North Carolina State General Permit Renewal

Proposed Changes to the 2014 State General Permits

General Changes: Update name of Division, Director, effective dates of General Permit. Made wording changes for consistency – i.e., always refer to as "General Permit" rather than using "Permit" and "General Permit" interchangeably.

Condition II.10: Corrected the regulatory citation for State Veterinarian's authority to dictate proper mortality management.

Condition II.17: Corrected the regulatory citation for operators of Animal Waste Management System.

Condition II.24: Cleaned up language to make clear that calibration is required at least once every two years.

Condition III.4: Change soil sampling requirement from annually to once every three years. – *Requirement of General Statutes 143-215.10C(e) as modified by Session Law 2013-228 (Senate Bill 205).*

Condition III.5: Modified language to more clear that the waste sample analyzed should represent the waste as applied – i.e., if lagoon is agitated for waste application, the sample should be taken when agitated rather than prior to agitation.

Condition III.11: Eliminated phrase that created a contradiction within the existing permit.

Condition III.13: Reorganized list of events requiring notification to make consistent with 2012 NPDES General Permit and for simplification. Added new item (f) that requires notification of regional office if waste levels enter into structural freeboard zone. Added requirement for a 5-Day Plan of Action within two days. – *Current policy being added to Permit for clarification; this same change was made to the 2012 NPDES General Permit.*

Conditions III.14 and 15: Combined these two conditions to eliminate redundancy.

Conditions III.20: This condition was a placeholder in the 2009 State General Permit for the proposed monitoring rules that were under consideration. These rules are no longer under consideration. Condition III.10 allows for the Division to require any monitoring that may be needed.

Conditions V.3, Cattle Permit ONLY: This condition was changed to allow cattle operations that drop below the permitting threshold of 100 confined cattle for three years or more to request permit rescission prior to closure of waste lagoons/containment basins. – *Requirement of Session Law 2013-413(House Bill 74).*

Conditions V.4: The ten cubic yards per year limit was added to clarify the intent of the four cubic yards per visit rule.

Definitions – Agronomic Rates: Updated citation to current NRCS NC Conservation Practice Standards.

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