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## MOST FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT SWRCB STORM WATER FEES



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**1. *Why did I receive this invoice?***

Storm Water fee invoices are sent to every person who filed a Notice of Intent (NOI) with the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB). The invoice is your bill for the twelve month period shown. Under state law, a fee is assessed annually for persons who may discharge industrial and/or construction storm water under a general permit. SWRCB fee information may be found on the internet at:

<http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/resources/fees/>

**2. *What if I dispute this fee?***

If you disagree with the assessment or the amount of the fee, you must pay the fee to SWRCB and submit a written description of your dispute along with any key facts with your invoice payment. You can also contact the Fee Branch at (916) 341-5247. SWRCB will then refund any monies due you as the law allows.

**3. *If I don't have any pollutants in my storm water discharge, am I still subject to an annual fee?***

Yes. The permit is issued to allow you to discharge. The permit is effective as long as it is active and you are subject to this fee regardless of whether or not you are actively discharging.

**4. *What is my fee going toward?***

The annual fee pays for the implementation and administration of the Storm Water Program.

**5. *What is a Facility Identification Number or WDID Number?***

The facility identification number or WDID number is the number the SWRCB gives each permittee when they apply for an NOI. Consider it your account number with the SWRCB.

**6. *What is the SWRCB's Federal Tax Identification Number?***

68-0281986

**7. *If my construction project has been completed or my facility is closed, am I still subject to the annual fee?***

Yes. You are subject to the annual fee until you (1) file a Notice of Termination (NOT) with the Regional Board, and (2) the Regional Board approves your NOT. You can receive the NOT form by contacting the Fee Branch at (916) 341-5247 or on the SWRCB Website at:

[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/gen\\_const.shtml#const\\_permi](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/gen_const.shtml#const_permi)

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[http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water\\_issues/programs/stormwater/gen\\_indus.shtml#indus](http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/gen_indus.shtml#indus)

**8. *Where do I send my Notice of Termination?***

NOTs are sent to the Regional Board, which has jurisdiction over your site. Please refer to the last page of the NOT packet for Regional Board locations. If you have already submitted a NOT and still received an invoice, please contact the Regional Board.

**9. *If a Notice of Termination has been submitted to the Regional Board, do I still have to pay the fee?***

Yes. The invoice is due and payable upon receipt. However, if the Regional Board approves your NOT and it is determined that you did not owe the permit renewal invoice, your payment will be refunded. The final status of the invoice is determined by the termination date of the permit.

**10. *I am the new owner of the facility/site being invoiced, but the invoice is in the previous owner's name. Can I pay the invoice and assume responsibility?***

No. The previous owner needs to file a NOT with the Regional Board and you as the new owner would need to submit a new NOI, site map, and the application fee with the SWRCB.

**11. *What if I don't know where the previous owners are?***

Contact the Storm Water section at (916) 341-5536 or by e-mail at [stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov) for assistance in completing a certificate of non-responsibility.

**12. *The site is changing to a new location. Can I pay the annual fee and return the address change on the billing invoice?***

No. Your NOI was approved based on information specifically for that NOI. Any changes to the location of your site would require you to file a NOT with the Regional Board and then file a NOI for the new site location.

As stated on your invoice coupon, if you have changes to your agency address (billing address), please note the changes on the coupon and return it to the SWRCB's Accounting Office.

**13. *If the facility is going to be sold in a few months, am I required to pay the entire fee?***

Yes. You are still required to pay the annual fee. Storm Water annual fees are not pro-rated.

**14. *My construction project will be completed mid-year, is the fee pro-rated?***

No. Storm Water annual fees are not pro-rated.

**15. *If I still have some questions that were not answered, who should I contact?***

For fee or invoice related questions, please contact the SWRCB's Fee Branch at [fee\\_branch@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:fee_branch@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 341-5247. For questions related to your Storm Water permit or the termination of your permit, please contact the Storm Water section at [stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov](mailto:stormwater@waterboards.ca.gov) or by phone at (916) 341-5536.