Notice of Intent to Apply for Coverage Under WPDES MS4 General Permit No. WI-S050181-1

Section I: Applicant Information

Name of Municipality: Douglas County
Mailing Address: 1313 Belknap St., Superior, WI 54880
County(s) in which Applicant is located: Douglas
Type of Municipality (check one): County

Section II: Local Contact Information

Name of Municipal Contact Person: Andrew Lisak
Mailing Address: 1316 N. 14th Street, Superior, WI 54880
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Section III: Water Quality Concerns

Yes ☑ No □ Does any part of the MS4 discharge to an outstanding resource water (ORW) or exceptional resource water (ERW) listed under s. NR 102.10 or 102.11, Wis. Adm. Code? (A list of ORWs and ERWs may be found on the Department's Internet site at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/surfacewater/orwerw.html)

Yes ☑ No □ Does any part of the MS4 discharge to an impaired waterbody listed in accordance with section 303(d)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act, 33 USC § 1313(d)(1)(C)? (A list of Wisconsin impaired waterbodies may be found on the Department's Internet site at: http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/impairedwaters/)

Section IV: Potential Permit Exemption

Yes ☑ No □ Section NR 216.023, Wis. Adm. Code, allows certain MS4s that have less than 1000 people residing in an urbanized area to be waived from municipal storm water permit coverage.

Yes ☑ No □ Do you believe that the MS4 may be eligible for this potential exemption as described in s. NR 216.023, Wis. Adm. Code?

If yes, please provide documentation supporting a permit exemption including the following (Attach additional pages if necessary):

Total municipal area in square miles: 1,480
Total municipal population (2010 U.S. census): 44,159
MS4 service area within Urbanized Area in square miles: Not Applicable
Municipal population within Urbanized Area (2010 U.S. census): Not Applicable

Additional information supporting an exemption under s. NR 216.023, Wis. Adm. Code - Please see attached

Note: Urbanized Area Information is available from the USEPA at:

http://water.epa.gov/polwaste/npdes/stormwater/Urbanized-Area-Maps-for-NPDES-MS4-Phase-II-Stormwater-Permits.cfm
Section V: Summary of Municipal Storm Water Program Activities

Describe the programs or activities the municipality is doing or will do to comply with the requirements of the MS4 general permit. Attach additional pages if necessary.

A. Public Education and Outreach

Describe the public education and outreach program activities that the municipality will implement to comply with section 2.1 of the MS4 general permit.

N/A

B. Public Involvement and Participation

Describe the public involvement and participation program activities that the municipality will promote to comply with section 2.2 of the MS4 general permit.

N/A

C. Illicit Discharge Detection & Elimination

Describe the illicit discharge detection and elimination program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.3 of the MS4 general permit.

N/A

D. Construction Site Pollution Control

Describe the construction site pollutant control program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.4 of the MS4 general permit.

N/A

E. Post-Construction Site Storm Water Management

Describe the post-construction storm water management program authority and activities that the municipality will develop and implement to comply with section 2.5 of the MS4 general permit.

N/A

F. Pollution Prevention

Describe the pollution prevention program activities that the municipality will implement to comply with section 2.6 of the MS4 general permit.

N/A

Section VI: Certification

I hereby certify that I am an authorized representative of the municipality that is the subject of this application for general permit coverage, and that the information provided is true and complete, to the best of my knowledge. I understand that Wisconsin law provides severe penalties for submitting false information.

Authorized Representative Name

ANDREW LISAK

Signature

Title

County ADMINISTRATOR

Date Signed

11/19/2014

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Return this completed form to: Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources
Storm Water Program – WT/3
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WPDES MS 4 GENERAL PERMIT

Permit Exemption Request

Douglas County, Wisconsin

November 19, 2014

Additional information supporting an exemption under s. NR 216.023, Wis. Adm. Code

1. In 2006, Douglas County was notified of the potential need to seek MS4 permit coverage, and was subsequently found to be exempt from MS4 regulation under Chap. NR216.023, Wisc. Admin. Code.

2. Two communities within the County serve populations greater than 1,000 people. The City of Superior (pop. 26,869) is regulated under the State MS4 stormwater permit (FIN#31044). The Village of Nebagamon (Pop. 1,100) discharges stormwater to Nebagamon Creek and Lake Nebagamon. Neither water body is designated as an impaired water body.

3. Based on their populations, the separate storm sewer systems serving the remaining communities across Douglas County are not regulated under the MS4 permit. There is no indication that stormwater discharges from the County contribute substantially to pollutant loadings of these systems.

4. No part of the County is currently subject to requirements under a Total Maximum Daily Load initiative.

Conclusion:

Given the predominantly rural aspect to the County, and that the County’s sole municipality and adjoining Villages, are already regulated under the MS4 stormwater permit, it is appropriate that Douglas County continue to be exempt from regulation under the MS4 permit.