

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)
Construction General Permit (CGP) for Stormwater Discharges from
Construction Activities**

In compliance with the provisions of the Clean Water Act, 33 U.S.C. § 1251 et. seq., (hereafter CWA), as amended by the Water Quality Act of 1987, P.L. 100-4, "operators" of construction activities (defined in Appendix A) that meet the requirements of Part 1.1 of this National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Construction General Permit (CGP), are authorized to discharge pollutants in accordance with the effluent limitations and conditions set forth herein. **Permit coverage is required from the "commencement of construction activities" (see Appendix A) until one of the conditions for terminating CGP coverage has been met (see Part 8.2).**

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1 HOW TO OBTAIN COVERAGE UNDER THE CONSTRUCTION GENERAL PERMIT (CGP)

To be covered under this permit, you must meet the eligibility conditions and follow the requirements for obtaining permit coverage in this Part.

1.1 ELIGIBILITY CONDITIONS

1.1.1 You are an “operator” of a construction site for which discharges will be covered under this permit. For the purposes of this permit and in the context of stormwater discharges associated with construction activity, an “operator” is any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:

- a.** The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or
- b.** The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project that are necessary to ensure compliance with the permit conditions.

Where there are multiple operators associated with the same project, all operators must obtain permit coverage.¹ Subcontractors generally are not considered operators for the purposes of this permit.

1.1.2 Your site’s construction activities:

- a.** Will disturb one or more acres of land, or will disturb less than one acre of land but are part of a common plan of development or sale (as defined in Appendix A) that will ultimately disturb one or more acres of land; or
- b.** Have been designated by EPA as needing permit coverage under 40 CFR § 122.26(a)(1)(v) or 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(15)(ii);

1.1.3 Your site is located in an area where EPA is the permitting authority and where coverage under this permit is available (see Appendix B);

1.1.4 Discharges from your site are not:

- a.** Already covered by a different NPDES permit for the same discharge; or
- b.** In the process of having coverage under a different NPDES permit for the same discharge denied, terminated, or revoked.^{2, 3}

1.1.5 You can demonstrate you meet one of the criteria in the Endangered Species Protection section of the Notice of Intent (NOI) that you submit for coverage under this permit, per Part 1.4, with respect to the protection of Federally listed endangered or threatened species and Federally designated critical habitat under the Endangered Species Act

¹ If the operator of a “construction support activity” (see Part 1.2.1c) is different than the operator of the main site, that operator must also obtain permit coverage. See Part 7.1 for clarification on the sharing of permit-related functions between and among operators on the same site and for conditions that apply to developing a SWPPP for multiple operators associated with the same site.

² Parts 1.1.4a and 1.1.4b do not include sites currently covered under the 2017 CGP that are in the process of obtaining coverage under this permit, nor sites covered under this permit that are transferring coverage to a different operator.

³ Notwithstanding a site being made ineligible for coverage under this permit because it falls under the description of Parts 1.1.4a or 1.1.4b, above, EPA may waive the applicable eligibility requirement after specific review if it determines that coverage under this permit is appropriate.

(ESA). If the EPA Regional Office grants you a waiver from electronic reporting per Part 1.4.2, you must complete the ESA worksheet in Appendix D to demonstrate you meet one of the criteria and submit it with your paper NOI (Appendix I).

- 1.1.6** You have completed the screening process in Appendix E relating to the protection of historic properties; and
- 1.1.7** You have complied with all requirements in Part 9 imposed by the applicable State, Indian Tribe, or Territory in which your construction activities and/or discharge will occur.
- 1.1.8** For "new sources" (as defined in Appendix A) only:
 - a.** EPA has not, prior to authorization under this permit, determined that discharges from your site will not meet applicable water quality standards. Where such a determination is made prior to authorization, EPA may notify you that an individual permit application is necessary. However, EPA may authorize your coverage under this permit after you have included appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to bring your discharge into compliance with this permit, specifically the requirement to meet water quality standards. In the absence of information demonstrating otherwise, EPA expects that compliance with the requirements of this permit, including the requirements applicable to such discharges in Part 3, will result in discharges that meet applicable water quality standards.
 - b.** Discharges from your site to a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 water⁴ will not lower the water quality of the applicable water. In the absence of information demonstrating otherwise, EPA expects that compliance with the requirements of this permit, including the requirements applicable to such discharges in Part 3.2, will result in discharges that will not lower the water quality of such waters.
- 1.1.9** If you plan to add "cationic treatment chemicals" (as defined in Appendix A) to stormwater and/or authorized non-stormwater prior to discharge, you may not submit your NOI until you notify your applicable EPA Regional Office (see Appendix J) in advance and the EPA Regional Office authorizes coverage under this permit after you have included appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic treatment chemicals will result in discharges that meet applicable water quality standards.

⁴ Note: Your site will be considered to discharge to a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 water if the first receiving water to which you discharge is identified by a State, Tribe, or EPA as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 water. For discharges that enter a storm sewer system prior to discharge, the first receiving water to which you discharge is the waterbody that receives the stormwater discharge from the storm sewer system. The current list of Tier 2, Tier 2.5, and Tier 3 waters located in the areas eligible for coverage under this permit can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>. You can also use EPA's Discharge Mapping Tool (<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/epas-stormwater-discharge-mapping-tools>) to assist you in identifying whether any receiving waters to which you discharge are listed as impaired (and the pollutant for which it is impaired) and whether an approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) exists for that waterbody.

1.2 TYPES OF DISCHARGES AUTHORIZED⁵

1.2.1 The following stormwater discharges are authorized under this permit provided that appropriate stormwater controls are designed, installed, and maintained (see Parts 2 and 3):

- a.** Stormwater discharges, including stormwater runoff, snowmelt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage, associated with construction activity under 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(14) or § 122.26(b)(15)(i);
- b.** Stormwater discharges designated by EPA as needing a permit under 40 CFR § 122.26(a)(1)(v) or § 122.26(b)(15)(ii);
- c.** Stormwater discharges from on or off-site construction support activities (e.g., concrete or asphalt batch plants, equipment staging yards, material storage areas, excavated material disposal areas, borrow areas) provided that:
 - i.** The support activity is directly related to the construction site required to have permit coverage for stormwater discharges;
 - ii.** The support activity is not a commercial operation, nor does it serve multiple unrelated construction sites;
 - iii.** The support activity does not continue to operate beyond the completion of the construction activity at the site it supports; and
 - iv.** Stormwater controls are implemented in accordance with Part 2 and Part 3 for discharges from the support activity areas; and
- d.** Stormwater discharges from earth-disturbing activities associated with the construction of staging areas and the construction of access roads conducted prior to active mining.

1.2.2 The following non-stormwater discharges associated with your construction activity are authorized under this permit provided that, with the exception of water used to control dust and to irrigate vegetation in stabilized areas, these discharges are not routed to areas of exposed soil on your site and you comply with any applicable requirements for these discharges in Parts 2 and 3:

- a.** Discharges from emergency fire-fighting activities;
- b.** Fire hydrant flushings;
- c.** Landscape irrigation;
- d.** Water used to wash vehicles and equipment, provided that there is no discharge of soaps, solvents, or detergents used for such purposes;
- e.** Water used to control dust;
- f.** Potable water including uncontaminated water line flushings;

⁵ See "Discharge" as defined in Appendix A. Note: Any discharges not expressly authorized in this permit cannot become authorized or shielded from liability under CWA Section 402(k) by disclosure to EPA, State, or local authorities after issuance of this permit via any means, including the Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the permit, the SWPPP, or during an inspection.

- g.** External building washdown, provided soaps, solvents, and detergents are not used, and external surfaces do not contain hazardous substances (as defined in Appendix A) (e.g., paint or caulk containing polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs));
 - h.** Pavement wash waters, provided spills or leaks of toxic or hazardous substances have not occurred (unless all spill material has been removed) and where soaps, solvents, and detergents are not used. You are prohibited from directing pavement wash waters directly into any receiving water, storm drain inlet, or constructed or natural site drainage features, unless the feature is connected to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control;
 - i.** Uncontaminated air conditioning or compressor condensate;
 - j.** Uncontaminated, non-turbid discharges of ground water or spring water;
 - k.** Foundation or footing drains where flows are not contaminated with process materials such as solvents or contaminated ground water; and
 - l.** Uncontaminated construction dewatering water⁶ discharged in accordance with Part 2.4.
- 1.2.3** Also authorized under this permit are discharges of stormwater listed above in Part 1.2.1, or authorized non-stormwater discharges listed above in Part 1.2.2, commingled with a discharge authorized by a different NPDES permit and/or a discharge that does not require NPDES permit authorization.

1.3 PROHIBITED DISCHARGES⁷

The discharges listed in this Part are prohibited outright or authorized only under the identified conditions. To prevent the discharges in Parts 1.3.1 through 1.3.5, operators must comply with the applicable pollution prevention requirements in Part 2.3 or ensure the discharge is authorized by another NPDES permit consistent with Part 1.2.3 for commingled discharges.

- 1.3.1** Wastewater from washout of concrete, unless managed by an appropriate control as described in Part 2.3.4;
- 1.3.2** Wastewater from washout and/or cleanout of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds, and other construction materials;
- 1.3.3** Fuels, oils, or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance;
- 1.3.4** Soaps, solvents, or detergents used in vehicle and equipment washing or external building washdown; and
- 1.3.5** Toxic or hazardous substances from a spill or other release.

⁶ EPA notes that operators may need to comply with additional procedures to verify that the dewatering discharge is uncontaminated. Operators should review Part 9 to determine if any of these requirements apply to their discharge and should ensure that they have complied with any State, Tribal, or local dewatering requirements that apply.

⁷ EPA includes these prohibited non-stormwater discharges here as a reminder to the operator that the only non-stormwater discharges authorized by this permit are at Part 1.2.2. Any unauthorized non-stormwater discharges must be covered under an individual permit or alternative general permit.

1.4 SUBMITTING YOUR NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI)

All “operators” (as defined in Appendix A) associated with your construction site who meet the Part 1.1 eligibility conditions, and who seek coverage under this permit, must submit to EPA a complete and accurate NOI in accordance with the deadlines in Table 1 prior to commencement of construction activities (as defined in Appendix A).

Exception: If you are conducting construction activities in response to a public emergency (e.g., mud slides, earthquake, extreme flooding conditions, widespread disruption in essential public services), and the related work requires immediate authorization to avoid imminent endangerment to human health, public safety, or the environment, or to reestablish essential public services, you may discharge on the condition that a complete and accurate NOI is submitted within 30 calendar days after commencing construction activities (see Table 1) establishing that you are eligible for coverage under this permit. You must also provide documentation in your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to substantiate the occurrence of the public emergency pursuant to Part 7.2.3i.

1.4.1 Prerequisite for Submitting Your NOI

You must develop a SWPPP consistent with Part 7 before submitting your NOI for coverage under this permit.

1.4.2 How to Submit Your NOI

You must use EPA’s NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT) to electronically prepare and submit your NOI for coverage under the 2022 CGP unless you received a waiver from your applicable EPA Regional Office.

To access NeT, go to <https://cdx.epa.gov/cdx>.

Waivers from electronic reporting may be granted based on one of the following conditions:

- a. If your operational headquarters is physically located in a geographic area (i.e., ZIP code or census tract) that is identified as under-served for broadband Internet access in the most recent report from the Federal Communications Commission; or
- b. If you have limitations regarding available computer access or computer capability.

If the EPA Regional Office grants you approval to use a paper NOI, and you elect to use it, you must complete the form in Appendix H.

1.4.3 Deadlines for Submitting Your NOI and Your Official Date of Permit Coverage

Table 1 provides the deadlines for submitting your NOI and the official start date of your permit coverage, which differ depending on when you commence construction activities.

Table 1 NOI Submittal Deadlines and Official Start Date for Permit Coverage.

Type of Operator	NOI Submittal Deadline ⁸	Permit Authorization Date ⁹
Operator of a new site (i.e., a site where construction activities commence on or after February 17, 2022)	At least 14 calendar days before commencing construction activities.	14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied.
Operator of an existing site (i.e., a site with 2017 CGP coverage where construction activities commenced prior to February 17, 2022)	No later than May 18, 2022.	14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied. Provided you submit your NOI no later than May 18, 2022, your authorization under the 2017 CGP is automatically continued until you have been granted coverage under this permit or an alternative NPDES permit, or coverage is otherwise terminated.
New operator of a permitted site (i.e., an operator that through transfer of ownership and/or operation replaces the operator of an already permitted construction site that is either a “new site” or an “existing site”)	At least 14 calendar days before the date the transfer to the new operator will take place.	14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied.
Operator of an “emergency-related project” (i.e., a project initiated in response to a public emergency (e.g., mud slides, earthquake, extreme flooding conditions, disruption in essential public services), for which the related work requires immediate authorization to avoid imminent endangerment to human health or the environment, or to reestablish essential public services)	No later than 30 calendar days after commencing construction activities.	You are considered provisionally covered under the terms and conditions of this permit immediately, and fully covered 14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied.

⁸ If you miss the deadline to submit your NOI, any and all discharges from your construction activities will continue to be unauthorized under the CWA until they are covered by this or a different NPDES permit. EPA may take enforcement action for any unpermitted discharges that occur between the commencement of construction activities and discharge authorization.

⁹ Discharges are not authorized if your NOI is incomplete or inaccurate or if you are not eligible for permit coverage.

1.4.4 Modifying your NOI

If after submitting your NOI you need to correct or update any fields, you may do so by submitting a "Change NOI" form using NeT. Waivers from electronic reporting may be granted as specified in Part 1.4.2. If the EPA Regional Office has granted you approval to submit a paper NOI modification, you may indicate any NOI changes on the same NOI form in Appendix H.

When there is a change to the site's operator, the new operator must submit a new NOI, and the previous operator must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form as specified in Part 8.3.

The following modifications to an NOI form will result in a 14-day review process:

- Changes to the name of the operator;
- Changes to the project or site name;
- Changes to the estimated area to be disturbed;
- Changes to the name of the receiving water¹⁰, or additions to the applicable receiving waters;
- Changes to eligibility information related to endangered species protection or historic preservation;
- Changes to information provided related to the use of chemical treatment at your site; and
- Changes to answers provided regarding the demolition of structures over 10,000 square feet of floor space built or renovated before January 1, 1980.

During the 14-day review process, you may continue to operate based on the information provided in your original NOI, but you must wait until the review period has ended before you may commence or continue activities on any portion of your site that would be affected by any of the above modifications, unless EPA notifies you that the authorization is delayed or denied.

1.4.5 Your Official End Date of Permit Coverage

Once covered under this permit, your coverage will last until the date that:

- a. You terminate permit coverage consistent with Part 8; or
- b. You receive permit coverage under a different NPDES permit or a reissued or replacement version of this permit after expiring on February 16, 2027; or
- c. You fail to submit an NOI for coverage under a reissued or replacement version of this permit before the deadline for existing construction sites where construction activities continue after this permit has expired.

1.5 REQUIREMENT TO POST A NOTICE OF YOUR PERMIT COVERAGE

You must post a sign or other notice of your permit coverage at a safe, publicly accessible location in close proximity to the construction site. The notice must be located so it is visible from the public road that is nearest to the active part of the construction

¹⁰ As defined in Appendix A, a "receiving water" is "a "Water of the United States" as defined in 40 CFR §122.2 into which the regulated stormwater discharges.

site, and it must use a font large enough to be readily viewed from a public right-of-way.¹¹ At a minimum, the notice must include:

- a. The NPDES ID (i.e., permit tracking number assigned to your NOI and the EPA webpage where a copy of the NOI can be found (<https://permitsearch.epa.gov/epermit-search/ui/search>));
- b. A contact name and phone number for obtaining additional construction site information;
- c. The Uniform Resource Locator (URL) for the SWPPP (if available), or the following statement: "If you would like to obtain a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for this site, contact the EPA Regional Office at [include the appropriate CGP Regional Office contact information found at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/contact-us-stormwater#regional>];" and
- d. The following statement "If you observe indicators of stormwater pollutants in the discharge or in the receiving water, contact the EPA through the following website: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/report-environmental-violations>."

2 TECHNOLOGY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

You must comply with the following technology-based effluent limitations in this Part for all authorized discharges.¹²

2.1 GENERAL STORMWATER CONTROL DESIGN, INSTALLATION, AND MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

You must design, install, and maintain stormwater controls required in Parts 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4 to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from construction activities.¹³ To meet this requirement, you must:

2.1.1 Account for the following factors in designing your stormwater controls:

- a. The expected amount, frequency, intensity, and duration of precipitation;¹⁴
- b. The nature of stormwater runoff (i.e., flow) and run-on at the site, including factors such as expected flow from impervious surfaces, slopes, and site drainage features. You must design stormwater controls to control stormwater volume, velocity, and peak flow rates to minimize discharges of pollutants in stormwater and to minimize channel and streambank erosion and scour in the immediate vicinity of discharge points; and
- c. The soil type and range of soil particle sizes expected to be present on the site.

¹¹ If the active part of the construction site is not visible from a public road, then place the notice of permit coverage in a position that is visible from the nearest public road and as close as possible to the construction site.

¹² For each of the effluent limits in Part 2, as applicable to your site, you must include in your SWPPP (1) a description of the specific control(s) to be implemented to meet the effluent limit; (2) any applicable design specifications; (3) routine maintenance specifications; and (4) the projected schedule for installation/implementation. See Part 7.2.6.

¹³ The permit does not recommend or endorse specific products or vendors.

¹⁴ Stormwater controls must be designed using the most recent data available to account for recent precipitation patterns and trends.

If your site is exposed to or has previously experienced major storms, such as hurricanes, storm surge, extreme/heavy precipitation, and flood events, you should also include consideration of and contingencies for whether implementing structural improvements, enhanced/resilient stormwater controls, and other mitigation measures may help minimize impacts from stormwater discharges from such major storm events.

2.1.2 Design and install all stormwater controls in accordance with good engineering practices, including applicable design specifications.¹⁵

2.1.3 Complete installation of stormwater controls by the time each phase of construction activities has begun.

- a. By the time construction activity in any given portion of the site begins, install and make operational any downgradient sediment controls (e.g., buffers, perimeter controls, exit point controls, storm drain inlet protection) that control discharges from the initial site clearing, grading, excavating, and other earth-disturbing activities.¹⁶
- b. Following the installation of these initial controls, install and make operational all stormwater controls needed to control discharges prior to subsequent earth-disturbing activities.

2.1.4 Ensure all stormwater controls are maintained and remain in effective operating condition during permit coverage and are protected from activities that would reduce their effectiveness.

- a. Comply with any specific maintenance requirements for the stormwater controls listed in this permit, as well as any recommended by the manufacturer.¹⁷
- b. If at any time you find that a stormwater control needs routine maintenance (i.e., minor repairs or other upkeep performed to ensure the site's stormwater controls remain in effective operating condition, not including significant repairs or the need to install a new or replacement control), you must immediately initiate the needed work, and complete such work by the close of the next business day. If it is infeasible to complete the routine maintenance by the close of the next business day, you must document why this is the case and why the repair or other upkeep to be performed should still be considered routine maintenance in your inspection report under Part 4.7.1c and complete such work no later than seven (7) calendar days from the time of discovery of the condition requiring maintenance.
- c. If you must repeatedly (i.e., three (3) or more times) make the same routine maintenance fixes to the same control at the same location, even if the fix can be completed by the close of the next business day, you must either:
 - i. Complete work to fix any subsequent repeat occurrences of this same problem under the corrective action procedures in Part 5, including keeping any records

¹⁵ Design specifications may be found in manufacturer specifications and/or in applicable erosion and sediment control manuals or ordinances. Any departures from such specifications must reflect good engineering practices and must be explained in your SWPPP. You must also comply with any additional design and installation requirements specified for the effluent limits in Parts 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4.

¹⁶ Note that the requirement to install stormwater controls prior to each phase of construction activities for the site does not apply to the earth disturbance associated with the actual installation of these controls. Operators should take all reasonable actions to minimize the discharges of pollutants during the installation of stormwater controls.

¹⁷ Any departures from such maintenance recommendations made by the manufacturer must reflect good engineering practices and must be explained in your SWPPP.

of the condition and how it was corrected under Part 5.4; or

- ii. Document in your inspection report under Part 4.7.1c why the specific reoccurrence of this same problem should still be addressed as a routine maintenance fix under this Part.¹⁸
- d. If at any time you find that a stormwater control needs a significant repair or that a new or replacement control is needed, you must comply with the corrective action deadlines for completing such work in in Part 5.2.1c.

2.2 EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS

You must implement erosion and sediment controls in accordance with the following requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater from construction activities.

2.2.1 Provide and maintain natural buffers and/or equivalent erosion and sediment controls for discharges to any receiving waters that is located within 50 feet of the site's earth disturbances.

- a. **Compliance Alternatives.** For any discharges to receiving waters located within 50 feet of your site's earth disturbances, you must comply with one of the following alternatives:
 - i. Provide and maintain a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer; or
 - ii. Provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer that is less than 50 feet and is supplemented by erosion and sediment controls that achieve, in combination, the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer; or
 - iii. If infeasible to provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer of any size, implement erosion and sediment controls to achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer.

See Appendix F, Part F.2 for additional conditions applicable to each compliance alternative.

- b. **Exceptions.** See Appendix F, Part F.2 for exceptions to the compliance alternatives.

2.2.2 Direct stormwater to vegetated areas and maximize stormwater infiltration and filtering to reduce pollutant discharges, unless infiltration would be inadvisable due to the underlying geology (e.g., karst topography) and ground water contamination concerns, or infeasible due to site conditions.¹⁹

¹⁸ Such documentation could include, for example, that minor repairs completed within the required timeframe are all that is necessary to ensure that the stormwater control continues to operate as designed and installed and that the stormwater control remains appropriate for the flow reaching it.

¹⁹ Operators should consider whether factors such as specific contaminant concerns from the construction site, the underlying soils or geology, hydrology, depth to the ground water table, or proximity to source water or wellhead protection area(s) make the site unsuitable for infiltrating construction stormwater. Site conditions that may be of particular concern include proximity to: a current or future drinking water aquifer; a drinking water well or spring (including private/household wells); highly conductive geology such as karst; known pollutant hot spots, such as hazardous waste sites, landfills, gas stations, brownfields; an on-site sewage system or underground storage tank; or soils that do not allow for infiltration. Operators may find it helpful to consult EPA's [Drinking Water Mapping Application to Protect Source Waters \(DWMAPS\)](#). DWMAPS is an online mapping tool that can be used to locate drinking water providers, potential sources of contamination, polluted waterways, and information on protection initiatives in the site area.

2.2.3 Install sediment controls along any perimeter areas of the site that are downslope from any exposed soil or other disturbed areas.²⁰

- a. The perimeter control must be installed upgradient of any natural buffers established under Part 2.2.1, unless the control is being implemented pursuant to Part 2.2.1a.ii-iii;
- b. To prevent stormwater from circumventing the edge of the perimeter control, install the perimeter control on the contour of the slope and extend both ends of the control up slope (e.g., at 45 degrees) forming a crescent rather than a straight line;
- c. After installation, to ensure that perimeter controls continue to work effectively:
 - i. Remove sediment before it has accumulated to one-half of the above-ground height of any perimeter control; and
 - ii. After a storm event, if there is evidence of stormwater circumventing or undercutting the perimeter control, extend controls and/or repair undercut areas to fix the problem.
- d. **Exception.** For areas at “linear construction sites” (as defined in Appendix A) where perimeter controls are infeasible (e.g., due to a limited or restricted right-of-way), implement other practices as necessary to minimize pollutant discharges to perimeter areas of the site.

2.2.4 Minimize sediment track-out.

- a. Restrict vehicle use to properly designated exit points;
- b. Use appropriate stabilization techniques²¹ at all points that exit onto paved roads;
 - i. **Exception:** Stabilization is not required for exit points at linear utility construction sites that are used only episodically and for very short durations over the life of the project, provided other exit point controls²² are implemented to minimize sediment track-out;
- c. Implement additional track-out controls²³ as necessary to ensure that sediment removal occurs prior to vehicle exit; and
- d. Where sediment has been tracked-out from your site onto paved roads, sidewalks, or other paved areas outside of your site, remove the deposited sediment by the end of the same business day in which the track-out occurs or by the end of the next business day if track-out occurs on a non-business day. Remove the track-out by sweeping, shoveling, or vacuuming these surfaces, or by using other similarly effective means of sediment removal. You are prohibited from hosing or sweeping tracked-out

²⁰ Examples of perimeter controls include filter berms; different types of silt fence such as wire-backed silt fence, super silt fence, or multi-layer geotextile silt fence; compost filter socks; gravel barriers; and temporary diversion dikes.

²¹ Examples of appropriate stabilization techniques include the use of aggregate stone with an underlying geotextile or non-woven filter fabric, and turf mats.

²² Examples of other exit point controls include preventing the use of exit points during wet periods; minimizing exit point use by keeping vehicles on site to the extent possible; limiting exit point size to the width needed for vehicle and equipment usage; using scarifying and compaction techniques on the soil; and avoiding establishing exit points in environmentally sensitive areas (e.g., *karst areas*; *steep slopes*).

²³ Examples of additional track-out controls include the use of wheel washing, rumble strips, and rattle plates.

sediment into any constructed or natural site drainage feature, storm drain inlet, or receiving water.²⁴

2.2.5 Manage stockpiles or land clearing debris piles composed, in whole or in part, of sediment and/or soil:²⁵

- a. Locate the piles outside of any natural buffers established under Part 2.2.1 and away from any constructed or natural site drainage features, storm drain inlets, and areas where stormwater flow is concentrated;
- b. Install a sediment barrier along all downgradient perimeter areas of stockpiled soil or land clearing debris piles;²⁶
- c. For piles that will be unused for 14 or more days, provide cover²⁷ or appropriate temporary stabilization (consistent with Part 2.2.14);
- d. You are prohibited from hosing down or sweeping soil or sediment accumulated on pavement or other impervious surfaces into any constructed or natural site drainage feature, storm drain inlet, or receiving water.

2.2.6 Minimize dust. On areas of exposed soil, minimize dust through the appropriate application of water or other dust suppression techniques to control the generation of pollutants that could be discharged in stormwater from the site.

2.2.7 Minimize steep slope disturbances. Minimize the disturbance of "steep slopes" (as defined in Appendix A).²⁸

2.2.8 Preserve native topsoil, unless infeasible.²⁹

2.2.9 Minimize soil compaction.³⁰ In areas of your site where final vegetative stabilization will occur or where infiltration practices will be installed:

²⁴ Fine grains that remain visible (e.g., staining) on the surfaces of off-site streets, other paved areas, and sidewalks after you have implemented sediment removal practices are not a violation of Part 2.2.4.

²⁵ The requirements in Part 2.2.5 do not apply to the storage of rock, such as rip rap, landscape rock, pipe bedding gravel, and boulders. Refer to Part 2.3.3a for the requirements that apply to these types of materials.

²⁶ Examples of sediment barriers include berms, dikes, fiber rolls, silt fences, sandbags, gravel bags, or straw bale.

²⁷ Examples of cover include tarps, blown straw and hydroseeding.

²⁸ Where disturbance to steep slopes cannot be avoided, operators should consider implementing controls suitable for steep slope disturbances that are effective at minimizing erosion and sediment discharge (e.g., preservation of existing vegetation, hydraulic mulch, geotextiles and mats, compost blankets, earth dikes or drainage swales, terraces, velocity dissipation devices). To identify slopes and soil types that are of comparatively higher risk for sediment discharge in areas of the country where the CGP is in effect, operators can use the tables in Appendix F (see Tables F-2 thru F-6).

²⁹ Stockpiling topsoil at off-site locations, or transferring topsoil to other locations, is an example of a practice that is consistent with the requirements in Part 2.2.8. Preserving native topsoil is not required where the intended function of a specific area of the site dictates that the topsoil be disturbed or removed. For example, some sites may be designed to be highly impervious after construction, and therefore little or no vegetation is intended to remain, or may not have space to stockpile native topsoil on site for later use, in which case it may not be feasible to preserve topsoil.

³⁰ Minimizing soil compaction is not required where the intended function of a specific area of the site dictates that it be compacted.

- a. Restrict vehicle and equipment use in these locations to avoid soil compaction; and
- b. Before seeding or planting areas of exposed soil that have been compacted, use techniques that rehabilitate and condition the soils as necessary to support vegetative growth.

2.2.10 Protect storm drain inlets.

- a. Install inlet protection measures that remove sediment from discharges prior to entry into any storm drain inlet that carries stormwater from your site to a receiving water, provided you have authority to access the storm drain inlet.³¹ Inlet protection measures are not required for storm drain inlets that are conveyed to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control; and
- b. Clean, or remove and replace, the inlet protection measures as sediment accumulates, the filter becomes clogged, and/or performance is compromised. Where there is evidence of sediment accumulation adjacent to the inlet protection measure, remove the deposited sediment by the end of the same business day in which it is found or by the end of the following business day if removal by the same business day is not feasible.

2.2.11 Control stormwater discharges, including both peak flowrates and total stormwater volume, to minimize channel and streambank erosion and scour in the immediate vicinity of discharge points.³²

2.2.12 If you install a sediment basin or similar impoundment:

- a. Situate the basin or impoundment outside of any receiving water, and any natural buffers established under Part 2.2.1;
- b. Design the basin or impoundment to avoid collecting water from wetlands;
- c. Design the basin or impoundment to provide storage for either:
 - i. The calculated volume of runoff from a 2-year, 24-hour storm;³³ or
 - ii. 3,600 cubic feet per acre drained.
- d. Utilize outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface of the sediment basin or similar impoundment, unless infeasible;³⁴
- e. Use erosion controls and velocity dissipation devices to prevent erosion at inlets and outlets; and

³¹ Inlet protection measures can be removed in the event of flood conditions or to prevent erosion.

³² Examples of stormwater controls that can be used to comply with this requirement include the use of erosion controls and/or velocity dissipation devices (e.g., check dams, sediment traps), within and along the length of a constructed site drainage feature and at the outfall to slow down stormwater.

³³ Operators may refer to <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates> for guidance on determining the volume of precipitation associated with their site's local 2-year, 24-hour storm event.

³⁴ The circumstances in which it is infeasible to design outlet structures in this manner are rare. Exceptions may include areas with extended cold weather, where using surface outlets may not be feasible during certain time periods (although they must be used during other periods). If you determine that it is infeasible to meet this requirement, you must provide documentation in your SWPPP to support your determination, including the specific conditions or time periods when this exception will apply.

- f. Remove accumulated sediment to maintain at least one-half of the design capacity and conduct all other appropriate maintenance to ensure the basin or impoundment remains in effective operating condition.

2.2.13 If using treatment chemicals (e.g., *polymers, flocculants, coagulants*):

- a. **Use conventional erosion and sediment controls before and after the application of treatment chemicals.** Chemicals may only be applied where treated stormwater is directed to a sediment control (e.g., *sediment basin, perimeter control*) before discharge.
- b. **Select appropriate treatment chemicals.** Chemicals must be appropriately suited to the types of soils likely to be exposed during construction and present in the discharges being treated (i.e., *the expected turbidity, pH, and flow rate of stormwater flowing into the chemical treatment system or area*).
- c. **Minimize discharge risk from stored chemicals.** Store all treatment chemicals in leak-proof containers that are kept under storm-resistant cover and surrounded by secondary containment structures (e.g., *spill berms, dikes, spill containment pallets*), or provide equivalent measures designed and maintained to minimize the potential discharge of treatment chemicals in stormwater or by any other means (e.g., *storing chemicals in a covered area, having a spill kit available on site and ensuring personnel are available to respond expeditiously in the event of a leak or spill*).
- d. **Comply with State/local requirements.** Comply with applicable State and local requirements regarding the use of treatment chemicals.
- e. **Use chemicals in accordance with good engineering practices and specifications of the chemical provider/supplier.** Use treatment chemicals and chemical treatment systems in accordance with good engineering practices, and with dosing specifications and sediment removal design specifications provided by the provider/supplier of the applicable chemicals, or document in your SWPPP specific departures from these specifications and how they reflect good engineering practice.
- f. **Ensure proper training.** Ensure all persons who handle and use treatment chemicals at the construction site are provided with appropriate, product-specific training prior to beginning application of treatment chemicals. Among other things, the training must cover proper dosing requirements.
- g. **Perform additional measures specified by the EPA Regional Office for the authorized use of cationic chemicals.** If you have been authorized to use cationic chemicals at your site pursuant to Part 1.1.9, you must perform all additional measures as conditioned by your authorization to ensure the use of such chemicals will not result in discharges that do not meet water quality standards.

2.2.14 Stabilize exposed portions of the site. Implement and maintain stabilization measures (e.g., *seeding protected by erosion controls until vegetation is established*,³⁵ *sodding, mulching, erosion control blankets, hydromulch, gravel*) that minimize erosion from any areas of exposed soil on the site in accordance with Part.

³⁵ If you will be evaluating the use of some type of erosion control netting to the site as part of your site stabilization, EPA encourages you to consider employing products that have been shown to minimize

a. Stabilization Deadlines:³⁶

Table 2 Deadlines for Initiating and Completing Site Stabilization.

Total Amount of Land Disturbance Occurring At Any One Time ³⁷	Deadline
<p>i. Five acres or less (≤5.0)</p> <p>Note: this includes sites disturbing more than five acres (>5.0) total over the course of a project, but that limit disturbance at any one time (i.e., phase the disturbance) to five acres or less (≤5.0)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initiate the installation of stabilization measures immediately³⁸ in any areas of exposed soil where construction activities have permanently ceased or will be temporarily inactive for 14 or more calendar days;³⁹ and Complete the installation of stabilization measures as soon as practicable, but no later than 14 calendar days

impacts on wildlife. For instance, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service provides recommendations on the type of netting practices that are considered “wildlife friendly,” including those that use natural fiber or 100 percent biodegradable materials and that use a loose weave with a non-welded, movable jointed netting, as well as those products that are not wildlife friendly including square plastic netting that are degradable (e.g., photodegradable, UV-degradable, oxo-degradable), netting made from polypropylene, nylon, polyethylene, or polyester. Other recommendations include removing the netting product when it is no longer needed. See https://www.fws.gov/midwest/eastlansing/library/pdf/WildlifeFriendlyErosionControlProducts_revised.pdf for further information. There also may be State, Tribal, or local requirements about using wildlife friendly erosion control products.

³⁶ EPA may determine, based on an inspection carried out under Part 4.8 and corrective actions required under Part 5.3, that the level of sediment discharge on the site makes it necessary to require a faster schedule for completing stabilization. For instance, if sediment discharges from an area of exposed soil that is required to be stabilized are compromising the performance of existing stormwater controls, EPA may require stabilization to correct this problem.

³⁷ Limiting disturbances to five (5) acres or less at any one time means that at no time during the project do the cumulative earth disturbances exceed five (5) acres. The following examples would qualify as limiting disturbances at any one time to five (5) acres or less:

1. The total area of disturbance for a project is five (5) acres or less.
2. The total area of disturbance for a project will exceed five (5) acres, but the operator ensures that no more than five (5) acres will be disturbed at any one time through implementation of stabilization measures. In this way, site stabilization can be used to “free up” land that can be disturbed without exceeding the five (5)-acre cap to qualify for the 14-day stabilization deadline. For instance, if an operator completes stabilization of two (2) acres of land on a five (5)-acre disturbance, then two (2) additional acres could be disturbed while still qualifying for the longer 14-day stabilization deadline.

³⁸ The following are examples of activities that would constitute the immediate initiation of stabilization:

1. Prepping the soil for vegetative or non-vegetative stabilization as long as seeding, planting, and/or installation of non-vegetative stabilization products takes place as soon as practicable, but no later than one (1) calendar day of completing soil preparation;
2. Applying mulch or other non-vegetative product to the exposed area;
3. Seeding or planting the exposed area;
4. Starting any of the activities in # 1 – 3 on a portion of the entire area that will be stabilized; and
5. Finalizing arrangements to have stabilization product fully installed in compliance with the deadlines for completing stabilization.

³⁹ The requirement to initiate stabilization immediately is triggered as soon as you know that construction work on a portion of the site is temporarily ceased and will not resume for 14 or more days, or as soon as you know that construction work is permanently ceased. In the context of this provision, “immediately” means as soon as practicable, but no later than the end of the next business day, following the day when the construction activities have temporarily or permanently ceased.

Total Amount of Land Disturbance Occurring At Any One Time ³⁷	Deadline
	after stabilization has been initiated. ⁴⁰
ii. More than five acres (>5.0)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate the installation of stabilization measures immediately⁴¹ in any areas of exposed soil where construction activities have permanently ceased or will be temporarily inactive for 14 or more calendar days;⁴² and • Complete the installation of stabilization measures as soon as practicable, but no later than seven (7) calendar days after stabilization has been initiated.⁴³

b. Exceptions:

- i. Arid, semi-arid, and drought-stricken areas** (as defined in Appendix A). If it is the seasonally dry period (as defined in Appendix A)⁴⁴ or a period in which drought is occurring, and vegetative stabilization measures are being used:

- (a) Immediately initiate and, within 14 calendar days of temporary or permanent cessation of work in any portion of your site, complete the installation of temporary non-vegetative stabilization measures to the extent necessary to prevent erosion;
- (b) As soon as practicable, given conditions or circumstances on the site, complete all activities necessary to seed or plant the area to be stabilized; and
- (c) If construction is occurring during the seasonally dry period, indicate in your SWPPP the beginning and ending dates of the seasonally dry period and your site conditions. Also include the schedule you will follow for initiating and completing vegetative stabilization.

- ii. Unforeseen circumstances.** Operators that are affected by unforeseen circumstances⁴⁵ that delay the initiation and/or completion of vegetative stabilization:

⁴⁰ If vegetative stabilization measures are being implemented, stabilization is considered "installed" when all activities necessary to seed or plant the area are completed, including the application of any non-vegetative protective cover (e.g., mulch, erosion control blanket), if applicable. If non-vegetative stabilization measures are being implemented, stabilization is considered "installed" when all such measures are implemented or applied.

⁴¹ See footnote 38.

⁴² See footnote 39.

⁴³ See footnote 40.

⁴⁴ The term "seasonally dry period" as defined in Appendix A refers to a month in which the long-term average total precipitation is less than or equal to 0.5 inches. Refer to EPA's Seasonally Dry Period Locator Tool at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates> and supporting maps for assistance in determining whether a site is operating during a seasonally dry period for the area.

⁴⁵ Examples include problems with the supply of seed stock or with the availability of specialized equipment and unsuitability of soil conditions due to excessive precipitation and/or flooding.

- (a) Immediately initiate and, within 14 calendar days, complete the installation of temporary non-vegetative stabilization measures to prevent erosion;
 - (b) Complete all soil conditioning, seeding, watering or irrigation installation, mulching, and other required activities related to the planting and initial establishment of vegetation as soon as conditions or circumstances allow it on your site; and
 - (c) Document in the SWPPP the circumstances that prevent you from meeting the deadlines in Part 2.2.14a and the schedule you will follow for initiating and completing stabilization.
- iii. Discharges to a sediment- or nutrient-impaired water or to a water that is identified by your State, Tribe, or EPA as Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes.** Complete stabilization as soon as practicable, but no later than seven (7) calendar days after stabilization has been initiated.
- c. Final Stabilization Criteria** (for any areas not covered by permanent structures):
- i.** Establish uniform, perennial vegetation (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas) to provide 70 percent or more of the vegetative cover native to local undisturbed areas; and/or
 - ii.** Implement permanent non-vegetative stabilization measures⁴⁶ to provide effective cover of any areas of exposed soil.
 - iii. Exceptions:**
 - (a) Arid, semi-arid, and drought-stricken areas** (as defined in Appendix A). Final stabilization is met if the area has been seeded or planted to establish vegetation that provides 70 percent or more of the vegetative cover native to local undisturbed areas within three (3) years and, to the extent necessary to prevent erosion on the seeded or planted area, non-vegetative erosion controls have been applied to provide cover for at least three years without active maintenance.
 - (b) Disturbed areas on agricultural land that are restored to their preconstruction agricultural use.** The Part 2.2.14c final stabilization criteria do not apply.
 - (c) Areas that need to remain disturbed.** In limited circumstances, stabilization may not be required if the intended function of a specific area of the site necessitates that it remain disturbed, and only the minimum area needed remains disturbed (e.g., dirt access roads, utility pole pads, areas being used for storage of vehicles, equipment, materials).

2.3 POLLUTION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS⁴⁷

You must implement pollution prevention controls in accordance with the following requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants in stormwater and to prevent the discharge of pollutants from spilled or leaked materials from construction activities.

⁴⁶ Examples of permanent non-vegetative stabilization measures include riprap, gravel, gabions, and geotextiles.

⁴⁷ Under this permit, you are not required to minimize exposure for any products or materials where the exposure to precipitation and to stormwater will not result in a discharge of pollutants, or where exposure of a specific material or product poses little risk of stormwater contamination (such as final products and materials intended for outdoor use).

2.3.1 For equipment and vehicle fueling and maintenance:

- a. Provide an effective means of eliminating the discharge of spilled or leaked chemicals, including fuels and oils, from these activities;⁴⁸
- b. If applicable, comply with the Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasures (SPCC) requirements in 40 CFR part 112 and Section 311 of the CWA;
- c. Ensure adequate supplies are available at all times to handle spills, leaks, and disposal of used liquids;
- d. Use drip pans and absorbents under or around leaky vehicles;
- e. Dispose of or recycle oil and oily wastes in accordance with other Federal, State, Tribal, or local requirements; and
- f. Clean up spills or contaminated surfaces immediately, using dry clean up measures (do not clean contaminated surfaces by hosing the area down), and eliminate the source of the spill to prevent a discharge or a continuation of an ongoing discharge.

2.3.2 For equipment and vehicle washing:

- a. Provide an effective means of minimizing the discharge of pollutants from equipment and vehicle washing, wheel wash water, and other types of wash waters;⁴⁹
- b. Ensure there is no discharge of soaps, solvents, or detergents in equipment and vehicle wash water; and
- c. For storage of soaps, detergents, or solvents, provide either (1) cover (e.g., *plastic sheeting, temporary roofs*) to minimize the exposure of these detergents to precipitation and to stormwater, or (2) a similarly effective means designed to minimize the discharge of pollutants from these areas.

2.3.3 For storage, handling, and disposal of building products, materials, and wastes:⁵⁰

- a. For building materials and building products,⁵¹ provide either (1) cover (e.g., *plastic sheeting, temporary roofs*) to minimize the exposure of these products to

⁴⁸ Examples of effective means include:

- Locating activities away from receiving waters, storm drain inlets, and constructed or natural site drainage feature so that stormwater coming into contact with these activities cannot reach waters of the U.S.;
- Providing secondary containment (e.g., *spill berms, dikes, spill containment pallets*) and cover where appropriate; and
- Having a spill kit available on site and ensuring personnel are available to respond expeditiously in the event of a leak or spill.

⁴⁹ Examples of effective means include locating activities away from receiving waters and storm drain inlets or constructed or natural site drainage features and directing wash waters to a sediment basin or sediment trap, using filtration devices, such as filter bags or sand filters, or using other similarly effective controls.

⁵⁰ Compliance with the requirements of this permit does not relieve compliance requirements with respect to Federal, State, or local laws and regulations governing the storage, handling, and disposal of solid, hazardous, or toxic wastes and materials.

⁵¹ Examples of building materials and building products typically present at construction sites include asphalt sealants, copper flashing, roofing materials, adhesives, concrete admixtures, and gravel and mulch stockpiles.

precipitation and to stormwater, or (2) a similarly effective means designed to minimize the discharge of pollutants from these areas.

Exception: Minimization of exposure is not required in cases where the exposure to precipitation and to stormwater will not result in a discharge of pollutants, or where exposure of a specific material or product poses little risk of stormwater contamination (such as final products and materials intended for outdoor use).

- b.** *For pesticides, herbicides, insecticides, fertilizers, and landscape materials:*
- i.** In storage areas, provide either (1) cover (e.g., *plastic sheeting, temporary roofs*) to minimize the exposure of these chemicals to precipitation and to stormwater, or (2) a similarly effective means designed to minimize the discharge of pollutants from these areas; and
 - ii.** Comply with all application and disposal requirements included on the registered pesticide, herbicide, insecticide, and fertilizer label (see also Part 2.3.5).
- c.** *For diesel fuel, oil, hydraulic fluids, other petroleum products, and other chemicals:*
The following requirements apply to the storage and handling of chemicals on your site. If you are already implementing controls as part of an SPCC or other spill prevention plan that meet or exceed the requirements of this Part, you may continue to do so and be considered in compliance with these provisions provided you reference the applicable parts of the SPCC or other plans in your SWPPP as required in Part 7.2.6b.viii.
- i.** If any chemical container has a storage capacity of less than 55 gallons:
 - (a) The containers must be water-tight, and must be kept closed, sealed, and secured when not being actively used;
 - (b) If stored outside, use a spill containment pallet or similar device to capture small leaks or spills; and
 - (c) Have a spill kit available on site that is in good working condition (i.e., not damaged, expired, or used up) and ensure personnel are available to respond immediately in the event of a leak or spill.
 - ii.** If any chemical container has a storage capacity of 55 gallons or more:
 - (a) The containers must be water-tight, and must be kept closed, sealed, and secured when not being actively used;
 - (b) Store containers a minimum of 50 feet from receiving waters, constructed or natural site drainage features, and storm drain inlets. If infeasible due to site constraints, store containers as far away from these features as the site permits. If site constraints prevent you from storing containers 50 feet away from receiving waters or the other features identified, you must document in your SWPPP the specific reasons why the 50-foot setback is infeasible, and how you will store containers as far away as the site permits;
 - (c) Provide either (1) cover (e.g., *temporary roofs*) to minimize the exposure of these containers to precipitation and to stormwater, or (2) secondary containment (e.g., *curbing, spill berms, dikes, spill containment pallets, double-wall, above-ground storage tank*); and
 - (d) Have a spill kit available on site that is in good working condition (i.e., not

damaged, expired, or used up) and ensure personnel are available to respond immediately in the event of a leak or spill. Additional secondary containment measures are listed at 40 CFR § 112.7(c)(1).

- iii. Clean up spills immediately, using dry clean-up methods where possible, and dispose of used materials properly. You are prohibited from hosing the area down to clean surfaces or spills. Eliminate the source of the spill to prevent a discharge or a furtherance of an ongoing discharge.
- d. *For hazardous or toxic wastes:*⁵²
 - i. Separate hazardous or toxic waste from construction and domestic waste;
 - ii. Store waste in sealed containers, constructed of suitable materials to prevent leakage and corrosion, and labeled in accordance with applicable Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) requirements and all other applicable Federal, State, Tribal, or local requirements;
 - iii. Store all outside containers within appropriately-sized secondary containment (e.g., *spill berms, dikes, spill containment pallets*) to prevent spills from being discharged, or provide a similarly effective means designed to prevent the discharge of pollutants from these areas (e.g., *storing chemicals in a covered area, having a spill kit available on site*);
 - iv. Dispose of hazardous or toxic waste in accordance with the manufacturer's recommended method of disposal and in compliance with Federal, State, Tribal, and local requirements;
 - v. Clean up spills immediately, using dry clean-up methods, and dispose of used materials properly. You are prohibited from hosing the area down to clean surfaces or spills. Eliminate the source of the spill to prevent a discharge or a furtherance of an ongoing discharge; and
 - vi. Follow all other Federal, State, Tribal, and local requirements regarding hazardous or toxic waste.
- e. *For construction and domestic wastes:*⁵³
 - i. Provide waste containers (e.g., *dumpster, trash receptacle*) of sufficient size and number to contain construction and domestic wastes;
 - (a) For waste containers with lids, keep waste container lids closed when not in use, and close lids at the end of the business day and during storm events. For waste containers without lids, provide either (1) cover (e.g., *a tarp, plastic sheeting, temporary roof*) to minimize exposure of wastes to precipitation, or (2) a similarly effective means designed to minimize the discharge of pollutants (e.g., *secondary containment*);
 - (b) On business days, clean up and dispose of waste in designated waste

⁵² Examples of hazardous or toxic waste that may be present at construction sites include paints, caulks, sealants, fluorescent light ballasts, solvents, petroleum-based products, wood preservatives, additives, curing compounds, and acids.

⁵³ Examples of construction and domestic wastes include packaging materials, scrap construction materials, masonry products, timber, pipe and electrical cuttings, plastics, styrofoam, concrete, demolition debris; and other trash or discarded materials.

containers; and

(c) Clean up immediately if containers overflow, and if there is litter elsewhere on the site from escaped trash.

ii. Waste containers are not required for the waste remnant or unused portions of construction materials or final products that are covered by the exception in Part 2.2.3a provided that:

(a) These wastes are stored separately from other construction or domestic wastes addressed by Part 2.3.3e.i (i.e., wastes not covered by the exception in Part 2.3.3a). If the wastes are mixed, they must be stored in waste containers as required in Part 2.3.3e.i; and

(b) These wastes are stored in designated areas of the site, the wastes are described in the SWPPP (see Part 7.2.6b.ix), and identified in the site plan (see Part 7.2.4i).

f. *For sanitary waste, position portable toilets so they are secure and will not be tipped or knocked over, and are located away from receiving waters, storm drain inlets, and constructed or natural site drainage features.*

2.3.4 For washing applicators and containers used for stucco, paint, concrete, form release oils, curing compounds, or other materials:

a. Direct wash water into a leak-proof container or leak-proof and lined pit designed so no overflows can occur due to inadequate sizing or precipitation;

b. Handle washout or cleanout wastes as follows:

i. For liquid wastes:

(a) Do not dump liquid wastes or allow them to enter into constructed or natural site drainage features, storm inlets, or receiving waters;

(b) Do not allow liquid wastes to be disposed of through infiltration or to otherwise be disposed of on the ground;

(c) Comply with applicable State, Tribal, or local requirements for disposal

ii. Remove and dispose of hardened concrete waste consistent with your handling of other construction wastes in Part 2.3.3e; and

c. Locate any washout or cleanout activities as far away as possible from receiving waters, constructed or natural site drainage features, and storm drain inlets, and, to the extent feasible, designate areas to be used for these activities and conduct such activities only in these areas.

2.3.5 For the application of fertilizers:

a. Apply at a rate and in amounts consistent with manufacturer's specifications, or document in the SWPPP departures from the manufacturer specifications where appropriate in accordance with Part 7.2.6b.x;

b. Apply at the appropriate time of year for your location, and preferably timed to coincide as closely as possible to the period of maximum vegetation uptake and growth;

- c. Avoid applying before heavy rains that could cause excess nutrients to be discharged;
- d. Never apply to frozen ground;
- e. Never apply to constructed or natural site drainage features; and
- f. Follow all other Federal, State, Tribal, and local requirements regarding fertilizer application.

2.3.6 Emergency Spill Notification Requirements

Discharges of toxic or hazardous substances from a spill or other release are prohibited, consistent with Part 1.3.5. Where a leak, spill, or other release containing a hazardous substance or oil in an amount equal to or in excess of a reportable quantity established under either 40 CFR part 110, 40 CFR part 117, or 40 CFR part 302 occurs during a 24-hour period, you must notify the National Response Center (NRC) at (800) 424-8802 or, in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, call (202) 267-2675 in accordance with the requirements of 40 CFR part 110, 40 CFR part 117, and 40 CFR part 302 as soon as you have knowledge of the release. You must also, within seven (7) calendar days of knowledge of the release, provide a description of the release, the circumstances leading to the release, and the date of the release. State, Tribal, or local requirements may necessitate additional reporting of spills or discharges to local emergency response, public health, or drinking water supply agencies.

2.4 CONSTRUCTION DEWATERING REQUIREMENTS

Comply with the following requirements to minimize the discharge of pollutants from dewatering⁵⁴ operations.

- 2.4.1** Route dewatering water through a sediment control (e.g., sediment trap or basin, pumped water filter bag) designed to prevent discharges with visual turbidity;⁵⁵
- 2.4.2** Do not discharge visible floating solids or foam;
- 2.4.3** The discharge must not cause the formation of a visible sheen on the water surface, or visible oily deposits on the bottom or shoreline of the receiving water. Use an oil-water separator or suitable filtration device (such as a cartridge filter) designed to remove oil, grease, or other products if dewatering water is found to or expected to contain these materials;
- 2.4.4** To the extent feasible, use well-vegetated (e.g., grassy or wooded), upland areas of the site to infiltrate dewatering water before discharge.⁵⁶ You are prohibited from using receiving waters as part of the treatment area;
- 2.4.5** To prevent dewatering-related erosion and related sediment discharges:
 - a. Use stable, erosion-resistant surfaces (e.g., well-vegetated grassy areas, clean filter stone, geotextile underlayment) to discharge from dewatering controls;

⁵⁴ "Dewatering" is defined in Appendix A as "the act of draining accumulated stormwater and/or ground water from building foundations, vaults, and trenches, or other similar points of accumulation."

⁵⁵ For the purposes of this permit, visual turbidity is present where there is a sediment plume in the discharge or the discharge appears cloudy, or opaque, or has a visible contrast that can be identified by an observer.

⁵⁶ See footnote 19.

- b. Do not place dewatering controls, such as pumped water filter bags, on steep slopes (as defined in Appendix A); and
 - c. At all points where dewatering water is discharged, comply with the velocity dissipation requirements of Part 2.2.11.
- 2.4.6** For backwash water, either haul it away for disposal or return it to the beginning of the treatment process;
- 2.4.7** Replace and clean the filter media used in dewatering devices when the pressure differential equals or exceeds the manufacturer's specifications; and
- 2.4.8** Comply with dewatering-specific inspection requirements in Part 4.

3 WATER QUALITY-BASED EFFLUENT LIMITATIONS

3.1 GENERAL EFFLUENT LIMITATION TO MEET APPLICABLE WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Discharges must be controlled as necessary to meet applicable water quality standards. Discharges must also comply with any additional State or Tribal requirements that are in Part 9.

In the absence of information demonstrating otherwise, EPA expects that compliance with the conditions in this permit will result in stormwater discharges being controlled as necessary to meet applicable water quality standards. If at any time you become aware, or EPA determines, that discharges are not being controlled as necessary to meet applicable water quality standards, you must take corrective action as required in Parts 5.1 and 5.2, and document the corrective actions as required in Part 5.4.

EPA may insist that you install additional controls (to meet the narrative water quality-based effluent limit above) on a site-specific basis, or require you to obtain coverage under an individual permit, if information in your NOI or from other sources indicates that your discharges are not controlled as necessary to meet applicable water quality standards. This includes situations where additional controls are necessary to comply with a wasteload allocation in an EPA-established or approved TMDL.

If during your coverage under a previous permit, you were required to install and maintain stormwater controls specifically to meet the assumptions and requirements of an EPA-approved or established TMDL (for any parameter) or to otherwise control your discharge to meet water quality standards, you must continue to implement such controls as part of your coverage under this permit.

3.2 WATER QUALITY-BASED CONDITIONS FOR SITES DISCHARGING TO CERTAIN IMPAIRED AND HIGH QUALITY RECEIVING WATERS

For any portion of the site that discharges to a sediment or nutrient-impaired water or to a water that is identified by your State, Tribe, or EPA as Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes,⁵⁷ you must comply with the inspection frequency specified in Part 4.3 and you must comply with the stabilization deadline specified in Part 2.2.14b.iii.⁵⁸

⁵⁷ Refer to Appendix A for definitions of "impaired water" and "Tier 2," "Tier 2.5," and "Tier 3" waters. For assistance in determining whether your site discharges to impaired waters, EPA has developed a tool that is available at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/epas-stormwater-discharge-mapping-tools>. For assistance in determining whether your site discharges to a Tier 2, 2.5, or 3 water, refer to the list of such waters at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>.

⁵⁸ If you qualify for any of the reduced inspection frequencies in Part 4.4, you may conduct inspections in

If you discharge to a water that is impaired for a parameter other than a sediment-related parameter or nutrients, EPA will inform you if any additional controls are necessary for your discharge to be controlled as necessary to meet water quality standards. These controls might include those necessary for your discharge to be consistent with the assumptions of any available wasteload allocation in any applicable TMDL. In addition, EPA may require you to apply for and obtain coverage under an individual NPDES permit.

In addition, on a case-by-case basis, EPA may notify operators of new sites or operators of existing sites with increased discharges that additional analyses, stormwater controls, and/or other measures are necessary to comply with the applicable antidegradation requirements, or notify you that an individual permit application is necessary.

If you discharge to a water that is impaired for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and are engaging in demolition of any structure with at least 10,000 square feet of floor space built or renovated before January 1, 1980, you must:

- a. Implement controls⁵⁹ to minimize the exposure of PCB-containing building materials, including paint, caulk, and pre-1980 fluorescent lighting fixtures, to precipitation and to stormwater; and
- b. Ensure that disposal of such materials is performed in compliance with applicable State, Federal, and local laws.

3.3 TURBIDITY BENCHMARK MONITORING FOR SITES DISCHARGING DEWATERING WATER TO PROTECT THE WATER QUALITY OF SENSITIVE WATERS

For sites discharging dewatering water to “sensitive waters” (i.e., receiving waters listed as impaired for sediment or a sediment-related parameter (as defined in Appendix A), or receiving waters designated as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes) you are required to comply with the benchmark monitoring requirements in this Part and document the procedures you will use at your site in your SWPPP pursuant to Part 7.2.8. A summary of these requirements is included in Table 1.

EPA notes that the benchmark threshold is not an effluent limitation, rather it is an indicator that the dewatering controls may not be working to protect water quality, which the operator must investigate and correct as appropriate. A benchmark exceedance is not a permit violation. However, if a benchmark exceedance triggers corrective action in Part 5.1.5a, failure to conduct any required action is a permit violation.

Where there are multiple operators associated with the same site, the operators may coordinate with one another to carry out the monitoring requirements of this Part in order to avoid duplicating efforts. Such coordinating arrangements must be described in the SWPPP consistent with Part 7.2.8. Regardless of how the operators divide the

accordance with Part 4.4 for any portion of your site that discharges to a sensitive water.

⁵⁹ Examples of controls to minimize exposure of PCBs to precipitation and stormwater include separating work areas from non-work areas and selecting appropriate personal protective equipment and tools, constructing a containment area so that all dust or debris generated by the work remains within the protected area, and using tools that minimize dust and heat (<212°F). For additional information, refer to Part 2.3.3 of the CGP Fact Sheet.

responsibilities for monitoring and reporting, each operator remains responsible for compliance with these requirements.⁶⁰

3.3.1 Turbidity monitoring requirements⁶¹

- a. **Sampling frequency.** You must collect at least one turbidity sample from your dewatering discharge each day a discharge occurs.
- b. **Sampling location.** Samples must be taken at all points where dewatering water is discharged. Samples must be taken after the dewatering water has been treated by installed treatment devices pursuant to Parts 2.4.1 and 2.4.3 and prior to its discharge off site into a receiving water, constructed or natural site drainage feature, or storm drain inlet.
- c. **Representative samples.** Samples taken must be representative of the dewatering discharge for any given day as required in Appendix G (standard permit conditions), Part G.10.2.
- d. **Test methods.** Samples must be measured using a turbidity meter that reports results in nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs) and conforms with a Part 136-approved method (e.g., methods 180.1 and 2130). You are required to use the meter, and conduct a calibration verification prior to each day's use, consistent with the manufacturer's instructions.

3.3.2 Turbidity benchmark

- a. The benchmark threshold for turbidity for this permit is 50 NTUs (referred to elsewhere in this permit as the "standard 50 NTU benchmark") unless EPA has authorized the use of an alternate benchmark in accordance with Part 3.3.2b.
- b. **Request for alternate benchmark threshold.**
 - i. At any time prior to or during your coverage under this permit, you may request that EPA approve a benchmark for your site that is higher than 50 NTUs if you have information demonstrating the higher number is the same as your receiving water's water quality standard for turbidity. Unless EPA approves an alternate benchmark, you will be required to use the standard 50 NTU benchmark. To request approval of an alternate benchmark, you must submit the following information to your applicable EPA Regional Office (see Appendix K):
 - (a) The current turbidity water quality standard that applies to your receiving

⁶⁰ For instance, if Operator A relies on Operator B to meet the Part 3.3.1 turbidity monitoring requirements, the Part 3.3.4 reporting and recordkeeping requirements, and the Part 5.2.2 corrective action provisions when applicable, Operator A does not have to duplicate these same functions if Operator B is implementing them for both operators to be in compliance with the permit. However, Operator A remains responsible for complying with these permit requirements if Operator B fails to take actions that were necessary for Operator A to comply with the permit. See also footnote 83. EPA notes that both Operator A and B are required to submit turbidity monitoring reports as required under Part 3.3.4, however, Operator A's report does not need to include the data collected by Operator B as long as Operator B submits the required data and Operator A's report indicates that it is relying on Operator B to report the data. See Part 3.3.4a.

⁶¹ Operators may find it useful to consult EPA's *Monitoring and Inspection Guide for Construction Dewatering*, available at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>, which provides guidelines on how to correctly monitor for turbidity, determine if the weekly average exceeds the benchmark, and, if so, how to proceed with corrective action.

water and the source/citation.⁶²

(b) If the applicable turbidity water quality standard requires information on natural or background turbidity levels (e.g., “no more than 10 NTU above natural turbidity levels”) to determine the specific standard for the receiving water, include available data that can be used to establish the natural turbidity levels of your receiving water (including literature studies or Federal, State, Tribal, or local government data). Data must be representative of the natural turbidity levels of your specific receiving water. Identify the source(s) of all data provided, including if the data are from samples you collected of the receiving water.

- ii. EPA will inform you of its decision on whether to approve the requested alternate benchmark within 30 days. EPA may approve your request, request additional time (e.g., if additional information is needed to substantiate the data you provided), or deny your request. Unless and until EPA approves your request to use an alternate benchmark, you are required to use the standard benchmark of 50 NTUs and take any required corrective actions if an exceedance occurs.

3.3.3 Comparison of turbidity samples to benchmark. Compare the weekly average⁶³ of your turbidity monitoring results to the standard 50 NTU benchmark, or alternate benchmark if approved by EPA.

- a. If the weekly average of your turbidity monitoring results exceeds the standard benchmark (or your approved alternate benchmark), you are required to conduct follow-up corrective action in accordance with Part 5.2.2 and document any corrective action taken in your corrective action log in accordance with Part 5.4.
- b. For averaging purposes, a “monitoring week” starts with a Monday and ends on Sunday. Once a new monitoring week starts, you will need to calculate a new average for that week of turbidity monitoring results.⁶⁴ A weekly average may consist of one or more turbidity monitoring results.
- c. Although you are not required to collect and analyze more than one turbidity sample per day from your dewatering discharge, if you do collect and analyze more than one sample on any given day, you must include any additional results in the

⁶² For instance, if your site is located in Washington, DC, and you are discharging to a Class B water, for which the water quality standard is that turbidity may not increase above ambient levels by more than 20 percent, you would reference “Water Quality Standards for the District of Columbia, Chapter 11, Section 1104.8.”

⁶³ A “weekly average” is defined as the sum of all of the turbidity samples taken during a “monitoring week” divided by the number of samples measured during that week. Average values should be calculated to the nearest whole number.

⁶⁴ For example, if turbidity samples from your dewatering discharge in week 1 result in values of 30 NTU on Tuesday, 40 NTU on Wednesday, and 45 NTU on Thursday, your weekly average turbidity value would be 38.33 NTU $((30+40+45) \div 3 = 38 \text{ NTU})$. If in week 2, your turbidity samples resulted in values of 45 NTU on Monday, 30 NTU on Tuesday, 25 NTU on Wednesday, and 15 NTU on Thursday, you would calculate a new average for that week, which would yield an average turbidity value of 28.75 NTU $((45+30+25+15) \div 4 = 29 \text{ NTU})$. By comparison, if your samples on consecutive days from Friday to Monday were 60 NTU, 45 NTU, 40 NTU, and 43 NTU, respectively, and there are no other dewatering discharges for the remainder of the week, you would calculate one weekly average for the Friday to Sunday to be 48 NTU $((60+45+40) \div 3 = 48 \text{ NTU})$, and a separate weekly average for the one Monday to be 43 NTU $(43 \div 1 = 43 \text{ NTU})$.

calculation of your weekly average (i.e., add all individual results for that monitoring week and divide by the total number of samples).⁶⁵

- d. If you are conducting turbidity monitoring for more than one dewatering discharge point, you must calculate a weekly average turbidity value for each discharge point and compare each to the turbidity benchmark.

3.3.4 Reporting and recordkeeping.

- a. You must submit reports of your weekly average turbidity data to EPA no later than 30 days following the end of each monitoring quarter. If there are monitoring weeks in which there was no dewatering discharge, or if there is a monitoring quarter with no dewatering discharge, indicate this in your turbidity monitoring report. If another operator associated with your same site is conducting turbidity monitoring on your behalf pursuant to Part 3.3, indicate this in your turbidity monitoring report.
- b. For the purposes of this permit, the following monitoring quarters and reporting deadlines apply:

Table 3. Monitoring Quarters and Deadlines for Reporting Turbidity Benchmark Monitoring Data.

Monitoring Quarter #	Months	Reporting Deadline (no later than 30 days after end of the monitoring quarter)
1	January 1 – March 31	April 30
2	April 1 – June 30	July 30
3	July 1 – September 30	October 30
4	October 1 – December 31	January 30

- c. You must use EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT) to electronically submit your quarterly turbidity data, unless, consistent with Part 1.4.2, you received a waiver from your applicable EPA Regional Office. If the EPA Regional Office grants you approval to use a paper turbidity monitoring report form, and you elect to use it, you must complete the form in Appendix K. If EPA approves of your request to use an alternate turbidity benchmark pursuant to Part 3.3.2b, EPA will substitute the alternate benchmark in your NeT account.
- d. For each day in which you are required to monitor, you must record the monitoring information required by Appendix G, Parts G.10.2 and G.10.3 and retain all such information for a period of at least three years from the date this permit expires or from the date your authorization is terminated.

⁶⁵ For example, if during a monitoring week you take two turbidity samples on Tuesday with a value of 30 NTU and 35 NTU, three samples on Wednesday with a value of 40 NTU, 45 NTU, and 48 NTU, and one sample on Thursday with a value of 45 NTU, your weekly average turbidity value for this week would be 41 NTU ((30+35+40+45+48+45) ÷ 6 = 41 NTU).

Table 4. Summary of Turbidity Benchmark Monitoring Requirements.

Applicability	Sampling Requirement	Turbidity Benchmark	Corrective Action	Reporting
Sites discharging dewatering water to a sediment-impaired water or to a water designated as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes.	Collect at least one turbidity sample per day, from each discharge point, on any day there is a dewatering discharge. Use turbidity sampling procedures specified in Part 3.3.1.	Compare the weekly average of your turbidity monitoring results to the 50 NTU benchmark (or alternate benchmark if approved by EPA).	If the weekly average of turbidity monitoring results exceeds the 50 NTU turbidity benchmark (or alternate benchmark if approved by EPA), you are required to take follow-up corrective action in accordance with Part 5.2.2.	Report all weekly average turbidity monitoring results on a quarterly basis via NeT-CGP (unless use of the paper monitoring form in Appendix K is approved by EPA) no later than 30 days following the end of each monitoring quarter.

4 INSPECTION REQUIREMENTS

4.1 PERSON(S) RESPONSIBLE FOR CONDUCTING SITE AND DEWATERING INSPECTIONS

The person(s) inspecting your site may be a person on your staff or a third party you hire to conduct such inspections. You are responsible for ensuring that any person conducting inspections pursuant to this Part is a “qualified person.” A qualified person is someone who has completed the training required by Part 6.3.

4.2 FREQUENCY OF INSPECTIONS.⁶⁶

At a minimum, you must conduct a site inspection in accordance with one of the two schedules listed below, unless you are subject to the Part 4.3 site inspection frequency for discharges to sediment or nutrient-impaired or high quality waters, or qualify for a Part 4.4 reduction in the inspection frequency:

4.2.1 At least once every seven (7) calendar days; or

4.2.2 Once every 14 calendar days *and* within 24 hours⁶⁷ of the occurrence of:

- a.** A storm event that produces 0.25 inches or more of rain within a 24-hour period.
 - i.** If a storm event produces 0.25 inches or more of rain within a 24-hour period (including when there are multiple, smaller storms that alone produce less than 0.25 inches but together produce 0.25 inches or more in 24 hours), you are required to conduct one inspection within 24 hours of when 0.25 inches of rain or more has fallen.

⁶⁶ Inspections are only required during the site’s normal working hours.

⁶⁷ For the purposes of the inspection requirements in this Part, conducting an inspection “within 24 hours” means that once either of the two conditions in Parts 4.2.2a or 4.2.2b are met you have 24 hours from that time to conduct an inspection. For clarification, the 24 hours is counted as a continuous passage of time, and not counted by business hours (e.g., 3 business days of 8 hours each). When the 24-hour inspection time frame occurs entirely outside of normal working hours, you must conduct an inspection by no later than the end of the next business day.

- ii. If a storm event produces 0.25 inches or more of rain within a 24-hour period on the first day of a storm and continues to produce 0.25 inches or more of rain on subsequent days, you must conduct an inspection within 24 hours of the first day of the storm and within 24 hours after the last day of the storm that produces 0.25 inches or more of rain (i.e., only two inspections would be required for such a storm event).⁶⁸
 - b. A discharge caused by snowmelt from a storm event that produces 3.25 inches⁶⁹ or more of snow within a 24-hour period. You are required to conduct one inspection once the discharge of snowmelt from a 3.25-inch or more snow accumulation occurs. Additional snowmelt inspections are only required if following the discharge from the first snowmelt, there is a discharge from a separate storm event that produces 3.25 inches or more of snow.
- 4.2.3** To determine whether a storm event meets either of the thresholds in Parts 4.2.2a or 4.2.2b:
- a. For rain, you must either keep a properly maintained rain gauge on your site, or obtain the storm event information from a weather station that is representative of your location. For any 24-hour period during which there is 0.25 inches or more of rainfall, you must record the total rainfall measured for that day in accordance with Part 4.7.1d.
 - b. For snow, you must either take measurements of snowfall at your site,⁷⁰ or rely on similar information from a local weather forecasting provider that is representative of your location.

4.3 INCREASE IN INSPECTION FREQUENCY FOR CERTAIN SITES.

The increased inspection frequencies established in this Part take the place of the Part 4.2 inspection frequencies for the portion of the site affected.

- 4.3.1 For any portion of the site that discharges to a sediment or nutrient-impaired water or to a water that is identified by your State, Tribe, or EPA as Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes (see Part 3.2),** you must conduct an once every seven (7) calendar days *and* within 24 hours of the occurrence of a storm event that produces 0.25 inches or more of rain within a 24-hour period, or within 24 hours of a snowmelt discharge from a storm event that produces 3.25 inches or more of snow within a 24-hour period.

⁶⁸ For example, if 0.30 inches of rain falls on Day 1, 0.25 inches of rain falls on Day 2, and 0.10 inches of rain fall on Day 3, you would be required to conduct a first inspection within 24 hours of the Day 1 rainfall and a second inspection within 24 hours of the Day 2 rainfall, but a third inspection would not be required within 24 hours of the Day 3 rainfall.

⁶⁹ This is the amount of snow that is equivalent to 0.25 inches of rain, based on information from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) indicating that 13 inches of snow is, on average, equivalent to 1 inch of rain. See <https://www.nssl.noaa.gov/education/svrwx101/winter/faq/>.

⁷⁰ For snowfall measurements, EPA suggests use of NOAA's National Weather Service guidelines at https://www.weather.gov/jkl/snow_measurement. These guidelines recommend use of a "snowboard" (a piece of wood about 16 inches by 16 inches) that is placed in an unobstructed part of the site on a hard surface.

Refer to Parts 4.2.3a and 4.2.3b for the requirements to determine if a storm event produces enough rain or snow to trigger the inspection requirement.

4.3.2 For sites discharging dewatering water, you must conduct an inspection in accordance with Part 4.6.3 during the discharge once per day on which the discharge occurs. The Part 4.2 inspection frequency still applies to all other portions of the site, unless the site is affected by either the increased frequency in Part 4.3.1 or the reduced frequency in Part 4.4.

4.4 REDUCTIONS IN INSPECTION FREQUENCY

4.4.1 Stabilized areas.

a. You may reduce the frequency of inspections to twice per month for the first month, no more than 14 calendar days apart, then once per month until permit coverage is terminated consistent with Part 8 in any area of your site where the stabilization steps in Part 2.2.14a have been completed. If construction activity resumes in this portion of the site at a later date, the inspection frequency immediately increases to that required in Parts 4.2 and 4.3, as applicable. You must document the beginning and ending dates of this period in your SWPPP.

b. Exception. For “linear construction sites” (as defined in Appendix A) where disturbed portions have undergone final stabilization at the same time active construction continues on others, you may reduce the frequency of inspections to twice per month for the first month, no more than 14 calendar days apart, in any area of your site where the stabilization steps in Part 2.2.14a have been completed. After the first month, inspect once more within 24 hours of the occurrence of a storm event that produces 0.25 inches of rain or more within a 24-hour period, or within 24 hours of a snowmelt discharge from a storm event that produces 3.25 inches or more of snow within a 24-hour period. If there are no issues or evidence of stabilization problems, you may suspend further inspections. If “wash-out” of stabilization materials and/or sediment is observed, following re-stabilization, inspections must resume at the inspection frequency required in Part 4.4.1a. Inspections must continue until final stabilization is visually confirmed following a storm event that produces 0.25 inches of rain or more within a 24-hour period.

4.4.2 Arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas (as defined in Appendix A). If it is the seasonally dry period⁷¹ or a period in which drought is occurring, you may reduce the frequency of inspections to once per month and within 24 hours of the occurrence of a storm event that produces 0.25 inches of rain or more within a 24-hour period, or within 24 hours of a snowmelt discharge from a storm event that produces 3.25 inches or more of snow within a 24-hour period. You must document that you are using this reduced schedule and the beginning and ending dates of the seasonally dry period in your SWPPP. Follow the procedures in Part 4.2.3a and 4.2.3b, accordingly, to determine if a storm event occurs that produces 0.25 inches or more of rain or 3.25 inches or more of snow within a 24-hour period. For any 24-hour period during which there is 0.25 inches or more of rainfall, or 3.25 inches or more of snow, you must record the total rainfall or snow measured for that day in accordance with Part 4.7.1d.

⁷¹ See footnote 44.

4.4.3 Frozen conditions:

- a.** If you are suspending construction activities due to frozen conditions, you may temporarily suspend inspections on your site until thawing conditions (as defined in Appendix A) begin to occur if:
 - i.** Discharges are unlikely due to continuous frozen conditions that are likely to continue at your site for at least three (3) months based on historic seasonal averages.⁷² If unexpected weather conditions (such as above freezing temperatures or rain events) make discharges likely, you must immediately resume your regular inspection frequency as described in Parts 4.2 and 4.3, as applicable;
 - ii.** Land disturbances have been suspended; and
 - iii.** All disturbed areas of the site have been stabilized in accordance with Part 2.2.14a.
- b.** If you are still conducting construction activities during frozen conditions, you may reduce your inspection frequency to once per month if:
 - i.** Discharges are unlikely due to continuous frozen conditions that are likely to continue at your site for at least three (3) months based on historic seasonal averages. If unexpected weather conditions (such as above freezing temperatures or rain events) make discharges likely, you must immediately resume your regular inspection frequency as described in Parts 4.2 and 4.3, as applicable; and
 - ii.** Except for areas in which you are actively conducting construction activities, disturbed areas of the site have been stabilized in accordance with Part 2.2.14a.

You must document the beginning and ending dates of this period in your SWPPP.

4.5 AREAS THAT MUST BE INSPECTED

During your site inspection, you must at a minimum inspect the following areas of your site:

- 4.5.1** All areas that have been cleared, graded, or excavated and that have not yet completed stabilization consistent with Part 2.2.14a;
- 4.5.2** All stormwater controls, including pollution prevention controls, installed at the site to comply with this permit;⁷³
- 4.5.3** Material, waste, borrow, and equipment storage and maintenance areas that are covered by this permit;
- 4.5.4** All areas where stormwater typically flows within the site, including constructed or natural site drainage features designed to divert, convey, and/or treat stormwater;
- 4.5.5** All areas where construction dewatering is taking place, including controls to treat the dewatering discharge and any channelized flow of water to and from those controls;

⁷² Use data sets that include the most recent data available to account for recent precipitation patterns and trends.

⁷³ This includes the requirement to inspect for sediment that has been tracked out from the site onto paved roads, sidewalks, or other paved areas consistent with Part 2.2.4.

4.5.6 All points of discharge from the site; and

4.5.7 All locations where stabilization measures have been implemented.

You are not required to inspect areas that, at the time of the inspection, are considered unsafe to your inspection personnel.

4.6 REQUIREMENTS FOR INSPECTIONS

4.6.1 During each site inspection, you must at a minimum:

- a.** Check whether all stormwater controls (*i.e., erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention controls*) are properly installed, appear to be operational, and are working as intended to minimize pollutant discharges.
- b.** Check for the presence of conditions that could lead to spills, leaks, or other accumulations of pollutants on the site.
- c.** Identify any locations where new or modified stormwater controls are necessary to meet the requirements of Parts 2 and/or 3.
- d.** Check for signs of visible erosion and sedimentation (*i.e., sediment deposits*) that have occurred and are attributable to your discharge at points of discharge and, if applicable, on the banks of any receiving waters flowing within or immediately adjacent to the site;
- e.** Check for signs of sediment deposition that are visible from your site and attributable to your discharge (e.g., sand bars with no vegetation growing on top in receiving waters or in other constructed or natural site drainage features, or the buildup of sediment deposits on nearby streets, curbs, or open conveyance channels).
- f.** Identify any incidents of noncompliance observed.

4.6.2 If a discharge is occurring during your inspection:

- a.** Identify all discharge points at the site; and
- b.** Observe and document the visual quality of the discharge, and take note of the characteristics of the stormwater discharge, including color; odor; floating, settled, or suspended solids; foam; oil sheen; and other indicators of stormwater pollutants. Check also for signs of these same pollutant characteristics that are visible from your site and attributable to your discharge in receiving waters or in other constructed or natural site drainage features.

4.6.3 For dewatering inspections conducted pursuant to Parts 4.3.2, record the following in a report within 24 hours of completing the inspection:

- a.** The inspection date;
- b.** Names and titles of personnel making the inspection;
- c.** Approximate times that the dewatering discharge began and ended on the day of inspection;⁷⁴
- d.** Estimates of the rate (in gallons per day) of discharge on the day of inspection;

⁷⁴ If the dewatering discharge is a continuous discharge that continues after normal business hours, indicate that the discharge is continuous.

- e. Whether or not any of the following indications of pollutant discharge were observed at the point of discharge to any receiving waters flowing through or immediately adjacent to the site and/or to constructed or natural site drainage features or storm drain inlets:⁷⁵
 - i. a sediment plume, suspended solids, unusual color, presence of odor, decreased clarity, or presence of foam; and/or
 - ii. a visible sheen on the water surface or visible oily deposits on the bottom or shoreline of the receiving water; and
- f. Photographs of (1) the dewatering water prior to treatment by a dewatering control(s) and the final discharge after treatment; (2) the dewatering control(s); and (3) the point of discharge to any receiving waters flowing through or immediately adjacent to the site and/or to constructed or natural site drainage features, storm drain inlets, and other conveyances to receiving waters.

You must also comply with the Part 4.7.2, 4.7.3, and 4.7.4 requirements for signing the reports, keeping them available on site, and retaining copies.

4.6.4 Based on the results of your inspection:

- a. Complete any necessary maintenance repairs or replacements under Part 2.1.4 or under Part 5, whichever applies; and
- b. Modify your SWPPP site map in accordance with Part 7.4.1 to reflect changes to your stormwater controls that are no longer accurately reflected on the current site map.

4.7 INSPECTION REPORT

4.7.1 You must complete an inspection report within 24 hours of completing any site inspection. Each inspection report (except for dewatering inspection reports, which are covered in Part 4.6.3) must include the following:

- a. The inspection date;
- b. Names and titles of personnel making the inspection;
- c. A summary of your inspection findings, covering at a minimum the observations you made in accordance with Part 4.6, including any problems found during your inspection that make it necessary to perform routine maintenance pursuant to Part 2.1.4b or corrective action pursuant to Part 5. Include also any documentation as to why the corrective action procedures under Part 5 are unnecessary to fix a problem that repeatedly occurs as described in Part 2.1.4c;
- d. If you are inspecting your site at the frequency specified in Part 4.2.2, Part 4.3, or Part 4.4.1b, and you conducted an inspection because of a storm event that produced rainfall measuring 0.25 inches or more within a 24-hour period, you must include the applicable rain gauge or weather station readings that triggered the inspection. Similarly, if you conducted an inspection because of a snowmelt discharge from a storm event that produced 3.25 inches or more of snow within a 24-hour period, you must include any measurements taken of snowfall at your site, or weather station information you relied on; and

⁷⁵ If the operator observes any of these indicators of pollutant discharge, corrective action is required consistent with Parts 5.1.5b and 5.2.2.

- e. If you determined that it is unsafe to inspect a portion of your site, you must describe the reason you found it to be unsafe and specify the locations to which this condition applies.

4.7.2 Each inspection report must be signed by the operator's signatory in accordance with Appendix G, Part G.11 of this permit.

4.7.3 You must keep a copy of all inspection reports at the site or at an easily accessible location, so that it can be made immediately available at the time of an on-site inspection or upon request by EPA.⁷⁶

4.7.4 You must retain all inspection reports completed for this Part for at least three (3) years from the date that your permit coverage expires or is terminated.

4.8 INSPECTIONS BY EPA

You must allow EPA, or an authorized representative of EPA, to conduct the following activities at reasonable times. To the extent that you are utilizing shared controls, that are not on site, to comply with this permit, you must make arrangements for EPA to have access at all reasonable times to those areas where the shared controls are located.

4.8.1 Enter onto all areas of the site, including any construction support activity areas covered by this permit, any off-site areas where shared controls are utilized to comply with this permit, discharge locations, adjoining waterbodies, and locations where records are kept under the conditions of this permit;

4.8.2 Access and copy any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;

4.8.3 Inspect your construction site, including any construction support activity areas covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c), any stormwater controls installed and maintained at the site, and any off-site shared controls utilized to comply with this permit; and

4.8.4 Sample or monitor for the purpose of ensuring compliance.

5 CORRECTIVE ACTIONS

5.1 CONDITIONS TRIGGERING CORRECTIVE ACTION.

You must take corrective action to address any of the following conditions identified at your site:

5.1.1 A stormwater control needs a significant repair or a new or replacement control is needed, or, in accordance with Part 2.1.4c, you find it necessary to repeatedly (i.e., three (3) or more times) conduct the same routine maintenance fix to the same control at the same location (unless you document in your inspection report under Part 4.7.1c that the specific reoccurrence of this same problem should still be addressed as a routine maintenance fix under Part 2.1.4); or

5.1.2 A stormwater control necessary to comply with the requirements of this permit was never installed, or was installed incorrectly; or

⁷⁶ Inspection reports may be prepared, signed, and kept electronically, rather than in paper form, if the records are: (a) in a format that can be read in a similar manner as a paper record; (b) legally dependable with no less evidentiary value than their paper equivalent; and (c) immediately accessible to the inspector during an inspection to the same extent as a paper copy stored at the site would be, if the records were stored in paper form. For additional guidance on the proper practices to follow for the electronic retention of inspection report records, refer to the Fact Sheet discussion related to Part 4.7.3.

- 5.1.3** Your discharges are not meeting applicable water quality standards;
- 5.1.4** A prohibited discharge has occurred (see Part 1.3); or
- 5.1.5** During discharge from site dewatering activities:
 - a.** The weekly average of your turbidity monitoring results exceeds the 50 NTU benchmark (or alternate benchmark if approved by EPA pursuant to Part 3.3.2b); or
 - b.** You observe or you are informed by EPA, State, or local authorities of the presence of the conditions specified in Part 4.6.3e.

5.2 CORRECTIVE ACTION DEADLINES

- 5.2.1** If responding to any of the Part 5.1.1, 5.1.2, 5.1.3, or 5.1.4 triggering conditions, you must:
 - a.** Immediately take all reasonable steps to address the condition, including cleaning up any contaminated surfaces so the material will not discharge in subsequent storm events; and
 - b.** When the problem does not require a new or replacement control or significant repair, the corrective action must be completed by the close of the next business day; or
 - c.** When the problem requires a new or replacement control or significant repair, install the new or modified control and make it operational, or complete the repair, by no later than seven (7) calendar days from the time of discovery. If it is infeasible to complete the installation or repair within seven (7) calendar days, you must document in your records why it is infeasible to complete the installation or repair within the 7-day timeframe and document your schedule for installing the stormwater control(s) and making it operational as soon as feasible after the 7-day timeframe. Where these actions result in changes to any of the stormwater controls or procedures documented in your SWPPP, you must modify your SWPPP accordingly within seven (7) calendar days of completing this work.
- 5.2.2** If responding to either of the Part 5.1.5 triggering conditions related to site dewatering activities, you must:
 - a.** Immediately take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent the discharge of pollutants until you can implement a solution, including shutting off the dewatering discharge as soon as possible depending on the severity of the condition⁷⁷ taking safety considerations into account;
 - b.** Determine whether the dewatering controls are operating effectively and whether they are causing the conditions; and
 - c.** Make any necessary adjustments, repairs, or replacements to the dewatering controls to lower the turbidity levels below the benchmark or remove the visible plume or sheen.

⁷⁷ For instance, if the weekly average of your turbidity monitoring results or a single sample is extremely high (e.g., a single turbidity sample results in 355 NTUs or higher), you should take action to safely shut off the discharge so that you can evaluate the cause of the high turbidity. Note: A single turbidity sample of 355 NTUs or higher means that the weekly average turbidity value will exceed 50 NTU regardless of the turbidity values the other days during the week.

When you have completed these steps and made any changes deemed necessary, you may resume discharging from your dewatering activities.

5.3 CORRECTIVE ACTION REQUIRED BY EPA

You must comply with any corrective actions required by EPA as a result of permit violations found during an inspection carried out under Part 4.8.

5.4 CORRECTIVE ACTION LOG

5.4.1 For each corrective action taken in accordance with this Part, you must record the following in a corrective action log:

- a.** Within 24 hours of identifying the corrective action condition, document the specific condition and the date and time it was identified.
- b.** Within 24 hours of completing the corrective action (in accordance with the deadlines in Part 5.2), document the actions taken to address the condition, including whether any SWPPP modifications are required.

5.4.2 Each entry into the corrective action log, consisting of the information required by both Parts 5.4.1a and 5.4.1b, must be signed by the operator's signatory in accordance with Appendix G, Part G.11.2 of this permit.

5.4.3 You must keep a copy of the corrective action log at the site or at an easily accessible location, so that it can be made immediately available at the time of an on-site inspection or upon request by EPA.⁷⁸

5.4.4 You must retain the corrective action log for at least three (3) years from the date that your permit coverage expires or is terminated.

6 STORMWATER TEAM FORMATION/STAFF TRAINING REQUIREMENTS

6.1 STORMWATER TEAM

Each operator, or group of multiple operators, must assemble a "stormwater team" that will be responsible for carrying out activities necessary to comply with this permit. The stormwater team must include the following people:

- a.** Personnel who are responsible for the design, installation, maintenance, and/or repair of stormwater controls (including pollution prevention controls);
- b.** Personnel responsible for the application and storage of treatment chemicals (if applicable);
- c.** Personnel who are responsible for conducting inspections as required in Part 4.1; and
- d.** Personnel who are responsible for taking corrective actions as required in Part 5.

Members of the stormwater team must be identified in the SWPPP pursuant to Part 7.2.2.

⁷⁸ The corrective action log may be prepared, signed, and kept electronically, rather than in paper form, if the records are: (a) in a format that can be read in a similar manner as a paper record; (b) legally dependable with no less evidentiary value than their paper equivalent; and (c) immediately accessible to the inspector during an inspection to the same extent as a paper copy stored at the site would be, if the records were stored in paper form. For additional guidance on the proper practices to follow for the electronic retention of corrective action log records, refer to the Fact Sheet discussion related to Part 4.7.3.

6.2 GENERAL TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR STORMWATER TEAM MEMBERS

Prior to the commencement of construction activities, you must ensure that all persons⁷⁹ assigned to the stormwater team understand the requirements of this permit and their specific responsibilities with respect to those requirements, including the following related to the scope of their job duties:

- a. The permit requirements and deadlines associated with installation, maintenance, and removal of stormwater controls, as well as site stabilization;
- b. The location of all stormwater controls on the site required by this permit and how they are to be maintained;
- c. The proper procedures to follow with respect to the permit's pollution prevention requirements; and
- d. When and how to conduct inspections, record applicable findings, and take corrective actions. Specific training requirements for persons conducting site inspections are included in Part 6.3.

You are responsible for ensuring that all activities on the site comply with the requirements of this permit. You are not required to provide or document formal training for subcontractors or other outside service providers (unless the subcontractors or outside service providers are responsible for conducting the inspections required in Part 4, in which case you must provide such documentation consistent with Part 7.2.2), but you must ensure that such personnel understand any requirements of this permit that may be affected by the work they are subcontracted to perform.

6.3 TRAINING REQUIREMENTS FOR PERSONS CONDUCTING INSPECTIONS

For projects that receive coverage under this permit on or after February 17, 2023, to be considered a qualified person under Part 4.1 for conducting inspections under Part 4, you must, at a minimum, either:

- a. Have completed the EPA construction inspection course developed for this permit and have passed the exam; or
- b. Hold a current valid construction inspection certification or license from a program that, at a minimum, covers the following:⁸⁰
 - i. Principles and practices of erosion and sediment control and pollution prevention practices at construction sites;
 - ii. Proper installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention practices used at construction sites; and
 - iii. Performance of inspections, including the proper completion of required reports and documentation, consistent with the requirements of Part 4.

⁷⁹ If the person requiring training is a new employee who starts after you commence construction activities, you must ensure that this person has the proper understanding as required above prior to assuming particular responsibilities related to compliance with this permit. For emergency-related projects, the requirement to train personnel prior to commencement of construction activities does not apply, however, such personnel must have the required training prior to NOI submission.

⁸⁰ If one of the following topics (e.g., installation and maintenance of pollution prevention practices) is not covered by the non-EPA training program, you may consider supplementing the training with the analogous module of the EPA course (e.g., Module 4) that covers the missing topic.

For projects that receive coverage under this permit prior to February 17, 2023, any personnel conducting site inspections pursuant to Part 4 on your site must, at a minimum, be a person knowledgeable in the principles and practice of erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention, who possesses the appropriate skills and training to assess conditions at the construction site that could impact stormwater quality, and the appropriate skills and training to assess the effectiveness of any stormwater controls selected and installed to meet the requirements of this permit.⁸¹

6.4 STORMWATER TEAM'S ACCESS TO PERMIT DOCUMENTS

Each member of the stormwater team must have easy access to an electronic or paper copy of applicable portions of this permit, the most updated copy of your SWPPP, and other relevant documents or information that must be kept with the SWPPP.

7 STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP)

7.1 GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

All operators associated with a construction site under this permit must develop a SWPPP consistent with the requirements in Part 7 prior to their submittal of the NOI.^{82, 83, 84} The SWPPP must be kept up-to-date throughout coverage under this permit.

If a SWPPP was prepared under a previous version of this permit, the operator must review and update the SWPPP to ensure that this permit's requirements are addressed prior to submitting an NOI for coverage under this permit.

7.2 SWPPP CONTENTS

At a minimum, the SWPPP must include the information specified in this Part and as specified in other parts of this permit.

7.2.1 All Site Operators. Include a list of all other operators who will be engaged in construction activities at the site, and the areas of the site over which each operator has control.

⁸¹ If you receive coverage for a project prior to February 17, 2023, and construction activities for the same project will continue after February 17, 2023, the personnel conducting inspections do not need to take the additional training specified in Parts 6.3a and 6.3b for inspections conducted on the project site. If the same operator obtains coverage for a different project on or after February 17, 2023, personnel conducting inspections would be required to meet the requirements for a qualified person by completing the training in either Part 6.3a or Part 6.3b.

⁸² The SWPPP does not establish the effluent limits and/or other permit terms and conditions that apply to your site's discharges; these limits, terms, and conditions are established in this permit.

⁸³ Where there are multiple operators associated with the same site, they may develop a group SWPPP instead of multiple individual SWPPPs. Regardless of whether there is a group SWPPP or multiple individual SWPPPs, each operator is responsible for compliance with the permit's terms and conditions. In other words, if Operator A relies on Operator B to satisfy its permit obligations, Operator A does not have to duplicate those permit-related functions if Operator B is implementing them such that both operators are in compliance with the permit. However, Operator A remains responsible for permit compliance if Operator B fails to take actions necessary for Operator A to comply with the permit. In addition, all operators must ensure, either directly or through coordination with other operators, that their activities do not cause a violation or compromise any other operators' controls and/or any shared controls. See also footnote 60.

⁸⁴ There are a number of commercially available products to assist operators in developing the SWPPP, as well as companies that can be hired to help develop a site-specific SWPPP. The permit does not state which are recommended, nor does EPA endorse any specific products or vendors. Where operators choose to rely on these products or services, the choice of which ones to use to comply with the requirements of this Part is a decision for the operator alone.

7.2.2 Stormwater Team. Identify the personnel (by name and position) that you have made part of the stormwater team pursuant to Part 6.1, as well as their individual responsibilities, including which members are responsible for conducting inspections.

Include verification that each member of the stormwater team has received the training required by Part 6.2. Include documentation that members of the stormwater team responsible for conducting inspections pursuant to Part 4 have received the training required by Part 6.3. If personnel on your team elect to complete the EPA inspector training program pursuant to Part 6.3a, you must include copies of the certificate showing that the relevant personnel have completed the training and passed the exam. If personnel on your team elect to complete a non-EPA inspector training program pursuant to Part 6.3b, you must include documentation showing that these persons have successfully completed the program and their certification or license is still current. You must also confirm that the non-EPA inspector training program satisfies the minimum elements for such programs in Part 6.3b.

7.2.3 Nature of Construction Activities. Include the following:

- a. A description of the nature of your construction activities, including the age or dates of past renovations for structures that are undergoing demolition;
- b. The size of the property (in acres or length in miles if a linear construction site);
- c. The total area expected to be disturbed by the construction activities (to the nearest quarter acre or nearest quarter mile if a linear construction site);
- d. A description of any on-site and off-site construction support activity areas covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c);
- e. The maximum area expected to be disturbed at any one time, including on-site and off-site construction support activity areas;
- f. A description and projected schedule for the following:⁸⁵
 - i. Commencement of construction activities in each portion of the site, including clearing and grubbing, mass grading, demolition activities, site preparation (i.e., excavating, cutting and filling), final grading, and creation of soil and vegetation stockpiles requiring stabilization;
 - ii. Temporary or permanent cessation of construction activities in each portion of the site;
 - iii. Temporary or final stabilization of exposed areas for each portion of the site; and
 - iv. Removal of temporary stormwater controls and construction equipment or vehicles, and the cessation of construction-related pollutant-generating activities.

⁸⁵ If plans change due to unforeseen circumstances or for other reasons, the requirement to describe the sequence and estimated dates of construction activities is not meant to "lock in" the operator to meeting these dates. When departures from initial projections are necessary, this should be documented in the SWPPP itself, or in associated records, as appropriate.

- g.** A list and description of all pollutant-generating activities⁸⁶ on the site. For each pollutant-generating activity, include an inventory of pollutants or pollutant constituents (e.g., *sediment, fertilizers, pesticides, paints, caulks, sealants, fluorescent light ballasts, contaminated substrates, solvents, fuels*) associated with that activity, which could be discharged in stormwater from your construction site. You must take into account where potential spills and leaks could occur that contribute pollutants to stormwater discharges, and any known hazardous or toxic substances, such as PCBs and asbestos, that will be disturbed or removed during construction;
- h.** Business days and hours for the project;
- i.** If you are conducting construction activities in response to a public emergency (see Part 1.4), a description of the cause of the public emergency (e.g., *mud slides, earthquake, extreme flooding conditions, widespread disruption in essential public services*), information substantiating its occurrence (e.g., *State disaster declaration or similar State or local declaration*), and a description of the construction necessary to reestablish affected public services.

7.2.4 Site Map. Include a legible map, or series of maps, showing the following features of the site:

- a.** Boundaries of the property;
- b.** Locations where construction activities will occur, including:
 - i.** Locations where earth-disturbing activities will occur (note any phasing), including any demolition activities;
 - ii.** Approximate slopes before and after major grading activities (note any steep slopes (as defined in Appendix A));
 - iii.** Locations where sediment, soil, or other construction materials will be stockpiled;
 - iv.** Any receiving water crossings;
 - v.** Designated points where vehicles will exit onto paved roads;
 - vi.** Locations of structures and other impervious surfaces upon completion of construction; and
 - vii.** Locations of on-site and off-site construction support activity areas covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c).
- c.** Locations of any receiving waters within the site and all receiving waters within one mile downstream of the site's discharge point(s). Also identify if any of these receiving waters are listed as impaired or are identified as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 water;
- d.** Any areas of Federally listed critical habitat within the action area of the site as defined in Appendix A;
- e.** Type and extent of pre-construction cover on the site (e.g., vegetative cover, forest, pasture, pavement, structures);
- f.** Drainage patterns of stormwater and authorized non-stormwater before and after major grading activities;

⁸⁶ Examples of pollutant-generating activities include paving operations; concrete, paint, and stucco washout and waste disposal; solid waste storage and disposal; and dewatering activities.

- g.** Stormwater and authorized non-stormwater discharge locations, including:
 - i.** Locations where stormwater and/or authorized non-stormwater will be discharged to storm drain inlets, including a notation of whether the inlet conveys stormwater to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control;⁸⁷
 - ii.** Locations where stormwater or authorized non-stormwater will be discharged directly to receiving waters (i.e., not via a storm drain inlet); and
 - iii.** Locations where turbidity benchmark monitoring will take place to comply with Part 3.3, if applicable to your site.
- h.** Locations of all potential pollutant-generating activities identified in Part 7.2.3g;
- i.** Designated areas where construction wastes that are covered by the exception in Part 2.3.3e.ii because they are not pollutant-generating will be stored;
- j.** Locations of stormwater controls, including natural buffer areas and any shared controls utilized to comply with this permit; and
- k.** Locations where polymers, flocculants, or other treatment chemicals will be used and stored.

7.2.5 Non-Stormwater Discharges. Identify all authorized non-stormwater discharges in Part 1.2.2 that will or may occur.

7.2.6 Description of Stormwater Controls.

- a.** For each of the Part 2.2 erosion and sediment control requirements, Part 2.3 pollution prevention requirements, and Part 2.4 construction dewatering requirements, as applicable to your site, you must include the following:
 - i.** A description of the specific control(s) to be implemented to meet these requirements;
 - ii.** The design specifications for controls described in Part 7.2.6a.i (including references to any manufacturer specifications and/or erosion and sediment control manuals/ordinances relied upon);⁸⁸
 - iii.** Routine stormwater control maintenance specifications; and
 - iv.** The projected schedule for stormwater control installation/implementation.
- b.** You must also include any of the following additional information as applicable.
 - i. Natural buffers and/or equivalent sediment controls** (see Part 2.2.1 and Appendix F). You must include the following:
 - (a) The compliance alternative to be implemented;
 - (b) If complying with alternative 2, the width of natural buffer retained;

⁸⁷ The requirement to show storm drain inlets in the immediate vicinity of the site on your site map only applies to those inlets that are easily identifiable from your site or from a publicly accessible area immediately adjacent to your site.

⁸⁸ Design specifications may be found in manufacturer specifications and/or in applicable erosion and sediment control manuals or ordinances. Any departures from such specifications must reflect good engineering practice and must be explained in the SWPPP.

- (c) If complying with alternative 2 or 3, the erosion and sediment control(s) you will use to achieve an equivalent sediment reduction, and any information you relied upon to demonstrate the equivalency;
 - (d) If complying with alternative 3, a description of why it is infeasible for you to provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer of any size;
 - (e) For "linear construction sites" where it is infeasible to implement compliance alternative 1, 2, or 3, a rationale for this determination, and a description of any buffer width retained and/or supplemental erosion and sediment controls installed; and
 - (f) A description of any disturbances that are exempt under Part 2.2.1 that occur within 50 feet of a receiving water.
- ii. Perimeter controls for a "linear construction site"** (see Part 2.2.3d). For areas where perimeter controls are not feasible, include documentation to support this determination and a description of the other practices that will be implemented to minimize discharges of pollutants in stormwater associated with construction activities.
- Note: Routine maintenance specifications for perimeter controls documented in the SWPPP must include the Part 2.2.3c.i requirement that sediment be removed before it has accumulated to one-half of the above-ground height of any perimeter control.
- iii. Sediment track-out controls** (see Parts 2.2.4b and 2.2.4c). Document the specific stabilization techniques and/or controls that will be implemented to remove sediment prior to vehicle exit.
- iv. Inlet protection measures** (see Part 2.2.10a). Where inlet protection measures are not required because the storm drain inlets to which your site discharges are conveyed to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control, include a short description of the control that receives the stormwater flow from the site.
- v. Sediment basins** (see Part 2.2.12). In circumstances where it is infeasible to utilize outlet structures that withdraw water from the surface, include documentation to support this determination, including the specific conditions or time periods when this exception will apply.
- vi. Treatment chemicals** (see Part 2.2.13), you must include the following:
- (a) A listing of the soil types that are expected to be exposed during construction in areas of the project that will drain to chemical treatment systems. Also include a listing of soil types expected to be found in fill material to be used in these same areas, to the extent you have this information prior to construction;
 - (b) A listing of all treatment chemicals to be used at the site and why the selection of these chemicals is suited to the soil characteristics of your site;
 - (c) If the applicable EPA Regional Office authorized you to use cationic treatment chemicals for sediment control, include the specific controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic

treatment chemicals will not lead to a discharge that does not meet water quality standards;

- (d) The dosage of all treatment chemicals to be used at the site or the methodology to be used to determine dosage;
- (e) Information from any applicable Safety Data Sheet (SDS);
- (f) Schematic drawings of any chemically enhanced stormwater controls or chemical treatment systems to be used for application of the treatment chemicals;
- (g) A description of how chemicals will be stored consistent with Part 2.2.13c;
- (h) References to applicable State or local requirements affecting the use of treatment chemicals, and copies of applicable manufacturer's specifications regarding the use of your specific treatment chemicals and/or chemical treatment systems; and
- (i) A description of the training that personnel who handle and apply chemicals have received prior to permit coverage, or will receive prior to use of the treatment chemicals at your site.

vii. Stabilization measures (see Part 2.2.14). You must include the following:

- (a) The specific vegetative and/or non-vegetative practices that will be used;
- (b) The stabilization deadline that will be met in accordance with Part 2.2.14;
- (c) If complying with the deadlines for sites in arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas, the beginning and ending dates of the seasonally dry period (as defined in Appendix A)⁸⁹ and the schedule you will follow for initiating and completing vegetative stabilization; and
- (d) If complying with deadlines for sites affected by unforeseen circumstances that delay the initiation and/or completion of vegetative stabilization, document the circumstances and the schedule for initiating and completing stabilization.

viii. Spill prevention and response procedures (see Parts 1.3.5, 2.3.3c, 2.3.3d, and 2.3.6). You must include the following:

- (a) Procedures for expeditiously stopping, containing, and cleaning up spills, leaks, and other releases. Identify the name or position of the employee(s) responsible for detection and response of spills or leaks; and
- (b) Procedures for notification of appropriate facility personnel, emergency response agencies, and regulatory agencies where a leak, spill, or other release containing a hazardous substance or oil in an amount equal to or in excess of a reportable quantity consistent with Part 2.3.6 and established under either 40 CFR part 110, 40 CFR part 117, or 40 CFR part 302, occurs

⁸⁹ See footnote 44.

during a 24-hour period. Contact information must be in locations that are readily accessible and available to all employees.

You may also reference the existence of SPCC plans developed for the construction activity under Section 311 of the CWA, or spill control programs otherwise required by an NPDES permit for the construction activity, provided that you keep a copy of that other plan on site.⁹⁰

ix. Waste management procedures (see Part 2.3.3). Describe the procedures you will follow for handling, storing, and disposing of all wastes generated at your site consistent with all applicable Federal, State, Tribal, and local requirements, including clearing and demolition debris, sediment removed from the site, construction and domestic waste, hazardous or toxic waste, and sanitary waste. You must also include the following additional information:

(a) If site constraints prevent you from storing chemical containers 50 feet away from receiving waters or the other site drainage features as required in Part 2.3.3c.ii(b), document in your SWPPP the specific reasons why the 50-foot setback is not feasible, and how you will store containers as far away as the site permits; and

(b) If there are construction wastes that are subject to the exception in Part 2.3.3e.ii, describe the specific wastes that will be stored on your site.

x. Application of fertilizers (see Part 2.3.5). Document any departures from the manufacturer specifications where appropriate.

7.2.7 Procedures for Inspection, Maintenance, and Corrective Action. Describe the procedures you will follow for maintaining your stormwater controls, conducting site inspections, and, where necessary, taking corrective actions, in accordance with Part 2.1.4, Part 4, and Part 5 of this permit, accordingly. Also include:

a. The inspection schedule you will follow, which is based on whether your site is subject to Part 4.2 or Part 4.3, or whether your site qualifies for any of the reduced inspection frequencies in Part 4.4;

b. If you will be conducting inspections in accordance with the inspection schedule in Part 4.2.2, Part 4.3, or Part 4.4.1b, the location of the rain gauge or the address of the weather station you will be using to obtain rainfall data;

c. If you will be reducing your inspection frequency in accordance with Part 4.4.1b, the beginning and ending dates of the seasonally defined arid period for your area or the valid period of drought;

d. If you will be reducing your inspection frequency in accordance with Part 4.4.3, the beginning and ending dates of frozen conditions on your site; and

e. Any maintenance or inspection checklists or other forms that will be used.

7.2.8 Procedures for Turbidity Benchmark Monitoring from Dewatering Discharges (if applicable). If you are required to comply with the Part 3.3 turbidity benchmark

⁹⁰ Even if you already have an SPCC or other spill prevention plan in existence, your plans will only be considered adequate if they meet all of the requirements of this Part, either as part of your existing plan or supplemented as part of the SWPPP.

monitoring requirements, describe the procedures you will follow to collect and evaluate samples, report results to EPA and keep records of monitoring information, and take corrective action when necessary. Include the specific type of turbidity meter you will use for monitoring, as well as any manuals or manufacturer instructions on how to operate and calibrate the meter. Describe any coordinating arrangement you may have with any other permitted operators on the same site with respect to compliance with the turbidity monitoring requirements, including which parties are tasked with specific responsibilities. If EPA has approved of an alternate turbidity benchmark pursuant to Part 3.3.2b, include any data and other documentation you relied on to request use of the specific alternative benchmark.

7.2.9 Compliance with Other Requirements.

- a. Threatened and Endangered Species Protection.** Include documentation required in the Endangered Species Protection section of the NOI in NeT, or the ESA worksheet in Appendix D, supporting your eligibility with regard to the protection of threatened and endangered species and designated critical habitat.
- b. Historic Properties.** Include documentation required in Appendix E supporting your eligibility with regard to the protection of historic properties.
- c. Safe Drinking Water Act Underground Injection Control (UIC) Requirements for Certain Subsurface Stormwater Controls.** If you are using any of the following stormwater controls at your site, document any contact you have had with the applicable State agency⁹¹ or EPA Regional Office responsible for implementing the requirements for underground injection wells in the Safe Drinking Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations at 40 CFR § 144 -147. Such controls would generally be considered Class V UIC wells:
 - i.** Infiltration trenches (if stormwater is directed to any bored, drilled, driven shaft or dug hole that is deeper than its widest surface dimension, or has a subsurface fluid distribution system);
 - ii.** Commercially manufactured pre-cast or pre-built proprietary subsurface detention vaults, chambers, or other devices designed to capture and infiltrate stormwater flow; and
 - iii.** Drywells, seepage pits, or improved sinkholes (if stormwater is directed to any bored, drilled, driven shaft or dug hole that is deeper than its widest surface dimension, or has a subsurface fluid distribution system).

7.2.10 SWPPP Certification. Your signatory must sign and date your SWPPP in accordance with Appendix G, Part G.11.

7.2.11 Post-Authorization Additions to the SWPPP. Once you are authorized for coverage under this permit, you must include the following documents as part of your SWPPP:

- a.** A copy of your NOI submitted to EPA along with any correspondence exchanged between you and EPA related to coverage under this permit;
- b.** A copy of the acknowledgment letter you receive from NeT assigning your NPDES ID (i.e., *permit tracking number*);

⁹¹ For State UIC program contacts, refer to the following EPA website: <https://www.epa.gov/uic>.

- c. A copy of this permit (an electronic copy easily available to the stormwater team is also acceptable).

7.3 ON-SITE AVAILABILITY OF YOUR SWPPP

You must keep a current copy of your SWPPP at the site or at an easily accessible location so that it can be made available at the time of an on-site inspection or upon request by EPA; a State, Tribal, or local agency approving stormwater management plans; the operator of a storm sewer system receiving discharges from the site; or representatives of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS).⁹²

EPA may provide access to portions of your SWPPP to a member of the public upon request. Confidential Business Information (CBI) will be withheld from the public, but may not be withheld from EPA, USFWS, or NMFS.⁹³

If an on-site location is unavailable to keep the SWPPP when no personnel are present, notice of the plan's location must be posted near the main entrance of your construction site.

7.4 SWPPP MODIFICATIONS

7.4.1 You must modify your SWPPP, including the site map(s), within seven (7) days of any of the following conditions:

- a. Whenever new operators become active in construction activities on your site, or you make changes to your construction plans, stormwater controls, or other activities at your site that are no longer accurately reflected in your SWPPP. This includes changes made in response to corrective actions triggered under Part 5. You do not need to modify your SWPPP if the estimated dates in Part 7.2.3f change during the course of construction;
- b. To reflect areas on your site map where operational control has been transferred (and the date of transfer) since initiating permit coverage;
- c. If inspections or investigations by EPA or its authorized representatives determine that SWPPP modifications are necessary for compliance with this permit;
- d. Where EPA determines it is necessary to install and/or implement additional controls at your site in order to meet the requirements of this permit, the following must be included in your SWPPP:
 - i. A copy of any correspondence describing such measures and requirements; and

⁹² The SWPPP may be prepared, signed, and kept electronically, rather than in paper form, if the records are: (a) in a format that can be read in a similar manner as a paper record; (b) legally dependable with no less evidentiary value than their paper equivalent; and (c) immediately accessible to the inspector during an inspection to the same extent as a paper copy stored at the site would be, if the records were stored in paper form. For additional guidance on the proper practices to follow for the electronic retention of the SWPPP, refer to the Fact Sheet discussion related to Part 4.7.3.

⁹³ Information covered by a claim of confidentiality will be disclosed by EPA only to the extent of, and by means of, the procedures set forth in 40 CFR part 2, Subpart B. In general, submitted information protected by a business confidentiality claim may be disclosed to other employees, officers, or authorized representatives of the United States concerned with implementing the CWA. The authorized representatives, including employees of other executive branch agencies, may review CBI during the course of reviewing draft regulations.

- ii. A description of the controls that will be used to meet such requirements.
 - e. To reflect any revisions to applicable Federal, State, Tribal, or local requirements that affect the stormwater controls implemented at the site; and
 - f. If applicable, if a change in chemical treatment systems or chemically enhanced stormwater control is made, including use of a different treatment chemical, different dosage rate, or different area of application.
- 7.4.2** You must maintain records showing the dates of all SWPPP modifications. The records must include the name of the person authorizing each change (see Part 7.2.9 above) and a brief summary of all changes.
- 7.4.3** All modifications made to the SWPPP consistent with Part 7.4 must be authorized by a person identified in Appendix G, Part G.11.b.
- 7.4.4** Upon determining that a modification to your SWPPP is required, if there are multiple operators covered under this permit, you must immediately notify any operators who may be impacted by the change to the SWPPP.

8 HOW TO TERMINATE COVERAGE

Until you terminate coverage under this permit, you must comply with all conditions and effluent limitations in the permit. To terminate permit coverage, you must submit to EPA a complete and accurate Notice of Termination (NOT), which certifies that you have met the requirements for terminating in Part 8.

8.1 MINIMUM INFORMATION REQUIRED IN NOT

- 8.1.1** NPDES ID (i.e., *permit tracking number*) provided by EPA when you received coverage under this permit;
- 8.1.2** Basis for submission of the NOT (see Part 8.2);
- 8.1.3** Operator contact information;
- 8.1.4** Name of site and address (or a description of location if no street address is available); and
- 8.1.5** NOT certification.

8.2 CONDITIONS FOR TERMINATING CGP COVERAGE

You may terminate CGP coverage only if one or more of the conditions in Parts 8.2.1, 8.2.2, or 8.2.3 has occurred. Until your termination is effective consistent with Part 8.5, you must continue to comply with the conditions of this permit.

- 8.2.1** You have completed all construction activities at your site and, if applicable, construction support activities covered by this permit (see Part 1.2.1c), and you have met all of the following requirements:
- a. For any areas that (1) were disturbed during construction, (2) are not covered by permanent structures, and (3) over which you had control during the construction activities, you have met the requirements for final vegetative or non-vegetative stabilization in Part 2.2.14c.

To document that you have met these stabilization requirements, you must take either ground or aerial photographs that show your site's compliance with the Part 2.2.14 stabilization requirements and submit them with your NOT. If any portion of your

site is covered by one of the exceptions in Part 2.2.14c.iii, indicate which exception applies and include a supplementary explanation with your photographs that provides the necessary context for why this portion of the site is in compliance with the final stabilization criteria even though it appears to be unstabilized. You are not required to take photographs of every distinct part of your site that is being stabilized, however, the conditions of the site portrayed in any photographs that are submitted must be substantially similar⁹⁴ to those of the areas that are not photographed. You must also comply with the following related to these photographs:

- i. Take photographs both before and after the site has met the final stabilization criteria in Part 2.2.14c;
 - ii. All photographs must be clear and in focus, and in the original format and resolution; and
 - iii. Include the date each photograph was taken, and a brief description of the area of the site captured by the photograph (e.g., photo shows application of seed and erosion control mats to remaining exposed surfaces on northeast corner of site).
- b. You have removed and properly disposed of all construction materials, waste and waste handling devices, and have removed all equipment and vehicles that were used during construction, unless intended for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage;
 - c. You have removed all stormwater controls that were installed and maintained during construction, except those that are intended for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage or those that are biodegradable (as defined in Appendix A); and
 - d. You have removed all potential pollutants and pollutant-generating activities associated with construction, unless needed for long-term use following your termination of permit coverage; or
- 8.2.2** You have transferred control of all areas of the site for which you are responsible under this permit to another operator, and that operator has submitted an NOI and obtained coverage under this permit; or

8.2.3 Coverage under an individual or alternative general NPDES permit has been obtained.

8.3 HOW TO SUBMIT YOUR NOT

You must use EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT) to electronically prepare and submit an NOT for the 2022 CGP.

To access NeT, go to <https://cdx.epa.gov/cdx>.

Waivers from electronic reporting may be granted as specified in Part 1.4.2. If the EPA Regional Office grants you approval to use a paper NOT, and you elect to use it, you must complete the form in Appendix I.

⁹⁴ Stabilization conditions that are substantially similar would include areas that are using the same type of stabilization measures and that have similar slopes, soils, and topography, and have achieved the same level of stabilization.

8.4 DEADLINE FOR SUBMITTING THE NOT

You must submit an NOT within 30 calendar days after any one of the conditions in Part 8.2 occurs.

8.5 EFFECTIVE DATE OF TERMINATION OF COVERAGE

Your authorization to discharge under this permit terminates at midnight of the calendar day that a complete NOT is submitted to EPA.

9 PERMIT CONDITIONS APPLICABLE TO SPECIFIC STATES, INDIAN COUNTRY LANDS, OR TERRITORIES

The provisions in this Part provide additions to the applicable conditions of this permit to reflect specific additional conditions required as part of the State or Tribal CWA Section 401 certification process, or the Coastal Zone Management Act (CZMA) certification process, or as otherwise established by the permitting authority. The specific additional revisions and requirements only apply to activities in those specific States, Indian country, and areas in certain States with Federal Facilities or areas subject to construction projects by Federal Operators. States, Indian country, and other areas not included in this Part do not have any additions to the applicable conditions of this permit.

9.1 EPA REGION 1**9.1.1 NHR100000 State of New Hampshire**

- a.** Should the permit coverage for an individual applicant be insufficient to achieve water quality standards, the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES) may prepare additional 401 certification conditions for that applicant. Any additional 401 certification conditions will follow all required NHDES public participation requirements.
- b.** If you disturb 100,000 square feet or more of contiguous area, you must also comply with RSA 485-A:17 and Env-Wq 1500, and, unless exempt, apply for an Alteration of Terrain (AoT) permit from NHDES. This requirement also applies to a lower disturbance threshold of 50,000 square feet or more when construction occurs within the protected shoreline under the Shoreland Water Quality Protection Act (see RSA 483-B and Env-Wq 1400). A permit application must also be filed if your project disturbs an area of greater than 2,500 square feet, is within 50 feet of any surface water, and has a flow path of 50 feet or longer disturbing a grade of 25 percent or greater. Project sites with disturbances smaller than those discussed above, that have the potential to adversely affect state surface waters, are subject to the conditions of an AoT General Permit by Rule (Env-Wq 1503.03).
- c.** You must determine that any excavation dewatering discharges are not contaminated before they will be authorized as an allowable non-stormwater discharge under this permit (see Part 1.2.2 of the Construction General Permit or CGP). In the absence of information demonstrating otherwise, the water is considered uncontaminated if there is no groundwater contamination within 1,000 feet of the groundwater dewatering location. Information on groundwater contamination can be generated over the Internet via the NHDES web site <http://des.nh.gov/> by using the One Stop Data Mapper. For a toxic substance included in the New Hampshire surface water quality standards, see Env-Wq 1703.21 (see <https://www.des.nh.gov/sites/g/files/ehbemt341/files/documents/2020-01/Env-Wg>

1700.pdf). If it is determined that the groundwater to be dewatered is near a remediation or other waste site, you must apply for the Remediation General Permit (see <https://www3.epa.gov/region1/npdes/rgp.html>)

- d.** As a minimum, you must treat any uncontaminated excavation "dewatering" discharges and "stormwater" discharges, as those terms are defined in Appendix A of the CGP, as necessary, to remove suspended solids and turbidity so that the surface waters receiving the construction discharges⁹⁵ meet New Hampshire surface water quality standards for turbidity (Env-Wq 1703.11 and Env-Wq 1703.03(c)(1)c), benthic deposits (Env-Wq 1703.03(c)(1)a), and Env-Wq 1703.08) and foam, debris, scum or other visible substances (i.e., plumes or visual turbidity)⁹⁶ (Env-Wq 1703.03(c)(1)b).
- i.** For all Construction Activities covered under this CGP, the following shall apply to ensure compliance with the aforementioned regulations for turbidity, benthic deposits and visible substances:
- Unless otherwise specified, site inspection requirements shall comply with Part 4 of the CGP. As a minimum site inspection frequency shall be in accordance with Part 4.2.2 of the CGP (and Part 4.3.2 of the CGP for sites discharging dewatering water). Site inspection frequency may be reduced in accordance with Part 4.4 of the CGP (Reductions in Inspection Frequency). Monitoring of the receiving water for visible turbidity and benthic sediment deposits shall be conducted each site inspection and results reported in the Inspection Report required in Part 4.7 of the CGP. Should visible turbidity or benthic sediment deposits attributable or partly attributable to your construction activities be present in the receiving water, the "Corrective Actions" specified in Part 5 shall be immediately implemented to correct the water quality standard violations. In addition, daily monitoring (including photographs) of the receiving water shall be conducted until there is no visible turbidity or benthic deposits. Inspection Reports required in Part 4.7 of the CGP shall include, but not be limited to, the distance downstream and the percent of the river width⁹⁷ where visible turbidity was observed, and the period of time that the visible turbidity persisted. A copy of the Inspection Report(s) shall be made available to NHDES within 24 hours of receiving a written request from NHDES.
- ii.** For Construction Activities, disturbing 5 acres or more of land at any one time (excluding areas that have been completely stabilized in accordance with the final stabilization criteria specified in Part 2.2.14.c of the CGP), the following shall

⁹⁵ Construction Discharges include uncontaminated "dewatering" and "stormwater" discharges as those terms are defined in Appendix A of the CGP. Controlled construction discharges are construction discharges where the rate of flow can be regulated such as from a construction settling basin or NHDES approved flocculation system.

⁹⁶ For the definition of visual turbidity, see the definition for "Non-Turbid" in Appendix A of the CGP, which states the following: "Non-Turbid" - a discharge that is free from visual turbidity. For the purposes of this permit, visual turbidity refers to a sediment plume or other cloudiness in the water caused by sediment that can be identified by an observer." [EPA interprets the text of this footnote as intending to reference the Appendix A definitions of "visual turbidity" and "non-turbid" in the final permit.]

⁹⁷ The distance downstream and the percent of river width where visible turbidity (i.e., plume) is observed is required to determine the extent of the river affected and to determine if there was a "zone of passage" (i.e., a portion of the receiving water where there was no visible turbidity where mobile organisms could pass without being adversely impacted). The percent of river width affected is equal 100 multiplied by the width of the plume (in feet) divided by the width of the receiving water (in feet).

apply to ensure compliance with the aforementioned regulations for turbidity, benthic deposits and visible substances.

Item 9.1.1.d.i) above shall apply to all construction discharges and the minimum site inspection frequency shall comply with Part 4.3.1 of the CGP (and Part 4.3.2 of the CGP for sites discharging dewatering water). Site inspection frequency may be reduced in accordance with Part 4.4 of the CGP (Reductions in Inspection Frequency).

With regards to controlled construction discharges, if there is no visible turbidity (i.e., plumes) or benthic deposits, and, in the absence of information demonstrating otherwise, turbidity measurements of less than or equal to 50 nephelometric turbidity units (NTU) in the controlled construction discharges at the outlet prior to mixing with the receiving surface waters, shall be presumed to meet New Hampshire surface water quality standards for the parameters listed above. As a minimum, the controlled construction discharges must be sampled at each site inspection.

If any controlled construction discharge exceeds 50 NTU, or if visible turbidity or benthic sediment deposits attributable or partly attributable to any construction discharge are observed in the receiving water, then the "Corrective Actions" specified in Part 5 of the CGP shall be immediately implemented.

In addition, should such violation occur, and, in order to determine compliance with surface water quality standards for turbidity (Env-Wq 1703.11 and Env-Wq 1703.03(c)(1)c), benthic deposits (Env-Wq 1703.03(c)(1)a), and Env-Wq 1703.08) and foam, debris, scum or other visible substances (Env-Wq 1703.03(c)(1)b)), turbidity monitoring shall be immediately implemented as specified below:

Turbidity samples of the receiving water shall be immediately taken in the receiving water upstream and beyond the influence of the construction activity, and, unless a mixing zone⁹⁸ is approved by NHDES, no more than 75 feet downstream of each controlled construction discharge that exceeded 50 NTU and no more than 75 feet downstream of each construction discharge that caused visible turbidity.

Downstream samples shall be taken at locations in the receiving water that are most likely influenced by the discharge (e.g., if visible turbidity (i.e., a plume) is present, the sample shall be taken in the plume). Samples shall be collected a minimum of 2 times per day during the daylight hours at times when construction activities are most likely to cause turbidity in the receiving water and shall continue until the turbidity water quality standards are met in the receiving water (i.e., the difference between the upstream and downstream turbidity level is no greater than 10 NTU).

⁹⁸ Permittees may request a distance greater than 75 feet downstream of a construction discharge for determining compliance with turbidity standards in Class B surface waters, by submitting a mixing zone request to NHDES that complies with Env-Wq 1707.02. If a mixing zone is approved, NHDES is required to include conditions to ensure that the criteria on which the approval is based are met (Env-Wq 1707.03).

If water quality standards are not met during daylight hours on any day, sampling shall resume the next day and continue no fewer than 2 times per day until water quality standards are met. The date, time, location and results of turbidity measurements, as well as a summary identifying the cause of the violations, corrective actions that were implemented, the period of time that the receiving water exceeded turbidity standards and the distance downstream and the percent of the river width where visible turbidity was observed, and the period of time that the visible turbidity persisted, shall be recorded and included in the Inspection Report required in Part 4.7 of the CGP. Turbidity measurements shall be conducted via a field meter in accordance with the requirements for turbidity specified in Table 1B in 40 CFR 136.3 (see 40 CFR § 136.3 Identification of test procedures - Code of Federal Regulations ecfrio). Field meters shall be calibrated every day sampling is conducted and prior to the first sample.

- e. Construction site owners and operators are encouraged to consider opportunities for post- construction groundwater recharge using infiltration best management practices (BMPs) during site design and preparation of the SWPPP in order to assure compliance with Env-Wq 1703.03 and Env-Wq 1703.11. If your construction site is in a town that is required to obtain coverage under the NPDES General Permit for discharges from Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4) you may be required to use such practices. The SWPPP must include a description of any on-site infiltration that will be installed as a post-construction stormwater management measure or reasons for not employing such measures such as 1) The facility is located in a wellhead protection area as defined in RSA 485- C:2; or 2) The facility is located in an area where groundwater has been reclassified to GAA, GA1 or GA2 pursuant to RSA 485-C and Env-DW 901; or 3) Any areas that would be exempt from the groundwater recharge requirements contained in Env-Wq 1507.04, including all land uses or activities considered to be a "High-load Area" (see Env-Wq 1502.30). For design considerations for infiltration measures see Env-Wq 1508.06. Note that there may be additional local requirements that fall under the NH MS4 permittee's Authorization to Discharge Permit for those regulated areas.
- f. Appendix F of the CGP contains information regarding Tier 2, or high quality waters in the various states. **[EPA notes that this information has now been moved to <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>]** Although there is no official list of tier 2 waters for New Hampshire, it can be assumed that all New Hampshire surface waters are tier 2 for turbidity unless 1) the surface water that you are proposing to discharge into is listed as impaired for turbidity in the states listing of impaired waters (see <https://nhdes-surface-water-quality-assessment-site-nhdes.hub.arcgis.com/>) or 2) sampling upstream of the proposed discharge location shows turbidity values greater than 10 NTU (Env-Wq 1703.11). A single grab sample collected during dry weather (no precipitation within 48 hours) is acceptable.
- g. To ensure compliance with RSA 485-C, RSA 485-A, RSA 485-A:13, I(a), Env-Wq 1700 and Env-Wq 302, the following information may be requested by NHDES. This information must be kept on site unless you receive a written request from NHDES that it be sent to the address shown below in 9.1.1.h.

- i. A list of all non-stormwater discharges that occur at the facility, including their source locations and the control measures being used (see Part 1.2.2 of the CGP).
 - ii. Records of sampling and analysis required for construction dewatering and stormwater discharges (see 9.1.1.d above).
- h. All required or requested documents must be sent to: NH Department of Environmental Services, Watershed Management Bureau, P.O. Box 95 Concord, NH 03302-0095.

9.1.2 MAR100000 Commonwealth of Massachusetts (except Indian country)

- a. All discharges covered by the Construction General Permit shall comply with the provisions pursuant to 314 CMR 3.00, 314 CMR 4.00, 314 CMR 9.00, including applicable construction stormwater standards and 310 CMR 10.00.
- b. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a)6., and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation under 314 CMR 4.05(5)(e) to maintain surface waters free from pollutants in concentrations or combinations that are toxic to humans, aquatic life, or wildlife, permittees are prohibited from discharging dewatering water under the CGP from sites that are designated as Superfund/CERCLA or RCRA, and must make accommodations to dispose of the dewatering discharges appropriately, such as coverage under the Remediation General Permit (RGP).
- c. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a), and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation to protect Outstanding Resource Waters under 314 CMR 4.04(3), applicants seeking coverage under the 2022 CGP that propose to carry out construction activities near Outstanding Resource Waters as identified in 314 CMR 4.06, shall submit to MassDEP for review:
 - i. a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP),
 - ii. a copy of the EPA NOI, and
 - iii. MassDEP's Stormwater BMP Checklist.

For purposes of this review, the permittee shall submit these documents to MassDEP at the same time they are submitted to EPA. Instructions on how to submit these documents to MassDEP and where to find the MassDEP Stormwater BMP Checklist and obtain authorization to discharge can be found here: <https://www.mass.gov/how-to/wm-15-npdes-general-permit-notice-of-intent>.

- d. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a)6., and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation under 314 CMR 4.05(5)(e) to maintain surface waters free from pollutants in concentrations or combinations that are toxic to humans, aquatic life, or wildlife, applicants that propose to dewater under the 2022 CGP and plan to discharge to certain waters as described below, shall determine that any dewatering discharges are not contaminated by testing the proposed discharge as described below as part of the application for WM15 authorization. Unless otherwise specified, testing described in this section should be conducted using the methods in 40 CFR 136.
 - i. Applicants for sites that plan to discharge to Outstanding Resource Waters as identified in 314 CMR 4.06 shall test one sample of the proposed dewatering discharge water for pH, E. Coli (for discharges to freshwater), fecal coliform (for

discharges to salt water), Enterococci (for discharges to salt water), total suspended solids, oil and grease, total nitrogen, total phosphorus, and all parameters with numeric criteria listed in the Massachusetts Surface Water Quality Standards at 314 CMR 4.05(e). Results shall be reported to MassDEP as part of the WM15 application. To determine if the dewatering discharge could be covered under the 2022 CGP, the effluent at zero dilution must meet numeric water quality criteria. If the effluent does not meet numeric water quality criteria, the applicant shall contact EPA Region 1 to discuss coverage under the Remediation General Permit.

- ii. Applicants for sites that propose to discharge to Public Water Supplies (314 CMR 4.06(1)(d)1) shall also test one sample of the proposed dewatering discharge water for per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), as outlined in the table below. Results shall be reported to MassDEP as part of the WM15 application. If any PFAS compounds are detected, the applicant shall apply for coverage under the NPDES Remediation General Permit for Massachusetts if required.

PFAS Testing Parameters for Discharges to Public Drinking Water Supplies⁹⁹	
Perfluorohexanesulfonic acid (PFHxS), grab	Report ng/L
Perfluoroheptanoic acid (PFHpA), grab	Report ng/L
Perfluorononanoic acid (PFNA), grab	Report ng/L
Perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS), grab	Report ng/L
Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), grab	Report ng/L
Perfluorodecanoic acid (PFDA), grab	Report ng/L

- iii. Applicants for sites that propose to discharge to an impaired water as identified in the most recent final Massachusetts Integrated List of Waters, shall test one sample of the proposed dewatering discharge water for the parameter(s) for which the waterbody is impaired. To determine if the dewatering discharge could be covered under the 2022 CGP, the effluent at zero dilution must meet numeric water quality criteria. If the effluent does not meet numeric water quality criteria, the applicant shall contact EPA Region 1 to discuss coverage under the Remediation General Permit and shall apply for RGP coverage if required.
- iv. For dewatering discharges to all other waters, if any pollutants are known or believed present in the proposed dewatering discharge water, the applicant shall apply for coverage under the NPDES Remediation General Permit for Massachusetts if required. For the purposes of this condition, a pollutant is "known present" if measured above the analytical detection limit using a sufficiently sensitive test method in an environmental sample, and "believed present" if a pollutant has not been measured in an environmental sample but will be added or generated prior to discharge, such as through a treatment process. Consequently, a pollutant is "known absent" if measured as non-detect relative to the analytical detection limit using a sufficiently sensitive test method in an environmental sample, and "believed absent" if a pollutant has not been measured in an environmental sample but will not be added or generated prior to discharge and is not a parameter that applies to the applicable activity category for a site. If any pollutants are known or believed present in the

⁹⁹ PFAS testing shall follow established EPA methods 537 or 537.1 for drinking water until EPA Method 3512 for non-potable water becomes available.

proposed dewatering discharge water, the applicant shall test one sample of the proposed dewatering discharge water for the pollutants known or believed to be present. To determine if the dewatering discharge could be covered under the 2022 CGP, the effluent at zero dilution must meet numeric water quality criteria. If the effluent does not meet numeric water quality criteria, the applicant shall contact EPA Region 1 to discuss coverage under the Remediation General Permit.

- e. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a), and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation to protect Outstanding Resource Waters under 314 CMR 4.04(3), applicants that propose to dewater under the 2022 CGP and discharge to Outstanding Resource Waters as identified in 314 CMR 4.06, shall submit the SWPPP and associated documents to MassDEP to review. MassDEP shall complete review within 30 days of receipt.
- f. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a)6., and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation under 314 CMR 4.05 to maintain surface waters free from color and turbidity in concentrations or combinations that are aesthetically objectionable or would impair any use assigned to the waterbody, permittees that have been authorized to dewater under the 2022 CGP and that discharge to Outstanding Resource Waters as identified in 314 CMR 4.06 shall carry out daily benchmark monitoring for turbidity¹⁰⁰ for the duration of dewatering. Permittees shall compare the weekly average of the turbidity monitoring results with the established benchmark turbidity value of 25 Nephelometric Turbidity Units (NTU). If a permittee's weekly average turbidity results exceed the benchmark, the operator shall conduct follow-up corrective action to determine the source of the problem and to make any necessary repairs or upgrades to the dewatering controls to lower the turbidity levels. The permittee shall document any corrective action taken in its corrective action log. Furthermore, permittees at these sites shall carry out inspections at higher frequency, specifically, daily inspections of the dewatering discharge treatment for the duration of the discharge. The permittee shall inspect the site for sediment plume or whether a hydrocarbon sheen is visible at the point of discharge, estimate the flow rate at the point of discharge, and inspect the site downstream to assess whether sedimentation is attributable to the dewatering discharges.
- g. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a)6., and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation under 314 CMR 4.05 to maintain surface waters free from color and turbidity in concentrations or combinations that are aesthetically objectionable or would impair any use assigned to the waterbody, permittees shall store materials outside the Base Flood Elevation¹⁰¹ when feasible to prevent displacing runoff and erosion.
- h. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a), and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation to maintain surface waters free from nutrients in concentrations that would cause or contribute to impairment of existing or designated uses under 314 CMR 4.05(5)(c), all applicants who apply for coverage under the 2022 CGP shall follow guidelines on fertilizer application, including use of fertilizer containing no phosphorus, in accordance with 330 CMR 31.00 Plant Nutrient Application Requirements for

¹⁰⁰ Applicants shall follow EPA Method 180.1 to monitor for turbidity

¹⁰¹ Base Flood Elevation (BFE) is the elevation of surface water resulting from a flood that has a 1% chance of equaling or exceeding that level in any given year. The BFE is shown on the Flood Insurance Rate Map (FIRM) for zones AE, AH, A1-A30, AR, AR/A, AR/AE, AR/A1-A30, AR/AH, AR/AO, V1-V30 and VE. (Source: <https://www.fema.gov/node/404233>).

Agricultural Land and Non-Agricultural Turf and Lawns. Further, fertilizer shall never be applied to a site when a rain event greater than 0.5 inches is forecast in the next 48 hours.

- i. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a), all applicants who apply for coverage under the 2022 CGP and elect to carry out site inspections every 14 days shall also inspect sites within 24 hours of 0.25 inches of precipitation events or greater over 24 hours, or within 24 hours of a discharge that occurred due to snowmelt from 3.25 inches or greater of snow accumulation.¹⁰² During the high flow periods in spring (i.e., months of April to June), inspection frequency shall be increased to once per week for all sites.
 - i. To determine whether 3.25 inches or greater of snow accumulation has occurred at a site, snowfall measurements can be taken at the site,¹⁰³ or the operator can rely on similar information from a local weather forecast.
- j. Implementing structural improvements, enhanced/resilient pollution prevention measures, and other mitigation measures can help to minimize impacts from stormwater discharges from major storm events such as hurricanes, storm surge, extreme/heavy precipitation,¹⁰⁴ and flood events. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a), if such stormwater control measures are already in place due to existing requirements mandated by other state, local or federal agencies, the SWPPP shall include a brief description of the controls and a reference to the existing requirement(s). If the site may be exposed to or has previously experienced such major storm events¹⁰⁵, additional stormwater control measures that may be considered, and implemented as necessary, include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Reinforce materials storage structures to withstand flooding and additional exertion of force;
 - ii. Prevent floating of semi-stationary structures by elevating to the Base Flood Elevation (BFE) level or securing with non-corrosive device;
 - iii. When a delivery of exposed materials is expected, and a storm is anticipated within 48 hours, delay delivery until after the storm or store materials as appropriate (refer to emergency procedures);

¹⁰² This is the amount of snow that is equivalent to 0.25 inches of rain, based on information from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) indicating that 13 inches of snow is, on average, equivalent to 1 inch of rain. See <https://www.nssl.noaa.gov/education/svrwx101/winter/faq/>.

¹⁰³ NOAA's National Weather Service has guidelines on snowfall measurements at https://www.weather.gov/jkl/snow_measurement. These guidelines recommend use of a "snowboard" (a piece of wood about 16 inches by 16 inches) that is placed in an unobstructed part of the site on a hard surface.

¹⁰⁴ Heavy precipitation refers to instances during which the amount of rain or snow experienced in a location substantially exceeds what is normal. What constitutes a period of heavy precipitation varies according to location and season. Heavy precipitation does not necessarily mean the total amount of precipitation at a location has increased— just that precipitation is occurring in more intense or more frequent events.

¹⁰⁵ To determine if your facility is susceptible to an increased frequency of major storm events that could impact the discharge of pollutants in stormwater, you may reference FEMA, NOAA, or USGS flood map products at https://www.usgs.gov/faqs/where-can-i-find-flood-maps?qt-news_science_products=0#qtnews_science_products.

- iv. Temporarily store materials and waste above the Base Flood Elevation **[EPA notes that it has deleted a footnote reference to the term “Base Flood Elevation” since the same footnote is already included in Part 9.1.2.g, above.]** level;
 - v. Temporarily reduce or eliminate outdoor storage;
 - vi. Temporarily relocate any mobile vehicles and equipment to higher ground;
 - vii. Develop scenario-based emergency procedures for major storms that are complementary to regular stormwater pollution prevention planning and identify emergency contacts for staff and contractors; and
 - viii. Conduct staff training for implementing your emergency procedures at regular intervals.
- k. Pursuant to 314 CMR 3.11 (2)(a)6., and in accordance with MassDEP's obligation under 314 CMR 4.05(5)(e) to maintain surface waters free from pollutants in concentrations or combinations that are toxic to humans, aquatic life, or wildlife, permittees who seek coverage under the 2022 CGP and anticipate to carry out dust control shall limit their dust control methodology to using water only and specifically avoid using other techniques, such as solutions containing calcium chloride.
 - l. If MassDEP requests a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) for any construction site at any time, the permittee shall submit the SWPPP to MassDEP within 14 days of such a request. MassDEP may conduct an inspection of any site covered by this permit to ensure compliance with state law requirements, including state water quality standards.

9.1.3 MTR10F000 Areas in the State of Vermont located at a federal facility

- a. Earth disturbance at any one time is limited to five acres.
- b. All areas of earth disturbance must have temporary or final stabilization within 14 days of the initial disturbance. After this time, disturbed areas must be temporarily or permanently stabilized in advance of any runoff producing event. A runoff producing event is an event that produces runoff from the construction site. Temporary stabilization is not required if precipitation is not forecast and work is to continue in the next 24-hours or if the work is occurring in a self-contained excavation (i.e. no outlet) with a depth of two feet or greater (e.g. house foundation excavation, utility trenches). Areas of a construction site that drain to sediment basins are not considered eligible for this exemption, and the exemption applies only to the excavated area itself.
- c. Site inspections on active construction sites shall be conducted daily during the period from October 15 through April 15.
- d. The use of chemical treatments (e.g. polymers, flocculants, and coagulants) for the settling and/or removal of sediment from stormwater runoff associated with construction and construction-related activities requires prior written approval and an approved site and project-specific plan, from the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources. In addition, the use of cationic polymers is prohibited unless approved by the Vermont Agency of Natural Resources under a site and project-specific plan.
- e. Any applicant under EPA's CGP shall allow authorized Vermont Agency of Natural Resources representatives, at reasonable times and upon presentation of credentials, to enter upon the project site for purposes of inspecting the project and determining

compliance with this Certification.

- f. The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources may reopen and alter or amend the conditions of this Certification over the life of the EPA 2022 Construction General Permit when such action is necessary to assure compliance with the VWQS.

9.2 EPA REGION 2

9.2.1 NYR10I000 Indian country within the State of New York

a. Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

- i. Any Responsible-Person/Decision-Maker required under the CGP to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to EPA for coverage under the CGP, must concurrently submit an electronic copy of the NOI to the SRMT Environmental Division, Water Resource Program Manager. Additionally, an electronic copy of the Notice of Termination (NOT) must be provided within three business days after electronic confirmation is received from EPA that the NOT has been accepted. The NOI and NOT must be electronically provided to the following addresses:

Mr. Tieman W. Smith

Water Resources Program Manager Saint Regis Mohawk Tribe

449 Frogtown Road

Akwesasne, NY 13655 Tieman.Smith@srmt-nsn.gov 518.358.2272 ext. 5073

- ii. Any Responsible-Person/Decision-Maker that is required as part of the CGP to prepare a Discharge Management Plan (OMP) or Storm Water Management Plan (SWMP) and/or Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must submit an electronic copy of the DMP, SWMP and/or SWPPP to the SRMT Environment Division, Water Resources Program Manager IO business days prior to the start of construction of any work to be conducted under the CGP. The applicable documents must be provided to the electronic address listed above.
- iii. Any Responsible-Person/Decision-Maker that is required under the CGP to submit an annual report to EPA must submit an electronic copy of the annual report concurrently to the SRMT Water Resource Program. Additionally, any correspondences between the applicant and EPA related to analytical data, written reports, corrective action, enforcement, monitoring, or an adverse incident must likewise be routed to the SRMT Water Resources Program at the above electronic address.
- iv. An "Authorization to Proceed Letter" with site-specific mitigation requirements may be sent out to the permittee when a review of the NOI and OMP, SWMP and /or SWPPP on a case-by-case basis, is completed by the SRMT Environment Division, Water Resource Program. This approval will allow the application to proceed if all mitigation requirements are met.

b. Seneca Nation

- i. Under Part 1.1.5 of the CGP, the Seneca Nation requests that an applicant must demonstrate that they meet the eligibility criteria listed in Appendix D (certify in your Notice of Intent (NOI) that you meet one of the eligibility criteria [Criterion A-F]) as well as species and critical habitats that are listed under the Seneca Nation's "Fishing and Conservation Laws" and the "Seneca Nation of Indians Comprehensive Conservation Law".

- ii. The Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) was established in 2000 after the Seneca Nation received a recognition letter from the National Park Service (NPS); therefore under Part 1.1.6 of the CGP (Appendix E) and prior to submitting a Notice of Intent (NOI) operators must complete the Nation's THPO, Project Review Form (<https://sni.org/media/246603/sni-thpo-project-review-form.pdf>) and submit the completed form with associated information to the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at 90 Ohi:yo' Way, Salamanca, NY 14779. Federal agencies engaging in construction activities must provide for construction review by a certified construction reviewer in accordance with 7 Del. C. §§4010 & 4013 and 7 DE Admin. Code 5101, subsection 6.1.6.
- iii. Under Part 1.2 of the CGP, discharges must also follow the Section 13 of the Guide for Construction (Seneca Nation of Indians Source Water Code) and respectively, Council Resolution, dated April 13, 2013 (CN: R-04-13-13-11) to ensure that the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the Seneca Nation, and all other within the Lands and Territories of the Seneca Nation of Indians, and to facilitate the adequate provisions of water through the elimination or prevention of ground water contamination in the vicinity of wells that supply drinking water for the Nation. The area is known as the Source Water Protection Area (SWPA) and specified activities are regulated within this SWPA, as cited in Section 13 of the Guide for Construction and Section VI, of CN: R-04-13-13-11.
- iv. Under Part 1.4, any operator who seeks coverage of the CGP, and is required to submit a notice of intent NOI and Notice of Termination (NOT) (as necessary) to the EPA for coverage, under Part 1.4.2 must also submit a copy of the NOI to the Seneca Nation's Environmental Protection Department (EPD) within three business days of submittal to the EPA, (address shown below). Respectively, a copy of the NOT (as described under Part 8.3 of the CGP), which certifies that you have met the requirements of Part 8, must be provided within three business days after electronic confirmation is received from the EPA that the NOT has been accepted. In addition to a NOI and NOT, the Seneca Nation (Environmental Protection Department [EPD]) would require an Environmental Impact Assessment (EA) (Long Form), as shown in Section 2 of the Seneca Nation of Indians Laws, Ordinances & Policies (Guide for Construction), to be completed and submitted to the EPD prior to any project to determine whether the impacts from a project would create significant and detrimental effects to the Nation's lands, water (violate WQS), and environment. The NOI, NOT, and EA must be submitted electronically to epd@sni.org and provided to the following address:
Seneca Nation
Environmental Protection Department (EPD) Attn: Director of EPD
12837 Route 438
Irving, NY 14081
- v. Under Part 3.0 of the CGP, discharges must be controlled as necessary to meet applicable WQS. The Seneca Nation is working actively towards finalizing and implementing the; therefore, the EPD would require an applicant to submit or grant access to the permit to obtain information on the impact of effluents on receiving waters, including the capability of receiving waters to support future designated uses and achieve the WQS of the Nation; and to advise prospective dischargers of discharge requirements, and coordinate with the appropriate

permitting agencies. As stated in the Decision Document, under Section 303(c) of the CWA, 33 U.S.C. § 1313(c), states develop, review, and revise (as appropriate) water quality standards for surface waters of the United States. At a minimum, such standards are to include designated water uses, water quality criteria to protect such uses, and an antidegradation policy. 40 C.F.R. § 131.6. In addition, under Section 401 of the CWA states may grant, condition, or deny "certification" for federally permitted or licensed activities that may result in a discharge to the waters of the United States 33 U.S.C. § 1341.

- vi. Under Part 7.2.8(a)(b)(c) and for Part 9 of the CGP, the following Sections of the Seneca Nation's Guide for Construction shall be considered, in conjunction with the CGP:
 - (a) Section 1. Executive Order - To Establish a Policy for Governing Access to Nation Territories and Facilities by Officials of Foreign Government, dated March 31, 2011
 - (b) Section 3. Natural Resources Committee, Sand and Gravel Law (CN: R-06-24-05-08)
 - (c) Section 4. Fishing and Conservation Laws - Part 1.1.5 of the CGP
 - (d) Section 5. Seneca Nation of Indians Comprehensive Conservation Law, adopted January 14, 2012
 - (e) Section 9. Food is Our Medicine (FIOM) Program/Native Planting Policy (CN: R-03-08-14-14)
 - (f) Section 10. Forestry Management Plan (CN: R-08-14-10-23)
 - (g) Section 11. Timber Ordinance #411-092, dated May 8, 1982
 - (h) Section 14. Flood Damage Prevention Local Law, dated September 27, 1988
 - (i) Section 16. Utilities Ordinance No. 87-100
 - (j) Authorizing Emergency Action and Contingency Plan to Restrain Pollution of Nations Waters, (Council Resolution: R-03-01-18-10), dated March 10, 2018
Seneca Nation of Indians Permit Application for Construction within Waterways Permit, Form NR98-01.00

9.3 EPA REGION 3

9.3.1 DCR100000 District of Columbia

- a. Discharges authorized by this permit shall comply with the District of Columbia Water Pollution Control Act of 1984, as amended (DC Official Code § 8-103.01 and § 8-103.06, et seq.) to ensure that District of Columbia waters, waters in adjacent and downstream states, and the beneficial uses of these waters will not be harmed or degraded by the discharges.
- b. Discharges authorized by this permit must comply with §§ 1104.1 and 1104.8 of Chapter 11 and the provisions of Chapter 19 of Title 21 of District of Columbia Municipal Regulations in order to attain and maintain designated uses of the District of Columbia waters.

- c. The permittee shall comply with the District of Columbia Stormwater Management and Soil Erosion and Sediment Control regulations in Chapter 5 of Title 21 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
- d. The permittee shall comply with the District of Columbia Flood Management Control regulations in Chapter 31 of Title 20 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
- e. The permittee shall submit a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the Regulatory Review Division, Department of Energy & Environment, Government of the District of Columbia, 1200 First Street, NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002, during the review and approval of the permittee's DOEE Erosion and Sediment Control Plan in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 542 of Title 21 of the District of Columbia Municipal Regulations.
- f. Upon request, the permittee shall submit all inspection and monitoring reports as required by this permit and 40 CFR § 122.41 to the Associate Director, Inspection and Enforcement Division, Department of Energy & Environment, Government of the District of Columbia, 1200 First Street, NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002; telephone (202) 535-2226, or by email at Joshua.Rodriguez@dc.gov.
- g. In the event the permittee intends to discharge dewatering water, groundwater, or groundwater comingled with stormwater from a known contaminated site, the permittee shall contact the Regulatory Review Division, Department of Energy & Environment, Government of the District of Columbia, 1200 First Street, NE, 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20002; telephone (202) 535-2600, or by email at MS4DischargeAuthorization@dc.gov to request authorization to discharge dewatering water, groundwater, or groundwater comingled with stormwater to the District's Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) or to a surface water body pursuant to §§ 8-103.02, 8-103.06, and 8-103.07 of the District of Columbia Water Pollution Control Act of 1984, as amended.

9.3.2 DER10F000 Areas in the State of Delaware located at a federal facility (as defined in Appendix A)

- a. Federal agencies must submit a sediment and stormwater management plan (SSMP) and receive Department approval prior to undertaking any land clearing, soil movement or construction activity unless conducting an exempt activity.
- b. Federal construction activities are required to have a third-party Certified Construction Reviewer (CCR) perform weekly reviews to ensure the adequacy of construction activities pursuant to the approved SSMP and regulations. Implementation of approved SSMPs requires the daily oversight of construction activity by certified responsible personnel.
- c. Implementation of approved SSMPs requires the daily oversight of construction activity by certified responsible personnel.
- d. A current copy of the SSMP must be maintained at the construction site.
- e. Unless authorized by the Department, not more than 20 acres may be disturbed at any one time.

9.4 EPA REGION 4

No additional conditions

9.5 EPA REGION 5**9.5.1 MIR101000 Indian country within the State of Minnesota****a. Fond du Lac Reservation**

- i. New dischargers wishing to discharge to an Outstanding Reservation Resource Water (ORRW)¹⁰⁶ must obtain an individual permit from EPA for storm water discharges from large and small construction activities.
- ii. A copy of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be submitted to the Office of Water Protection at least fifteen (15) days in advance of sending the Notice of Intent to EPA. The SWPPP can be submitted electronically to richardgitar@FDLREZ.com or by hardcopy sent to:
 - Fond du Lac Reservation
 - Office of Water Protection
 - 1720 Big Lake Road
 - Cloquet, MN 55720
- iii. Copies of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and the Notice of Termination (NOT) must be sent to the Fond du Lac Office of Water Protection at the same time they are submitted to EPA. [The condition helps the Office of Water Protection keep track of when a project is about to start and when it has ended. FDL Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 204 (a) (2)].
- iv. If the project will entail a discharge to any watercourse or open water body, the turbidity limit shall NOT exceed 10% of natural background within the receiving water(s) as determined by Office of Water Protection staff. For such discharges, turbidity sampling must take place within 24 hours of a ½-inch or greater rainfall event. The results of the sampling must be reported to the Office of Water Protection within 7 days of the sample collection. All sample reporting must include the date and time, location (GPS: UTM/Zone 15), and NTU. CGP applicants are encouraged to work with the Office of Water Protection in determining the most appropriate location(s) for sampling. [This condition helps both the Office of Water Protection and the project proponent in knowing whether or not their erosion control efforts are effective. FDL Water Quality Certification, Section 204 (b) (1)].
- v. Receiving waters with open water must be sampled for turbidity prior to any authorized discharge as determined by Office of Water Protection staff. This requirement only applies to receiving waters which no ambient turbidity data exists. [This condition allows the Office of Water Protection to obtain a baseline turbidity sample in which to compare to other samples. FDL Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 204 (b) (2)].
- vi. All work shall be carried out in such a manner as will prevent violations of water quality criteria as stated in the Water Quality Standards of the Fond du Lac Reservation, Ordinance #12/98, as amended. This includes, but is not limited to, the prevention of any discharge that causes a condition in which visible solids, bottom deposits, or turbidity impairs the usefulness of water of the Fond du Lac

¹⁰⁶ Although additional waters may be designated in the future, currently Perch Lake, Rice Portage Lake, Miller Lake, Deadfish Lake, and Jaskari Lake are designated as ORRWs.

Reservation for any of the uses designated in the Water Quality Standards of the Fond du Lac Reservation. These uses include wildlife, aquatic life, warm water fisheries, cold water fisheries, subsistence fishing (netting), primary contact recreation, secondary contact recreation, cultural, wild rice areas, aesthetic waters, agriculture, navigation, commercial and wetlands. It also includes the designated uses of wetlands including, but not limited to, baseflow discharge, cultural opportunities, flood flow attenuation, groundwater recharge, indigenous floral and fauna) diversity and abundance, nutrient cycling, organic carbon export/cycling, protection of downstream water quality, recreation, resilience against climactic effects, sediment/shoreline stabilization, surface water storage, wild rice, and water dependent wildlife. [In addition to listing the designated uses of waters of the Fond du Lac Reservation, this condition also limits the project proponent to discharges that will not violate our Water Quality Standards. FDL Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 204 (a) (7)].

- vii.** Appropriate steps shall be taken to ensure that petroleum products or other chemical pollutants are prevented from entering waters of the Fond du Lac Reservation. All spills must be reported to the appropriate emergency management Agency (National Response Center AND the State Duty Officer), and measures shall be taken immediately to prevent the pollution of waters of the Fond du Lac Reservation, including groundwater. The Fond du Lac Office of Water Protection must also be notified immediately of any spill regardless of size. [This condition helps protect water quality and also reminds project proponents of their responsibility in reporting spill events. FDL Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 204 (b) (3)].
- viii.** All seed mixes, whether used for temporary stabilization or permanent seeding, shall NOT contain any annual ryegrass (*Lolium* species). Wild rye (*Elymus* species) or Oats (*Avena* species) may be used as a replacement in seed mixes. [This condition prevents the use of annual ryegrass on the Reservation. Annual ryegrass is allelopathic, which means it produces biochemical in its roots that inhibit the growth of native plants. If used in seed mixes, annual ryegrass could contribute to erosion, especially on slopes. However, the condition also specifies substitute grasses that germinate almost as fast as annual ryegrass for use as a cover crop to help prevent erosion. FDL Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 204 (t) (1)].
- ix.** To prevent the introduction of invasive species, ALL contractors and subcontractors MUST disclose information stating prior equipment location(s) and ALL known invasive species potentially being transported from said location(s). All equipment MUST undergo a high pressure wash (including any equipment mats) BEFORE ENTERING the Fond du Lac Reservation. Personal equipment such as work boots, gloves, vest, etc. MUST be clean of debris, dirt and plant and animal material BEFORE ENTERING the Fond du Lac Reservation. Equipment being transported from known infested areas MUST undergo a high pressure wash as soon as possible after leaving the infested site and again BEFORE ENTERING the Fond du Lac Reservation, to avoid transport of invasive species into areas surrounding the Reservation. Written certification of equipment cleaning MUST be provided to the Fond du Lac Office of Water Protection. Upon arrival, ALL contractor and subcontractor equipment will be inspected by appointed Fond du Lac staff. If equipment is deemed unsatisfactory, the equipment MUST

undergo a high pressure washing until the equipment is cleared by the inspector, until such time, minimal travel will be allowed through the Reservation. The contractor shall be held responsible for the control of any invasive species introduced as a result of their project. [This condition requires the project proponent to prevent the inadvertent introduction of invasive species by taking an active role in cleaning all vehicles, equipment, and equipment mats before entering the Reservation. This condition has been placed in certifications since 2012, due to the introduction of Wild Parsnip in 2011 from a pipeline contractor. It is much easier to prevent the introduction of an invasive species than it is to eradicate it once it has been introduced. Many invasive plant species form monocultures, preventing native plants from growing. This situation often leads to cases of erosion, which in turn effects water quality. FOL Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 204 (g) (1)].

- x. A copy of this certification MUST be kept by the contractor on-site at all times and be available for viewing by all personnel, including inspectors. [This condition ensures that the information contained in the certification, especially the conditions, is readily available onsite for reference. FOL Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 204 (a) (9)].

b. The Grand Portage Band of Lake Superior Chippewa

- i. The CGP authorization is for construction activities that may occur within the exterior boundaries of the Grand Portage Reservation in accordance to the Grand Portage Land Use Ordinance. The CGP regulates stormwater discharges associated with construction sites of one acre or more in size. Only those activities specifically authorized by the CGP are authorized by this certification (the "Certification").
- ii. All construction stormwater discharges authorized by the CGP must comply with the Water Quality Standards and Water Resources Ordinance, as well as Applicable Federal Standards (as defined in the Water Resources Ordinance).
- iii. All appropriate steps must be taken to ensure that petroleum products or other chemical pollutants are prevented from entering the Waters of the Reservation. All spills must be reported to the appropriate emergency-management agency, and measures must be taken to prevent the pollution of the Waters of the Reservation, including groundwater.
- iv. The 2022 CGP requires inspections and monitoring reports of the construction site stormwater discharges by a qualified person. Monitoring and inspection reports must comply with the minimum requirements contained in the 2022 CGP. The monitoring plan must be prepared and incorporated into the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (the "SWPP"). A copy of the SWPP must be submitted to the Board at least 30 days in advance of sending the requisite Notice of Intent to EPA. The SWPP should be sent to:

Grand Portage Environmental Resources Board
P.O. Box 428
Grand Portage, MN 55605

Copies of the Notice of Intent and Notice of Termination required under the General Permit must be submitted to the Board at the address above at the same time they are submitted to the EPA.

- v. If requested by the Grand Portage Environmental Department, the permittee must provide additional information necessary for a case-by-case eligibility determination to assure compliance with the Water Quality Standards and any Applicable Federal Standards. The burden is on the applicant to demonstrate compliance with the Water Quality Standards, the Water Resources Ordinance, and Applicable Federal Standards whether or not the application is ultimately eligible for the CGP.
 - vi. CGP discharges must not cause nuisance conditions as defined in Grand Portage Water Quality Standards.
 - vii. The Board retains full authority to ensure compliance with and to enforce the provisions of the Water Resource Ordinance and Water Quality Standards, Applicable Federal Standards, and these Certification conditions. Nothing herein affects the scope or applicability of other controlling tribal or federal requirements, including but not limited to impacts to cultural, historical, or archeological features or sites, or properties that may be eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places under the National Historic Preservation Act, 54 U.S.C. §§ 300101 et seq.
 - viii. Appeals related to Board actions taken in accordance with any of the preceding conditions may be heard by the Grand Portage Tribal Court.
- c. Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe**
- i. The water quality standards that apply to the construction site are the standards at the time the operator submits its Notice of Intent (NOI) to EPA and the LLBO WRP (see conditions # 2 and # 3).
 - ii. A copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be submitted to the LLBO WRP at least 30 days in advance of sending the NOI for the project to EPA. See attached LLBO 401 Water Quality Certification Ordinance. Section 304(a)(1). The SWPPP should be submitted electronically to Jeff.Harper@llojibwe.net and by hardcopy sent to:
Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe
ATTN: Water Resources Program - 401 Cert
Division of Resource Management
190 Sailstar Drive NW
Cass Lake, Minnesota 56633
 - iii. Copies of the NOI and the Notice of Termination (NOT) must be submitted to the LLBO WRP at the same time they are submitted to EPA. See attached LLBO 401 Water Quality Certification Ordinance, Section 304(a)(2). The NOI and NOT should be submitted electronically to Jeff.Harper@llojibwe.net and sent by hardcopy to the address cited in condition # 2.
 - iv. Any and all other conditions listed in Section 304 of the attached LLBO 401 Water Quality Certification Ordinance shall be observed unless the LLBO WRP deems that certain conditions therein are not applicable to the project in need of a permit under this certification.
 - v. A copy of this certification MUST be kept by the contractor on-site at all times and be available for viewing by all personnel, including inspectors.

- vi. Upon consideration of the NOI, if the LLBO WRP finds that the discharge will not be controlled as necessary to meet applicable water quality standards, the LLBO WRP may insist, consistent with Part 3.1 of the CGP, that additional controls are installed to meet applicable water quality standards, or recommend to EPA that the operator obtain coverage under an individual permit.

9.5.2 WIR10I000 Indian country within the State of Wisconsin

a. Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians

- i. Only those activities specifically authorized by the CGP are authorized by this Certification. This Certification does not authorize impacts to cultural properties, or historical sites, or properties that may be eligible for listing as such.
- ii. All projects which are eligible for coverage under the CGP and are located within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation shall be implemented in such a manner that is consistent with the Tribe's Water Quality Standards (WQS). The Tribe's WQS can be viewed at: http://www.badriver-nsn.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/01/NRD_WaterQualityStandards_2011.pdf
- iii. Operators are not eligible to obtain authorization under the CGP for all new discharges to an Outstanding Tribal Resource Water (OTRW or Tier 3 water). OTRWs, or Tier 3 waters, include the following: Kakagon Slough and the lower wetland reaches of its tributaries that support wild rice, Kakagon River, Bad River Slough, Honest John Lake, Bog Lake, a portion of Bad River, from where it enters the Reservation through the confluence with the White River, and Potato River. OTRWs can be viewed at: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=6f44c371217e4ee8b5f1c2c705c7c7c5>
- iv. An operator proposing to discharge to an Outstanding Resource Water (ORW or Tier 2.5 water) under the CGP must comply with the antidegradation provisions of the Tribe's WQS. ORWs, or Tier 2.5 waters, include the following: a portion of Bad River, from downstream the confluence with the White River to Lake Superior, White River, Marengo River, Graveyard Creek, Bear Trap Creek, Wood Creek, Brunsweller River, Tyler Forks, Bell Creek, and Vaughn Creek. ORWs can be viewed at: <https://www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=6f44c371217e4ee8b5f1c2c705c7c7c5>. The antidegradation demonstration materials described in provision E.4.iii., and included on the antidegradation demonstration template found at: <https://www.badriver-nsn.gov/natural-resources/projectreviews/>, must be submitted to the following address:
 Bad River Tribe's Natural Resources Department
 Attn: Water Regulatory Specialist
 P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861
 WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov
- v. An operator proposing to discharge to an Exceptional Resource Water (ERW or Tier 2 water) under the CGP must comply with the antidegradation provisions of the Tribe's WQS. ERWs, or Tier 2 waters, include the following: any surface water within the exterior boundaries of the Reservation that is not specifically classified as an Outstanding Resource Water (Tier 2.5 water) or an Outstanding Tribal Resource Water (Tier 3 water). ERWs can be viewed at:

<https://www.arcgis.com/apps/View/index.html?appid=6f44c371217e4ee8b5f1c2c705c7c7c5>. The antidegradation demonstration materials described in provision E.4.ii., and included on the antidegradation demonstration template found at: <https://www.badriver-nsn.gov/natural-resources/projectreviews/>, must be submitted to the following address:

Bad River Tribe's Natural Resources Department
Attn: Water Regulatory Specialist
P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861
WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov

- vi.** Projects utilizing cationic treatment chemicals within the Bad River Reservation boundaries are not eligible for coverage under the CGP.
- vii.** A discharge to a surface water within the Bad River Reservation boundaries shall not cause or contribute to an exceedance of the turbidity criterion included in the Tribe's WQS, which states: Turbidity shall not exceed 5 NTU over natural background turbidity when the background turbidity is 50 NTU or less, or turbidity shall not increase more than 10% when the background turbidity is more than 50 NTU.
- viii.** All projects which are eligible for coverage under the CGP within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation must comply with the Bad River Reservation Wetland and Watercourse Protection Ordinance, or Chapter 323 of the Bad River Tribal Ordinances, including the erosion and sedimentation control, natural buffer, and stabilization requirements. Questions regarding Chapter 323 and requests for permit applications can be directed to the Wetlands Specialist in the Tribe's Natural Resources Department at (715) 682-7123 or wetlands@badriver-nsn.gov.
- ix.** An operator of a project, which is eligible for coverage under the CGP, that would result in an allowable discharge under the CGP occurring within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation must notify the Tribe prior to the commencing earth-disturbing activities. The operator must submit a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to the following addresses at the same time it is submitted to the U.S. EPA:

Bad River Tribe's Natural Resources Department
Attn: Water Regulatory Specialist
P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861
WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov

Bad River Tribe's Natural Resources Department
Attn: Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO)
P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861
THPO@badriver-nsn.gov

The operator must also submit a copy of the Notice of Termination (NOT) to the above addresses at the same time it is submitted to the U.S. EPA. Photographs showing the current site conditions must be included as part of the NOT to document the stabilization requirements have been met.

- x.** The THPO must be provided 30 days to comment on the project.

- xi.** The operator must obtain THPO concurrence in writing. This written concurrence will outline measures to be taken to prevent or mitigate effects to historic properties. For more information regarding the specifics of the cultural resources process, see 36 CFR Part 800. A best practice for an operator is to consult with the THPO during the planning stages of an undertaking.
- xii.** An operator of a project, which is eligible for coverage under the CGP, that would result in an allowable discharge under the CGP occurring within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation must submit a copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the following address at the same time as submitting the NOI:
 - Bad River Tribe's Natural Resources Department
 - Attn: Water Regulatory Specialist
 - P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861
 - WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov
- xiii.** Any corrective action reports that are required under the CGP must be submitted to the following address within one (1) working day of the report completion:
 - Bad River Tribe's Natural Resources Department
 - P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861
 - WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov
- xiv.** An operator of a project, which is eligible for coverage under the CGP, that would result in an allowable discharge under the CGP occurring within the exterior boundaries of the Bad River Reservation must submit a copies of the inspection reports (including photographs) to the following address within 24 hours of completing any site inspection required:
 - Bad River Tribe's Natural Resources Department Attn: Water Regulatory Specialist
 - P.O. Box 39 Odanah, WI 54861
 - WaterReg@badriver-nsn.gov
- xv.** An operator shall be responsible for meeting any additional permit requirements imposed by the U.S. EPA necessary to comply with the Tribe's antidegradation policies if the discharge point is located upstream of waters designated by the Tribe.

9.6 EPA REGION 6

9.6.1 NMR100000 State of New Mexico, except Indian country

- a.** In Outstanding National Resource Waters (ONRWs) in New Mexico, no degradation is permitted except in limited, specifically defined instances. Therefore, Operators are not eligible to obtain authorization under this general permit for stormwater discharges to waters classified as ONRWs listed in Paragraph D of 20.6.4.9 New Mexico Administrative Code (NMAC), also referred to as "Tier 3 waters" as defined in Appendix A of this permit. Exception: When construction activities are in response to a public emergency (e.g., wildfire, extreme flooding, etc.) and the related work requires immediate authorization to avoid a threat to public health or safety.
 - i.** Operators who conduct construction activities in response to a public emergency to mitigate an immediate threat to public health or safety shall

adhere to the requirements in 20.6.4.8(A)(3)(c) NMAC, including notifying the New Mexico Environment Department (NMED) within seven days of initiation of the emergency action and providing NMED with a summary of the action taken within 30 days of initiation of the emergency action.

- ii. For all other scenarios, Operators with proposed discharges to ONRWs in New Mexico shall obtain coverage from EPA under an NPDES Individual Permit and will comply with the additional standards and regulations related to discharges to ONRWs in 20.6.4.8(A) NMAC. Additional information is available from:
 - New Mexico Environment Department Surface Water Quality Bureau
 - P.O. Box 5469
 - Santa Fe, NM 87502-5469 Telephone: 505-827-0187
 - <https://www.env.nm.gov/surface-water-quality/wqs/>
 - <https://gis.web.env.nm.gov/oem/?map=swqb>
- b. If construction dewatering activities are anticipated at a construction site and non-stormwater discharges of groundwater, subsurface water, spring water, and/or other dewatering water are anticipated, the Operators/Permittees must complete the following steps:
 1. Review the state's Ground Water Quality Bureau Mapper (<https://gis.web.env.nm.gov/GWQB/>) and Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau Mapper (<https://gis.web.env.nm.gov/GWQB/>).

Check if the following sources are located within the noted distance from the anticipated construction dewatering activity. At a minimum, a list of the following potential sources of contaminants and pollutants at the noted distance is to be kept in the SWPPP.

Source of Potential Contamination or Pollutants*	Constituents likely to be required for testing*
Within 0.5 mile of an open Leaking Underground Storage Tank (LUST) site	BTEX (Benzene, Toluene, Ethylbenzene, and Xylene) plus additional parameters depending on site conditions**
Within 0.5 mile of an open Voluntary Remediation site	All applicable parameters or pollutants listed in 20.6.4.13, 20.6.4.52, 20.6.4.54, 20.6.4.97 thru 20.6.4.99, 20.6.4.101 through 20.6.4.899, and 20.6.4.900 NMAC (or an alternate list approved by the NMED-SWQB)*
Within 0.5 mile of an open RCRA Corrective Action Site	
Within 0.5 mile of an open Abatement Site	
Within 0.5 mile of an open Brownfield Site	
Within 1.0 mile or more of a Superfund site or National Priorities List (NPL) site with associated groundwater contamination.	
Construction activity contaminants and/or natural water pollutants	Additional parameters depending on site activities and conditions (Contact NMED- SWQB for an alternate list)*

*For further assistance determining whether dewatering may encounter contaminated sources, please contact the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau at 505-827-2965 or NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau (SWQB) at 505-827-0187.

** EPA approved sufficiently sensitive methods must be used. For known PCB sources and analysis, EPA Method 1668C must be used (see <https://www.epa.gov/cwa-methods>).

2. If dewatering activities are anticipated, information on the flow rate and potential to encounter contaminated groundwater, subsurface water, spring water, or dewatering water must be provided directly to NMED at the following address:

NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau
 Program Manager, Point Source Regulation
 Section PO Box 5469, Santa Fe, NM 87502

Please call the SWQB to obtain the appropriate email address (505-827-0187).

3. In addition, the Operator/Permittee must characterize the quality of the groundwater and subsurface water, spring water, or dewatering water being considered for discharge according to the table above and including dissolved hardness and pH. Considering the contaminant sources listed in the table above, water quality data may already be available. For further assistance, contact the

NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau (505-827-0187), Ground Water Quality Bureau (505-827- 2965), Petroleum Storage Tank Bureau (505-476-4397), or Hazardous Waste Bureau (505-476- 6000).

- i. The Operator/Permittee must submit recent analytical test results (i.e., within the past 5 years) according to the table above, and including dissolved hardness and pH, to the EPA Region 6 Stormwater Permit Contact and the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau (see contact information in #2 above). If the test data exceed applicable water quality standards, then the groundwater, subsurface water, spring water, or dewatering water cannot be discharged into surface waters under this general permit. Operators/Permittees may submit an NPDES Individual Permit application to treat and discharge to waters of the U.S. or find alternative disposal measures. No discharges to surface waters are allowed until authorized.
 - ii. If the discharge has the potential to affect groundwater (e.g., land application), the Operator/Permittee must submit an NOI to the NMED Ground Water Quality Bureau (see 20.6.2.1201 NMAC – Notice of Intent to Discharge).
4. The Operator/Permittee must document any findings and all correspondence with NMED and EPA in the SWPPP.
- c.** Operators who intend to obtain authorization under this permit for new and existing storm water discharges from construction sites must satisfy the following condition:
- i.** The SWPPP must include site-specific interim and permanent stabilization, managerial, and structural solids, erosion and sediment control best management practices (BMPs) and/or other controls that are designed to prevent to the maximum extent practicable an increase in the sediment yield and flow velocity from pre-construction, pre-development conditions to assure that applicable standards in 20.6.4 NMAC, including the antidegradation policy, and TMDL waste load allocations (WLAs) are met. This requirement applies to discharges both during construction and after construction operations have been completed. The SWPPP must identify and document the rationale for selecting these BMPs and/or other controls. The SWPPP must also describe design specifications, construction specifications, maintenance schedules (including a long-term maintenance plan), criteria for inspections, and expected performance and longevity of these BMPs. For sites greater than 5 acres in size, BMP selection must be made based on the use of appropriate soil loss prediction models (i.e. SEDCAD, RUSLE, SEDIMOT, MULTISED, etc.) OR equivalent generally accepted (by professional erosion control specialists) soil loss prediction tools.
 - ii.** For all sites, the Operator(s) must demonstrate, and include documentation in the SWPPP, that implementation of the site-specific practices will ensure that the applicable standards and TMDL WLAs are met, and will result in sediment yields and flow velocities that, to the maximum extent practicable, will not be greater than the sediment yield levels and flow velocities from preconstruction, pre-development conditions.
 - iii.** All SWPPPs must be prepared in accordance with good engineering practices by qualified (e.g., CPESC certified, engineers with appropriate training) erosion control specialists familiar with the use of soil loss prediction models and design of erosion and sediment control systems based on these models (or equivalent soil

loss prediction tools). Qualifications of the preparer (e.g., professional certifications, description of appropriate training) must be documented in the SWPPP. The Operator(s) must design, implement, and maintain BMPs in the manner specified in the SWPPP.

NMED supports the use of EPA's small residential lot template if a site qualifies to use it as explained in the permit, as long as it is consistent with the above requirements. NMED's requirement does not preclude small residential sites from using the template, but it may require an additional short paragraph to justify the selection of specific BMPs for the site.

- d. Operators must notify NMED when discharges of toxic or hazardous substances or oil from a spill or other release occurs - see Emergency Spill Notification Requirements, Part 2.3.6 of the permit. For emergencies, Operators can call 505-827-9329 at any time. For non-emergencies, Operators can call 866-428-6535 (voice mail 24-hours per day) or 505-476-6000 during business hours from 8am-5pm, Monday through Friday. Operators can also call the NMED Surface Water Quality Bureau directly at 505-827-0187.
- e. Operators of small construction activities (i.e., 1-5 acres) are not eligible to qualify for a waiver in lieu of needing to obtain coverage under this general permit based on Item C.3 of Appendix C (Equivalent Analysis Waiver) in the State of New Mexico.

9.6.2 NMR10I000 Indian country within the State of New Mexico, except Navajo Reservation Lands that are covered under Arizona permit AZR10000I and Ute Mountain Reservation Lands that are covered under Colorado permit COR10000I.

a. Nambe Pueblo

- i. The operator must provide a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Notice of Termination (NOT) to the Nambe Pueblo Governor's Office at the same time it is provided to the US Environmental Protection Agency. The NOI and NOT should be provided to the following address:
 - Office of the Governor Nambe Pueblo
 - ISA NPI02 WEST
 - Nambe Pueblo, New Mexico 87506
- ii. The operator must provide a copy of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to Nambe Pueblo at the same time it is submitted to the EPA, either by email to governor@nambepueblo.org or mailed to the above address.
- iii. The operator must provide copies of inspection reports, a copy of the corrective action log, and modifications made to the SWPPP as a result of inspection findings, upon request by the Nambe Pueblo Department of Environmental and Natural Resources or Nam be Governor.

b. Ohkay Owingeh Tribe

- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit a copy of the certified (signed) Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Ohkay Owingeh Office of Environmental Affairs, a copy of NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be provided within three business days after EPA provides electronic confirmation that the submission has been received. The NOI and NOT must be provided to the following address:

Naomi L. Archuleta - Environmental Programs Manager Ohkay Owingeh
Office of Environmental Affairs
P.O. Box 717
Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566
naomi.archuleta@ohkay.org

Noah Kaniatobe - Environmental Specialist Ohkay Owingeh, Office of
Environmental Affairs
P.O. Box 717
Ohkay Owingeh, NM 87566
noah.kaniatohe@ohkay.org

- ii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit an electronic copy of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to Ohkay Owingeh Office of Environmental Affairs at the same time that the NOI is submitted to the tribe (see contact information listed above).
- iii. Following each incident where the operator takes a corrective action the operator must provide the corrective action log to the Ohkay Owingeh Office of Environmental Affairs.
- iv. The operator must notify Ohkay Owingeh Office of Environmental Affairs within 24 hours, in the event of an emergency spill in addition to the notification requirements at Part 2.3.6 of the CGP. Please contact: Ohkay Owingeh Tribal Police Department at 505.852.2757.

*Please contact:
Ohkay Owingeh
Tribal Police Department
505.852.2757*

c. Pueblo of Isleta

- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP must submit a copy of the certified Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Pueblo of Isleta at the same time it is submitted to EPA for projects occurring within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta. Additionally, a copy of NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be provided within three business days after EPA provides electronic confirmation that the submission has been received. The Notices must be provided to the following address:
Water Quality Control Officer Pueblo of Isleta
Environment Department PO Box 1270
Isleta NM 87022
505-869-7565
WQCO@isletapueblo.com
- ii. The operator must notify the Pueblo of Isleta's Dispatch at 505-869-3030 as soon as possible and the Pueblo of Isleta Water Quality Control Officer within 10 hours, in the event of a spill of hazardous or toxic substances or if health or the

environment become endangered in addition to the notification requirements at Part 2.3.6 and at I.12.6.1 of the CGP.

- iii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP must submit an electronic copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the Pueblo of Isleta Water Quality Control Officer at the above address, 30 days prior to submitting the certified NOI to EPA. If the electronic file is too large to send through e-mail, a zip file or flash drive may be submitted.
 - iv. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP must give 2 days advance notice to the Pueblo of Isleta Water Quality Control Officer of any planned changes in the permitted activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.
 - v. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP must post a sign or other notice of permit coverage at a safe, publicly accessible location in close proximity to the construction site. The notice must be located so that it is visible from the public road or tribal road that is nearest to the active part of the construction site. The sign must be maintained on-site from the time construction activities begin until final stabilization is met.
 - vi. Erosion and sediment controls shall be designed to retain sediment on-site and project-generated waste materials that have the potential to discharge pollutants shall not be placed on open soil or on a surface that is not stabilized. Volumes of sediment over five (5) cubic yards must be removed from the active construction site; additionally, if sediment is placed for disposal within the exterior boundaries of the Pueblo of Isleta, disposal must be within a tribally approved sediment disposal site.
- d. Pueblo of Laguna**
- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP must submit an electronic copy of the certified (signed) Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Pueblo of Laguna's Environmental & Natural Resources Department (ENRD) within three business days of submittal to the EPA. Additionally, a copy of NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be provided within three business days after the EPA provides electronic confirmation that the submission has been received. The NOI and NOT must be electronically submitted to info.environmental@pol-nsn.gov.
 - ii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP must submit an electronic copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the Pueblo of Laguna's ENRD 14 days prior to the submittal of the NOI (see contact information listed above).
 - iii. The operator must provide copies of corrective actions logs and modifications made to the SWPPP as a result of inspection findings to the Pueblo of Laguna ENRD (see contact information above).
 - iv. In addition to the notification requirements of Part 2.3.6 of the CPG **[EPA interprets this intending to refer to the CGP]**, the operator must notify the Pueblo of Laguna ENRD at 505-552-7512 in the event of an emergency spill as soon as possible.
- e. Pueblo of Sandia. The following conditions apply only to discharges on the Pueblo of Sandia Reservation:**

- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit a copy of the certified (signed) Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department concurrently with submittal to the EPA. Additionally, a copy of NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be provided concurrently with submittal to the EPA. The NOI and NOT must be provided electronically to the following addresses:
Electronic Addresses:

Amy Rosebrough (Water Quality Manager): rosebrough@sanidapueblo.nsn.us
Greg Kaufman (Environment Director): gkaufman@sandiapueblo.nsn.us
 - ii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit an electronic copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department at least 14 days prior to submittal of the NOI to the Pueblo (see contact information listed above).
 - iii. If requested by the Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department, the permittee must provide additional information necessary on a case-by-case basis to assure compliance with the Pueblo of Sandia Water Quality Standards and/or applicable Federal Standards.
 - iv. An "Authorization to Proceed Letter" with site specific mitigation requirements may be sent out to the permittee when a review of the NOI and SWPPP, on a case-by-case basis, is completed by the Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department. This approval will allow the application to proceed if all mitigation requirements are met.
 - v. The Pueblo of Sandia will not allow Small Construction Waivers (Appendix C) to be granted for any small construction activities.
 - vi. The operator must provide copies of inspection reports, a copy of the corrective action log, and modifications made to the SWPPP as a result of inspection findings to the Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department upon request. An inspection report and corrective action log must be submitted to the Pueblo within 3 days of any inspection that results in corrective action (see contact information listed above).
 - vii. The operator must notify the Pueblo of Sandia within 24 hours in the event of an emergency spill, in addition to the notification requirements at Part 2.3.6 of the COP (see contact information listed above).
 - viii. Before submitting a Notice of Termination (NOT) to the EPA, permittees must clearly demonstrate to the Pueblo of Sandia Environment Department through a site visit or documentation that requirements for site stabilization have been met and any temporary erosion control structures have been removed. A short letter stating that the NOT is acceptable and all requirements have been met will be sent to the permittee to add to the permittee's NOT submission to the EPA.
- f. Pueblo of Santa Ana. The following conditions apply only to discharges on the Pueblo of Santa Ana Reservation:**
- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit a copy of the certified (signed) Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Pueblo's Department of Natural Resources within three business days of submittal to EPA. Additionally, a copy of NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be

provided within three business days after EPA provides electronic confirmation that the submission has been received. The NOI and NOT must be provided to the following address:

Regular U.S. Delivery Mail:

Pueblo of Santa Ana
Department of Natural Resources Water Resources Division
Attn: Andrew Sweetman 02 Dove Rd
Santa Ana Pueblo, NM 87004

Electronically:

Andrew Sweetman
Water Resources Division Manager Andrew.Sweetman@santaana-nsn.gov
Tammy Montoya Hydrologist
Tammy.Montoya@santaana-nsn.gov

- ii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit an electronic copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the Pueblo's Department of Natural Resources at the same time that the NOI is submitted to the tribe (see contact information listed above).
 - iii. The operator must provide copies of inspection reports, a copy of the corrective action log, and modifications made to the SWPPP as a result of inspection findings, upon request by the Pueblo's Department of Natural Resources.
 - iv. The operator must notify the Pueblo's Department of Natural Resources within 24 hours in the event of an emergency spill, in addition to the notification requirements at Part 2.3.6 of the CGP.
- g. Pueblo of Taos**
- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit a copy of the certified (signed) Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Taos Pueblo Environmental Office and Taos Pueblo Governor's Office within three business days of submittal to EPA. Additionally, a copy of NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be provided within three business days after EPA provides electronic confirmation that the submission has been received. The NOI and NOT must be provided to the following addresses:

Honorable Governor of Taos Pueblo PO Box 1846
Taos, New Mexico 87571

Taos Pueblo Environmental Office PO Box 1846
Taos, New Mexico 87571
 - ii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit an electronic copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to the Taos Pueblo Environmental Office when the NOI is submitted to the tribe. Electronic copy of SWPPP downloaded on flash drive may be sent to the above address for the Taos Pueblo Environmental Office.
 - iii. The operator must provide a copy of the corrective action log following each corrective action undertaken and modifications made to the SWPPP as a result of

a corrective action to the Taos Pueblo Environmental Office at address listed above.

h. Pueblo of Tesuque.

- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit a copy of the certified (signed) Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Pueblo of Tesuque Department of Environment and Natural Resources (DENR) and the Pueblo's Governor within three business days of submittal to EPA. Additionally, a copy of any NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be provided within three business days after EPA provides electronic confirmation that the submission has been received. The NOI and NOT must be provided to the following address:

Governor Mark Mitchell Pueblo of Tesuque
20 TP 828
Santa Fe, NM 87506 governor@pueblooftesuque.org

Sage Mountain.flower Pueblo of Tesuque
Department of Environment and Natural Resources Director
20 TP 828

- ii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit an electronic copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to Pueblo of Tesuque DENR and the Pueblo's Governor at the same time that the NOI is submitted to the EPA (see contact information listed above).
- iii. The operator must provide a copy of the corrective action log, and any modifications made to the SWPPP as a result of inspection findings, or upon request by the Pueblo of Tesuque DENR.
- iv. The operator must notify the Pueblo of Tesuque DENR within 24 hours in the event of an emergency spill, in addition to the notification requirements at Part 2.3.6 of the CGP (see contact information listed above).

i. Santa Clara Indian Pueblo.

- i. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit a copy of the certified (signed) Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Santa Clara Pueblo Office of Environmental Affairs at the same time the NOI is submitted to the U.S. EPA. Additionally, a copy of the NOI modifications and the Notice of Termination (NOT), must be provided at the same time after electronic confirmation is received from EPA that the NOT has been accepted. The NOI and NOT shall be provided to the following address in electronic format:

Dino Chavarria,
Santa Clara Pueblo
Office of Environmental Affairs
dinoc@santaclarapueblo.org

- ii. All operators obtaining permit coverage under the EPA CGP, must submit an electronic copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan to the Santa Clara Pueblo Office of Environmental Affairs at the same time the NOI is submitted to the U.S. EPA (see contact information listed above).

- iii. The operator must notify the Santa Clara Pueblo Office of Environmental Affairs at the address above within 24 hours, in the event of an emergency spill, in addition to the notification requirements at Part 2.3.6 of the CGP

9.6.3 OKR10I000 Indian country within the State of Oklahoma, except areas of Indian country covered by an extension of state program authority pursuant to Section 10211 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA).

a. Pawnee Nation. The following conditions apply only to discharges within Pawnee Indian country:

- i. Copies of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and Notice of Termination (NOT) must be provided to the Pawnee Nation at the same time it is submitted to the Environmental Protection Agency to the following address:
 Pawnee Nation Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety
 P.O. Box 470
 Pawnee, OK 74058
 Or email to dners@pawneenation.org
- ii. An electronic copy of the Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be submitted to the Pawnee Nation Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety at the same time the NOI is submitted.
- iii. The operator must provide access to the site for inspections and for copies of inspection reports, copy of the corrective action log and modifications, made to the SWPPP because of inspection findings, upon request by the Pawnee Nation DECS.
- iv. The Pawnee Nation Department of Environmental Conservation and Safety must be notified at 918.762.3655 immediately upon discovery of any noncompliance with any provision of the permit conditions.

9.6.4 OKR10F000 Discharges in the State of Oklahoma that are not under the authority of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, or the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture and Forestry including activities associated with oil and gas exploration, drilling, operations, and pipelines (includes SIC Groups 13 and 46, and SIC codes 492 and 5171), and point source discharges associated with agricultural production, services, and silviculture (includes SIC Groups 01, 02, 07, 08, 09).

- a. For activities located within the watershed of any Oklahoma Scenic River, including the Illinois River, Flint Creek, Barren Fork Creek, Upper Mountain Fork, Little Lee Creek, and Lee Creek or any water or watershed designated "ORW" in Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards, this permit may only be used to authorize discharges from temporary construction activities. Certification is denied for any on-going activities such as sand and gravel mining or any other mineral mining.
- b. For activities located within the watershed of any Oklahoma Scenic River, including the Illinois River, Flint Creek, Barren Fork Creek, Upper Mountain Fork, Little Lee Creek, and Lee Creek or any water or watershed designated "ORW" in Oklahoma's Water Quality Standards, certification is denied for any discharges originating from support activities, including, but not limited to, concrete or asphalt batch plants, equipment staging yards, material storage areas, excavated material disposal areas, or borrow areas.

- c. Dewatering discharges into sediment or nutrient-impaired waters, and waters identified as Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 (OAC 785:46-13) shall be controlled to meet water quality standards for turbidity in those waters as follows:
 - i. Cool Water Aquatic Community/Trout Fisheries: 10 NTUs (OAC 785: 45-5-12(f)(7)(A)(i))
 - ii. Lakes: 25 NTUs (OAC 785: 45-5-12(f)(7)(A)(ii))
 - iii. In waters where background turbidity exceeds these values, turbidity from dewatering discharges should be restricted to not exceed ambient levels (OAC 785: 45-5-12(f)(7)(B))

9.7 EPA REGION 7

No additional conditions.

9.8 EPA REGION 8

9.8.1 MTR10I000 Indian country within the State of Montana

a. Blackfeet Nation.

- i. The Applicant and applicants for projects authorized under the NWP's should obtain all other permits, licenses, and certifications that may be required by federal, state, or tribal authority. Primary relevant tribal permit will be ALPO (Ordinance 117). Others may apply. It is the applicant's responsibility to know the tribal and local ordinances and complete all necessary permissions before they can commence work.
- ii. If a project is unable to meet the enclosed conditions, or if certification is denied for an applicable NWP, the Applicant may request an individual certification from Blackfeet. An individual certification request must follow the requirements outlined in 40 CFR 121.5 of EPA's CWA § 401 Certification Rule, effective September 11, 2020.
- iii. Copies of this certification should be kept on the job site and readily available for reference.
- iv. If the project is constructed and/or operated in a manner not consistent with the applicable NWP, general conditions, or regional conditions, the permittee may be in violation of this certification.
- v. Blackfeet and EPA representatives may inspect the authorized activity and any mitigation areas to determine compliance with the terms and conditions of the NWP.
- vi. This NWP Reissuance does not reduce Tribal authority under any other rule.
- vii. The project, including any stream relocations and restoration, must be built as shown and as otherwise described in the application, the construction plans, cross sections, mitigation plans and other supporting documents submitted to this office. Impacts to aquatic systems and restoration efforts will be monitored by an appropriate aquatic resource professional to ensure that disturbed areas are restored to at least their original condition.
- viii. All existing water uses will be fully maintained during and after the completion of the project. (If applicable)

- ix.** Where practicable, perform all in-channel and wetland work during periods of low flow or drawn—down or when dry
- x.** Equipment staging areas must be located out of all delineated wetlands
- xi.** Appropriate soil erosion and sediment controls must be used and maintained in effective operating condition during and immediately after construction, and all exposed soil and other fills, as well as any work below the ordinary high-water mark or in a wetland, must be permanently stabilized as soon as possible
- xii.** Materials such as piling, culverts, sandbags, fabric, mats, timbers used for temporary facilities in wetlands or below the high- water mark of Waters of the US must be free from oil, gas, excess dirt, loose paint and other pollutants.
- xiii.** Equipment staging areas in wetlands or in stream or river channels must be placed on mats, or other measures must be taken to minimize soil disturbance and compaction.
- xiv.** Clearing of riparian or wetland vegetation for the sole purpose of constructing work bridges, detours, staging areas or other temporary facilities must be limited to the absolute minimum necessary. When temporary impacts to native riparian or wetland vegetation are unavoidable, it must be mowed or cut above ground with the topsoil and root mass left intact.
- xv.** Remove all temporary fills and structures in the entirety when they are no longer needed. Restore affected areas to the appropriate original and planned contours where possible. Re-vegetate disturbed areas with appropriate native species when native species are impacted.
- xvi.** Construction methods and best management practices (BMPs) must minimize aquatic resource impacts to the maximum extent possible. Any BMPs described in the Joint Application must be followed. BMPs should include installation and maintenance of sediment control measures; separation, storage and reuse of any topsoil; and recovery of all disturbed areas where possible. All best management practices must in place prior to the onset of construction or as soon as practicable during the construction process.
- xvii.** Best available technology and/or best management practices must be utilized to protect existing water uses and maintain turbidity and sedimentation at the lowest practical level.
- xviii.** Applicant/contractor should manage disturbed streambank topsoil in a manner that optimizes plant establishment for the site.
- xix.** When operating equipment or otherwise undertaking construction in wetlands and water bodies the following conditions apply:
 - (a) Work should be done in dry conditions if possible.
 - (b) All equipment is to be inspected for oil, gas, diesel, anti-freeze, hydraulic fluid or other petroleum leaks. All such leaks will be properly repaired and equipment cleaned prior to being allowed on the project site. Leaks that occur after the equipment is moved to the project site will be fixed the same day or the next day or removed from the project area. The equipment is not allowed to continue operation once a leak is discovered.

- (c) All equipment is to be inspected and cleaned before and after use to minimize the spread or introduction of invasive or undesirable species.
- (d) Construction equipment shall not operate below the existing water surface except as follows:
- Impacts from construction should be minimized through the use of best management practices submitted in the permit application.
 - Essential work below the waterline shall be done in a manner to minimize impacts to aquatic system and water quality.
- (e) Containment booms and/or absorbent material must be available onsite. Any spills of petroleum products must be reported to the Army Corps, Blackfeet Nation BEO Office and the US EPA within 24 hours.
- xx.** Upland, riparian and in-stream vegetation should be protected except where its removal is necessary for completion of work. Revegetation should be completed as soon as possible. Applicant/contractor should revegetate disturbed soil in a manner that optimizes plant establishment for the site. Revegetation must include topsoil replacement, planting, seeding, fertilization, liming and weed-free mulching as necessary. Applicant must use native plant material and soils where appropriate and feasible. This certification does not allow for the introduction of non-native flora and fauna. All disturbed surface areas must be restored to pre-construction contours and elevation.
- xxi.** Spoils piles should not be placed or stored within the delineated wetlands or streams unless protected by a temporary structure designed to divert and handle high flows that can be anticipated during permit activity. Spoils piles should be placed on landscaping fabric or some other material to separate spoils material and allow retrieval of spoils material with minimal impact.
- xxii.** Impacts to wetlands shall not exceed 4.92 acres.
- xxiii.** Any unexpected and additional impacts to waters of the US should be reported to the
- xxiv.** Army Corps, Blackfeet Environmental Office Water Quality Coordinator and the US EPA.
- xxv.** All instream and stream channel reconstruction work must be completed before the stream is diverted into the new channel.
- xxvi.** Any temporary crossings, bridge supports, cofferdams, or other structures that are necessary during permit activity should be designed to handle high flows that can be anticipated during permit activity. All temporary structures should be completely removed from the water body at the conclusion of the permitted activity and the area restored to a natural function and appearance.
- xxvii.** The certification does not authorize any unconfined discharge of liquid cement into the waters of the United States. Grouting riprap must occur under dry conditions with no exposure of wet concrete to the water body.
- xxviii.** BMPs shall include application of certified weed-free straw or hay across all disturbed wetland areas that are temporarily impacted; installation and maintenance of sediment control measures during construction and if necessary, after construction is completed; use of heavy mud mats if necessary; separation,

storage and reuse of all streambank topsoil and wetland topsoil, as appropriate; and recovery of all disturbed wetland and streambank areas where possible. All conditions set by the Blackfeet Tribe and US Army Corps must be followed.

- xxix.** All applicants, including federal agencies, must notify EPA and the Blackfeet Environmental Office of the use of all NWP for which certification has been granted prior to commencing work on the project. Notifications must include:
- (a) project location (lat. Long., exact point on map);
 - (b) NWP that will be used and the specific activity that will be authorized under the NWP;
 - (c) amount of permanent and temporary fills;
 - (d) a short summary of the proposed activity, and all other federal, state, tribal or local permits or licenses required for the project;
 - (e) complete contact information of both the applicant and contractor (name, name of the company or property if applicable, telephone, mobile, and email); and,
 - (f) Summary of best management practices that will be used.
 - (g) A summary of communications with the affected Tribe's water quality staff regarding the project, including any concerns or issues.
 - (h) Notify Blackfeet and EPA at least 7 days before the completion of construction and operations begin.
- xxx.** Point source discharges may not occur: (1) in fens, bogs or other peatlands; (2) within 100 feet of the point of discharge of a known natural spring source; or (3) hanging gardens.
- xxxi.** Except as specified in the application, no debris, silt, sand, cement, concrete, oil or petroleum, organic material, or other construction related materials or wastes shall be allowed to enter into or be stored where it may enter into waters of the U.S.
- xxxii.** Silt fences, straw wattles, and other techniques shall be employed as appropriate to protect waters of the U.S. from sedimentation and other pollutants.
- xxxiii.** Water used in dust suppression shall not contain contaminants that could violate water quality standards.
- xxxiv.** Erosion control matting that is either biodegradable blankets or loose-weave mesh must be used to the maximum extent practicable.
- xxxv.** All equipment used in waters of the U.S. must be inspected for fluid leaks and invasive species prior to use on a project. All fluid leaks shall be repaired and cleaned prior to use or when discovered, or if the fluid leak can't be repaired, the equipment shall not be used on site. Equipment used in waters with the possibility of aquatic nuisance species infestation must be thoroughly cleaned and effectively decontaminated before they are used on the project.

- xxxvi.** Vegetation should be protected except where its removal is necessary for completion of the work. Locations disturbed by construction activities should be revegetated with appropriate native vegetation in a manner that optimizes plant establishment for the specific site.
- xxxvii.** Revegetation may include topsoil replacement, planting, seeding, fertilization, liming, and weed-free mulching, as necessary. Where practical, stockpile weed- seed-free topsoil and replace it on disturbed areas. All revegetation materials, including plants and plant seed shall be on site or scheduled for delivery prior to or upon completion of the earth moving activities.
- xxxviii.** Activities may not result in any unconfined discharge of liquid cement into waters of the U.S. Grouting riprap must occur under dry conditions with no exposure of wet concrete to the waterbody.
- xxxix.** Activities that may result in a point source discharge shall occur during seasonal low flow or no flow periods to the extent practicable.
- xl.** The placement of material (discharge) for the construction of new dams is not certified, except for stream restoration projects.
- xli.** Any decision-maker that is required under 7.0 of the CGP to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), must submit an electronic copy of the SWPPP to the Blackfeet Environmental Office at least 30 days before construction starts for review and approval. Any modifications to the SWPPP should be submitted to the Blackfeet Environmental Office.
- xlii.** Any Decision-maker required under Part 1.4 of the CGP to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to EPA for coverage under the CGP, must submit a copy of the NOI to the Blackfeet Environmental Office within three business days of submittal to EPA. Additionally, a copy of the Notice of Termination (NOT) must be provided within three business days after electronic confirmation is received from EPA that the NOT has been accepted. The NOI and NOT must be provided to the following address Gerald Wagner, Blackfeet Environmental Office Director.
62 Hospital Drive, Browning, MT 59417
beo.director@gmail.com
- b. Fort Peck Tribes.**
- i.** Any Decision-maker required under Part 1.4 of the CGP to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) to EPA for coverage under the CGP, must submit a copy of the NOI to the Fort Peck Tribes Office of Environmental Protection within three business days of submittal to EPA. Additionally, a copy of the Notice of Termination (NOT) must be provided within three business days after electronic confirmation is received from EPA that the NOT has been accepted. The NOI and NOT must be provided to the following address:
Martina Wilson, Office of Environmental Protection Director
501 Medicine Bear Rd Poplar, MT 59255
martinawilson@fortpecktribes.net
- ii.** Any Decision-maker that is required under Part 7.0 of the CGP to prepare a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), must submit an electronic copy of the SWPPP to the Fort Peck Tribes Office of Environmental Protection at least 30 days before construction starts for review and approval. Any modifications to the

SWPPP should be submitted to the Fort Peck Tribes Office of Environmental Protection.

- iii. Any Decision-maker that is required under Part 8.0 of the CGP to submit a weekly, bi-weekly, and/or annual report to EPA, must submit an electronic copy of the annual report to the Fort Peck Tribes Office of Environmental Protection within three business days after submittal to EPA.

9.9 EPA REGION 9

9.9.1 CAR10I000 Indian country within the State of California

a. Morongo Band of Mission Indians

- i. A copy of the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be submitted (either mailed or electronically) to the MEPD no less than thirty (30) days before commencing construction activities:
 - Morongo Band of Mission Indians
 - Environmental Protection Department
 - 12700 Pumarra Road
 - Banning, CA 92220
 - Email: epd@morongo-nsn.gov
- ii. Copies of the Notice of Intent (NOI) and the Notice of Termination (NOT) must be sent to the MEPD at the same time they are submitted to EPA.
- iii. Operators of an "emergency-related project" must submit notice to the MEPD within twenty- four (24) hours after commencing construction activities.
- iv. Spills, leaks, or unpermitted discharges must be reported to the MEPD within twenty-four (24) hours of the incident, in addition to the reporting requirements of the CGP.
- v. Projects utilizing cationic treatment chemicals (as defined in Appendix A of the CGP) within the Morongo Reservation are not eligible for coverage under this certification of the CGP.
- vi. Facilities covered under the CGP will be subject to compliance inspections by MEPD staff, including compliance with final site stabilization criteria prior to submitting an NOI **[EPA assumes this intended to refer to an NOT]**.

9.9.2 GUR100000 Island of Guam

- a. For purposes of this Order, the term "Project Proponent" shall mean U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, and its agents, assignees, and contractors.
- b. For purposes of this Order, the permit "Operator" shall mean any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:
 - i. The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications (e.g. in most cases this is the owner of the site); or
 - ii. The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project that are necessary to ensure compliance with the permit conditions (e.g., they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the permit; in most cases this is the general contractor of the project).

Subcontractors generally are not considered operators for the purposes of this permit.

- c. The Project Proponent shall enforce the proposed 2022 CGP and ensure that the Operator complies with the conditions of the permit at all times.¹⁰⁷ (40 CFR §121.11(c))
- d. All submittals required by this Order shall be sent to the Guam Environmental Protection Agency Attn: 401 Federal Permit Manager, Non-Point Source Program, EMAS Division, 3304 Mariner Avenue, Bldg. 17-3304, Barrigada, Guam 96913, AND via email to jesse.cruz@epa.guam.gov. The submittals shall be identified with WQC Order #2021- 04 and include the COP Permit Number, certifying representative's name, title, mailing address and phone number. (§51060)(4) 2017 GWQS)
- e. A copy of the Operator's signed Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and signed Notice of Intent (NOI) and Notice of Termination (NOT) submitted to EPA for review and approval, shall concurrently be submitted to Guam EPA, consistent with condition A4. Coordination with Guam EPA is encouraged when the receiving water(s) for the proposed discharge is/are being identified. (§10105.B.5.d.) GSESCR; (§51060)(4) 2017 GWQS)
- f. The Operator must comply with the conditions and requirements set forth in 22 GAR 10, Guam Soil Erosion and Sediment Control Regulations (GSESCR).
- g. Before submitting the NOT to EPA, Operators shall comply with GSESCR regulations at §10105.B10. (Stabilization of Affected Areas) and §10107.B. (Final Inspection and Approval)
- h. All operators/owners shall comply with the general design criteria for best management practices (BMPs) acceptable for meeting the Construction and Post-construction stormwater criteria in the 2006 CNMI and Guam Stormwater Management Manual. (E.O. 2012-02)
- i. Operating reports and monitoring and analytical data (e.g. Discharge Monitoring Reports (DMRs), follow-up monitoring reports, Exceedance Reports for Numerical Effluent Limits, etc.) submitted to EPA shall be concurrently submitted to Guam EPA, consistent with condition A4. §51060)(4) 2017 GWQS
- j. The Operators who install a sediment basin or similar impoundment shall maintain the storage capacity of five thousand cubic feet {5,000 cu. ft.) per acre of project area tributary to the basin. (§10105.B.5.i.) GSESCR
- k. (1) This Order does not authorize EPA to qualify Rainfall Erosivity Waivers to stormwater discharges associated with small construction activities (i.e. 1-5 acres). Operators are required to apply for an NOI for those projects eligible for coverage under the proposed 2022 CGP. An Erosion and Sediment Control Plan is required for every site that would be covered by the proposed 2022 CGP. (22 GAR §10104) The average annual rainfall for Guam and the CNMI exceeds 100 inches per year in many locations. These climatic conditions combined with the region's unique limestone, volcanic geologic formations, sensitive water resources and significant land

¹⁰⁷ By incorporating this condition into the permit, EPA acknowledges receipt of Guam's certification conditions.

development forces make stormwater discharges a very significant environmental and economic issue. (2006 CNMJ/Guam Stormwater Management Manual) E.O. 2012-02

(2) This Order does not authorize EPA to approve a Sediment TMDL Waiver for the Ugum River. Operators of construction activities eligible for a TMDL Waiver in lieu of coverage under the proposed 2022 CGP, shall submit a complete and accurate waiver certification as described in C.2., Appendix C - (Small Construction Waivers) to Guam EPA per condition A4., prior to notifying EPA of its intention to obtain a waiver. §51060)(4) 2017 GWQS

- l.** The Project Proponent shall submit to Guam EPA a signed Statement of Understanding of Water Quality Certification Conditions.¹⁰⁸ (see Attachment A for an example) per condition A4. §51060)(4) 2017 GWQS
- m.** The Operator shall comply with applicable provisions of the Guam Pesticides Act of 2007 (10 GCA Chapter 50) and implementing regulations at Title 22 GAR Chapter 15 for any use and application of pesticides.
- n.** Point source discharge(s) to waterbodies under the jurisdiction of Guam EPA must be consistent with the antidegradation policy in 22 GAR §5101(b).
- o.** The operator shall carry out construction activities in such a manner that will not violate Guam Water Quality Standards (GWQS). Proposed 2022 CGP discharges are prohibited as follows:
 - i.** In Marine Waters, Category M-1 Excellent 22 GAR Chapter 5 §5102(b)(I); and
 - ii.** In Surface Waters, Category S-1 High 22 GAR Chapter 5 §5102(c)(I)
- p.** In addition to complying with construction dewatering requirements in Part 2.4 and site inspection requirements for all areas where construction dewatering is taking place in Part 4 of the proposed 2022 CGP, Operators shall comply with all dewatering conditions and requirements set forth in 22 GAR 7, Water Resources Development and Operating Regulations, to include securing Guam EPA permits prior to any dewatering activities.
- q.** The Operator shall develop and implement a Spill Prevention and Containment Plan.
- r.** The Operator shall have adequate and appropriate spill response materials on hand to respond to emergency release of oil, petroleum or any other material into waters of the territory.
- s.** Any unpermitted discharge into territorial waters or onto land with a potential for entry into territorial waters, is prohibited. If this occurs, the Operator shall immediately take the following actions:
 - i.** Cease operations at the location of the violation or spill.
 - ii.** Assess the cause of the water quality problem and take appropriate measures to correct the problem and/or prevent further environmental damage.
 - iii.** Notify Guam EPA of the failure to comply. All petroleum spills shall be reported immediately to:

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- (a) Guam's Emergency 911 system
 - (b) Guam EPA's 24-Hour Spill Response Team at (671) 888-6488 or during working hours (671) 300-4751
 - (c) US Coast Guard Sector Guam (671) 355-4824
 - (d) National Response Center 1-800-424-8802
- iv.** Submit a detailed written report to Guam EPA within five days of noncompliance that describes the nature of the event corrective action taken and/or planned, steps to be taken to prevent a recurrence, results of any samples taken, and any other pertinent information.
- f.** Compliance with this condition does not relieve the Operator from responsibility to maintain continuous compliance with the terms and conditions of this Order or the resulting liability from failure to comply.
- u.** Submittal or reporting of any of this information does not provide relief from any subsequent enforcement actions for unpermitted discharges to waters of the United States.
- v.** This Order is valid for five (5) Years from Date of Certification, unless otherwise approved by the Guam EPA Administrator.
- w.** The Operator shall be required to adhere to the current Guam Coral Spawning Moratorium dates for both hard and soft corals where in-water activities and/or construction activity in close proximity with marine waters may impair water quality. These dates can be obtained from the Guam Department of Agriculture, Division of Aquatic and Wildlife Resources, or the NOAA NMFS Pacific Islands Regional Office Habitat Conservation Division.
- x.** The Operator shall provide notice to Guam EPA consistent with Condition A4:
- (a) Immediately upon discovery of noncompliance with the provisions of this Order.
- y.** A Notice of Violation/Work Stop Order will be issued if certification conditions are not adhered to or when significant or sustained water quality degradation occurs. Work or discharge shall be suspended or halted until the Operator addresses environmental problems/concerns to Guam EPA's satisfaction. Guam EPA may also levy penalties and fines (10 GCA §47111). Invalidity or enforceability of one or more provisions of this certification shall not affect any other provision of this certification.

9.10 EPA REGION 10

9.10.1 IDR10I000 Indian country within the State of Idaho, except Duck Valley Reservation lands (see Region 9)

a. Shoshone-Bannock Tribes

- i.** Copies of the following information must be sent to the SBT-WRD:
 - (a) Notice of Intent (NOI)

The Notice of Intent shall be forwarded to the SBT-WRD within thirty (30) days of receipt of submitting NOI to the USEPA.

Shoshone-Bannock Tribes Water Resources Department
 PO Box 306 Pima Drive
 Fort Hall, ID 83203 Phone: (208) 239-4582
 Fax: (208) 239-4592
 Or Email ctanaka@sbttribes.com

- b. If requested by the SBT-WRD, the permittee must submit a copy of the SWPPP to SBT-WRD within fourteen (14) days of the request.

9.10.2 ORR10I000 Indian country within the State of Oregon, except Fort McDermitt Reservation lands (see Region 9)

a. Confederated Tribes of Coos, Lower Umpqua, and Siuslaw

- i. No activities allowed under the CGP shall result in the degradation of any Tribal waters or affect resident aquatic communities or resident or migratory wildlife species at any life stage.
- ii. The operator shall be responsible for achieving compliance with CTCLUSI Water Quality Standards and all other tribal codes, regulations, and laws as they exist at the time that the permit is submitted.
- iii. The operator shall submit a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the general permit to the CTCLUSI Water Quality Program before, or at the same time as, it is submitted to EPA.
- iv. The operator shall be responsible for submitting all Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) required under this general permit to the CTCLUSI Water Quality Program for review and determination that the SWPPP is sufficient to meet Tribal Water Quality Standards, prior to the beginning of any discharge activities taking place.
- v. The operator shall be responsible for reporting an exceedance to Tribal Water Quality Standards to the CTCLUSI Water Quality Program at the same time it is reported to EPA.
- vi. The THPO will be provided 30 days to comment on the APE as defined in the permit application.
- vii. If the project is an undertaking, a cultural resource assessment must occur. All fieldwork must be permitted by the THPO (as appropriate), conducted by qualified personnel (as outlined by the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines; http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_O.htm) and documented according to Oregon Reporting Standards (Reporting_Guidelines.pdf) (oregon.gov). The resulting report must be submitted to the THPO and the THPO must concur with the finding of effect and recommendations before any ground disturbing work can occur. The THPO requires 30 days to review all reports.
- viii. The operator must obtain THPO concurrence in writing. If historic properties are present, this written concurrence will outline measures to be taken to prevent or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties.

b. Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation

- i. The operator shall be responsible for achieving compliance with the

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation's (CTUIR) Water Quality Standards.

- ii. The operator shall submit a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the general permit to the CTUIR Water Resources Program at the address below, at the same time it is submitted to EPA.
- iii. The operator shall be responsible for submitting all Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plans (SWPPP) required under this general permit to the CTUIR Water Resources Program for review and determination that the SWPPP is sufficient to meet Tribal Water Quality Standards, prior to the beginning of any discharge activities taking place.
- iv. The operator shall be responsible for reporting an exceedance to Tribal Water Quality Standards to the CTUIR Water Resources Program at the same time it is reported to EPA.

Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation
Water Resources Program
46411 Timíne Way
Pendleton, OR 97801
(541) 429-7200

- v. The THPO will be provided 30 days to comment on the APE as defined in the permit application.
- vi. If the project is an undertaking, a cultural resource assessment must occur. All fieldwork must be permitted by the Tribal Historic Preservation Office (as appropriate), conducted by qualified personnel (as outlined by the Secretary of Interior's Standards and Guidelines; http://www.nps.gov/history/local-law/arch_stnds_0.htm) and documented according to Oregon Reporting Standards (Reporting_Guidelines.pdf (oregon.gov)). The resulting report must be submitted to the THPO and the THPO must concur with the finding of effect and recommendations before any ground disturbing work can occur. The THPO requires 30 days to review all reports.
- vii. The operator must obtain THPO concurrence in writing. If historic properties are present, this written concurrence will outline measures to be taken to prevent or mitigate adverse effects to historic properties.

9.10.3 WAR10F000 Areas in the State of Washington, except those located on Indian country, subject to construction activity by a Federal Operator

- a. For purposes of this Order, the term "Project Proponent" shall mean those that are seeking coverage under this permit, and its agents, assignees and contractors.
- b. The Federal Agency shall mean the US Environmental Protection Agency. The Federal Agency shall enforce the permit and ensure that the Project Proponent complies with the conditions of the permits at all times.
- c. Failure of any person or entity to comply with this Certification may result in the issuance of civil penalties or other actions, whether administrative or judicial, to enforce the terms of this Certification.
- d. The Certification conditions within this Order must be incorporated into EPA's final NPDES permit. Per 40 CFR 121.10(a), all certification conditions herein that satisfy the

requirements of 40 CFR 121.7(d) must be incorporated into the permit. Per 40 CFR 121.10(b), the permit must clearly identify all certification conditions.

- e. This Certification does not authorize exceedances of water quality standards established in chapter 173-201A WAC.
- f. Discharges from construction activity must not cause or contribute to violations of the Water Quality Standards for Surface Water of the State of Washington (chapter 173-201A WAC), Ground Water Quality Standards (chapter 173-200 WAC), Sediment Management Standards (chapter 173-204 WAC), and standards in the EPA's Revision of certain Federal water quality criteria applicable to Washington (40 CFR 131.45). Discharges that do not comply with these standards are prohibited.
- g. Prior to discharge of stormwater and non-stormwater to waters of the State, the Permittee must apply all known, available, and reasonable methods of prevention, control, and treatment (AKART). This includes the preparation and implementation of an adequate Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), with all appropriate Best Management Practices (BMPs) installed and maintained in accordance with the SWPPP and the terms and conditions of the permit.
 - i. BMPs must be consistent with:
 - (a) The Stormwater Management Manual for Western Washington (most current approved edition at the time this permit was issued), for sites west of the crest of the Cascade Mountains; or
 - (b) The Stormwater Management Manual for Eastern Washington (most current approved edition at the time this permit was issued), for sites east of the crest of the Cascade Mountains; or
 - (c) Revisions to either manual, or other stormwater management guidance documents or manuals which provide equivalent level of pollution prevention, that are approved by Ecology and incorporated into this permit in accordance with the permit modification requirements of WAC 173-226-230. (For purposes of this section, the stormwater manuals listed in Appendix 10 of the Phase I Municipal Stormwater Permit are approved by Ecology); or
 - (d) Documentation in the SWPPP that the BMPs selected provided an equivalent level of pollution prevention, compared to the applicable stormwater management manuals, including:
 - The technical basis for the selection of all stormwater BMPs (scientific, technical studies, and/or modeling) that support the performance claims for the BMPs being selected.
 - An assessment of how the selected BMP will satisfy AKART requirements and the applicable federal technology-based treatment requirements under 40 CFR part 125.3.
 - ii. An adequate SWPPP must include a narrative and drawings. All BMPs must be clearly referenced in the narrative and marked on the drawings. The SWPPP

The Stormwater Management Manuals for Eastern and Western Washington can be found at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Regulations-Permits/Guidance-technical-assistance/Stormwater-permittee-guidance-resources/Stormwater-manuals>.

narrative must include documentation to explain and justify the pollution prevention decisions made for the project. Documentation must include:
 (a) Information about existing site conditions (topography, drainage, soils, vegetation, etc.).

(b) Potential erosion problem areas.

(c) The 13 elements of a SWPPP, including BMPs used to address each element. Unless site conditions render the element unnecessary and the exemption is clearly justified in the SWPPP, the 13 elements are as follows:

- Preserve Vegetation/Mark Clearing Limits
- Establish Construction Access
- Control Flow Rates
- Install Sediment Controls
- Stabilize Soils
- Protect Slopes
- Protect Drain Inlets
- Stabilize Channels and Outlets
- Control Pollutants
- Control Dewatering
- Maintain BMPs
- Manage the Project
- Protect Low Impact Development (LID) BMPs

h. Discharges of stormwater and authorized non-stormwater must be monitored for turbidity (or transparency) and, in the event of significant concrete work or engineered soils, pH must also be monitored. As applicable based on project specifics, monitoring, benchmarks, and reporting requirements contained in Condition S.4. (pp.10-16) of the Washington State Construction Stormwater General Permit, effective January 1, 2021, shall apply.

i. Discharges to segments of waterbodies listed as impaired by the State of Washington under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act for turbidity, fine sediment, phosphorus, or pH must comply with the following numeric effluent limits:

Parameter identified in 303(d) listing	Parameter Sampled	Unit	Analytical Method	Numeric Effluent Limit
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Turbidity • Fine Sediment • Phosphorus 	Turbidity	NTU	SM2130	25 NTUs at the point where the stormwater is discharged from the site.
High pH	pH	su	pH meter	In the range of 6.5 – 8.5

All references and requirements associated with Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act mean the most current EPA-approved listing of impaired waters that exists on the

effective date of the permit, or the date when the operator's complete permit application is received by EPA, whichever is later.

The EPA approved WQ Assessment can be found at: <https://ecology.wa.gov/Water-Shorelines/Water-quality/Water-improvement/Assessment-of-state-waters-303d>

- j.** Discharges to a waterbody that is subject to a Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) for turbidity, fine sediment, high pH, or phosphorus must be consistent with the TMDL.
 - i.** Where an applicable TMDL sets specific waste load allocations or requirements for discharges covered by this permit, discharges shall be consistent with any specific waste load allocations or requirements established by the applicable TMDL.
 - ii.** Where an applicable TMDL has established a general waste load allocation for construction stormwater discharges, but no specific requirements have been identified, compliance with this permit will be assumed to be consistent with the approved TMDL.
 - iii.** Where an applicable TMDL has not specified a waste load allocation for construction stormwater discharges, but has not excluded these discharges, compliance with this permit will be assumed to be consistent with the approved TMDL.
 - iv.** Where an applicable TMDL specifically precludes or prohibits discharges from construction activity, the operator is not eligible for coverage under this permit.

Applicable TMDL means a TMDL for turbidity, fine sediment, high pH, or phosphorus which has been completed and approved by EPA as of the effective date of the permit, or prior to the date of the operator's complete application for permit coverage is received by EPA, whichever is later.

- k.** Discharges to waters of the state from the following activities are prohibited:
 - i.** Concrete wastewater.
 - ii.** Wastewater from washout and clean-up of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds and other construction materials.
 - iii.** Process wastewater as defined by 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 122.2.
 - iv.** Slurry materials and waste from shaft drilling, including process wastewater from shaft drilling for construction of building, road, and bridge foundations unless managed to prevent discharge to surface water.
 - v.** Fuels, oils, or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance.
 - vi.** Soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing.
 - vii.** Wheel wash wastewater, unless managed to prevent discharge to surface water.
 - viii.** Discharges from dewatering activities, including discharges from dewatering of trenches and excavations, unless managed according to appropriate controls described within the permit.
- l.** This Certification is valid until the expiration date including any administrative extension or termination date of the NPDES 2022 Construction General Permit. (40 CFR § 122.46)

- m. The Federal Agency shall enforce and the Project Proponent must comply with all the reporting and notification conditions of the NPDES 2022 Construction General Permit in order to comply with this Order and the certification conditions herein (40 CFR § 121.11).
- n. You have a right to appeal this Order to the Pollution Control Hearing Board (PCHB) within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order. The appeal process is governed by chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC. "Date of receipt" is defined in RCW 43.21B.001(2).

To appeal you must do all of the following within 30 days of the date of receipt of this Order:

- File your appeal and a copy of this Order with the PCHB (see addresses below). Filing means actual receipt by the PCHB during regular business hours.
- Serve a copy of your appeal and this Order on Ecology in paper form - by mail or in person (see addresses below). E-mail is not accepted.

You must also comply with other applicable requirements in chapter 43.21B RCW and chapter 371-08 WAC.

ADDRESS AND LOCATION INFORMATION

Street Addresses	Mailing Addresses
<p>Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk 300 Desmond Drive SE Lacey, WA 98503</p> <p>Pollution Control Hearings Board 1111 Israel RD SW STE 301 Tumwater, WA 98501</p>	<p>Department of Ecology Attn: Appeals Processing Desk PO Box 47608 Olympia, WA 98504-7608</p> <p>Pollution Control Hearings Board PO Box 40903 Olympia, WA 98504-0903</p>

CONTACT INFORMATION

Please direct all questions about this Order to:

Noel Tamboer
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 P.O. Box 47600
 Olympia, WA 98503-7600
 (360) 701-6171
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9.10.4 WAR10I000 Indian country within the State of Washington

a. Lummi Nation

- i. This certification does not exempt and is provisional upon compliance with other applicable statutes and codes administered by federal and Lummi tribal agencies. Pursuant to Lummi Code of Laws (LCL) 17.05.020(a), the operator must also obtain a land use permit from the Lummi Planning Department as provided in Title 15 of the Lummi Code of Laws and regulations adopted thereunder.
 - ii. Pursuant to LCL 17.05.020(a), each operator shall develop and submit a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to the Lummi Water Resources Division for review and approval by the Water Resources Manager prior to beginning any discharge activities.
 - iii. Pursuant to LCL Title 17, each operator shall be responsible for achieving compliance with the Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters of the Lummi
 - iv. Indian Reservation (Lummi Administrative Regulations [LAR] 17 LAR 07.010 through 17 LAR 07.210 together with supplements and amendments thereto).
 - v. Each operator shall submit a signed copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to the Lummi Water Resources Division at the same time it is submitted electronically to the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and shall provide the Lummi Water Resources Division the acknowledgement of receipt of the NOI from the EPA and the associated NPDES tracking number provided by the EPA within 7 calendar days of receipt from the EPA.
 - vi. Each operator shall submit a signed copy of the Notice of Termination (NOT) to the Lummi Water Resources Division at the same time it is submitted electronically to the EPA and shall provide the Lummi Water Resources Division the EPA acknowledgement of receipt of the NOT.
 - vii. Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans, Notice of Intent, Notice of Termination and associated correspondence with the EPA shall be submitted to:
 - Lummi Natural Resources Department
 - ATTN: Water Resources Manager 2665 Kwina Road
 - Bellingham, WA 98226-9298
- b. Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe**
- i. No discharge from the project site shall cause exceedances of Port Gamble S'Klallam Surface Water Quality Standards narrative or numeric criteria in Tribal waters. This includes activities outside of Tribal lands that occur upstream of Tribal waters.
 - (a) If any exceedance of these water quality standards occurred, the Natural Resources Department shall be notified immediately.
 - The Department shall additionally be provided a complete draft of the proposed corrective action within a reasonable timeframe and its approval will be required before any corrective action may be taken.
 - ii. Operators performing activities under the CGP that may affect Tribal waters will require a permit and shall submit their plans to the Port Gamble S'Klallam Natural Resources Department for review.
 - The Department has the right to require conditions outside of this Water Quality Certification prior to permit approval.

- iii. No activities allowed under the CGP shall result in the degradation of any Tribal waters or change in designated uses.
- iv. No activities allowed under the CGP shall affect resident aquatic communities or resident/migratory wildlife species at any life stage.
 - Biological assessment methods used to determine the effect of an activity allowed under the CGP shall be approved by the PGST Natural Resources Department.
- v. No activities allowed under the CGP shall be conducted within wetland and stream buffer zones, nor shall said activities affect in any way wetland or stream buffers, as defined by *PGST Law and Order Code 24.08.01(c)*.
- vi. Concentrations for substances listed within the table in *Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters* sec. 7(7) shall not be exceeded by activities allowed under the CGP.

c. Spokane Tribe of Indians

- i. Pursuant to Tribal Law and Order Code (TLOC) Chapter 30 each operator shall be responsible for achieving compliance with the Surface Water Quality Standards of the Spokane Tribe. The operator shall notify the Spokane Tribe, Water Control Board (WCB) of any spills of hazardous material and;
 - ii. Each operator shall submit a signed hard copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to the WCB at the same time it is submitted to EPA.
 - iii. The permittee shall allow the Tribal Water Control Board or its designee to inspect and sample at the construction site as needed.
 - iv. Each operator shall submit a signed copy of the Notice of Termination (NOT) to the WCB at the same time it is submitted to EPA
- The correspondence address for the Spokane Tribe Water Control Board is:

Water Control Board c/o Brian Crossley PO Box 480
 Wellpinit WA 99040
 (509) 626-4409
 crossley@spokanetribe.com

d. Swinomish Tribe

- i. Owners and operators seeking coverage under this permit must submit a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to the DEP at the same time the NOI is submitted to EPA.
- ii. Owners and operators must also submit to the DEP changes in NOI and/or Notices of Termination at the same time they are submitted to EPA.
- iii. Owners and operators seeking coverage under this permit must also submit a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan to the DEP for review and approval by DEP prior to beginning any discharge activities.

e. Tulalip Tribes

- i. Submission of NOI: Copies of the Notice of Intent (NOI), Certification shall be submitted to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department to notify the Tribes of the

pending project and in order for the Tribes to review the projects potential impacts to endangered or threatened species.

- ii.** Submission of SWPPP: A copy of the Stormwater Pollution Plans (SWPPPs) shall be submitted to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department along with the NOI during the 30 day waiting period.
- iii.** Submission of Monitoring Data and Reports: The results of any monitoring required by this permit and reports must be sent to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department,
- iv.** The Tulalip Tribes are federally recognized successors in the interest to the Snohomish, Snoqualmie, Skykomish, and other allied tribes and bands signatory to the Treaty of Point Elliott.
- v.** including a description of the corrective actions required and undertaken to meet effluent limits or benchmarks (as applicable).
- vi.** Authorization to Inspect: The Tribe's Natural Resources Department may conduct an inspection of any facility covered by this permit to ensure compliance with tribal water quality standards. The Department may enforce its certification conditions.
- vii.** Submission of Inspection Reports: Inspection reports must be sent to the Tribe's Natural Resources Department, including a description of the corrective actions required and undertaken to meet effluent limits or benchmarks (as applicable).
- viii.** Permits on-site: A copy of the permit shall be kept on the job site and readily available for reference by the construction supervisor, construction managers and foreman, and Tribal inspectors.
- ix.** Project Management: The applicant shall ensure that project managers, construction managers and foreman, and other responsible parties have read and understand conditions of the permit, this certification, and other relevant documents, to avoid violations or noncompliance with this certification.
- x.** Emergency Spill Notification Requirements: In the event of a spill or the contractor shall immediately take action to stop the violation and correct the problem, and immediately report spill to the Tulalip Tribes Police Department (425) 508-1565. Compliance with this condition does not relieve the applicant from responsibility to maintain continuous compliance with the terms and conditions of this certification or the resulting liability from failure to comply.
- xi.** Discharges to CERCLA Sites: This permit does not authorize direct stormwater discharges to certain sites undergoing remedial cleanup actions pursuant to the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act (CERCLA) unless first approved by the appropriate EPA Regional office. In the case of the Tulalip Landfill site (WAD980639256), the Tulalip Tribes also requests notification by the facility and consultation with EPA prior to discharge. Contaminants at this site may include but are not limited to: dioxins, furans, arsenic, copper, lead, zinc, 4- methyl-phenol, Hex-CB, HPAHs, PCBs, PCE, cadmium, mercury, and LPAHs.
- xii.** Discharge-related Activities that have Potential to Cause an Adverse Effect on Historic Properties: Installation of stormwater controls that involve subsurface disturbances may potentially have an adverse impact on historic properties.

- xiii.** Procedures detailed in the permit shall be completed. Richard Young, of the Tulalip Tribe's Cultural Resources Department shall be contacted prior to initiating discharge-related activities that may have an impact on historic properties. His contact information is (360) 716-2652, ryoung@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov.
 - xiv.** Invalidation: This certification will cease to be valid if the project is constructed and/or operated in a manner not consistent with the project description contained in
 - xv.** the permit. This certification will also cease to be valid and the applicant must reapply with an updated application if information contained in the permit is voided by subsequent submittals.
 - xvi.** Modification: Nothing in this certification waives the Tulalip Tribes of Washington's authority to issue modifications to this certification if additional impacts due to operational changes are identified, or if additional conditions are necessary to protect water quality or further protect the Tribal Communities interest.
 - xvii.** incorporation by reference: This certification does not exempt the applicant from compliance with other statutes and codes administered by the Tribes, county, state and federal agencies.
 - xviii.** Compliance with Tribe's 1996 Water Quality Standards: Each permittee shall be responsible for controlling discharges and achieving compliance with the Tribe's Water Quality Standards.
 - xix.** Compliant with Tulalip Tribes Tidelands Management Policy: Permittee shall be responsible for achieving compliance with applicable sections of the Tulalip Tribe's Tidelands Management Policy. (Tulalip Tribal Code Title 8 Chapter 8.30).
 - xx.** Compliant with Tulalip Tribes Environmental Infractions: Permittee shall be responsible for achieving compliance with applicable sections of the Tulalip Tribe's Environmental Infractions. (Tulalip Tribal Code Title 8 Chapter 8.20).
 - xxi.** Where to Submit information and for further Coordination: All requested documents should be sent to the: Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources Environmental Department c/o Kurt Nelson and Valerie Streeter, 6704 Marine Drive, Tulalip, Washington 98271. For further 401 Certification coordination with the Tulalip Tribes Natural Resources Department, please contact Mr. Kurt Nelson (360) 716-4617 knelson@tulaliptribes-nsn.gov. 6406 Marine Dr., Tulalip WA 98271.
- f. Makah Tribe**
- i.** The permittee shall be responsible for meeting any additional permit requirements imposed by EPA necessary to comply with the Makah Tribe's Water Quality Standards if the discharge point is located within the Makah's U&A treaty reserved areas.
 - ii.** Each permittee shall submit a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the general permit to Makah Fisheries Management, Water Quality Department at the address listed below at the same time it is submitted to the EPA.
 - Makah Water Quality
 - Makah Fisheries Management (MFM)
 - ray.colby@makah.com

PO Box 115
Neah bay, WA 98357

- iii. All supporting documentation and certifications in the NOI related to coverage under the general permit for Endangered Species Act purposes shall be submitted to the Tribe's Habitat programs for their review.
 - iv. If EPA requires coverage under an individual or alternative permit, the permittee shall submit a copy of the permit to Assistant Fisheries Director, ray.colby@makah.com.
 - v. The permittee shall submit all Stormwater Pollution Prevention plan (SWPP) to MFM for review and approval prior to beginning any activities resulting in a discharge to Makah tribal waters.
 - vi. The permittee shall notify Ray Colby, ray.colby@makah.com (360) 645-3150 prior to conducting inspections at construction sites generating stormwater discharges to tribal waters.
 - vii. The operator shall treat dewatering discharges with controls necessary to minimize discharges of pollutants to surface waters, or ground waters, and from stormwater runoff onsite from excavations, trenches, foundations, or storage areas. To the extent feasible, at all points where dewatering is discharged, comply with the velocity dissipation using check dams, sediment traps, and grouted outlets.
- g. Puyallup Tribe of Indians**
- i. The permittee shall be responsible for meeting any additional permit requirements imposed by EPA necessary to comply with the Puyallup Tribe's antidegradation procedures.
 - ii. Each permittee shall submit a copy of the Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the general permit to Char Naylor, Tribal Water Quality Manager at the following e-mail address: (char.naylor@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov) at the same time it is submitted to EPA.
 - iii. All supporting documentation and certifications in the NOI related to coverage under the general permit for Endangered Species Act purposes shall be submitted to Char Naylor, Tribal Water Quality Manager/Assistant Fisheries Director (char.naylor@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov) for review.
 - iv. If EPA requires coverage under an individual or alternative permit, the permittee shall submit a copy of the permit to Char Naylor at the email address listed above.
 - v. The permittee shall submit all stormwater pollution prevention plans to Char Naylor for review and approval prior to beginning any activities resulting in a discharge to Puyallup tribal waters.
 - vi. The permittee shall contact Brandon Reynon (Brandon.reynon@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov), Tribe's Historic Preservation Officer or Jennifer Keating (Jennifer.keating@puyalluptribe-nsn.gov), Tribe's Assistant Historic Preservation Officer regarding historic properties and cultural resources.
 - vii. To minimize the discharge of pollutants to groundwater or surface waters from stormwater that is removed from excavations, trenches, foundations, vaults, or

other storage areas, treat dewatering discharges with controls necessary to minimize discharges of pollutants. Examples of appropriate controls include sediment basins or sediment traps, sediment socks, dewatering tanks, tube settlers, weir tanks, and filtration systems (e.g., bag or sand filters) that are designed to remove sediment.

To the extent feasible, utilize vegetated, upland areas of the site to infiltrate dewatering water before discharge. At all points where dewatering water is discharged, utilize velocity dissipation controls. Examples of velocity dissipation devices include check dams, sediment traps, riprap, and grouted riprap at outlets.

- viii.** The permittee shall provide and maintain natural buffers to the maximum extent possible (and/or equivalent erosion and sediment controls) when tribal waters are located within 100 feet of the boundaries. If infeasible to provide and maintain an undisturbed 100 foot natural buffer, erosion and sediment controls to achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 100-foot undisturbed natural buffer shall be required.

Appendix A - Definitions and Acronyms

1. Definitions

"Action Area" – all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action and not merely the immediate area involved in the action. See 50 CFR 402. For the purposes of this permit and for application of the threatened and endangered species protection eligibility requirements, the following areas are included in the definition of action area:

- The areas on the construction site where stormwater discharges originate and flow toward the point of discharge into the receiving waters. This includes:
 - areas on the construction site where excavation, site development, or other ground disturbance activities occur, and
 - areas where stormwater controls will be constructed and operated, including any areas where stormwater flows to and from the stormwater controls.
- The areas in the vicinity of the construction site where stormwater discharges flow from the construction site to one or more points of discharge into receiving waters. (Example: Where stormwater flows into an off-site ditch, swale, or gully that leads to receiving waters.
- The extent of the receiving water potentially affected by stormwater discharges from your construction site through alteration of water chemistry, turbidity, temperature, or bank structure (i.e., erosive flow), regardless of whether the construction site is adjacent to the receiving water.

"Agricultural Land" - cropland, grassland, rangeland, pasture, and other agricultural land, on which agricultural and forest-related products or livestock are produced and resource concerns may be addressed. Agricultural lands include cropped woodland, marshes, incidental areas included in the agricultural operation, and other types of agricultural land used for the production of livestock.

"Antidegradation Policy" or "Antidegradation Requirements" - the water quality standards regulation that requires States and Tribes to establish a three-tiered antidegradation program:

1. Tier 1 maintains and protects existing uses and water quality conditions necessary to support such uses. An existing use can be established by demonstrating that fishing, swimming, or other uses have actually occurred since November 28, 1975, or that the water quality is suitable to allow such uses to occur. Where an existing use is established, it must be protected even if it is not listed in the water quality standards as a designated use. Tier 1 requirements are applicable to all surface waters.
2. Tier 2 maintains and protects "high quality" waters -- waterbodies where existing conditions are better than necessary to support CWA § 101(a)(2) "fishable/swimmable" uses. Water quality can be lowered in such waters. However, State and Tribal Tier 2 programs identify procedures that must be followed and questions that must be answered before a reduction in water quality can be allowed. In no case may water quality be lowered to a level which would interfere with existing or designated uses.
3. Tier 3 maintains and protects water quality in outstanding national resource waters (ONRWs). Except for certain temporary changes, water quality cannot be lowered in such waters. ONRWs generally include the highest quality waters of the United States. However, the ONRW classification also offers special protection for waters of exceptional ecological significance, i.e., those which are important, unique, or sensitive ecologically.

Decisions regarding which water bodies qualify to be ONRWs are made by States and authorized Indian Tribes.

“Arid Areas” – areas with an average annual rainfall of 0 to 10 inches. For assistance in determining average annual rainfall in specific locations, refer to the NOAA National Mapping webpage (<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/national/mapping>), the PRISM Climate Group's Time Series Values for individual locations (<https://prism.oregonstate.edu/explorer/>), or EPA's US EPA EnviroAtlas (<https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas>).

“Bank” (e.g., stream bank or river bank) – the rising ground bordering the channel of a water of the U.S.

“Biodegradable” – capable of decomposing under ambient soil conditions into naturally occurring materials over a period of time (e.g., one year).

“Bluff” – a steep headland, promontory, riverbank, or cliff.

“Borrow Areas” – the areas where materials are dug for use as fill, either onsite or off-site.

“Business day” – for the purposes of this permit, a business day is a calendar day on which construction activities will take place.

“Bypass” – the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility. See 40 CFR 122.41(m)(1)(i).

“Cationic Treatment Chemical” – polymers, flocculants, or other chemicals that contain an overall positive charge. Among other things, they are used to reduce turbidity in stormwater discharges by chemically bonding to the overall negative charge of suspended silts and other soil materials and causing them to bind together and settle out. Common examples of cationic treatment chemicals are chitosan and cationic PAM.

“Commencement of Construction Activities” – the initial disturbance of soils (or ‘breaking ground’) associated with clearing, grading, or excavating activities or other construction-related activities (e.g., grubbing; stockpiling of fill material; placement of raw materials at the site).

“Common Plan of Development or Sale” – A contiguous area where multiple separate and distinct construction activities may be taking place at different times on different schedules under one common plan. The “common plan” of development or sale is broadly defined as any announcement or piece of documentation (including a sign, public notice or hearing, sales pitch, advertisement, drawing, permit application, zoning request, computer design, etc.) or physical demarcation (including boundary signs, lot stakes, surveyor markings, etc.) indicating construction activities may occur on a specific plot.

“Construction Activities” – earth-disturbing activities, such as the clearing, grading, and excavation of land, and other construction-related activities (e.g., grubbing; stockpiling of fill material; placement of raw materials at the site) that could lead to the generation of pollutants. Some of the types of pollutants that are typically found at construction sites are:

- sediment;
- nutrients;
- heavy metals;
- pesticides and herbicides;
- oil and grease;
- bacteria and viruses;
- trash, debris, and solids;

- treatment polymers; and
- any other toxic chemicals.

“Construction and Development Effluent Limitations and New Source Performance Standards” (C&D Rule) – as published in 40 CFR § 450, the regulation requiring effluent limitations guidelines (ELGs) and new source performance standards (NSPS) for controlling the discharge of pollutants from construction sites.

“Construction Site” or “Site” – the land or water area where construction activities will occur and where stormwater controls will be installed and maintained. The construction site includes construction support activities, which may be located at a different part of the property from where the primary construction activity will take place, or on a different piece of property altogether.

“Construction Support Activity” – a construction-related activity that specifically supports the construction activity and involves earth disturbance or pollutant-generating activities of its own, and can include activities associated with concrete or asphalt batch plants, equipment staging yards, materials storage areas, excavated material disposal areas, and borrow areas.

“Construction Waste” – discarded material (such as packaging materials; scrap construction materials; masonry products; timber, steel, pipe, and electrical cuttings; plastics; and styrofoam).

“Conveyance Channel” – a temporary or permanent waterway designed and installed to safely convey stormwater flow within and out of a construction site.

“Critical Habitat” – as defined in the Endangered Species Act at 16 U.S.C. 1531 for a threatened or endangered species, (i) the specific areas within the geographical area occupied by the species, at the time it is listed in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, on which are found those physical or biological features essential to the conservation of the species and which may require special management considerations or protection; and (ii) specific areas outside the geographical area occupied by the species at the time it is listed in accordance with the provisions of section 4 of the Endangered Species Act, upon a determination by the Secretary that such areas are essential for the conservation of the species.

“CWA” – the Clean Water Act or the Federal Water Pollution Control Act, 33 U.S.C. section 1251 et seq.

“Dewatering” – the act of draining accumulated stormwater and/or ground water from building foundations, vaults, and trenches, or other similar points of accumulation. Examples can include, but are not limited to:

- Surface area dewatering: water pumped from disturbed surface areas (e.g., trenches, sumps, excavation pits, or other excavations associated with construction where sediment-laden ground water or surface water/storm inflow must be removed) or from sediment basins or similar impoundments for maintenance or decommissioning purposes.
- Ground water dewatering: water discharged from well development, well pump tests, or pumping of ground water from a construction area. Common methods of ground water dewatering from a construction area include sumps and wells, generally described as follows:
 - Sumps: lowers ground water levels near the construction area. Dewatering using sumps consists of pumping ground water out of a lower collection point(s) typically gravity-fed by local ground water.
 - Wells: drilled wells, including bored/augured, driven, or jetted, which use vacuum or pumping to lower the ground water at greater depths than sumps. The two most common types of wells used for dewatering ground water are:

- Wellpoints: small-diameter shallow wells which are connected via a header pipe. A pump creates a vacuum in the header pipe.
- Deep Wells: larger-diameter holes, drilled relatively deep (typically greater than 10 feet), pumped by submersible electric pumps.

“Dewatering Water” – as used in this permit, water discharged from dewatering operations.

“Discharge” – when used without qualification, means the “discharge of a pollutant.”

“Discharge of a Pollutant” – any addition of any “pollutant” or combination of pollutants to “waters of the United States” from any “point source,” or any addition of any pollutant or combination of pollutants to the waters of the “contiguous zone” or the ocean from any point source other than a vessel or other floating craft which is being used as a means of transportation. This includes additions of pollutants into waters of the United States from: surface runoff which is collected or channeled by man; discharges through pipes, sewers, or other conveyances, leading into privately owned treatment works. See 40 CFR 122.2.

“Discharge Point” – for the purposes of this permit, the location where collected and concentrated stormwater flows or dewatering water are discharged from the construction site.

“Discharge-Related Activity” – activities that cause, contribute to, or result in stormwater and allowable non-stormwater point source discharges, and measures such as the siting, construction, and operation of stormwater controls to control, reduce, or prevent pollutants from being discharged.

“Discharge to an Impaired Water” – for the purposes of this permit, a discharge to an impaired water occurs if the first water of the U.S. to which you discharge is identified by a State, Tribe, or EPA pursuant to Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act as not meeting an applicable water quality standard and (1) requires development of a total maximum daily load (TMDL) (pursuant to section 303(d) of the CWA; or (2) is addressed by an EPA-approved or established TMDL; or (3) is not in either of the above categories but the waterbody is covered by a pollution control program that meets the requirements of 40 CFR 130.7(b)(1). For discharges that enter a storm sewer system prior to discharge, the water of the U.S. to which you discharge is the first water of the U.S. that receives the stormwater discharge from the storm sewer system.

“Domestic Waste” – for the purposes of this permit, typical household trash, garbage or rubbish items generated by construction activities.

“Drainageway” – an open linear depression, whether constructed or natural, that functions for the collection and drainage of surface water.

“Drought-Stricken Area” – for the purposes of this permit, an area in which the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook indicates for the period during which the construction will occur that any of the following conditions are likely: (1) “Drought to persist or intensify”, (2) “Drought ongoing, some improvement”, (3) “Drought likely to improve, impacts ease”, or (4) “Drought development likely”. See http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/expert_assessment/sdo_summary.php.

“Earth-Disturbing Activity” – actions taken to alter the existing vegetation and/or underlying soil of a site, such as clearing, grading, site preparation (e.g., excavating, grubbing, cutting, and filling), soil compaction, and movement and stockpiling of top soils.

“Earth-Disturbing Activities Conducted Prior to Active Mining Activities” – Consists of two classes of earth-disturbing (i.e., clearing, grading and excavation) activities:

- a. activities performed for purposes of mine site preparation, including: cutting new rights of way (except when related to access road construction); providing access to a mine site for vehicles and equipment (except when related to access road construction); other earth disturbances associated with site preparation activities on any areas where active mining

activities have not yet commenced (e.g., for heap leach pads, waste rock facilities, tailings impoundments, wastewater treatment plants); and

b. construction of staging areas to prepare for erecting structures such as to house project personnel and equipment, mill buildings, etc., and construction of access roads.

Note: only earth-disturbing activities associated with the construction of staging areas and the construction of access roads conducted prior to active mining (see (b) above) are considered to be "construction" and therefore stormwater discharges from these activities are eligible for coverage under this permit. See Part 1.2.1.b. The activities described in (a) above are not considered to be "construction" and therefore stormwater discharges associated with this activity are not eligible for coverage under this permit.

"Effective Operating Condition" – for the purposes of this permit, a stormwater control is kept in effective operating condition if it has been implemented and maintained in such a manner that it is working as designed to minimize pollutant discharges.

"Effluent Limitations" – for the purposes of this permit, any of the Part 2 or Part 3 requirements.

"Effluent Limitations Guideline" (ELG) – defined in 40 CFR § 122.2 as a regulation published by the Administrator under section 304(b) of the CWA to adopt or revise effluent limitations.

"Eligible" – for the purposes of this permit, refers to stormwater and allowable non-stormwater discharges that are authorized for coverage under this general permit.

"Emergency-Related Project" – a project initiated in response to a public emergency (e.g., mud slides, earthquake, extreme flooding conditions, disruption in essential public services), for which the related work requires immediate authorization to avoid imminent endangerment to human health or the environment, or to reestablish essential public services.

"Endangered Species" – defined in the Endangered Species Act at 16 U.S.C. 1531 as any species which is in danger of extinction throughout all or a significant portion of its range other than a species of the Class Insecta determined by the Secretary to constitute a pest whose protection under the provisions of this Act would present an overwhelming and overriding risk to man.

"Excursion" – a measured value that exceeds a specified limit.

"Existing Site" – a site where construction activities commenced prior to February 16, 2017.

"Exit Points" – any points of egress from the construction site to be used by vehicles and equipment during construction activities.

"Exposed Soils" – for the purposes of this permit, soils that as a result of earth-disturbing activities are left open to the elements.

"Federal Facility" – any buildings, installations, structures, land, public works, equipment, aircraft, vessels, and other vehicles and property, owned by, or constructed or manufactured for the purpose of leasing to, the Federal government.

"Federal Operator" – an entity that meets the definition of "Operator" in this permit and is either any department, agency or instrumentality of the executive, legislative, and judicial branches of the Federal government of the United States, or another entity, such as a private contractor, performing construction activity for any such department, agency, or instrumentality.

"Final Stabilization" – on areas not covered by permanent structures, either (1) uniform, perennial vegetation (e.g., *evenly distributed, without large bare areas*) has been established, or for arid or semi-arid areas, will be established that provides 70 percent or more of the cover that is provided by vegetation native to local undisturbed areas, and/or (2) permanent non-

vegetative stabilization measures (e.g., riprap, gravel, gabions, and geotextiles) have been implemented to provide effective cover for exposed portions of the site

“General Contractor” – for the purposes of this permit, the primary individual or company solely accountable to perform a contract. The general contractor typically supervises activities, coordinates the use of subcontractors, and is authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the permit.

“Hazardous Substances” or “Hazardous or Toxic Waste” – for the purposes of this permit, any liquid, solid, or contained gas that contain properties that are dangerous or potentially harmful to human health or the environment. See also 40 CFR §261.2.

“Historic Property” – as defined in the National Historic Preservation Act regulations, means any prehistoric or historic district, site, building, structure, or object included in, or eligible for inclusion in, the National Register of Historic Places maintained by the Secretary of the Interior. This term includes artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties. The term includes properties of traditional religious and cultural importance to an Indian Tribe or Native Hawaiian organization and that meet the National Register criteria.

“Impaired Water” – a water identified by the State, Tribe, or EPA as not meeting an applicable water quality standard and (1) requires development of a TMDL (pursuant to section 303(d) of the CWA; or (2) is addressed by an EPA-approved or established TMDL; or (3) is not in either of the above categories but the waterbody is covered by a pollution control program that meets the requirements of 40 CFR 130.7(b)(1).

“Impervious Surface” – for the purpose of this permit, any land surface with a low or no capacity for soil infiltration including, but not limited to, pavement, sidewalks, parking areas and driveways, packed gravel or soil, or rooftops.

“Indian Country” or “Indian Country Lands” – defined at 40 CFR § 122.2 as:

1. All land within the limits of any Indian reservation under the jurisdiction of the United States Government, notwithstanding the issuance of any patent, and, including rights-of-way running through the reservation;
2. All dependent Indian communities with the borders of the United States whether within the originally or subsequently acquired territory thereof, and whether within or without the limits of a State; and
3. All Indian allotments, the Indian titles to which have not been extinguished, including rights-of-ways running through the same.

“Infeasible” – for the purpose of this permit, infeasible means not technologically possible or not economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practices. EPA notes that it does not intend for any permit requirement to conflict with State water rights law.

“Install” or “Installation” – when used in connection with stormwater controls, to connect or set in position stormwater controls to make them operational.

“Jar test” – a test designed to simulate full-scale coagulation/flocculation/sedimentation water treatment processes by taking into account the possible conditions.

“Landward” – positioned or located away from a waterbody, and towards the land.

“Large Construction Activity” – defined at 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(14)(x) and incorporated here by reference. Large construction activity includes clearing, grading, and excavating resulting in a land disturbance that will disturb equal to or greater than five acres of land or will disturb less than five acres of total land area but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than five acres. Large construction activity does

not include routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the site.

“Linear Construction Site” – includes the construction of roads, bridges, conduits, substructures, pipelines, sewer lines, towers, poles, cables, wires, connectors, switching, regulating and transforming equipment and associated ancillary facilities in a long, narrow area.

“Minimize” – to reduce and/or eliminate to the extent achievable using stormwater controls that are technologically available and economically practicable and achievable in light of best industry practices.

“Mining Activity” – for the purposes of this permit, includes mining-related construction activities defined at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(x) and 122.26(b)(15)(i), and active mining activities defined at 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(iii). Both of these sub categories of activities include earth-disturbing activities, with the latter also including such activities as: extraction, removal or recovery, and beneficiation of mined material from the earth; removal of overburden and waste rock to expose mineable material; and site reclamation and closure activities.

“Mining Operations” – for the purposes of this permit, mining operations are grouped into two distinct categories, with distinct effluent limits and requirements applicable to each: 1) earth-disturbing activities conducted prior to active mining activities; and 2) active mining activities, which includes reclamation.

“Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System” or “MS4” – defined at 40 CFR §122.26(b)(8) as a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains):

1. Owned and operated by a State, city, town, borough, county, parish, district, association, or other public body (created by or pursuant to State law) having jurisdiction over disposal of sewage, industrial wastes, stormwater, or other wastes, including special districts under State law such as a sewer district, flood control district or drainage district, or similar entity, or an Indian Tribe or an authorized Indian Tribal organization, or a designated and approved management agency under section 208 of the CWA that discharges to waters of the United States;
2. Designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater;
3. Which is not a combined sewer; and
4. Which is not part of a Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW) as defined at 40 CFR §122.2.

“National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System” (NPDES) – defined at 40 CFR §122.2 as the national program for issuing, modifying, revoking and reissuing, terminating, monitoring and enforcing permits, and imposing and enforcing pretreatment requirements, under sections 307, 402, 318, and 405 of CWA. The term includes an ‘approved program.’

“Native Topsoil” – the uppermost layer of naturally occurring soil for a particular area, and is often rich in organic matter, biological activity, and nutrients.

“Natural Buffer” – for the purposes of this permit, an area of undisturbed natural cover surrounding waters of the United States within which construction activities are restricted. Natural cover includes the vegetation, exposed rock, or barren ground that exists prior to commencement of earth-disturbing activities.

“Natural Vegetation” – vegetation that occurs spontaneously without regular management, maintenance, or species introductions or removals, and that generally has a strong component of native species..

“New Operator of a Permitted Site” – an operator that through transfer of ownership and/or operation replaces the operator of an already permitted construction site that is either a “new site” or an “existing site”.

“New Site” – a site where construction activities commenced on or after February 16, 2017.

“New Source” – for the purposes of this permit, a construction project that commenced construction activities after February 1, 2010.

“New Source Performance Standards (NSPS)” – for the purposes of this permit, NSPS are technology-based standards that apply to construction sites that are new sources under 40 CFR 450.24.

“Non-Stormwater Discharges” – discharges that do not originate from storm events. They can include, but are not limited to, discharges of process water, air conditioner condensate, non-contact cooling water, vehicle wash water, sanitary wastes, concrete washout water, paint wash water, irrigation water, or pipe testing water.

“Non-Turbid” – a discharge that is free from visual turbidity.

“Notice of Intent” (NOI) – the form (electronic or paper) required for authorization of coverage under the Construction General Permit.

“Notice of Termination” (NOT) – the form (electronic or paper) required for terminating coverage under the Construction General Permit.

“NPDES eReporting Tool” (NeT) – EPA’s online system for submitting electronic Construction General Permit forms.

“Operational” – for the purposes of this permit, stormwater controls are made “operational” when they have been installed and implemented, are functioning as designed, and are properly maintained.

“Operator” – for the purposes of this permit and in the context of stormwater discharges associated with construction activity, any party associated with a construction project that meets either of the following two criteria:

1. The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications (*e.g. in most cases this is the owner of the site*); or
2. The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project that are necessary to ensure compliance with the permit conditions (*e.g., they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the permit; in most cases this is the general contractor of the project*).

This definition is provided to inform permittees of EPA’s interpretation of how the regulatory definitions of “owner or operator” and “facility or activity” are applied to discharges of stormwater associated with construction activity. Subcontractors generally are not considered operators for the purposes of this permit.

“Ordinary High Water Mark” – the line on the shore established by fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, and/or the presence of litter and debris.

“Permitting Authority” – for the purposes of this permit, EPA, a Regional Administrator of EPA, or an authorized representative.

“Point(s) of Discharge” – see “Discharge Point.”

“Point Source” – any discernible, confined, and discrete conveyance, including but not limited to, any pipe, ditch, channel, tunnel, conduit, well, discrete fissure, container, rolling stock, concentrated animal feeding operation, landfill leachate collection system, vessel or other floating craft from which pollutants are or may be discharged. This term does not include return flows from irrigated agriculture or agricultural stormwater runoff.

“Pollutant” – defined at 40 CFR § 122.2. A partial listing from this definition includes: dredged spoil, solid waste, sewage, garbage, sewage sludge, chemical wastes, biological materials, heat, wrecked or discarded equipment, rock, sand, cellar dirt, and industrial or municipal waste.

“Pollution Prevention Controls” – stormwater controls designed to reduce or eliminate the addition of pollutants to construction site discharges through analysis of pollutant sources, implementation of proper handling/disposal practices, employee education, and other actions.

“Polymers” – for the purposes of this permit, coagulants and flocculants used to control erosion on soil or to enhance the sediment removal capabilities of sediment traps or basins. Common construction site polymers include polyacrylamide (PAM), chitosan, alum, polyaluminum chloride, and gypsum.

“Prohibited Discharges” – discharges that are not allowed under this permit, including:

1. Wastewater from washout of concrete;
2. Wastewater from washout and cleanout of stucco, paint, form release oils, curing compounds and other construction materials;
3. Fuels, oils, or other pollutants used in vehicle and equipment operation and maintenance;
4. Soaps or solvents used in vehicle and equipment washing;
5. Toxic or hazardous substances from a spill or other release; and
6. Waste, garbage, floatable debris, construction debris, and sanitary waste.

“Provisionally Covered Under this Permit” – for the purposes of this permit, EPA provides temporary coverage under this permit for emergency-related projects prior to receipt of a complete and accurate NOI. Discharges from earth-disturbing activities associated with the emergency-related projects are subject to the terms and conditions of the permit during the period of temporary coverage.

“Qualified Person” – a person knowledgeable in the principles and practice of erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention, who possesses the appropriate skills and training to assess conditions at the construction site that could impact stormwater quality, and the appropriate skills and training to assess the effectiveness of any stormwater controls selected and installed to meet the requirements of this permit.

“Receiving Water” – a “Water of the United States” as defined in 40 CFR § 122.2 into which the regulated stormwater discharges.

“Run-On” – sources of stormwater that drain from land located upslope or upstream from the regulated site in question.

“Seasonally Dry Period” – a month in which the long-term average total precipitation is less than or equal to 0.5 inches. Refer to EPA’s Seasonally Dry Period Locator and supporting maps for assistance in determining whether a site is operating during a seasonally dry period for the area, located at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>.

“Sediment-Related parameter” – for the purposes of this permit, a pollutant parameter that is closely related to sediment such as turbidity, total suspended solids (TSS), total suspended sediment, transparency, sedimentation, and siltation.

“Semi-Arid Areas” – areas with an average annual rainfall of 10 to 20 inches. For assistance in determining average annual rainfall in specific locations, refer to the NOAA National Mapping webpage (<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/national/mapping>), the PRISM Climate Group's Time Series Values for individual locations (<https://prism.oregonstate.edu/explorer/>), or EPA's US EPA EnviroAtlas (<https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas>).

“Shared Control” - for the purposes of this permit, a stormwater control, such as a sediment basin or pond, used by two or more operators that is installed and maintained for the purpose of minimizing and controlling pollutant discharges from a construction site with multiple operators associated with a common plan of development or sale. Any operators that are contributing stormwater from their construction activities to a shared control are considered to rely upon a shared control.

“Small Construction Activity” – defined at 40 CFR § 122.26(b)(15) and incorporated here by reference. A small construction activity includes clearing, grading, and excavating resulting in a land disturbance that will disturb equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres of land or will disturb less than one (1) acre of total land area but is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that will ultimately disturb equal to or greater than one (1) acre and less than five (5) acres. Small construction activity does not include routine maintenance that is performed to maintain the original line and grade, hydraulic capacity, or original purpose of the site.

“Small Residential Lot” – for the purpose of this permit, a lot being developed for residential purposes that will disturb less than 1 acre of land, but is part of a larger residential project that will ultimately disturb greater than or equal to 1 acre.

“Snowmelt” – the conversion of snow into overland stormwater and ground water flow as a result of warmer temperatures.

“Spill” – for the purpose of this permit, the release of a hazardous or toxic substance from its container or containment.

“Stabilization” – the use of vegetative and/or non-vegetative cover to prevent erosion and sediment loss in areas exposed through the construction process.

“Steep Slopes” – where a State, Tribe, local government, or industry technical manual (e.g., stormwater BMP manual) has defined what is to be considered a “steep slope”, this permit's definition automatically adopts that definition. Where no such definition exists, steep slopes are automatically defined as those that are 15 percent or greater in grade.

“Storm Sewer System” – a conveyance or system of conveyances (including roads with drainage systems, municipal streets, catch basins, curbs, gutters, ditches, manmade channels, or storm drains) designed or used for collecting or conveying stormwater.

“Stormwater” – stormwater runoff, snowmelt runoff, and surface runoff and drainage.

“Stormwater Control” - refers to any best management practice or other method (including narrative effluent limitations) used to prevent or reduce the discharge of pollutants to waters of the United States.

“Stormwater Discharge Associated with Construction Activity” – as used in this permit, a discharge of pollutants in stormwater to waters of the United States from areas where earth-disturbing activities (e.g., clearing, grubbing, grading, or excavation) occur, or where construction materials or equipment storage or maintenance (e.g., fill piles, borrow area,

concrete truck chute washdown, fueling), or other industrial stormwater directly related to the construction process (e.g., concrete or asphalt batch plants), are located.

“Stormwater Inlet” – a structure placed below grade to conduct water used to collect stormwater runoff for conveyance purposes.

“Stormwater Team” – the group of individuals responsible for oversight of the development and modifications of the SWPPP, and oversight of compliance with the permit requirements. The individuals on the “Stormwater Team” must be identified in the SWPPP.

“Storm Event” – a precipitation event that results in a measurable amount of precipitation.

“Storm Sewer” – a system of pipes (separate from sanitary sewers) that carries stormwater runoff from buildings and land surfaces.

“Subcontractor” – for the purposes of this permit, an individual or company that takes a portion of a contract from the general contractor or from another subcontractor.

“SWPPP” (Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan) – a site-specific, written document that, among other things: (1) identifies potential sources of stormwater pollution at the construction site; (2) describes stormwater controls to reduce or eliminate pollutants in stormwater discharges from the construction site; and (3) identifies procedures the operator will implement to comply with the terms and conditions of this general permit.

“Temporary Stabilization” – a condition where exposed soils or disturbed areas are provided temporary vegetative and/or non-vegetative protective cover to prevent erosion and sediment loss. Temporary stabilization may include temporary seeding, geotextiles, mulches, and other techniques to reduce or eliminate erosion until either final stabilization can be achieved or until further construction activities take place to re-disturb this area.

“Thawing Conditions” – for the purposes of this permit, thawing conditions are expected based on the historical likelihood of two or more days with daytime temperatures greater than 32°F. This date can be determined by looking at historical weather data. Note: the estimation of thawing conditions is for planning purposes only. During construction the permittee will be required to conduct site inspections based upon actual conditions (i.e., if thawing conditions occur sooner than expected, the permittee will be required to conduct inspections at the regular frequency).

“Threatened Species” – defined in the Endangered Species Act at 16 U.S.C. 1531 as any species which is likely to become an endangered species within the foreseeable future throughout all or a significant portion of its range.

“Tier 2 Waters” – for antidegradation purposes, pursuant to 40 CFR 131.12(a)(2), those waters that are characterized as having water quality that exceeds the levels necessary to support propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water.

“Tier 2.5 Waters” – for antidegradation purposes, those waters designated by States or Tribes as requiring a level of protection equal to and above that given to Tier 2 waters, but less than that given Tier 3 waters. Some States have special requirements for these waters.

“Tier 3 Waters” – for antidegradation purposes, pursuant to 40 CFR 131.12(a)(3), Tier 3 waters are identified by States as having high quality waters constituting an Outstanding National Resource Water (ONRW), such as waters of National Parks and State Parks, wildlife refuges, and waters of exceptional recreational or ecological significance.

“Total Maximum Daily Load” or “TMDL” – the sum of the individual wasteload allocations (WLAs) for point sources and load allocations (LAs) for nonpoint sources and natural background. If receiving water has only one point source discharger, the TMDL is the sum of that point source WLA plus the LAs for any nonpoint sources of pollution and natural background sources,

tributaries, or adjacent segments. TMDLs can be expressed in terms of mass per time, toxicity, or other appropriate measure.

“Toxic Waste” – see “Hazardous Substances.”

“Treatment Chemicals” – polymers, flocculants, or other chemicals used to reduce turbidity in stormwater.

“Turbidity” – a condition of water quality characterized by the presence of suspended solids and/or organic material.

“Uncontaminated Discharge” – in the context of authorized non-stormwater discharges, a discharge that meets applicable water quality standards.

“Upland” – the dry land area above and ‘landward’ of the ordinary high water mark.

“Upset” – Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond your reasonable control. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation. See 40 CFR 122.41(n)(1).

“Visual Turbidity” – for the purposes of this permit, visual turbidity is present when there is a sediment plume in the discharge or the discharge appears cloudy, opaque, or has a visible contrast that can be visually identified by an observer.

“Water-Dependent Structures” – structures or facilities that are required to be located directly adjacent to a waterbody or wetland, such as a marina, pier, boat ramp, etc.

“Water Quality Standards” – defined in 40 CFR § 131.3, and are provisions of State (including Tribal) or Federal law which consist of a designated use or uses for the waters of the United States, water quality criteria for such waters based upon such uses, and an antidegradation policy to protect high-quality waters. Water quality standards protect the public health or welfare, enhance the quality of water and serve the purposes of the Act.

“Waters of the United States” – see definition at 40 CFR 122.2.

“Wetland” – those areas that are inundated or saturated by surface or ground water at a frequency and duration sufficient to support, and that under normal circumstances do support, a prevalence of vegetation typically adapted for life in saturated soil conditions. Wetlands generally include swamps, marshes, bogs, and similar areas. On-site evaluations are typically required to confirm the presence and boundaries of wetlands.

2. Acronyms

ACHP – Advisory Council on Historic Preservation

BMP – Best Management Practice

CBI – Confidential Business Information

CGP – Construction General Permit

CFR – Code of Federal Regulations

CWA – Clean Water Act

CZMA – Coastal Zone Management Act

ECHO – EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online

ELG – Effluent Limitations Guideline

EPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency
ESA – Endangered Species Act
FR – Federal Register
MS4 – Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System
MSGP – Multi-Sector General Permit
NEPA – National Environmental Policy Act
NeT – NPDES eReporting Tool
NTU - Nephelometric turbidity units
NHPA – National Historic Preservation Act
NMFS – United States National Marine Fisheries Service
NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NOI – Notice of Intent
NOT – Notice of Termination
NPDES – National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System
NRC – National Response Center
NRCS – National Resources Conservation Service
NSPS – New Source Performance Standards
ONRW – Outstanding National Resource Water
PAM – Polyacrylamide
POTW – Publicly Owned Treatment Works
RUSLE – Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation
SDS – Safety Data Sheet
SHPO – State Historic Preservation Office
SPCC – Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure
SWPPP – Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan
THPO – Tribal Historic Preservation Office
TMDL – Total Maximum Daily Load
TSS – Total Suspended Solids
UIC – Underground Injection Control
USDA – United States Department of Agriculture
USFWS – United States Fish and Wildlife Service
USGS – United States Geological Survey
WQS – Water Quality Standard

Appendix B - Permit Areas Eligible for Coverage and EPA Regional Addresses

Permit coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity occurring within the following areas is provided by legally separate and distinctly numbered permits. For assistance in determining whether your construction activities are located within Indian country, refer to the Bureau of Indian Affairs' digital map of the land areas of Federally-recognized Tribes at <https://biamaps.doi.gov/indianlands/#>.

B.1 EPA Region 1

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 1:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
CTR10I000	Indian country within the State of Connecticut
MAR100000	Commonwealth of Massachusetts (except Indian country)
MAR10I000	Indian country within the State of Massachusetts
NHR100000	State of New Hampshire
RIR10I000	Indian country within the State of Rhode Island
VTR10F000	Areas in the State of Vermont located at a Federal Facility (as defined in Appendix A)
1R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 1 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 1 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 1
Office of Ecosystem Protection
Stormwater and Construction Permits Section
5 Post Office Square, Suite 100
(OEP 06-1)
Boston, MA 02109-3912

B.2 EPA Region 2

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 2:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
NYR10I000	Indian country within the State of New York
PRR100000	Commonwealth of Puerto Rico
02R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 2 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 2 Address:

For Puerto Rico:

U.S. EPA Region 2
Caribbean Environmental Protection Division
NPDES Stormwater Program
City View Plaza II – Suite 7000
48 Rd. 165 Km 1.2
Guaynabo, PR 00968-8069

For New York:

U.S. EPA Region 2
NPDES Stormwater Program
290 Broadway, 24th Floor
New York, NY 10007-1866

B.3 EPA Region 3

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 3:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
DCR100000	District of Columbia
DER10F000	Areas in the State of Delaware located at a Federal Facility (as defined in Appendix A)
VAR10I000	Indian country within the State of Virginia
03R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 3 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 3 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 3
Office of NPDES Permits and Enforcement
NPDES Permits Branch, Mailcode 3WP41
1650 Arch Street
Philadelphia, PA 19103

B.4 EPA Region 4

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 4:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
ALR10I000	Indian country within the State of Alabama
FLR10I00E	Indian country within the State of Florida
MSR10I000	Indian country within the State of Mississippi
NCR10I000	Indian country within the State of North Carolina
04R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country (except Catawba lands in South Carolina)

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 4 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 4 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 4
 Water Protection Division
 NPDES Stormwater Program
 Atlanta Federal Center
 61 Forsyth Street SW
 Atlanta, GA 30303-3104

B.5 EPA Region 5

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 5:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
MIR10I000	Indian country within the State of Michigan, except the L'Anse Reservation of the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community
MNR10I000	Indian country within the State of Minnesota, except sites located in the Fond du Lac Reservation discharging to Outstanding Reservation Resources Waters (ORRWs) ¹
WIR10I000	Indian country within the State of Wisconsin, except sites located in the Bad River Band of Lake Superior Tribe of Chippewa Indians discharging to Outstanding Tribal Resource Waters (OTRWs) or Tier 3 waters ²
05R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

¹ The Tribe has identified Perch Lake, Rice Portage Lake, Miller Lake, Deadfish Lake, and Jaskari Lake as ORRWs.

² The Tribe has identified the following as OTRWs or Tier 3 waters: Kakagon Slough and the lower wetland reaches of its tributaries that support wild rice, Kakagon River, Bad River Slough, Honest John Lake, Bog Lake, a portion of Bad River, from where it enters the Reservation through the confluence with the White River, and Potato River.

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 5 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 5 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 5
 NPDES Program Branch
 77 W. Jackson Blvd.
 Mail Code WN16J
 Chicago, IL 60604-3507

B.6 EPA Region 6

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 6:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
LAR10I000	Indian country within the State of Louisiana
NMR100000	State of New Mexico, except Indian country
NMR10I000	Indian country within the State of New Mexico, except Navajo Reservation Lands that are covered under Arizona permit AZR10000I and Ute Mountain Reservation Lands that are covered under Colorado permit COR10000I.
OKR10I000	Indian country within the State of Oklahoma, except areas of Indian country covered by an extension of state program authority pursuant to Section 10211 of the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act (SAFETEA).
OKR10F000	Discharges in the State of Oklahoma that are not under the authority of the Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality, or the Oklahoma Department of Agriculture and Forestry including activities associated with oil and gas exploration, drilling, operations, and pipelines (includes SIC Groups 13 and 46, and SIC codes 492 and 5171), and point source discharges associated with agricultural production, services, and silviculture (includes SIC Groups 01, 02, 07, 08, 09).
TXR10I000	Indian country within the State of Texas
06R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 6 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 6 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 6
 NPDES Stormwater Program (WQ-PP)
 1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
 Dallas, TX 75202-2733

B.7 EPA Region 7

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 7:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
IAR10I000	Indian country within the State of Iowa
KSR10I000	Indian country within the State of Kansas
NER10I000	Indian country within the State of Nebraska, except Pine Ridge Reservation lands (see Region 8)
07R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 7 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 7 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 7
NPDES Stormwater Program
11201 Renner Blvd
Lenexa, KS 66219

B.8 EPA Region 8

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 8:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
COR10F000	Areas in the State of Colorado located at a Federal Facility (as defined in Appendix A), except those located on Indian country
COR10I000	Indian country within the State of Colorado, as well as the portion of the Ute Mountain Reservation located in New Mexico
MTR10I000	Indian country within the State of Montana
NDR10I000	Indian country within the State of North Dakota, as well as that portion of the Standing Rock Reservation located in South Dakota (except for the portion of the lands within the former boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation which is covered under South Dakota permit SDR10000I listed below)
SDR10I000	Indian country within the State of South Dakota, as well as the portion of the Pine Ridge Reservation located in Nebraska and the portion of the lands within the former boundaries of the Lake Traverse Reservation located in North Dakota (except for the Standing Rock Reservation which is covered under North Dakota permit NDR10000I listed above)
UTR10I000	Indian country within the State of Utah, except Goshute and Navajo Reservation lands (see Region 9)
WYR10I000	Indian country within the State of Wyoming
08R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 8 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 8 Address:

EPA Region 8 Storm Water Program
 Mailcode: 8P-W-WW
 1595 Wynkoop Street
 Denver, CO 80202-1129

B.9 EPA Region 9

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 9:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
ASR100000	Island of American Samoa
AZR101000	Indian country within the State of Arizona, as well as Navajo Reservation lands in New Mexico and Utah
CAR101000	Indian country within the State of California
GUR100000	Island of Guam
JAR100000	Johnston Atoll
MPR100000	Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
MWR100000	Midway Island and Wake Island
NVR100001	Indian country within the State of Nevada, as well as the Duck Valley Reservation in Idaho, the Fort McDermitt Reservation in Oregon and the Goshute Reservation in Utah
09R101000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 9 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 9 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 9
 Water Division
 NPDES Stormwater Program (WTR-2-3)
 75 Hawthorne Street
 San Francisco, CA 94105-3901

B.10 EPA Region 10

The permit offers coverage for stormwater discharges from construction activity from the following areas in EPA Region 10:

Permit No.	Areas of Coverage/Where EPA is Permitting Authority
AKR10I000	Indian country lands as defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151 within the State of Alaska
AKR10F000	Denali National Park and Preserve
IDR10I000	Indian country within the State of Idaho, except Duck Valley Reservation lands (see Region 9)
ORR10I000	Indian country within the State of Oregon, except Fort McDermitt Reservation lands (see Region 9)
WAR10F000	Areas in the State of Washington, except those located on Indian country, subject to construction activity by a Federal Operator
WAR10I000	Indian country within the State of Washington
010R10I000	All areas of Indian country not identified above that are not already covered by an EPA-approved permitting program with authorization to issue permits in Indian country

For stormwater discharges in EPA Region 10 outside the areas of coverage identified above, please contact your State NPDES permitting authority to obtain coverage under a State-issued NPDES permit.

EPA Region 10 Address:

U.S. EPA Region 10
 NPDES Stormwater Program
 1200 6th Avenue (OWW-191)
 Seattle, WA 98101-3140

Appendix D - Eligibility Worksheet Relating to Threatened and Endangered Species Protection

D.1 Introduction

This appendix provides a printable worksheet that can be helpful in selecting and documenting your eligibility criteria with respect to the protection of Federally listed threatened or endangered species and Federally designated "critical habitat" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) [hereinafter "ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat(s)"] from discharges and discharge-related activities authorized under this permit. This is important because Section 9 of the ESA prohibits all persons and agencies from "taking" threatened and endangered species (16 U.S.C. § 1532(19)).

While coordination between you and the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and/or the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) (together, referred to as the "Services") may not be required in all cases, EPA encourages you to coordinate with the Services, to document that coordination, and to do so early in the planning process prior to submitting your NOI.

D.2 Certifying ESA Eligibility Criterion for the CGP

To be eligible for coverage under the CGP, you must certify that you meet one of the criteria listed in this worksheet (Section D.5), which is then submitted with your NOI for coverage under this permit. If you do not meet one of the ESA eligibility criteria outlined in the worksheet below, you are not eligible for coverage under this permit. These criteria ensure that coverage is available only for discharges and discharge-related activities that (1) avoid or eliminate any short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat(s), or (2) may result in any short- or long-term adverse effects that result in incidental take addressed under the incidental take statement of a biological opinion or permit for take issued under Section 10 of the ESA.

As part of your determination of eligibility, EPA has developed a worksheet that assists operators in arriving at the correct criterion. The following requirements apply to the completion of the worksheet depending on how you are submitting your NOI for permit coverage:

1. If the EPA Regional Office grants you a waiver from electronic reporting, in accordance with Part 1.1.5 of the CGP, you must complete the worksheet in section D.4 of this appendix to provide all information as required on your NOI that supports the eligibility criterion you qualify under per Part 1.1.5 of the permit. **You must submit the worksheet with your NOI. If you do not submit the worksheet with your NOI, your NOI will be considered incomplete.**
2. If you do not have a waiver from electronic reporting, you must **complete your eligibility criteria selection outlined in the Endangered Species Protection section of the NOI in the NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT-CGP)** and provide all information as required on your NOI that supports the eligibility criterion you qualify under per Part 1.1.5 of the permit. The printable worksheet in this appendix may be helpful to you in preparing to submit your NOI, but you do not have to use it.

D.3 What to Expect Once you Submit your NOI

After you submit your NOI and before your NOI is authorized, EPA may notify you if any additional controls are necessary to ensure your discharges are not likely to result in any short- or long-term adverse effects on ESA-listed species and critical habitat.

The Services have the opportunity, within 14 days of submission of the NOI, to advise EPA whether either agency believes the planned discharges meet the selected eligibility criterion; whether the eligibility criterion could be met with additional conditions; or whether the eligibility criterion is not met. With respect to ESA issues, EPA recognizes the Services' expertise and will carefully consider their conclusion(s) in identifying eligibility for authorization, either with or without additional conditions. In the event EPA has placed a hold on your NOI based on NMFS or USFWS' recommendation, EPA will notify you as to whether your discharges are authorized or whether an individual permit will be required. If you do not hear from EPA within 14 days, you may assume that your discharge is authorized without further conditions.

D.4 Worksheet Instructions

Follow the instructions within the worksheet below to determine which criterion you are eligible for coverage under this permit. Check only 1 criterion, answer the required questions, and include the required information.

Please keep the following in mind as you complete the worksheet:

- The worksheet requires that you answer questions in a sequential order so that you can select the correct eligibility criterion. The worksheet does not go through each criterion alphabetically, but rather is organized in a way that allows you to eliminate those criteria that do not apply to your site. For instance, Step 1 of the worksheet requires you to determine whether criterion B, E, or F applies first, in that order, before proceeding to determining whether criterion A applies in Step 2.
- You must consider ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat(s) under the jurisdiction of both the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) and National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) and select the criterion that best applies to your site. You must comply with any applicable terms, conditions, or other requirements developed in the process of meeting one of the eligibility criteria in this section to remain eligible for coverage under this permit.
- When evaluating the potential effects of your activities, you must consider effects to listed species or critical habitats within the "action area" of your construction activity, as identified by the USFWS IPaC and/or the NOAA website resources on page D-10 through D-11 of this appendix. Please Note: *NMFS' jurisdiction includes ESA-listed marine and estuarine species that spawn in inland rivers.* The definition of "action area," which is contained in Appendix A, is repeated below for convenience.

"Action Area" – all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the federal action and not merely the immediate area involved in the action. See 50 CFR part 402. For the purposes of this permit and for application of the Endangered Species Act requirements, the following areas are included in the definition of action area:

- **The areas on the construction site** where stormwater discharges originate and flow toward the point of discharge into the receiving waters. This includes:
 - areas on the construction site where excavation, site development, or other ground disturbance activities occur, and
 - areas where stormwater controls will be constructed and operated, including any areas where stormwater flows to and from the stormwater controls.
- **The areas in the vicinity of the construction site** where stormwater discharges flow from the construction site to one or more points of discharge into receiving waters. (Example: Where stormwater flows into an off-site ditch, swale, or gully that leads to receiving waters.)
- **The extent of the receiving water** potentially affected by stormwater discharges from your construction site through alteration of water chemistry, turbidity, temperature, or bank structure (i.e., erosive flow), regardless of whether the construction site is adjacent to the receiving water.

D.5 Worksheet**Step 1 – Determine if You Meet the Eligibility Requirements of Criterion B, E, or F****Instructions**



- First determine whether you are eligible under Criterion B by reviewing the eligibility requirements below.
- If you determine that your facility does not meet Criterion B (e.g., due to difference in action area described, lack of analysis of appropriate effects, new listings or designation of critical habitat), proceed to check if you meet the requirements for Criterion E or F.

Criterion B Eligibility Requirements

If your discharges and discharge-related activities were already addressed in another operator's valid certification of eligibility under the current 2022 CGP that included your action area (e.g., a general contractor or developer may have completed and filed an NOI for the entire action area with the necessary ESA certifications (Criterion A, C, D, E, or F)), you may be eligible under Criterion B. In order to be eligible for coverage, you must confirm that **all** three of the following are true (**check all that apply**):

- I have confirmed that the other operator's certification of eligibility accounted for my action area and that the eligibility certification was valid.
- There has been no lapse of NPDES permit coverage in the other operator's certification.
- I will comply with all measures that formed the basis of the other operator's valid certification of eligibility.

Instructions

- **If all three of the above are true, you may check Criterion B below and answer questions B1-B5, and if applicable, B6-B7.** 
- **If any of the above are not true** (for example, if there are any listed species in your action area that were not addressed in the other operator's certification, you are not eligible under Criterion B), **you may not select Criterion B and must proceed to check if you meet the requirements for Criterion E or F.** 

B Eligibility requirements met by another operator under the 2022 CGP. The construction site's discharges and discharge-related activities were already addressed in another operator's valid certification of eligibility for your "action area" under eligibility Criterion A, C, D, E, or F of the 2022 CGP and you have confirmed that no additional ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of USFWS and/or NMFS not considered in the

that certification may be present or located in the "action area." To certify your eligibility under this criterion, there must be no lapse of NPDES permit coverage in the other CGP operator's certification. By certifying eligibility under this criterion, you agree to comply with any conditions upon which the other CGP operator's certification was based. You must include below the NPDES ID from the other 2022 CGP operator's notification of authorization under this permit and list any measures that you must comply with). If your certification is based on another 2022 CGP operator's certification under Criterion C, you must provide EPA with the relevant supporting information required of existing dischargers in Criterion C.

B1. Provide the NPDES ID from the other CGP operator's NOI authorized under this permit:

B2. Identify the eligibility criterion of the other CGP operator's NOI? (check only one)

A C D E F

B3. Provide the authorization date of the other CGP operator's NOI (MM/DD/YYYY):

___ / ___ / _____

By certifying eligibility under Criterion B, you must comply with any terms and conditions imposed under the eligibility requirements of the criterion for which the other operator has established eligibility (either Criterion A, C, D, E, or F) to ensure that your discharges and discharge-related activities are protective of listed species and/or critical habitat. *Note: If you are unable to meet these eligibility requirements, then you may either establish eligibility under one of the other criteria, or you may consider applying to EPA for an individual permit.*

B4. List any measures that formed the basis of the other operator's valid certification of eligibility that you will comply with (or enter "N/A" if none exist):

B5. Check to confirm you have provided documentation in your SWPPP supporting your eligibility under Criterion B, including any of the terms and conditions, as well as the other operator's basis for establishing eligibility. Yes

If your certification is based on another operator's certification under Criterion C, you must provide the following:

B6. What Federally listed species and/or designated habitat are located in your "action area"? (attached separate sheet if necessary)

B7. What is the distance between your site and the listed species or designated critical habitat (in miles)? _____

Instructions

- **If you selected Criterion B above and answered questions B1-B5, and if applicable, B6-B7, you are done with this worksheet. If you are *not* filing electronically, you must submit this worksheet with your NOI.**
- If you are not eligible under Criterion B, proceed to check if you meet the requirements for Criterion E or F.



Criterion E Eligibility Requirements

If consultation under ESA section 7 has concluded, you may be eligible for coverage under Criterion E. In order to be eligible for coverage under Criterion E, **you must confirm that both of the following are true (check all that apply):**

- A consultation between a Federal agency and USFWS and/or the NMFS under section 7 of the ESA has concluded. Consultations can be either formal or informal, and would have occurred only as a result of a separate Federal action (e.g., during application for an individual wastewater discharge permit or the issuance of a wetlands dredge and fill permit), and the consultation must have addressed the effects of your construction activity's discharges and discharge-related activities on all ESA-listed threatened or endangered species and all designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of each Service, as appropriate, in your action area. The result of this consultation must be either:
- i. A biological opinion currently in effect that determined that the action in question (taking into account the effects of your facility's discharges and discharge-related activities) is likely to adversely affect, but is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of listed species or result in the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat. The biological opinion must have included the effects of your facility's discharges¹ and discharge-related activities on all the listed species and designated


¹ Effects of discharge include, but are not limited to, the analysis of the hydrological, chemical, and biological effects of the discharge on listed species, their prey, and their habitat, as well as critical habitat, where designated. For example, the

critical habitat in your action area under the jurisdiction of each Service, as appropriate. To be eligible under (i), any reasonable and prudent measures specified in the incidental take statement must be implemented;

- ii. Written concurrence (e.g., letter of concurrence) from the applicable Service(s) with a determination that your facility's discharges and discharge-related activities are not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. The concurrence letter must have included the effects of your facility's discharges and discharge-related activities on all the ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat on your species list(s) acquired from USFWS and/or NMFS as part of this worksheet.

The consultation does not warrant reinitiation under 50 CFR §402.16; or, if reinitiation of consultation is required (e.g., due to a new species listing, critical habitat designation, or new information), the Federal action agency has reinitiated the consultation and the result of the consultation is consistent with the statements above. Include any reinitiation documentation from the Services or consulting Federal agency with your NOI.

Instructions

- **If both of the above are true, you may check Criterion E below and answer questions E1-E6.** 

- For more information on section 7 consultation, see 50 CFR part 402. If you receive a "jeopardy opinion," you may continue to work with USFWS and/or NMFS and your permitting authority to modify your project so that it will not jeopardize listed species or designated critical habitat.
- Note that most consultations are accomplished through informal consultation. When conducting informal ESA section 7 consultation as a non-Federal representative, you must follow the procedures found in 50 CFR Part 402 of the ESA regulations. You must notify the Services of your intention and agreement to conduct consultation as a non-Federal representative.
- Consultation may also occur in the context of another Federal action at the construction site (e.g., where ESA section 7 consultation was performed for issuance of a wetlands dredge and fill permit for the project or where a NEPA review is performed for the project that incorporates a section 7 consultation).
- Any terms and conditions developed through consultations to protect listed species and critical habitat must be incorporated into the SWPPP. As noted above, a Federal operator may, if they wish, initiate consultation with the Services at Step Four. Non-Federal operators may seek technical assistance from the Services at Step 5.
- Whether ESA section 7 consultation must be performed with either USFWS, NMFS, or both Services depends on the listed species that may be affected by the operator's stormwater discharges. In general, NMFS has jurisdiction over marine, estuarine, and anadromous species. Operators should also be aware that while formal section 7 consultation provides protection from incidental takings liability, informal consultation does not.

- **If not, proceed to check if you meet the requirements for Criterion F.** 

effects analysis would have evaluated whether the various pollutants in the discharge (e.g., TSS, metals) would adversely affect listed species through exposure to the pollutants, or to their prey or habitat. Effects that look only at short-term effects unrelated to the stormwater discharge effects to listed species are not sufficient for these purposes.

E ESA Section 7 consultation has successfully concluded. Consultation between a Federal Agency and the USFWS and/or NMFS under section 7 of the ESA has concluded. The consultation must have addressed the effects of the construction site's discharges and discharge-related activities on ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of USFWS and/or NMFS. To certify eligibility under this criterion, **Indicate the result of the consultation:**

Biological opinion and/or conference opinion and incidental take statement currently in effect currently in effect from USFWS and/or NMFS that concludes that the action in question (taking into account the effects of your site's discharges and discharge-related activities) is not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of ESA-listed species, nor the destruction or adverse modification of critical habitat;

Or

Written concurrence from USFWS and/or NMFS with a finding that the site's discharges and discharge-related activities are not likely to adversely affect ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat.

E1. Identify the federal action agency or agencies involved:

E2. Identify the Service(s) field or regional offices providing the consultation:

E3. Identify any tracking numbers associated with the consultation (e.g., IPaC number, ECO number):

E4. What is the date the consultation was completed? (MM/DD/YYYY) __ / __ / ____

E5. Check to confirm that correspondence with USFWS and/or NMFS documenting the Biological Opinion, conference opinion (IPaC or ECO tracking number) or concurrence is attached. Yes

E6. Check to confirm you have provided documentation in your SWPPP supporting your eligibility under Criterion E, including copies of the correspondence between yourself and the Services. Yes

Instructions

- **If you selected Criterion E above and answered questions E1-E6, you are done with this worksheet. If you are not filing electronically, you must submit this worksheet with your NOI.**
- If you are not eligible under Criterion E, proceed to check if you meet the requirements for Criterion F.

**Criterion F Eligibility Requirements**

If your construction activities are the subject of a permit under ESA section 10, and this authorization addresses the effects of your site's discharges and discharge-related activities on ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat in your action area, you may be eligible for coverage under Criterion F. In order to be eligible for coverage under Criterion F, **you must confirm that the following is true:**

- A permit or permits issued under section 10 of the ESA specifically address the effects of your facility's discharges and discharge-related activities (if applicable) on all federally-listed species and designated critical habitat in your action area.

Note: You must follow USFWS and/or NMFS procedures when applying for an ESA section 10 permit (see 50 CFR §17.22(b)(1) for USFWS and §222.22 for NMFS). Application instructions for section 10 permits can be obtained from <http://www.fws.gov> and <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov> or by contacting the appropriate Service office.

Instructions

- **If the above is true, you may check Criterion F below and answer questions F1-F6.**
- If you are not eligible under criterion F, proceed to Step 2.



- F Issuance of section 10 permit.** Potential take is authorized through the issuance of a permit under section 10 of the ESA by the USFWS and/or NMFS, and this authorization addresses the effects of the site's discharges and discharge-related activities on ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat. You must include copies of the correspondence between yourself and the participating agencies in your SWPPP and your NOI.

F1. Which Service provided the section 10 permit? (check all that apply)

USFWS NMFS

F2. Identify the field or regional offices providing the permit(s):

F3. Identify any tracking numbers associated with the consultation (e.g., IPaC number, ECO number):

F4. What is the date the permit(s) was granted? (MM/DD/YYYY) ___ / ___ / _____
(2nd permit date, if applicable: ___ / ___ / _____)

F5. Check to confirm that correspondence with USFWS and/or NMFS and a copy of the section 10 permit or relevant tracking number(s) (IPaC and/or ECO number) is attached. Yes

F6. Check to confirm you have provided documentation in your SWPPP supporting your eligibility under Criterion F, including a copy of the section 10 permit and copies of the correspondence between yourself and the Services. Yes

Instructions

- **If you selected Criterion F above and answered questions F1-F6, you are done with this worksheet. If you are not filing electronically, you must submit this worksheet with your NOI.**
- If you are not eligible under Criterion F, proceed to Step 2.



Step 2 – Determine if Listed Threatened or Endangered Species or their Designated Critical Habitat(s) are Likely to Occur in your Site’s Action Area

Instructions

- **First, determine the extent of your action area.** You must determine whether species listed as either threatened or endangered, or their critical habitat(s) are located in your site's action area (i.e., all areas to be affected directly or indirectly by the Federal action and not merely the immediate area involved in the action, including areas beyond the footprint of the site that are likely to be affected by stormwater discharges, discharge-related activities, and authorized non-stormwater discharges).

You must consider the following in determining the action area for your site, and **confirm that all the following are true:**

In determining my “action area”, I have considered that discharges of pollutants from the project site can expand the action area well beyond the footprint of my site and the discharge point(s). I have taken into account the controls I will be implementing to minimize pollutants and the receiving waterbody characteristics (e.g., perennial, intermittent, ephemeral) in determining the extent of physical, chemical, and/or biotic effects of the

discharges. I confirm that all receiving waterbodies that could receive pollutants from my site are included in my action area.

In determining my "action area", I have considered that discharge-related activities must also be accounted for in determining my action area. I understand that discharge-related activities are any activities that cause, contribute to, or result in stormwater and authorized non-stormwater point source discharges, and measures such as the siting, construction, timing,² and operation of stormwater controls to control, reduce, or prevent pollutants from being discharged. I understand that any new or modified stormwater controls that will have noise or other similar effects, and any disturbances associated with construction of controls, are part of my action area.

If you have any questions about determining the extent of your action area, you may contact EPA or the Services for assistance. <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/contact-us-stormwater#regional>

Instructions

- **Next, you must identify, to the best of your ability, any species listed as either threatened or endangered, or their critical habitat(s), that are located in your site's action area (see definitions of these terms in Appendix A).** You must follow the instructions on the <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-threatened-and-endangered-species> to obtain lists of any ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat that are expected to exist in your county, township, or the receiving water for your discharge.
- If ESA-protected resources occur within your action area, keep a copy of the species and critical habitat list(s) from the Service(s) with your SWPPP and use the list(s) to complete your NOI. For USFWS species, attach to this worksheet the full printout from your IPaC query/Official Species List. You can include the map from your IPaC query. For NMFS species, attach to this worksheet the full printout of the report from your query of the mapping resource you used (either the National or Greater Atlantic Region Mapper). The printed report from NMFS mappers will include a map of your query.

² Timing considerations could be related to, for example, a time of the year where a migratory bird species is present in the action area and the operator might want to consider that in terms of their construction sequencing; there are other times of the year where this consideration might not be relevant.

Instructions


- **After completing Step 2 above, if there are no listed species and no critical habitat areas in your action area, you may be eligible for criterion A.**

Criterion A Eligibility Requirements

In order to be eligible for coverage under criterion A, you must confirm that all the following are true (**check all that apply**):

- I confirm that I have used the species location resources of **BOTH** NMFS and USFWS to identify any ESA-listed species within my action area.
- I have confirmed there to be no ESA-listed species and no critical habitat in my action area.

Instructions

- **If all of the above are true, you may check criterion A below and answer questions A1-A5.** 
- **If any of the above is not true, you may not select criterion A and must proceed to Step 3** to determine if you can become eligible under criterion C.

Note: For existing dischargers that have previously obtained coverage under criterion A, you must verify whether ESA-protected species and/or critical habitat are expected to exist in your action area, as described above. Please note that if you now find that your action area overlaps with ESA-protected species or critical habitat, you must proceed to Step 3.

- A No ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat present in action area.** You certify that ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat(s) under the jurisdiction of the USFWS or NMFS are not likely to occur in your site's "action area" as defined in Appendix A of this permit.. *Please Note: NMFS' jurisdiction includes ESA-listed marine and estuarine species that spawn in inland rivers.*

A1. USFWS information sources used (reliance on State resources is not acceptable):

Note: If your Official Species List from USFWS indicated no species or critical habitat were present in your action area, include the full consultation tracking code at the top of your Official Species List in your NOI in the basis statement for Criterion A. If an Official Species List was not available on IPaC, list the contact date and name of the Service staff with whom you corresponded to verify no USFWS species or critical habitat were present in your action area.



A2. NMFS information sources used (reliance on State resources is not acceptable):

A3. I confirm that aerial image(s) of the site is attached. Yes

A4. I confirm that a printout of the species' list(s) showing no ESA-listed species or critical habitat in my action area is attached. Yes

A5. Check to confirm you have provided documentation in your SWPPP supporting your eligibility under Criterion A. For USFWS species, include the full printout from your IPaC query/Official Species List. You can include the map from your IPaC query. For NMFS species, include the full printout from the appropriate NMFS website resources on page X with the correct Region selected. Yes

Instructions

- **If you selected Criterion A above and answered questions A1-A5, you are done with this worksheet. If you are not filing electronically, you must submit this worksheet with your NOI.** 
 - **If listed species and/or critical habitat may exist in your action area, you must do one or more of the following:** 
 - **Conduct visual inspections.** This method may be particularly suitable for construction sites that are smaller in size or located in non-natural settings such as highly urbanized areas or industrial parks where there is little or no natural habitat, or for construction activities that discharge directly into municipal stormwater collection systems.
 - **Conduct a formal biological survey.** In some cases, particularly for larger construction sites with extensive stormwater discharges, biological surveys may be an appropriate way to assess whether species are located in the action area and whether there are likely to be short- or long-term adverse effects to such species. Biological surveys are frequently performed by environmental consulting firms.
 - **If required, conduct an environmental assessment under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).** Some construction activities might require review under NEPA for specific reasons, such as Federal funding or other Federal involvement in the project. Note: Coverage under the CGP does not trigger such a review for individual projects/sites. EPA has complied with NEPA in the issuance of the CGP.
- and**
- **Follow the instructions in Steps 3 – 5 below, as applicable.** Note that many but not all measures imposed to protect listed species under these steps will also protect critical habitat. Thus, meeting the eligibility requirements of this CGP may require measures to protect critical habitat that are separate from those to protect listed species.

Step 3 – Assess if the Construction Activity’s Discharges or Discharge-Related Activities Are Likely to Result in Short- or Long-Term Adverse Effects to Listed Threatened or Endangered Species or Designated Critical Habitat

Instructions



- If in Step 2 you identified that listed species and/or designated critical habitat could exist in your action area, **you must next assess whether your discharges or discharge-related activities are likely to result in short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed threatened or endangered species or designated critical habitat.**

Potential short- or long-term adverse effects from discharges and discharge-related activities include:

- **Hydrological.** Stormwater discharges may cause siltation, sedimentation, or induce other changes in receiving waters such as temperature, salinity, or pH. These effects will vary with the amount of stormwater discharged and the volume and condition of the receiving water. Where a stormwater discharge constitutes a minute portion of the total volume of the receiving water, adverse hydrological effects are less likely. Construction activity itself may also alter drainage patterns on a site where construction occurs that can impact listed species or critical habitat.
- **Habitat.** Excavation, site development, grading, and other surface disturbance activities from construction activities, including the installation or placement of stormwater controls, may result in adverse effects to listed species or their habitat. Stormwater may drain or inundate listed species habitat.
- **Toxicity.** In some cases, pollutants in construction stormwater may have toxic effects on listed species. For example: Stormwater discharges from construction on or adjacent to agricultural property may contain pesticides. Stormwater discharges from projects involving pavement and roofing could include tar and asphalt.

The scope of effects to consider will vary with each site. If you are having difficulty determining whether your project is likely to result in short- or long-term adverse effects to listed species or critical habitat, or one of the Services has already raised concerns to you, you should contact the appropriate Services office for assistance.

Instructions

- **If any short- or long-term adverse effects to listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat are not likely, then you may check Criterion C below and answer questions C1-C8.** 
- **If any short- or long-term adverse effects to listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat are likely, you must follow Step 4 below.** You may still be eligible for Criterion C if you are able to install and implement appropriate measures to avoid the likelihood of adverse effects. 

Criterion C Eligibility Requirements

C **Discharges not likely to result in any short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat.** ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat(s) under the jurisdiction of the USFWS and/or NMFS are likely to occur in or near your site's "action area," and you certify to EPA that your site's discharges and discharge-related activities are not likely to result in any short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed threatened or endangered species and/or designated critical habitat. This certification may include consideration of any stormwater controls and/or management practices you will adopt to ensure that your discharges and discharge-related activities are not likely to result in any short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat. To certify your eligibility under this criterion, you must indicate below 1) the ESA-listed species and/or designated habitat located in your "action area" using the process outlined in this Appendix; 2) the distance between the site and the listed species and/or designated critical habitat in the action area (in miles); and 3) a rationale describing specifically how short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed species will be avoided from the discharges and discharge-related activities. You must also include a copy of your site map from your SWPPP showing the upland and in-water extent of your "action area" with your NOI.

C1. I confirm that both ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of the USFWS and/or NMFS were considered in my evaluation. Yes

C2. Provide the USFWS information resources and expertise used to arrive at this criterion selection:

C3. Provide the NMFS information resources and expertise used to arrive at this criterion selection:

C4. What ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat are located in your “action area?” (or attach a printout of the species’ list(s))


C5. What is the distance between your site and the ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat within the action area (in miles, state “on site” if the ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat is within the area to be disturbed)? _____

C6. Provide the rationale describing specifically how any short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed species will be avoided from the discharge and discharge-related activities.

C7. I confirm that a site map from my SWPPP showing the upland and in-water extent of my “action area” is attached. Yes

C8. Check to confirm you have provided documentation in your SWPPP supporting your eligibility under Criterion C. Yes

Instructions

- > **If you selected Criterion C above and answered questions C1-C8, you are done with this worksheet. If you are not filing electronically, you must submit this worksheet with your NOI.**
- > If not, please proceed to step 4. 





Step 4 - Determine if Measures Can Be Implemented to Avoid Adverse Effects

Instructions

If you make a preliminary decision in Step 3 that short- or long-term adverse effects from your construction activity's discharges or discharge-related activities are likely to occur, you can still receive coverage under eligibility Criterion C of the CGP if appropriate measures are undertaken to avoid or eliminate the likelihood of short- or long-term adverse effects prior to applying for CGP coverage.



These measures may involve relatively simple changes to construction activities such as re-routing a stormwater discharge to bypass an area where species are located, relocating stormwater controls, or by modifying the "footprint" of the construction activity. If you are unable to ascertain which measures to implement to avoid the likelihood of short- or long-term adverse effects, you must coordinate with USFWS and/or NMFS, in which case you would not be eligible for coverage under eligibility Criterion C, but may instead be eligible for coverage under eligibility criterion D (described in more detail in Step 5).

- **If you are able to install and implement appropriate measures to avoid the likelihood of short- or long-term adverse effects, then you may go back and check eligibility Criterion C above and answer questions C1-C8 above, and C9-C10 below.** The measures you adopt to avoid or eliminate short- or long-term adverse effects must be implemented for the duration of the construction project and your coverage under the CGP. 
- **If you cannot ascertain which measures to implement to avoid the likelihood of adverse effects,** you must follow the procedures in Step 5. 

C9. I confirm that I have or will install and implement appropriate measures to avoid the likelihood of any short- or long-term adverse effects to ESA-listed threatened or endangered species or their critical habitat. Yes


C10. Provide a description of the measures installed/to be installed and implemented to avoid likelihood of any short- or long-term adverse effects.

Instructions

- **If you selected Criterion C above and answered questions C1-C10, you are done with this worksheet. If you are not filing your NOI electronically, you must submit this worksheet with your NOI.** 
- If you are not eligible for Criterion C, please proceed to step 5. 

Step 5 - Determine if the Eligibility Requirements of Criterion D Can Be Met

Instructions

- If in Step 4 you cannot ascertain which measures to implement to avoid the likelihood of short- or long-term adverse effects, you must contact USFWS and/or NMFS. You may still be eligible for CGP coverage if likely adverse effects can be addressed through meeting criterion D.
- If you meet the requirements of criterion D, **then you may check criterion D below and answer questions D1-D5.** 

Criterion D Eligibility Requirements

D Coordination with USFWS and/or NMFS has successfully concluded. Coordination between you and the USFWS and/or NMFS has concluded. The coordination must have addressed the effects of your site's discharges and discharge-related activities on ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat under the jurisdiction of USFWS and/or NMFS, and resulted in a written confirmation from USFWS and/or NMFS that the effects of your site's discharges and discharge-related activities are not likely to result in short- or long-term adverse effects for ESA-listed species and/or designated critical habitat in your action area. By certifying eligibility under this criterion, you agree to comply with any conditions you must meet for your site's discharges and discharge-related activities to not likely result in any short- or long-term adverse effects. You must include copies of the correspondence with the participating agencies in your SWPPP and your NOI.

D1. Which Service participated in coordination? (check all that apply) USFWS NMFS

D2. Identify the field and/or regional office(s) that provided the coordination?

D3. What is the date the coordination concluded? (MM/DD/YYYY) ___ / ___ / _____

D4. Check to confirm that correspondence with USFWS and/or NMFS documenting concurrence is attached. Yes

D5. Check to confirm you have provided documentation in your SWPPP supporting your eligibility under Criterion D, including copies of the correspondence between yourself and the Services. Yes

Instructions

- > **If you selected Criterion D above and answered questions D1-D5, you are done with this worksheet. If you are not filing electronically, you must submit this worksheet with your NOI.**



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Appendix E – Historic Property Screening Process

Background

Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) requires Federal agencies to take into account the effects of Federal “undertakings”, such as the issuance of this permit, on historic properties that are either listed on, or eligible for listing on, the National Register of Historic Places. To address any issues relating to historic properties in connection with the issuance of this permit, EPA developed the screening process in this appendix that enables construction operators to appropriately consider the potential impacts, if any, of their installation of stormwater controls on historic properties and to determine whether actions can be taken, if applicable, to mitigate any such impacts. Although the coverages of individual construction sites under this permit do not constitute separate Federal undertakings, the screening process in this appendix provides an appropriate site-specific means of addressing historic property issues in connection with EPA’s issuance of the permit.

Key Terms

Historic property- prehistoric or historic districts, sites, buildings, structures, or objects that are included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register of Historic Places, including artifacts, records, and remains that are related to and located within such properties

SHPO – The State Historic Preservation Officer for a particular State

THPO or Tribal representative – The Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for a particular Tribe or, if there is no THPO, the representative designated by such Tribe for NHPA purposes

Instructions for All Construction Operators

You are required to follow the screening process in this appendix to determine if your installation of stormwater controls on your site has the potential to cause effects to historic properties, and whether or not you need to contact your SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative for further information. **You may not submit your NOI until you have completed this screening process.** The following four steps describe how applicants can meet the historic property requirements under this permit:

Step 1 *Are you installing any stormwater controls that require subsurface earth disturbance?*¹

The first step of the screening process is to determine if you will install stormwater controls that cause subsurface earth disturbance. The installation of the following types of stormwater controls require subsurface earth disturbance:²

- Dikes
- Berms
- Catch Basins
- Ponds
- Ditches
- Trenches
- Culverts
- Channels

¹ You are only required to consider earth-disturbing activities related to the installation of stormwater controls in the NHPA screening process. You are not required to consider other earth-disturbing activities at the site. If you are installing one of the above stormwater controls or another type of control that requires subsurface earth disturbance, your stormwater controls have the potential to have an effect on historic properties. If this is the case, then you must proceed to Step 2.

² This list is not intended to be exhaustive. Other stormwater controls that are not on this list may involve earth-disturbing activities and must also be examined for the potential to affect historic properties.

- Perimeter Drains
- Swales

If you are not installing one of the above stormwater controls or another type of control that requires subsurface earth disturbance, then you may indicate this on your NOI, and no further screening is necessary. During the 14-day waiting period after submitting your NOI, the SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative may request that EPA hold up authorization based on concerns about potential adverse effects to historic properties. EPA will evaluate any such request and notify you if any additional controls to address adverse effects to historic properties are necessary.

Step 2 *Have prior professional cultural resource surveys or other evaluations determined that historic properties do not exist, or have prior disturbances precluded the existence of historic properties?*

If you are installing a stormwater control that requires subsurface earth disturbance, you must next determine if no historic properties exist on your site based on prior professional cultural resource surveys or other evaluations, or if the existence of historic properties has been precluded because of prior earth disturbances.

If prior to your project it has already been determined that no historic properties exist at your site based on available information, including information that may be provided by your applicable SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative, then you may indicate this on your NOI, and no further screening steps are necessary. Similarly, if prior earth disturbances have eliminated the possibility that historic properties exist on your site, you may indicate this on your NOI, and no further screening steps are necessary. After submitting your NOI, and during the 14-day waiting period, the SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative may request that EPA hold up authorization based on concerns about potential adverse effects to historic properties. EPA will evaluate any such request and notify you if any additional measures to address adverse effects to historic properties are necessary.

If neither of these circumstances exists for your project, you must proceed to Step 3.

Step 3 *If you are installing any stormwater controls that require subsurface earth disturbance, you must determine if these activities will have an effect on historic properties.*

If your answer to the question in Step 2 is "no", then you must assess whether your earth-disturbing activities related to the installation of stormwater controls will have an effect on historic properties. This assessment may be based on historical sources, knowledge of the area, an assessment of the types of earth-disturbing activities you are engaging in, considerations of any controls and/or management practices you will adopt to ensure that your stormwater control-related earth-disturbing activities will not have an effect on historic properties, and any other relevant factors. If you determine based on this assessment that earth disturbances related to the installation of your stormwater controls will have no effect on historic properties, you may indicate this on your NOI, and document the basis for your determination in your SWPPP, and no further screening steps are necessary. After submitting your NOI, and during the 14-day waiting period, the SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative may request that EPA hold up authorization based on concerns about potential adverse effects to historic properties. EPA will evaluate any such request and notify you if any further processes are necessary including any additional measures to address adverse effects to historic properties are necessary.

If none of the circumstances in Steps 1 - 3 exist for your project, you must proceed to Step 4.

Step 4: *If you are installing any stormwater controls that require subsurface earth disturbance and you have not satisfied the conditions in Steps 1 - 3, you must contact and consult with the appropriate historic preservation authorities.*

Where you are installing stormwater controls that require subsurface earth disturbance, and you cannot determine in Step 3 that these activities will have no effect on historic properties, then you must contact the relevant SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative to request their views as to the likelihood that historic properties are potentially present on your site and may be impacted by the installation of these controls.

Note: Addresses for SHPOs may be found at <https://ncshpo.org/directory/>, and addresses for THPOs may be found at https://grantsdev.cr.nps.gov/THPO_Review/index.cfm. If a Tribe does not have a THPO, you should contact the appropriate Tribal government office designated by the Tribe for this purpose.

You must submit the following minimum information in order to properly initiate your request for information:

1. Project name (*i.e.*, the name or title most commonly associated with your project);
2. A narrative description of the project;
3. Name, address, phone and fax number, and email address (if available) of the operator;
4. Most recent U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) map section (7.5 minute quadrangle) showing actual project location and boundaries clearly indicated; and
5. Sections of the SWPPP site map (see Part 7.2.4) that show locations where stormwater controls that will cause subsurface earth disturbance will be installed (see Step 1).

Without submitting this minimum information, you will not have been considered to have properly initiated your request. You will need to provide the SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative **a minimum of 15 calendar days** after they receive these materials to respond to your request for information about your project.

If you do not receive a response within 15 calendar days after receipt by the SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative of your request, then you may indicate this on your NOI, and no further screening steps are necessary. Or, if the applicable SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative responds to your request with an indication that no historic properties will be affected by the installation of stormwater controls at your site, then you may indicate this on your NOI, and no further screening steps are necessary. After submitting your NOI, and during the 14-day waiting period, the SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative may request that EPA hold up authorization based on concerns about potential adverse effects to historic properties. EPA will evaluate any such request and notify you if any further processes are necessary including any additional measures to address adverse effects to historic properties are necessary.

If within 15 calendar days of receipt of your request the applicable SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative responds with a request for additional information or for further consultation regarding appropriate measures for treatment or mitigation of effects on historic properties caused by the installation of stormwater controls on your site, you must comply with this request and proceed to Step 5.

Step 5: Consultation with applicable consulting parties.

If, following your discussions with the appropriate historic preservation authorities in Step 4, the applicable SHPO, THPO, Tribal representative, or any other consulting party requests additional information or further consultation, you must respond with such information or consult to determine impacts to historic properties that may be caused by the installation of stormwater controls on your site and appropriate measures for treatment or mitigation of such impacts. If as a result of your discussions with the applicable SHPO, THPO, Tribal representative, or any other

consulting party, you enter into, and comply with, a written agreement regarding treatment and/or mitigation of impacts on your site, then you may indicate this on your NOI, and no further screening steps are necessary.

If, however, agreement on an appropriate treatment or mitigation plan cannot be reached between you and the SHPO, THPO, Tribal representative, or any other consulting party within 30 days of your response to the SHPO, THPO, Tribal representative, or any other consulting party's request for additional information or further consultation, you may submit your NOI, but you must indicate that you have not negotiated measures to avoid or mitigate such effects. You must also include in your SWPPP the following documentation:

1. Copies of any written correspondence between you and the SHPO, THPO, Tribal representative, or any other consulting party; and
2. A description of any significant remaining disagreements as to mitigation measures between you and the SHPO, THPO, Tribal representative, or any other consulting party.

After submitting your NOI, and during the 14-day waiting period, the SHPO, THPO, ACHP, Tribal representative, or any other consulting party may request that EPA place a hold on authorization based upon concerns regarding potential adverse effects to historic properties. EPA, in coordination with the ACHP, will evaluate any such request and notify you if any further processes are necessary including any additional measures to address adverse effects to historic properties are necessary.

Appendix F – Buffer Requirements.

The purpose of this appendix is to assist you in complying with the requirements in Part 2.2.1 of the permit regarding the establishment of natural buffers and/or equivalent sediment controls. This appendix is organized as follows:

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F.1 SITES THAT ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE AND MAINTAIN NATURAL BUFFERS AND/OR EQUIVALENT EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROLS

The requirement in Part 2.2.1 to provide and maintain natural buffers and/or equivalent erosion and sediment controls applies for any discharges to waters of the U.S. located within 50 feet of your site's earth disturbances. If the receiving water is not located within 50 feet of earth-disturbing activities, Part 2.2.1 does not apply. See Figure F – 1.

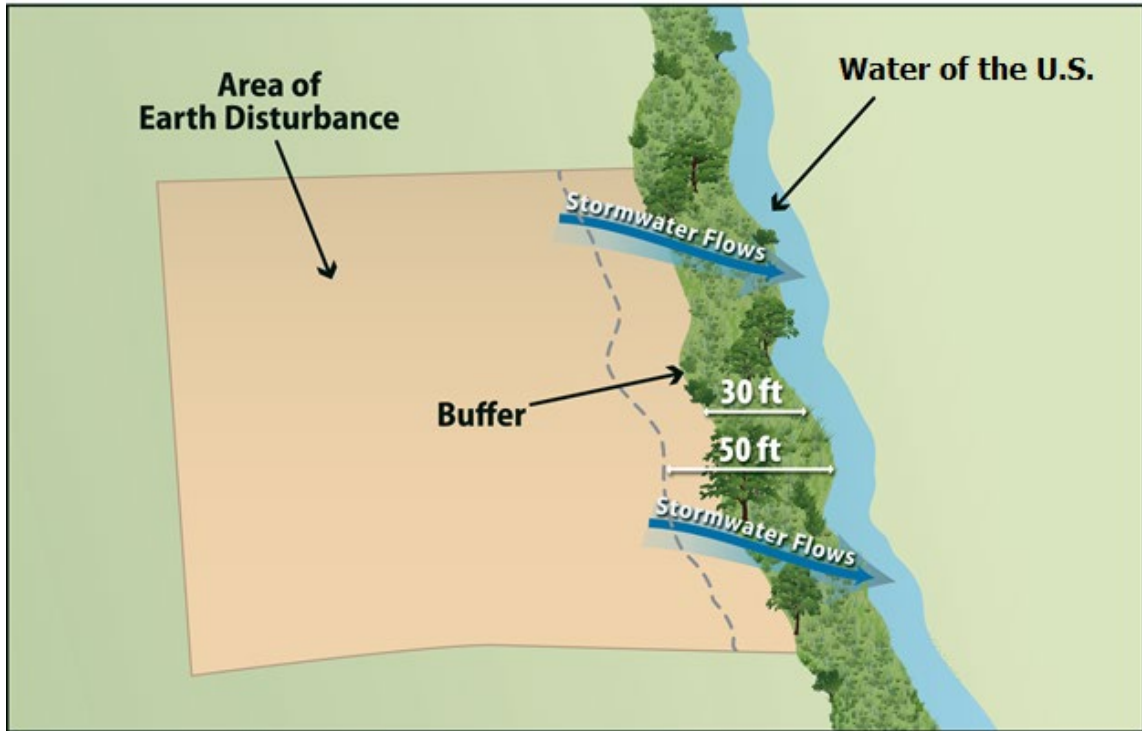


Figure F-1 Example of earth-disturbing activities within 50 feet of a water of the U.S.

F.2 COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES AND EXCEPTIONS

F.2.1 Compliance Alternatives

If Part 2.2.1 applies to your site, you have three compliance alternatives from which you can choose, unless you qualify for any of the exceptions (see below and Part 2.2.1.a):

1. Provide and maintain a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer; or
2. Provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer that is less than 50 feet and is supplemented by erosion and sediment controls that achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer; or
3. If infeasible to provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer of any size, implement erosion and sediment controls to achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer.

The compliance alternative selected must be maintained throughout the duration of permit coverage.

See Part F.2.2 below for exceptions to the compliance alternatives.

See Part F.2.3 for requirements applicable to providing and maintaining natural buffers under compliance alternatives 1 and 2 above.

See Part F.2.4 for requirements applicable to providing erosion and sediment controls that achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot undisturbed natural buffer under compliance alternatives 2 and 3 above.

F.2.2 Exceptions to the Compliance Alternatives

The following exceptions apply to the requirement to implement one of the Part 2.2.1.a compliance alternatives (see also Part 2.2.1.b):

- The following disturbances are exempt from the requirements Part 2.2.1 and this Appendix¹:
 - Construction approved under a CWA Section 404 permit; or
 - Construction of a water-dependent structure or water access areas (*e.g., pier, boat ramp, trail*).
- If there is no discharge of stormwater to waters of the U.S. through the area between the disturbed portions of the site and any waters of the U.S. located within 50 feet of your site, you are not required to comply with the requirements in Part 2.2.1 and this Appendix. This includes situations where you have implemented controls measures, such as a berm or other barrier, that will prevent such discharges.
- Where no natural buffer exists due to preexisting development disturbances (*e.g., structures, impervious surfaces*) that occurred prior to the initiation of planning for the current development of the site, you are not required to comply with the requirements in Part 2.2.1 and this Appendix.
Where some natural buffer exists but portions of the area within 50 feet of the receiving water are occupied by preexisting development disturbances, you are

¹ This exemption does not apply, however, to disturbances within 50 feet of a receiving water that are adjacent to the disturbances listed here (*i.e., construction permitted under CWA Section 404, or construction of a water-dependent structure or water access area*) and that are covered by this permit.

required to comply with the requirements in Part 2.2.1 and this Appendix. For the purposes of calculating the sediment load reduction for either compliance alternative 2 or 3, you are not expected to compensate for the reduction in buffer function that would have resulted from the area covered by these preexisting disturbances. Clarity about how to implement the compliance alternatives for these situations is provided in F.2.3 and F.2.4 below.

If during your project, you will disturb any portion of these preexisting disturbances, the area removed will be deducted from the area treated as a "natural buffer."

- For "linear construction sites" (see Appendix A), you are not required to comply with this requirement if site constraints (*e.g., limited right-of-way*) make it infeasible to implement one of the Part 2.2.1.a compliance alternatives, provided that, to the extent feasible, you limit disturbances within 50 feet of any waters of the U.S. and/or you provide supplemental erosion and sediment controls to treat stormwater discharges from earth disturbances within 50 feet of the receiving water. You must also document in your SWPPP your rationale for why it is infeasible for you to implement one of the Part 2.2.1.a compliance alternatives, and describe any buffer width retained and supplemental erosion and sediment controls installed.
- For "small residential lot" construction (*i.e., a lot being developed for residential purposes that will disturb less than 1 acre of land, but is part of a larger residential project that will ultimately disturb greater than or equal to 1 acre*), you have the option of complying with one of the "small residential lot" compliance alternatives in Part F.3 of this appendix.

Note that you must document in your SWPPP if any disturbances related to any of the above exceptions occurs within the buffer area on your site.

F.2.3 Requirements for Providing and Maintaining Natural Buffers

This part of the appendix applies to you if you choose compliance alternative 1 (50-foot buffer), compliance alternative 2 (a buffer of < 50 feet supplemented by additional erosion and sediment controls that achieve the equivalent sediment load reduction as the 50-foot buffer), or if you are providing a buffer in compliance with one of the "small residential lot" compliance alternatives in Part F.3.

Buffer Width Measurement

Where you are retaining a buffer of any size, the buffer should be measured perpendicularly from any of the following points, whichever is further landward from the water:

1. The ordinary high water mark of the water body, defined as the line on the shore established by fluctuations of water and indicated by physical characteristics such as a clear, natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, and/or the presence of litter and debris; or
2. The edge of the stream or river bank, bluff, or cliff, whichever is applicable.

Refer to Figures F – 2 and F - 3. You may find that specifically measuring these points is challenging if the flow path of the receiving water changes frequently, thereby causing the measurement line for the buffer to fluctuate continuously along the path of the waterbody. Where this is the case, EPA suggests that rather than measuring each change or deviation along the water's edge, it may be easier to select regular intervals

from which to conduct your measurement. For instance, you may elect to conduct your buffer measurement every 5 to 10 feet along the length of the water.

Additionally, note that if earth-disturbing activities will take place on both sides of a receiving water that flows through your site, to the extent that you are establishing a buffer around this water, it must be established on both sides. For example, if you choose compliance alternative 1, and your project calls for disturbances on both sides of a small stream, you would need to retain the full 50 feet of buffer on both sides of the water. However, if your construction activities will only occur on one side of the stream, you would only need to retain the 50-foot buffer on the side of the stream where the earth-disturbance will occur.

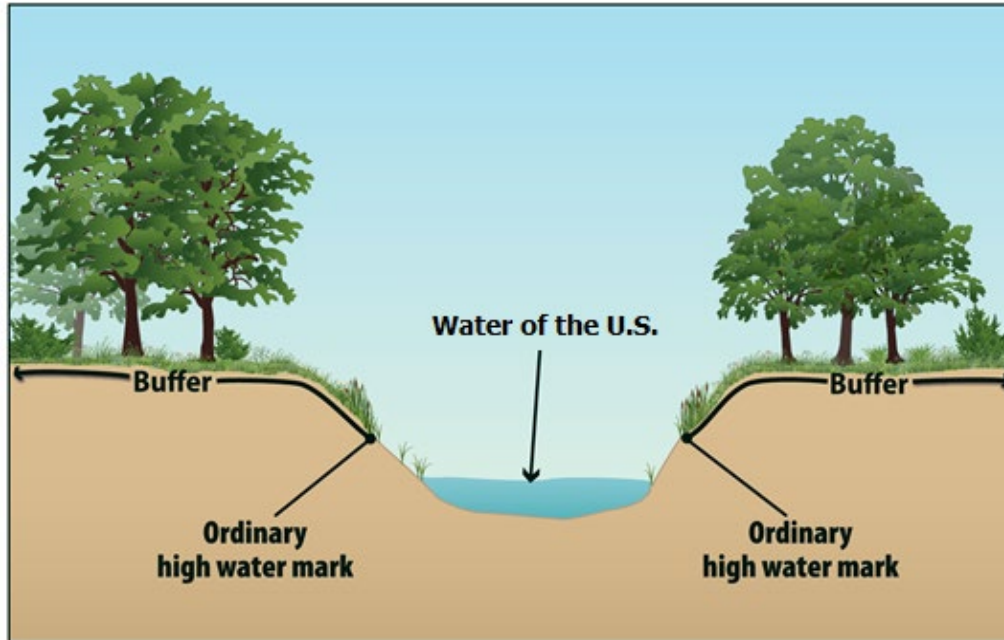


Figure F-2 Buffer measurement from the ordinary high water mark of the water body, as indicated by a clear natural line impressed on the bank, shelving, changes in the character of the soil, destruction of terrestrial vegetation, and/or the presence of litter/debris.

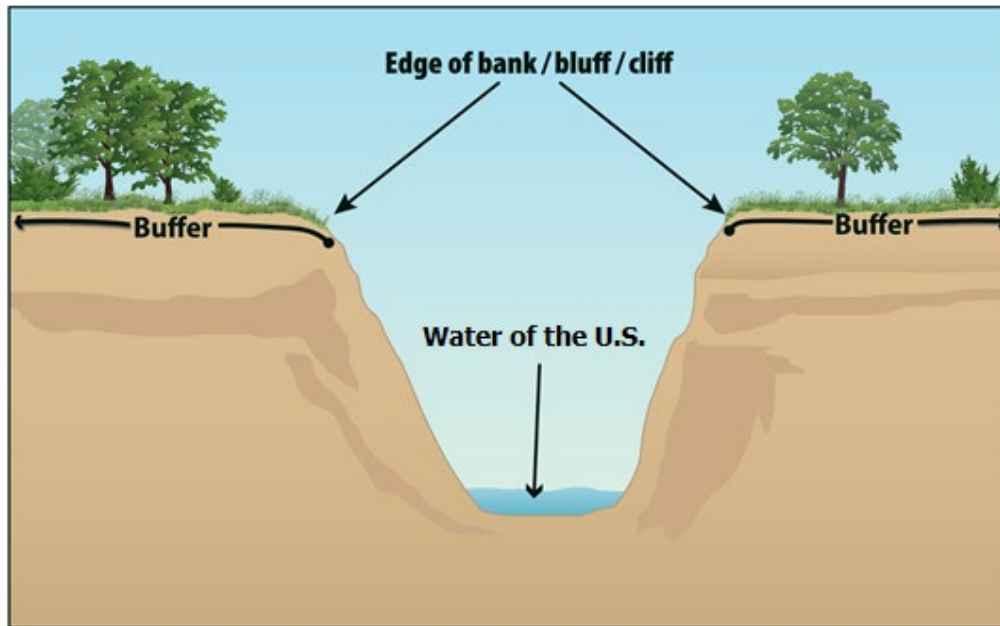


Figure F-3 Buffer measurement from the edge of the bank, bluff, or cliff, whichever is applicable.

Limits to Disturbance Within the Buffer

You are considered to be in compliance with the requirement to provide and maintain a natural buffer if you retain and protect from construction activities the natural buffer that existed prior to the commencement of construction. If the buffer area contains no vegetation prior to the commencement of construction (e.g., sand or rocky surface), you are not required to plant vegetation. As noted above, any preexisting structures or impervious surfaces may occur in the natural buffer provided you retain and protect from disturbance the buffer areas outside of the preexisting disturbance.

To ensure that the water quality protection benefits of the buffer are retained during construction, you are prohibited from conducting any earth-disturbing activities within the buffer during permit coverage. In furtherance of this requirement, **prior to commencing earth-disturbing activities on your site, you must delineate, and clearly mark off, with flags, tape, or a similar marking device, the buffer area on your site.** The purpose of this requirement is to make the buffer area clearly visible to the people working on your site so that unintended disturbances are avoided.

While you are not required to enhance the quality of the vegetation that already exists within the buffer, you are encouraged to do so where such improvements will enhance the water quality protection benefits of the buffer. (Note that any disturbances within the buffer related to buffer enhancement are permitted and do not constitute construction disturbances.) For instance, you may want to target plantings where limited vegetation exists, or replace existing vegetation where invasive or noxious plant species (see <http://plants.usda.gov/java/noxiousDriver>) have taken over. In the case of invasive or noxious species, you may want to remove and replace them with a diversity of native trees, shrubs, and herbaceous plants that are well-adapted to the climatic, soil, and hydrologic conditions on the site. You are also encouraged to limit the removal of naturally deposited leaf litter, woody debris, and other biomass, as this material contributes to the ability of the buffer to retain water and filter pollutants.

If a portion of the buffer area adjacent to the receiving water is owned by another party and is not under your control, you are only required to retain and protect from construction activities the portion of the buffer area that is under your control. For example, if you comply with compliance alternative 1 (provide and maintain a 50-foot buffer), but 10 feet of land immediately adjacent to the receiving water is owned by a different party than the land on which your construction activities are taking place and you do not have control over that land, you must only retain and protect from construction activities the 40-foot buffer area that occurs adjacent to the property on which your construction activities are taking place. EPA would consider you to be in compliance with this requirement regardless of the activities that are taking place in the 10-foot area that is owned by a different party than the land on which your construction activities are taking place that you have no control over.

Discharges to the Buffer

You must ensure that all discharges from the area of earth disturbance to the natural buffer are first treated by the site's erosion and sediment controls (for example, you must comply with the Part 2.2.3 requirement to install sediment controls along any perimeter areas of the site that will receive pollutant discharges), **and if necessary to prevent erosion caused by stormwater flows within the buffer, you must use velocity dissipation devices.** The purpose of this requirement is to decrease the rate of stormwater flow and encourage infiltration so that the pollutant filtering functions of the buffer will be achieved. To comply with this requirement, construction operators typically will use devices that physically dissipate stormwater flows so that the discharge entering the buffer is spread out and slowed down.

SWPPP Documentation

You are required to document in your SWPPP the natural buffer width that is retained. For example, if you are complying with alternative 1, you must specify in your SWPPP that you are providing a 50-foot buffer. Or, if you will be complying with alternative 2, you must document the reduced width of the buffer you will be retaining (and you must also describe the erosion and sediment controls you will use to achieve an equivalent sediment reduction, as required in Part F.2.4 below). Note that you must also show any buffers on your site map in your SWPPP consistent with Part 7.2.4.j. Additionally, if any disturbances related to the exceptions in Part F.2.2 occur within the buffer area, you must document this in the SWPPP.

F.2.4 Guidance for Providing the Equivalent Sediment Reduction as a 50-foot Buffer

This part of the appendix applies to you if you choose compliance alternative 2 (provide and maintain a buffer that is less than 50 feet that is supplemented by erosion and sediment controls that achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot buffer) or compliance alternative 3 (implement erosion and sediment controls to achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to a 50-foot buffer).

Determine Whether it is Feasible to Provide a Reduced Buffer

EPA recognizes that there will be a number of situations in which it will be infeasible to provide and maintain a buffer of any width. While some of these situations may exempt you from the buffer requirement entirely (see F.2.2), if you do not qualify for one of these exemptions, there still may be conditions or circumstances at your site that make it infeasible to provide a natural buffer. For example, there may be sites where a significant portion of the property on which the earth-disturbing activities will occur is located within the buffer area, thereby precluding the retention of natural buffer areas.

Therefore, you should choose compliance alternative 2 if it is feasible for you to retain some natural buffer on your site. (Note: For any buffer width retained, you are required to comply with the requirements in Part F.2.3, above, concerning the retention of vegetation and restricting earth disturbances.) Similarly, if you determine that it is infeasible to provide a natural buffer of any size during construction, you should choose alternative 3.

Design Controls That Provide Equivalent Sediment Reduction as 50-foot Buffer

You must next determine what additional controls must be implemented on your site that, alone or in combination with any retained natural buffer, achieve a reduction in sediment equivalent to that achieved by a 50-foot buffer.

Note that if only a portion of the natural buffer is less than 50 feet, you are only required to implement erosion and sediment controls that achieve the sediment load reduction equivalent to the 50-foot buffer for discharges through that area. You would not be required to provide additional treatment of stormwater discharges that flow through 50 feet or more of natural buffer. See Figure F-4.

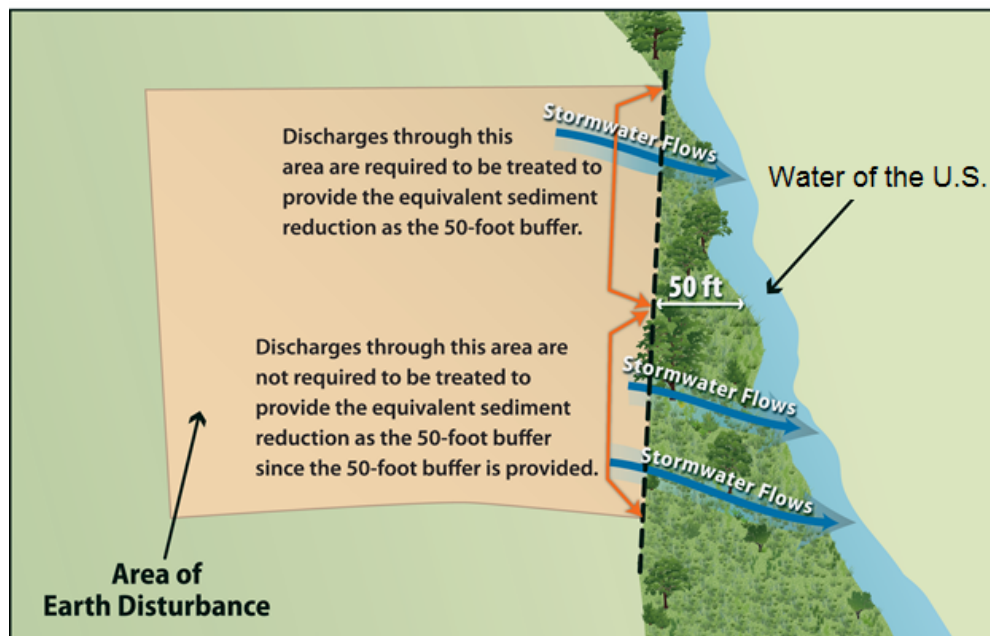


Figure F-4 Example of how to comply with the requirement to provide the equivalent sediment reduction when only a portion of your earth-disturbances discharge to a buffer of less than 50-feet.

Steps to help you meet compliance alternative 2 and 3 requirements are provided below.

Step 1 - Estimate the Sediment Reduction from the 50-foot Buffer

In order to design controls that match the sediment removal efficiency of a 50-foot buffer, you first need to know what this efficiency is for your site. The sediment removal efficiencies of natural buffers vary according to a number of site-specific factors, including precipitation, soil type, land cover, slope length, width, steepness, and the types of erosion and sediment controls used to reduce the discharge of sediment prior to the buffer. EPA has simplified this calculation by developing buffer performance tables covering a range of vegetation and soil types for the areas covered by the CGP. See

Attachment 1 of this Appendix, Tables F-8 through F-15. Note: buffer performance values in Tables F-8 through F-15 represent the percent of sediment captured through the use of perimeter controls (e.g., silt fences) and 50-foot buffers at disturbed sites of fixed proportions and slopes.²

Using Tables F-8 through F-15 (see Attachment 1 of this Appendix), you can determine the sediment removal efficiency of a 50-foot buffer for your geographic area by matching the vegetative cover type that best describes your buffer area and the type of soils that predominate at your site. For example, if your site is located in Massachusetts (Table F-9), and your buffer vegetation corresponds most closely with that of tall fescue grass, and the soil type at your site is best typified as sand, your site's sediment removal efficiency would be 81 percent.

In this step, you should choose the vegetation type in the tables that most closely matches the vegetation that would exist naturally in the buffer area on your site regardless of the condition of the buffer. However, because you are not required to plant any additional vegetation in the buffer area, in determining what controls are necessary to meet this sediment removal equivalency in Step 2 below, you will be able to take credit for this area as a fully vegetated "natural buffer."

Similarly, if a portion of the buffer area adjacent to the receiving water is owned by another party and is not under your control, you can treat the area of land not under your control as having the equivalent vegetative cover and soil type that predominates on the portion of the property on which your construction activities are occurring.

For example, if your earth-disturbances occur within 50 feet of a receiving water, but the 10 feet of land immediately adjacent to the receiving water is owned by a different party than the land on which your construction activities are taking place and you do not have control over that land, you can treat the 10 foot area adjacent to the stream as having the equivalent soil and vegetation type that predominates in

² EPA used the following when developing the buffer performance tables:

- The sediment removal efficiencies are based on the U.S. Department of Agriculture's RUSLE2 ("Revised Universal Soil Loss Equation 2") model for slope profiles using a 100-foot long denuded slopes.
- Sediment removal was defined as the annual sediment delivered at the downstream end of the 50-foot natural buffer (tons/yr/acre) divided by the annual yield from denuded area (tons/yr/acre).
- As perimeter controls are also required by the CGP, sediment removal is in part a function of the reduction due to a perimeter control (i.e., silt fence) located between the disturbed portion of the site and the upstream edge of the natural buffer and flow traveling through a 50-foot buffer of undisturbed natural vegetation.
- It was assumed that construction sites have a relatively uniform slope without topographic features that accelerate the concentration for erosive flows.
- It was assumed that vegetation has been removed from the disturbed portion of the site and a combination of cuts and fills have resulted in a smooth soil surface with limited retention of near-surface root mass.

To represent the influence of soil, EPA analyzed 11 general soil texture classifications in its evaluation of buffer performance. To represent different types of buffer vegetation, EPA evaluated 4 or more common vegetative types for each State/Territory covered under the permit. For each vegetation type evaluated, EPA considered only permanent, non-grazed, and non-harvested vegetation, on the assumption that a natural buffer adjacent to the receiving water will typically be undisturbed. EPA also evaluated slope steepness and found that sediment removal efficiencies present in Tables G-8 through G-15 are achievable for slopes that are less than nine percent.

the 40 foot area under your control. You would then make the same assumption in Step 2 for purposes of determining the equivalent sediment removal.

Alternatively, you may do your own calculation of the effectiveness of the 50-foot buffer based upon your site-specific conditions, and may use this number as your sediment removal equivalency standard to meet instead of using Tables F-8 through F-15. This calculation must be documented in your SWPPP.

Step 2 - Design Controls That Match the Sediment Removal Efficiency of the 50-foot Buffer

Once you determine the estimated sediment removal efficiency of a 50-foot buffer for your site in Step 1, you must next select stormwater controls that will provide an equivalent sediment load reduction. These controls can include the installation of a single control, such as a sediment pond or additional perimeter controls, or a combination of stormwater controls. Whichever control(s) you select, you must demonstrate in your SWPPP that the controls will provide at a minimum the same sediment removal capabilities as a 50-foot natural buffer (Step 1). You may take credit for the removal efficiencies of your required perimeter controls in your calculation of equivalency, because these were included in calculating the buffer removal efficiencies in Tables F-8 through F-15. (Note: You are reminded that the controls must be kept in effective operating condition until you complete final stabilization on the disturbed portions of the site discharging to the receiving water)

To make the determination that your controls and/or buffer area achieve an equivalent sediment load reduction as a 50-foot buffer, you should use a model or other type of calculation. As mentioned above, there are a variety of models available that can be used to support your calculation, including USDA's RUSLE-series programs and the WEPP erosion model, SEDCAD, SEDIMOT, or other models. A couple of examples are provided in Attachment 3 to help illustrate how this determination could be made.

If you retain a buffer of less than 50 feet, you may take credit for the removal that will occur from the reduced buffer and only need to provide additional controls to make up the difference between the removal efficiency of a 50 foot buffer and the removal efficiency of the narrower buffer. For example, if you retain a 30 foot buffer, you can account for the sediment removal provided by the 30 foot buffer retained, and you will only need to design controls to make up for the additional removal provided by the 20 feet of buffer that is not being provided. To do this, you would plug the width of the buffer that is retained into RUSLE or another model, along with other stormwater controls that will together achieve a sediment reduction equivalent to a natural 50-foot buffer.

As described in Step 1 above, you can take credit for the area you retained as a "natural buffer" as being fully vegetated, regardless of the condition of the buffer area.

For example, if your earth-disturbances occur 30 feet from a receiving water, but the 10 feet of land immediately adjacent to the receiving water is owned by a different party than the land on which your construction activities are taking place and you do not have control over that land, you can treat the 10-foot area as a natural buffer, regardless of the activities that are taking place in the area. Therefore, you can assume (for purposes of your equivalency calculation) that your site is providing the sediment removal equivalent of a 30-foot buffer, and you will only need to design controls to make up for the additional removal provided by the 20-foot of buffer that is not being provided.

Step 3 - Document How Site-Specific Controls Will Achieve the Sediment Removal Efficiency of the 50-foot Buffer

In Steps 1 and 2, you determined both the expected sediment removal efficiency of a 50-foot buffer at your site, and you used this number as a performance standard to design controls to be installed at your site, which alone or in combination with any retained natural buffer, achieves the expected sediment removal efficiency of a 50-foot buffer at your site. The final step is to document in your SWPPP the information you relied on to calculate the equivalent sediment reduction as an undisturbed natural buffer.

EPA will consider your documentation to be sufficient if it generally meets the following:

- For Step 1, refer to the table in Attachment 1 that you used to derive your estimated 50-foot buffer sediment removal efficiency performance. Include information about the buffer vegetation and soil type that predominate at your site, which you used to select the sediment load reduction value in Tables F-8 through F-15. Or, if you conducted a site-specific calculation for sediment removal efficiency, provide the specific removal efficiency, and the information you relied on to make your site-specific calculation.
- For Step 2, (1) Specify the model you used to estimate sediment load reductions from your site; and (2) the results of calculations showing how your controls will meet or exceed the sediment removal efficiency from Step 1.

If you choose compliance alternative 3, you must also include in your SWPPP a description of why it is infeasible for you to provide and maintain an undisturbed natural buffer of any size.

F.3 SMALL RESIDENTIAL LOT COMPLIANCE ALTERNATIVES

EPA has developed two additional compliance alternatives applicable only to “small residential lots” that are unable to provide and maintain a 50 foot buffer.

A **small residential lot** is a lot or grouping of lots being developed for residential purposes that will disturb less than 1 acre of land, but that is part of a larger residential project that will ultimately disturb greater than or equal to 1 acre.

The following steps describe how a small residential lot operator would achieve compliance with one these 2 alternatives.

F.3.1 Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternative Eligibility

In order to be eligible for the small residential lot compliance alternatives, the following conditions must be met:

- a. The lot or grouping of lots meets the definition of “small residential lot”; and
- b. The operator must follow the guidance for providing and maintaining a natural buffer in Part F.2.3 of this Appendix, including:
 - i. Ensure that all discharges from the area of earth disturbance to the natural buffer are first treated by the site’s erosion and sediment controls, and use velocity dissipation devices if necessary to prevent erosion caused by stormwater within the buffer;
 - ii. Document in the SWPPP the natural buffer width retained on the property, and show the buffer boundary on your site plan; and
 - iii. Delineate, and clearly mark off, with flags, tape, or other similar marking device, all natural buffer areas.

F.3.2 Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternatives

You must next choose from one of two small residential lot compliance alternatives and implement the stormwater control practices associated with that alternative.

Note: The compliance alternatives provided below are not mandatory. Operators of small residential lots can alternatively choose to comply with the any of the options that are available to other sites in Part 2.2.1.a and F.2.1 of this Appendix.

Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternative 1

Alternative 1 is a straightforward tiered-technology approach that specifies the controls that a small residential lot must implement based on the buffer width retained. To meet the requirements of small residential lot compliance alternative 1, you must implement the controls specified in Table F–1 based on the buffer width to be retained. See footnote 3, below, for a description of the controls you must implement.

For example, if you are an operator of a small residential lot that will be retaining a 35-foot buffer and you choose Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternative 1, you must implement double perimeter controls between earth disturbances and the receiving water

In addition to implementing the applicable control, you must also document in your SWPPP how you will comply with small residential lot compliance alternative 1.

Table F-1 Alternative 1 Requirements³

Retain 50-foot Buffer	Retain <50 and >30 foot Buffer	Retain ≤ 30 foot Buffer
No Additional Requirements	Double Perimeter Controls	Double Perimeter Controls and 7-Day Site Stabilization

Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternative 2

Alternative 2 specifies the controls that a builder of a small residential lot must implement based on both the buffer width retained and the site's sediment discharge risk. By incorporating the sediment risk, this approach may result in the implementation of controls that are more appropriate for the site's specific conditions.

Step 1 – Determine Your Site's Sediment Risk Level

To meet the requirements of Alternative 2, you must first determine your site's sediment discharge "risk level" based on the site's slope, location, and soil type. To help you to determine your site's sediment risk level, EPA developed five different tables for different slope conditions. You should select the table that most closely corresponds to your site's average slope.

For example, if your site's average slope is 7 percent, you should use Table G-4 to determine your site's sediment risk.

After you determine which table applies to your site, you must then use the table to determine the "risk level" (e.g., "low", "moderate", or "high") that corresponds to your site's location and predominant soil type.⁴

For example, based on Table F-3, a site located in New Hampshire with a 4 percent average slope and with predominately sandy clay loam soils would fall into the "moderate" risk level.

³ Description of Additional Controls Applicable to Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternatives 1 and 2:

- **No Additional Requirements:** If you implement a buffer of 50 feet or greater, then you are not subject to any additional requirements. Note that you are required to install perimeter controls between the disturbed portions of your site and the buffer in accordance with Part 2.2.3.
- **Double Perimeter Control:** In addition to the reduced buffer width retained on your site, you must provide a double row of perimeter controls between the disturbed portion of your site and the receiving water spaced a minimum of 5 feet apart.
- **Double Perimeter Control and 7-Day Site Stabilization:** In addition to the reduced buffer width retained on your site and the perimeter control implemented in accordance with Part 2.2.3, you must provide a double row of perimeter controls between the disturbed portion of your site and the receiving water spaced a minimum of 5 feet apart, and you are required to complete the stabilization activities specified in Parts 2.2.14 within 7 calendar days of the temporary or permanent cessation of earth-disturbing activities.

⁴ One source for determining your site's predominant soil type is the USDA's Web Soil Survey located at <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>.

Table F-2 Risk Levels for Sites with Average Slopes of ≤ 3 Percent

Soil Type Location					
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
CNMI / Guam	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Puerto Rico	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Virgin Islands	Low	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate
American Samoa	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Massachusetts and New Hampshire	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate
Idaho	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
New Mexico	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Washington D.C.	Low	Moderate	Low	Low	Moderate

Table F-3 Risk Levels for Sites with Average Slopes of > 3 Percent and ≤ 6 Percent

Soil Type Location					
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
CNMI / Guam	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Puerto Rico	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Virgin Islands	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
American Samoa	High	High	Moderate	High	High
Massachusetts and New Hampshire	Moderate	Moderate	Low	Moderate	High
Idaho	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
New Mexico	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
Washington D.C.	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High

Table F-4 Risk Levels for Sites with Average Slopes of > 6 Percent and ≤ 9 Percent

Soil Type Location					
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
CNMI / Guam	Moderate	High	Moderate	High	High
Puerto Rico	Moderate	High	Moderate	Moderate	High
Virgin Islands	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
American Samoa	High	High	High	High	High
Massachusetts and New Hampshire	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Idaho	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
New Mexico	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
Washington D.C.	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High

Table F-5 Risk Levels for Sites with Average Slopes of > 9 Percent and ≤ 15 Percent

Soil Type Location					
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
CNMI / Guam	High	High	High	High	High
Puerto Rico	High	High	High	High	High
Virgin Islands	Moderate	High	Moderate	High	High
American Samoa	High	High	High	High	High
Massachusetts and New Hampshire	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Idaho	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
New Mexico	Low	Moderate	Low	Moderate	Moderate
Washington D.C.	Moderate	High	Moderate	Moderate	High

Table F-6 Risk Levels for Sites with Average Slopes of > 15 Percent

Soil Type Location					
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay- Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
CNMI / Guam	High	High	High	High	High
Puerto Rico	High	High	High	High	High
Virgin Islands	High	High	High	High	High
American Samoa	High	High	High	High	High
Massachusetts and New Hampshire	High	High	Moderate	High	High
Idaho	Low	Low	Low	Low	Moderate
New Mexico	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	Moderate	High
Washington D.C.	High	High	Moderate	High	High

Step 2 – Determine Which Additional Controls Apply

Once you determine your site's "risk level", you must next determine the additional controls you need to implement on your site, based on the width of buffer you plan to retain. Table F-7 specifies the requirements that apply based on the "risk level" and buffer width retained. See footnote 3, above, for a description of the additional controls that are required.

For example, if you are the operator of a small residential lot that falls into the "moderate" risk level, and you decide to retain a 20-foot buffer, using Table F-7 you would determine that you need to implement double perimeter controls to achieve compliance with small residential lot compliance alternative 2.

You must also document in your SWPPP your compliance with small residential lot compliance alternative 2.

Table F-7. Alternative 2 Requirements²

Risk Level Based on Estimated Soil Erosion	Retain ≥ 50' Buffer	Retain <50' and >30' Buffer	Retain ≤30' and >10' Buffer	Retain ≤ 10' Buffer
Low Risk	No Additional Requirements	No Additional Requirements	Double Perimeter Control	Double Perimeter Control
Moderate Risk	No Additional Requirements	Double Perimeter Control	Double Perimeter Control	Double Perimeter Control and 7-Day Site Stabilization
High Risk	No Additional Requirements	Double Perimeter Control	Double Perimeter Control and 7-Day Site Stabilization	Double Perimeter Control and 7-Day Site Stabilization

ATTACHMENT 1

Sediment Removal Efficiency Tables⁵

EPA recognizes that very high removal efficiencies, even where theoretically achievable by a 50-foot buffer, may be very difficult to achieve in practice using alternative controls. Therefore in the tables below, EPA has limited the removal efficiencies to a maximum of 90%. Efficiencies that were calculated at greater than 90% are shown as 90%, and this is the minimum percent removal that must be achieved by alternative controls.

Table F-8 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in Idaho*

Type of Buffer Vegetation**	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Tall Fescue Grass	42	52	44	48	85
Medium-density Weeds	28	30	28	26	60
Low-density Warm-season Native Bunchgrass (i.e., Grama Grass)	25	26	24	24	55
Northern Mixed Prairie Grass	28	30	28	26	50
Northern Range Cold Desert Shrubs	28	28	24	26	50

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

Table F-9 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in Massachusetts and New Hampshire*

Type of Buffer Vegetation**	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Warm-season Grass (i.e., Switchgrass, Lemongrass)	79	90	90	90	90
Cool-season Dense Grass (Kentucky Bluegrass, Smooth Bromegrass, Timothy)	78	90	90	90	90
Tall Fescue Grass	76	90	81	89	90
Medium-density Weeds	66	76	60	72	66

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

⁵ The buffer performances were calculated based on a denuded slope upgradient of a 50-foot buffer and a perimeter controls, as perimeter controls are a standard requirement (see Part 2.2.3).

Table F-10 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in New Mexico*

Type of Buffer Vegetation **	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Tall Fescue grass	71	85	80	86	90
Medium-density Weeds	56	73	55	66	78
Low-density Warm-season Native Bunchgrass (i.e., Grama Grass)	53	70	51	62	67
Southern Mixed Prairie Grass	53	71	52	63	50
Southern Range Cold Desert Shrubs	56	73	55	65	53

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

Table F-11 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in Washington, DC*

Type of Buffer Vegetation **	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Warm-season Grass (i.e., Switchgrass, Lemongrass)	82	90	90	90	90
Cool-season Dense Grass (Kentucky Bluegrass, Smooth Bromegrass, Timothy)	81	90	90	90	90
Tall Fescue Grass	79	90	83	89	90
Medium-density Weeds	71	79	66	75	74

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

Table F-12 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in American Samoa*

Type of Buffer Vegetation **	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Bahiagrass (Permanent cover)	82	90	90	90	83
Warm-season Grass (i.e., Switchgrass, Lemongrass)	82	90	90	90	85
Dense Grass	82	90	90	90	83
Tall Fescue Grass	82	89	82	89	79
Medium-density Weeds	70	73	62	75	59

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

Table F-13 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in CNMI and Guam*

Type of Buffer Vegetation **	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Bahiagrass (Permanent cover)	80	90	90	90	89
Warm-season Grass (i.e., Switchgrass, Lemongrass)	80	90	90	90	90
Dense Grass	79	90	90	90	89
Tall Fescue Grass	76	90	80	88	87
Medium-density Weeds	63	73	53	68	61

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

Table F-14 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in Puerto Rico*

Type of Buffer Vegetation**	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Bahiagrass (Permanent cover)	83	90	90	90	90
Warm-season Grass (i.e., Switchgrass, Lemongrass)	83	90	90	90	90
Dense Grass	83	90	90	90	90
Tall Fescue Grass	82	90	84	90	89
Medium-density Weeds	72	78	65	76	64

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

Table F-15 Estimated 50-foot Buffer Performance in Virgin Islands*

Type of Buffer Vegetation**	Estimated % Sediment Removal				
	Clay	Silty Clay Loam or Clay-Loam	Sand	Sandy Clay Loam, Loamy Sand or Silty Clay	Loam, Silt, Sandy Loam or Silt Loam
Bahiagrass (Permanent cover)	85	90	90	90	90
Warm-season Grass (i.e., Switchgrass, Lemongrass)	86	90	90	90	90
Dense Grass	85	90	90	90	90
Tall Fescue Grass	85	90	88	90	89
Medium-density Weeds	75	77	71	78	63

* Applicable for sites with less than nine percent slope

** Characterization focuses on the under-story vegetation

ATTACHMENT 2Using the Sediment Removal Efficiency Tables – Questions and Answers

- *What if my specific buffer vegetation is not represented in Tables F-8 through F-15?* Tables F-8 through F-15 provide a wide range of factors affecting buffer performance; however, there are likely instances where the specific buffer vegetation type on your site is not listed. If you do not see a description of the type of vegetation present at your site, you should choose the vegetation type that most closely matches the vegetation type on your site. You can contact your local Cooperative Extension Service Office (<http://nifa.usda.gov/partners-and-extension-map>) for assistance in determining the vegetation type in Tables F-8 through F-15 that most closely matches your site-specific vegetation.
- *What if there is high variability in local soils?* EPA recognizes that there may be a number of different soil type(s) on any given construction site. General soil information can be obtained from USDA soil survey reports (<http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov>) or from individual site assessments performed by a certified soil expert. Tables F-8 through F-15 present eleven generic soil texture classes, grouping individual textures where EPA has determined that performance is similar. If your site contains different soil texture classes, you should use the soil type that best approximates the predominant soil type at your site.
- *What if my site slope is greater than 9 percent after final grade is reached?* As indicated in the buffer performance tables, the estimated sediment removal efficiencies are associated with disturbed slopes of up to 9 percent grade. Where your graded site has an average slope of greater than 9 percent, you should calculate a site-specific buffer performance.
- *How do I calculate my own estimates for sediment reduction at my specific site?* If you determine that it is necessary to calculate your own sediment removal efficiency using site-specific conditions (e.g., slopes at your site are greater than 9 percent), you can use a range of available models that are available to facilitate this calculation, including USDA's RUSLE-series programs and the WEPP erosion model, SEDCAD, SEDIMOT, or other equivalent models.
- *What is my estimated buffer performance if my site location is not represented by Tables F-8 through F-15?* If your site is located in an area not represented by Tables F-8 through F-15, you should use the table that most closely approximates conditions at your site. You may instead choose to conduct a site-specific calculation of the buffer performance.
- *What if only a portion of my site drains to the buffer area?* If only a portion of your site drains to a receiving water, where that water is within 50 feet of your earth disturbances, you are only required to meet the equivalency requirement for the stormwater flows corresponding to those portions of the site. See Example 2 below for an example of how this is expected to work.

ATTACHMENT 3Examples of How to Use the Sediment Removal Efficiency Tables*Example 1. Comparatively Wet Location (7.5 acre site located in Massachusetts)*

The operator of a 7.5-acre construction site in Massachusetts has determined that it is infeasible to establish a buffer of any size on the site, and is now required to select and install controls that will achieve an equivalent sediment load reduction as that estimated in F-9 for their site conditions. The first step is to identify what percentage of eroded sediment is estimated to be retained from a 50-foot buffer. For this example, it is assumed that the site has a relatively uniform gentle slope (3 percent), so Table F-9 can be used to estimate the 50-foot buffer sediment load reduction. If the site's buffer vegetation is best typified by cool-season dense grass and the underlying soil is of a type best described as loamy sand, the 50-foot buffer is projected to capture 90 percent of eroded sediment from the construction site.

The second step is to determine what sediment controls can be selected and installed in combination with the perimeter controls already required to be implemented at the site (see Part 2.2.3), which will achieve the 90 percent sediment removal efficiency from Table F-9. For this example, using the RUSLE2 profile model, it was determined that installing a pair of shallow-sloped diversion ditches to convey runoff to a well-designed and maintained sediment basin provides 99 percent sediment removal. Because the estimated sediment reduction is greater than the required 90 percent that a 50-foot buffer provides, the operator will have met the buffer requirements. See Figure F-5. The operator could also choose a different set of controls, as long as they achieve at least a 90 percent sediment removal efficiency.

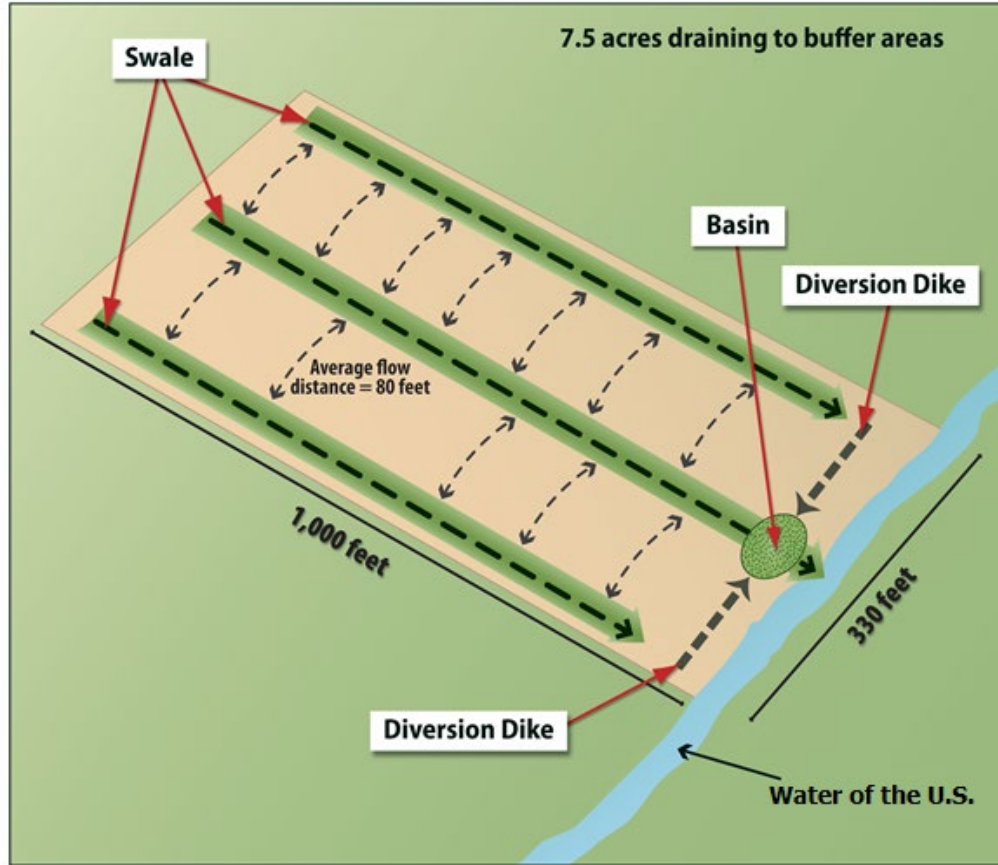


Figure F-5 Example 1 – Equivalent Sediment Load Reductions at a 7.5 ac Site in MA.

Example 2. Arid Location With Pre-existing Disturbances in the Natural Buffer (6.5 acre site located in New Mexico)

An operator of a site in New Mexico determines that it is not feasible to provide a 50-foot buffer, but a 28-foot buffer can be provided. Because the operator will provide a buffer that is less than 50 feet, the operator must determine which controls, in combination with the 28-foot buffer, achieve a sediment load reduction equivalent to the 50-foot buffer. In this example, the project will disturb 6.5 acres of land, but only 1.5 acres of the total disturbed area drains to the buffer area. Within the 28-foot buffer area is a preexisting concrete walkway. Similar to Example 1, the equivalence analysis starts with Step 1 in Part F.2.4 of this Appendix with a review of the New Mexico buffer performance (Table F-10). The operator determines that the predominate vegetation type in the buffer area is prairie grass, the soil type is similar to silt, and the site is of a uniform, shallow slope (e.g., 3 percent grade). Although the operator will take credit for the disturbance caused by the concrete walkway as a natural buffer in Step 2, here the operator can treat the entire buffer area as being naturally vegetated with prairie grass. Based on this information, the operator refers to Table F-10 to estimate that the 50-foot buffer would retain 50 percent of eroded soil.

The second step is to determine, based on the 50 percent sediment removal efficiency found in Table F-10, what sediment controls, in combination with the 28-foot buffer area, can be implemented to reduce sediment loads by 50 percent or more. The operator does not have to account the reduction in buffer function caused by the preexisting walkway, and can take credit for the entire 28-foot buffer being fully vegetated in the analysis. For this example, using the RUSLE2 profile model, the operator determined that installing a fiber roll barrier between the

silt fence (already required by Part 2.2.3) and the 28-foot buffer will achieve an estimated 84 percent sediment removal efficiency. See Figure F-6. Note that this operator is subject to the requirement in Part F.2.3 of this Appendix to ensure that discharges through the silt fence, fiber roll barrier, and 28-foot buffer do not cause erosion within the buffer. The estimated sediment reduction is greater than the required 50 percent; therefore the operator will have met the buffer alternative requirement.

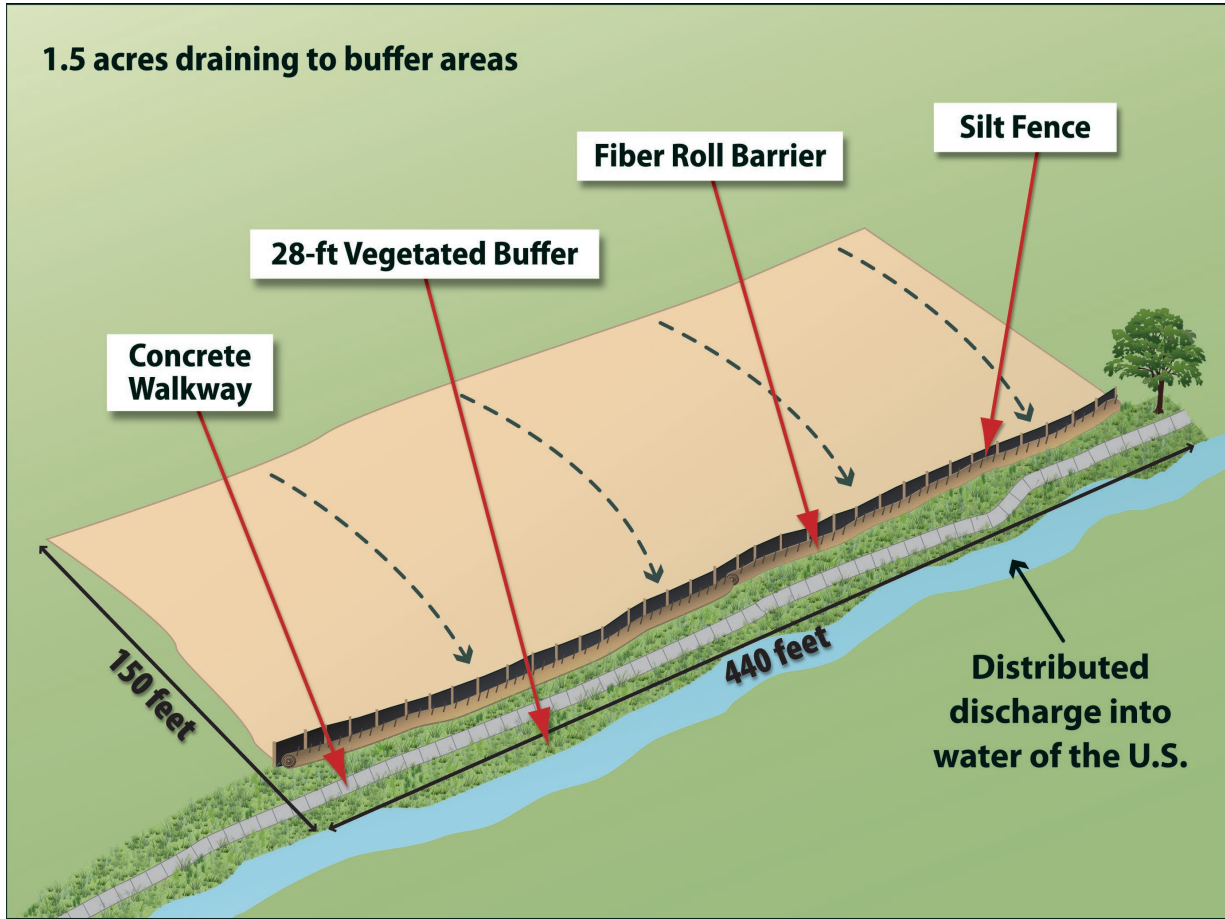


Figure F-6 Example 2 – Equivalent Sediment Load Reductions at a 6.5 ac Site in NM.

Appendix G - Standard Permit Conditions

Standard permit conditions in Appendix G are consistent with the general permit provisions required under 40 CFR 122.41.

G.1 Duty To Comply.

You must comply with all conditions of this permit. Any permit noncompliance constitutes a violation of the Clean Water Act and is grounds for enforcement action; for permit termination, revocation and reissuance, or modification; or for denial of a permit renewal application.

G.1.1 You must comply with effluent standards or prohibitions established under section 307(a) of the Clean Water Act for toxic pollutants within the time provided in the regulations that establish these standards, even if the permit has not yet been modified to incorporate the requirement.

G.1.2 Penalties for Violations of Permit Conditions: EPA and other federal agencies are required to adjust their maximum and minimum statutory civil penalty amounts through rulemaking by January 15 each year to account for inflation. EPA's annual rulemaking adjustments, codified in 40 C.F.R. § 19.4, are mandated by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended through the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note). As such, the civil penalty amounts below may change in the future due to inflation. See 40 C.F.R. § 19.4 for the most up-to-date civil penalty amounts.

G.1.2.1 Criminal Penalties.

- a. *Negligent Violations.* The CWA provides that any person who negligently violates permit conditions implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act is subject to criminal penalties of not less than \$2,500 nor more than \$25,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than one year, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a negligent violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$50,000 per day of violation or by imprisonment of not more than two years, or both.
- b. *Knowing Violations.* The CWA provides that any person who knowingly violates permit conditions implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act is subject to a fine of not less than \$5,000 nor more than \$50,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 3 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing violation, a person shall be subject to criminal penalties of not more than \$100,000 per day of violation, or imprisonment of not more than 6 years, or both.
- c. *Knowing Endangerment.* The CWA provides that any person who knowingly violates permit conditions implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act and who knows at that time that he or she is placing another person in imminent danger of death or serious bodily injury shall upon conviction be subject to a fine of not more than \$250,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 15 years, or both. In the case of a second or subsequent conviction for a knowing endangerment violation, a person shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$500,000 or by imprisonment of not more than 30 years, or both. An organization, as defined in section 309(c)(3)(B)(iii) of the Act, shall, upon conviction of violating the imminent danger provision be subject to a fine of not more than \$1,000,000 and can be fined up to \$2,000,000 for second or subsequent convictions.

- d. *False Statement.* The CWA provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both. The Act further provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or noncompliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation, or by both.

G.1.2.2 *Civil Penalties.* The CWA provides that any person who violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act is subject to a civil penalty not to exceed the maximum amount authorized by Section 309(d) of the Act, as adjusted pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note), and codified at 40 CFR § 19.4.

G.1.2.3 *Administrative Penalties.* The CWA provides that any person who violates a permit condition implementing Sections 301, 302, 306, 307, 308, 318, or 405 of the Act is subject to an administrative penalty, as follows:

- a. *Class I Penalty.* Not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(g)(2)(A) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note), and codified at 40 CFR § 19.4.
- b. *Class II Penalty.* Not to exceed the maximum amounts authorized by Section 309(g)(2)(B) of the Act and the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990, as amended by the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act Improvements Act of 2015 (28 U.S.C. § 2461 note), and codified at 40 CFR § 19.4.

G.2 Duty to Reapply.

If you wish to continue an activity regulated by this permit after the expiration date of this permit, you must apply for and obtain authorization as required by the new permit once EPA issues it.

G.3 Need to Halt or Reduce Activity Not a Defense.

It shall not be a defense for you in an enforcement action that it would have been necessary to halt or reduce the permitted activity in order to maintain compliance with the conditions of this permit.

G.4 Duty to Mitigate.

You must take all reasonable steps to minimize or prevent any discharge in violation of this permit which has a reasonable likelihood of adversely affecting human health or the environment.

G.5 Proper Operation and Maintenance.

You must at all times properly operate and maintain all facilities and systems of treatment and control (and related appurtenances) that are installed or used by you to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit. Proper operation and maintenance also includes adequate laboratory controls and appropriate quality assurance procedures. This provision requires the

operation of backup or auxiliary facilities or similar systems which are installed by you only when the operation is necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of this permit.

G.6 Permit Actions.

This permit may be modified, revoked and reissued, or terminated for cause. Your filing of a request for a permit modification, revocation and reissuance, or termination, or a notification of planned changes or anticipated noncompliance does not stay any permit condition.

G.7 Property Rights.

This permit does not convey any property rights of any sort, or any exclusive privileges.

G.8 Duty to Provide Information.

You must furnish to EPA or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of EPA), within a reasonable time, any information that EPA may request to determine whether cause exists for modifying, revoking and reissuing, or terminating this permit or to determine compliance with this permit. You must also furnish to EPA or an authorized representative upon request, copies of records required to be kept by this permit.

G.9 Inspection and Entry.

You must allow EPA or an authorized representative (including an authorized contractor acting as a representative of EPA), upon presentation of credentials and other documents as may be required by law, to:

- G.9.1** Enter upon your premises where a regulated facility or activity is located or conducted, or where records must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- G.9.2** Have access to and copy, at reasonable times, any records that must be kept under the conditions of this permit;
- G.9.3** Inspect at reasonable times any facilities, equipment (including monitoring and control equipment), practices, or operations regulated or required under this permit; and
- G.9.4** Sample or monitor at reasonable times, for the purposes of assuring permit compliance or as otherwise authorized by the Clean Water Act, any substances or parameters at any location.

G.10 Monitoring and Records.

- G.10.1** Samples and measurements taken for the purpose of monitoring must be representative of the volume and nature of the monitored activity.
- G.10.2** You must retain records of all monitoring information, including all calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation, copies of all reports required by this permit, and records of all data used to complete the application for this permit, for a period of at least three years from the date the permit expires or the date the permittee's authorization is terminated. This period may be extended by request of EPA at any time.
- G.10.3** Records of monitoring information must include:
 - G.10.3.1 The date, exact place, and time of sampling or measurements;
 - G.10.3.2 The individual(s) who performed the sampling or measurements;
 - G.10.3.3 The date(s) analyses were performed

G.10.3.4 The individual(s) who performed the analyses;

G.10.3.5 The analytical techniques or methods used; and

G.10.3.6 The results of such analyses.

G.10.4 Monitoring must be conducted according to test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136, unless other test procedures have been specified in the permit.

G.10.5 The Clean Water Act provides that any person who falsifies, tampers with, or knowingly renders inaccurate any monitoring device or method required to be maintained under this permit shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000, or by imprisonment for not more than 2 years, or both. If a conviction of a person is for a violation committed after a first conviction of such person under this paragraph, punishment is a fine of not more than \$20,000 per day of violation, or by imprisonment of not more than 4 years, or both.

G.11 Signatory Requirements.

G.11.1 All applications, including NOIs and NOTs, must be signed as follows:

G.11.1.1 For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this subsection, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

G.11.1.2 For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

G.11.1.3 For a municipality, state, federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this subsection, a principal executive officer of a federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA).

G.11.2 Your SWPPP (including changes to your SWPPP inspection reports), corrective action log, turbidity monitoring report, site inspection and dewatering inspection reports, and any other compliance documentation required under this permit, must be signed by a person described in Appendix G, Subsection G.11.1 above or by a duly authorized representative of that person. A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

G.11.2.1 The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Appendix G, Subsection G.11.1;

G.11.2.2 The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental

matters for the company. (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and

G.11.2.3 The signed and dated written authorization is included in the SWPPP. A copy must be submitted to EPA, if requested.

G.11.3 Changes to Authorization. If an authorization under this permit is no longer accurate because a different operator has responsibility for the overall operation of the construction site, a new NOI must be submitted to EPA. See Table 1 in Part 1.4.3 of the permit. However, if the only change that is occurring is a change in contact information or a change in the facility's address, the operator need only make a modification to the existing NOI submitted for authorization.

G.11.4 Any person signing documents in accordance with Appendix G, Subsections G.11.1 or G.11.2 above must include the following certification:

"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 gathered and evaluated the information contained therein. Based on my inquiry of the person or persons who manage the system, or those persons directly responsible for gathering the information, the information contained is, to the best of my knowledge and belief, true, accurate, and complete. I have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than 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."

G.11.5 For persons signing NOIs electronically, in addition to meeting other applicable requirements in Appendix G, Subsection G.11, such signatures must meet the same signature, authentication, and identity-proofing standards set forth at 40 CFR § 3.2000(b) for electronic reports (including robust second-factor authentication).

G.11.6 The CWA provides that any person who knowingly makes any false statement, representation, or certification in any record or other document submitted or required to be maintained under this permit, including monitoring reports or reports of compliance or non-compliance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not more than \$10,000 per violation, or by imprisonment for not more than 6 months per violation, or by both.

G.12 Reporting Requirements.

G.12.1 Planned changes. You must give notice to EPA as soon as possible of any planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility. Notice is required only when:

G.12.1.1 The alteration or addition to a permitted facility may meet one of the criteria for determining whether a facility is a new source in 40 CFR 122.29(b); or

G.12.1.2 The alteration or addition could significantly change the nature or increase the quantity of pollutants discharged. This notification applies to pollutants which are subject neither to effluent limitations in the permit, nor to notification requirements under 40 CFR 122.42(a)(1).

G.12.2 Anticipated noncompliance. You must give advance notice to EPA of any planned changes in the permitted facility or activity which may result in noncompliance with permit requirements.

G.12.3 Transfers. This permit is not transferable to any person except after notice to EPA. Where a facility wants to change the name of the permittee, the original permittee (the first owner or operators) must submit a Notice of Termination pursuant to Part 8. The new

owner or operator must submit a Notice of Intent in accordance with Part 1.4 and Table 1. See also requirements in Appendix G, Subsections G.11.1 and G.11.2.

G.12.4 Monitoring reports. Monitoring results must be reported at the intervals specified elsewhere in this permit.

G.12.4.1 Monitoring results must be reported on a Discharge Monitoring Report (DMR) or forms provided or specified by EPA for reporting results of monitoring of sludge use or disposal practices.

G.12.4.2 If you monitor any pollutant more frequently than required by the permit using test procedures approved under 40 CFR Part 136 or, in the case of sludge use or disposal, approved under 40 CFR 136 unless otherwise specified in 40 CFR Part 503, or as specified in the permit, the results of this monitoring must be included in the calculation and reporting of the data submitted in the DMR or sludge reporting form specified by EPA.

G.12.5 Compliance schedules. Reports of compliance or noncompliance with, or any progress reports on, interim and final requirements contained in any compliance schedule of this permit must be submitted no later than 14 days following each schedule date.

G.12.6 Twenty-four hour reporting. In addition to reports required elsewhere in this permit:

G.12.6.1 You must report any noncompliance which may endanger health or the environment directly to the EPA Regional Office (see contacts at <https://www2.epa.gov/national-pollutant-discharge-elimination-system-npdes/contact-us-stormwater#regional>). Any information must be provided orally within 24 hours from the time you become aware of the circumstances. A written submission must also be provided within five days of the time you become aware of the circumstances. The written submission must contain a description of the noncompliance and its cause; the period of noncompliance, including exact dates and times, and if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

G.12.6.2 The following shall be included as information which must be reported within 24 hours under this paragraph.

- a. Any unanticipated bypass which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit. (See 40 CFR 122.41(m)(3)(ii))
- b. Any upset which exceeds any effluent limitation in the permit
- c. Violation of a maximum daily discharge limit for any numeric effluent limitation. (See 40 CFR 122.44(g).)

G.12.6.3 EPA may waive the written report on a case-by-case basis for reports under Appendix G, Subsection G.12.6.2 if the oral report has been received within 24 hours.

G.12.7 Other noncompliance. You must report all instances of noncompliance not reported under Appendix G, Subsections G.12.4, G.12.5, and G.12.6, at the time monitoring reports are submitted. The reports must contain the information listed in Appendix G, Subsection G.12.6.

G.12.8 Other information. Where you become aware that you failed to submit any relevant facts in a permit application, or submitted incorrect information in a permit application or in any report to the Permitting Authority, you must promptly submit such facts or information.

G.13 Bypass.

G.13.1 Definitions.

G.13.1.1 Bypass means the intentional diversion of waste streams from any portion of a treatment facility See 40 CFR 122.41 (m)(1)(i).

G.13.1.2 Severe property damage means substantial physical damage to property, damage to the treatment facilities which causes them to become inoperable, or substantial and permanent loss of natural resources which can reasonably be expected to occur in the absence of a bypass. Severe property damage does not mean economic loss caused by delays in production. See 40 CFR 122.41 (m)(1)(ii).

G.13.2 Bypass not exceeding limitations. You may allow any bypass to occur which does not cause effluent limitations to be exceeded, but only if it also is for essential maintenance to assure efficient operation. These bypasses are not subject to the provisions of Appendix G, Subsections G.13.3 and G.13.4. See 40 CFR 122.41 (m)(2).

G.13.3 Notice.

G.13.3.1 Anticipated bypass. If you know in advance of the need for a bypass, you must submit prior notice, if possible at least ten days before the date of the bypass. See 40 CFR 122.41(m)(3)(i).

G.13.3.2 Unanticipated bypass. You must submit notice of an unanticipated bypass as required in Appendix G, Subsection G.12.6 (24-hour notice). See 40 CFR 122.41 (m)(3)(ii).

G.13.4 Prohibition of bypass. See 40 CFR 122.41(m)(4).

G.13.4.1 Bypass is prohibited, and EPA may take enforcement action against you for bypass, unless:

- a. Bypass was unavoidable to prevent loss of life, personal injury, or severe property damage;
- b. There were no feasible alternatives to the bypass, such as the use of auxiliary treatment facilities, retention of untreated wastes, or maintenance during normal periods of equipment downtime. This condition is not satisfied if adequate back-up equipment should have been installed in the exercise of reasonable engineering judgment to prevent a bypass which occurred during normal periods of equipment downtime or preventive maintenance; and
- c. You submitted notices as required under Appendix G, Subsection G.13.3.

G.13.4.2 EPA may approve an anticipated bypass, after considering its adverse effects, if EPA determines that it will meet the three conditions listed above in Appendix G, Subsection G.13.4.1.

G.14 Upset.

G.14.1 Definition. Upset means an exceptional incident in which there is unintentional and temporary noncompliance with technology based permit effluent limitations because of factors beyond your reasonable control. An upset does not include noncompliance to the extent caused by operational error, improperly designed treatment facilities, inadequate treatment facilities, lack of preventive maintenance, or careless or improper operation. See 40 CFR 122.41(n)(1).

G.14.2 Effect of an upset. An upset constitutes an affirmative defense to an action brought for noncompliance with such technology based permit effluent limitations if the requirements of Appendix G, Subsection G.14.3 are met. No determination made during administrative review of claims that noncompliance was caused by upset, and before an action for noncompliance, is final administrative action subject to judicial review. See 40 CFR 122.41(n)(2).

G.14.3 Conditions necessary for a demonstration of upset. See 40 CFR 122.41(n)(3). A permittee who wishes to establish the affirmative defense of upset must demonstrate, through properly signed, contemporaneous operating logs, or other relevant evidence that:

G.14.3.1 An upset occurred and that you can identify the cause(s) of the upset;

G.14.3.2 The permitted facility was at the time being properly operated; and

G.14.3.3 You submitted notice of the upset as required in Appendix G, Subsection G.12.6.2.b (24 hour notice).

G.14.3.4 You complied with any remedial measures required under Appendix G, Subsection G.4.

G.14.4 Burden of proof. In any enforcement proceeding, you, as the one seeking to establish the occurrence of an upset, have the burden of proof. See 40 CFR 122.41(n)(4).

G.15 Retention of Records.

Copies of the SWPPP and all documentation required by this permit, including records of all data used to complete the NOI to be covered by this permit, must be retained for at least three years from the date that permit coverage expires or is terminated. This period may be extended by request of EPA at any time.

G.16 Reopener Clause.

G.16.1 Procedures for modification or revocation. Permit modification or revocation will be conducted according to 40 CFR §122.62, §122.63, §122.64 and §124.5.

G.16.2 Water quality protection. If there is evidence indicating that the stormwater discharges authorized by this permit cause, have the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an excursion above any applicable water quality standard, you may be required to obtain an individual permit, or the permit may be modified to include different limitations and/or requirements.

G.16.3 Timing of permit modification. EPA may elect to modify the permit prior to its expiration (rather than waiting for the new permit cycle) to comply with any new statutory or regulatory requirements, such as for effluent limitation guidelines that may be promulgated in the course of the current permit cycle.

G.17 Severability.

Invalidation of a portion of this permit does not necessarily render the whole permit invalid. EPA's intent is that the permit is to remain in effect to the extent possible; in the event that any part of this permit is invalidated, EPA will advise the regulated community as to the effect of such invalidation.

Appendix H - Notice of Intent (NOI) Form and Instructions

Part 1.4.1 requires you to use the NPDES eReporting Tool, or "NeT" system, to prepare and submit your NOI electronically. However, if the EPA Regional Office grants you a waiver to use a paper NOI form, and you elect to use it, you must complete and submit the following form.

Submission of this Notice of Intent (NOI) constitutes notice that the operator identified in Section III of this form requests authorization to discharge pursuant to the NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP) permit number identified in Section II of this form. Submission of this NOI also constitutes notice that the operator identified in Section III of this form meets the eligibility requirements of Part 1.1 CGP for the project identified in Section IV of this form. Permit coverage is required prior to commencement of construction activity until you are eligible to terminate coverage as detailed in Part 8 of the CGP. To obtain authorization, you must submit a complete and accurate NOI form. Discharges are not authorized if your NOI is incomplete or inaccurate or if you were never eligible for permit coverage. Refer to the instructions at the end of this form.

SECTION I. APPROVAL TO USE PAPER NOI FORM

Paper NOI Form	Have you been granted a waiver from electronic reporting from the Regional Office*? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	If yes, check which waiver you have been granted, the name of the EPA Regional Office staff person who granted the waiver, and the date of approval:	
	Waiver granted: <input type="checkbox"/> The owner/operator's headquarters is physically located in a geographic area (i.e., ZIP code or census tract) that is identified as under-served for broadband internet access in the most recent report from the Federal Communications Commission. <input type="checkbox"/> The owner/operator has issues regarding available computer access or computer capability.	
	Name of EPA staff person that granted the waiver	Date approval obtained (MM/DD/YYYY)
	* Note: You are required to obtain approval from the applicable Regional Office prior to using this paper NOI form. If you have not obtained a waiver, you must file this form electronically using the NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT).	

SECTION II. PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit	NPDES ID (EPA Use Only)	Master Permit Number (see Appendix B of the CGP for the list of eligible permit numbers)
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SECTION III. OPERATOR INFORMATION

Operator Information	Operator Name		
	Are you requesting coverage under this NOI as a "Federal Operator" or for a "Federal Facility" as defined in Appendix A? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Mailing Address		
	Street		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division		
	Operator Point of Contact Information:		
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Title		
Phone Number	Email Address		

NOI Preparer	Complete if NOI was prepared by someone other than the certifier:		
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Organization		
	Phone number	Email address	
SECTION IV. PROJECT/SITE INFORMATION			
Project/Site Address	Project/Site Name		
	Street/Location		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division:		
	For the project/site you are seeking permit coverage, provide the following information:		
	Latitude (in decimal degrees to four decimal places): ° N	Longitude (in decimal degrees to four decimal places): ° W	
	Latitude/Longitude Data Source: <input type="checkbox"/> Map <input type="checkbox"/> GPS <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):		
	Horizontal Reference Datum: <input type="checkbox"/> NAD 27 <input type="checkbox"/> NAD 83 <input type="checkbox"/> WGS 84		
Site Information	Is your site located in Indian country lands, or on a property of religious or cultural significance to an Indian Tribe? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	If yes, provide the name of the Indian Tribe associated with the area of Indian country (including name of Indian reservation, if applicable), or if not in Indian country, provide the name of the Indian Tribe associated with the property:		
Project Information	Estimated Project Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		Estimated Project Completion Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
	Estimated Area to be Disturbed (to the nearest quarter acre):		
	<input type="checkbox"/> Single-Family Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Multi-Family Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial <input type="checkbox"/> Institutional <input type="checkbox"/> Highway or Road <input type="checkbox"/> Utility <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):		
	Type of Construction Site (check all that apply):		
	Was the pre-development land use used for agriculture (see Appendix A for definition of "agricultural land")? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	Have earth-disturbing activities commenced on your project/site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
If yes, is your project an "emergency-related project" (see Appendix A)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			

Project Information	Have stormwater discharges from your project/site been covered previously under an NPDES permit? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide the NPDES ID (if you had coverage under EPA's 2017 CGP) or the NPDES permit number (if you had coverage under an EPA individual permit): _____
	Are there other operators that are covered under this permit for the same project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide the NPDES ID number for all other operators at the site who have coverage under this permit: _____
	Will there be demolition of any structure built or renovated before January 1, 1980? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, do any of the structures being demolished have at least 10,000 square feet of floor space? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Will you be discharging dewatering water from your site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, will you be discharging dewatering water from a current or former Federal or State remediation site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

SECTION V. DISCHARGE INFORMATION

Project Information	By indicating "Yes," I confirm that I understand that the CGP only authorizes the allowable stormwater discharges in Part 1.2.1 and the allowable non-stormwater discharges listed in Part 1.2.2. Any discharges not expressly authorized in this permit cannot become authorized or shielded from liability under CWA section 402(k) by disclosure to EPA, State, or local authorities after issuance of this permit via any means, including the Notice of Intent (NOI) to be covered by the permit, the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP), during an inspection, etc. If any discharges requiring NPDES permit coverage other than the allowable stormwater and non-stormwater discharges listed in Parts 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 will be discharged, they must be covered under another NPDES permit. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes
	Does your project/site discharge stormwater into a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4)? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Are there any waters of the U.S. within 50 feet of your project's earth disturbances? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

For each point of discharge, provide the following receiving water information. (Attach a separate list if necessary)				
Receiving Waters Information	Point of Discharge ID	Provide the name of the first water of the U.S. that receives stormwater directly from the point of discharge and/or from the MS4 that the point of discharge discharges to:	If the receiving water is impaired (on the CWA 303(d) list), list the pollutants that are causing the impairment:	
				If a TMDL been completed for this receiving waterbody, providing the following information: TMDL Name and ID: Pollutant(s) for which there is a TMDL:
				TMDL Name and ID: Pollutant(s) for which there is a TMDL:

For each point of discharge, provide the following receiving water information. (Attach a separate list if necessary)			
Point of Discharge ID	Provide the name of the first water of the U.S. that receives stormwater directly from the point of discharge and/or from the MS4 that the point of discharge discharges to:	If the receiving water is impaired (on the CWA 303(d) list), list the pollutants that are causing the impairment:	If a TMDL been completed for this receiving waterbody, providing the following information:
			TMDL Name and ID:
			Pollutant(s) for which there is a TMDL:
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			TMDL Name and ID:
			Pollutant(s) for which there is a TMDL:
Are any of the waters of the U.S. to which you discharge designated by the State or Tribal authority under its antidegradation policy as a Tier 2 (or Tier 2.5) water (water quality exceeds levels necessary to support propagation of fish, shellfish, and wildlife and recreation in and on the water) or as a Tier 3 water (Outstanding National Resource Water)? (See Appendix F). <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No			
If yes, name(s) of receiving water(s) and its designation (Tier 2, Tier 2.5 or Tier 3):			

Receiving Waters Information

SECTION VI. CHEMICAL TREATMENT INFORMATION

Chemical Treatment	Will you use polymers, flocculants, or other treatment chemicals at your construction site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, will you use cationic treatment chemicals at your construction site*? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, have you been authorized to use cationic treatment chemicals by your applicable EPA Regional Office in advance of filing your NOI*? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	If you have been authorized to use cationic treatment chemicals by your applicable EPA Regional Office, attach a copy of your authorization letter and include documentation of the appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic treatment chemicals will not lead to a violation of water quality standards.
Please indicate the treatment chemicals that you will use:	
* Note: You are ineligible for coverage under this permit unless you notify your applicable EPA Regional Office in advance and the EPA office authorizes coverage under this permit after you have included appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic treatment chemicals will not lead to a violation of water quality standards.	

SECTION VII. STORMWATER POLLUTION PREVENTION PLAN (SWPPP) AND PERSONNEL TRAINING INFORMATION

SWPPP	Has the SWPPP been prepared in advance of filing this NOI, as required? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No		
	By indicating "Yes," I confirm that all required personnel, including those conducting inspections at your site, will meet the training requirements in Part 6 of this permit. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes		
SWPPP Contact Information	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Professional Title		
	Phone number	Email address	

SECTION VIII. ENDANGERED SPECIES PROTECTION

Endangered Species Protection	<p>In accordance with Part 1.1.5, if the EPA Regional Office grants you a waiver from electronic reporting, you must complete the worksheet in Appendix D to select your eligibility criteria with respect to the protection of Federally listed threatened or endangered species and Federally designated "critical habitat" under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) [hereinafter "ESA-listed species and designated critical habitat(s)"] from discharges and discharge-related activities authorized under this permit.</p> <p>You must submit the ESA worksheet and all required supporting documentation with this NOI. If you do not submit the worksheet and the required supporting documentation with your NOI, your NOI will be considered incomplete. After you submit your NOI and before your NOI is authorized, EPA may notify you if any additional controls are necessary to ensure your discharges are not likely to result in any short- or long-term adverse effects on ESA-listed species and critical habitat.</p>	
	By indicating "Yes," I confirm that you have included the completed ESA worksheet from Appendix D and all required supporting information for your criterion selection with the submission of this NOI. <input type="checkbox"/> Yes	

SECTION IX. HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Historic Preservation	Are you installing any stormwater controls as described in Appendix E that require subsurface earth disturbance? (Appendix E, Step 1)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, have prior surveys or evaluations conducted on the site have already determined historic properties do not exist, or that prior disturbances have precluded the existence of historic properties? (Appendix E, Step 2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If no, have you determined that your installation of subsurface earth-disturbing stormwater controls will have no effect on historic properties? (Appendix E, Step 3)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If no, did the SHPO, THPO, or other Tribal representative (whichever applies) respond to you within the 15 calendar days to indicate whether the subsurface earth disturbances caused by the installation of stormwater controls affect historic properties? (Appendix E, Step 4)	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input type="checkbox"/> No
	If yes, describe the nature of their response:		

- Written indication that no historic properties will be affected by the installation of stormwater controls.
- Written indication that adverse effects to historic properties from the installation of stormwater controls can be mitigated by agreed upon actions.
- No agreement has been reached regarding measures to mitigate effects to historic properties from the installation of stormwater controls.
- Other (Specify):

SECTION X. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Certification Information	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 gathered and evaluated 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 have no personal knowledge that the information submitted is other than 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.		
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Title		
	Signature	Date (MM/DD/YYYY)	
	Email Address		

Instructions for Completing EPA Form 3510-9

Notice of Intent for the 2022 NPDES Construction General Permit

NPDES Form Date (02/22)

This Form Replaces Form 3510-9 (02/17)

Form Approved OMB No. 2040-0305

General Instructions

Who Must File an NOI Form?

Under the provisions of the Clean Water Act, as amended (33 U.S.C. 1251 et. seq.; the Act), Federal law prohibits stormwater discharges from certain construction activities to waters of the U.S. unless that discharge is covered under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit. Operators of construction sites where one or more acres are disturbed, smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale where there is a cumulative disturbance of at least one acre, or any other site specifically designated by the Director, must obtain coverage under an NPDES general permit. For coverage under the 2022 CGP, each person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that meets either of the following criteria must file a Notice of Intent form: (1) they have operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications; or (2) they have day-to-day operational control of those activities at the project necessary to ensure compliance with the permit conditions. If you have questions about whether you need a NPDES stormwater permit, or if you need information to determine whether EPA or your State agency is the permitting authority, contact your EPA Regional Office.

Completing the Form

Obtain and read a copy of the 2022 CGP, viewable at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#cgp>. To complete this form, type or print uppercase letters, in the appropriate areas only. Please place each character between the marks (abbreviate if necessary to stay within the number of characters allowed for each item). Use one space for breaks between words, but not for punctuation marks unless they are needed to clarify your response. If you have any questions on this form, telephone EPA's NOI Processing Center at (866) 352-7755. **Please submit the original document with signature in ink - do not send a photocopied signature.**

Section I. Approval to Use Paper NOI Form

You must indicate whether you have been granted a waiver from electronic reporting from the EPA Regional Office. Note that you are not authorized to use this paper NOI form unless the EPA Regional Office has approved its use. Where you have obtained approval to use this form, indicate the waiver that you have been granted, the name of the EPA staff person who granted the waiver, and the date that approval was provided.

See <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/contact-us-stormwater#regional> for a list of EPA Regional Office contacts.

Section II. Permit Information

Provide the master permit number of the permit under which you are applying for coverage (see Appendix B of the general permit for the list of eligible master permit numbers)

Section III. Operator Information

Provide the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the project

described in this NOI. Refer to Appendix A of the permit for the definition of "operator".

Indicate whether you are seeking coverage under this permit as a "Federal Operator" or "Federal Facility" as defined in Appendix A.

Also provide a point of contact, the operator's mailing address, county, telephone number, and e-mail address (to be notified via e-mail of NOI approval when available). Correspondence for the NOI will be sent to this address.

If the NOI was prepared by someone other than the certifier (for example, if the NOI was prepared by the facility SWPPP contact or a consultant for the certifier's signature), include the full name, organization, phone number, and email address of the NOI preparer.

Section IV. Project/Site Information

Enter the official or legal name and complete street address, including city, State, ZIP code, and county or similar government subdivision of the project or site. If the project or site lacks a street address, indicate the general location of the site (e.g., Intersection of State Highways 61 and 34). Complete site information must be provided for permit coverage to be granted.

Provide the latitude and longitude of your facility in decimal degrees format. The latitude and longitude of your facility can be determined in several different ways, including through the use of global positioning system (GPS) receivers, U.S. Geological Survey (U.S.G.S.) topographic or quadrangle maps, and web-based siting tools, among others. For consistency, EPA requests that measurements be taken from the approximate center of the construction site. For linear construction sites, the measurement should be taken midpoint of the site. If known, enter the horizontal reference datum for your latitude and longitude. The horizontal reference datum is shown on the bottom left corner of USGS topographic maps; it is also available for GPS receivers.

Indicate whether the project is in Indian country lands or located on a property of religious or cultural significance to an Indian Tribe, and if so, provide the name of the Indian Tribe associated with the area of Indian country (including name of Indian reservation, if applicable), or if not in Indian country, provide the name of the Indian Tribe associated with the property.

Enter the estimated construction start and completion dates using four digits for the year (i.e., 10/06/2012). Indicate to the nearest quarter acre the estimated area to be disturbed. Indicate the type of construction site.

Indicate whether the pre-development land use of the site was used for agriculture Appendix A defines "agricultural land" as cropland, grassland, rangeland, pasture, and other agricultural land, on which agricultural and forest-related products or livestock are produced and resource concerns may be addressed. Agricultural lands include cropped woodland, marshes, incidental areas included in the agricultural operation, and other types of agricultural land used for the production of livestock.

Indicate whether earth-disturbing activities have already commenced on your project/site. If earth-disturbing activities have commenced on your site because stormwater discharges from the site have been previously covered under a NPDES permit, you must provide the 2017 CGP NPDES ID or

the NPDES permit number if coverage was under an individual permit.

Indicate if demolition is occurring, and if so, if the structure has at least 10,000 square feet of floor space.

Indicate if there are other operators covered under this permit for the same project site. If there are multiple operators, provide the NPDES ID number for the other operators at the site who have coverage under this permit.

Indicate whether you will be discharging dewatering water, as defined in Appendix A, during the course of the project. If you will be discharging dewatering water, indicate whether the site from which you will be dewatering is located on a current or former Federal or State remediation site. Federal remediation sites include cleanups covered by Superfund (both National Priorities List (NPL) sites and non-NPL sites), Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) corrective actions sites, cleanups at Federal Facilities, and Federal, State, or Tribal brownfields sites. State remediation sites could include, for instance, brownfield site cleanups funded by the State, State superfund sites, and petroleum tank release sites. Operators may use online mapping resources, such as EPA's Cleanups in My Community Map, to help determine if they are located on a remediation site. The Cleanups in My Community Map is viewable at:

<https://ordspub.epa.gov/ords/cimc/f?p=cimc:map:::71>

Section V. Discharge Information

You must confirm that you understand that the CGP only authorizes the allowable stormwater discharges listed in Part 1.2.1 and the allowable non-stormwater discharges listed in Part 1.2.2. Any discharges not expressly authorized under the CGP are not covered by the CGP or the permit shield provision of the CWA Section 402(k) and they cannot become authorized or shielded by disclosure to EPA, State, or local authorities via the NOI to be covered by the permit or by any other means (e.g., in the SWPPP or during an inspection). If any discharges requiring NPDES permit coverage other than the allowable stormwater and non-stormwater discharges listed in Parts 1.2.1 and 1.2.2 will be discharged, they must either be eliminated or covered under another NPDES permit.

Indicate whether discharges from the site will enter into a municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4), as defined in Appendix A.

Also, indicate whether any waters of the U.S. exist within 50 feet from your site. Note that if "yes", you are required to comply with the requirement in Part 2.2.1 of the permit to provide natural buffers or equivalent erosion and sediment controls.

For each unique point of discharge you list, you must specify the name of the first water of the U.S. that receives stormwater directly from the point of discharge and/or from the MS4 that the point of discharge discharges to. You must specify whether any waters of the U.S. that you discharge to are listed as "impaired" as defined in Appendix A, and the pollutants for which the water is impaired. You must identify any Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDL) that have been completed for any of the waters of the U.S. that you discharge to. Operators may find it useful to use EPA's Discharge Mapping Tool to determine whether the water of the U.S. is impaired, the pollutant causing the impairment, and whether a TMDL exists for the water body. The Discharge Mapping Tool is viewable at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/epas-stormwater-discharge-mapping-tools>.

Indicate whether discharges from the site will enter into a water of the U.S. that is designated as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier

3 water. A list of Tier 2, 2.5, and 3 waters is provided at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>. If the answer is "yes", name all waters designated as Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 to which the site will discharge.

Section VI. Chemical Treatment Information

Indicate whether the site will use polymers, flocculants, or other treatment chemicals. Indicate whether the site will employ cationic treatment chemicals. If the answer is "yes" to either question, indicate which chemical(s) you will use. Note that you are not eligible for coverage under this permit to use cationic treatment chemicals unless you notify your applicable EPA Regional Office in advance and the EPA office authorizes coverage under this permit after you have included appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic treatment chemicals will not lead to a violation of water quality standards. If you have been authorized to use cationic treatment chemicals by your applicable EPA Regional Office, attach a copy of your authorization letter and include documentation of the appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic treatment chemicals will not lead to a violation of water quality standards. Examples of cationic treatment chemicals include, but are not limited to, cationic polyacrylamide (C-PAM), PolyDADMAC (POLY DIALLYL DIMETHYL AMMONIUM CHLORIDE), and chitosan.

Section VII. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and Personnel Training Information

All sites eligible for coverage under this permit are required to prepare a SWPPP in advance of filing the NOI, in accordance with Part 7. Indicate whether the SWPPP has been prepared in advance of filing the NOI.

Confirm that all required personnel, including those conducting inspections at your site, will meet the training requirements in Part 6 of this permit.

Indicate the street, city, State, and ZIP code where the SWPPP can be found. Indicate the contact information (name, organization, phone, and email) for the person who developed the SWPPP for this project.

Section VIII. Endangered Species Information

Confirm that you have included the completed ESA worksheet from Appendix D and all required supporting information for your criterion selection with the submission of this NOI.

Section IX. Historic Preservation

Use the instructions in Appendix E to complete the questions on the NOI form regarding historic preservation.

Section X. Certification Information

The NOI must be signed as follows:

For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this Section, a responsible corporate officer means:

(i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making

major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this Part, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA). Include the name and title of the person signing the form and the date of signing. An unsigned or undated NOI form will not be considered eligible for permit coverage.

Modifying Your NOI

If you have been granted a waiver from your Regional Office from electronic reporting, and if after submitting your NOI you need to correct or update any fields on this NOI form, you may do so by indicating changes on this same form.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This collection of information is approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. (OMB Control No. 2040-0305). Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (40 CFR 122.26). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 3.3 hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden to the Regulatory Support Division Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2821T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed form to this address.

Submitting Your Form

Submit your NOI form by mail to one of the following addresses:

For Regular U.S. Mail Delivery:

Stormwater Notice Processing Center
Mail Code 4203M, ATTN: 2022 CGP
U.S. EPA
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

For Overnight/Express Mail Delivery:

Stormwater Notice Processing Center
William Jefferson Clinton East Building - Room 7420
ATTN: 2022 CGP
U.S. EPA
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Visit this website for instructions on how to submit electronically:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#reporting>

Appendix I - Notice of Termination (NOT) Form and Instructions

Part 8.3 requires you to use the NPDES eReporting Tool, or "NeT" system, to prepare and submit your NOT electronically. However, if the EPA Regional Office grants you a waiver to use a paper NOT form, and you elect to use it, you must complete and submit the following form.

Submission of this Notice of Termination constitutes notice that the operator identified in Section III of this form is no longer authorized discharge pursuant to the NPDES Construction General Permit (CGP) from the site identified in Section IV of this form. All necessary information must be included on this form. Refer to the instructions at the end of this form.

SECTION I. APPROVAL TO USE PAPER NOI FORM

Paper NOI Form	Have you been granted a waiver from electronic reporting from the Regional Office*? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	If yes, check which waiver you have been granted, the name of the EPA Regional Office staff person who granted the waiver, and the date of approval:	
	Waiver granted: <input type="checkbox"/> The owner/operator's headquarters is physically located in a geographic area (i.e., ZIP code or census tract) that is identified as under-served for broadband Internet access in the most recent report from the Federal Communications Commission. <input type="checkbox"/> The owner/operator has issues regarding available computer access or computer capability.	
	Name of EPA staff person that granted the waiver	Date approval obtained (MM/DD/YYYY)
	* Note: You are required to obtain approval from the applicable Regional Office prior to using this paper NOI form. If you have not obtained a waiver, you must file this form electronically using the NPDES eReporting Tool (NeT).	

SECTION II. PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit	NPDES ID	
	Reason for Termination (Check only one): <input type="checkbox"/> You have completed all construction activities at your site, and you have met all other requirements in Part 8.2.1. Check this box to confirm that you have attached photographs as required by Part 8.2.1.a that document your compliance with the permit's final stabilization requirements. Include the date each photograph was taken, and a brief description of the area of the site captured by the photograph (e.g., photo shows application of seed and erosion control mats to remaining exposed surfaces on northeast corner of site). <input type="checkbox"/> If any portion of your site is covered by one of the Part 2.2.14c.iii exceptions to the final stabilization criteria, indicate which exception applies and include a supplementary explanation with your photographs that provides the necessary context for why this portion of the site is in compliance even though it appears to be unstabilized. <input type="checkbox"/> Another operator has assumed control over all areas of the site and that operator has submitted an NOI and obtained coverage under the CGP. <input type="checkbox"/> You have obtained coverage under an individual permit or another general NPDES permit addressing stormwater discharges from the construction site.	

SECTION III. OPERATOR INFORMATION

Operator Information	Operator Name		
	Mailing Address		
	Street		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division		
	Phone Number	Email Address	

SECTION IV. PROJECT/SITE INFORMATION

Project/Site Address	Project/Site Name		
	Street/Location		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division:		

SECTION V. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Certification Information	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 gathered and evaluated 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.		
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Title		
	Signature		Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
	Email Address		

Instructions for Completing EPA Form 3510-13

Notice of Termination for the 2022 NPDES Construction General Permit

NPDES Form Date (02/22)

This Form Replaces Form 3510-13 (02/17)

Form Approved OMB No. 2040-0305

General Instructions

Who May File an NOT Form?

Permittees who are presently covered under the EPA-issued 2022 Construction General Permit (CGP) for Stormwater Discharges Associated with Construction Activity may submit an NOT form when: (1) earth-disturbing activities at the site are completed and the conditions in Parts 8.2.1.a through 8.2.1.b are met; or (2) the permittee has transferred all areas under its control to another operator, and that operator has submitted and obtained coverage under this permit; or (3) the permittee has obtained coverage under a different NPDES permit for the same discharges.

Completing the Form

Type or print, using uppercase letters, in the appropriate areas only. Please place each character between the marks. Abbreviate if necessary to stay within the number of characters allowed for each item. Use only one space for breaks between words, but not for punctuation marks unless they are needed to clarify your response. If you have any questions about this form, refer to <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#cgp> or telephone EPA's NOI Processing Center at (866) 352-7755. **Please submit original document with signature in ink - do not send a photocopied signature.**

Section I. Approval to Use Paper NOI Form

You must indicate whether you have been granted a waiver from electronic reporting from the EPA Regional Office. Note that you are not authorized to use this paper NOT form unless the EPA Regional Office has approved its use. Where you have obtained approval to use this form, indicate the waiver that you have been granted, the name of the EPA staff person who granted the waiver, and the date that approval was provided.

See <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/contact-us-stormwater#regional> for a list of EPA Regional Office contacts.

Section II. Permit Information

Enter the existing NPDES ID assigned to the project. If you do not know the NPDES ID number, or contact EPA's NOI Processing Center at (866) 352-7755.

Indicate your reason for submitting this Notice of Termination by checking the appropriate box. Check only one. If you selected the first box, confirm that you have attached photographs as required by Part 8.2.1.a. All submitted photographs must: (1) be taken both before and after the site has met the final stabilization criteria in Part 2.2.14.c; (2) be clear and in focus, and in the original format and resolution; and (3) include the date each photograph was taken, and a brief description of the area of the site captured by the photograph (e.g., photo shows application of seed and erosion control mats to remaining exposed surfaces on northeast corner of site).

If any portion of your site is covered by one of the Part 2.2.14.c.iii final stabilization exceptions, indicate which exception applies and provide an explanation with your

photographs that describes why this portion of the site is in compliance even though it may appear to be unstabilized.

Section III. Operator Information

Provide the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the project described in this NOT and is covered by the NPDES ID identified in Section II. Enter the complete mailing address, telephone number, and email address of the operator.

Section IV. Project/Site Information

Enter the official or legal name and complete street address, including city, State, ZIP code, and county or similar government subdivision of the project or site. If the project or site lacks a street address, indicate the general location of the site (e.g., Intersection of State Highways 61 and 34). Complete site information must be provided for termination of permit coverage to be valid.

Section V. Certification Information

The NOT, must be signed as follows:

For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this Part, a responsible corporate officer means: (i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy-or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this Part, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA).

Include the name, title, and email address of the person signing the form and the date of signing. An unsigned or undated NOT form will not be considered valid termination of permit coverage.

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currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is estimated to be 1.2 hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden to the Regulatory Support Division Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2821T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed form to this address.

Submitting Your Form

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Stormwater Notice Processing Center
Mail Code 4203M, ATTN: 2022 CGP
U.S. EPA
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460


For Overnight/Express Mail Delivery:
Stormwater Notice Processing Center
William Jefferson Clinton East Building - Room 7420
ATTN: 2022 CGP
U.S. EPA
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Visit this website for instructions on how to submit electronically:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#ereporting>

Appendix J - Suggested Format for Request for Chemical Treatment

If you plan to add "cationic treatment chemicals" (as defined in Appendix A) to stormwater and/or authorized non-stormwater prior to discharge, Part 1.1.9 requires you to notify your applicable EPA Regional Office in advance of submitting your NOI. The EPA Regional Office will authorize coverage under this permit after you have included appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic treatment chemicals will result in discharges that meet applicable water quality standards. To notify your EPA Regional Office, you may use following form.

NPDES Form 6100-066		<p align="center">U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460</p> <p align="center">Suggested Form for Notifying EPA about Proposed Use of Cationic Treatment Chemicals under the 2022 NPDES Construction General Permit</p>	OMB No. 2040-0305 Exp. Date 01/31/2025
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Under Part 1.1.9 of the 2022 CGP, if you plan to add "cationic treatment chemicals" (as defined in Appendix A) to stormwater and/or authorized non-stormwater prior to discharge, you may not submit your Notice of Intent (NOI) until you notify your applicable EPA Regional Office in advance and the EPA Regional Office authorizes coverage under this permit after you have included appropriate controls and implementation procedures designed to ensure that your use of cationic treatment chemicals will result in discharges that meet applicable water quality standards. You may use this suggested form to notify your EPA Regional Office about your proposed use of cationic treatment chemicals.

SECTION I. OPERATOR INFORMATION

Operator Information	Operator Name		
	Mailing Address		
	Street		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division		
	Phone Number	Email Address	

SECTION II. PROJECT/SITE INFORMATION

Project/Site Information	Project/Site Name		
	Project/Site Address		
	Street/Location		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division		
	Site Contact Information (if different from operator)		
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Phone Number		
	Receiving Waterbodies		
Name(s) of Receiving Waterbodies:			

SECTION III. MAP

Map	<p>Attach a map that illustrates the entire site including all of the below items. Include this map in your Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All receiving waterbodies - All proposed location(s) of chemical treatment system(s) - All proposed point(s) of discharge to receiving waterbodies - All soil types within areas to be disturbed - All areas of earth disturbance - Sufficient indication of topography to indicate where stormwater flows
	<p>Attach a schematic drawing of the proposed treatment system(s). Include all components of the treatment train, sample points, and pipe configurations. In addition to sufficient holding capacity upstream of treatment, the system must have the capacity to hold water for testing and to re-treat water that does not meet water quality standards.</p>

SECTION IV. RESPONSIBLE PERSONNEL

Responsible Personnel	Treatment System Operator or Company Name (if subcontracted out):		
	Street/Location		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	Responsible Personnel		
	List personnel who will be responsible for operating the chemical treatment systems and application of the chemicals.	Cite the training that the personnel have received in operation and maintenance of the treatment system(s) and use of the specific chemical(s) proposed.	

SECTION V. PROPOSED TREATMENT

Proposed Treatment	Check proposed treatment system to be used:	<input type="checkbox"/> Chitosan enhanced sand filtration with discharge to infiltration (ground water).
		<input type="checkbox"/> Chitosan enhanced sand filtration with discharge to temporary holding ponds (batch).
		<input type="checkbox"/> Chitosan enhanced sand filtration with discharge to surface waters (flow-through).
		<input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe below and submit documentation that the proposed system and chemical(s) demonstrate the ability to remove turbidity and produce non-toxic effluent/discharge):
	Check proposed cationic chemical(s) to be used:	<input type="checkbox"/> Flocclear™ (2% chitosan acetate solution).
		<input type="checkbox"/> StormKlear™ LiquiFloc™ (1% chitosan acetate solution).
		<input type="checkbox"/> ChitoVan™ (1% chitosan acetate solution).
<input type="checkbox"/> StormKlear™ LiquiFloc™ (3% chitosan acetate solution).		
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify):		
Estimated Treatment Period Start Date (MM/DD/YYYY)		Estimated Treatment Period End Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Describe sampling and recordkeeping schedule. Attach additional sheets as needed:		

Proposed Treatment	<p>Explain why you have selected this proposed treatment system and chemicals. Include an explanation of why the use of cationic treatment chemicals is necessary at the site. Reference how the soil types on your site influenced your choices. Describe or provide an illustration of how the site of the discharge will be stabilized and why the discharge location will not cause erosion of the discharge water's bank or bed (please note that a permit from the Corps and State agencies may be necessary to place rock in the water body for this stabilization). Attach as many additional sheets as needed for a full explanation. If you have a report from a chemical treatment contractor describing their recommended approach you may attach that.</p>
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SECTION VI. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Certification Information	<p>I have documented and hereby certify that the following information is correct and has been documented in the SWPPP for this project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The SWPPP includes a complete site-specific description of the chemical treatment system herein proposed for use, including specifications, design, and Material Safety Data Sheets for all chemicals to be used. • The controls to be used on the site are compatible with the safe and effective use of cationic chemical treatment. • I verified through jar tests that the site soil is conducive to chemical treatment. • I verified that the chemical treatment system operators for this project received training. • I read, understand, and will follow all conditions and design criteria in the applicable use designation(s). • If the discharge is to Tribal waters, I notified the appropriate Tribal government of the intent to use chemical treatment on a site located within that jurisdiction. • I will keep the use level designation, operation and maintenance manual, and training certificate on site prior to and during use of chemical treatment. • A licensed engineer designed the system for this project including system sizing, pond sizing, and flow requirements. • I verify that the discharge will not adversely affect downstream conveyance systems or stream channels (e.g., cause erosion). <p>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 gathered and evaluated 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.</p>		
Authorized Official			
First Name		Middle Initial	Last Name
Title			
Signature			Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
Email Address			

Suggested Form for Notifying EPA about Proposed Use of Cationic Treatment Chemicals under the 2022 NPDES Construction General Permit

NPDES Form Date (02/22)

Form Approved OMB No. 2040-0305

Section I. Operator Information

Provide the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that operates the project. Refer to Appendix A of the permit for the definition of "operator." Provide the operator's mailing address, county, telephone number, and e-mail address.

Section II. Project/Site Information

Enter the official or legal name and complete street address, including city, State, ZIP code, and county or similar government subdivision of the project or site. If the project or site lacks a street address, indicate the general location of the site (e.g., Intersection of State Highways 61 and 34).

Provide site contact information, if different from the operator.

Provide the name of the receiving waterbodies to which your site/project will discharge.

Section III. Map

Attach a map of the entire site that includes the identified items. Attach a schematic of the proposed treatment system(s) that includes the identified items.

Section IV. Responsible Personnel

Provide the legal name of the treatment system operator or company and complete street address, including city, State, including city, State, and ZIP code.

List personnel who will be responsible for operating the chemical treatment systems and application of the chemicals. For each personnel listed, cite the training that the personnel have received in operation and maintenance of the treatment system(s) and use of the specific chemical(s) proposed.

Section V. Proposed Treatment

Indicate the proposed treatment system and proposed cationic chemicals to be used. Indicate the estimated treatment start and end dates. Describe the sampling and recordkeeping schedule. Explain why you have selected the proposed treatment system and chemicals.

Section VI. Certification Information

The form must be signed as follows:

For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this Section, a responsible corporate officer means:

(i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations,

and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this Part, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA). Include the name and title of the person signing the form and the date of signing.


Submitting Your Form

Submit this form to your applicable EPA Regional Office. Contact information can be found at:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/contact-us-stormwater#regional>

Appendix K – Turbidity Monitoring Report Form and Instructions

Part 3.3 requires you to use the EPA NPDES eReporting Tool, or “NeT” system, to prepare and submit your report electronically. However, if the EPA Regional Office grants you a waiver to use a paper form, and you elect to use it, you must complete and submit the following form.

NPDES Form 6100-065		<p align="center">U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Washington, DC 20460</p> <p align="center">Turbidity Monitoring Report Form for Dewatering Discharges to Sensitive Waters Under the 2022 NPDES Construction General Permit</p>	OMB No. 2040-0305 Exp. Date 01/31/2025
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SECTION I. APPROVAL TO USE PAPER FORM

Paper Form	Have you been granted a waiver from electronic reporting from the Regional Office*? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
	If yes, check which waiver you have been granted, and provide the name of the EPA Regional Office staff person who granted the waiver, and the date of approval:	
	Waiver granted: <input type="checkbox"/> The owner/operator's headquarters is physically located in a geographic area (i.e., ZIP code or census tract) that is identified as under-served for broadband Internet access in the most recent report from the Federal Communications Commission. <input type="checkbox"/> The owner/operator has issues regarding available computer access or computer capability.	
	Name of EPA staff person that granted the waiver	Date approval obtained (MM/DD/YYYY)
	* Note: You are required to obtain approval from the applicable Regional Office prior to using this paper form. If you have not obtained a waiver, you must file this form electronically using the NPDES eReporting Tool (Net).	

SECTION II. PERMIT INFORMATION

Permit	NPDES ID
	Does this report fulfill turbidity monitoring report obligations of other operators that are covered under this permit for the same project site? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No If yes, provide the NPDES ID number(s) for all other such operators at the same project site: _____

SECTION III. OPERATOR INFORMATION

Operator Information	Operator Name		
	Mailing Address		
	Street		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division:		
	Phone Number	Email Address	
Preparer	Complete if form was prepared by someone other than the certifier:		
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Organization		
	Phone Number	Email Address	

SECTION IV. SITE INFORMATION

Site Address	Site Name
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Site Address	Street/Location		
	City	State	ZIP Code
	County or Similar Government Division:		

SECTION IV. MONITORING QUARTER

Monitoring Quarter	Identify monitoring quarter (select only one):	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 1 (January 1 – March 31)	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 3 (July 1 – September 30)
		<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 2 (April 1 – June 30)	<input type="checkbox"/> Quarter 4 (October 1 – December 31)

SECTION IVI. TURBIDITY MONITORING DATA

Turbidity Monitoring Data	Discharge Point Description/ Name:				
	Was dewatering water discharged during the monitoring quarter? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes (Enter the data below) <input type="checkbox"/> No (Skip to Section VII)				
	Specific Week within Monitoring Quarter ¹	Weekly Average (NTU) ²	Benchmark Threshold (NTU)	Alternate Benchmark Threshold (NTU) ³	Average exceeds Benchmark? ⁴
	Week 1		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 2		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 3		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 4		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 5		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 6		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 7		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 8		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 9		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 10		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
	Week 11		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Week 12		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Week 13		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
Week 14		50		<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	
¹ Refer to Table K-1 to determine the specific monitoring week number for which you are reporting turbidity data for this quarter. ² Report to the nearest whole number. Enter "N/A" if no dewatering discharge occurred during any particular week. ³ Prior approval from the EPA Regional Office is required pursuant to Part 3.3.2.b. Unless and until EPA approves your request to use an alternate benchmark, you are required to use the standard benchmark of 50 NTU and take any required corrective actions if an exceedance occurs. Enter "N/A" if you have not received approval for an alternate benchmark threshold. ⁴ If "Yes," the operator must conduct follow-up corrective action pursuant to Part 5.2.2 and document any corrective action taken in the corrective action log in accordance with Part 5.4.					

VII. CERTIFICATION INFORMATION

Certification Information	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 gathered and evaluated 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.		
	First Name	Middle Initial	Last Name
	Title		
	Signature		Date (MM/DD/YYYY)
	Phone Number	Email Address	

Instructions for Completing EPA Form 6100-065

Turbidity Monitoring Report for Dewatering Discharges to Sensitive Waters Under the 2022 NPDES Construction General

Permit NPDES Form Date (02/22)

Form Approved OMB No. 2040-0305

General Instructions

Who Must Submit A Turbidity Monitoring Report to EPA?

Sites covered under the Construction General Permit (CGP or permit) that are required to monitor pursuant to Part 3.3 of the permit must submit Turbidity Monitoring Reports consistent with the reporting requirements specified in Part 3.3.4 of the permit.

When Must I Submit A Turbidity Monitoring Report to EPA?

You must submit your report to EPA no later than 30 days following the end of each monitoring quarter. Submit a form for every quarter the site is active.

Monitoring Quarter #	Months	Reporting Deadline
1	January 1 – March 31	April 30
2	April 1 – June 30	July 30
3	July 1 – September 30	October 30
4	October 1 – December 31	January 30

Completing the Form

Obtain and read a copy of the 2022 CGP, viewable at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/stormwater-discharges-construction-activities#cgp>. To complete this form, type or print, using uppercase letters, in the appropriate areas only. Please submit the original document with signature in ink - do not send a photocopied signature. **Photocopy your form for your records before you send the completed original form to the appropriate address.**

Section I. Approval to Use Paper Form

You must indicate whether you have been granted a waiver from electronic reporting from the EPA Regional Office. Note that you are not authorized to use this paper form unless the EPA Regional Office has approved its use. Where you have obtained approval to use this form, indicate the waiver that you have been granted, the name of the EPA staff person who granted the waiver, and the date that approval was provided. See <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/contact-us-stormwater> for a list of EPA Regional Office contacts.

Section II. Permit Information

Provide the NPDES ID (i.e., NOI tracking number) assigned to the site for which this form is being submitted. Submit the form only for sites discharging dewatering water to a sediment-impaired water or a water designated as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 water.

Indicate whether this report fulfills turbidity monitoring report obligations of other operators that are covered under this permit for the same project site. If the answer is yes, provide all relevant NPDES ID numbers.

Section III. Operator Information

Provide the legal name of the person, firm, public organization, or any other entity that is considered the operator of the site. See Part 1.1.1 and Appendix A for the

definition of "operator." Provide the operator's mailing address, phone number, and e-mail. The operator information in this Section should match the operator information provided on your NOI form.

If this form was prepared by someone other than the certifier, include the name, organization, phone number, and email address of the person who prepared this form.

Section IV. Site Information

Enter the official or legal name and complete street address, including city, State, ZIP code, and county or similar government subdivision of the site. If the site lacks a street address, indicate the general location (e.g., Intersection of State Highways 61 and 34). The site information in this Section should match the site information provided on your NOI form.

Section V. Monitoring Quarter

Indicate the appropriate monitoring quarter (Quarter 1, 2, 3, or 4). The monitoring quarters are specified in the table in the section titled "When Must I Submit A Turbidity Monitoring Report to EPA." Select only one quarter.

Section VI. Turbidity Monitoring Data

Provide the discharge point description/name if you are discharging dewatering water from more than one point at the site. If you are discharging from only one point at the site, leave the spaces blank.

Submit Section VI data for each dewatering discharge point. For example, if you are discharging dewatering water from two points at the site, then submit two Section VIs (one for each discharge point).

Indicate whether dewatering occurred during the monitoring quarter. If "Yes" enter the data in the data table. If "No" skip to Section VII.

For averaging purposes, a monitoring week starts with a Monday and ends on Sunday. A numerical value is assigned for each week, which is called a Week Number (e.g., 1, 2, 3 etc.). The form includes a Week Number for each week of the year. Refer to Table K-1 for the dates that correspond with each Week Number.

Next, calculate the weekly average turbidity value for the corresponding monitoring week. The weekly average is calculated by adding all of the individual turbidity results for that monitoring week and dividing by the total number of samples. The calculation for the weekly average includes only those days when dewatering discharge occurred. Days when no dewatering discharge occurred, and therefore do not have turbidity data associated with them, are not included in the calculation of the weekly average. For example, if turbidity samples from your dewatering discharge in week 1 result in values of 30 NTU on Tuesday, 40 NTU on Wednesday, and 45 NTU on Thursday, your weekly average turbidity value would be 38 NTU $((30+40+45) \div 3 = 38 \text{ NTU})$. If in week 2, your turbidity samples resulted in values of 45 NTU on Monday, 30 NTU on Tuesday, 25 NTU on Wednesday, and 15 NTU on Thursday, you would calculate a new average for that week, which would yield an average turbidity value of 29 NTU $((45+30+25+15) \div 4 = 29 \text{ NTU})$. By comparison, if your samples on consecutive days from Friday to Monday were 60

NTU, 45 NTU, 40 NTU, and 43 NTU, respectively, and there are no other dewatering discharges for the remainder of the week, you would calculate one weekly average for the Friday to Sunday to be 48 NTU $((60+45+40) \div 3 = 48 \text{ NTU})$, and a separate weekly average for the one Monday to be 43 NTU $(43 \div 1 = 43 \text{ NTU})$.

If you collect and analyze more than one turbidity sample per day from your dewatering discharge, you must include any additional results in the calculation of your weekly average. For example, if during a monitoring week you take two turbidity samples on Tuesday with a value of 30 NTU and 35 NTU, three samples on Wednesday with a value of 40 NTU, 45 NTU, and 48 NTU, and one sample on Thursday with a value of 45 NTU, your weekly average turbidity value for this week would be 41 NTU $((30+35+40+45+48+45) \div 6 = 41 \text{ NTU})$.

Enter the weekly average turbidity values for the corresponding week into the table. Enter "N/A" into the table for the turbidity weekly average if no dewatering discharge occurred during the week.

The benchmark threshold for turbidity for this permit is 50 NTUs unless EPA has authorized the use of an alternate benchmark in accordance with Part 3.3.2.b. If you are using an alternate benchmark threshold, enter the number into the table for the corresponding week. Unless and until EPA approves your request to use an alternate benchmark, you are required to use the standard benchmark of 50 NTU and take any required corrective actions if an exceedance occurs. Enter "N/A" if you have not received approval for an alternate benchmark threshold.

For each week with a value for the weekly average, select "Yes" or "No" in the table to indicate whether the weekly average value exceeds the 50 NTU benchmark or the alternate turbidity benchmark (whichever is applicable). If "Yes", the operator must conduct follow-up corrective action pursuant to Part 5.2.2 and document any corrective action taken in the corrective action log in accordance with Part 5.4.

Section VII. Certification Information

Forms must be signed by a person described below, or by a duly authorized representative of that person.

For a corporation: By a responsible corporate officer. For the purpose of this Section, a responsible corporate officer means:

(i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long-term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.

For a partnership or sole proprietorship: By a general partner or the proprietor, respectively; or

For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. For purposes of this Part, a principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA). Include the name and title of the person signing the form and the date of signing.

A person is a duly authorized representative only if:

1. The authorization is made in writing by a person described above;
2. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company, (A duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position.) and
3. The written authorization is submitted to the Director.

An unsigned or undated form will be considered incomplete.

Submitting Your Form

If you have been granted a waiver from your Regional Office to submit a paper form, you must send your form by mail to one of the following addresses:

For Regular U.S. Mail Delivery:

Stormwater Notice Processing Center
Mail Code 4203M, ATTN: 2022 CGP Reports
U.S. EPA
1200 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20460

For Overnight/Express Mail Delivery:

Stormwater Notice Processing Center
William Jefferson Clinton East Building - Room 7420
ATTN: 2022 CGP Reports
U.S. EPA
1201 Constitution Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20004

Visit this website for instructions on how to submit electronically:

<https://epanet.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/sections/115000949868-CGP-Training-Material>

Revisions to a Submitted Form

If you have previously submitted a form with an error, submit a revised form with the correct information. After discovering the error, submit the revised form as soon as possible. Make a notation on the revised form where the correction was made.

Paperwork Reduction Act Notice

This collection of information is approved by OMB under the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501 et seq. (OMB Control No. 2040-0305). Responses to this collection of information are mandatory (40 CFR 122.26). An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. The public reporting and recordkeeping burden for this collection of information is

estimated to be 0.2 hours per response. Send comments on the Agency's need for this information, the accuracy of the provided burden estimates and any suggested methods for minimizing respondent burden to the Regulatory Support Division Director, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (2821T), 1200 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20460. Include the OMB control number in any correspondence. Do not send the completed form to this address.

Table K-1: 2022 CGP - Dates Corresponding to Monitoring Weeks for Each Monitoring Quarter

2022				2023				2024				2025				2026				2027			
Monitoring Quarter	Week #	Monday	Sunday	Monitoring Quarter	Week #	Monday	Sunday	Monitoring Quarter	Week #	Monday	Sunday	Monitoring Quarter	Week #	Monday	Sunday	Monitoring Quarter	Week #	Monday	Sunday	Monitoring Quarter	Week #	Monday	Sunday
		Start Date	End Date			Start Date	End Date			Start Date	End Date			Start Date	End Date			Start Date	End Date			Start Date	End Date
1	1	1/18/22	1/23/22																				
	2	1/19/22	1/16/22																				
	3	1/17/22	1/23/22																				
	4	1/24/22	1/30/22																				
	5	1/31/22	2/6/22																				
	6	2/7/22	2/13/22																				
	7	2/14/22	2/20/22																				
	8	2/21/22	2/27/22																				
	9	2/28/22	3/6/22																				
	10	3/7/22	3/13/22																				
	11	3/14/22	3/20/22																				
	12	3/21/22	3/27/22																				
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Frequent Questions on EPA's Construction General Permit

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EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS IN EPA'S CGP

- Do I have flexibility in preparing the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and selecting stormwater controls for my site?
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- Are there situations where stormwater controls for storm inlets are not required?
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- How have the EPA CGP requirements changed for storage and handling of diesel fuel, oil, hydraulic fluids, other petroleum products, and other chemicals at construction sites?
- How have the EPA CGP pollution prevention requirements changed for construction and domestic wastes?



INSPECTIONS, ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN EPA'S CGP

- What non-EPA training programs can I take to ensure I am a "qualified person" to conduct inspections?
- What happens if I've taken training already, but a required topic was not taught in that training?
- What are the training requirements for inspectors?
- What is the difference between routine maintenance and corrective actions in the EPA CGP?
- When are inspections required for rainfall? How is it different from when it snows?
- What happens if there is a storm that continues for multiple days, or that stops and starts multiple times during a day or over multiple days?



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- How have the requirements for terminating coverage under the EPA CGP changed?
- If an operator has permit coverage as part of a larger common plan of development or sale, can an NOT be filed once the project is complete?
- What are my options for meeting the "final stabilization" criteria?



ABOUT EPA'S NPDES CONSTRUCTION STORMWATER PERMITTING PROGRAM

- **What is the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) program?**

The NPDES program is a Federal permitting program established under the Clean Water Act (CWA) that reduces pollutants by requiring controls for point source discharges of pollutants to waters of the United States (referred to as "receiving waters"). Point sources are generally defined as discernible, confined, and discrete conveyances including but not limited to any pipe, ditch, channel, or conduit from which pollutants are or may be discharged. See CWA section 502 and 40 CFR 122.2 for complete definitions of point source. Certain stormwater discharges are covered under the NPDES program. For example, discharges from construction activities that disturb one or more acres, and discharges from smaller sites that are part of a larger common plan of development or sale that disturb one or more acres, are regulated under the NPDES program.

- **What is the EPA CGP?**

The EPA CGP is an NPDES permit issued under the authority of the CWA and associated regulations that regulates stormwater discharges from construction activities in those areas where EPA is the NPDES permitting authority. The CGP authorizes the discharge of stormwater (and certain authorized non-stormwater discharges) from construction sites that disturb one acre or more of land, and from smaller sites that are part of a larger, common plan of development that together disturb one or more acres. This permit requires operators of such construction sites to implement stormwater controls and develop a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) to minimize the amount of sediment and other pollutants associated with construction sites from being discharged in stormwater. The CGP is required to include conditions that comply with the Federal Effluent Limitations Guidelines (ELGs) for the construction and development point source category. See 40 CFR 450.

- **Why is it important to minimize construction stormwater discharges?**

As stormwater flows over a construction site, it can pick up sediment, debris, and chemicals, and transport them to receiving waters. Stormwater discharges containing pollutants can cause an array of physical, chemical, and biological impacts on receiving waters. In addition to sediment and turbidity, a number of other pollutants like metals, organic compounds, trash, and nutrients associated with construction sites may end up being discharged to nearby waters. If uncontrolled, the pollutants in these stormwater discharges can harm plants and animals in the receiving water, increase the costs to treat any drinking water sources, and impair the aesthetic value and use of the waterway.

Sediment can also accumulate in rivers, lakes, and reservoirs, making dredging or other solutions necessary to improve water storage or navigation capacity. The CGP requires eligible construction operators to minimize erosion, sediment, and other construction-related stormwater pollutants.

- **Do State-issued permits have to include requirements identical to the EPA CGP for stormwater discharges from construction activities?**

No, States are not required to use the requirements in EPA's CGP, although some have chosen to use the same or similar permit conditions as are included in the CGP. State-issued permits must meet their obligations under the CWA. Nothing in the Act precludes a State from adopting or enforcing requirements that may be more appropriate to address discharges in their State or are more stringent or extensive than those required under NPDES regulations.

Whether EPA, a State or a Tribe issues the permit, the CWA and EPA regulations require NPDES permits to include requirements that implement the technology-based effluent limitations for the construction and development industry at 40 CFR part 450. In addition, where the discharge has the reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of water quality standards, permits must contain water quality-based effluent limitations as necessary to meet those standards.



ACTIVITIES THAT CAN BE COVERED UNDER EPA'S CGP

- **What types of construction activities must obtain NPDES permit coverage for their stormwater discharges?**

In general, any "construction activity" that will disturb one or more acres of land and discharges stormwater to waters of the U.S. must obtain NPDES permit coverage. This disturbance includes those construction activities that are part of a common plan of development or sale that will cumulatively disturb one or more acres of land and discharge stormwater to waters of the U.S. Note that there are situations in which construction activities can be waived from the requirement to obtain NPDES permit coverage (see related Q&A entitled "Are there situations where a permit is not needed" for more information). "Construction activities," as defined in [CGP Appendix A](#), includes earth-disturbing activities, such as the clearing, grading, and excavation of land, and other construction-related activities (e.g., grubbing, stockpiling of dredged or fill materials; placement of raw materials at the site) that could lead to the generation of pollutants. Also authorized under the CGP are discharges of stormwater from "construction support activities," which include construction-related activities that specifically support the construction activity and involve earth disturbance or pollutant-generating activities of their own (e.g., activities associated with concrete or asphalt batch plants, equipment staging yards, materials storage areas, excavated material disposal areas, borrow areas).

The definition for "construction activity" does not refer to activities such as interior remodeling, completion of interiors of structures, etc. "Construction activity" also does not include routine earth disturbing activities that are part of the normal day-to-day operation of a completed facility (e.g., daily cover for landfills, maintenance of gravel roads or parking areas, landscape maintenance) nor activities under a State or Federal reclamation program to return an abandoned facility property to an agricultural or open land use (as opposed to demolition of something in order to build something new).

- **Are there situations where a permit is not needed?**

EPA's stormwater regulations allow NPDES permitting authorities to waive NPDES permitting requirements for stormwater discharges from small construction sites for qualifying operators in three different waiver scenarios. These scenarios include waivers for: (1) low rainfall erosivity, (2) a total maximum daily load (TMDL) analysis, and (3) an equivalent analysis. Each operator, otherwise needing permit coverage, must notify EPA of its intention for a waiver. It is the responsibility of those individuals wishing to obtain a waiver from coverage under this general permit to submit a complete and accurate waiver certification as described [Appendix C](#) of the CGP. Where the operator changes or another is added during the construction project, the new operator must also submit a waiver certification to be waived.

The most commonly applied waiver is the one for low rainfall erosivity. If the construction site disturbs less than five acres, and the rainfall erosivity factor ("R" in the revised universal soil loss equation, or RUSLE) value is less than five during the period of construction activity, the operator would qualify for the low erosivity waiver or "LEW." See the [Rainfall Low Erosivity Waiver Calculator](#) to determine your R factor. If you are eligible and EPA is your permitting authority, then you may submit a [Low Erosivity Waiver](#) to EPA.

Additionally, if all of the stormwater from the construction activity is captured on-site and allowed to evaporate, soak into the ground on-site, or is used for irrigation (i.e., not discharged to a receiving water), you do not need a permit. Under the CWA, it is illegal to have a point source discharge of pollutants to a receiving water that is not authorized by the CWA. If you believe there is a potential for a discharge, EPA recommends that you obtain permit coverage before any discharge occurs. The controls that you use to keep the stormwater on your site so that it does not reach a receiving water must be effective under any size storm. You may also have an obligation to the relevant State/Tribe concerning discharges to ground water or impoundment of runoff (e.g., water rights).

- **What if earth disturbance is a normal part of the post-construction use of the site?**

The earth-disturbing activity has to be part of a project to build, demolish, or replace a structure (e.g., building, road, pad, pipeline, transmission line) to trigger the need for permit coverage. Earth disturbance that is a normal part of the long-term use or maintenance of the property is not "active construction" and does not trigger the need for NPDES coverage under 40 CFR 122.26(b)(14)(x) or (15)(i). For example, re-grading a dirt road without clearing, grading, or excavating new areas of underlying or surrounding soil or cleaning out a roadside drainage ditch to maintain its "as built" state is road maintenance and not construction. Restoring the original well pad to work over an existing oil or gas well is operation of a well and not construction. Re-grading and re-graveling a gravel parking lot or equipment pad without clearing, grading, or excavating new areas of underlying or surrounding soil is site maintenance and not construction. Repaving is routine maintenance unless underlying and/or surrounding soil is cleared, graded, or excavated as part of the repaving operation. Where clearing, grading, or excavating (i.e., down to bare soils) takes place, permit coverage is required if at least one acre (separately or as part of a larger plan of development) is disturbed. Reworking planters that are part of the landscaping at a building is landscape maintenance and not construction. Applying daily cover at a landfill is simply part of operating a landfill and not construction.

- **My project will have stormwater discharges from construction activities that will disturb less than one acre, but that may be part of a larger common plan of development or sale. How can I tell and what must I do?**

In many cases, a common plan of development or sale (as defined in [CGP Appendix A](#)) consists of many small construction projects. For example, an original common plan of development for a residential subdivision might lay out the streets, house lots, and areas for parks, schools and commercial development that the developer plans to build or sell to others for development. All these areas would remain part of the common plan of development or sale.

If your smaller project is part of a larger common plan of development or sale that collectively will disturb one or more acres (e.g., you are building on 6 half-acre residential lots in a 10-acre development or are putting in a fast food restaurant on a 3/4-acre pad that is part of a 20-acre retail center) then you need permit coverage. The "common plan" of development or sale is broadly defined as any announcement or piece of documentation (including a sign, public notice or hearing, sales pitch, advertisement, drawing, permit application, zoning request, computer design, etc.) or physical demarcation (including boundary signs, lot stakes, surveyor markings, etc.) indicating construction activities may occur on a specific plot. You must still meet the definition of operator in order to be required to get permit coverage, regardless of the acreage you personally disturb. If you are a subcontractor, it is unlikely you would need a permit because you probably do not meet the definition of an operator.

However, where only a small portion of the original common plan of development remains undeveloped and there has been a period of time where there are no ongoing construction activities (i.e., all areas are either undisturbed or have undergone final stabilization), you can re-evaluate your individual project based on the acreage remaining from the original common plan. If less than five but more than one acre remains to build out the original common plan, then a permit might still be required, but you can treat your project as part of a "small" construction activity and it might be eligible for the waivers available for small construction activities (e.g., one of six lots totaling 2 acres in a 50-acre subdivision can be treated as part of a 2-acre rather than 50-acre common plan). If less than one acre remains of the original common plan, your individual project could be treated as part of a less than one-acre development and no permit would be required. Note though that some local requirements may still apply.

- **When can you consider future construction on a property to be part of a separate plan of development or sale?**

After the initial common plan construction activity is completed for a particular parcel, any subsequent development or redevelopment of that parcel would be regarded as a new common plan of development. For example, after a house is built and occupied, any future construction on that lot like reconstructing after fire, adding a pool or parking area, would stand alone as a new common plan for purposes of calculating acreage disturbed to determine if a permit is required. This would also apply to similar situations at an industrial facility, such as adding new buildings, a pipeline, or new wastewater treatment facility that was not part of the original plan.

- **What if the extent of the common plan of development or sale is contingent on future activities?**

EPA recognizes that there are situations where you will not know up front exactly how many acres will be disturbed, or whether some activities will even occur. If you are not sure exactly how many acres will be disturbed, you should make the best estimate possible and might wish to overestimate to ensure you do not run into the situation where you should have permit coverage, but do not have it. For example, if you originally estimated less than 5 acres would actually be disturbed and took advantage of the low erosivity waiver, but you actually disturbed 5.5 acres, you would no longer qualify for a waiver and may have to go through the permit process mid-project. This could result in delays in obtaining permit authorization and costs associated with contract changes to implement permit requirements - in addition to being liable for any unpermitted discharges.

If you have a long-range master plan of development where some portions of the master plan are a conceptual rather than a specific plan of future development and the future construction activities would, if they occur at all, happen over an extended time period, you could consider the "conceptual" phases of development to be separate common plans provided the periods of construction for the physically interconnected phases will not overlap. For example, a university or an airport may have a long-range development concept for their property, with future development based largely on future needs and availability of funding. A school district could buy more land than needed for a high school with an indefinite plan to add more classrooms and a sports facility someday.

- **What if the common plan of development or sale consists of non-contiguous separate projects?**

There are several situations where discrete projects that could conceivably be considered part of a larger common plan can actually be treated as separate projects for the purposes of permitting:

- i. A public body (e.g., a municipality, State, Tribe, or Federal agency) need not consider all their construction projects within their entire jurisdiction to be part of an overall common plan. For example, construction of roads or buildings in different parts of a State, city, military base, university campus, etc. can be considered as separate common plans. Only the interconnected parts of a single project would be considered to be a common plan (e.g., a building and its associated parking lot and driveways, airport runway and associated taxiways, a building complex).
- ii. Where discrete construction projects within a larger common plan of development or sale are located at least 1/4 mile apart and the area between the projects is not being disturbed, each individual project can be treated as a separate plan of development or sale provided any interconnecting road, pipeline or utility project that is part of the same common plan is not concurrently being disturbed. For example, if a utility company was constructing new trunk lines off an existing transmission line to serve separate residential subdivisions located more than 1/4 mile apart, the two trunk line projects could be considered to be separate projects.

- **Is NPDES permit coverage required for oil and gas construction?**

CWA section 402(l)(2) provides that EPA shall not require, nor force a State to require an NPDES permit for discharges of stormwater runoff from oil and gas exploration, production, processing or treatment operations, or transmissions facilities, composed entirely of flows that are from conveyances or systems of conveyances used for collecting and conveying precipitation runoff, and that are not “contaminated by contact with any overburden, raw material, intermediate products, finished product, byproduct or waste products located on the site of such operations.” This exemption applies to both construction and industrial facilities and activities associated with oil and gas exploration, production, processing or treatment operations, or transmission facilities. These facilities and activities fall within the following North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) codes and titles:

- 211—Oil and Gas Extraction,
- 213111—Drilling Oil and Gas Wells,
- 213112—Support Activities for Oil and Gas Operations,
- 48611—Pipeline Transportation of Crude Oil and
- 48621—Pipeline Transportation of Natural Gas.

EPA’s [Oil and Gas Stormwater Permitting webpage](#) includes a non-exhaustive list of exempt and non-exempt facilities and activities (see section titled “Types of Oil and Gas Activities and Facilities that are Either Exempt or Non-Exempt from Stormwater Permitting”).

Under CWA section 402(l), its implementing regulations, and applicable court decisions, the permitting exemption for an oil or gas operation is not available and the operator must obtain coverage under an NPDES permit covering stormwater discharges from construction (for at least one acre of land disturbance and less than one acre if part of a common plan of development/sale) and/or an NPDES permit covering stormwater discharges from industrial activities. See 40 CFR 122.26(c)(1)(iii). These circumstances are tied to the “contaminated by contact with, or do not come into contact with” threshold for permitting. The trigger for stormwater from an oil or gas operation needing NPDES permit coverage is a discharge of stormwater that:

1. Results in the discharge of a “reportable quantity” (RQ) for which notification is or was required under 40 CFR 117.21 or 40 CFR 302.6 at any time since Nov 16, 1987; or
2. Results in the discharge of a RQ for which notification is or was required under 40 CFR 110.6 at any time since Nov 16, 1987; or
3. Contributes to a violation (that is to say, an exceedance) of a water quality standard.

For more information about the potential need for permitting of oil and gas construction activities, see the [Oil and Gas Stormwater Permitting webpage](#).



OBTAINING EPA CGP AUTHORIZATION

• Who is an “operator” under the EPA CGP and therefore responsible for obtaining permit coverage?

Operators requiring permit coverage include any party associated with a construction activity that meets either of the following two criteria:

- i. The party has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications (e.g., in most cases this is the owner of the site); or
- ii. The party has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project that are necessary to ensure compliance with the permit conditions (e.g., they are authorized to direct workers at a site to carry out activities required by the permit; in most cases this is the general contractor (as defined in [CGP Appendix A](#)) of the project).

Where there are multiple operators associated with the same project, all operators must obtain permit coverage. Subcontractors generally are not considered operators for the purposes of this permit.

EPA emphasizes that it is the party's operational control over the construction project that is determinative of whether they are considered an “operator” under the permit. In many cases, there will be two separate parties that have the necessary operational control over the project, and they will fall fairly distinctly into either one of the two types of parties described in the definition in Parts 1.1.1.a and 1.1.1.1.b. In other cases, there will be one party that exercises both types of operational control over the project. EPA frequently finds that parties with the type of operational control over specific projects within the permit's meaning of operator are involved in one or more of the following activities:

- Authorizing development/construction activities;
- Procuring project plans and specifications;
- Approving/disapproving project plans and specifications;
- Approving/disapproving project bids;
- Approving/disapproving SWPPPs, and SWPPP modifications;
- Issuing cease and desist orders of construction activities regardless if completed;
- Carrying out or managing construction work on the project site that causes earth disturbance.

This is not a comprehensive list of activities, and EPA acknowledges that there are likely other similar decision-making activities not listed here that would be indicative of project-specific operational control.

• What if I am required to obtain NPDES permit coverage and eligible for coverage under EPA's CGP, but fail to obtain permit coverage?

If an operator does not submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) or any individual permit application for its stormwater discharges from an active construction site, then the resulting discharges constitute unpermitted discharges in violation of the CWA.

- **What is a Notice of Intent (NOI)?**

EPA's CGP relies on the submission of an electronic document called a Notice of Intent (NOI) to gain coverage under the permit. An NOI for a general permit is notice to the NPDES permitting authority (EPA in this instance) of the operator's intent to be covered under the general permit and its certification that it is eligible for coverage and that the information is provided is true, accurate, and complete. An NOI typically contains basic information about the site and the proposed discharge. By signing and submitting the NOI, the operator is certifying that the information submitted is true, accurate, and complete, that the operator meets the eligibility requirements, and that, if and when covered, the operator will comply with the permit conditions and effluent limitations. A fraudulent or erroneous NOI invalidates permit coverage. An incomplete NOI delays permit coverage until such time as the NOI has been completed and the applicable waiting period has passed (i.e., 14 days for operators of new projects for the EPA CGP).

- **What type of information must be submitted in an NOI?**

Operators must provide the following types of information in their NOI for coverage under EPA's CGP:

- i. NPDES permit information;
- ii. Operator information;
- iii. Project/site information;
- iv. Discharge information;
- v. Chemical treatment information, if applicable;
- vi. SWPPP and Personnel Training information;
- vii. Endangered species protection information;
- viii. Historic preservation information;
- ix. Certification of NOI; and
- x. Contact information for NOI preparer.

A copy of the NOI is included as [CGP Appendix H](#).

- **Who is responsible for submitting the NOI for EPA CGP coverage?**

Any operator of an eligible site that must obtain permit coverage must submit an NOI to be covered under the CGP. The party that meets the first part of the definition of "operator" in most cases will be the owner of the site (i.e., the party that has operational control over construction plans and specifications, including the ability to make modifications to those plans and specifications). The party that meets the second part of the definition of "operator" in most cases will be the general contractor of the project (i.e., the party that has day-to-day operational control of those activities at a project that are necessary to ensure compliance with the permit conditions). Where there are multiple operators associated with the same project, all parties meeting the definition of "operator" must submit an NOI to be covered under the EPA CGP if such coverage is sought.

Additionally, you are probably not an operator, and therefore are not responsible for submitting an NOI to be covered under the EPA CGP, if:

- i. You are a subcontractor hired by, and under the supervision of, the owner or a general contractor (i.e., if the general contractor directs your activities on-site); or
- ii. You are a utility service line installer whose activities on-site result in an earth disturbance, but you are not legally a subcontractor or an operator, and there is another entity with permit coverage for the project and they have a SWPPP that specifically identifies someone other than you (or your subcontractor) as the party having responsibility for addressing the impacts your activities might have on stormwater quality.

- **What is my responsibility as an operator for subcontractors under EPA's CGP?**

Operators covered by the permit must ensure that all activities on the site comply with the requirements of the permit. Operators are not required to provide or document formal training for subcontractors or other outside service providers unless the subcontractors or outside service providers are responsible for conducting the inspections required in CGP Part 4, in which case the operator must provide such documentation consistent with CGP Part 7.2.2. That said, operators must ensure that such personnel understand any requirements of the permit that may be affected by the work they are subcontracted to perform. See CGP Part 6.

- **If I want to obtain EPA CGP coverage, how many NOIs will I have to submit?**

Each operator for a site must submit one NOI to cover the areas of the site that are under his/her control. For example, if you are building homes on multiple lots as part of a larger residential subdivision development, you can submit one NOI to cover all of your lots, even if they are on opposite sides of the development.

- **My site's disturbances will occur in an area covered by EPA's CGP and in an area covered under a State-issued construction stormwater permit. Do I need coverage under both the EPA-issued CGP and the State-issued permit?**

There may be instances where your site will disturb one or more acres of land and discharge stormwater but only a portion of the project occurs in an area where EPA is the NPDES permitting authority. In this case, you would need coverage under an EPA-issued construction stormwater permit (e.g., the CGP), and likely would need coverage from the NPDES permitting authority(ies) like a State or Tribe that have jurisdiction over the other portions of the project.

For example, let's consider a project that has contiguous disturbances or disturbances that are part of a common plan of development or sale that occur both in the State of New Mexico and the State of Arizona. Let's also assume this project will disturb an acre or more of land and will result in the discharge of pollutants through stormwater in both States. In this example, the operator of the project would need coverage under an EPA-issued stormwater permit (e.g., the CGP) for the disturbances in New Mexico and, if required by the State of Arizona, an Arizona-issued stormwater permit (even if the portion of the project in EPA's jurisdiction is less than an acre).

- **Where are NOIs sent?**

Operators must use [EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool \(NeT\)](#) to electronically prepare and submit NOIs for coverage under the CGP, unless they receive a waiver from your EPA

Regional Office. Trainings, user guides, and other information can be found on [EPA's website](#).

There are two conditions where an EPA Regional Office may grant a waiver from electronic reporting:

- i. If your operational headquarters is physically located in a geographic area (i.e., ZIP code or census tract) that is identified as under-served for broadband Internet access in the most recent report from the Federal Communications Commission; or
- ii. If you have limitations regarding available computer access or computer capability.

If you wish to obtain a waiver from submitting a report electronically, you must submit a request to the EPA Regional Office. In that request, you must document which exemption you meet, provide evidence supporting any claims, and a copy of your completed NOI form. A waiver may only be considered granted once you receive written confirmation from EPA. If the EPA Regional Office gives you approval to use a paper NOI, and you elect to use it, you must complete the form in [CGP Appendix H](#). You must also look in CGP Part 9 to determine if copies of the NOI form must be sent to a State or Indian Tribe.

- **What is the deadline for submitting an NOI for my construction activities and how long until permit coverage begins?**

The table below (from CGP Part 1.4.3, Table 1) provides the deadlines for submitting your NOI and the official start date of your permit coverage, which differ depending on when you commence construction activities.

Type of Operator	NOI Submittal Deadline ¹	Permit Authorization Date ²
Operator of a new site (i.e., a site where construction activities commence on or after February 17, 2022)	At least 14 calendar days before commencing construction activities.	14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied.
Operator of an existing site (i.e., a site with 2017 CGP coverage where construction activities commenced prior to February 17, 2022)	No later than May 18, 2022.	14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied. Provided you submit your NOI no later than May 18, 2022, your authorization under the 2017 CGP is automatically continued until you have been granted coverage under this permit or an alternative NPDES permit, or coverage is otherwise terminated.
New operator of a permitted site (i.e., an operator that through transfer of ownership and/or operation replaces the operator of an already permitted construction site that is either a "new site" or an "existing site")	At least 14 calendar days before the date the transfer to the new operator will take place.	14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied.
Operator of an "emergency-related project" (i.e., a project initiated in response to a public emergency (e.g., mud slides, earthquake, extreme flooding conditions, disruption in essential public services), for which the related work requires immediate authorization to avoid imminent endangerment to human health or the environment, or to reestablish essential public services)	No later than 30 calendar days after commencing construction activities.	You are considered provisionally covered under the terms and conditions of this permit immediately, and fully covered 14 calendar days after EPA notifies you that it has received a complete NOI, unless EPA notifies you that your authorization is delayed or denied.

¹ If you miss the deadline to submit your NOI, any and all discharges from your construction activities will continue to be unauthorized under the CWA until they are covered by this or a different NPDES permit. EPA may take enforcement action for any unpermitted discharges that occur between the commencement of construction activities and discharge authorization.

² Discharges are not authorized if your NOI is incomplete or inaccurate or if you are not eligible for permit coverage.

- **Who should certify/sign the NOI?**

The certifier of the NOI for the EPA CGP (i.e., the person who must sign the NOI form before it is submitted to EPA) must, in accordance with 40 CFR 122.22, be one of the following:

- i. For a corporation: A responsible corporate officer, which means: (i) a president, secretary, treasurer, or vice-president of the corporation in charge of a principal business function, or any other person who performs similar policy- or decision-making functions for the corporation, or (ii) the manager of one or more manufacturing, production, or operating facilities, provided, the manager is authorized to make management decisions which govern the operation of the regulated facility including having the explicit or implicit duty of making major capital investment recommendations, and initiating and directing other comprehensive measures to assure long term environmental compliance with environmental laws and regulations; the manager can ensure that the necessary systems are established or actions taken to gather complete and accurate information for permit application requirements; and where authority to sign documents has been assigned or delegated to the manager in accordance with corporate procedures.
- ii. For a partnership or sole proprietorship: A general partner or the proprietor, respectively.
- iii. For a municipality, State, Federal, or other public agency: By either a principal executive officer or ranking elected official. A principal executive officer of a Federal agency includes (i) the chief executive officer of the agency, or (ii) a senior executive officer having responsibility for the overall operations of a principal geographic unit of the agency (e.g., Regional Administrator of EPA).

Note that the certifier cannot use an authorized representative to certify the EPA CGP NOI form.

- **Who is authorized to sign the SWPPP, inspection reports, corrective action logs, turbidity monitoring reports, and other compliance documents?**

SWPPPs, corrective action logs, turbidity monitoring reports, and other permit documents can be signed by the person authorized to sign/certify the NOI (see Q&A above), or by a "duly authorized representative" of the person authorized to sign/certify the NOI, pursuant to 40 CFR 122.22(b) and Appendix G, Section G.11.2 of the EPA CGP. A duly authorized representative may only sign these documents if:

- i. The authorization is made in writing by a person described in Appendix G, Subsection G.11.1;
- ii. The authorization specifies either an individual or a position having responsibility for the overall operation of the regulated facility or activity such as the position of plant manager, operator of a well or a well field, superintendent, position of equivalent responsibility, or an individual or position having overall responsibility for environmental matters for the company (a duly authorized representative may thus be either a named individual or any individual occupying a named position); and
- iii. The signed and dated written authorization is included in the SWPPP. A copy will be required to be submitted to EPA, if requested.

The duly authorized representative cannot be a subcontractor or third party. The subcontractor or third party may develop the SWPPP, and may conduct inspections and corrective actions and complete reports, but the actual signature must be made by the NOI signer/certifier or a duly authorized representative of a person authorized to sign/certify the NOI.

- **If the information on my submitted NOI changes, do I need to modify my NOI and, if so, how do I do that?**

Yes, you must update your NOI when information on your current NOI has changed. To modify an NOI, you may submit a "Change NOI" form using [EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool \(NeT\)](#). If an EPA Regional Office grants you a waiver from electronic reporting, then you may submit a paper NOI modification by indicating any NOI changes on the same NOI form in [CGP Appendix H](#).

When there is a change to the site's operator, a new NOI must be submitted by the new operator, and the previous operator must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form as specified in Part 8.3.

- **If I need to modify an existing NOI, how does this affect my authorization for permit coverage?**

CGP Part 1.4.4 provides a list of the changes to the Notice of Intent (NOI) that will result in a separate 14-day review period. These changes include the following:

- Changes to the name of the operator;
- Changes to the project or site name;
- Changes to the estimated area to be disturbed;
- Changes to the name of the receiving water³, or additions to the applicable receiving waters;
- Changes to eligibility information related to endangered species protection or historic preservation;
- Changes to information provided related to the use of chemical treatment at your site; and
- Changes to answers provided regarding the demolition of structures over 10,000 square feet of floor space built or renovated before January 1, 1980.

During the 14-day review process, the operator may continue to operate based on the information provided in your original NOI, but the operator must wait until the review period ends before commencing or continuing activities on any portion of the site that would be affected by any of the above modifications, unless EPA notifies the operator that the authorization is delayed or denied.

³ As defined in Appendix A, a "receiving water" is "a "Water of the United States" as defined in 40 CFR §122.2 into which the regulated stormwater discharges."

- **What if the operator(s) changes before the project is completed?**

If operational control changes, the old operator must submit an NOT and the new operator must submit an NOI before taking over operational control. In many instances, operational control changes, but only for a portion of the site. In these instances, the new operator must:

- i. submit an NOI because their site is part of a larger common plan; and
- ii. develop their own SWPPP or adopt the SWPPP of the previous owner if it's still applicable (revisions are likely to be necessary to update the explanations of the operators and stormwater controls - controls that were designed for site grading and utility installation for the overall project (e.g., perimeter controls) may not be adequate for the single "big box" or home site.)



EROSION AND SEDIMENT CONTROL REQUIREMENTS IN THE 2022 EPA CGP

- **Do I have flexibility in preparing the Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) and selecting stormwater controls for my site?**

Yes. EPA's permit and SWPPP requirements provide considerable flexibility to the operator to select any needed stormwater controls based on the specifics of the site, provided they meet the minimum requirements established in CGP Part 2. Some of the factors you might consider include: more stringent local development requirements and/or building codes; precipitation patterns for the area at the time the project will be underway; soil types; slopes; layout of structures for the site; sensitivity of receiving waters; safety concerns of the stormwater controls; and coordination with other site operators.

The approach and controls used for minimizing pollutants in stormwater discharges from small construction sites may vary from those used for large sites since their characteristics can differ in many ways. Operators of small sites may have more limited access to qualified design personnel and technical information. Sites may also have less space for installing and maintaining certain controls. A number of structural controls (mulching, use of inlet protection, or silt fence) and non-structural controls (minimizing disturbance, good housekeeping) have been shown to be efficient, cost effective, and versatile for small construction site operators to implement. As is the case with large construction sites, erosion and sediment control at small construction sites is best accomplished with proper planning, installation, and maintenance of controls.

For eligible small residential lot projects, EPA encourages operators to use the Small Residential Lot SWPPP template, which provides a streamlined template for developing the required SWPPP. For information see EPA's [Small Residential Lot SWPPP Template](#) and [small lot brochure](#).

- **Will every operator have to have their own separate SWPPP or is a joint plan allowed?**

The only requirement is that there be at least one SWPPP for a site that incorporates the required elements for all operators, but there can be separate plans if individual operators so desire. EPA encourages operators to explore possible cost savings by having a joint SWPPP for several operators.

For instance, if both the owner and the general contractor of the construction site meet the definition of an operator and must obtain NPDES permit coverage, either party could develop a group SWPPP that applies to both parties, as long as the SWPPP addresses both parties' permit-related functions. Another example is where there are multiple operators associated with the same site through a common plan of development or sale (such as a housing development) at which a shared control exists. In this scenario, the operators may develop a group SWPPP instead of multiple individual SWPPPs, and clearly identify responsibilities that each operator will perform for various permit-related functions, including those related to the installation and maintenance of the shared control.

Regardless of whether there is a group SWPPP or multiple individual SWPPPs, all operators are legally responsible for compliance with the permit. So, if Operator A relies on Operator B to satisfy any part of its permit obligations, Operator A does not have to duplicate implementation of those permit-related functions if Operator B is implementing them such that both operators are in compliance with the permit. However, Operator A remains responsible for permit compliance if Operator B fails to take actions that were necessary for Operator A to comply with the permit. In addition, all operators must ensure, either directly or through coordination with other operators, that their activities do not cause a permit violation or compromise any other operators' controls and/or any shared controls.

- **What are the buffer requirements in the EPA CGP and how do I determine my requirements?**

The C&D rule includes a non-numeric effluent limitation to "provide and maintain natural buffers, unless infeasible." See 40 CFR 450.21 (a)(6). However, it does not specify what size buffer is necessary to meet the requirement, but rather leaves this and other related determinations up to the NPDES permitting authority. The 2022 CGP maintains the specificity related to the buffer requirement that was added in both the 2017 CGP and 2012 CGPs to ensure consistent implementation where EPA is the permitting authority.

To provide maximum flexibility for operators, EPA developed buffer compliance alternatives in the CGP. One compliance alternative allows operators to provide a minimum undisturbed natural buffer width of at least 50 feet between the site's disturbances and any receiving waters occurring within 50 feet of the construction site. Alternatively, the operator can choose to establish a smaller buffer or no buffer, if establishing a 50-foot or any buffer is infeasible, as long as other controls are implemented that ensure that the equivalent level of sediment load reduction is achieved as a 50-foot natural buffer. EPA also established more flexible compliance alternatives for linear construction sites and for small residential lots. To learn more about EPA's buffer requirements and how to comply with them, see [CGP Appendix F](#).

- **If there is no existing or limited natural vegetation in the 50-foot buffer area, do I need to comply with the buffer requirements?**

There may be instances where the 50-foot area between your site's disturbances and a receiving water (i.e., the buffer area) is completely occupied by preexisting development disturbances (e.g., impervious cover). In this case, there would no preexisting natural buffer area on your site and EPA would consider it infeasible to provide and maintain a natural buffer meaning the site would be exempt from the buffer

requirements in the EPA's CGP. For example, the buffer requirements would not apply if a waterfront promenade completely occupied the 50-foot buffer area.

For any buffer areas that are only partially occupied by preexisting development disturbances, the buffer requirements in the EPA CGP will apply. The buffer requirements also apply to areas in the 50-foot buffer where natural vegetation is limited or nonexistent (e.g., rocky or sandy areas) and that are otherwise not occupied by preexisting development disturbances.

For any natural buffer areas on your site with limited vegetation or where there are preexisting development disturbances partially occupying the area, the permit does not require that the natural buffer area in existence be enhanced (e.g., through establishment of new vegetation). Compliance can be achieved simply by retaining and protecting from construction activities the natural buffer that existed prior to the commencement of construction. Or, if you will be conducting new disturbances within the 50-foot buffer area, to comply with the permit you would only be required to compensate for the loss in buffer sediment removal function resulting from your project's new disturbances; you do not have to compensate for the preexisting development disturbances. EPA provides an example for how this calculation could be done in [CGP Appendix F](#) (see Attachment 3).

- **If I provide an undisturbed 50-foot, natural buffer consistent with CGP Part 2.2.1(a)(i), are perimeter controls still required at the site?**

Yes. The requirement to provide and maintain a natural buffer or its equivalent in CGP Part 2.2.1 is independent of (and does not substitute for) the requirement in CGP Part 2.2.3 to install perimeter controls along areas of the site that will receive pollutant discharges. Therefore, where operators comply with CGP Part 2.2.1 by providing and maintaining a full 50-foot, natural buffer between their construction activities and any receiving waters, they must also install perimeter controls to meet the requirement in CGP Part 2.2.3, unless the control is being implemented pursuant to Part 2.2.1a.ii-iii. See CGP Part 2.2.3.a.

- **Is there any flexibility in applying the buffer requirements for small residential lots?**

Yes. Small residential lots include those that are being developed for residential purposes and will disturb less than one acre of land, but are part of a larger residential project that will ultimately disturb greater than or equal to one acre. Operators of these lots that are constructing within the 50-foot buffer area may, due to limited technical resources, have difficulty determining the necessary supplemental erosion and sediment controls to provide the equivalent sediment removal function of a 50-foot buffer. Because of this, and due to the lower risk of sediment discharge from these sites, EPA provides in the permit two streamlined compliance options to assist operators of small residential lots in meeting the proposed permit's buffer requirements.

The first compliance option identifies the minimum specific controls that an operator of a small residential lot would need to implement based on the buffer width to be retained. For example, Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternative 1 specifies that, if you retain a buffer width of 30 feet or less, you would need to provide the following: (1) a double row of perimeter controls between the disturbed portion of your site and the surface water

spaced a minimum of five feet apart, and (2) completion of stabilization within seven calendar days of the temporary or permanent cessation of earth-disturbing activities.

The second compliance alternative specifies the controls the operator of the small lot would need to implement based on both the buffer width to be retained and the site's relative risk of sediment discharge. Operators of small lots must first determine their site's sediment risk level (i.e., High, Moderate, or Low) based on their location, soil type, and slope using the tables provided in [CGP Appendix F](#). Based on the site's risk level and the width of buffer to be retained, Small Residential Lot Compliance Alternative 2 then specifies the controls to be implemented. For example, if your site is of "Moderate" sediment discharge risk and you are able to retain a 35-foot buffer, you must provide a double row of perimeter controls between the disturbed portion of your site and the surface water spaced a minimum of five feet apart. See Appendix F in the permit for details about these compliance alternatives.

- **Is there any flexibility in applying the buffer requirements to linear construction projects?**

Yes. Dispersal of stormwater discharges through adjacent vegetation is a common practice on many linear project sites. Therefore, operators of linear construction sites will in many cases find it feasible to treat stormwater discharges through vegetated buffers. However, EPA recognizes that operators of linear construction sites may have difficulty in fully complying with each of the compliance alternatives due to site constraints (i.e., operators of linear construction sites may not be able to provide the full 50-foot naturally vegetated buffer width). For this reason, EPA has provided a more flexible alternative to the buffer compliance alternatives in the CGP. The permit requires operators of linear construction sites to retain as much natural buffer as feasible, and/or to the extent feasible provide supplemental erosion and sediment controls in the buffer area.

For example, consider a linear construction site that has only ten feet of right-of-way between the disturbed area and a stream. In this case, permit compliance can be achieved by either providing a ten-foot natural buffer, or by providing a narrower buffer (e.g., five feet) and additional erosion and sediment controls (e.g., a fiber roll barrier in addition to the perimeter control), or by providing exclusively erosion and sediment controls. Note that operators must document in their SWPPP their rationale as to why it is infeasible to comply with the buffer requirements in CGP Part 7.2.6(b)(i)(e), and describe any buffer width retained and/or supplemental erosion and sediment controls installed.

- **Why will I have to obtain specific authorization to use cationic treatment chemicals under EPA's CGP?**

EPA conducted research regarding the relative toxicity of cationic chemicals for aquatic species. EPA confirmed that cationic chemicals have been found to be acutely toxic to some species. EPA's research is encapsulated in a memorandum entitled "Literature Survey of Polymer Toxicity for Construction General Permit (CGP) Work Group" (Office of Research and Development, November 2011), which is available in the docket for the final 2012 CGP.

In addition to the public comments and the Agency's aquatic toxicity research, EPA considered approaches that State permitting programs have taken to address cationic treatment chemicals. EPA found that where cationic chemicals are specifically addressed, the use of these chemicals is heavily conditioned. These considerations, in

addition to EPA's research, led EPA to the conclusion that the use of cationic treatment chemicals at construction sites is best managed if its proposed use is subject to a greater degree of individualized review. For that reason, EPA has provided for site-specific authorization if a site intends to use cationic treatment chemicals during construction. In authorizing the use of such chemicals, EPA may identify additional stormwater control measures that are needed in order to ensure that discharges meet applicable water quality standards.

The CGP authorizes the use of anionic polymers, flocculants, or other treatment chemicals at sites provided operators using such measures comply with the requirements in Part 2.2.13 of the permit. Operators that plan to use cationic treatment chemicals are only eligible for coverage under the CGP if site-specific EPA authorization is provided; otherwise, an individual permit is required in order to use such chemicals associated with a discharge of pollutants to receiving waters. Operators who plan to use cationic chemicals at their site can request authorization from EPA by using the form in [Appendix J, "Suggested Format for Request for Chemical Treatment."](#)

• **What are the stabilization deadline requirements in the EPA CGP?**

Total Amount of Site Land Disturbance Occurring at Any One Time	Deadline
<p>i. Five acres or less (≤ 5.0) <i>Note: this includes sites disturbing more than (>5.0) acres total over the course of a project, but that limit disturbance at any one time (i.e., phase the disturbance) to five acres or less (≤ 5.0)</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate the installation of stabilization measures immediately in any areas of exposed soil where construction activities have permanently ceased or will be temporarily inactive for 14 or more calendar days; and • Complete the installation of stabilization measures as soon as practicable, but no later than 14 calendar days after stabilization has been initiated.
<p>ii. More than five acres (>5.0)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate the installation of stabilization measures immediately in any areas of exposed soil where construction activities have permanently ceased or will be temporarily inactive for 14 or more calendar days; and • Complete the installation of stabilization measures as soon as practicable, but no later than 7 calendar days after stabilization has been initiated.

The CGP establishes a modified approach to the stabilization deadlines, which is based on the concept of phasing construction disturbances. Sites that disturb 5 acres or less total must complete stabilization within a 14-calendar day timeframe. For sites that disturb more than 5 acres total over the course of a construction project, operators have the flexibility to choose between completing stabilization within a 14-calendar day timeframe if they limit disturbances to 5 acres or less at any one time, or within a 7-calendar day timeframe if they do not limit disturbances to 5 acres or less at any one time. The intent of this approach is to provide an incentive to disturb less land at any

given period of time by providing longer stabilization timeframes if the disturbance is kept below a threshold level.

The deadline for sites discharging to sensitive waters remains unchanged (within 7 calendar days), and the exceptions for sites in arid, semi-arid, and drought-stricken areas and for operators affected by circumstances beyond their control also remain unchanged.

- **How can I determine if my project is in an area experiencing drought?**

For a project to qualify for adjusted stabilization timeframes (see Part 2.2.14) or modified inspection frequencies (see Part 4.4.2), the project site must be located in an area that meets specific climate definitions. These definitions include: arid conditions, semi-arid conditions, drought-stricken area, and the seasonally dry period. The steps for determining if a project site qualifies for the permit flexibilities listed above are:

1. Determine if a site is in an arid or semi-arid location using any of the following:
 - a. The [NOAA National Mapping webpage](https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/national/mapping) (<https://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/cag/national/mapping>),
 - b. The [PRISM Climate Group's Time Series Values for individual locations](https://prism.oregonstate.edu/explorer/) (<https://prism.oregonstate.edu/explorer/>), or
 - c. EPA's [US EPA EnviroAtlas](https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas) (<https://www.epa.gov/enviroatlas>).

If the annual total precipitation is less than 10 inches, the site has arid conditions. If the annual total precipitation is greater than 10 inches but less than 20 inches, the site has semi-arid conditions. If the annual total precipitation is greater than 20 inches, the site does not meet the definitions for arid or semi-arid conditions.

If the site does not meet the definitions for arid or semi-arid, proceed to Step 2 to determine if the site has drought-stricken conditions. If the site has arid or semi-arid conditions, proceed to Step 3 to determine the seasonally dry period for the project location.

2. Determine if a site is in a drought-stricken area using the [NOAA U.S. Seasonal Drought Outlook](#), and identifying if the project site is located in an area which is marked: (1) Drought persists, (2) Drought remains but improves, (3) Drought removal likely, or (4) Drought development likely. If the site is in a drought-stricken area, proceed to Step 3 to determine the seasonally dry period for the project location.
3. Determine if it is the seasonally dry period for the site for the purposes of this permit using the EPA-developed Seasonally Dry Period Locator Tool. Note: the Seasonally Dry Period Locator Tool can be found at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>. The Seasonally Dry Period Locator Tool allows permittees to determine if their construction project site is in an arid or semi-arid area, and if any months out of the year are considered seasonally dry. Classifications are based on long-term (1981-2010) climate data obtained from the PRISM Climate Group. Maps of arid and semi-arid areas, as well as seasonally dry areas by month, can be found on EPA's Construction General Permit website at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-resources-tools-and-templates>. If the project is operating during those months that are considered seasonally dry, the project qualifies for adjusted stabilization timeframes (see Part 2.2.14) or modified inspection frequencies (see Part 4.4.2).

- **What does the permit mean by an area's "seasonally dry period" and why is this important?**

The permit provides different inspection (CGP Part 4.4.2) and stabilization (CGP Part 2.2.14.b.i) requirements for projects that will be active during a "seasonally dry period" within arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas. To provide clarity, EPA defines "seasonally dry period" in Appendix A of the permit as a month in which the long-term average total precipitation is less than or equal to 0.5 inches. Defining seasonally dry periods helps identify times and locations where: (1) the risk of a discharge-producing storm event is below average, and (2) the ability to utilize vegetative stabilization measures on a site may be reduced due to lack of precipitation to sustain plant life. EPA establishes the threshold for the seasonally dry period as 0.5 inches of total precipitation per month, as measured by long-term climate data, because: (1) it is consistent with a below average monthly rainfall total for arid and semi-arid areas, and (2) it reflects a manageable risk of occurrence of storm events capable of producing stormwater discharges during the dry period.

EPA also provides operators with resources and guidance to assist them in determining whether they will be engaged in active construction during the seasonally dry period in an arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas. See [EPA's Resources, Tools, and Templates webpage](#) for further instructions on determining if a project site qualifies for the "seasonally dry period" permit requirements.

- **What does it mean to limit disturbances at any one time to 5 acres or less?**

For the purposes of the stabilization requirements in CGP Part 2.2.14(a), limiting disturbances to 5 acres or less at any one time means that at no time during the project do the cumulative earth disturbances exceed 5 acres. The following examples qualify as limiting disturbances at any one time to 5 acres or less:

- The total area of disturbance for a project is 5 acres or less.
- The total area of disturbance for a project will exceed 5 acres, but the operator ensures no more than 5 acres will be disturbed at any one time through implementation of stabilization measures. In this way, site stabilization can be used to "free up" land that can be disturbed without exceeding the 5-acre cap to qualify for the 14-day stabilization deadline. For instance, if an operator completes stabilization of 2 acres of land on a 5-acre disturbance, then 2 additional acres could be disturbed while still qualifying for the longer 14-day stabilization deadline.

- **Will the stabilization deadline for my site change if disturbances exceed 5 acres?**

Yes. The important determiner of which stabilization deadline applies is the total amount of disturbance occurring at any one time during the course of the project. If at any point during the course of the project, total land disturbance at any one time exceeds 5 acres, the deadline to complete stabilization for this portion of the project is within 7 calendar days of initiating stabilization. This deadline applies regardless of whether a previous phase of construction may have limited disturbance to 5 acres or less and was able to take advantage of the 14-calendar day deadline for stabilization. For instance, let's consider an operator who starts work on a 20-acre project by clearing and grading a 5-acre portion of the site. While that construction is ongoing and prior to stabilization, the

operator clears and grades another 3-acre area. In this example, the operator would be required to comply with the 7-day stabilization deadline because the amount of disturbed area on the site at any one time exceeds the 5-acre threshold. If total land disturbance at any one time is subsequently reduced to 5 acres or less, the deadline to complete stabilization will return to within 14 calendar days. Therefore, operators have the flexibility to disturb more land when needed, but are required to stabilize faster because the disturbed is unprotected and vulnerable to erosion and sediment transport during storm events. This approach intends to provide the incentive to stabilize enough land to bring total disturbance at any one time back under the 5-acre threshold so that the operator can resume receiving the benefit of the longer 14-calendar day stabilization deadline.

- **What are the requirements for impaired and high quality waters in the EPA's CGP?**

The CGP includes requirements to protect impaired waters that receive construction site stormwater discharges. Operators of sites that discharge to sediment- or nutrient-impaired waters must comply with more rapid site stabilization requirements and increased site inspection requirements.

Operators of sites that discharge to high quality waters (i.e., Tier 2, 2.5, or 3 waters) must also comply with the requirements for more rapid site stabilization and increased site inspections. Operators of sites that discharge to any waters impaired for polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBs) and are engaging in demolition of any structure with at least 10,000 square feet of floor space built or renovated before January 1, 1980, must implement additional controls to minimize the exposure of PCB-containing building materials.

For sites discharging dewatering water to a sediment-impaired or Tier 2, 2.5, or 3 water, operators are required to conduct turbidity benchmark monitoring in accordance with CGP Part 3.3. For more information, see EPA's Turbidity Benchmark Monitoring webpage at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/turbidity-benchmark-monitoring-dewatering-under-construction-general-permit>.

- **What does it mean for a waterbody to be impaired for a "sediment-related parameter"?**

For the purposes of this permit, a "sediment-related parameter" is one that is closely related to sediment such as turbidity, total suspended solids (TSS), total suspended sediment, transparency, sedimentation, and siltation.

- **What is expected regarding inspections if a storm event happens outside a project's normal business hours?**

Under the CGP, inspections are only required during a project's normal working hours. For example, if the storm event that produces 0.25 inches of rain occurs on a Saturday, an inspection would be required on Monday - this project's next work day.

- **Are there situations when infiltration should not be used at a site?**

The CGP encourages operators to infiltrate stormwater from construction sites. CGP Part 2.2.2 requires operators to direct stormwater to vegetated areas and maximize stormwater infiltration and filter to reduce pollutant discharges. The permit provides the operator with an exception to the requirement to maximize stormwater infiltration and

filtering if, in their judgment, infiltration would be inadvisable due to the underlying geology (e.g., karst topography) and groundwater contamination concerns, or infeasible due to site conditions.

Operators should consider whether factors such as specific contaminant concerns from the construction site, the underlying soils or geology, hydrology, depth to the ground water table, or proximity to source water or wellhead protection area(s) make the site unsuitable for infiltrating construction stormwater. Site conditions that may be of particular concern include proximity to: a current or future drinking water aquifer; a drinking water well or spring (including private/household wells); highly conductive geology such as karst; known pollutant hot spots, such as hazardous waste sites, landfills, gas stations, brownfields; an on-site sewage system or underground storage tank; or soils that do not allow for infiltration.

You may find it helpful to consult EPA's [Drinking Water Mapping Application to Protect Source Waters](#) (DWMAPS). DWMAPS is an online mapping tool that can be used to locate drinking water providers, potential sources of contamination, polluted waterways, and information on protection initiatives in the site area.

- **Are there situations where stormwater controls for storm inlets are not required?**

CGP Part 2.2.10 requires the installation of inlet protection measures prior to entry into storm drain inlets that carry stormwater from the site to a receiving water if the operator has authority to access the storm drain inlet. EPA has added an exception to this requirement in Part 2.2.10.a for storm drain inlets that are conveyed to a sediment basin, sediment trap, or similarly effective control. Where this exception applies, the operator is required to include in the SWPPP a short description of the control that receives stormwater flow from the site. See CGP Part 7.2.6.b.iv.

- **Are there erosion controls that can be implemented that are more “wildlife friendly” than others?**

It is common for some type of netting to be used in connection with seeding or planting to guard against erosion while vegetation is established for stabilization. If netting will be used at the site, EPA encourages operators to consider employing products that have been shown to minimize impacts on wildlife. For instance, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service provides recommendations on the type of netting practices that are considered “wildlife friendly,” including those that use natural fiber or 100 percent biodegradable materials and that use a loose weave with a non-welded, movable jointed netting, as well as those products that are not wildlife friendly including square plastic netting that are degradable (e.g., photodegradable, UV-degradable, oxo-degradable), netting made from polypropylene, nylon, polyethylene, or polyester. Other recommendations include removing the netting product when it is no longer needed. See https://www.fws.gov/midwest/eastlansing/library/pdf/WildlifeFriendlyErosionControlProducts_revised.pdf for further information. There also may be State, Tribal, or local requirements or recommendations about using wildlife friendly erosion control products.

- **What does it take to be considered a “qualified person” for inspections?**

A “qualified person” is someone who has completed the training required by CGP Part 6.3. For projects that receive coverage prior to February 17, 2023, any personnel conducting site inspections pursuant to CGP Part 4 on your site must, at a minimum, be a

person knowledgeable in the principles and practice of erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention, who possesses the appropriate skills and training to assess conditions at the construction site that could impact stormwater quality, and the appropriate skills and training to assess the effectiveness of any stormwater controls selected and installed to meet the requirements of the permit.

For projects that receive permit coverage on or after February 17, 2023, personnel conducting site inspections must complete the training requirements in CGP Part 6.3 to be a “qualified person” for conducting inspections

For more information and to find the available trainings:

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-inspector-training>.

- **Can I electronically prepare and sign the SWPPP, inspection reports, corrective action reports, and any other compliance documents and maintain them as electronic records?**

Under the CGP, SWPPPs, site and dewatering inspection reports, and corrective action logs may be prepared, signed, and kept electronically if the records are: (a) in a format that can be read in a similar manner as a paper record; (b) legally dependable with no less evidentiary value than their paper equivalent; and (c) accessible to the inspector during an inspection to the same extent as a paper copy stored at the site would be, if the records were stored in paper form.

For additional guidance on the proper practices to follow for the electronic retention of compliance records, refer to the [Fact Sheet](#) discussion for CGP Part 4.7.3.

- **When am I supposed to begin conducting inspections at my site?**

Compliance with all CGP requirements, including the inspection requirements, begins on the effective date of coverage. If no “construction activities” or “construction support activities” (as defined in Appendix A) have commenced due to an unforeseen delay, the inspection “clock” would begin only when you initiate construction activities. You should note in the SWPPP when construction activities actually started and modify your NOI to reflect the “estimated project start date” once the estimated date is known so that you properly document why inspections did not begin 7 or 14 calendar days after the effective date of permit coverage.



DEWATERING REQUIREMENTS IN EPA'S CGP

- **What new controls are required for the discharge of dewatering water?**

EPA has updated the requirements for construction dewatering activities as part of the Agency's broader interest in addressing what it has found to be a lack of compliance at sites with dewatering controls that are inadequate or improperly installed and maintained, resulting in significant discharges of sediment and other pollutants to receiving waters. Additional specificity is provided in terms of the types of pollutants that must be controlled in the discharge, and additional detail is provided on how erosion is to be minimized at the point of discharge.

The following is a summary of the updated dewatering control requirements:

- To prevent discharges with visual turbidity, Part 2.4.1 clarifies that dewatering water must be routed through a sediment control that will minimize the sediment content of dewatering discharges.
 - The permit includes new text in Part 2.4.3 to clarify that dewatering discharges must not cause the formation of a visible sheen on the water surface, or visible oily deposits on the bottom or shoreline of the receiving water. This new text is intended to serve as a backstop to the requirement that the oil-water separator or similar filtration device be used in case such practices prove ineffective and need to be modified or replaced.
 - Part 2.4.5 is updated to emphasize the requirements on minimizing erosion: Parts 2.4.5.a and b requires the use of stable, erosion-resistant surfaces at the discharge point and prohibit the placement of dewatering controls on steep slopes. Part 2.4.5.c updates the requirement to comply with velocity dissipating measures at the point of the dewatering discharge to better align with the intended purpose of such measures (i.e., prevent dewatering-related erosion and related sediment discharges).
- **Are sites required to eliminate turbidity?**

No. Part 2.4.1.a ensures that sediment controls have the design objective of minimizing discharges that have a visible sediment plume or are opaque or cloudy. Well-designed controls that are operated and maintained correctly, but produce a discharge with a sediment plume, requires the operator to investigate the current controls to determine if there is some identifiable problem that can be fixed through corrective action. See CGP Parts 5.1.5 and 5.2.2.

- **What is the inspection frequency for sites while they are dewatering?**

EPA is requiring inspections on a daily basis when construction dewatering is taking place. See CGP Part 4.3.2.

Note that the CGP Part 4.2 inspection frequency still applies to all other portions of the site, unless the site is subject to the increased frequency in Part 4.3.1 or eligible for the reduced frequency in CGP Part 4.4.

- **Why did EPA increase the inspection frequency in the 2022 CGP for sites while they are dewatering?**

EPA has found from its inspections of permitted sites that neither the default inspection frequency in Part 4.2.2 (either weekly or biweekly and within 24 hours of a 0.25 inch rain storm or a snowmelt discharge from a snow storm that produces 3.25 inches or more of snow) nor the increased inspection frequency for discharges to impaired and Tier 2, 2.5, and 3 waters in Part 4.3.1 is likely frequent or targeted enough to catch and respond to problems associated with dewatering that are occurring at a particular time. Dewatering activities causing significant pollutant discharges may occur on a non-inspection day, in which case the discharge may continue unabated until the next inspection day. Due to the high rate of flow from dewatering activities and the potential for significant pollutant discharge if the controls are not working effectively or designed properly, increased inspections give operators the opportunity to discover problems closer to the time they are occurring and to respond in an expeditious manner. Requiring increased oversight over the dewatering discharge and pollutant controls will be especially effective given

the operator's significant control over the discharge, including the ability to immediately shut off the discharge if necessary to evaluate and fix a problem on the site.

EPA notes that other States also require or recommend daily inspections of the dewatering discharge in their permits. Additionally, a number of State best management practice manuals recommend that dewatering controls be inspected daily.

- **What are the new CGP requirements for dewatering inspections?**

Conducting inspections: The operator must ensure that the person conducting inspections is a "qualified person." CGP Part 4.1 now redefines who a qualified individual may be so that it is linked to the minimum training for all site inspectors in CGP Part 6.3. This represents a change from the 2017 CGP, which defined the qualified person in more general terms. The 2022 permit reframes the requirement by establishing minimum training requirements for the site inspector to be considered a qualified person.

Frequency of inspections: EPA is requiring inspections on a daily basis when construction dewatering is taking place. See Part 4.3.2.

Location of inspections: Among the areas of the site that must be inspected, EPA includes in Part 4.5.5 the areas where construction dewatering is taking place, including controls to treat the dewatering discharge and any channelized flow of water to and from those controls.

Records: EPA now requires the operator to record certain minimum details about the dewatering discharge. Under the new requirements, operators are required to record the following as part of their dewatering inspection:

- Approximate times that the dewatering discharge began and ended on the day of inspection and estimates of the rate (in gallons per day) of discharge on the day of inspection
- Whether certain pollutant indicators were observed at the point of discharge to any receiving waters flowing through or immediately adjacent to the site and/or to constructed or natural site drainage features or storm drain inlets:

Photographs: The operator must take photographs of (1) dewatering water prior to treatment by a dewatering control(s) and the final discharge after treatment; (2) the dewatering control(s); and (3) the point of discharge to any receiving waters flowing through or immediately adjacent to the site and/or to constructed or natural site drainage features, storm drain inlets, and other conveyances to receiving waters.

Inspection Report Deadline: EPA also clarifies that the dewatering inspection report must be completed within 24 hours of the inspection, and include the inspection date (Part 4.6.3.a) and names and titles of personnel making the inspection (Part 4.6.3.b), similar to the information required for site inspections in Part 4.7.1.

Inspection Report Information: EPA also adds a clarification to Part 4.6.4.b explaining that as part of the inspection, the operator must modify the SWPPP site map if the site's stormwater controls are no longer accurately reflected on the current site map. EPA includes a clarifying footnote in Part 4.7.3 to specify that inspection reports may be prepared, signed, and kept electronically, rather than in paper form, if that is preferred by the operator. To make sure that the electronic reports can be accessed and read in the same way as paper, the permit requires that the records be: (a) in a format that can be read in a similar manner as a paper record; (b) legally dependable with no less

evidentiary value than their paper equivalent; and (c) immediately accessible to the inspector during an inspection to the same extent as a paper copy stored at the site would be, if the records were stored in paper form.

- **What is the purpose of benchmark turbidity monitoring?**

The CGP's turbidity benchmark monitoring requirements for dewatering discharges to sensitive waters (Part 3.3) provide a water quality condition against which operators can evaluate the effectiveness of their dewatering controls and ensure that there will be a corrective action response to protect water quality if the dewatering controls are shown to be ineffective. These requirements will also enable e

- **Who must conduct turbidity monitoring?**

Sites discharging dewatering water to "sensitive waters" (i.e., receiving waters listed as impaired for sediment or a sediment-related parameter (as defined in Appendix A), or receiving waters designated as a Tier 2, Tier 2.5, or Tier 3 for antidegradation purposes) are required to comply with the turbidity monitoring requirements in CGP Part 3.3.

- **Where is monitoring required?**

Samples must be taken at all points where dewatering water is discharged. Samples must be taken after the dewatering water has been treated by installed treatment devices pursuant to Parts 2.4.1 and 2.4.3 and prior to its discharge off site into a receiving water, constructed or natural site drainage feature, or storm drain inlet.

- **How do I monitor for turbidity?**

Operators are required to collect at least one turbidity sample from the dewatering discharge each day a discharge occurs. Samples taken must be representative of the dewatering discharge for any given day as required in Appendix G (standard permit conditions), Part G.10.2. Additionally, samples must be measured using a turbidity meter that reports results in nephelometric turbidity units (NTUs) and conforms with a Part 136-approved method (e.g., methods 180.1 and 2130). The operator is required to use the meter, and conduct a calibration verification prior to each day's use, consistent with the manufacturer's instructions.

EPA has put together and posted on its webpage a guidance document, [Monitoring and Inspection Guide for Construction Dewatering](#), to assist operators in complying with the turbidity benchmark monitoring requirements. The guide provides information on how to correctly monitor for turbidity, determine if the weekly average exceeds the benchmark, and, if so, how to proceed with corrective action, as well as how to comply with the permit's dewatering inspection requirements.

Where there are multiple operators associated with the same site, the operators may coordinate with one another to carry out the monitoring requirements to avoid duplicating efforts consistent with CGP Part 3.3. Such coordinating arrangements must be described in the SWPPP consistent with CGP Part 7.2.8.

- **What happens if I exceed the turbidity benchmark?**

Turbidity benchmarks are not effluent limitations; rather, they are a numeric measure for assessing whether a site’s dewatering controls are effective in protecting water quality. If the weekly average of your turbidity monitoring results exceeds the standard benchmark (or your approved alternate benchmark), you are required to conduct follow-up corrective action in accordance with CGP Part 5.2.2 and document any corrective action taken in your corrective action log in accordance with CGP Part 5.4.

If there is a benchmark exceedance, there is no permit violation. However, there are still enforceable components of the benchmark monitoring requirements. The operator must comply with all the sampling, reporting, and recordkeeping provisions in CGP Part 3.3, and with the corrective action requirements in CGP Part 5.2.2. Failure to comply with any of these provisions is considered a violation of the permit.

- **Do I have to submit turbidity data to EPA?**

If you are required to conduct turbidity monitoring under CGP Part 3.3, you must submit reports of your weekly average turbidity results to EPA no later than 30 days following the end of each monitoring quarter. Operators are required to indicate in the turbidity monitoring report if there are monitoring weeks in which there was no dewatering discharge, or if there is a monitoring quarter with no dewatering discharge. Operators must also indicate in the turbidity monitoring report if another operator associated with the same site is conducting turbidity monitoring on behalf of the permittee pursuant to CGP Part 3.3.

For the CGP, the following monitoring quarters and reporting deadlines apply:

Monitoring Quarter #	Months	Reporting Deadline (no later than 30 days after end of the monitoring quarter)
1	January 1 – March 31	April 30
2	April 1 – June 30	July 30
3	July 1 – September 30	October 30
4	October 1 – December 31	January 30

Use [EPA's NPDES eReporting Tool \(NeT\)](#) to electronically submit quarterly turbidity data, unless, consistent with CGP Part 1.4.2, the operator receives a waiver from the applicable EPA Regional Office. If the EPA Regional Office grants approval to use a paper turbidity monitoring report form, the operator must use the form in [CGP Appendix K](#). If EPA approves of a request to use an alternate turbidity benchmark pursuant to CGP Part 3.3.2b, EPA will substitute the alternate benchmark in the operator's NeT account.

For each day in which the operator is required to monitor, they must record the monitoring information required by [CGP Appendix G](#), Parts G.10.2 and G.10.3 and retain all such information for a period of at least three years from the date this permit expires or from the date authorization is terminated.



POLLUTION PREVENTION REQUIREMENTS IN EPA'S CGP

- **How have the EPA CGP requirements changed for storage and handling of diesel fuel, oil, hydraulic fluids, other petroleum products, and other chemicals at construction sites?**

The new requirements are not materially different from those of the 2017 CGP. The main difference is that the requirements are reorganized so that the types of controls for small and large containers are appropriate for their relative risk and the controls needed to prevent and abate a spill or leak.

EPA revised the CGP Part 2.3.3.c pollution prevention requirements for diesel fuel, oil, hydraulic fuels, or other petroleum products, and other chemicals to require controls based on the volume of chemicals being used and stored on the site. The controls used to prevent and treat a possible spill and leak should be able to be moved around the project site wherever the materials are being used or stored. The permit establishes control requirements that are appropriate for smaller-sized containers by requiring that the operator use water-tight containers that are kept closed, sealed, and secured when not being actively used, place them on a spill containment pallet (or similar device) if kept outside, and have available at all times a spill kit in good working condition and personnel available to respond quickly to a spill or leak.

Where larger chemical containers will be present at the site, the permit includes controls that are more geared to the storage of chemical material in a fixed location and that are effective at preventing pollution from a larger spill or leak that could pose a significantly higher risk to the receiving water. In addition to the requirement for smaller chemical containers to store them in water-tight containers and keep them closed, sealed, and secured when not in use, the permit specifically requires the following for larger volumes of chemicals on site:

- Store containers a minimum of 50 feet from receiving waters, constructed or natural site drainage features, and storm drain inlets (unless infeasible due to site constraints, in which case the permit requires containers to be stored as far away from these features as the site permits).
 - Provide either (1) cover (e.g., temporary roofs) to minimize the exposure of these containers to precipitation and to stormwater, or (2) secondary containment (e.g., curbing, spill berms, dikes, spill containment pallets, double-wall above ground storage tank); and
 - Have a spill kit available on site that is in good working condition (i.e., not damaged, expired, or used up) and ensure personnel are available to respond immediately in the event of a leak or spill. Additional secondary containment measures are listed at 40 CFR § 112.7(c)(1).
- **How have the EPA CGP pollution prevention requirements changed for construction and domestic wastes?**

The permit modifies CGP Part 2.3.3.e related to the requirement to store construction and domestic wastes in waste containers. The provision now specifies that waste containers are not required for the waste remnant or unused portions of construction materials or final products that are covered by the exception in Part 2.3.3.a (i.e., "Minimization of exposure is not required in cases where the exposure to precipitation and to stormwater will not result in a discharge of pollutants, or where exposure of a specific material or

product poses little risk of stormwater contamination (such as final products and materials intended for outdoor use)”) as long as:

- These wastes are stored separately from other construction or domestic wastes regulated by Part 2.3.3.e.i (i.e., wastes not covered by the exception in Part 2.3.3.a). If the wastes are mixed, they must be stored in waste containers as required in Part 2.3.3.e.i; and
- These wastes are stored in designated areas of the site, the wastes are described in the SWPPP, and identified in the site plan.

EPA urges operators to exercise caution in applying this exception. It should be fairly easy for operators to determine whether certain waste materials like the waste remnant or unused portions of rock (e.g., gravel, stone, riprap) and untreated lumber, board, and composite wood (e.g., plywood) qualify for the exception. Other waste materials, however, such as blast rock or rebar, may contain pollutant residues or rust that could be discharged when exposed to stormwater, thereby disqualifying them for the exception. Where there is any doubt whether the exception applies, the operator is expected to err on the side of caution and store such materials in containers as required under Part 2.3.3.e.i.



INSPECTIONS, ROUTINE MAINTENANCE, AND CORRECTIVE ACTIONS IN EPA'S CGP

- **What non-EPA training programs can I take to ensure I am a “qualified person” to conduct inspections?**

There are a number of existing state and third-party stormwater courses that offer alternatives to the inspector training program EPA will be releasing for its 2022 CGP. As long as the non-EPA course covers the minimum topics listed in CGP Part 6.3.b, an individual completing the course and having an up-to-date certification of completion can rely on the course to comply with the CGP's requirements. Examples of non-EPA training programs that may cover these minimum topics are provided on EPA's [Construction General Permit Inspector Training webpage](#).

EPA's reference to any training programs on its webpage does not constitute an Agency endorsement of any individual product or vendor. EPA may update this list from time to time as it learns of additional training programs that may meet the CGP Part 6.3.b requirements. If you are aware of any training programs not listed on the webpage that you believe satisfy these requirements, you may contact EPA to provide information for the Agency's consideration.

- **What happens if I've taken training already, but a required topic was not taught in that training?**

If one of the minimum training topics from the CGP Part 6.3.b list of required training topics (e.g., installation and maintenance of pollution prevention practices) is not covered by a non-EPA training program, you may consider supplementing that training program with the analogous module of the EPA course (e.g., Module 4) that covers the missing minimum training topic. See footnote 80.

- **What are the training requirements for inspectors?**

For projects that receive permit coverage prior to February 17, 2023, operators may continue to comply with the training requirements as they were worded in the 2017 CGP:

For projects that receive permit coverage on or after February 17, 2023, CGP Part 6.3 specifies that anyone carrying out inspections must either (1) complete the EPA construction inspection course developed for this permit and pass the exam, or (2) hold a current valid certification or license from a non-EPA training program that covers essentially the same principles. The requirements specify that the non-EPA training program must cover, at a minimum, the following:

- Principles and practices of erosion and sediment control and pollution prevention practices at construction sites;
- Proper installation and maintenance of erosion and sediment controls and pollution prevention practices used at construction sites; and
- Performance of inspections, including the proper completion of required reports and documentation, consistent with the requirements of Part 4.

For more information on the training requirements for personnel conducting inspections for permitted construction sites, see EPA's webpage "Construction General Permit Inspector Training" at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes/construction-general-permit-inspector-training>.

- **What is the difference between routine maintenance and corrective actions in the EPA CGP?**

In the 2022 CGP, EPA is defining for the first time routine maintenance in CGP Part 2.1.4 as "minor repairs or other upkeep performed to ensure the site's stormwater controls remain in effective operating condition, not including significant repairs or the need to install a new or replacement control." By contrast, if what is needed is a significant repair (e.g., the control needs to be temporarily taken off line and special equipment or a major replacement part is needed) or a replacement or completely different control, then the operator must treat this as a corrective action under CGP Part 5. See CGP Part 2.1.4.d.

- **When are inspections required for rainfall? How is it different from when it snows?**

If the operator decides to conduct bi-weekly inspections instead of weekly, CGP Part 4.2.2 requires an additional inspection if specific precipitation conditions occur. Specifically, an additional inspection is required within 24 hours of a storm event that produces 0.25 inch or more of rain within a 24-hour period, or within 24 hours of a discharge caused by snowmelt resulting from an accumulation of 3.25 inches or more within a 24-hour period.

If a rain event occurs that produces 0.25 inches or more during the two-week period or a snowmelt discharge occurs following a 3.25 inch or greater snowstorm, an inspection must be performed within 24 hours of the occurrence of the event. Following the event-related inspection (or final event-related inspection in cases of multi-day events), the operator must conduct the next inspection within no more than 14 calendar days.

- **What happens if there is a storm that continues for multiple days, or that stops and starts multiple times during a day or over multiple days?**

If a storm event produces 0.25 inches or more of rain within a 24-hour period, you must conduct one inspection within 24 hours of when 0.25 inches of rain or more has fallen. This includes when there are multiple, smaller storms that alone produce less than 0.25 inches but together produce 0.25 inches or more in 24 hours. By contrast, if a storm event produces 0.25 inches or more of rain within a 24-hour period on the first day of a storm and continues to produce 0.25 inches or more of rain on subsequent days, you must conduct an inspection within 24 hours of the first day of the storm and within 24 hours after last day of the storm that produces 0.25 inches or more of rain (i.e., only two inspections would be required for such a storm event). See CGP Part 4.2.2.a.

Example: If 0.30 inches of rain falls on Day 1, 0.25 inches of rain falls on Day 2, and 0.10 inches of rain fall on Day 3, the operator would be required to conduct a first inspection within 24 hours of the Day 1 rainfall and a second inspection within 24 hours of the Day 2 rainfall, but a third inspection would not be required within 24 hours of the Day 3 rainfall.

Where a snowmelt discharge is concerned, additional snowmelt inspections are only required if following the discharge from the first snowmelt, there is a discharge from a separate storm event that produces 3.25 inches or more of snow. See CGP Part 4.2.2.b.



TERMINATING COVERAGE UNDER EPA'S CGP

- **How have the requirements for terminating coverage under the EPA CGP changed?**

The permit now requires in CGP Part 8.2.1.a that you take and submit photographs showing the stabilized areas of the site as part of the Notice of Termination (NOT). EPA specifies that you are not required to take photographs of every distinct part of the site that is being stabilized, however, the conditions of the site portrayed in any photographs that are submitted must be substantially similar to those of the areas that are not photographed. EPA also clarifies that stabilization conditions that are substantially similar would include areas that are using the same type of stabilization measures and that have similar slopes, soils, and topography, and have achieved the same level of stabilization. For any portions of the site being photographed, one photo must be taken before the specific area has met the final stabilization criteria, and one must be taken after the area is stabilized.

The permit also specifies that if any portion of the site is covered by one of the exceptions in Part 2.2.14.c.iii (i.e., for arid, semi-arid, and drought-stricken areas; disturbed areas on agricultural land restored to preconstruction agricultural use; and areas that need to remain disturbed), you must indicate which exception applies and include a supplementary explanation with the photographs that provides the necessary context for why this portion of the site is in compliance with the final stabilization criteria even though it appears to be unstabilized.

- **If an operator has permit coverage as part of a larger common plan of development or sale, can an NOT be filed once the project is complete?**

Yes, once all of the construction activities included in the original NOI are eligible for termination of coverage under CGP Part 8, then the operator must submit the NOT in accordance with the permit.

Operators do not have to wait for other portions of the larger common plan of development or sale that they did not include in their original NOI and do not have control over (i.e. another operator's site) to be complete before submitting an NOT. However, if portions of the common plan project that the operator described in the original NOI are eligible for termination, but other portions are still undergoing active construction or are yet to be started, then the operator must wait until all portions of the project that are permitted under that original NOI are completed before submitting the NOT. For example, if the operator is a general contractor building homes on multiple lots as part of a larger residential subdivision development, and the operator has submitted one NOI to cover all of the lots, that operator would not be able to submit an NOT until all of the lots are eligible for termination.

- **What are my options for meeting the “final stabilization” criteria?**

In the EPA CGP, you can terminate permit coverage once your site achieves final stabilization on all areas not covered by permanent structures for which you had control over during construction, provided you have met the other requirements for terminating coverage. For the purpose of this discussion, “permanent structure” is used not only in the more traditional sense of “buildings,” but to refer also to other things built on the ground whose intended purpose would require it to remain in a non-vegetated condition after construction has ended (e.g., parking lots, roads, gravel equipment pads, sidewalks, runways). The permit specifies that final stabilization be achieved through vegetative or non-vegetative measures.

Final vegetative stabilization means that operators have established uniform, perennial vegetation (i.e., evenly distributed, without large bare areas), or for arid or semi-arid areas, will be established, that provides 70 percent or more of the cover that was provided by vegetation native to local undisturbed areas. Perennial vegetation could include grasses, ground covers, trees, shrubs, etc. If prior to construction your site's cover is equal to 50 percent, your site would need to have 35 percent cover (70 percent of 50 percent).

The final stabilization requirements for arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas are different. In these areas, final stabilization is met if the area you have seeded or planted to establish vegetation will within three years provide 70 percent or more of the cover that was provided by vegetation native to local undisturbed areas. In addition to seeding or planting the area to be vegetatively stabilized in arid, semi-arid, or drought-stricken areas, to the extent necessary to prevent erosion on the seeded or planted area, you must apply non-vegetative erosion controls that provide cover for at least three years without active maintenance by you. Non-vegetative erosion controls in this context include what are known as “temporary degradable rolled erosion control products,” a.k.a., “erosion control blankets” (ECBs).

Final non-vegetative stabilization means that non-vegetative stabilization methods have been implemented to provide effective cover for exposed portions of the site. Examples include, but are not limited to, rip-rap, gravel, gabions, and geotextiles.