



State of Vermont  
**PERMIT AND LICENSE INFORMATION**

**MULTI-SECTOR GENERAL PERMIT FOR STORMWATER DISCHARGES ASSOCIATED WITH INDUSTRIAL ACTIVITY (MSGP)**

**SUMMARY  
 DESCRIPTION  
 OF PERMIT**

The Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) 3-9003 is a stormwater pollution prevention permit that covers new and existing discharges of stormwater from industrial facilities. Industrial facilities conduct activities and use materials that have the potential to impact the quality of Vermont's waters. The permit requires facilities to examine potential sources of pollution, implement measures to reduce the risk of stormwater contamination, and test stormwater discharges for sources of pollution.

The most current information about the MSGP is located on the Water Quality Division web site. Please consult this resource:

[http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/stormwater/htm/sw\\_msgp.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/stormwater/htm/sw_msgp.htm)

**How do I know if I have to seek coverage under the MSGP?** If your facility's Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code is found in Table D-1 of the permit you must apply for coverage. You can look up your SIC code using the Department of Labor's website at: <http://www.osha.gov/pls/imis/sicsearch.html>.

**If my facility already has another stormwater permit (state stormwater permit for impervious surfaces or a construction general permit) do I need to seek coverage under the MSGP?** Yes. If your SIC code is listed in Table D-1 of the permit you need to seek coverage regardless of other permits that your facility may have. The Stormwater Discharge and Construction Stormwater permits issued by the Water Quality Division of Vermont DEC cover different aspects of stormwater runoff.

**What do I need to do to apply?** There are two ways for a facility to meet the requirements of the MSGP.

1. No Exposure Conditional Exclusion - available for those facilities that keep all of their materials and activities from being exposed to rain, snow, snowmelt, and/or runoff. Industrial materials or activities include, but are not limited to, material handling equipment or activities, industrial machinery, raw materials, intermediate products, by-products, final products, and waste products. If your facility meets the criteria for No Exposure, the owner or operator of the facility must fill out a "No Exposure Certification".
2. Notice of Intent (NOI) and Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) - If your facility does not meet the criteria for the No Exposure Certification, the owner or operator of the facility must fill out a "Notice of Intent" (NOI) form and complete a SWPPP for the facility. (This is a notice to discharge stormwater associated with an industrial activity) Monitoring of stormwater discharges is also required as a part of the SWPPP.

**Application deadlines:** Facilities must submit either the No Exposure Certification or an NOI and SWPPP immediately. A copy of the complete NOI must be provided to the municipal clerk of the municipality in which the discharge is located at the same time that the NOI is submitted to the Water

Quality Division.

**Can the public comment on my application?** Yes. For a period of 10 days following the receipt of an NOI, the Secretary will provide the opportunity for written comments regarding whether the application and certification comply with the terms and conditions of the permit. The NOI will be posted in the municipal clerk's office and on the Water Quality website at:

<http://www.vtwaterquality.org/cfm/notices/notices.cfm>

**When will my facility receive coverage under the permit?** Following the close of the public comment period, if the facility is eligible for coverage, the NOI filing is complete and a SWPPP has been submitted, the Secretary will authorize coverage under the MSGP and send the facility a written authorization. A facility is authorized to discharge stormwater associated with industrial activity under the MSGP once the facility receives the written determination from the Secretary. The Secretary may also deny eligibility, require an individual permit, or request additional information.

**EXAMPLE OF REGULATED ACTIVITY**

Coverage under the MSGP is required for facilities whose primary activity is listed in Table D-1 of the permit (identified by Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) code). The types of facilities that commonly need coverage include, but is not limited to, gravel pits, auto salvage yards, sawmills, transportation facilities, food manufacturers, clothing manufacturers, and other manufacturing facilities.

**APPLICATION FORMS**

[http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/stormwater/htm/sw\\_msgpapplication.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/stormwater/htm/sw_msgpapplication.htm)

**FEES**

The fee for submitting a NOI is \$150. The annual operating fee is \$55. There is no fee for submitting a No Exposure Certification.

**ADMINISTERING AGENCY**

**CONTACT INFORMATION**  
**DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION**  
**WATER QUALITY DIVISION**  
 103 South Main St., 10 North, Waterbury, VT 05671-0408  
 Stormwater Hotline: (802) 241-4320

**WEB ADDRESS:**

[http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/stormwater/htm/sw\\_msgp.htm](http://www.anr.state.vt.us/dec/waterq/stormwater/htm/sw_msgp.htm)

**AUTHORITY**

The Multi-Sector General Permit (MSGP) is a Federally mandated National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) five-year permit that covers new and existing discharges of stormwater associated with certain types of industrial activity. 10 VSA § 1264 (g) (2)

**APPEAL**

Effective January 31, 2005, within 30 days of the date of an act or decision, any person aggrieved by an act or decision of the secretary, or any party by right, may appeal to the environmental court in accordance with the provisions of [10 V.S.A. Chapter 220](#).