

To obtain a no exposure exclusion, the operator must:

- Meet the criteria for no exposure
- Complete a ***No Exposure Certification for Exclusion from NPDES Stormwater Permitting*** (DEP Form 62-620.910(17))
- Submit the form along with a **certification fee of \$200** to the NPDES Stormwater Notices Center
- Re-certify to a condition of no exposure every 5 years.

If exposure occurs (or is anticipated to occur) at the facility, the exclusion is no longer valid and permit coverage must be obtained immediately.

Where Can I Find More Information?

DEP's Web site provides more information on program coverage and requirements, useful Web links, and electronic versions of the MSGP, all regulations and forms cited herein, and SWPPP guidance. In addition, the NPDES Stormwater Notices Center provides hardcopies of permits and forms.

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Please Note

The certification and application fees are subject to change—always refer to the most current version of Rule 62-4.050(4) (d), F.A.C. to confirm the amount before submitting payment. Make checks payable to the Florida Department of Environmental Protection.



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The Florida NPDES Stormwater Permitting Program for

Industrial Activity





What Is Florida's NPDES Stormwater Permitting Program for Industrial Activity?

In October 2000, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) authorized the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP) to implement the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) stormwater permitting program in the State of Florida (with the exception of Indian country lands). The program regulates point source discharges of stormwater runoff from certain industrial facilities. The operators of regulated industrial facilities must obtain an NPDES stormwater permit and implement appropriate pollution prevention techniques to reduce contamination of stormwater runoff.

Florida adopted the Federal stormwater general permit for industrial activities (comprising the original September 29, 1995, issuance and subsequent modifications) as specified in Rule 62-621.300(5) (a), F.A.C. and operates the permit as the *State of Florida Multi-Sector Generic Permit for Stormwater Discharge Associated with Industrial Activity (MSGP)*. Most regulated facilities are eligible for coverage under the MSGP; however, some facilities may have to obtain an individual permit as specified in Chapter 62-620, F.A.C. (contact DEP for more information).

Which Industrial Activities Are Regulated Under the Program?

Florida's permitting program regulates industrial activities that meet both of the following criteria:

Result in a discharge of stormwater to surface waters of the State or into a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), and

Fall under any one of the 11 categories of industrial activities identified in 40 *CFR* 122.26(b) (14).

The 11 categories are defined using both narrative descriptions of the activities and Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes. Below are simplified descriptions of each category:

- 1 Facilities subject to Federal effluent limitations or new source performance standards

- 2 Heavy manufacturing (e.g., ship building and repair, chemical manufacturing, wood products manufacturing)
- 3 Mining/oil and gas exploration
- 4 Hazardous waste facilities
- 5 Landfills or open dumps
- 6 Recycling facilities (e.g., salvage yards, auto junkyards, battery reclaimers)
- 7 Steam electric power generation facilities
- 8 Transportation facilities (e.g., trucking, airports, marinas)
- 9 Treatment works (e.g., domestic wastewater treatment plants)
- 10 Large construction sites (disturbing 5-plus acres). This category is permitted separately; therefore, the permit and fee information presented below does not apply.
- 11 Light industry (e.g., printing, warehousing)

What Does the MSGP Require?

The MSGP divides regulated industrial activities into 30 sectors of related activity and specifies both general and sector-specific requirements for each. In brief, the MSGP requires the following:

- An **MSGP Notice of Intent (NOI)** (DEP Form 62-621.300(5) (b)) must be submitted to DEP.
- A **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)**, which must be kept onsite. In part, the plan must include:
 - A site evaluation of how and where pollutants may be mobilized by stormwater and discharged
 - A site plan for managing stormwater runoff
 - Identification of appropriate controls to reduce stormwater pollution (e.g., timely cleanup of spills, covering exposed materials, installing a detention pond)
 - A maintenance, visual monitoring, and inspection schedule
 - A recordkeeping process
- Analytical monitoring and reporting (not required of all regulated facilities). Industry-specific **Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR)** forms, to be submitted to DEP, are available on the DEP Web site.

How Do I Obtain Copies of the MSGP and NOI?

The MSGP and NOI are available on the DEP Web site or from the **NPDES Stormwater Notices Center**.

- The Web site lists the industrial activities included in each sector and allows downloading of permit language by sector.
- The Notices Center also provides permit language by sector (in hardcopy) and can assist industrial operators with identifying their applicable sectors.

How Do I Obtain Permit Coverage?

To obtain permit coverage, follow these steps:

- Read the permit language applicable to your sector
- Develop and implement your SWPPP
- Complete an NOI in its entirety
- Submit the NOI along with an **application fee of \$500** to the NPDES Stormwater Notices Center
- Reapply for coverage every 5 years.

The Notices Center will send an acknowledgement letter after receiving and processing your complete NOI and fee. Permit coverage may be terminated by meeting the eligibility requirements for termination specified in the MSGP and by submitting a **Notice of Termination (NOT)** (DEP Form 62-621.300(6)) to the Notices Center.

What Is the Industrial No Exposure Exclusion?

Any regulated industrial activity (except Category 10 activity) may be excluded from the requirement to obtain an NPDES stormwater permit if the facility operator can certify to a condition of "no exposure" at the facility. **No exposure** means that all industrial materials and activities are protected by a storm-resistant shelter that prevents exposure to precipitation and/or runoff (with some exceptions). The detailed criteria for qualifying for the no exposure exclusion are outlined in Rule 62-620.100(2) (o), F.A.C.