

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 has issued a non-NPDES permit, issued under State law, which requires 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 authorizes storm water discharges from construction activity associated with the installation of oil and gas linear transmission lines and gathering lines. Maintenance activities on existing gathering and transmission lines that disturb the acreage threshold are also subject to this permit. The permit is applicable to projects disturbing 5 or more acres and is applicable statewide. This permit does 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 and appropriate application fee using Ohio EPA's electronic application form which is available through the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center at <https://ebiz.epa.ohio.gov>. 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.

Submission through the Ohio EPA eBusiness Center requires establishing an Ohio EPA eBusiness Center account and obtaining a unique Personal Identification Number (PIN) for final submission of the applications. Existing eBusiness Center account holders can access the applications through their existing account and submit using their existing PIN. Ohio EPA has developed specific guidance for setting up an account, obtaining a PIN and submitting each type of application. For guidance, please see the following epa.ohio.gov/dsw/eps.aspx#170645012-streams-applications.

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 general permit. 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.

IV. Description of Permit Conditions

This permit requires 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. **Additional Information**

The final general permit and associated documents can be viewed at:
<http://www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/permits/gpfact>

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