



Vermont's Stormwater Multi-Sector General Permit

What You Should Know

"General Permit" Defined

A "General Permit" means a permit issued authorizing a class or group of discharges within a common geographic area, including state-wide, that share the same or substantially similar qualities such that discharges can be regulated by the same or similar permit conditions.

The difference between an *Individual Permit* and a *General Permit*?

An Individual Permit doesn't already exist; it is something you need to apply for and covers a set of conditions at a specific location. A General Permit is already in place and covers many individuals (whether they realize it or not). No one is issued a copy of a General Permit, since individuals are required to "seek coverage" or achieve inclusion to the permit (along with the thousands of other industries and businesses). In the end, you will not have a "permit" like you would an individual permit. You will need to comply with the specific provisions of the general permit.

What do I need to do FIRST?

Click the SIC Table link below and see if your Standard Industrial Classification

(SIC) Code falls under the Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) requirements:

[SIC Table](#)

If your facility SIC Code is covered by the MSGP then you will need to file a "Notice of Intent" (NOI) and complete a site specific Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan **OR**: file a "No Exposure Certification".

**STORMWATER'S
Multi-Sector General Permit took
effect on August 18, 2006**

What to do NEXT:

[No Exposure](#)

As soon as possible, determine whether you can qualify for the "No Exposure Certification".

A condition of **no exposure** exists at an industrial facility when all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm resistant shelter to prevent exposure to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff/run-on.

If you can meet the No Exposure conditions, then file the No Exposure Certification form ([link above](#)). This is a conditional exclusion from the MSGP and you have no further requirements.

[NOI Form](#)

If you can not meet the No Exposure Conditions, then you must file the Notice of Intent (NOI) form. This implies your intent to comply with the MSGP and to



develop and implement your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan by May 15, 2007.

Complete/Implement your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan by May 15, 2007

SWPPP

Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) will also be made available through an on-line electronic template. Visit the web site for further development. Look for the sector-specific Best Management Practices to help you comply.

The MSGP

The Multi-Sector General Permit in its entirety. In addition to the SWPPP, you must comply with any and all conditions in the Permit specific to your sector. We advise you familiarize yourself with the Permit and its provisions that you need to comply with.

FAQ

Check out the Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) Section to see if your questions have been answered.

An Example from the FAQ page:
What is the application fee for the MSGP?

The fee for submitting a NOI is \$250 (\$100 administrative processing fee + \$150 application review fee). The annual operating fee is \$55.

There is no fee for submitting a No Exposure Certification.

NOTE:

If stormwater from your site co-mingles with process or industrial waste before discharging it must comply with either the NPDES Direct Discharge or Underground Injection Control Rules as per Federal Law.

Examples:

boiler blow down, cooling water, log spraying operations, etc.

You maybe required to obtain a Permit for these discharges in addition to a Multi-Sector General Permit.

For more information refer to the Wastewater Management Division website or call: 802-241-3822

**Other questions? Contact us:
800-974-9559, ext 2 eaovt.org**



If you still have questions concerning the Stormwater MSGP, please contact the Water Quality Division at:

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MSGP

www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/stormwater/htm/sw_msgp.htm

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