MS4/Stormwater Enforcement: Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality and Hinds County Enter into Agreed Order

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The Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality ("MCEQ") and Hinds County, Mississippi, entered into a January 29th Agreed Order ("AO") addressing an alleged violation of Miss. Code Ann. § 49-17-29(2)(b). See Order No. 7304 24.

The AO provides that Hinds County discharged stormwater from its small storm sewer systems without obtaining coverage under the State of Mississippi Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System ("MS4") Stormwater General NPDES permit.

The AO requires that Hinds County no later than February 29th submit an interim Storm Water Management Program ("SWMP") to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality. Further, the SWMP is required to be developed in accordance with the terms and conditions of Mississippi's MS4 Stormwater General NPDES permit.

Hinds County agrees to comply with the interim SWMP and the previously referenced Stormwater General NPDES permit. In addition, within 60 days of written notification by the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality that the Stormwater General NPDES permit has been reissued, Hinds is required to apply for coverage under this new General Permit. In the event Hinds County fails to comply with the above-referenced provisions, it is required to pay a stipulated penalty in the amount of $500.

A copy of the AO can be downloaded here.