

CT DEEP – Industrial Stormwater Program

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We are anticipating many inquiries after the issuance of the general permit. We'll do our best to respond quickly, but it may take up to 2–3 business days.

Helpful Tips for Submitting Your Application

- Review the permit terms and conditions before starting your application.
 - Develop required plans first (e.g., Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan) before filling out the form.
 - Prepare detailed site maps showing outfalls, drainage, paved areas, fueling/storage, and monitoring points.
 - Gather all required information in advance.
 - Permits are not transferable. New ownership requires a new application.
 - Fees are non-refundable.
 - Provide all required information to avoid long processing times or returned applications.
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1. General Information

Q: What is the IGP?

A: The *National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit for the Discharge of Stormwater Associated with Industrial Activities*, abbreviated as the **Industrial Stormwater General Permit (IGP)**.

Q: When did the current permit expire?

A: September 30, 2025.

Q: When was the new permit issued?

A: October 1, 2025.

Q: When did the new permit take effect?

A: November 1, 2025.

Q: Will my facility lose coverage when the current permit expires?

A: No. Coverage continues on an **interim basis** as long as a complete renewal application is received by April 1, 2026.

2. Applicability

Q: Who must obtain coverage?

A: Any facility in a covered industrial sector (see Appendix A, SIC/NAICS codes) that discharges stormwater to waters of the state.

Q: How do I know if my facility is subject?

A: Check your SIC/NAICS code against Appendix A. If stormwater comes in contact with industrial materials, activities, or operations, you likely need coverage.

Q: What if all industrial activities are fully sheltered?

A: You may qualify for a **No Exposure Certification (NEC)** if your facility is eligible under CT DEEP rules.

Q: Where can I find the No Exposure Certification Form?

A: The No Exposure Certification Form is also in ezFile.

Q: How can I determine if my site qualifies for the No Exposure Certification?

A: Please go to the ezfile portal <https://filings.deep.ct.gov/DEEPPortal/>, and you will find a “Need to File?” option at the bottom of the list on the left-hand side. This will bring you through the questions needed to determine if the site qualifies for a No Exposure Certification.

3. Obtaining Coverage

Q: What is a Notice of Intent (NOI)?

A: The registration/application/filing for coverage under the IGP.

Q: If I had coverage under the old permit, do I need to reapply?

A: Yes, re-registrants are required to register by April 1, 2026, to carry on permit coverage.

Q: Would it be possible to get an extension beyond the April 1, 2026, deadline?

A: As of now, the April 1st deadline stands for all re-registrants.

Q: What information must be submitted?

- Operator and facility details
- SIC/NAICS codes
- Site location and drainage information
- Receiving water body information
- NDDDB and Coastal Consistency reviews (if applicable)
- NetDMR Subscriber Agreement
- All discharge points
- A complete, updated, and certified Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Q: Should we email our signed NetDMR subscriber agreement to DEEP?

A: No, it is required to be submitted with the application.

Q: If we have completed a NetDMR Subscriber Agreement for another wastewater permit, do we need to fill out the new form?

A: Yes, the new NetDMR form is required to be filled out and attached to your registration.

Q: What is the difference between the subscriber agreement for the ezFile system and the subscriber agreement for the NetDMR system?

A: The subscriber agreement in ezFile must be generated in the ezFile system and must be emailed to DEEP.StormwaterStaff@ct.gov before submittal. The [subscriber agreement](#) for the NetDMR system is on CT DEEP's website. It does not need to be emailed to us; instead, a signed copy must be included with your application submission.

Q: What do I do if, when I locate my site on the map, I find that the site name or address is incorrect?

A: Email DEEP.StormwaterIndustrial@ct.gov and provide the site address, current site name, and requested changes.

Q: The form says that we need an NDDDB determination and a Coastal Consistency review; we had those done under the previous permit. Do we need new reviews done?

A: If the site has reviews done previously and there have not been any new industrial activities being performed at the site, the previous NDDDB and coastal form can be provided.

Q: What should I do if I receive a message within the application that says that I do not have an active subscriber agreement, even though I received an approval email?

A: Refer to pages 57-58 of the registration user guide for assistance [2025-industrial-stormwater-application-user-guide.pdf](#)

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Q: How do other users access the application I am working on?

A: Other users can be added to the application on the roles page of the form. There are instructions for them to follow on pages 24 & 25 of the user guide: [2025-industrial-stormwater-application-user-guide.pdf](#)

Q: How do I terminate coverage?

A: Submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) when activities cease, discharges are eliminated, or NEC applies.

Q: What is the fee?

A: \$625 or \$1,250, depending on employee count and gross sales.

Q: Does CT DEEP provide an invoice document for the registration fee?

A: The billing contact email listed on the filing will receive an invoice on the next calendar day after the filing is submitted.

4. Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP)

Q: What is a SWPPP?

A: A facility-specific plan to identify stormwater pollution risks and outline BMPs.

Q: When must it be completed?

A: Before registration, applications without a certified SWPPP are automatically rejected.

Q: What must the SWPPP include?

- Pollution Prevention Team
- Site description & drainage maps
- Inventory of potential pollutants
- BMPs and controls
- Inspection, monitoring, and sampling programs
- Recordkeeping & certifications

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- Climate resilience/adaptive measures

Q: Does DEEP have a SWPPP template that can be used?

A: Yes, [SWPPP Template and Checklist](#)

Q: Is DEEP's SWPPP required to be used?

A: It is recommended, but it is not required.

Q: Who can prepare/certify a SWPPP?

A: A CT-licensed Professional Engineer, Professional Geologist (Sector J), or Certified Hazardous Materials Manager.

Q: How often must it be updated?

A: Whenever activities, materials, or discharges change — or after spills, exceedances, or corrective actions.

5. Monitoring

Q: What types of monitoring are required?

- Benchmark monitoring (semi-annual)
- Additional monitoring (sector-specific)
- Effluent limits monitoring (sector-specific)
- Impaired waters monitoring (annual)
- Aquatic toxicity testing (once per permit term)
- Corrective action monitoring (as needed)

Q: Do exemptions carry over from the old permit?

A: No, all exemptions must be re-earned.

Q: When are re-registrants required to start sampling?

A: Regardless of when a site applies for the permit, the first sampling period is from January 1, 2026, to June 30, 2026. Reports are due in July 2026. Data must be provided on the new paper DMR forms found on the [Industrial GP Compliance Assistance webpage](#) and sent to DEEP.StormwaterIndustrial@ct.gov.

Q: What if a site is discharging to an impaired water body?

A: You must monitor for pollutants of concern.

Q: What if I exceed benchmarks?

A: Investigate, implement corrective BMPs, update SWPPP, and document actions.

6. Corrective Actions

Q: What triggers corrective action?

- Benchmark exceedances
- Ineffective BMPs
- Unauthorized discharges
- Spills/releases
- Deficiencies found during inspection

Q: Timeline?

- **Initiate within 14 days** of identifying the issue.
 - Complete as soon as practicable.
 - Update SWPPP.
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7. Inspections & Recordkeeping

Q: What inspections are required?

- **Routine inspections** (daily/weekly/monthly based on site conditions)
- **Comprehensive inspections** (semi-annual)
- **Quarterly visual assessments** of discharge samples

Q: What records must be maintained on-site?

- SWPPP (current version)
- Inspection & assessment reports
- Monitoring results
- Corrective action documentation
- Employee training records

Q: Retention period?

A: At least **5 years** after permit termination/expiration.

8. Sector-Specific Requirements

Q: How do I find sector requirements?

A: Each sector has a dedicated section in the IGP with BMPs, monitoring, and effluent limits.

Q: What if my facility falls into multiple sectors?

A: You must comply with the **most stringent applicable requirements**.

9. Reporting & Compliance

Q: How do I submit monitoring reports (DMRs)?

- Before Notice of Coverage: **email paper DMRs** to DEEP.StormwaterIndustrial@ct.gov
- After Notice of Coverage: **submit electronically via EPA's NetDMR**

Q: Deadlines?

- Quarterly: due 30 days after period ends
- Semi-annual: July 30 & January 30
- Annual: January 30

Q: What is NetDMR?

A: An EPA online platform for submitting DMRs. Accounts are created through CDX.

10. Exceptions & Enforcement

Q: Are waivers available?

A: Limited waivers for inactive/unstaffed sites (requires DEEP approval).

Q: What if there is no discharge during a period?

A: Document and report "No Discharge" in NetDMR.

Q: What happens if I don't comply?

A: Enforcement actions, penalties, fines, or permit revocation.

Q: What should I do if I discover noncompliance?

A: Investigate, correct, update SWPPP, and notify DEEP if required.

11. Resources

CT DEEP Stormwater Program: [Stormwater Permitting, Compliance, & Enforcement Program](#)

Industrial Application (ezFile): [CT DEEP ezFile](#)

Impaired Waters Map: [CT DEEP GIS Viewer](#)

NetDMR/CDX: [EPA NetDMR Portal](#)

Central Data Exchange: [CDX Sign-in](#)

NPDES eReporting Tool: [eRule NetDMR Homepage](#)

Compliance Assistance: [Industrial Wastewater Discharge Permit Compliance Information](#)

- **Map:** [CT DEEP GIS Open Data](#)
 - **Map:** [CT DEEP Water Quality](#)
 - **Map:** [CREST Collaborative Solar Suitability Application](#)
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- **EPA Stormwater Program:** [EPA NPDES](#)
 - **NPDES Stormwater Permit Program in New England:** [EPA Region 1 - SW](#)
 - **EPA Sector Fact Sheets:** [EPA Industrial Stormwater Fact Sheets](#)
 - **National Menu of BMPs:** [National SW BMPs](#)
 - **Stormwater Webcasts:** [EPA SW Webinars](#)
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