



GENERAL PERMIT FOR THE DISCHARGE OF STORMWATER ASSOCIATED WITH COMMERCIAL ACTIVITY REISSUANCE WITHOUT MODIFICATIONS

FACT SHEET

General Permit Background:

DEEP's stormwater general permit program was developed pursuant to EPA's Stormwater Rule and Connecticut's stormwater permits are issued under the authority of the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) and Connecticut General Statutes Section 22a-430 and 22a-430b. DEEP first issued the General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Commercial Activity (commercial stormwater general permit) on August 1, 1995. The general permit has been reissued since then, most recently on May 15, 2017. The purpose of the general permit is to protect waters of the state from stormwater runoff from commercial activities.

The reissued general permit will authorize the new and continued discharge of stormwater runoff to waters of the state from certain commercial activities with Standard Industrial Classification (SIC) codes primarily in Divisions G and I (SIC codes beginning with 5 or 7) of the Standard Industrial Classification Manual (Office of Management and Budget, 1987) that have more than five (5) acres of impervious surfaces on-site. There are approximately 210 commercial sites across the state currently authorized by this general permit.

The requirements of the current general permit include registration to obtain permit coverage and development and implementation of a Stormwater Management Plan (SMP).

Stormwater Management Plan

The SMP contains requirements for commercial activities to describe and manage their operations and contains stormwater management measures to reduce or eliminate the potential for the discharge of stormwater runoff pollutants from a commercial activity. There are ten (10) required stormwater management measures in the general permit including: designation of a pollution prevention team; implementation of a site sweeping plan; requirements for proper outside storage; restrictions on wash water discharges; development of a spill control plan; implementation of a maintenance and inspection program; development of an employee training program; conducting a Comprehensive Annual Stormwater Evaluation and Inspection; record keeping protocol; and measures to address future construction.

Permittees are required to update their SMP annually and also whenever: there is a change at the site that may affect stormwater discharges; there is a change in the pollution prevention team; the actions of the SMP fail to adequately protect against pollution; or the Commissioner requests modification of the Plan.

Reissuance of the General Permit Without Modifications:

The current general permit will expire on May 14, 2020. In order to maintain permit coverage for the regulated community, **the current commercial general permit is therefore reissued without modifications for the period effective from the date of issuance by the Commissioner through May 14, 2022.** Current registrants will not be required to reregister to maintain authorization under the general permit. Until such time the reissued commercial general permit *without modifications* becomes effective, current registrants are advised that they must continue to comply with the terms and conditions of the current general permit. The Commissioner intends to reissue a new commercial general permit *with modifications* prior to the expiration of this reissued general permit *without modifications*.