



July 15, 2014

Timothy Myers
Gogebic Taconite LLC Site
402 Silver Street
Hurley WI 54534

SUBJECT: Coverage Under WPDES General Permit No. WI-S067831-04: Construction Site Storm Water Runoff
Permittee Name: Gogebic Taconite LLC Site
Site Name: Access Road 3 Grading
FIN: 49083

Dear Permittee:

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources received your Water Resources Application for Project Permits or Notice of Intent for the Access Road 3 Grading project and has evaluated the information provided regarding storm water discharges from your construction site. We have determined that your construction site activities will be regulated under ch. 283, Wis. Stats., ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code, and in accordance with Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) General Permit No. WI-S067831-04, Construction Site Storm Water Runoff. All erosion control and storm water management activities undertaken at the site must be done in accordance with the terms and conditions of the general permit.

The **Start Date** of permit coverage for this site is July 15, 2014. The maximum period of permit coverage for this site is limited to 3 years from the **Start Date**. Therefore, permit coverage automatically expires and terminates 3 years from the Start Date and storm water discharges are no longer authorized unless another Notice of Intent and application fee to retain coverage under this permit or a reissued version of this permit is submitted to the Department 14 working days prior to expiration.

Please note that it is the Department's understanding that exploration work is proposed to be conducted along Access Road 3 and that it will occur after improvements to Access Road 3 are completed.

A copy of the general permit along with extensive storm water information including technical standards, forms, guidance and other documents is accessible on the Department's storm water program Internet site. To obtain a copy of the general permit, please download it and the associated documents listed below from the following Department Internet site:
<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/stormwater/construction/forms.html>

- Construction Site Storm Water Runoff WPDES general permit No. WI-S067831-04
- Construction site inspection report form
- Notice of Termination form

If, for any reason, you are unable to access these documents over the Internet, please contact me and I will send them to you.

To ensure compliance with the general permit, please read it carefully and be sure you understand its contents. Please take special note of the following requirements (This is not a complete list of the terms and conditions of the general permit.):

1. The Construction Site Erosion Control Plan and Storm Water Management Plan that you completed prior to submitting your permit application must be implemented and maintained throughout construction. Failure to do so may result in enforcement action by the Department.
2. The general permit requires that erosion and sediment controls be routinely inspected at least every 7 days, and within 24 hours after a rainfall event of 0.5 inches or greater. Weekly written reports of all inspections must be maintained. The reports must contain the following information:
 - a. Date, time, and exact place of inspection;
 - b. Name(s) of individual(s) performing inspection;
 - c. An assessment of the condition of erosion and sediment controls;
 - d. A description of any erosion and sediment control implementation and maintenance performed;
 - e. A description of the site's present phase of construction.
3. A **Certificate of Permit Coverage** must be posted in a conspicuous place on the construction site. The Certificate of Permit Coverage (WDNR Publication # WT-813) is enclosed for your use.
4. When construction activities have ceased and the site has undergone final stabilization, a Notice of Termination (NOT) of coverage under the general permit must be submitted to the Department.

It is important that you read and understand the terms and conditions of the general permit because they have the force of law and apply to you. Your project may lose its permit coverage if you do not comply with its terms and conditions. The Department may also withdraw your project from coverage under the general permit and require that you obtain an individual WPDES permit instead, based on the Department's own motion, upon the filing of a written petition by any person, or upon your request.

If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision to grant permit coverage, you should know that the Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to ss. 227.52 and 227.53, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with s. NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code, and served on the Secretary in accordance with s. NR 2.03, Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review and does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

Thank you for your cooperation with the Construction Site Storm Water Discharge Permit Program. If you have any questions concerning the contents of this letter or the general permit, please contact Brad Johnson at (715) 359-2872.

Sincerely,



Brad Johnson
West Central Region
Storm Water Management Specialist

ENCLOSURE: Certificate of Permit Coverage



CERTIFICATE OF PERMIT COVERAGE

UNDER THE
WPDES CONSTRUCTION SITE STORM WATER RUNOFF PERMIT
Permit No. WI-S067831-04

Under s. NR 216.455(2), Wis. Adm. Code, landowners of construction sites with storm water discharges regulated by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WDNR) Storm Water Permit Program are required to post this certificate in a conspicuous place at the construction site. This certifies that the site has been granted WDNR storm water permit coverage. The landowner must implement and maintain erosion control practices to limit sediment-contaminated runoff to waters of the state in accordance with the permit.

EROSION CONTROL COMPLAINTS
should be reported to the WDNR Tip Line at
1-800-TIP-WDNR (1-800-847-9367)

Please provide the following information to the Tip Line:

WDNR Site No. (FIN): 49083

Site Name: Access Road 3 Grading

Address/Location: Existing RR on Sec's 32 and 33 T45N R1W

Additional Information:

Landowner: Gogebic Taconite LLC Site

Landowner's Contact Person: Timothy Myers

Contact Telephone Number: (715) 561-2601

Permit Start Date: July 15, 2014

By: _____