

**EXTENSION OF SUBMISSION DEADLINE ASSOCIATED WITH WASTEWATER  
DISCHARGE GENERAL PERMITS FOR MISCELLANEOUS AND SIGNIFICANT  
INDUSTRIAL USERS**

Governor Ned Lamont's Executive Order 7M, dated March 25, 2020, issued in furtherance of his declaration of a public health emergency and a civil preparedness emergency as a result of the COVID-19 emergency and the extension of said executive order by Executive Order 9A issued on September 8, 2020 and the subsequent extension by Executive Order 9L issued on November 9, 2020, authorized me, by order, to extend deadlines associated with permits issued by me for a period not to exceed ninety (90) days.

Pursuant to this authority, I am extending, by ninety (90) days, the submission deadline for a notification as required by the *General Permit for Discharges from Miscellaneous Industrial Users* (MIU GP) issued on October 31, 2020 and a registration as required by the *General Permit for the Discharge of Wastewaters from Significant Industrial Users* (SIU GP) issued on October 31, 2020. Collectively the MIU GP and the SIU GP are referred to as the "General Permits" in the remainder of this order as the challenges posed to compliance with these filing deadlines are shared between both general permits and the extension provided by this order.

The regulated community and the environmental consultants qualified to perform the work required to complete these filings have identified significant barriers to completing all necessary work by the January 29, 2021 deadline currently identified in the General Permits. The COVID emergency has limited production at some of these facilities and these operating conditions pose challenges to getting representative sampling results required by the General Permits. In addition, access to these facilities for any required sampling is limited, and, in some circumstances, extremely limited due to the nature of the business, e.g. food production. Finally, the volume of work to complete these filings for all facilities potentially covered by the General Permits has overwhelmed the available consultant pool.

The extension of this deadline will provide additional time for consultants to perform the necessary field work in a manner required by the General Permits and ensure the data reflects typical operating conditions and complies with the General Permits.

In order to ensure the work is completed in a professional and compliant manner, I order that the submission deadline for a notification under the MIU GP and for a registration under the SIU GP be extended by ninety (90) days to April 29, 2021.

Nothing in this order shall excuse full compliance with all other requirements of the General Permits while the submission of these documents is pending in accordance with this order.

Executed this the 23<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2020.



Katherine S. Dykes, Commissioner