



# CITY OF DEARBORN

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS  
WATER AND SEWERAGE DIVISION

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Kathleen Sexton  
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Dear Kathleen Sexton

**Subject:** Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Audit  
National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)  
Permit NO.: MI0059977  
Designated Name: Dearborn MS4-Wayne

Kathleen,

Thank you for your time and efforts spent reviewing our MS4 components, and thank you for your letter of August 15, 2022 which pointed out some required corrective actions for the City of Dearborn which this letter will address, as well as some recommended actions for improvements to our existing NPDES Permit activities (which we will take under advisement and evaluate individually for implementation).

This letter will serve as our acknowledgement of your recommendations as well as our response to your required corrective actions.

1. Public Participation/Involvement Program (PPP)
2. Illicit Discharge Elimination Plan (IDEP)
3. Pollution Prevention and Good Housekeeping Activities for Municipal Operations (P2GH)

#### PPP Audit findings

1. We are updating the current website to include SWMP documents. These documents will be located under City of Dearborn web site cover page/ under SWMP, CSO, and Retention Basin Treatment Reports located in Quick links. Residents will have ability to make comments via E-mail and phone.

#### P2-GH Audit Findings

1. Updated maps including City facilities and structural controls have been included in the final report.



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2. Extensive records for routine and comprehensive inspections as well as unscheduled cleanings are on site. Viaducts are inspected once per week and chambers are inspected twice per week. Routine cleanings are held on a quarterly basis.
3. Updated maps for DPW PIPP are included in final report for catch basins. These maps accurately show which ones discharge to storm sewers, sanitary sewers, and aqua swirls.
4. Aqua swirl maintenance records are store in City Works software. Aqua swirls are cleaned on an annual basis and as need if more cleanings are required. Updated documentation is included in final report.
5. Salt truck calibration is conducted on an annual basis with calibration records stored on site. Calibration records will be provided for future progress reports.
6. The City of Dearborn will work closely with our Engineering department to assure that all contractors are compliant with storm water pollution prevention BMP'S required by the MS4 permit.
7. The City of Dearborn has requested additional operators and management staff to attend MDEQ "Industrial Storm Water Operator training". Currently the sewer department, Assistant super intendant of Public Services, and director of DPW have received their "Industrial Storm Water Operator Training." In addition, we are requesting 40 operators in Public Service Division to watch the IDEP training videos. As this documentation is constantly growing, this report will be maintained on site for future Progress reports.

## Site Visits Audit Findings

1. Updated DPW maps are include in the final report. Sanitary and Storm lines are clearly labeled on these maps. Additional the City of Dearborn will be changing all catch basin lids in DPW complex. The new lids will read sanitary or storm.
2. The city will respond immediately to any drips or leaks of fleet vehicles located at Motor Transport, as best management practices. New drip pans and extra absorbent are on site and under vehicles where needed. Pans will be checked regularly and drained as needed.
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4. PIPP and SOP for Motor Transport have been updated and are included in this final report. The SOP is being implemented at this time. This document serves in writing of this implementation.
5. Trench drains at Police station go to sanitary lines. Documentation is included in final report.
6. The drains in the parking lot along the Dog Park at Henry Ford Centennial Library lead to sanitary line.
7. Catch basin drain at rear of animal shelter building flows to sanitary. Map of sanitary line is included in final report.

## Part 5 Rules Audit findings

1. PIPP for Levagood pool have been updated and are included in this final report.

The City of Dearborn strives for excellence for its residence, community and water shed. Dearborn has and will always take corrective actions to be a pillar to the Rouge Water shed and down river communities. Thank you for the opportunity to improve and grow.

If you have any further questions, comments, or need additional documentation, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,  
James Foss  
Sewer Supervisor  
City of Dearborn



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