

Stormwater Enforcement: Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality and City of Grenada Airport Enter into Agreed Order



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The Mississippi Commission on Environmental Quality (“MCEQ”) and the City of Grenada, Mississippi, (“Grenada”) entered into a November 30th Agreed Order (“AO”) addressing an alleged violation of the Mississippi stormwater permitting requirements. See Order No. 7088 20.

The AO indicates that it is related to a Compliance Evaluation Inspection (“CEI”) conducted at Grenada’s Municipal Airport.

Grenada is stated to have been contacted by MCEQ on December 9, 2019, regarding an alleged violation discovered during the CEI. The CEI is stated to have been conducted on October 28, 2019.

The AO alleges the following:

- Violation of MS. Code Ann. § 49-17-29(2b): which states in part that “...it is unlawful for any person to carry on any of the following activities, unless that person holds a current permit for that activity from the Permit Board as may be required for the disposal of all wastes which are or may be discharged into the waters of the state ... (iii) the construction, installation or operation of any industrial, commercial or other establishment, including irrigation projects or any extension or modification thereof or addition thereto, the operation of which would cause an increase in the discharge of wastes into the waters of the state...” Respondent failed to obtain recoverage under Mississippi’s Baseline Storm Water General Permit.

Grenada is stated to have submitted a Baseline Notice of Intent for coverage under the Baseline Storm Water General NPDES Permit to the Mississippi Department of Environmental Quality’s environmental Permits Division. Such submission is stated to be currently under review.

The AO assesses a civil penalty of \$1,050. Further, Grenada agrees to comply with the terms and conditions of the expired Baseline Stormwater General Permit until the Baseline Notice of Intent to Coverage is acted upon.

A copy of the AO can be downloaded [here](#).