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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL  
PROTECTION

March 19, 2018

Louis Mavrakis, Mayor  
City of Monessen  
100 Third Street  
Monessen, PA 15062

Re: PAG-13 General Permit Approval  
Monessen Sewer System  
NPDES Permit No. PAG136283  
Authorization ID No. 1200552  
Monessen City, Westmoreland County

Dear Mr. Mavrakis:

The Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) has reviewed your Notice of Intent (NOI) to operate under the PAG-13 General NPDES Permit and has determined that you are eligible for coverage under the statewide General Permit. Your permit is enclosed.

The statewide General Permit expires on March 15, 2023. **However, your coverage under the General Permit does not expire unless your coverage is revoked by DEP. A Notice of Intent (NOI) to renew your coverage is no longer required.** When the statewide General Permit is renewed, the permit will be published in the Pennsylvania Bulletin. Following publication of the final renewed General Permit, you must comply with the terms and conditions of the renewed General Permit or otherwise submit an application for an individual NPDES permit. You may submit an application for a waiver to DEP anytime during the term of your General Permit coverage if, due to changing circumstances, you become eligible for a waiver.

The General Permit contains numerous scheduled requirements that may apply to you. Please review DEP's "Summary of Scheduled Requirements" document, available at [www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us](http://www.elibrary.dep.state.pa.us) (select "Permit and Authorization Packages", "Clean Water", and "PAG-13 MS4 General Permit").

The submission of Annual MS4 Status Reports is required by the General Permit. You must submit the annual reports to the DEP office that approved your General Permit coverage by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year to describe activities conducted under the General Permit during the period of July 1 – June 30. You must also submit the annual installment payment of \$500 to DEP's Bureau of Clean Water by September 30<sup>th</sup> of each year. The first annual report and annual payment is due by September 30, 2018. The first annual report will cover the period from the end of your last reporting period under the previous PAG-13 General Permit until June 30, 2018.

You are required to comply with the Pollutant Control Measures (PCMs) contained in Appendixes A and C for the surface waters identified in DEP's MS4 Requirements Table (see [www.dep.pa.gov/MS4](http://www.dep.pa.gov/MS4)). You are required to submit to DEP the following: 1) a storm sewer shed

map for outfalls that discharge to the impaired surface waters; 2) an inventory of all suspected and known sources of the pollutant(s) of concern within the storm sewershed(s); and 3) a report documenting an investigation of each suspected source. Deadlines for submission of this documentation as attachments to future Annual MS4 Status Reports are established in the Appendices.

DEP has reviewed your Pollutant Reduction Plan(s) (PRP(s)). Your PRP(s) are hereby approved with the following additional information:

- The plan calls for stream restoration. The City of Monessen must follow the guidelines in the DEP's document titled "Considerations of Stream Restoration Projects" to ensure that your proposal is an eligible MS4 Best Management Practice. A PDF of the guidance can be accessed via the following link:

<http://www.dep.pa.gov/Business/WaterCleanWater/StormwaterMgmt/Stormwater/Pages/default.aspx>

You should also consult the "Expert Panel Report" from September 18, 2014 accessible at:

[http://chesapeakestormwater.net/wp-content/uploads/dlm\\_uploads/2013/05/stream-restoration-merged.pdf](http://chesapeakestormwater.net/wp-content/uploads/dlm_uploads/2013/05/stream-restoration-merged.pdf)

- Please note that failure to comply with the Department's Stream Restoration guidelines may disqualify your project for full pollutant reduction credit.

During the permit term, DEP will evaluate your progress in implementing the PRP(s). If progress is not satisfactory DEP may require you to obtain coverage under an individual permit.

You are required to implement the load reduction requirements established in Appendix D of the General Permit within five years, and you must submit a report demonstrating that you have met these requirements as an attachment to the first Annual MS4 Status Report that is due following completion of the 5th year of General Permit coverage.

Any person aggrieved by this action may appeal, pursuant to Section 4 of the Environmental Hearing Board Act, 35 P.S. Section 7514, and the Administrative Agency Law, 2 Pa.C.S. Chapter 5A, to the Environmental Hearing Board, Second Floor, Rachel Carson State Office Building, 400 Market Street, P.O. Box 8457, Harrisburg, PA 17105-8457, 717.787.3483. TDD users may contact the Board through the Pennsylvania Relay Service, 800.654.5984. Appeals must be filed with the Environmental Hearing Board within 30 days of receipt of written notice of this action unless the appropriate statute provides a different time period. Copies of the appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure may be obtained from the Board. The appeal form and the Board's rules of practice and procedure are also available in braille or on

Mr. Louis Mavrakis

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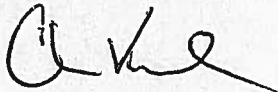
audiotape from the Secretary to the Board at 717.787.3483. This paragraph does not, in and of itself, create any right of appeal beyond that permitted by applicable statutes and decisional law.

IF YOU WANT TO CHALLENGE THIS ACTION, YOUR APPEAL MUST REACH THE BOARD WITHIN 30 DAYS. YOU DO NOT NEED A LAWYER TO FILE AN APPEAL WITH THE BOARD.

IMPORTANT LEGAL RIGHTS ARE AT STAKE, HOWEVER, SO YOU SHOULD SHOW THIS DOCUMENT TO A LAWYER AT ONCE. IF YOU CANNOT AFFORD A LAWYER, YOU MAY QUALIFY FOR FREE PRO BONO REPRESENTATION. CALL THE SECRETARY TO THE BOARD (717.787.3483) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

If you have any questions, please contact James Vanek at 412.442.4031.

Sincerely,



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Program Manager  
Clean Water Program

Enclosures

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