TPDES - Multi-Sector Industrial General Permit for Stormwater

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What is stormwater? What is discharge?

Stormwater is rainfall and snowmelt.

Run-off carries potential pollutants as a discharge.







It's just dirt.





How can that hurt?



TPDES

- What is a Permit?
- Multi-Sector General Permit aka MSGP or Industrial
 - TXR050000 (expires 8/14/16)
- Construction General Permit aka CGP or Construction
 - TXR150000 (expires 3/5/18)
- Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems
 - Phase I- large and medium cities
 - Phase II- small cities
 - TXR040000 (expires 12/13/18)





Definitions

MSGP – multi-sector general permit – the general permit for industrial facilities subject to storm water permitting requirements

SIC Code – 4 digit code that describes your operation and/or activity

Primary SIC – the process or activity at the facility that generates the highest revenue

BMP – best management practice

Discharge – release of pollutants





Who Needs MSGP Coverage?

If a facility discharges storm water associated with an industrial activity...

And the facility is one of the regulated industrial sectors...

Then authorization is required.





Primary SIC Code

- SIC and NAICS Codes
- Primary SIC Code Based on Activity:
 - Generating the most revenue
 - Receiving the most resources
- If SIC codes of primary activity and secondary activities are regulated, then the facility must comply with requirements for <u>both</u> sectors.





Regulated Sectors

- Regulated industrial activities are grouped into 30 sectors based on SIC Code.
- Regulated Sectors include but are not limited to:
- Manufacturing paper, electronics, chemical, food, textiles, rubber, machinery, metals, leather
- Quarries rock, gravel, sand

Multi Sector General Permit

TPDES General Permit No.TXR050000

Part II, Section A

SECTOR K: HAZARDOUS WASTE TREATMENT, STORAGE, AND DISPOSAL FACILITIES

Activity Codes and Description of Industry Sub-sector

HZ Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage, and Disposal Facilities

SECTOR L: LANDFILLS AND LAND APPLICATION SITES

Activity Codes and Description of Industry Sub-sector

LF -Landfills, Land Application Sites, and Open Dumps that Receive or Have Previously Received Industrial Waste, including sites subject to regulation under Subtitle D of the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

SECTOR M: AUTOMOBILE SALVAGE YARDS

SIC Codes Description of Industry Sub-sector

5015 Automobile Salvage Yards

SECTOR N: SCRAP AND WASTE RECYCLING FACILITIES

SIC Codes Description of Industry Sub-sector

5093 Scrap and Waste Recycling Facilities (e.g., metals, paper, plastic, cardboard,

glass, animal hides, used oil, antifreeze, mineral spirits, industrial solvents, computers, electronics, and other materials listed in the SIC Code Manual

Under SIC 5093)





Back to Applicability

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Authorization Options

Every regulated facility that discharges must be authorized under:

- General Permit
- Conditional No Exposure Certification
- Individual Water Quality Permit





No Discharge

Contain all storm water within property boundaries even during extreme rain events.

- Burden of proof on operator
- Potential fines if wrong

Not eligible for the permit.





No Exposure

- Excluded from permit coverage if all activities and materials are indoors and/or always protected from precipitation and runoff.
- Must comply at all times 24/7
- Must apply using No Exposure Certification (NEC) form (TCEQ Form 10383)
- Determine eligibility by reviewing RG 467





Requirements for MSGP Coverage

- Develop & implement Stormwater Pollution
 Prevention Plan prior to start of industrial activity
- Submit NOI form and pay fee
- Monitor Discharges- quarterly, semiannual and/or annual
- Inspect controls
- Pay annual water quality fee
- Terminate coverage when appropriate





Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3)







SWP3

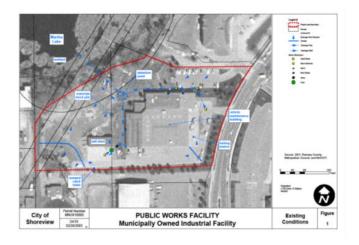
- The SWP3 is the blueprint for how the operator will comply with the MSGP and limit offsite discharge of pollutants.
- The SWP3 is a living document and will evolve and changes as things change on-site





Components of the SWP3

- Pollution prevention team (qualified personnel)
- Physical features of site
- Process descriptions
- Potential pollutant sources
- Non-storm water discharges
- Exposed materials inventory
- BMPs to manage runoff
- Assessment of controls
- Emergency response and spill prevention







Monitoring Requirements

- Quarterly Visuals
 - every three months
- Benchmarks
 - semi-annually
- Numeric Effluent Limits (hazardous metals)
 - annually unless waived
- Sector Specific Numeric Effluent Limits
 - annually
- Impaired Waters and Pollutants of Concern
 - Annually (if applicable)





Inspection Requirements/SWP3

- Inspection time and date
- Name of inspector
- Weather information and description of any discharge at time of inspection
- Previously unidentified discharges of pollutants





Monitoring and Inspection Documentation

For each monitoring requirement, SWP3 includes:

- List all outfalls for sampling
- Parameters to be sampled and frequency of sampling
- Schedule to conduct monitoring activities
- Numeric control values applicable to discharges
- Procedure to gather storm data
- How inspection will be performed





Sampling

Qualifying storm event:

- Measureable rain event that causes a discharge
- At least 3 days since the storm event

Representative Sample:

 Collected within first 30 minutes of discharge using grab sample.







Exceptions to Monitoring Requirements

- Adverse Conditions
 - Conditions either dangerous to personnel or that prohibit access to a discharge i.e. high wind, lightning, flooding, etc.)
 - Result: Temporary suspension of monitoring requirements
 - Must be documented within SWP3
- Inactive Facilities





Terminating MSGP Coverage

Submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) when:

- NOI vs NEC (and vice versa)
- Relocation of facility
- Alternative authorization obtained
- Transfer of operational control





MSGP Fees & Coverage

- Paper NOI
 - \$200 application fee
 - 7 days from the postmark
- Electronic NOI via STEERS
 - \$100 application fee
 - Immediate coverage after confirmation of receipt
- Annual water quality fees apply



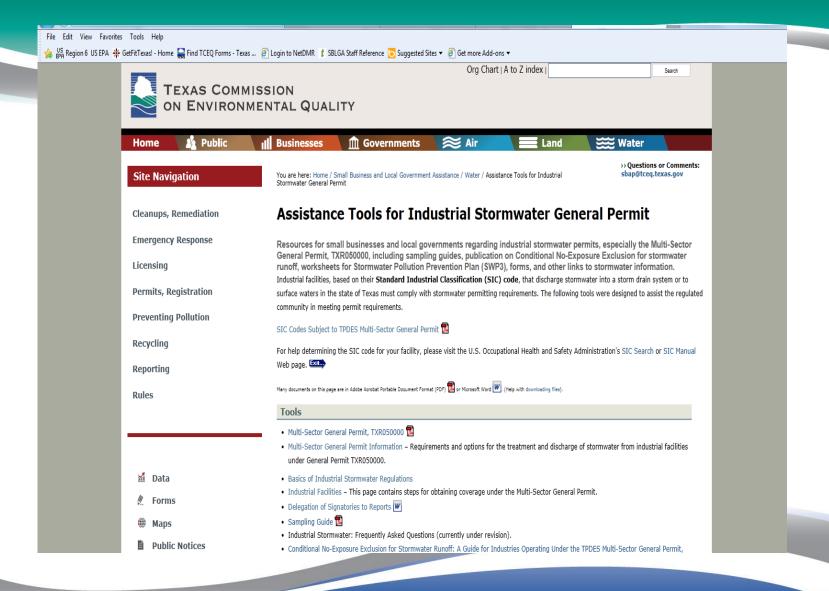


How to be in Compliance...

- Know the applicable sections of the permit
- Implement and maintain appropriate controls
- Conduct routine monitoring
- Modify SWP3 when changes are needed
- Use available resources
- Contact the TCEQ for guidance











Read the permit.

TCEQ Investigations

Comprehensive Compliance Investigations (CCI)
Reconnaissance Investigation (Recon)
Compliance Record Reviews (CRR)
Complaints

CCIs

- Comprehensive Investigation
- SWP3
- Site Walkthrough
- Records

CRR

- Record Reviews for Submittal of Required Documents
- Recons
 - Abbreviated Check
 - SWP3 Developed
 - NOI Submitted on Time
 - NEC Compliance
- Complaints





Entrance Interview

- Investigation objectives CCI
- Applicable Rules TPDES Multi-Sector General Permit No. TXR050000 under provisions of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act and Chapter 26 of the Texas Water Code
- Safety requirements required by Operator





Common Investigation Findings

- Obtain permit coverage or submit NEC
- Develop and/or implement SWP3
- Sign and certify the SWP3
- Provide copy of SWP3 to MS4
- Update SWP3
- Establish pollution prevention team
- Identify the direction of flow of pollutants
- Conduct periodic inspections
- Maintain BMPs
- Update spill and leaks list in SWP3





Common Investigation Findings con't

- Maintain Good Housekeeping Measures (e.g. maintain in clean & orderly manner)
- Develop and implement procedures for spills and spill response
- Provide adequate employee training
- Maintain: a copy of the NOI, acknowledgement letter from TCEQ, copy of permit, etc. with the SWP3
- Conduct Annual Compliance Evaluation, conducted prior to December 31st of each calendar year beginning with the calendar year that includes the first full quarter when NOI was submitted.



















Lack of Containment & Controls

















Poor Housekeeping









Ineffective BMPs



Inadequate BMPs





Unsuccessful BMPs



Exit Interview

- Investigator discusses findings with Operator at the close of the inspection
- Issues are identified on the Exit Interview Form
- Operator provided with a Customer Satisfaction Survey
- Regulated Entity will receive a letter





Permits are necessary





Stormwater Program Contacts

- SW Permitting Program (technical)
 - PH: 512-239-4671
 - wqap@tceq.texas.gov
- SW Processing Center (admin forms)
 - PH: 512-239-3700
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Questions?



