



EPA NPDES Construction Inspection Form



The following inspection is being performed in compliance with Part 3.10. of the NPDES Region 6 Storm Water Construction General Permit [68 FR 39087, July 7, 2003]. Qualified personnel (provided by the permittee or cooperatively by multiple permittees) shall inspect disturbed areas of the construction site that have not been finally stabilized, areas used for storage of materials that are exposed to precipitation, placement and effectiveness of structural control measures, and locations where vehicles enter or exit the site. Inspections shall be performed either once every 7 days (this option not available in New Mexico per Part 9.C.1.c.) or once every 14 days and within 24 hours of the end of a storm event of 0.5 inches or greater. Where sites have been temporarily stabilized, runoff is unlikely due to winter conditions, or during seasonal arid periods in arid areas (0-10 inches of rainfall annually) and semi-arid areas (10-20 inches annually) such inspections shall be conducted at least once every month. This form is primarily intended for use with construction projects in New Mexico. Permittees on Indian Country lands in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas and some oil and gas facilities in Texas and Oklahoma may use this form if they are eligible for this permit and EPA is their NPDES permitting authority. Other facilities need to check with their NPDES authority before using this form.

If you do not know your NPDES Permit Number, contact the NOI Processing Center at 866-352-7755. This form was prepared as an example and it is not a required form for use with the permit. Alternative forms may be used if they contain all of the required information as set forth in the permit. This form and additional information regarding the NPDES Region 6 storm water program may be found on the Internet at www.epa.gov/region6/6en/w/formsw.htm. Any person with a complaint about the operation of this facility in regards to this permit should contact EPA Region 6 at (214)665-8060.

Permit Number(s) covered by this inspection (e.g., owners, developers, general contractor, builders).	
Signature and Certification in accordance with Appendix G, Section 11 of the permit.	<small>I certify under penalty of law that this document and all attachments were prepared under my direction or supervision in accordance with a system designed to assure that qualified personnel properly gather and evaluate the information submitted. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information submitted is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I am aware that there are significant penalties for submitting false information, including the possibility of fine and imprisonment for knowing violations. (Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. 1251 et seq.)</small>
Date of Inspection.	
Inspector Name.	
Is there a copy of the permit language with the SWPPP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is the inspector qualified and are the qualifications documented in the SWPPP?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Is an NPDES storm water construction sign posted at the entrance for all permittees?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

You may want to use EPA Region 6 construction checklist to assure components of the SWPPP are complete. This form, the construction sign, and the checklist are available on the Region 6 NPDES Storm Water Forms and Documents web page which may be found on the internet at <http://www.epa.gov/earth1r6/6en/w/formsw.htm> In addition to the checklist, you should provide a narrative (see next page) on the existing Best Management Practices and Structural Controls found during each inspection. Any problems identified in an inspection should be corrected within 7 days. The inspection should cover all components of the SWPPP and all potential pollutants. While eroded soil is the primary pollutant of concern, do not forget to inspect for other pollutant sources such as fuel tanks, paints, solvents, stabilization materials, concrete hardener, batch plants, and construction debris. The inspector will need to update the SWPPP to reflect findings of the inspection. The site map should be updated after an inspection to show controls that have been added or removed, to ensure the site map is kept current in accordance with Part 3.11.A. of the permit.

Narrative Findings of the inspection:

Observations should include any findings of Best Management Practices or controls that are not in accordance with the SWPPP. If a control is not in place or failed, observe the reason why. A control removed temporarily for work is not necessarily a violation if properly recorded in the SWPPP. If it has been removed, record why it was removed and, if applicable, when it will be reinstalled. If the control has failed, observe the conditions so a conclusion may be made as to whether the control failed for improper maintenance or improper design. The qualified inspector will know when a failed control is inadequate and should be replaced by an improved control mechanism. Qualified inspectors are to have authority to make changes to the SWPPP to assure compliance. Controls that have not been installed should be given a reason why they are not installed and/or a scheduled date for installation if they are designed for a later phase of construction. After the inspection, the SWPPP and its site map should be updated to reflect current conditions of controls and Best Management Practices at the time of the inspection. This includes removing uninstalled controls from the site map or otherwise denoting on the site map if they are no longer installed if the controls have been removed because they are no longer necessary (e.g., stabilization has been achieved in that area).

Part 3.10.G. of the permit: For each inspection required above, you must complete an inspection report. At a minimum, the inspection report must include: 1. The inspection date; 2. Names, titles, and qualifications of personnel making the inspection; 3. Weather information for the period since the last inspection (or since commencement of construction activity if the first inspection) including a best estimate of the beginning of each storm event, duration of each storm event, approximate amount of rainfall for each storm event (in inches), and whether any discharges occurred; 4. Weather information and a description of any discharges occurring at the time of the inspection; 5. Location(s) of discharges of sediment or other pollutants from the site; 6. Location(s) of BMPs that need to be maintained; 7. Location(s) of BMPs that failed to operate as designed or proved inadequate for a particular location; 8. Location(s) where additional BMPs are needed that did not exist at the time of inspection; and 9. Corrective action required including any changes to the SWPPP necessary and implementation dates.