

Water

NPDES (National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System) Stormwater Permit

What Activities Require This Permit? Direct discharges of stormwater associated with certain industrial activities and municipalities to surface waters of the state.

What Is The Purpose of This Permit? Phase I of the NPDES permitting program for stormwater discharges was established in 1990. There are three types of activities regulated through NPDES permits: Industrial facilities that fall into one of ten categories, Construction activities that disturb one or more acres of land, and Municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s) located in an urbanized area (determined by decennial census) or otherwise designated by the state.

Who Issues This Permit? N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (DEMLR), Stormwater Permitting Program

How Much Will This Permit Cost?

New/Annual fee for Certificates of Coverage under General Stormwater Permits: \$100;

New/Annual fee for Minor Individual NPDES Stormwater Permits: \$860; major modifications fee \$260

New/Annual fee for Major Individual NPDES Stormwater Permits: \$3440; major modification fee \$1030

What Are My Payment Options for Permit Application Fees?

Application fees can be paid by check or money order

If Paying by Check, Who do I Make the Check Payable to and Where Do I Send the Check?

Checks should be made payable to NCDEQ and mailed to:

NCDEQ - Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources

Attn: Stormwater Permitting Program

1612 Mail Service Center

Raleigh, NC 27699-1612

Where Can I Get The Application For This Permit? <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/stormwater-permits/npdes-industrial-sw>

How Long Will It Take To Review My Application? Certificates of coverage under general permits will take approximately 30-60 days to process depending on the complexity. NPDES stormwater individual permits will take approximately six months from the receipt of a complete application package.

Where Do I Submit My Application? N.C. Division of Energy, Mineral and Land Resources (DEMLR), Stormwater Permitting Program, 1612 Mail Service Center, Raleigh NC 27699-1612 (Exception: The Construction General Permit NCG01 is currently handled through approval of the Erosion & Sedimentation Control Plan or the Local Authority issuing Erosion and Sedimentation Control Plan approvals).

How Long Is My Permit or License or Certificate Valid? Up to five years.

Notes/Comments: 30-day public notice period required for all individual NPDES permits and renewals. Facilities that qualify for a No Exposure Exclusion from the NPDES stormwater permit requirement must apply for No Exposure Certification from DEMLR and must self re-certify No Exposure annually (see <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/energy-mineral-land-permits/stormwater-permits/npdes-industrial-sw#tab-5>).

Legal Authority/Statute Reference:

Section 402 of the Clean Water Act; 40 CFR Parts 122-125; Parts 130-131; and Part 133; 15A NCAC 2H .0100

Link: <http://deq.nc.gov/about/divisions/energy-mineral-land-resources/stormwater>

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