



**ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
WATER INFORMATION RESOURCES**

**PHASE 1 of the NPDES STORM WATER PROGRAM
INDUSTRIAL**

Region 6

<p>Background.</p> <p>NPDES permits are based on federal law (the Clean Water Act). Congress amended this law in 1987 and required that storm water discharges associated with industrial activity get NPDES permits. EPA approached the industrial storm water permit program in phases. Phase I regulations became effective in 1990. We project that Phase II will be effective in 1998 or 1999.</p> <p>Who needs a permit?</p> <p>Operators of industrial facilities, including construction, subject to Phase I are required to apply for a NPDES Storm Water Permit. See reverse for more information.</p> <p>If you need to get a permit, we recommend you apply for coverage under a general permit by submitting a Notice of Intent. If you are not eligible for the general permits (see general permits to determine), you can apply for an individual permit. The following statements assume you will use a general permit.</p>	<p>What?</p> <p>The Storm Water Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) is the general permit for most industrial activities (except construction, which is a separate general permit).</p> <p>When? Compliance for existing facilities was due October 1, 1992. If you are a new facility you should apply for coverage 2 days prior to beginning your industrial activity.</p> <p>How? 1) Get a copy of a general permit (MSGP or Construction). 2) Get an application form (a Notice of Intent or "NOI"). Copies with original signature are accepted. Current version of form expires 8/31/98. Complete the NOI and send it to the address on the back of the form. 3) Read and comply with the general permit conditions. Both general permits (MSGP and Construction) require industries to develop and implement a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan. Some industries have to monitor their storm water discharges and report results based on specific permit requirements (see permit).</p>	<p>4) Within a few weeks you should receive a letter from the NOI Processing Center giving you your general permit registration number.</p> <p>Sources of Documents.</p> <p>To get a hard copy of the general permits or NOI form, call (202) 260-7786, or for an electronic copy visit the Internet site at http://www.epa.gov/region6/sw</p> <p>To get a copy of the NOI form, call (214) 665-7126.</p> <p>Contacts.</p> <p>Need the latitude & longitude of your facility (for the NOI)? 1-800 USA MAPS.</p> <p>Need to check on the status of your NOI? (703) 931-3230.</p> <p>Have general permitting questions or need help in deciding if you are subject to Phase I? (800)245-6510.</p> <p>Have a general permit compliance question? (214) 665-7112 [Texas, New Mexico], (214) 665-8098 [Oklahoma, Louisiana, Arkansas].</p> <p>Need an individual permit application? (214) 665-7518.</p>
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