maintenance, and Consultant projects. We are not receiving the necessary information with enough lead time to receive clearance. These jobs are often not appearing in the Staff Minutes or the Programmed Projects and Letting Dates list prepared by Programs and Contracts. Can a better tracking method be devised for these jobs?

The COE has requested erosion control guidance for all projects to be submitted. The NPDES Task Force will prepare this information. When will this be available for submission to the COE? Currently we have to submit individual plans and special provisions for each project.

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POLLUTION PREVENTION PLANS

1. BEFORE LETTERING ??
2. TIME PERIOD FOR REVIEW & APPROVAL ??

3. ADD'L TIME FOR DESIGN REQUIRED ??

Re: General Storm Water Construction Permit ARR10A000

Dear Mr. Venable:

4. CAN THIS WATERSHED BE DETERMINED ??

5. EXTRAORDINARY ??

The Arkansas Department of Pollution Control and Ecology (ADPC&E) hereby requests that the Arkansas State Highway and Transportation Department begin submitting pollution prevention plans to ADPC&E as of March 1, 1994, for the following construction projects:

? Any proposed construction project of any size that lies within the watershed of an Ecologically Sensitive Waterbody or Extraordinary Resource Water as defined in Appendix A of Regulation No. 2, October 1991, which establishes water quality standards for surface waters of the state of Arkansas (Enclosed).

Please submit the pollution prevention plan for these identified construction projects for our review and approval as outlined in the enclosed General Storm Water Permit ARR10A000 Part III C. Address all measures of Part III C. with special emphasis on those structural practices designed to achieve erosion and sediment control as outlined in Part III C.4.b.(1)(b)(i-iii). Upon approval, implementation of the plan will be the responsibility of the State Highway and Transportation Department throughout the entire construction phase of the project.

Pollution prevention plans should be submitted to ADPC&E to the attention of Judith A. James and Steven W. Patrick, Storm Water Engineers. If you have any questions, please contact Judith or Steven at 562-7444.

Sincerely,

Chuck T. Bennett
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Chief, Water Division

6. DIVISION RESPONSIBLE
will meet for STORM WATER MEETING
Leonard at 4:00
today 7. EFFECT ON CONST. ??

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Enclosures

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