1.0 Permit Requirements

A. Permit Administration

Baltimore County shall designate an individual to act as liaison with the Maryland Department of the Environment (MDE) for the implementation of this permit. The County shall provide the coordinator's name, title, address, phone number, and email address. Additionally, the County shall, in its annual reports, submit to MDE an organizational chart detailing personnel and groups responsible for major NPDES program tasks in this permit. MDE shall be notified of any changes in personnel or organization relative to NPDES program tasks.

B. Legal Authority

Baltimore County shall maintain adequate legal authority in accordance with NPDES regulations 40 CFR Part 122.26 throughout the term of this permit. In the event that any provision of its legal authority is found to be invalid, the County shall notify MDE within 30 days and make the necessary changes to maintain adequate legal authority. All changes shall be included in the County's annual report.

1.1 Permit Administration

The designated individual to act as a liaison with Maryland Department of the Environment is:

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The major NPDES program tasks are listed in Table 1-1, along with the Baltimore County Departments and associated bureaus or sections responsible for implementation. The County has designated an NPDES Management Committee, composed of representatives from agencies involved in NPDES activities, that meets on a periodic basis for updates and coordination.

There were no major organizational changes over the last year.

Table 1-1: Major NPDES Program Tasks and Responsible Baltimore County Agencies

NPDES Program Task	Department - Section
Program Administration	EPS – Watershed Management and Monitoring
Legal Authority	EPS- Administration Office of Law
Source Identification	EPS – Watershed Management and Monitoring OIT – Geographic Information Systems
Stormwater Management – Review Stormwater Management – Inspections Stormwater Facility Maintenance	EPS– Stormwater Management
Erosion and Sediment Control	PAI – Building and Inspection Section

Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination	EPS – Watershed Management and Monitoring Health Department – Environmental Health Section
County Property Management and Maintenance	DPW – Highways Bureau DPW – Utilities Bureau Office of Budget and Finance – County Property Management Section, Vehicle Operations and Maintenance Community College of Baltimore County Baltimore County Public Schools
Road Maintenance	DPW – Highways Bureau – Street Sweeping DPW – Utilities Bureau – Storm Drain Cleaning
Public Education	EPS – All Sections
Watershed Assessment and Planning	EPS – Watershed Management and Monitoring
Watershed Restoration	EPS – Watershed Restoration Section EPS – Sustainability & Forest Management Section DPW – Storm Drains Design
Assessment of Controls	EPS – Watershed Management and Monitoring
Program Funding	EPS – Finance and Administration
Total Maximum Daily Loads	EPS– Watershed Management and Monitoring
Annual Report	EPS – Watershed Management and Monitoring
Reapplication for NPDES Permit	EPS – Watershed Management and Monitoring

EPS = Department of Environmental Protection and Sustainability
DPW = Department of Public Works
OIT = Office of Information Technology
PAI = Permits, Approvals and Inspections

1.2 Legal Authority

The County continues to maintain adequate legal authority in all areas related to implementation of its NPDES permit. The only regulatory change in FY2015 was to the fee structure of the Stormwater Remediation Fee.

1.2.1 Stormwater Remediation Fee

As required by the State legislature (HB987, passed in 2012) Baltimore County enacted a stormwater remediation fee with the passage of County Council Bill 20-13 (http://www.baltimorecountymd.gov/countycouncil/legislation/13bills.html) on March 18, 2013. This bill establishes the Stormwater Remediation Fee, and

- details the uses of the funds collected through the fee,
- sets the initial fee rates,
- provides for an appeal process,
- provides for hardship exemptions for land owners that meet qualifications,
- provides for fee reduction credits,
- provides for annual review of rates by the County Executive and submission to the County Council for approval, and
- requires a biennial report on the amount of fee collected and the uses of the funds starting July 1, 2014.

The County Council passed County Council Bill No. 9-15 on February 2, 2015 that established a new rate structure for the Stormwater Remediation Fee for fiscal year 2016. On October 19, 2015 the County Council passed County Bill No. 85-15 that established the rates for fiscal year 2017 and abolished the Stormwater Remediation Fee effective July 1, 2017.