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Ohio EPA's General NPDES Storm Water Permit OHR000006 Guidelines

General Information:

On May 8, 2017 Ohio EPA has issued Final General NPDES Permit OHR000006 (General Permit) that becomes effective on June 1, 2017. Entities that had coverage under General Permit number OHR000005 and intend to continue coverage for a storm water discharge associated with industrial activity under the renewed General Permit (GP), shall submit a new Notice of Intent (NOI) application through the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center within **90 days** of the date of Ohio EPA's written instructions to renotify. New facilities that plan to initiate a storm water discharge are required to submit an NOI application through the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center within **180 days** prior to commencing discharge. Coverage will commence when written approval of coverage is received from the Director authorizing the discharge in accordance with the requirements of OHR000006.

How to Obtain Authorization & NOI:

To obtain authorization under the new permit, facilities shall:

- Meet the Part 1.1 eligibility requirements;
- Select, design, install, and implement control measures in accordance with Part 2.1 to meet the control measures/best management practices (BMPs) in Part 2.1.2 and the numeric effluent limits in Part 2.1.3;
- Develop a SWPPP according to the requirements in Part 5 of this permit; and
- Submit a complete and accurate NOI application using Ohio EPA's electronic application form which is available through the Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center at: <https://ebiz.epa.ohio.gov/>. Submission through the Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center will require establishing an Ohio EPA eBusiness Center account and obtaining a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) for final submission of the NOI. Existing eBusiness Center account holders can access the NOI form through their existing account and submit using their existing PIN.

Changes:

The new GP (OHR000006) is not significantly different than the prior version. There are some changes to inspection requirements to ease redundancy, but in large part the permit requirements remain similar. As with the prior GP, facilities with Benchmark Monitoring [sampling] requirements will need to conduct four quarterly samples within the first three years of permit issuance, submit results to Ohio EPA, and address any exceedances of the benchmark concentrations.

A full list of changes addressed in the new GP, please see the following link: http://www.epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/permits/OHR000006_Final%20Fact%20Sheet.pdf.

Conditional Exclusion for No Exposure Certification:

Facilities covered by this permit that become eligible (or that were always eligible) for the no exposure exclusion from permitting under 40 CFR 122.26(g), may file a No Exposure Certification. You shall submit a No Exposure Certification to Ohio EPA **once every five years**. This too can be filed through the Ohio EPA's eBusiness Center.

Affinity Consultants can assist in preparation of your NOI application, development of a SWPPP, updates to the current SWPPP (to mirror the updated requirements of the GP), and submission of the No Exposure

Certification (if applicable based on review). If you have any questions regarding compliance with new GP, or any other safety and environmental needs, contact Tim Schwendeman at 330-854-9066 x.12.