

The TO DO LIST

Complying with the Industrial Stormwater General Permit for Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities

(2014-0057-DWQ Amended By 2015-0122-DWQ and 2018-0028-DWQ¹)

What is this permit?

The Industrial Stormwater General Permit regulates industrial stormwater discharges and authorized non-stormwater discharges from industrial facilities in California. The Industrial Stormwater General Permit is called a general permit because many industrial facilities are covered by the same permit but comply with its requirements at their individual industrial facilities. The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) and Regional Water Quality Control Boards (collectively, the Water Boards) implement and enforce the Industrial Stormwater General Permit.

Who needs this permit?

Industrial facilities such as manufacturers, landfills, mining, steam generating electricity, hazardous waste facilities, transportation with vehicle maintenance, larger sewage and wastewater plants, recycling facilities, and oil and gas facilities that do not qualify for an exemption. See Attachment A of the permit for a complete list of facilities covered by the Industrial Stormwater General Permit.

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Key Terms

- **Best Management Practices** – Techniques, measures, or structural controls used to manage the quantity and improve the quality of stormwater runoff, in this case, from an industrial facility.
- **Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan** – The document that lays out how an industrial facility will meet the permit's requirements and achieve the goal of keeping stormwater clean.
- **No Exposure Certification** – If an industrial facility does not have industrial activities or materials that are exposed to stormwater, it may qualify for a conditional exclusion from specific permit requirements by submitting a No Exposure Certification and other required documents in SMARTS.

¹ https://www.waterboards.ca.gov/water_issues/programs/stormwater/igp_20140057dwq.html.

You are responsible for reviewing the requirements set forth in the permit. This document does not provide an exhaustive summary of the permit's requirements.

- **Stormwater Multiple Application and Report Tracking System (SMARTS²)**
- **Qualifying Storm Event** – A storm event that produces a discharge for at least one drainage area and is preceded by 48 hours with no discharge from any drainage area at the industrial facility.
- **Qualified Industrial Stormwater Practitioner** – A professional who has completed a State Water Board-approved training course who is required to assist dischargers in Level 1 or Level 2 status or new dischargers that will discharge to a water body with a 303(d) listed impairment with permit compliance.

ENROLLMENT – SMARTS

To enroll in this permit, you must pay the annual fee and submit the following permit registration documents via SMARTS:

- Completed Notice of Intent form and signed certification statement;
- Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan; and
- Complete and updated site map.



To apply for No Exposure Certification³ coverage, you must pay the annual fee and submit the following permit registration documents via SMARTS:

- Completed No Exposure Certification form and signed certification statement;
- Completed No Exposure Certification checklist; and
- Complete and updated site map.

DEADLINES

Dischargers applying for general permit coverage must file the required documents at least seven (7) days prior to commencement of industrial activities.



Submit first annual report via SMARTS no later than July 15th.

Submit sampling results via SMARTS within 30 days of obtaining lab results.

If you made significant revisions to your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan, report these changes via SMARTS within 30 days. Report any non-significant revisions at least once every three months. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan updates are required to be uploaded in SMARTS at least once a quarter.

² <https://smarts.waterboards.ca.gov/smarts/faces/SwSmartsLogin.jsp>

³ Facilities with a No Exposure Certification are conditionally excluded from the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and monitoring requirements.

STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN



Do you have a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan developed and stored at the industrial facility?

Have you submitted your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan via SMARTS?

Have you developed a site map and submitted it via SMARTS?

Does the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan describe your pollutant source assessment, minimum Best Management Practices, and other advanced Best Management Practices at your site?

Have you trained employees at your industrial facility on sampling and stormwater Best Management Practices?

MONITORING



Monthly visual observations – Have you conducted observations each month to identify the presence of any unauthorized non-stormwater discharges, assessed the effectiveness of your Best Management Practices, and observed all potential sources of industrial pollutants? Have you documented these observations?

Have you sampled the stormwater leaving the industrial facility, visually observed the discharge, and sent the samples to a lab? Every year you must sample: two (2) Qualifying Storm Events within the first half of each reporting year (July 1 to December 31), and two (2) Qualifying Storm Events within the second half of each reporting year (January 1 to June 30)⁴.

Have you kept monitoring documentation on your site and reported the sampling data via SMARTS?

OTHER INFORMATION



Annual Fee – Have you paid your invoice? (invoices are sent out to the industrial facility by U.S. mail)

Did you compare your sampling data to the numeric action levels in the permit? If your results indicate an exceedance of a numeric action level, you must take exceedance response actions.

- Baseline – All industrial facilities start here.
- Level 1/Level 2 – If your results exceed the numeric action level, you must select a Qualified Industrial Stormwater Practitioner to assist with conducting a facility evaluation and completing the necessary exceedance response action reports.

⁴ Dischargers who are part of a Compliance Group and/or have a Sampling Frequency Reduction Certification have different sampling frequency requirements.