

NITROGEN CREDIT ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

MINUTES FOR THE SEPTEMBER 11, 2024, NCAB BOARD MEETING

The Nitrogen Credit Advisory Board (“Board”) meeting was held virtually via Zoom on September 11, 2024 and was called to order at 1:04 pm.

Board members present:

Nisha Patel (Chairwoman), Rebecca Augur, Tom Tyler, Kim Masson and Gary Zrelak

Board members absent: None

Other Attendees:

Ivonne Hall, Carlos Esguerra, Iliana Raffa and Robin Rittgers

New Business

MOTION (1:05 pm): Ms. Patel requested a motion to approve the minutes from the March 24, 2024, meeting. Mr. Tyler put forth the motion to approve the meeting minutes and the motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

2024 Nitrogen Data Performance Overview: Compliance with the Nitrogen general permit issued on January 1, 2024. DEEP shared with the NCAB the compliance status of participating facilities with the Nitrogen general permit as of July 31, 2024. A total of 8,387 equalized pounds per day had been discharged to LIS as of this date. This load is under the 2014 TMDL cap of 9,162 eq. pounds/day. The program has been successful in meeting the Nitrogen reduction goal of 63.5%. There has been a ~72% decrease in Nitrogen load from POTWs compared to TMDL baseline values (1988-1990 avg) meeting this reduction goal. DEEP also explained that a new General Permit for Nitrogen discharges had become effective on January 1, 2024, that required participating POTWs to report Nitrate and Nitrite separately. DEEP will continue to update the load data as facilities submit the required data in the new reporting system adopted in response to the issuance of the new GP.

Kimberly Mooers, Assistant Treasurer for Debt Management, was designated as alternate designee for Office of the State Treasurer.

Financial balances of buyers and sellers: Of the payments expected to be received from buyers in the amount of \$893,912 to comply with the allocated General Permit limits for CY2023, there is an outstanding balance of \$136,000. As of the time of this meeting, there were six communities that had not submitted their payments. There is currently a cash and STIF balance in the amount of \$1,081,191.09.

Operation & Maintenance Survey. The survey was sent out to the regulated community earlier that day (9/11). Except for a few visual improvements, there were no structural changes made to the survey. Communities were asked to provide the information on or before November 6, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 pm.