

# Fiscal Analysis

## STORMWATER DISCHARGE PERMIT FEES



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**Bill/Sponsor**                      **SENATE BILL 510 S-2**, Sen. Burton Leland

**House Committee**                Government Operations

### **Analysis**

#### **Summary**

This bill would establish fees for municipal storm sewer systems, and a fee for construction sites. Construction fees would be set at \$400 and industrial and commercial sites would pay \$260. Municipal separate storm sewer systems would pay an annual fee of \$1,000 to \$7,000 depending on the community's population. County storm sewers would pay a \$3,000 fee, while universities or school districts would pay \$500. These fee increases needed to cover the department's regulatory obligations. Without these changes, the USEPA would be required to assume responsibility for the NPDES program.

#### **Fiscal Impact**

Fee increases would support staff and program increases necessary to maintain certification under Phase II of the Federal National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES). The base program would be increased by 5 positions and \$1,162,500 funding the NPDES program at 19.5 positions and \$2,526,500. These increases are included in the enacted DEQ appropriation bill.

### **Analyst(s)**

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