

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Fact Sheet for

General Permit for Storm Water Discharges Associated with Construction Activity from Oil and Gas Linear Transmission Line and Gathering Line Installation (OHCG00001)

**I. Background**

Construction activities associated with the installation of oil and gas transmission and gathering pipe lines are federally exempt from the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permitting program, unless surface waters are negatively impacted from the activity. Ohio EPA is proposing to develop a non-NPDES permit, issued under State law, which will require implementation of sediment and erosion controls during this construction activity.

This fact sheet addresses the first generation of the Construction Storm Water general permit for Oil and Gas Linear Transmission Line and Gathering Line Installation (Permit No. OHCG00001).

**II. Description of General Permit Coverage and Type of Discharges**

The permit would authorize storm water discharges from construction activity associated with the installation of oil and gas linear transmission lines and gathering lines. The permit would be applicable to projects disturbing 5 or more acres and be applicable statewide. This permit would not authorize discharges of inadvertent releases associated with Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD).

**III. Application and Termination Procedures**

Obtaining Coverage: To obtain coverage, a discharger needs to submit a complete Notice of Intent (NOI) form, storm water pollution prevention plan (SWP3) and appropriate application fee prior to the commencement of construction activity. This permit application shall be submitted at least 21 days prior to the expected commencement of construction activity. Any existing projects which have started construction activity prior to the effective date of this permit shall submit a permit application within 90 days of the effective date of this permit.

Permit Expiration: The general permit will expire five years after the effective date.

Notice of Termination: Permittees must submit a Notice of Termination (NOT) form within 45 days of completing all permit requirements in accordance with Part IV of this draft general permit renewal. To terminate coverage, a discharger needs to complete and submit the NOT application using the NOT electronic application form available through the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center at [ebiz.epa.ohio.gov](http://ebiz.epa.ohio.gov). For guidance, please see the following [epa.ohio.gov/dsw/eps.aspx#170645012-streams-applications](http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/eps.aspx#170645012-streams-applications).

#### IV. **Description of Permit Conditions**

This permit will require the development and implementation of a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWP3). The permit identifies the minimum components of the SWP3 which include the following:

- Site description, including at site map.
- Description of the controls appropriate for each construction operation covered by the permit, including:
  - General timing (or sequence) during the construction process
  - Non-structural preservation methods
  - Erosion control practices
  - Runoff control practices
  - Sediment control practices
  - Surface water protection
  - Other controls, including:
    - Non-sediment pollutant controls
    - Off-site traffic
    - Compliance with other requirements
    - Trench and ground water control
    - Contaminated sediment
  - Maintenance of controls
  - Inspection requirements

Additionally, a Horizontal Directional Drilling (HDD) Contingency Plan must be developed and incorporated in the SWP3. The HDD Plan must be implemented as a condition of this permit in the event HDD is anticipated for the construction and installation of all transmission and gathering lines. A copy of the HDD Plan must be on-site and available for review at each location where drilling will occur. The Plan, at a minimum, must include the following sections with stated basic elements:

- Introduction
- Planned HDD Crossings
- Site Specific Information
- Monitoring Procedures
- Notification Procedures
- Corrective Actions
- Best Management Practices (BMP's)
- Alternate Contingency Plan
- Drilling Fluid Additives and Lost Circulation Materials (LCM's)
- Disposal Considerations for Drilling Fluids and Drill Cuttings

#### V. **Procedures for the Formulation of Final Determinations**

This general permit shall be issued as a final action unless the director revises the draft after consideration of the record of a public hearing or written comments.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments upon the general permit. Comments should be submitted in person or by mail no later than June 6, 2018. Deliver or mail all comments to the following address:

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 NPDES permit number (OHCG00001) should appear next to the above address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments. All comments received no later than June 6, 2018 will be considered.

**VI. Additional Information**

For additional information regarding this draft general permit, please contact one of the following:

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