



UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION 6

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Dear Sir or Madam:

The Clean Water Act of 1972 mandated that the Waters of the United States should be Fishable and Swimmable. After 20 years of progress, annual State monitoring results show that many of our rivers, lakes and streams still failed to meet these goals. In 1987, Congress amended the Clean Water Act to include storm water run off from industrial and municipal sources to help improve water quality and reach these goals. The mandate was based on years of study including, the National Urban Runoff Protection report, and annual State water quality reports.

In 1992, EPA issued final guidance for certain facilities to obtain NPDES permits for storm water runoff, and to use pollution prevention planning to reduce the potential of pollution from reaching our rivers, lakes and streams in storm water runoff. Facilities with "Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity" are required to apply for NPDES permits if they are identified in EPA regulation 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14) by their Standard Industrial Classification (SIC). Our records indicate that your facility has the following SIC code(s):

Table with 2 columns: SIC code (9999) and SIC Descriptions ("Industrial Activity" SIC Descriptions)

If the primary SIC code for a specific facility meets the definition of Storm Water Discharger Associated with Industrial Activity, then you should have applied for an NPDES storm water permit by October, 1992. If you already have an NPDES storm water permit or do not meet the definition of Storm Water Discharger Associated with Industrial Activity, you may disregard this letter. The definition of "Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity" determines if you need an NPDES permit and it is found on the back of this letter including the applicable SIC codes. If you feel the above SIC code(s) is(are) in error, please check the list of codes on the back of this letter to ensure another code does not apply. A book of SIC code definitions is available at the local library or government printing office. If one of these SIC codes does apply, and you meet the definition of "Storm Water Associated with Industrial Activity," then you may use the enclosed Notice of Intent (NOI) to apply for permit coverage.

There are three types of NPDES storm water general permits:

- 1) Baseline Industrial - The first permit with more of a "one size fits all" approach;
2) Baseline Construction - Permit coverage for construction sites of 5 or more acres;
3) Multi-Sector - Permit with unique requirements for 29 industry groups.

If you have any questions about which permit coverage to obtain, or if you must apply, please call the EPA Storm Water Hotline at 1-800-245-6510. The deadline for group applicants to file for the Multi-Sector permit was March 29, 1996, and a storm water pollution prevention plan (PPP) is to be in place by September 25, 1996. A PPP is to be complete upon submittal of the NOI for the Baseline Industrial and Baseline Construction permits.

Obtaining a storm water NPDES permit and implementing the required pollution prevention practices will help achieve the goal of making our rivers, lakes, and streams "Fishable and Swimmable."

Sincerely yours,

Handwritten signature of Taylor M. Sharpe
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