



State of Vermont
PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION

SUMMARY OF STORMWATER PERMITS

**GENERAL SUMMARY
 DESCRIPTION
 OF PERMITS**

The Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (ANR) began regulating stormwater discharges to surface waters in the early 1980s. Historically, stormwater permits have been issued as individual discharge permits, with a renewal required every five years. Over 2000 individual stormwater discharge permits have been issued statewide. Due to long turnaround times for individual permit reviews and a lack of resources for compliance monitoring, ANR is now issuing general permits with certifications of compliance from stormwater consultants in order to reduce project review time, lessen the burden on regulatory agencies, and increase predictability in the permit process. General permits are issued to a category of projects, rather than on an individual project basis.

State-law-based general permits include coverage for: 1) Stormwater discharges from new development and redevelopment to waters that are not principally impaired by stormwater runoff (Sheet [6.2](#)); and, 2) Previously permitted stormwater discharges to waters that are not principally impaired by stormwater runoff (Sheet [6.3](#)).

In addition there are 3 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) general permits required by federal law. The VT Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) is the permitting authority for the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and administers these permits. NPDES permits administered by the VTDEC include: 1) Stormwater Runoff from Construction Sites (Sheet [6.1](#)), 2) Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) for stormwater discharges associated with industrial activities (Sheet [6.4](#)), and 3) Phase II MS4 permit for municipal separate storm sewer systems (Sheet [6.5](#)).

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