

US EPA ARCHIVE DOCUMENT

NPDES STORMWATER PERMIT CATEGORIES

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	Municipal*			Industrial	Construction	
	Phase 1	Phase 2	Road Related	11 Categories	Phase 1	Phase 2
<i>Description of Category</i>	-Medium and large cities or certain counties with populations of 100,000 or more -Must meet the following measures: (1) Have Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP), (2) Reduce discharge of pollutants to Maximum Extent Practicable (MEP), (3) Have Program Management, (4) Identify outfalls, land use, pollutant loadings, water bodies and impacts, and source of pollutants, (5) Eliminate illicit connections, (6) Inspect Construction sites, (7) Implement New development controls, (8) Inspect Industrial and Commercial Facilities, (9) Controls for Municipal Facilities, (10) Facilitate Public information and participation, (11) Perform and participate in Program Evaluation, (12) Conduct Monitoring	-Small municipalities in urbanized areas, as well as small municipalities outside the urbanized areas that are designated by the permitting authority -Municipalities serving less than 10,000 people in rural areas do not require a permit but can be issued one if designated a special case. -Must meet "6 minimum Measures": (1) Eliminate Illicit connections, (2) Inspect Construction sites, (3) Requirements Post-construction, (4) Municipal Facilities, (5) Maintain Public Involvements, (6) Facilitate Public education	-Roads, once completed, are permitted under a Road Related MS4. -This holds the Department of Transportation responsible for the stormwater discharge from the roads they build even after construction is completed.	-Each category has its own specific requirements under the general permit. -Within each category, the general permit is tailored to each facility to take into account location and other specific factors. -Facilities must submit a Notice of Intent, prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and establish Best Management Practices (BMP)	-Any construction sites disturbing more than 5 acres -Construction stormwater permits aim at minimizing erosion and sediment discharge from construction sites. -They are general permits that can be tailored to each individual site, depending on the location and other specific factors. -Applicants must submit a notice of intent, prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), and implement best management practices (BMP). -Responsibility for the site and the permit requirements terminate upon the completion of the project. After completion of the project the responsibility falls to the MS4 municipality.	-Any construction sites that disturb 1 to 5 acres. These sites can apply for a waiver. -Construction sites smaller than an acre do not need to apply for a stormwater permit.
<i>NPDES Permit Classification (General/Individual)**</i>	Individual	General	General	General	General	General
<i>Applicable Stormwater Permit</i>	Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)			Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP)	Construction General Permit (CGP)	
<i>Enforcement/Inspections Authority</i>	EPA or Authorized State			EPA, Authorized State and MS4 Municipality***	EPA, Authorized State and MS4 Municipality***	
<i>Permit Issuing Authority</i>	EPA or Authorized State****			EPA or Authorized State	EPA or Authorized State	

*Municipalities that require stormwater permits are Separate Stormwater Sewer Systems. If it is a Combined Storm Sewer System a MS4 permit is not needed but a permit is required consistent with a Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) control policy.

** Stormwater permits can be general or individual NPDES permits; however the classifications assigned in the table are the most common.

*** Municipalities are responsible, under their MS4 permits, for inspecting the industrial facilities and construction sites in their service area. They are *not* performing EPA inspections that have been delegated to them, but rather using inspections as a way to make sure their municipality complies with the MS4 permit requirements.

**** In Region 9 CA, AZ, NV, HI have all been authorized, but no Tribes have been authorized.