

Special Announcement to all NPDES Permit Holders

New Annual Fee For all NPDES permit

Legislation passed this year implements an annual fee for all National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits. The fee applies to all wastewater and storm water permits, whether individual permits or general permit authorizations.

The fee is \$100.00 per permit (or authorization) per state fiscal year (the state fiscal year runs from July 1 to June 30th). Each July 1st the Wyoming Department of Environmental Quality (WDEQ) will assess the fee for each permit or authorization held by any organization or person during any portion of the previous 12 months.

The first assessment will occur July 1, 2004. Invoices will be compiled and mailed to all parties who held an NPDES permit for any time between March 4, 2004 (the date the legislation was signed by Governor Freudenthal) and June 30, 2004 (the end of the state fiscal year). In subsequent years the fee assessment will cover the entire fiscal year.

All fees will be assessed each July through an invoice process. Applicants should not send any money with their application or notice of intent.

For more information you may view the enabling legislation under House Bill 12 at <http://legisweb.state.wy.us/2004/hbsummary.htm>. Please direct questions concerning the new fee structure to Leah Krafft at 307-777-7093 (lkrafft@state.wy.us) or Todd Parfitt at 307-777-6709 (tparfi@state.wy.us).