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# Stormwater Permit Requirements for Ferrous/Non-Ferrous Foundries, Casting, Extrusion, Rolling, Galvanizing and Finishing

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Water Protection Program fact sheet

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Companies working in the primary metal industry may need to apply to Missouri Department of Natural Resources for a Missouri State Operating Permit to discharge stormwater. Missouri regulations (10 CSR-6.200) should be consulted for specific requirements.

## **The General Permit**

A permit containing general provisions has been issued for this industry, but it is the responsibility of the individual owner or operator of a facility covered by this general permit to apply. It does not authorize any other discharges to waters of the state such as cooling water or domestic sewage.

The general permit does not apply to storm water discharges within 1,000 feet of waters identified as a losing stream or is listed in the Missouri Water Quality Standards (10 CSR 20-7.031) as an outstanding national or state resource water, or a lake or reservoir used for public drinking water supplies, or critical habitat for endangered species, or bio-criteria reference streams. Facilities with discharges located in these areas must apply for a site-specific permit.

## **Site Specific Permits**

If requested by the owner or operator, a facility may be covered by a site-specific permit. A site-specific permit takes into account the individual characteristics of the site and the stormwater runoff. In addition, the department can determine that the quality of waters of the state may be better protected by requiring the owner or operator of the site to apply for a site-specific permit.

## **Who Needs a Permit?**

Storm water regulations use the Standard Industrial Classification system, commonly known as the SIC system, to determine if an industry is regulated under the law. This classification system was devised by the U.S. Office of Management and Budget to cover all economic activities. Businesses having SIC codes of 33xx, primary metal industry, are required to apply for a storm water permit.

Fabricated structural metal producers should apply for the general permit for fabricated structural metals. Light industrial metal fabricators should apply for the general permit for light metal fabrication. Additionally, businesses having an SIC code of 347x, coating and engraving, may be required to obtain a permit if certain activities take place outside or materials are exposed to storm water.

## **Background**

Since the 1972 Clean Water Act, discharges of wastewater have been regulated through the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System, also known as NPDES. A permit is required for any discharges of potential pollutants to waters of the state unless there is a specific exemption. Since 1974, Missouri has been delegated by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to issue NPDES permits. The permits issued by the department are state as well as federal operating permits.

Since October, 1992, Missouri has regulated storm water runoff by requiring a permit. The regulations address pollution in rainwater runoff that is discharged from certain industrial sites, construction sites disturbing an area of five acres or more and urban storm sewers. The regulations came about because of amendments to the federal Clean Water Act.

## **Additional Water Pollution Control Requirements**

The department's Water Pollution Control Branch may require additional permits under Missouri Clean Water Law, Section 644, RSMo. As previously stated, anyone that discharges water in a location where it may cause pollution to waters of the state must apply for a permit to do so. This includes discharges of wastewater such as cooling tower blow-down or domestic sewage. Instead of applying for a separate permit, stormwater discharges may be covered under these permits.

## **Exemptions**

Firms that only warehouse chemicals with none stored outside are exempt from Missouri's storm water permit requirements. Facilities discharging stormwater runoff directly to a combined sewer system are exempt from stormwater permit requirements.

## **Permit Requirements**

1. The general permit for these facilities requires yearly sampling of stormwater runoff from all outfalls. The parameters to be tested for include oil and grease, substances that have been stored outside in the last three years, pH, settleable solids, copper, iron, zinc and color. At this time most of the above parameters are monitoring requirements only.
2. All paint solvents, petroleum products and petroleum waste products, except fuels in addition to storage containers, such as drums, cans or cartons, must be stored so that these materials are not exposed to storm water. Spill prevention, control or management must prevent any spills of these pollutants from entering a water of the state.
3. Collection facilities must be provided on-site, and arrangement made for proper disposal of waste products, including but not limited to, petroleum waste products and solvents.
4. Good housekeeping practices must be maintained on-site to keep solid waste from entry into waters of the state.
5. All involved personnel must be trained in material handling and storage, and housekeeping of maintenance areas. Upon request, proof of training must be submitted to the department.

Requirements for site-specific permits may vary because the permit is written for one facility and the permit is tailored to that facility. Sampling of wastewater, such as storm, process, wash or dewatering, may not be required.

## **Fee and Application Forms**

To apply under a general permit for the first time, complete application Form E (MO 780-0795) and submit appropriate fees. After the issuance of the general permit, operating fees will be assessed annually. To request a renewal of the general permit, an application form E must be submitted prior to the expiration of the general permit. No fees will be required with the renewal application form if all the operating annual fees are paid up including any late fee penalties. To apply for a site-specific permit, or if you have any questions concerning fees, please contact the water pollution section at your appropriate regional office. A regional office map is available online at [www.dnr.mo.gov/regions/regions.htm](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/regions/regions.htm) Applications and fees for stormwater permits should be mailed to the permits unit chief at the address below. Applications are available at [www.dnr.mo.gov/forms/index.html](http://www.dnr.mo.gov/forms/index.html).

## **Important Dates in Your General Permit**

Each general permit will be issued on a five-year cycle and will list three important dates on the first page of the permit.

Issuance Date: This is the start date of the permit cycle.

Effective Date: This is the date when your permit becomes effective.

Expiration Date: This is the end date of the permit cycle.

## **Termination of Permit**

The permit may be terminated when activities covered by the permit have stopped and no significant materials are stored in such a way as to come into contact with stormwater. If such a termination of the general permit is sought, the permittee should submit *Form H Termination of a General Permit*, MO 780-1409. If termination of a site-specific permit is sought, the permittee should request such by letter.

## **Transfer of Permit**

A permit may be transferred by submitting an application for *Transfer of Operating Permit*, MO 780-1517 with the appropriate modification fee.

## **For More Information**

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