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TO: Current Multi-Sector General Permit (“MSGP”) permit holders and other facilities that perform vessel pressure washing

FROM: Eric A. Beck, P.E., Supervising Engineer  
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SUBJECT: **MSGP Vessel Pressure Washing Wastewater Letter of Intent – Reminder of the Final Compliance Report Deadline**

On November 6, 2013 the Department of Environmental Management (“DEM”) sent a notice to all MSGP permittees of Sectors Q (Water Transportation) and R (Ship and Boat Building and Repair Yards). The notice contained a Letter of Intent (“LOI”) and Certification Statement developed by the DEM. The DEM requested that those facilities that perform vessel pressure washing but intend to eliminate the discharge sign the LOI and return it to the DEM. The LOI subsequently required facilities to submit a report to the DEM that describes the measures they will take to eliminate the discharge from their facility by August 1, 2014.

Part 3 of the LOI requires that a Final Compliance Report documenting compliance with the MSGP requirements for vessel bottom pressure washing be submitted to the DEM by September 1, 2014. This report should contain photographs of installed wash water recycling/collection systems and a narrative description of the system. However, from review of the responses received to date, it was noted that many facilities have not submitted the required report as described above. Therefore, the DEM is hereby reminding these facilities that, in order to comply with the LOI, a Final Compliance Report must be submitted as described in Part 3 of the LOI. In order to avoid continued noncompliance with the LOI, the report should be submitted to the DEM by November 10, 2014.

If you have any questions regarding the above information or your requirements as stated in the LOI, please contact Aaron Mello at 401-222-4700, extension 7405.

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