

# City of Poplar Bluff

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## City of Poplar Bluff Comprehensive General Permit for Phase II MS4's Summary

## **1.00 INTRODUCTION**

The City of Poplar Bluff is required to provide a written summary of its planned updated Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) along with a copy of the Missouri Department of Natural Resources draft Comprehensive Permit (MO-R04C000). The Comprehensive permit cycle is six (6) years (2021-2027). The City will hold a public notice period for a minimum of thirty (30) days to allow the public to review the draft permit, and description of City's Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) prior to submission of renewal to the Missouri Department of Natural Resources. The City will post the draft Comprehensive permit along with a written summary of the plan (<https://www.poplarbluff-mo.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1035/Poplar-Bluff-Storm-Water-Management-Program>) on the City website and across City social media platforms. The City will provide a mechanism for comment to include a phone number, voicemail box, e-mail address, or social media platforms.

## **2.00 BACKGROUND**

As a result of the 1987 amendments to the Clean Water Act, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) began to regulate large to medium municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4). The regulation of polluted discharges from urban runoff produced by these large to medium MS4's became a primary goal. The National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program requires municipalities that discharge pollutants into waters of the United States to obtain an MS4 permit.

The City of Poplar Bluff is a Phase II Small MS4 covered by a general permit that regulates facilities within the city limits of Poplar Bluff. The Missouri Department of Natural Resources issued Permit # MOR040027 to the City of Poplar Bluff. This issued permit requires a Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) that is to be evaluated and updated on a continuing basis and must adhere to the provisions of 40 CFR 122.34.

The goal of the SWMP is to educate the public along with targeted audiences described within this plan of the issues related to storm water runoff. The Plan shall be written to meet all six control measures determined by the governing state and federal regulations. The City's ultimate goal is to reduce the quantity of storm water runoff, while improving the quality of runoff.

## **3.00 MINIMUM CONTROL MEASURES**

There are six basic minimum control measure (MCM) elements which should be considered in the City's Stormwater Management Plan to meet the regulatory requirements of the Clean Water Act. These MCM's and their associated Best Management Practices,

1. Public Education and Outreach on Stormwater Impacts

2. Public Involvement and Participation
3. Illicit Discharge Elimination
4. Construction Site Stormwater Runoff
5. Post-Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment
6. Pollution Prevention in Municipal Operations

Within each MCM, the City shall include a minimum of required Best Management Practices (BMPs) as written/required within the Comprehensive Permit Draft, including measurable goals and tracking and adaptive management processes.

The City may adapt the BMPs, measurable goals, and adaptive management processes, throughout the permit cycle to better meet the spirit and intent of the Minimum Control Measures, or as City regulations related to stormwater management are adopted or change.

The City shall maintain written or electronic records required by this permit, along with a copy of the NPDES permit, ordinances, policies, and formal procedures for all six (6) MCMs and record of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least three (3) years from the date of the report or application.

#### **4.00 SUMMARY**

The Comprehensive General Permit for Phase II MS4s covers all areas served by a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) for which the City of Poplar Bluff is identified as the Continuing Authority.

This permit authorizes discharges of stormwater from regulated MS4s, as defined in 10 CSR 20-6.200(D)24. This permit also authorizes the discharge of stormwater commingled with flows contributed by process wastewater, non-process wastewater, or stormwater associated with industrial activity provided such discharges are authorized under separate National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits or no exposure certification as defined in 10 CSR 20-6.200(C).

The SWMP shall be updated within 90 days after the renewal of the permit. The City shall implement programmatic BMP's consistent with the provisions of this permit to achieve compliance with the standard or reducing pollutants to the maximum extent practical per 40 CFR 122.34.