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General Industrial NPDES Storm Water Permit Renewal

What's new and what you need to know!

The following provides a summary of Ohio EPA's *draft* Multi-Sector General Permit. This is not meant to cover all changes and/or additions, simply highlight some of the key dates, requirements, and changes planned for the updated permit.

Key Dates & Requirements:

- The Multi-Sector General Permit, or more frequently referred to as the General Industrial Storm Water NPDES Permit ([OHR000006](#)), was drafted and issued for public comment on 11/26/2016.
- OEPA is reviewing comments to determine what if any changes will be made to the draft permit.
- Final issuance is slated for the beginning of May 2017 and will send out renewal notices to existing permit holders (OHR000005).
- Companies with existing permits will have 90 days to submit the renewal Notice of Intent (NOI) application; however, it must be prepared and submitted electronically through Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center (via the "STREAMS" service).
 - Permit fees are \$350 and may be paid online following the submittal process.
 - Submittal of the NOI must be submitted by a Responsible Official.
 - Permit terminations must also be submitted through STREAMS.
- Existing permit holders will have 180 days to update their Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).
- Companies that have previously submitted a No Exposure Certification form, are required to re-certify every 5 years (also done via STREAMS).

Noteworthy Changes:

- Companies are expected to make their SWPPP available to the public, except any confidential business information, upon request and in a timely manner (~7 to 10 days).
 - This includes inspection records.
 - Ohio EPA has indicated they don't anticipate being an intermediary for this request.
- Clarification on pavement wash waters and external building wash-down (e.g., no detergents, hazardous cleaning products, avoidance of oil and grease deposits, etc.).
- Consolidation of comprehensive site inspection and routine facility inspection procedures to eliminate redundancies (e.g., Comprehensive Site Inspection language removed).
 - An Annual Report is still required and shall be maintained with the SWPPP.
- Language was added to provide permittees that may exceed a benchmark, due to a neighboring facility's storm water run-on, a procedure to document and account for this situation.
- Language was added to clarify that dyes and leachates are also prohibited non-storm water discharges.

Affinity Consultants can assist your organization with preparing the NOI, No Exposure Certification, and/or updating your SWPPP. We can also evaluate and provide guidance on applicability to the no

exposure claim and certification. If you have any related questions regarding storm water rules or permitting, please contact Tim Schwendeman at 330-854-9066 x12.