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December 8, 2011

The Town of Essex Closed Landfill
Attn: Dennis E. Lutz, P.E.
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Re: No Exposure Certification No. 4453-9003.R

Dear Dennis E. Lutz, P.E.,

The Department of Environmental Conservation has reviewed the No Exposure Certification for Conditional Exclusion from the Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) 3-9003 (NPDES# VTR050001) from the Town of Essex Closed Landfill submitted on August 23, 2011.

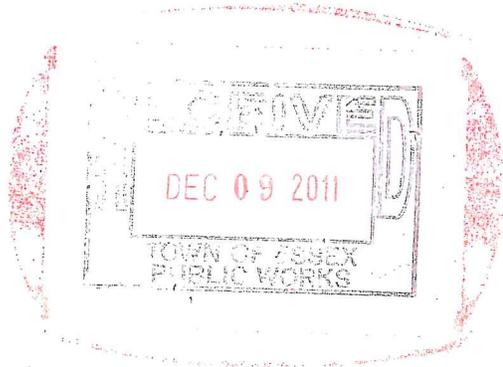
Town of Essex Closed Landfill located on 218 Colchester Road in the town of Essex, Vermont has been assigned a Certification Number, noted above. Please note that the No Exposure exclusion from the requirement for coverage under the MSGP is conditional. Thus, in order to maintain eligibility for No Exposure status, facilities with No Exposure Certifications must comply with the No Exposure terms and conditions of the VT MSGP 3-9003 found in Part 1.6 of the MSGP. A copy of MSGP Section 1.6 is enclosed for your convenience.

If circumstances change and industrial materials or activities become exposed to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff, then you no longer qualify for conditional exclusion from the requirements of the MSGP and your discharge becomes subject to enforcement or a citizen suit as an un-permitted discharge. If you anticipate such changes in your circumstances you should prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and apply for and obtain coverage under the MSGP prior to such change of circumstances.

If you have any questions, please call me at (802) 338-4889 or visit the website at www.vtwaterquality.org/stormwater.htm.

Sincerely,

Jenna Calvi
Green Infrastructure Coordinator
Vermont Stormwater Management Program



1.6 Conditional Exclusion for No Exposure.

If all of your industrial materials or activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt and/or runoff then you may be eligible for a conditional exclusion from the requirements of this General Permit that require the preparation of a SWPPP and related monitoring of stormwater quality. To qualify for conditional exclusion, you must file an application and certification of No Exposure on forms provided by the Agency and receive approval from the Secretary. If you obtain coverage under this option you will be subject to the limitations and conditions set forth in this section with which you must comply in order to maintain eligibility for exclusion. The requirements pertaining to a demonstration that all your industrial materials or activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt and/or runoff are set forth in Part 1.6.2 below.

If you meet the requirements of Part 1.6.2, and file a No Exposure Certification on forms provided by the Secretary you are no longer authorized by nor required to comply with this permit upon submission of a no exposure certification to the Agency. If you are no longer required to have permit coverage because of a no exposure exclusion and have submitted a No Exposure Certification form to the Agency, you are not required to submit an NOT.

1.6.1 Certification of No Exposure

In the event that you have elected to apply for conditional exclusion from permit requirements by certifying “No Exposure” as set forth in Part 1.6 of this general permit then you must submit a No Exposure Certification on forms provided by the Secretary.

1.6.2 Requirements to Demonstrate No Exposure

To demonstrate that all your industrial materials or activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt and/or runoff you must:

- 1.6.2.1 Provide a storm resistant shelter to protect industrial materials and activities from exposure to rain, snow, snow melt, and runoff;
- 1.6.2.2 Demonstrate and certify that none of the following materials or activities are, or will be in the foreseeable future, exposed to precipitation:
 - Using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment, and areas where residuals from using, storing or cleaning industrial machinery or equipment remain and are exposed to stormwater;
 - Materials or residuals on the ground or in stormwater inlets from spills/leaks;
 - Materials or products from past industrial activity;
 - Material handling equipment (except adequately maintained vehicles);

- Materials or products during loading/unloading or transporting activities;
- Materials or products stored outdoors (except final products intended for outside use, e.g., new cars, where exposure to stormwater does not result in the discharge of pollutants);
- Materials contained in open, deteriorated or leaking storage drums, barrels, tanks, and similar containers;
- Materials or products handled/stored on roads or railways owned or maintained by the discharger;
- Waste material (except waste in covered, non-leaking containers, e.g., dumpsters);
- Application or disposal of process wastewater (unless otherwise permitted); and
- Particulate matter or visible deposits of residuals from roof stacks/vents not otherwise regulated, i.e., under an air quality control permit, and evident in the stormwater outflow.

1.6.3 Materials and Activities Which Need Not Be Sheltered to Demonstrate No Exposure

To demonstrate no exposure, storm resistant shelter is not required for the following industrial materials and activities:

- 1.6.3.1 Drums, barrels, tanks, and similar containers that are tightly sealed, provided those containers are not deteriorated and do not leak (“Sealed” means banded or otherwise secured and without operational taps or valves);
- 1.6.3.2 Adequately maintained vehicles used in material handling; and
- 1.6.3.3 Final products, other than products that would be mobilized in stormwater discharge (e.g., rock salt).

1.6.4 Limitations on No Exposure Demonstrations

- 1.6.4.1 The demonstration of no exposure can only be made on a facility-wide basis, not for individual outfalls. If a facility has some discharges of stormwater that would otherwise be No Exposure discharges, permit requirements under this permit may be adjusted accordingly for these discharges.
- 1.6.4.2 If circumstances change and industrial materials or activities become exposed to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff, then you no longer qualify for conditional exclusion from the requirements of this permit and your discharge becomes subject to enforcement as an un-permitted discharge. If you anticipate such

changes in your circumstances you should prepare a SWPPP and apply for and obtain coverage under this general permit prior to the change of circumstances.

- 1.6.4.3 Notwithstanding the provisions of this Part 1.6, the Secretary retains the authority to require coverage under this general permit (and deny coverage under this Part 1.6) upon making a determination that the discharge causes, has a reasonable potential to cause, or contributes to an instream excursion above an applicable water quality standard.

1.6.5 Conditions for Claiming and Maintaining No Exposure Status

In order to claim and maintain No Exposure status you must:

- 1.6.5.1 In accordance with the requirements set forth in Part 1.6, submit a signed certification of No Exposure stating that all your industrial materials or activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt and/or runoff.
- 1.6.5.2 Submit the signed No Exposure certification forms to the Agency once every five years;
- 1.6.5.3 Allow the Agency to inspect the facility to determine compliance with the No Exposure conditions;
- 1.6.5.4 Allow the Agency to make any No Exposure inspection reports available to the public upon request;
- 1.6.5.5 For facilities that discharge through an MS4, upon request you must submit a copy of the certification of No Exposure to the MS4 operator, as well as allow inspection and public reporting by the MS4 operator; and
- 1.6.5.6 Any time there is a change in the owner or operator of your facility you must notify the Agency within 30 days of the change. The No Exposure form is non-transferable. If a new owner or operator takes over the facility, the new owner or operator must complete and submit a new form to claim No Exposure.

1.7 Alternative Permits.

1.7.1 Agency Requiring Coverage under an Alternative Permit.

The Secretary may require you to apply for and/or obtain authorization to discharge under either an individual NPDES permit or an alternative NPDES general permit. The Secretary may determine at his or her own discretion that an individual or an alternative general permit is required. The Secretary may require any person who files a NOI to apply for an individual permit if the discharge does not qualify for coverage under this general permit or the Secretary