**MS4 Phase 1**

Hello Municipal Stormwater Phase One Permittees,

I want to inform you that DEQ will be proposing a major modification fee for the phase one permit in an upcoming rulemaking. DEQ staff is required to complete a review when permittees request a major modification to their permit. Currently, a major modification fee does not exist for the municipal stormwater phase one permit. DEQ is unable to recover costs associated with the review of these major modification requests. The major modification fee is being proposed in an effort to recover costs associated with future major modification requests.

The proposed major modification fee is equivalent to 50.1 percent of the new permit application fee. Using this methodology aligns the proposed major modification fee with existing major modification fees of other individual domestic permits. DEQ is proposing a major modification fee of $8,982 for municipal stormwater phase one permits.

A major modification for fee purposes involves an increase in effluent limitations or any other change that involves significant analysis by DEQ. Examples may include provide a few examples here. Include additional sentences here to clarify what constitutes a major modification, if needed. The fee would be paid for modifications initiated by the permittee. Historically, when DEQ has initiated a permit modification, no fee has been charged.

DEQ has met with its standing advisory committee and discussed this proposed fee. My intent for this notification is to provide informal outreach and to avoid any surprises when the information is public noticed.

Here is the rulemaking timeline:

Public comment starts –  July 22

Public Hearings – Aug. 15, 19, 20

Public comment ends – Aug. 23

Rule proposed to DEQ’s governing body – Oct. 16

If adopted, fee effective – Nov. 1

If you have any questions, please contact me.

**UIC**

Hello Underground Injection Control Permittees (present and future),

I want to inform you that DEQ will be proposing a major modification fee for the Underground Injection Control permit in an upcoming rulemaking. DEQ staff is required to complete a review when permittees request a major modification to their permit. Currently, a major modification fee does not exist for the UIC permit. DEQ is unable to recover costs associated with the review of these major modification requests. The major modification fee is being proposed in an effort to recover costs associated with future major modification requests.

The proposed major modification fee is equivalent to 50.1 percent of the new permit application fee. Using this methodology aligns the proposed major modification fee with existing major modification fees of other individual domestic permits. DEQ is proposing a major modification fee of $5,106 for UIC permits.

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