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DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENT AND CONSERVATION
DIVISION OF WATER RESOURCES

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Blount County Government
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Maryville, TN 37804

SENT VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL TO: emitchell@blounttn.org

Subject: Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Program

Legal Authority Documents - Updates Required

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NPDES Permit Tracking No. TNS075116
Blount County
Blount County, Tennessee

Dear Mayor Mitchell:

Several documents regarding the Blount County MS4 program's legal authority were required to be submitted to the Division of Water Resources (Division) with the County's 2024 MS4 annual report. These documents included a copy of the County's regulatory mechanism(s) (i.e. ordinance, resolution, etc.), the County's Enforcement Response Plan (ERP), and a signed Solicitor's Certification Statement.

On January 21, 2025, the Division received the Blount County's revised 2024 MS4 annual report, as well as the documents that were required to be submitted. Signed copies of Resolutions were not provided. After review of these documents, the Division has determined that the County's MS4 Program does not include the following:

Post_Construction

- A regulatory mechanism that addresses permanent stormwater management at new development and redevelopment projects as established by Tennessee Rule 0400-40-10-.04.

Please submit a written corrective action plan (CAP) to DWR.MS4@tn.gov on or before **February 27, 2026**. This plan must include detailed goals and specific timelines the County will initiate to accomplish the required actions listed below.

Required Actions:

1. Updating the County's regulatory mechanism that addresses permanent stormwater management at new development and redevelopment projects as established by Tennessee Rule 0400-40-10-04. **(Permit Subpart 4.2.5.)** Specifically, the regulatory mechanism must provide the County authority to require and enforce the following for new development and redevelopment projects:
 - a. Water quality treatment design storm is a 1-year, 24-hour storm event as defined by Precipitation-Frequency Atlas of the United States **(4.2.5.2.c.); and**
 - b. Water quality treatment volume (WQTV) from runoff generated from impervious surfaces at a new development or redevelopment project by the design storm. The quantity of the WQTV depends on the type of treatment provided, as established by Tennessee Rule 0400-40-10-04 and required by the permit **(4.2.5.2.c.)**.
2. Provide fully executed copies of the following resolutions:
 - a. Resolution No. 15-03-004
 - b. Resolution No. 09-06-003
 - c. Resolution No. 09-03-004
 - d. Resolution No. 08-08-015

If you have any questions or concerns with regard to the MS4 permit or this letter, please contact me at 865-606-3696 or via email at valerie.mcfall@tn.gov.

Sincerely,

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