



## Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District Notice of Public Hearing and Comment Period for Proposed Amendments to Chapter 13, MMSD Rules Surface Water and Storm Water

The Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District (District) is proposing amendments to Chapter 13, MMSD Rules, Surface Water and Storm Water. The purpose is to: establish new runoff management requirements for redevelopment; address how the District considers vegetated roofs and porous pavement when determining whether site development storm water management plans are necessary; clarify the scope of review of new storm water conveyance systems; identify the Root River, West Branch, as a stream where the District may take action to abate regional flooding risks; and make other corrections and adjustments.

The District is proposing runoff management requirements for redevelopment when demolition or construction will disturb more than 2 acres. Generally, the runoff release rate must decrease by an amount ranging from 10% to 20%, depending upon the size of the site. Less reduction is acceptable when site conditions make compliance with the general requirements unreasonable.

Improving the review of porous pavement and vegetated roofs is important because these technologies are complex, their performance varies with design, and they require persistent maintenance. Therefore, the District proposes to include the area of porous pavement or vegetated roof in the area to be counted, along with impervious surface, when determining whether a site development storm water management plan is necessary.

To have ch. 13 contain all rules related to surface water and storm water, the District proposes to move review requirements for storm water conveyance systems from ch. 2, MMSD Rules, to ch. 13. Also, the District intends to reduce the scope of review to direct connections to the channels listed in the appendix to ch. 13.

To obtain copies of the complete proposed text and a background document, please visit [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com) and go to the rules page. Alternatively, you may contact Mr. Thomas A. Nowicki at 414-225-2275 (voice), 414-272-0270 (fax), [tnowicki@mmsd.com](mailto:tnowicki@mmsd.com), or 260 West Seeboth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204

The District welcomes comments from all interested persons. Comments may be either in writing or in person at the public hearing. The District will give comments made in writing and comments given in person equal weight. Please note that all comments become public records.

The District will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, September 1, 2010, at 10:00 a.m., in the Commission Hearing Room (Room 121) of District Headquarters, 260 West Seeboth

Street, Milwaukee. The hearing will continue until all interested persons have had an opportunity to comment.

Upon reasonable notice, the District will accommodate the needs of disabled individuals through appropriate aids. For additional information or to request such services, contact the Commission Secretary at 414-225-2108 (voice), 414-272-5227 (fax), or Office of the Commission, 260 West Seeboth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204.

Written comments are due before 4:00 p.m. on Friday, September 3, 2010. Send comments to the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, Attention: Mr. Thomas A. Nowicki, 260 West Seeboth Street, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53204-1446. You may also fax comments to 414-272-0270 or send comments via email to [tnowicki@mmsd.com](mailto:tnowicki@mmsd.com).

The District will include all comments in the rulemaking record. In response to the comments, the District may change the proposed rules before presenting them to the Commission for adoption. The Commission will consider the comments and the proposed response when deciding whether to adopt the proposed rules.

For judicial review of District rules, the exclusive procedure is established by sec. 200.45(1)(d), Wis. Stats. Please note that proposed rules are not a final agency decision. Proposed rules are not ripe for judicial review until adopted by the Commission.

All current District rules are available at [www.mmsd.com](http://www.mmsd.com).