

STORM WATER GENERAL PERMIT FOR SMALL CONSTRUCTION ACTIVITIES

On October 4, 2002 the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality (LDEQ) issued the final Louisiana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (LPDES) Storm Water General Permit for Small Construction Activities (Permit Number LAR200000) with a permit effective date of March 1, 2003.

Applicability

This general permit authorizes the discharges of storm water from construction activities equal to or greater than one acre and less than five acres (and those construction site discharges designated by the LDEQ as needing a storm water permit).

Applicable Date of Coverage

March 10, 2003 - Projects initiated after this date meeting the applicability requirements are automatically covered and must comply with all permit conditions and requirements. Written notification of intent to be covered under this general permit is not required.

Cost

No LDEQ fee will be assessed for coverage under this general permit.

Construction Activities Regulated

Clearing, grading and excavation that results in the disturbance of one acre of land and less than five acres are regulated under this general permit. Road and pipeline construction; construction of residential houses, offices or industrial buildings; and runway construction are examples of regulated construction projects.

Please note that the clearing of land solely for agricultural purposes is NOT a regulated activity so this activity is exempted from LPDES permitting requirements.

This general permit also authorizes storm water discharges from support activities related to a construction site, such as equipment staging yards,

material storage areas, excavated material disposal areas, borrow areas, etc.

Limitations on Coverage

The following types of storm water discharges from construction sites are not authorized by this general permit:

- Post construction discharges;
- Discharges mixed with non-storm water (other than non-storm water discharges authorized by this general permit);
- Discharges covered by another permit;
- Discharges threatening water quality;
- Discharges not protective of federally-listed endangered and threatened species; and
- Discharges adversely affecting properties protected or eligible for protection under the National Historic Preservation Act.

Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans

A Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) must be completed and implemented prior to initiating construction activities.

Project Completion Report

When a construction project is complete and the site has been permanently stabilized, the permittee must submit a certified **Completion Report** form.

The form must be signed and dated and submitted to the LDEQ Permits Division by **January 28th** of the year following the calendar year in which the project is completed.

A copy of the completed form must also be submitted to the appropriate LDEQ Regional Office by the same date.

For further questions concerning this general permit and other water regulatory issues, please contact Danny Smith using the following contact information.



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