

Statewide

Date of Public Notice: January 11, 2013

PUBLIC NOTICE OHC000004
NPDES Statewide Construction Storm Water General Permit Renewal

On the basis of staff review and application of standards and regulations, on January 4, 2013, the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will issue a draft general permit renewal for storm water discharges associated with construction activity. The draft permit will be issued as a final action unless the Director revises the draft after consideration of the record of a public hearing or written comments, or upon disapproval by the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency. Any person may submit comments on the draft permit and administrative record.

The NPDES Statewide Construction Storm Water General Permit (Permit No. OHC000004) is the fourth generation of this general permit. This permit would be applicable statewide excluding the Big Darby Creek watershed and portions of the Olentangy River watershed which have alternative general permits. This permit would authorize storm water discharges from construction activity disturbing one or more acres. Also, the permit would authorize some discharges that are not entirely storm water (such as trench dewatering), as well as storm water discharges from on-site concrete and asphalt batch plants. This permit identifies who can apply to be covered, how an entity obtains coverage and how a permittee terminates coverage. The permit contains requirements for permittees to prepare and implement storm water pollution prevention plans (SWP3s). The SWP3 is the permittee's plan to minimize contamination of storm water that will be discharged to surface waters from the site. The permit also includes post-construction water quality best management practice (BMP) requirements.

The public notice, associated fact sheet and general permit may be viewed over the internet at <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/storm/index.aspx>. Copies are also available for inspection at the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency-Central Office, Division of Surface Water, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio between the hours of 8:00 A.M. and 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. Copies may also be obtained by contacting Michael Joseph at 614-752-0782 or via email at michael.joseph@epa.state.oh.us.

The processing of this general permit and associated Notices of Intent for coverage is and will be done, respectively, in accordance with Ohio's antidegradation rule, Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-1-05, and NPDES general permit rules, OAC 3745-38.

An Ohio EPA public hearing to accept comments on the draft general permit has been scheduled for 3:00 pm on February 25, 2013 in OEPA Conference Room B at the Ohio EPA, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, OH 43215. The public hearing will end when everyone in attendance has had an opportunity to provide comments related to the draft general permit. In lieu of attending the public hearing, written comments may be submitted as outlined in the following paragraph.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on this general permit. Comments should be submitted in person or by mail no later than March 4, 2013. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of this hearing. Deliver or mail all comments to:

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Surface Water - Permits Processing Unit
50 West Town Street, Suite 700
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049

The OEPA permit number should appear next to the above address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments.