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Storm Water Enforcement/MS4: Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality and Gulfport, Mississippi Enter into Agreed Order

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The Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality ("Commission") and the City of Gulfport ("Gulfport") entered into a June 5th Agreed Order ("AO") addressing alleged violations of the Mississippi Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Storm Water General NPDES Permit Certificate of Coverage MSRMS4002 ("Storm Water Permit"). See Order No. 6764 17.

The AO provides that Gulfport was notified by letter dated December 5, 2016, by Commission of alleged violations of the Storm Water Permit.

The violations were allegedly discovered during a Compliance Evaluation Inspection ("CEI") of Gulfport.

The violations allegedly included:

- . . . failure to implement the Storm Water Management Program (SWMP). . .
- The regulated entity must develop, implement and enforce a Storm Water Management Program. . .

The CEI allegedly determined that Gulfport failed to implement certain components of the Storm Water Management Program which include:

1. Public Education and Outreach on Storm Water Impacts. . .
2. Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination. . .
3. Construction Site Storm Water Runoff Control. . .
4. Post-Construction Storm Water Management in New Development and Redevelopment. . .

Gulfport is stated to have provided information demonstrating that corrective actions to address the violations have been implemented. Further, the AO states that a review of the information provided determined that the corrective actions taken appeared to be sufficient to return Gulfport to compliance with the storm water permit.

Gulfport agrees to a civil penalty of \$18,315.09.

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