

Final Issuance of NPDES Industrial Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit OHR000005

After months and months of debate and revisions, the Ohio EPA has issued the new NPDES Industrial Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit (OHR000005). If your company was covered previously by the General Permit OHR000004, re-application is required. Ohio EPA has been sending out instructions to previously permitted facilities on how to re-apply which includes a submittal of a Notice of Intent (NOI) within 90 days. If your facility was not previously covered under OHR000004, you may also be required to obtain this general permit due to changes in eligibility.

OHR000005 covers industries represented by 29 different Standard Industry Classification (SIC) codes. Some example industries that are covered include Fabricated Metal Products, Miscellaneous Plastic Products, Primary Metal Products, Industrial Chemicals and Food Products. Each industry has its own specific list of sector-specific requirements.

Changes that you will see in this new permit include requirements for quarterly facility inspections (previously stated in OHR000004 as "periodic" inspections), visual assessments of storm water samples during facility inspection, documentation of an annual report to be maintained onsite, and sector specific benchmark monitoring with analytical results to be submitted to Ohio EPA via the online electronic discharge monitoring report system (eDMR). This new permit will require significant revisions to most Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans (SWP3) that were developed under OHR000004.

Sectors required to conduct benchmark monitoring and electronic submittal of results of their storm water discharges include Fabricated Metal Products (SIC 3411-3499 and 3911-3915), Iron and Steel Foundries (SIC 3321-3325), and Asphalt Paving and Roofing Materials (SIC 2951, 2952) just to name a few. In short, most industries that did not have sampling requirements under the previous permit now do.

Please call or email for more information regarding the new permit requirements or your facility needs assistance submitting an NOI, updating or developing a SWP3 or conducting storm water benchmark monitoring.