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Storm Water Enforcement: Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality and Tunica, Mississippi Facility Enter into Agreed Order to Address Alleged Violations

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The Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality ("DEQ") and Drexel Chemical Company ("Drexel") entered into a July 19th Agreed Order ("AO") to address alleged violations of a Clean Water Act National Pollution Discharge Elimination System ("NPDES") permit. See Order No. 6673 16.

Drexel is stated to operate a facility in the Tunica Industrial Park in Tunica, Mississippi.

DEQ conducted a Compliance Evaluation and Inspection ("CEI") on June 30, 2015 at the Drexel facility. The AO alleges that certain violations were identified by the CEI which include:

- Failure to maintain an up-to-date Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan ("SWPPP") at the facility and to submit any revisions of the SWPPP to DEQ as required by Condition T-14 within NPDES Permit No. MS0037261
- Failure to monitor the "Chemical Oxygen Demand" during the second quarter of 2012 as required by Conditions L-3 and T-17 of NPDES Permit No. MS0037261
- Failure to adhere to the effluent limitations promulgated for Outfall 004 within Condition T-15 NPDES Permit No. MS0037261 by allowing an unpermitted wastewater stream to co-mingle with storm water and discharge through Outfall 004
- Failure to develop and implement adequate best management practices in order to minimize the potential contamination of storm water and prevent contaminated storm water from migrating off-site as required by Condition T-14 within NPDES Permit No. MS0037261

Drexel agrees to a civil penalty of \$12,000.

[A copy of the AO can be downloaded here.](#)